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SCAN 431 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY JULY 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 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) JULY GROUP / EVENT/ PLACE TIME PAGE 2 North Crawley Parish Council 7.30 pm 16 Tuesday Coffee Morning, 4 Hillview 10.30 am 23 Sherington Parish Council, Village Hall 2 7.30 pm 30 4 The New Thursday Group – Members Only 7.30 pm 36 5 7 Afternoon Tea, St Lauds 2.30 pm 6 St. Firmins Traditional Village Fête 3 pm 22 7 Tuesday Coffee Morning, 33 Crofts End 10.30 am 23 7 Thumbsticks Walk, The Knoll 9.30 am 23 9 Chitchat, Chicheley Village Hall 10.30 am 10 9 Sherington Historical Society, Members Meeting 7 pm 36 11 Sherington DCC Meeting, The Rectory 8 pm 5 7 12 Afternoon Tea, St Lauds 2.30 pm 12/13 37 Olney in Flower 11 am North Crawley Bowls Club Annual Ramblr 14 3 pm 19 15 The New Thursday Group AGM 8 pm 36 17 North Crawley W.I. 7.30 pm 18 Leavers Performance, Sherington Pre-School 18 35 a.m. 19 7 Afternoon Tea, St Lauds 2.30 pm 21 Fishing Trip, The Knoll 2.340 pm 23 21 Wood Carving Demonstrations, Cowper & Newton 10.30 am 37 Museum Trailer Auction, The White Hart 27 25 7 pm 28 North Crawley Village Walk 13 28 Safety Centre MK Open Day 25 10 am **AUG** Cheese & Wine Evening, Chicheley House 11 4 Thumbsticks Walk, The Knoll 23 9.30 am 11 Patronal Festival St. Lawrence 10 11 am 14 Quiz Mix, Chicheley Village Hall 7.30 pm 11 SEP 3 Sherington Parish Council, Village Hall 30 7.30 pm OCT 5 North Crawley Historical Society 13

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 hppt://www.cranbridge.org.uk, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409

<u>LEARN BRIDGE</u> at Astwood Village Hall, Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 pm, with tuition by EBU trained Club

Teacher for Cranfield BC. Details as above

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Mandy writes.....

I wonder if you have a favourite place where you go to for a bit of restoration and peace. Perhaps it is a favourite arm chair or a particular walk, a seat with a view over the sea, or by a river, or even in a quiet place in the garden, perhaps even the quiet of a church?

Sometimes we all need those opportunities to retreat to a place which restores us, a place where we can reflect or distance ourselves from the hurly burly of day to day existence. Now the Summer is here and the hope of warmer weather, it is good to build in time to step out of the action and slow our pace down.

Recently I came across a piece in a book which encouraged me to seek opportunities for rest and refection. I would like to share it with you this month. It is written by Ann Stewart from South Australia.

'We live next to a river, and across from our house three strong trees grow on the riverbank. In the evening I like to watch as flocks of ibis, cormorants, and other birds come to the trees to rest for the night. At times I have counted more than sixty birds flying into those trees and yet when they are settled, not one bird can be seen. The trees offer a safe place for the night.

Like those birds, we often need a safe place – some shelter during the storms that life inevitably brings. We need a place to hide when we feel weary and worn. Just as those trees are safe resting places for the birds, so is God a refuge for me and for you, always there, a 'hiding place'. In his sheltering presence we are refreshed and restored as we pray and read the Bible. When I look at those trees, I remember that God is always there for me – offering safety, rest, comfort and refreshment. And I am grateful.

I believe Ann is right, God does promise many times in the Bible that He is there for us, to provide shelter, strength, peace and comfort.

The 23rd psalm speaks of God as someone who will take us to a place of refreshment, 'he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.'

Jesus calls us to himself and promises rest 'Come to me,' he says 'all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11 verse 28.

I hope that you get an opportunity this Summer to 're-charge your batteries' and perhaps a way to do that might be to link up with God and be charged up with his power and peace.

So I give you a prayer...

Dear Heavenly Father, in the busyness of life, in the good times and the bad, you are always with us. We come to you for protection and rest. Thank you. Amen.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

'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 Sunday 2nd June 2013 Tess Joan Violet Green was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Firmin's Church North Crawley.

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

Weddings

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

We ask for God's blessing on:

Dean Gregory and Alison Davis who were married in St Laud's Church Sherington on Friday 31st May 2013.

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

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 Dale Coles from Sherington. The funeral took place on Saturday 1st June at St Laud's Church Sherington.

JULY SERVICES

7 July

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

14 July

9.30am	SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington	

11.00am Service of Holy Baptism - Sherington

6.00pm Deanery Evensong – St Peter and St Paul's Newport Pagnell

21 July

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

28 July

11.00am	SCAN Service of Holy	Communion - Chichele	y
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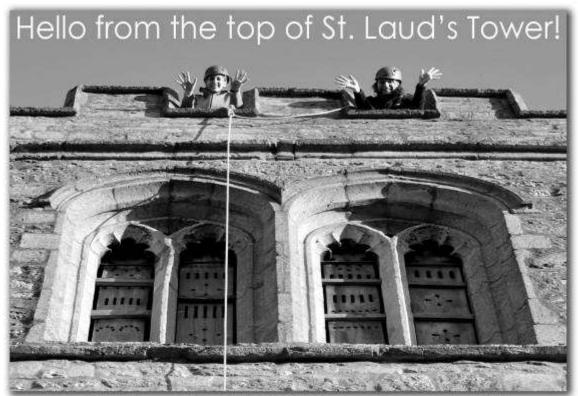
3.00pm Service of Holy Baptism - Sherington SCAN Evensong – North Crawley

4 August

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS

Thursday 11th July 8.00pm The Rectory - Sherington DCC.



