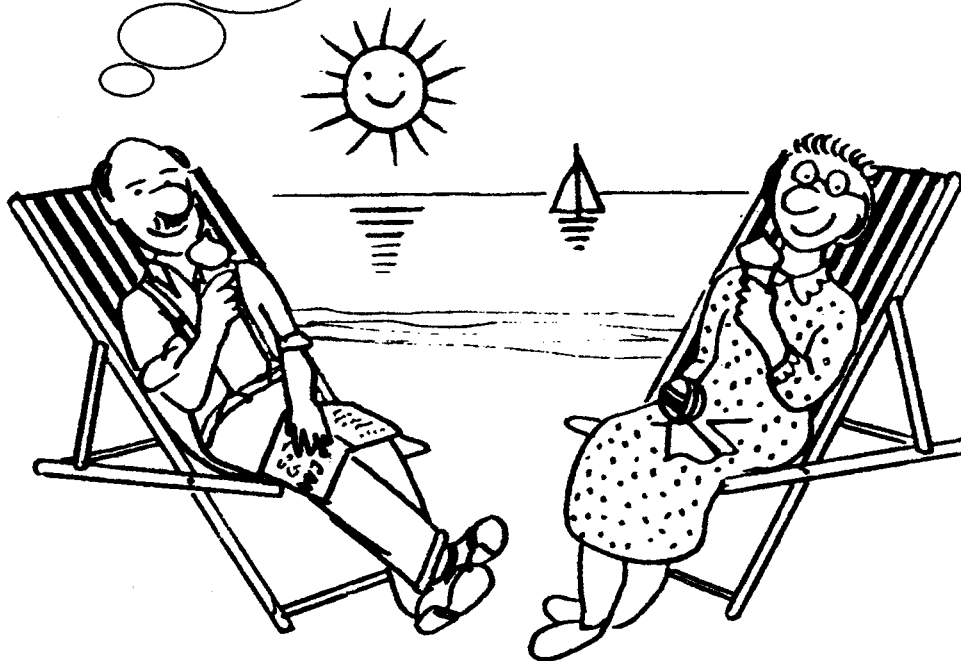


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AUGUST 2013

SCAN 432 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY AUGUST 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, The Pavilion, Perry Lane, 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)			
SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436			
MEETING OF THOROUGHLY MODERN MOTHERS, The Pavilion, each Monday term time, 9.30 – 11.30 am, contact Caroline 07876211071 see p. 38			
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2	Cheese & Winge, Chicheley House		11
4	Thumbsticks Walk, The Knoll	9.30 am	25
5	Pilates Astwood Village Hall	8 pm	10
11	Patronal Festival St. Lawrence	11 am	11
12	Pilates Astwood Village Hall	8 pm	10
13	Chitchat Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	11
17	Afternoon Tea – Brickyard Cottage Chicheley Deadline Craft Calendar Competition	3 pm	11 27
19	Pilates Astwood Village Hall	8 pm	10
20	Astwood Book Club	8 pm	10
21	Astwood Parish Council Village Hall North Crawley W.I.	----- 7.30 pm	10 25
24	North Crawley Bowls Club Annual Horticultural & Craft Show, The Institute	2.30 pm	22
SEPT			
2	Flower Arranging Demonstration, Chicheley V.Hall	7.30 pm	12
3	North Crawley Parish Council Village Hall	7.30 pm	19
3	Sherington Parish Council Village Hall	7.30 pm	31
10	Sherington Historical Society Members' Meeting	8 pm	39
14	Quiz Night, Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 pm	11
15	Planting Crocuses at St. Lauds		6
21	Strictly Come Tea Dance	2.30 pm	16
29	North Crawley Village Walk, The Institute	10 am	6
OCT			
1	Sherington Parish Council, Village Hall	7.30 pm	31
5	North Crawley Historical Society		14
14	St. Lauds Harvest Supper		26
18	Astwood Harvest Supper		10
27	North Crawley Village Walk, The Institute	10 am	15
31	Halloween, Astwood Village Hall	5 – 6 pm	10
DEC 14	Carols Royal Albert Hall		22
2014	February 14 th Valentines Quiz Night, St. Lauds		7
Cranfield Bridge Club meet at Astwood Village Hall virtually every Sunday at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on http://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			

Mandy writes.....

This month as the schools are now closed for the Summer holidays, I would like to say 'Thank you' to teachers. As a school governor and frequent visitor to schools I know what an important job they do!

Here's a teacher related quote I discovered recently....

The children had all been photographed and their teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. 'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer, or that's Michael, he's a doctor.'