On Sunday 7th July 2013, Paula and Chlor will make their trepidatious trip up the taws. C in order to make wheir rusing assent!

our 62ft abseil?

Thaise much needed funds for our beautiful St Laud's Church, you can donate in a variety of ways; pledge on sponsorship forms you can find in St Laud's Church; at the Village Shop and in the Village Hall or Crofts End Notice Boards.

OR go online at: mydonate.bt.com/charities/stlaudschurch OR visit our stand at the Sherington Village Fete

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

At the Sherington Village Fete on 22nd June we will auction the opportunity for a third adult to join us in our abseil from the tower.

If you are unable to attend the fete sealed bids to be included in the live auction will be accepted until midnight on 21st June

> For more information please contact; Paula on 07749 769 111 or Chloe on 07803 724 297



Friday Afternoon Tea – new dates!

Our huge thanks go to all our wonderful visitors!









It's amazing what your company,

a cuppa and a slice of

homemade cake can do!

- Bring friends and family!
- Books only £1 each!
- Greeting cards for sale!
- Hold your end of week meetings here!
- Offers to bake cakes always welcome ring Paula

Fridays 5th, 12th 19th July

2:30pm to 4:45pm

(Wheelchair kept in the church – ring Paula if you need assistance)
Funds being shared – St Laud's Church and Sherington CE School
Paula Noble – 01908 216925



Sherington community-knitted blankets for

Lathbury Manor Residential Care Home

Thank you so much to everyone knitting squares, to Pam Sims who has been sewing them into 11 square lengths and to Pam Fielding has been sewing the lengths into the finished blanket. Great teamwork everyone and much appreciated by the residents of the care home! We've just completed our 4th blanket. 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:

- 1. Needles: 3\(\frac{1}{4} \) 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!

St Laud's Church Quiz Night!

with fish and chip supper

held on Friday 17th May 2013





With our special guest Quizmaster Pat Hodges! Raised £700!

Thank you to everyone who helped me to set it all up and who came to join in the fun (82 of you!!). It was a fabulous evening, made even more surprising by the generous donation from Pat's husband Neil who works for Santander to double our funds raised. We are so grateful.

We hope to run another quiz night in the autumn/ winter – keep an eye out for our poster. Teams of any number absolutely fine!

Paula Noble

I'm sorry for the lack of news from Chicheley last month so have decided to be a little more pro-active in seeking some out. To that end in future I will be asking several of you for written contributions before and after our events, so be prepared for my requests. Christine must be a mind reader as here are the first of such reports.

Starbeque in Chicheley

This event was a rather last minute thought and so missed the June edition of SCAN magazine, but a big thank you to all those who supported our Starbeque held in Chicheley on Saturday 24th May.

It was a most enjoyable evening although a little cold towards the end. Pierre did a great job on the BBQ, feeding the 29 people attending. As darkness fell he gave us a slide show of the night sky projected on to the back of the house, and for those who stayed a bit later we were shown Saturn, the Moon and other celestial objects, before the clouds came over.

We raised £200 which was divided between St Lawrence's Church in Chicheley, the Milton Keynes Astronomical Society, and Chicheley Village Hall.

Christine and Pierre Girard

French Evening in Chicheley

A huge thank you to all those who braved the chilly weather to attend our French Evening on Saturday 8th June. 32 guests attended and we had great company and (as usual) wonderful food and drink. We made £380 for St Lawrence's Church, Chicheley. Thank you to my boys, Pierre and Etienne, for all their support and muscle power, putting up and taking down the Gazebos etc. Christine Girard

Chitchat will be on Tuesday 9th July from 10.30am until noon in the village hall.

Teas will be available in Chicheley House on **Saturday 29**th **June** from 3.00pm. This is for village hall funds. Yes, we realise there is an evening concert later at Sherington so come along and fortify yourselves with cake in advance.

On **Friday 2**nd **August** the Tarrant family at Chicheley House have kindly invited us to a **Cheese and Wine evening**. If you would like to join us then please telephone Pat Townsend on 01234 391371 for tickets which are £10 per person, including a glass of wine and food, by the 28th July. The proceeds for this will be for St. Lawrence's church. Dare I predict the evening will be warm and sunny so we may enjoy their garden?

Sunday 11th August will see us celebrating the patronal festival of St. Lawrence with an 11.00am service followed by some refreshments. All are welcome.

Looking a little further ahead there may be a tea in a garden around mid-August (to be confirmed in next month's Scan) and definitely a Quiz Night in the village hall on Saturday 14th September.

To conclude, a little personal item. Some of our readers will remember my late father-inlaw, Francis Boulter. During WW2 he served in the RAF as a mid-upper gunner on Lancaster bombers. Now most of us will have seen our only surviving flying Lancaster at some time, and it is now based in Lincolnshire. Just recently we had Tanya, Francis's grand-daughter from New Zealand with us and she arranged that we would make a visit to the Battle of Britain flight where it is kept. Along with a small group we had an excellent guided tour, and at its conclusion I mentioned to our guide Tanya's connection. We were then invited to stay a little longer for a closer look at the Lancaster, which culminated in her being allowed to sit in the gun turret that her grandfather would have been so familiar with. A privilege we will long remember.

David

QUIZ MIX

Saturday 14th September 2013

Join us at
Chicheley Village Hall
for an enjoyable evening of
Quiz's with a difference

Start 7.30pm

£10.00 per head includes hot supper + dessert

Raffle

teams from 2 but no more than 6 please.

please notify of attendance to either David R 01234 391371 or Alan/Judy 01234 825075.

orth Crawley Scan News and Comment

Summer is with us, and despite the odd shower it feels like we have had more sunshine in June than the entire summer of last year. I mention this because not everyone seems quite as pleased as I am with the weather of late, and it appears that one dark cloud or small shower obliterates all that went before and darkness descends. Perhaps I'm lucky in that I tend to see the best in most things, including weather and people, so for me the forecast is sunny.

Continuing on this theme the latest news from Folly Lane is that we have a visitor from a sunny South American country amongst us. His name is Joao and he is working as a research scientist on placement at Cranfield University. This amiable Brazilian who is residing with Karen Morris, is already settling into the ways of village life, and has been introduced to some of the local meeting places where he found our beer most interesting.

Spring Wedding Reception in the Institute

Despite extremely poor weather forecasts building up to Saturday 18 May, the sun came out for the wedding reception of Rebecca (nee Flower) and Mark Jordan. Many commented that the Institute had never looked so good, bedecked with bunting, ribbons and pom-poms, all home-made it should be added, and complimented by a marvellous display of flowers provided by Alison Armstrong. The festivities proceeded throughout the evening and a good time was had by all.

Open Farm Day.

Rectory Farm was open to the public on 9 June when Stephen and Helen Hobbs staged a free event to raise funds for Willen Hospice. Over 600 visitors turned up to see the cows and their calves, the chickens and their chicks, and to get rides on tractors and trailers. There was also information freely given on how food is produced and how farmers go about caring for the environment. The event was a great success and another is planned for next June, so make a note of the equivalent weekend next year, join in the fun and learn a bit about the countryside and farming at the same time.

Cricket news.

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, visited the village on Friday 7 June, as the guest of honour to officially open the new cricket netting facility. He said it was a great achievement for the club to have been selected by Sport England for funding and that

it was a wonderful facility for the village. In tandem with the new facility North Crawley



cricket club have launched a youth development programme this season, concentrating on an U11 intake, and have had over 30 new recruits already turning up for Junior coaching sessions. A good crowd of junior and senior players, plus villagers and

cricket club supporters were in attendance. Pictured is our guest cutting a ribbon with a few stalwarts of the club in support.

Please register your child's interest by contacting the Youth Co-ordinator, Sam Howe – youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk, or, via Facebook & twitter @ northcrawleycc , and further club information can be found at www.northcrawleycc.co.uk

History Society.

Coming events for your diaries.

September 2013 – Heritage Weekend Walk (date to be confirmed)

Saturday, October 5th 2013

The Historical Society have organised a coach trip for a guided tour around the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford on Saturday, October 5th. There are still some places available, so if anyone is interested in coming along, please contact Chris (01234 391205) or John (01234 391365) as soon as possible. This is not just open to members. Friends and family are all welcome.

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 two walks are on **Sunday 30 June and 28 July**, both **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

Hawk-eye.

WILLEN HOSPICE DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION

The April/May 2013 door to door collection in North Crawley for Willen Hospice raised the grand sum of £531.50.

Very many thanks to all those who gave and also thank you to Audrey Anstee, Stephanie Martin, Daphne Jeffrey and Joan Leach who again gave their time to collect.

Pam Newby.

JOHN NEWMAN HOBBS

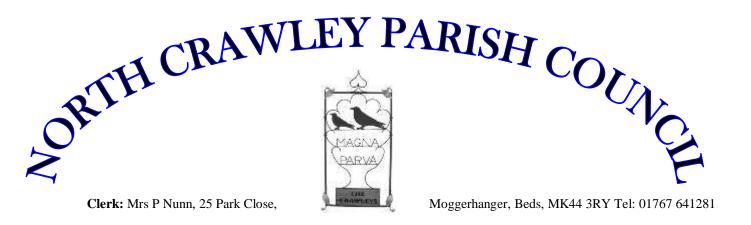
Lorraine, Mick and Shaun would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral at St. Firmins on 21st May, also all the lovely cards and kind words of sympathy, generous donations given to the two nominated charities were greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank Mandy for the lovely service and assistance she gave during our sad loss. Dad will be sadly missed, always remembered and never forgotten by us.

THANK YOU ALL

Walkers on the footpath from Crawley Grange to Dollars Grove will notice that the tall poplar trees that make up Alicea Wood are being felled. These poplars were planted in the 1970s as part of a Bryant and May matchwood contract and as we have been smoking less and using matches even less the trees were never used for their original purpose. They became overgrown and dangerous so, with advice from the Forestry Commission, the decision was taken to clear fell the wood and to replant it with a mix of deciduous trees which in due course will give great pleasure to all in North Crawley....and all the local wildlife.