A small voice at the back of the room rang out 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

But seriously, with two children at Secondary school now, I often hear them talk about their teachers and I am really encouraged when they come home enthused about a particular subject because they have been inspired by the teacher. It takes me back to my own High School days and I remember particular members of staff at the school I attended in Glenrothes in Fife. I remember how the teachers were very encouraging, supportive and inspiring not least my English teacher Mr Kennedy who helped to develop my skills in drama and gave me opportunities to foster my love of the spoken word and my RE teacher Mr Macgregor who encouraged me in my faith.

It is good to remember and appreciate the people who inspired us years ago.

I am reminded of the great Christian traveller, writer and teacher, St Paul. When he became a follower of Jesus he made many journeys across the Mediterranean Sea to various places where he taught about Jesus and as a result of his teaching many people became Christians. Although Paul was imprisoned a number of times for promoting the Christian faith and spent nearly six years in prison, he wrote letters, from prison, to the Christians in the places he had visited, encouraging them to continue in their faith. Many of Paul's letters to fellow Christians can be found in the New Testament part of the Bible. Paul is one of the greatest Christian teachers and his writings still encourage and strengthen Christians in their faith today. Here is a taste of Paul's teaching from his letter to the Christians in Philippi.

Philippians 4:6-9

New Living Translation (NLT)

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Thank you to all those teachers who have inspired us in the past.

God Bless, Mandy

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 7th July 2013 Stephen and Chloe Adcock and their daughter Lois were all welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Laud's Church Sherington.

On Sunday 14th July 2013 Brandon Ponsitt Joyce was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Laud's Church Sherington.
May you all grow to know, love and serve God throughout your lives.
God Bless you.

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 Nellie May Taylor. The funeral took place on Monday 22nd July at St Laud's Church Sherington followed by the Committal at Crownhill Crematorium.

RIP Joseph John Clare. The funeral took place on Tuesday 23rd July at St Firmin's Church North Crawley followed by the burial in the churchyard.

AUGUST SERVICES

4 August

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

11 August

11.00am SCAN Service of Holy Communion - Chicheley

18 August

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

25 August

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

1 September

8am SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT
IF DOGS CLEARED UP AFTER
THEMSELVES ?



But it's up to you
Please clean up after your dog

WHILST PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO WALK THEIR DOGS IN THE CHURCHYARD, COULD THEY PLEASE KEEP THEM ON A LEAD AND NOT ALLOW THEM TO FOUL THE CHURCHYARD AS THIS IS PARTICULARLY DISTRESSING FOR PEOPLE TENDING GRAVES. THANK YOU. St Laud's DCC.



SPORTS PAVILION, PERRY LANE

2:30pm to 4:45pm

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September/ 4th, 11th and 18th October 2013

(held every Friday during school term time)

With great parking, disabled access and an outdoor play area for the children!

“Happiness is your company, a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake!”



Would you like to come along to ‘Afternoon Tea’ but are worried about how to get there?

Ring me (Paula) on 01908 216925 so we can find a way...
we’d love to meet you.

- *Afternoon Tea is for everyone! Bring friends and family!*
- *Gluten-free and vegan cakes!*
- *Tea/ coffee = £1/ Cake = £1/ Juice + biscuit or fairy cake = 50p*
- *Greeting cards for sale! Books only £1 each!*
- *Hold your end of week meetings here – we’ll set you up a private table*
- *Offers to bake cakes always welcome – ring Paula*

In aid of St Laud’s Church

Let's add even more beauty to our gorgeous village!

Come and plant crocuses along the path to
St Laud's Church!

Sunday 15th September 2013



A huge thank you to
Peter Crook of Sherington Nurseries
www.sheringtonnurseries.co.uk/ info@sheringtonnurseries.co.uk

for supporting us with this fundraiser in aid of the
continued ministry of St Laud's Church

Please make a donation for a bag of crocuses

(Contact Paula Noble 01908 216925 for more information)



St Laud's Church



Valentines Quiz Night!

Church End, Sherington, Near Newport Pagnell, Bucks,
MK16 9PD

Friday 14th February 2014
7pm – 10pm

With our special quizmasters:

Patricia and Neil Hodges!

Teams of any number!

£8 per person



We can make up teams on the night if you are coming on your own
For me to order fish and chips please confirm attendance ahead of the date

Book soon !! Ring Paula Noble 01908 216925

Fish and chip supper

Tea and coffee in the interval

Bring own beverages

Raffle prizes (*raffle tickets available on the night*)

Prizes for the winning team!



HUBERT CHARLES HODGKINS

22ND April 1923~~~ 26th June 2013



Hubert was born at home in a cottage in Newport Road in North Crawley to Lydia Rose [nee. Cooper] and Thomas Paradine Hodgkins. One of five boys and one girl. The midwife said to his Mum “that one won’t live” so tiny, he was laid in a shoe box. No fancy layette from John Lewis for him! Just a few rags tenderly laid over him by his caring mother. And care for him she did, he lived for over 90 years.