The North Crawley Estate



OPEN LETTER TO RIDING SCHOOLS/STABLES/INDIVIDUAL RIDERS IN NORTH CRAWLEY

Reports of horses being ridden on the verges and footpaths in and around the village have been received by the Parish Council numerous times, as well as by the police and Milton Keynes Council.

Concerns have been raised that the horses are damaging pavements and verges to the expense, ultimately, of residents who will bear the expense of repairing pavements.

We have been advised by the police that it is against the law (Section 72 of the Highways Act 1835) which states that a person is guilty of an offence if they wilfully ride an animal on a footpath or causeway by the side of the road, made or set apart for the use of foot passengers. Although this is an old Act, it can still be enforced.

Whilst we have concerns for the damage to the pavements we also have concerns for the riders many of whom are children, clearly, should a horse bolt or a vehicle noise frighten them the consequences do not bear thinking about. We are very lucky to live in a rural area with many bridal paths and, therefore, politely ask if these could be used rather than risk breaking the law by riding on pavements or taking unnecessary risks by riding on the North Crawley Road.

Pat Reynolds-Nunn, Clerk to the Parish Council

We invite all interested parties to our next meeting at 7.30pm on 2nd July to discuss the above.

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 6th June 2013.

Planning

1 Kilpin Green, no adverse comment

13/00693/FUL - Ravenhill, Little Crawley - no adverse comment.

13/00868/TPO – The Old Rectory, High Street – no adverse comment

13/00825/FUL – The Rectory, High Street, - Concern that the property is still limited to domestic use and will continue for this purpose.

Trees

Cllr Hatton reported that all the outstanding tree work had been completed satisfactorily.

Parish Wardens

It appeared that Milton Keynes Council intend dispensing completely with their remaining Parish Warden posts. The Parish Council need to decide if they are prepared to contribute towards paying for their services next year and will discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Drainage

A solution to the drainage problem is under way. The PC and Mr Boswell are now waiting for MKCouncil Legal Dept. to produce a contract for the works.

Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr McLean reported that the decision day for the Ward Boundary changes is 25th June 2013 so we should have the result by our next meeting.

It was pointed out that it was a criminal offence to discharge fireworks on Parish Council land without prior permission.

The drainage issue for the recreation field continues, Cllr McLean will endeavour to get a result by our next meeting.

The residential safety plan is still being prepared by MKC and we need to have this information by our next meeting.

Cricket Nets

There is to be be an official opening of the new cricket nets by Mark Lancaster MP at 5.30pm on Friday 7th June and everyone was welcome.

Cllr Flower confirmed that black netting was chosen rather than green as it had been shown to be less intrusive. The planting of trees or shrubs to hide the nets with their white sighting panels from view of the local residents is to be considered by North Crawley Cricket club at their next meeting. The NCCC will take over the responsibility of maintaining and insuring the nets.

Finance Matters

We had the following receipts and payments:

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Sport England/Lottery Fund	£27,870.00	100% grant for cricket practise nets.
Payments:		•
Total Play Ltd	£20,735.28	Second instalment of payment for nets.
Rialtis Business Solutions Ltd	£538.80	Finance software and maintenance
Pat Reynolds Nunn	£590.64	Salary-April to June 2013
Sheila Bushnell	£165.23	Salary-April to June 2013
HMRC	£257.20	PAYE on above salaries
Sheila Bushnell	£13.40	Reimbursement-Postage
Anglian Water	£20.83	Water charges 27 Feb.to 29 May 2013
Milton Keynes Council	£235.69	Landscape Works-May 2013
R Hatton	£13.98	Refreshments for AGM

NAG Report

Cllr Hunt reported that the NAG should now be able to resurrect the SIDS to supplement 'Speedwatch' activities. There have been some thefts in the village recently namely a purse and mobile phone theft in the play area, several catalytic converters removed from vehicles and thefts of car number plates.

An inaugural Rural Communities Meeting was organised by PC Andy Perry of Thames Valley Police on 24th May held at Newport Pagnell Police Station. In attendance was Mr. Anthony Stansfeld our Police Commissioner, Chief Inspector Ed Mclean, Deputy Commander at CMK, and Inspector Angie Jones from TVP Kidlington as guest speakers. They all reinforced their commitment to rural policing although it was pointed out TVP had to reduce their costs by 20% over the next 4 years

Councillor Items

Cllr Hatton reported that she had received various complaints from residents of Kilpin Green concerning parking of vehicles other than cars on their drives or in the road and the planting of hedges in front of their property.

There are covenants applying to all properties on the estate that restrict use to domestic purposes only and specifically prohibit the parking of trailers, caravans or boats. Fences and hedges are also prohibited. There are various other restrictions but, suffice to say, these are civil matters concerning private owners and are not matters on which the Parish Council can act. Our responsibility is limited to land or premises owned by the Parish Council.

Cllr Stapleton confirmed that he had obtained prices for new map frames to replace the one outside the Institute for £460 and one outside the church for £575. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

Cllr Hatton reported that a resident had asked for an additional dog bin in Folly Lane. However, we need to enquire on emptying costs before going ahead.

It was agreed that Councillors names and email addresses only would be publicised residents should contact the Clerk in the first instance.