He met Sheila Lock and they married in Newport Pagnell in 1951 and lived in Astwood for over 56 years. Both being well known in the Scan area. They moved to Willington near Bedford in 2008 to live near their eldest daughter Susan. They have two other daughters Pamela and Daphne. Hubert also leaves behind 5 much loved grandsons 1 granddaughter and 2 great-grandchildren.

Sheila and family would like to thank all those who sent so many kind messages and attended his funeral recently in Willington, Beds.

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‘Bert’ and Sheila, were part of our wonderful team of volunteers who put Scan magazine through the letterboxes of Astwood. There was always a cheery word and smiles when they called to collect their ‘quota’ each month and Bert could be relied upon to offer an encouraging word to a ‘rooky’ editor who was feeling a bit harassed! He had a good memory and fund of stories about people and events, even recalling meeting me (many years ago!) in my first job at Cranfield College. They were a lovely couple who never expected thanks or recognition and were most reluctant to pose for the cover photograph when I wanted to recognise their contribution to SCAN.

Thank you Bert

Our sympathy and thoughts are with Sheila and all the family.

.Betty Feasey, Editor, on behalf of all SCAN contributors, helpers and readers.

And another big THANK YOU this month to David Blamires for taking receipt of SCAN from the printers and delivering to the villages for distribution while I am away for a few days. Betty, Ed.

ASTWOOD

After all the Olympic excitement of last July I thought it would be quite bland and uneventful summer this year round, however, so far it is proving rather exciting! The weather had definitely impacted on a sudden development of the passion for cycling. Together with some girl friends we are out there pretty much every day. Unlike our spouses, who are watching Tour the France in front of TV, we decided to actively participate in that amazing sport. What's not to love about it? Everyone is loving the Lycra. Next month we might even consider actually using our bikes...if we ever get bored of wolf whistling at the fit-looking cyclists passing our observation point at the village green. Watch this space!

Gossip-wise, there will be 2 weddings in the village at the end of month. Steve and Justyna are tying the knot in Poland, so maybe not quite here, but Francesca, Bob and Janet's daughter, is going to celebrate in Astwood! Talking about Bob and Janet, it's their 10th anniversary at the Old Swan, a great excuse to grab a pint in the pub. And who knows, maybe you will be sat next to some celebrity too! Last month, on 17th July it would have been a former England's cricket captain, Mike Gatting, stopping by during his 340 miles bike ride on Investec Ashes 2013 Cycle Challenge while raising money for the Lord's Taverners charity.

Before I forget, I must denounce the gossip that Astwood was going to be a film set for a sequel to Hitchcock's 'Birds'. At the beginning of July some residents of Cranfield Road were experiencing trouble with huge numbers of crows smashing into their windows from 4am onwards. It turn out the birds weren't rehearsing at all. The ornithologists had no explanation, nevertheless, no Hollywood production for Astwood just yet!

On a more sombre note, at the end of June we had to say farewell to Hubert 'Bert' Hodgkins. Although he spent his last 4 years in Willington, he moved out from our village in November 2008 after spending 56 years in Astwood! In the last couple of weeks I talked to those who knew him well and all I heard was 'a legend' or 'a character'. I heard some great stories, a few turn out to be appropriate for printing☺. My favourite one was the Sunday dinner story, about his wife Sheila serving his food on the pub's counter. After being fed up with sending her children out to unsuccessfully fetch their dad from a pub, she simply brought his dinner over there. Hubert glanced at his plate quickly and asked 'Where is the salt?'- I imagine one has to duck low after such comment! If you had a pleasure of knowing him, you could pay your tribute by supporting the charity him and Sheila were always backing. Donate the money to www.memorygiving.com/berthodgkins

Three Witches of Astwood

Astwood Village Hall - What's on in 2013

Social Events*

Parish Council in the Village Hall August 21st & October 30th 2013.

The Book Club meets every 6 weeks and the next meeting is on 20th August at 8pm (the Old Swan) if you want to discuss 'The Shadow of the Wind' by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

Friday 18th October **Harvest Supper** at the Village Hall
Keep this date for your diary.

Thursday 31st October **Halloween** - meet between 5-6 pm at the Village Hall. Light refreshments before we trick or treat. If villagers want to be included, could they leave a lighted pumpkin head outside their house? We will only visit houses with lighted pumpkin heads ☺

Weekly events



Monday Pilates 8pm

29 July & 5, 12, 19 August.

PLACES AVAILABLE

Helen Terry 07887 354 234 or helen@1to34pilates.co.uk



Thursday Bridge 7 – 10pm

Neil Plumb 01234 391040 **PLACES AVAILABLE**



Sunday Bridge 6.55/7pm start

Learn Bridge

Paul Goddard 01234 881409 or www.cranbridge.org.uk

*If you have any inquiries about the social events, please email
astwoodvillagehall@hotmail.com

C HICHELEY

I am writing this on the 19th July on a warm, sunny morning with the prospect of a warm weekend to follow. What a pleasure to be able to start by noting that. So what has been happening in Chicheley during the past few weeks and what do we have planned?

On the 29th June we had afternoon teas at Chicheley House. This was a well-supported event on another sunny day and raised £400 for our village hall funds. Our thanks to Cris, Jill and Judith for their kind invitation.

Our next event is on **Friday 2nd August** and also at Chicheley House. The Tarrant family have kindly invited us to a **Cheese and Wine evening** at their home to raise funds for St. Lawrence's church. Tickets are available from Pat Townsend, on 01234 391371, and are £10 per person, including a glass of wine and food. The proceeds for this will be for St. Lawrence's church. We hope to see many of you there.

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.

Chitchat will be on **Tuesday 13th August** from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. Just a reminder that all in the village are welcome to come along to have a coffee, biscuit and chat about whatever most interests you.

On **Saturday 17th August** you are invited to **afternoon tea** at the Brickyard Cottage, Chicheley. If you are not sure where that is give me a call on 01234 391371 for directions. This will be from 3pm and for a fixed price of £5.00. I believe a raffle is also planned. The proceeds will go to St. Lawrence church funds.

On Monday 2nd September something new and that is a Flower Arranging demonstration in the village hall. Please see the separate advert for details.

A reminder that there will be a **Quiz Night** in the village hall on Saturday 14th September. Entry fee is £10 per head and for which you will also have your supper. If our previous quizzes are a guide you will have an excellent evening's entertainment. Please contact 01234 825075 to book in your team of 2 to 6.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Hubert Hodgkins, formerly of Astwood. Hubert and Sheila were for many years' supporters of our events at Chicheley and Hubert was a familiar face representing Astwood to those of us on the SCAN church committees. Our condolences go to Sheila and her family.

I have been watching the Tour de France on the television, enjoying the views of the French countryside and in awe of the bicycle rider's ability. I find my short ride to the village and back on the A422 quite a sufficient challenge but we have in Chicheley a much more dedicated cyclist and that is Matt Pearce from Bedlam Walk. Matt is intending to ride from London to Edinburgh and then back again between the 28 July and the 2nd August. Yes, all that huge distance in just 5 days. He is doing this as a sponsored ride to raise money for the Create Arts charity that organises great events for children with special needs. Some of these have been at the Stables where the children are able to play musical instruments. A few internet details are:

www.londonedinburghlondon.com and www.createarts.org.uk

If you wish to support Matt he is at No5 Bedlam Walk.

David

FLOWER ARRANGING

DEMONSTRATION

BY

Lloyd Andrews

At

Chicheley village hall

September 2nd 2013 at 7.30 pm

Entrance fee: £5.00

Includes Tea & Biscuits

Tickets from

NAs mentioned in last month's article, "the forecast is sunny" and by some strange coincidence of fate this appears to be happening. Perhaps a position with the BBC weather team could be just round the corner.

Some of you may have noticed people with spades pouring sand into cracks on the recreation ground. This is a necessary precaution to try and level out the ground between the children's play area and the cricket square due to the extremely high temperatures. So where have the cracks come from? Well if you remember last summer it poured with rain, the ground was sodden throughout the autumn and it appeared that the main drain at the bottom of the ground was not working. However part of the reason was that the heavy clay soil was not releasing the moisture making the area quite boggy. So it was decided to have the ground mole drained, which did the trick and allowed the field to drain. If there had been an average amount of rainfall this summer the slits made in the soil would have healed over and disappeared, but unfortunately the weather has opened the slits up, and the forecast suggests the situation will only worsen with continuing dry conditions. To try and avoid people tripping up, and make it safer for dogs, walkers, children, and cricket players alike, a band of people with spades was found to fill in the holes. Despite the current patterned effect, the ground will heal over given reasonable rainfall over the winter months, so there should be no long term damage.

On to a sport related story involving Mr & Mrs Hawkeye who have been fortunate enough to see the British Lions win a test series 'Down Under', which was highly exciting, fulfilling and extremely fortuitous. Being part of a Lions crowd singing 'Bread of Heaven', 'Flower of Scotland', 'The Fields of Athenry' and 'Swing Low Sweet Chariots', as though they were our shared rugby anthems, is an experience never to be forgotten, and hopefully shows how our united kingdoms are still able to band together against a common adversary. It is equally exciting to think how this will all be forgotten when we face each other in the next rugby 'Six Nations' competition, when we revert to our country allegiances.