The date of the next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 2nd July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. (Please note there will be no meeting in August

Cllr David Hunt

North Crawley, W.I.

I am sorry I can't tell you about our next meeting as it is being held after Scan copy date. We are going to have lunch and visit a museum in Earls Barton on Wednesday June 19th.

I do know about our meeting on July 17th - Matthew from Alban Hill Nurseries will be talking to us about "Summer and late Perennials". He is a very informative speaker who came to us last year and was so good we asked him again. I saw him at the Nursery last week-end (the one when the sun came out!) and again his talk was very well received. The Alban Hill Nursery, on the road to Olney, is a very nice place to go to even for a nice cup of coffee/tea and lovely cakes. You might even see a plant you really, really like too.

Joan and Pam Newby and I went to see Mary Frankish in M K Hospital. She has been there nearly three months now. She is an amazing woman, who with all her health problems, has not lost her sense of humour during very trying times. She asked about W.I. as she was always a keen member and reads SCAN avidly.

Mary......All your friends in North Crawley send their Best Greetings and wish you well.

P.P.

North Crawley Bowls Club.

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association.

ANNUAL RAMBLE & TREASURE HUNT

(Maps & Clues provided at the start)

To be held on Sunday, 14th July, 2013 starting at our Bowling Green, High Street, at 3.00pm.

A short ramble of some 2 to 3 miles, around local roads & footpaths, to find answers to the clues provided, will end up at 40 Folly Lane, where the winners will be presented with the Treasure.

Refreshments and a Barbecue will be provided and everyone is welcome to join in.

If you are unable to take part in the Ramble/Hunt you may join the rest of us, for the BBQ, at 40 Folly Lane, by about 5pm, where a raffle will be held

Tickets, required for entry and food, at a cost of £7.50 for adults, or £3 for children (Under 14s), need to be obtained in advance from

Graham Kinns (01234-391544) or Sheila Hart (01234-750221).

Do come along, join in the fun, and have a great day.





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'

There was a tremendously busy end to the first half of the summer term at North Crawley CE School when we said a sad farewell to Mrs Chris Dart. Mrs Dart was first appointed as Nursery Nurse back in 2004 and has supported many children since that time. Mrs Dart had requested a 'quiet' last day at North Crawley CE School; however we could not let the occasion pass without marking the event. The children elected to hold a surprise celebration 'pirates party'. Clandestinely the children and staff arrived on the last morning suitably dressed for the occasion and Mrs Dart was presented with a special outfit to wear. Any party would not be complete without a cake and talented parent Mrs Hymers-Farmer made an amazing celebratory swashbuckling cake. We wish Mrs Dart every success for the future.



Meanwhile this half of the summer term began with a surprise phone call from Ofsted who visited school on Thursday and Friday of our first week back. We are pleased with the initial feedback but the report remains confidential for the present...... so more information next month!

The children in the Early Years Foundation Stage have been learning through the theme of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The classroom has been transformed with the likes of giant boots, a beanstalk, and enormous pencils.

The children in year 2 were treated to a fantastic trip to Hazard Alley to learn about 'keeping safe'. The Safety Centre, situated in Milton Keynes, is a purpose-built interactive centre where our children experienced twelve hazardous scenarios in perfect safety. The children were encouraged to identify everyday hazards and develop safe strategies to deal with potential emergencies. As part of our induction process we welcomed our new September starters, and their

As part of our induction process we welcomed our new September starters, and their parents, to a number of visits which has included story times, a lunch time experience

and familiarisation visits. Indeed, North Crawley CE School has proved very popular and is over-subscribed for 2013!

We hope this report has provided a flavour of what we do in our school. So please come and see for yourself the small class sizes, the caring and nurturing environment and the inspirational learning which takes place.

Telephone **01234 391282** for more information, a prospectus or to make an appointment to view the school.





Dear Children and Parents of North Crawley School,

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you all for the wonderful gifts, flowers and cards that I received on my last day. I was so touched by everyone's kindness and love.

It was a pleasure to work with all the children present and past and I wish everyone all the best for the future.

With love, Chris Dart

St Firmins

Traditional Village Fete

3 pm Saturday 6th July

& Teddy Bear Jump

At St Firmins Church

North Crawley

Is your teddy brave enough to parachute from the top of the church tower?



Tombola, Cake stall, Children's best decorated cake.

Lots of stall's games and attractions or simply come and have tea and cakes and relax for the afternoon





TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS 10.30 am

July 2nd

Eileen Milnes, 4 Hillview 9th

Pearl Teasdale, 33 Crofts End



We will have a short break until 17th September.

WE SEND OUR GOOD WISHES TO OLD SHERINGTONIAN GEORGE FLEET WHO RECENTLY CELEBRATED HIS 99[™] BIRTHDAY

Its fishing time again for those children aged 4 years to 10 years - give or take a bit. Bring your fishing nets - your hand towels your parents and most important, your best behaviour to The Knoll at 2.30 pm on SUNDAY JULY 21st

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!



THUMBSTICKS WALK

Sunday, 7th July

The Thumbsticks will meet on The Knoll at 9.30 am for a walk using some of the public footpaths in and around Sherington. No Dogs Please. J & A.