Anyway to follow up one great British success, Andy Murray then goes and wins Wimbledon, which due to excessive celebrations after the Lions win we didn't find out about until Monday. However it was shown repeatedly on Australian TV for a number of days, so we did manage to see most of the game, but not necessarily in chronological sequence.

Bowls Club News

The bowls club held their annual ramble, treasure hunt and barbeque on 14 July. It was well attended and despite the high temperature quite a few people managed to complete the walk around the local footpaths and village in search of answers to the Treasure Hunt clues. The barbeque was yet again hosted by Graham and Debbie Kinns in their lovely garden, and the steak, sausages, burgers and salad went down very well. It was noticeable that there were more youngsters in attendance this year which is to be encouraged, as a lot can be learnt about local history and environment through this event.

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)).

Cricket Club News

A good time was had by all on 30th June at the recreation ground when NCCC held their annual 'President's Day'. By all reports the weather was fine and cricketers and villagers turned up to respectively play or witness a match against Biddenham. The main attraction of course was the ample lunch and accompanying wine, followed later by a barbeque. Over the years this has turned into a village event, so next year don't be shy, bring the kids along, and spend a summers afternoon relaxing in the sunshine to the sound of leather on willow.

To find out more about NCCC go to: www.northcrawleycc.co.uk, or go via Facebook & twitter @ northcrawleycc, or, youth@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 29 September, and 27 October**, as a break is traditionally taken in August. As always meet **at 10 a.m.** 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



THANK YOU

Margery & Pat Fowler would like to say a very big THANK YOU

to all the wonderful friends who came forward to help us
when Pat was recently very ill and was rushed to hospital.

We are eternally grateful to everyone, especially our Rector

St. Firmin's Fête

Thank you to all those who helped with and supported our annual church fête. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying themselves and we raised **£1452** for church funds.

Malcolm



*** Admission £5
(including
teas & home
made cakes)**

Tickets available from
Joan Shaw 391517
Janice Freeman 391350
Ann Kearney 391692
In Aid of ST FIRMIN'S
CHURCH, NORTH
CRAWLEY

***STRICTLY COME TEA DANCE**

- * Demonstration by
British Amateur
Finalists**
- * Saturday Sept. 21st**
- * From 2.30 -
4.30pm**
- * North Crawley
Institute**

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 2nd July, 2013.

Planning

At the time of the meeting we were still waiting on news of the appeal for change of use of the village shop, this has subsequently been refused.

There is also an application for the installation of solar panels on a stable roof in Dollars Farm - no adverse comments.

Parish Wardens

After investigation it was agreed that we would not make sufficient use of the Parish Wardens service to justify the cost of approximately £5,000 a year.

****Horses on Pavements**

The open letter in Scan magazine to invite discussion at this meeting arrived too late, so it was agreed that the invite is extended to the meeting in September. However, one member of the public did attend, who put forward a couple of very insightful suggestions; these to be carried forward to the September meeting.

The Ford Project

A meeting has been held and a quote received for the clearing of vegetation and silt. This will now be sent to MK Council for their approval. Following this work two benches will be sited (paid for by Parish Partnerships) and MKC will assume responsibility for keeping the vegetation cut back.

Parishes Protocol

The Parishes Protocol document was agreed and signed. This details the relationship between MK Council and the local Parishes.

Drains Update

MK Council legal department are due to meet to agree the terms between MKC and the land owner in respect to completing this work. The intention is to complete this work sometime in August.

Bollards on Waste Ground

A brief site meeting was held, following the Parish Council meeting, to agree the number and location of bollards to enable safe access to the Church. This will be progressed at the next meeting.

Finance

A total of £2,564.29 had been spent in the previous month, all to cover expected items included within the precept. Receipts totalled £276.

Churchyard

A small change was agreed to the Table of Fees to clarify the charging for inscriptions.

****I have received an unsigned letter on this subject. If the writer contacts me with their details I am happy to publish under 'name and address supplied' in September SCAN. We don't publish anonymous letters.
Many thanks, Scan Editor**

Cricket Nets Agreement

It was agreed that the formal document to support the handover of the cricket nets required a small change in order to clarify future use.

Additional Dog Bin

Following a letter from a resident and subsequent investigation into the addition of a dog bin in Folly Lane, it was agreed that the current precept does not support the expense of both the installation and the additional emptying duties. This to be reviewed at the next precept meeting early in 2014.

Nag Report

There has been no NAG meeting this month. However, Cllr Hatton asked that at the next meeting it should be pointed out that there is a far too low a police presence in the village. This has been highlighted especially as there have been a number of vehicle related theft incidents in the last couple of months, including one car being removed to a field 100 yards away and subsequently stripped of various components (including the entire engine - see photo).



Traffic Calming

MKC anticipate presenting revised proposals to the Parish Council sometime in August for discussion in the September meeting.

Following a letter from a resident, MKC will be contacted in relation to verge cutting in Pound Lane.

North Crawley CE School

Once again our village school was classed as outstanding by Ofsted. Our congratulations go to the head Mrs Kathryn Crompton and her staff for their dedication in ensuring we have a village school to be proud of.

Councillor Items

The IMC Committee will be contacted and asked to take action in relation to both rubbish and empty barrels being left outside following functions. This has been reported by local residents.

The kissing gate close to Violets Close is damaged, this will be reported to MKC for repair. Additionally, MKC will be asked for an update on a replacement lamp post opposite the entrance to Bryans Crescent, which was removed following an accident.

MKC to be contacted in regard to cracked pavements in Nixeys Walk and Orchard Way, plus the potholes in Chicheley Road.

Resident Items

Nothing this month.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd September, at 7:30pm.

Cllr Keith Rogers

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 first half of this summer term was tremendously busy at North Crawley CE School, but then so was the second part.....

On the second day back after our ½ term holiday we received 'the phone call' from Ofsted who arrived early the following morning to inspect our school. And the outcome.....North Crawley CE School retained its **OUTSTANDING** status. Achieving an outstanding Ofsted grade has become increasingly more challenging for schools to achieve and this, together with having just a ½ day notice of the inspection, makes our great achievement all that more significant. Thank you to all members of our staff for their continued hard work and commitment – a great accomplishment yet again recognised by Ofsted. Additionally, I would like to thank those parents, friends and members of St. Firmin's DCC who have passed on their congratulations regarding the recent Ofsted Inspection.

A summary of the key findings include –

- Consistently good teaching and the numerous lessons in which teaching is outstanding ensure that pupils make excellent progress.
- The children make excellent progress because the teachers know the children well and are able to guide them in their work. The teachers build on the children's ideas and interests. As a result, the children respond positively and work hard in lessons.

- By the end of Year 2, pupils' progress in reading, writing and mathematics is outstanding.
- Pupils' behaviour in lessons and around the school is exemplary. Their positive attitudes to learning help them to make excellent progress.
- The headteacher sets high expectations and works effectively with all staff to ensure teaching is of a high standard and pupils make excellent progress.
- All staff undertake their roles well and contribute much to the development of the school.

You can read the full report at <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/110406>

Other highlights of the ½ term included a visit from Santander who very kindly chose to undertake a community action day at our school. The outside area had a complete make-over thanks to Santander's Tracy Belsham and her hardworking team. Additional thanks to Mrs Sam MacLennan for her fantastic efforts co-ordinating the very successful day.



Co-ordination was certainly a skill required during a visit from 'Dan the Skipping Man™' who presented a fantastic workshop reviving the art of playground skipping. Everyone was taught to skip and many children progressed to double skipping!



The whole school were treated to a visit to the annual Milton Keynes Music Festival where many schools from across MK congregated to sing with great gusto! After warming up their voices with some fun activities, the children enjoyed singing the various different songs they had been learning in school during the previous few weeks. They even managed to sing different ostinatos and include some actions which nearly lifted the roof off! As a special treat for all their hard work, the children and staff joined their friends from Stoke Goldington afterwards for a picnic and play at Emberton Park. They all had a wonderful time playing and chatting together in the lovely summer sunshine. It was an opportunity for everyone to say 'cheerio' before moving to their next schools. We say a sad 'farewell' to Mia, Claribel, George, Robbie, Ryan, Hamish and Jack and wish them good luck in their new schools!

School re-opens on **Wednesday 4th September** when we welcome 15 new children to our school and we look ahead to the challenges of the new academic year.

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. An 'Open Morning' for parents, whose child is due to start school in 2014 or later, will be held in the autumn term. More details later.....

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all members of FONS (Friends of North Crawley School) for organising a very successful Summer Fayre, to the ladies who served the teas and cakes, and to everyone who helped to make the afternoon a triumph.

And finally, FONS would like to say a big 'thank you' to Karen Davies for all her hard work on the committee over the many years that she has been a member.

Vacancy for Midday Meals Supervisor at North Crawley CE School

We are looking to appoint an additional midday meals supervisor on Mondays to Fridays from 12:00-1:00pm during term time. The contract is offered on a temporary basis for 1 year. The salary is MK Grade 1: £12,145 (Full Time Equivalent) and is subject to job re-evaluation. Telephone the school office on 01234 391282 for further details or e-mail ncrawleyf@milton-keynes.gov.uk

North Crawley Bowls Club.