Sunday 4th August

Kate and Graham will be leading the Thumbstick walk on August 4th, 9.30 am from The Knoll. Please bring cars as we are doing an away trip to the nether regions of North Crawley, about 3 to 4 miles depending on the day. No dogs please.

SHERINGTON WILLEN HOSPICE COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who supported the Willen Hospice House to House Collection this year. The total amount raised in Sherington was

the marvellous sum of £501.27.

I believe that it is the highest figure that we have ever raised so thank you once again for your generosity.

Grateful thanks must also go to our collectors, Eileen M, Helen A, Liz B, Pam E, Philip S and Sheila Q.

Julie Smith

Thank you to Lydia - piano teacher extraordinaire!

I would just like to say a HUGE thank you on behalf of many Sherington families who have had their life cheered up each week by Lydia Clarke. She's been encouraging our children with recorder, piano, keyboard and singing lessons for many, many years. Our children have learned the joy of playing music by themselves thanks to her fantastic, inspirational teaching skills. Thank you Lydia for all you do for our children with your musical talent and infectious enthusiasm. Natasha is hooked on her piano! *If you would like Lydia to brighten your week and inspire you musically, she is on 01908 616220!*

Paula Noble

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PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL TRAILER AUCTION

At The White Hart Car Park
On Saturday 27th July



At 7 pm prompt

Donations of saleable goods gratefully accepted – FROM 4 pm ONWARDS AT THE CAR PARK NO SHOES OR JUMBLE

All proceeds to Willen Hospice Enquiries – Ring 610984

Safety Centre Open Day FREE!

Sunday 28th July 2013 10am to 4pm

SAFETY CENTRE

18 Carters Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, MK11 3ES

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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

Alec Denman, Chairman, 5 Perry Lane, Sherington. Tel. 612445

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Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

I know that I am always going on about the weather but then, that is what the English are renowned for. I am sure we all really fed up with high winds and low temperatures, who would have expected to still be using the central heating from time to time in

the middle of 'flaming June'? We reckon that the gardens are about two weeks behind normal and my runner beans have only recently emerged from the earth but no doubt they will soon be climbing their poles and producing one of our most favourite crops. I got some young fruit trees a couple of years ago and for the first time it looks like I will have a decent crop of apples and cherries. For some reason though there is no blossom on the plum and the peach got leaf curl so likewise will produce nothing. The big success though is citrus, I have a lemon, orange and lime all of which blossomed in December – in my garage where I put them during the very cold weather – and they now live on my patio and are covered in small fruits. With any luck we might have something edible towards the end of the year.

By the time that you read this the 2013 Sherington Fête will have been held so more about that next month. However, I note that this year vintage or interesting vehicles will be part of the event and I shall be interested to see what turns up on the day. I know that a few people have some little treasures stashed away in their garages and would likely be proud to put them on display.

I personally was disappointed that some people have raised objections to the White Hart Beer and Sausage Festival, including someone who was not even resident in the UK at the time. I am aware that the police were called to a violent incident but that had nothing to do with the pub, it was related to a private party in Park Road. Keith and Co do their very best to ensure that the festival goes on in an orderly manner and it should not be forgotten how much they raise for Willen Hospice, £1,666 this year which is not an inconsiderable sum of money. It is inevitable that there is some noise and perhaps some inconvenience to some people but it does not last long, 3 days out of 365 should not be too much to ask.

I had an email from Martin Jeeves, caretaker of the Pavilion at the Perry Lane playing field. He had been contacted urgently by the duty operational manager for the East of England ambulance service NHS Trust because the ambulance service Benevolent Fund were doing a charity bike ride from Blackpool to Paris. They had noted that the

pavilion was very close to the A 509 and wondered if they could use it for a short stop for drinks, painkilling gel, loos, etc on Monday 27th May. Martin naturally agreed and set the room up for this purpose. 18 riders arrived at10.00 am and left again at about 11. Their next stop was Dunstable, then The Mall in London going on to Dartford and then Dover and expecting to reach Paris by Thursday. On the cross channel they would still have to pedal using static bikes so no rest there! They so far had raised £8,500 and hoped to improve upon this by the time they returned home.

Some news now of the Thumbsticks from Jack Sparrow that arrived too late to include last month:

May was to Weston Underwood and beyond. Beautiful fine spring morning but with hard and dry uneven ground – there must have been a dry spell for a day or so, (but I don't know when), thus making it difficult for some to maintain the rather faster pace than usual! We walked out through Ravenstone and almost on to the old railway track and then on a circular route back to the Alcove where we just missed the Rogation Day service being held there by minutes. Sitting in that alcove in the beautiful silence it is easy to imagine a "rose tinted" life in Cowper's time – but somehow not without the modern conveniences of our time – something as simple as rubber soled boots to keep your feet dry and socks and fleece, the list goes on. Lovely morning!

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

Sherington and Milton Keynes Council make a stand against dog mess

Help us to keep your local area dog mess free

Owners who fail to clear up their dog's mess are committing an offence, and it is a real concern within Sherington and across the Milton Keynes area.

Figures put the UK dog population at an estimated 8 million, producing 1,000 tonnes of faeces every day. As a community we need to work together to ensure dog fouling is reduced. If you witness a dog fouling incident within Sherington, please let us know the details of the location, time and a description of the dog and or owner.

To clamp down on the amount of dog mess left on public land, the Council is taking action. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, Sherington Parish Council and Milton Keynes Council have powers to ensure that our public open spaces are kept clean and free of dog mess.

Dog mess and public health

It is important that dog mess is cleared, not only to keep our neighbourhoods clean, but also for public health reasons. Dog faeces can cause Toxicariasis, food poisoning and other diseases. Toxicariasis is an infection caused through contact with infected animal faeces that is often found in soil. Children are most susceptible to infections and in some cases it has been known to cause blindness, as was the case with 2-year-old Aimee Langdon from Manchester.

What should dog owners do?

Council and parish officers are calling on dog owners to make sure that they take a few simple steps when out walking their pets:

- Always carry a supply of "pooh" bags or a poop-scooper.
- Watch your dog and clear up any mess they leave as soon as possible.
- Dispose of the mess responsibly. You can use any general waste bin or take it home and put it in your black sack.

Rob Ward, Milton Keynes Council's Neighbourhood Manager, advised: "Enforcement Officers are patrolling areas where this offence is happening on a regular basis, and issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to those who break the law."

Offenders are being issued with £50 Fixed Penalty Notices for failing to clear up after their dog. Those that don't pay up can expect to go to court and receive a fine of up to £1,000.

Please report any dog fouling incident to the Environmental Services Contact:

Email: envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Tel: 01908 252570 or 252398

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 2013

1 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Sally Cook was co-opted onto the council.

2 MKC WARDENS

Neighbourhood Manager Rob Ward and Parish Warden Michael Bryant attended the meeting, explained the range of responsibilities of Parish Wardens and dealt in some detail with Dog Fouling. They stressed how important it is that residents report instances of dog fouling to Environmental Services so that patterns can be established and action taken. A separate item will appear in SCAN giving more information on this.

3 BEER & SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

The Licensing Authority has written to the Parish Council saying that it would expect to see considerable event planning for any future event; along with the Safety Advisory Group, it has recommended the use of an alternative location.

4 PERRY LANE PARKING UPDATE

After much discussion it was agreed to issue keys to residents to the gate to the pavilion car park for a trial period and to review the arrangements at the October meeting. The council will also investigate proposals to create parking on the recreation field.

5 ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST March 2013

The internal audit of the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013 has been completed. The annual return will now be submitted to the external auditor.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Sherington Bridge Lodge – Erection of timber frame garage with office and storage facility. No adverse comment.

End Farm Water Lane – Erection of stable block. No adverse comment.

10 Park Road – Erection of summer house. No adverse comment

50 Carters Close Refused by MKC

22 Crofts End Refused by MKC

7 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND

The down flow heaters in the pavilion are proving unreliable and are intended only for top-up heating rather than to be used for hours at a time. Cllr Denman and the committee will look at more efficient ways of heating the pavilion.

8 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2013 and on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde

Friday Afternoon Tea Supports Sherington CE School!

Funds raised from Afternoon Tea supports both St Laud's Church and Sherington CE School.

The School has recently been able to purchase a three-seater trike now much in demand at playtimes!

Thank you so much to all our visitors

- the children are thrilled!

Paula Noble - 01908 216925



Sherington Church of England School News

Federated with St Andrew's CE School

A day in the park with Percy the Park-Keeper was a bit chilly for the time of year but with excellent preparation by Nicky, Park Ranger, we had a very

interesting time following clues to track Percy's friends. Putting the stories about one of our favourite fictional characters into a real-life context with careful discrimination between fact and fiction

put a big dose of evidence into literary criticism for our youngest learners. Looking at the variety of plant life while hunting for 'minibeasts' almost completed a very busy morning. A picnic lunch shared



with a (at close quarters) very large and bright-eyed crow was a super finale. Thank you Campbell Park.

Another thank you is due to the Sherington Church Café; this meets each Friday afternoon for tea and cakes to raise funds to be shared equally between church and school. Meeting in St Laud's



church and staffed and provisioned by volunteers this is the inspiration of former governor and parent Paula Noble. Our first sharing on money went to the purchase of a three-seater trike now much in demand at playtimes and

christened The Wedding Bike.

We said a fond farewell to student Christiana Hankins. Chrissy has been working with us as a volunteer for more than a year and hopes to take up a future place to gain a teaching qualification. She in turn used her final session to treat us with some tasty and exotic cooking from Sierra Leone. As is often the case we will not make this a permanent goodbye.

Once a friend of Sherington School.....CS

WE LOVE BOOKS AT SHERINGTON SCHOOL



If you have a child due to start school in September 2013, or



later, and would like to discuss or change your current school placement please call or e-mail us to arrange a visit.

01908-610470 <u>sheringtonf@milton-</u> <u>keynes.gov.uk</u>

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS JUNE 2013

As the second half of the Summer term gets underway, we heartily welcome Sofia to Sherington Pre-school. She has already visited Tom's Garden to help plant the very last of the French and Runner beans which the children have lovingly grown from seed. Our potato plants are thriving and we hope they will give us a large crop to take back to Pre-



school for making a most delicious buttery treat at snack time. The children still regularly visit Tom's Garden to water and tend to the plants. Whilst there, they have opportunities to explore for minibeasts and draw pictures of their exciting observations. More recently, the children have been discovering (the substantially less-mini) wild beasts of Africa. They have also listened to some marvellous stories

about other wild animals, including two old favourites, 'Elmer' and, 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'.