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association.

ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW

To be held on
Saturday, 24th August 2013
in the Village Institute
North Crawley
Starting at 2.30pm

This is an annual event with many horticultural, handicraft and children's classes to enter.

Trophies for the category winners.

Much of the produce will be auctioned after the show approx
4.00pm

There is a tombola, a raffle, tea and cakes
For a copy of the show schedule please contact
Stephen Martin – Tel.01234 391292



CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2013 STARTING AT 1.30pm

Leaving North Crawley at 9.15am - take your own packed lunch and we leave Albert Hall at approx 5pm

I have 3 seats in the stalls at £39.10 + £9.90 coach fair and 28 seats in the circle at £ 19.98 + £9.90 coach fair.

The seats are to be paid by 10th August and the Coach by 10th November -
cash only please - can be passed to me via Pam Pinder or Ella Field

Please contact Lynda Barber 01234752020 or Mob 07740868807 or
lyndabarber5454@yahoo.co.uk

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

It was a beautiful summers evening on the 17th July and 22 members arrived to find a myriad of plants from Alban Hill nursery, what a change from our fleeces and warm clothes to be able to wear a colourful array of summer finery.

Lynda Barber our President opened proceedings by welcoming our visitors Maureen and Janet, she brought us up to date on the many trips we have available, we have been invited to a group meeting at Great Linford W.I. for afternoon tea. Wharley End have also invited us to a talk on "our Flossie". Ella then read the minutes followed by Dee Cole who gave us a summary of her trip to the poppy factory which proved to be very interesting in many ways.

Our trip to Jeyes museum was a great success with lots to see and hear about the history of such an iconic product, the visit concluded with a pleasant lunch, a good time was had by all.

Lynda presented plants to four members who have birthdays this month, the calendars for 2014 (yes!! Soon be here) have arrived and the B.F.W.I. want photographs for 2015, the theme is Hidden Bucks, so get snapping.

Lynda then invited Mathew Peck our speaker from Alban Hill nursery, he talked us through the many and interesting specimens he had brought with him, it was lovely to have Mathew again; his Knowledge and flawless presentation can be recommended. He donated two plants for the raffle which were won by Barbara and Pam P. other prizes were won by Alma and Maureen. Teas were provided by Pam P. and Jessica - THANK YOU. The vote of thanks was given by Pat Myhill who also won the competition, well done Pat.

Next months meeting on the 21st August at 7.30pm, the speaker will be a representative of Sainsbury's and the competition is for any postcard referring to food and drink. Why not come along and see what we are all about, you will be most welcome.

We send all good wishes to Pat and Mary who have both had a change of address and any members past or present who are unable to attend our meetings.

J.L.

WILLEN HOSPICE LUNCH

On Thursday July 18th a group of ladies from North Crawley organised a lunch to raise money for **Willen Hospice**. The event was held in the village at the home of Angela Shambrook who kindly allowed us to use her home and garden. Twenty ladies attended and were able to enjoy the garden in the lovely summer weather. The money raised was **£400** which included some donations from people who were unable to attend. It was a resounding success where everyone got together, helping with the catering, organising a raffle, collecting money and enjoying the company. This shows that with a little effort from a group of people, an event can be staged to raise money for a very worthwhile cause. Thank you to all those people who supported this and for their generous DONATIONS. We have decided that this will become an annual fund raising event.





Mailbag and Announcements

Dale Coles

Sue, Shelley, Jackie, Dale and Tristan and all of their extended family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of Dale Coles, much loved husband, father and brother.

Thank you also for all the kind messages, cards and generous donations for Willen Hospice.

Thank you to Lesley and Mandy for the lovely service. Dale was born in the village and it was comforting to see such a full church. Dale would have been very touched.

Thank you everyone.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the people involved in the recapture of my horse on 2nd July. He had been moved to a new stable but decided to make his own way back to his old home.

After a journey of 5 or 6 miles he was apprehended in Astwood. I have to admire his ingenuity and determination. He is now safely back in his old field.

With gratitude from Emily and Ned, the horse.



THUMBSTICK WALK

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



St. lauds church harvest supper

Monday 14th October

Village hall

More information later

Sherington Fete 2013

So the fete has gone for another 2 years and despite its best efforts the weather did not ruin it. The high winds created a lot of problems for us as organisers and also to the stall holders. It seems that Gazebos cannot withstand anything above 20mph an issue we can all take into account when placing one in the back garden.

The wind proved too powerful for the birds of prey which is a shame as the closeness to the birds at our event is part of the attraction. Although the Alpaca's proved a hit.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fete whether it was as a stall holder, musician, vintage car displayer, food supplier and of course the people who turned up and enjoyed themselves.