To celebrate Father's Day we continued our animal theme when each child decorated a



special card in the shape of a shirt with a wild animal-print tie. They took great care and produced some fantastic results for their Dads. It provided a good opportunity for mark-making with many children writing their own name on the inside of the card.

As we wrap up Summer term, our thoughts turn to a couple of new themes, 'Transport' and 'Holidays' from which there will be great opportunities for learning, discovery and exploration.

This term, each child has been given chance to look at, and talk about, a photograph of

themselves either taking part in a Pre-school activity, or playing with their friends. This has enabled the child to spend extra time with their key person which helps them continue to build on these positive and important relationships. The photographs and written comments, as noted by the key person, are then added to the child's records.

The children have also been very busy drawing a picture of themselves in preparation for the printed tea-towel to be sold at the very end of term to raise vital extra funds. It's worth noting here that the committee of volunteer parents who run Pre-school are charged with raising between £1000 and £3000 pounds each year. These



additional funds are fundamental to the success of our Pre-school. The wonderful news is that our latest fabulous fundraising event, 'Sausage Sizzler BBQ and Auction of Promises' was an enormous success and very well supported by the local community and parents alike. A very tasty selection of home-made food was on offer to tempt our guests and we hope that everyone who joined us enjoyed the evening as much as we did. Heartfelt thanks go to all the committee and staff who helped out, to everyone who

donated a promise, to the parents who kindly donated food, to the men-folk who BBQ'd, and, of course, to those who bought tickets and bid enthusiastically for the 23 lots. It was a fantastic evening which raised a staggering £1350. Thank you all!

Back at Pre-school, we welcomed four little visitors to our most recent Open Day on the 11th June. They played happily alongside existing Pre-school children both indoors and out - exploring new toys, engaging in messy play and joining in with the singing and music at song time. Children can attend Sherington Pre-school aged two and half and beyond. Please do use the contact details below to get in touch if you'd like your child to join the fun and learning.

Jo, our joint supervisor, recently attended a partnership event in Olney which highlighted the services provided by Woodlands Children's Centre. This was a good opportunity for Woodlands to introduce themselves to the local community. Woodlands aim to help local families by encouraging children to try new things, have fun and gain confidence whilst providing invaluable support for all families with children, 'From bump, to their first day at School.'

Woodlands offer great activities for younger children such as messy/soft play and for parents/carers, useful classes, or simple advice on issues such as behaviour or speech and language delay. They are eager to raise awareness of the support and resources on offer and to raise their profile, so if anyone would like any more information please don't hesitate to ask any of our Pre-school staff.

It won't be long before the end of term is upon us and we will have to say goodbye to fifteen wonderful children who all move on to local primary schools in Sherington, North Crawley or Newport Pagnell. As such, we are planning a leaver's performance on the morning of the 18th July. This is always a delightful, but often tearful, occasion! After the performance, we plan to hold a picnic in the park and sponsored obstacle course. Do support us if you can.

Finally, we wish every one a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing the children return on Wednesday 4th September.

For further information on securing your child a place at Sherington Pre-school please contact Jo Tough on 617685/07866409169. You can also find us at http://www.sherington.org.uk/preschool



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Tuesday 11th June - Summer Picnic:

Gazebo's were erected and an eye kept on grey skies, but the weather was kind and our members were able to enjoy sitting in the gardens at Knoll Cottage until dusk. Thereafter, we moved indoors with our food and drink to Helen and Mark's very inviting new kitchen. The table in the 'oven room', which had been covered with delicious snacks, tarts, etc, plus mouthwatering puddings, was emptied and the 'tall tales' and entertaining stories continued. An evening to catch up on news and enjoy the good company of friends. Thank you to everyone who contributed and most of all; thank you Helen and Mark, Jessica and Douglas, for hosting such a convivial gettogether.

Next meeting: 9th July – Members meeting: Those who can, join us at St Laud's churchyard at 7 pm, where we will continue to record/validate the monument inscriptions, **OR** come to the Village Hall for archiving at 8 pm and then all joining together for tea at the end of the evening.

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

4th July Summer Party at 7.30 pm [Members Only]

A social evening with food and wine.

18th July Annual General Meeting

Please try to attend this important meeting that will shape the future of our group. We will be discussing the results of our recent questionnaire and deciding how the group will move forward.

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.

OLNEY IN FLOWER Fri 12th & Sat 13th July 11am - 4.30pm United Reformed Church, Olney (middle of the High Street)

Drop in anytime between 11 & 4.30 to see the fantastic displays.

There will be a church service on Sunday 14th July at 10.45am, led by the Rev Derek Hopkins, to round off the weekend's events, to find out who got the 'public's vote' and to celebrate all the talent and fun that has been on display throughout the weekend!

ALL WELCOME!







British Woodcarvers Association Woodcarving demonstrations at the



The Cowper and Newton Museum

Sunday 21st July 2013 10:30am – 4:30pm

Looking for a new hobby? Our carvers will inspire you!

Michelle Toon, Graham Biggs, Mark Davis, Paula Noble, Jeff Wheeler, Dave Colvin and Hugh Ingram

Usual museum admission prices apply Join us! Find your nearest group at

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