Special thanks to Allan, John, Martin, Tony, Dave and Phillip (congratulations on the book), Trevor, William, Josh, Trish, Christine, Colin Storey, Anita, Chloe, Paula, Mandy and many more for your contribution.

A special word for two groups of people from out of the village; Stephen Isherwood (Car rides) and Kidsplay MK (Climbing wall) who gave their time for free and donated all the money they raised to the fete.

As for ourselves we raised £250 for the Church Fund which is an improvement on the previous fete, and we have a fully functioning set of Gazebos and kids race equipment (all of which we can let out for a small fee to cover any damages).

The raffle for Willen Hospice raised nearly £350, congratulations to the lady who won the first two main prizes. The Lightning experience is a tremendous prize, as an ex RAF man I remember watching them fly.

We will be back in two years to do it all again, if you fancy giving us a hand we never turn away volunteers. Once again thank you for either doing something or turning up, it makes me feel the effort and hair pulling is worth it.

Regards Jeff Charles

STOP PRESS

Some 60/70 supporters of all ages - 3 - 86 years - attended the Children's Fishing Trip on Sunday 21st July.

Many fish were netted, some very small and some ever so big. Thank you to those who attended.

WE ONLY WALKED THOSE FIELDS BECAUSE THE LANDOWNER - JAMES GARDNER, ESQ. - GAVE US PERMISSION, BUT ONLY ON THAT OCCASION AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL.

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RAISING FUNDS FOR ST LAUDS

Do you shop online? If so you could be helping to raise funds for St Laud's Church simply by registering with easyfundraising.org.uk. Here's an example of how it works; go to the easy fundraising website and search for Sainsburys Groceries, click on the link which will take you to Sainsburys website and do your online shop as normal, now Sainsburys will donate 50p to St Laud's Church at no cost to you! Easy. There are hundreds of retailers offering different donation amounts. Do you like the idea but don't know where to start? Give Chloe a ring on 01908 614 168 or 07803 724 297 or email chloe_woods@hotmail.com and I'll help you get started!

CRAFT CALENDAR COMPETITION - PERTINENT DATES FOR INCLUSION!

A huge thank you to everyone that took the time to come and vote on the entrants to the craft calendar competition at the village fete, it was a great success and our 12 pieces have been chosen by you.

The calendar is in preparation and we have the opportunity to personalise the dates - so I'm calling on the various groups and societies in the village to send through any definite confirmed dates you have for events in 2014 that you would like included in the calendar. Please forward your dates to chloe_woods@hotmail.com - DEADLINE 17th August!

Charity Bike Ride Around MK

Raising money in aid of

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Sunday 8th September 2013

(back to where it all started)

Furzton Lake, Shirwell Crescent,

MK4 IGA – next to Fayre & Square Public House

Sign in 9.30 am – Ride 11 am

13 mile Millennium Cycle Route with a 2.5 mile option around Furzton Lake

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BEDDING WANTED

Alan and Judy Plater, ex-residents of Chicheley, send 'best wishes' and request your help – as some of you know, we support various charities including the 'HILLSIDE ANIMAL SANCTUARY' in Norfolk. Once a year we visit to take items suitable for animal winter bedding, so if you have any towels, blankets and duvets that we could take, we would be delighted.

We plan to visit in October, so would appreciate your call – 07745569044 OR 01234 825075

And we can arrange to collect your donation. If you would like to learn more about the charity, go to – www.hilside.org.uk

Many thanks,

Alan and Judy, on behalf of the rescued animals.



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Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

I can't help but mention the weather yet again, we've gone from using the central heating occasionally in June to now having all the doors and windows open to try and keep cool! Of late the temperatures have been in the low nineties during the day and sometimes uncomfortably warm at night. This does mean though that the grass does not need cutting and if you look around the village you may notice that a lot of it looks dead but it will of course spring back to life once it rains again. The vegetable garden looks very promising now though and I think that this could be one our most productive years, albeit with a lot of help from a water sprinkler. Still on the gardening theme I have noticed a complete lack of ladybirds this year and wonder what has happened to them all? I could really do with a few to sort out the aphids that seem to be quite numerous at present.

The village fête took place on 22nd June, too late to be included in last month's piece. There was plenty to see and do but the weather was not as good as it could have been and it was blowing a gale all afternoon. The stand that I was helping to man was in a particularly windy location and we soon had to don jackets to try and keep warm. The wind meant that the birds of prey could not be flown as they could easily be blown too far away although George the kestrel was allowed up and, as happened at the last fête, he went missing again! He did however return before the end of the event. There were a few older vehicles on show including a Chevrolet, a Singer, a Vauxhall Cadet, an Austin A35 amongst others. During the afternoon we were entertained by the Sherington folk group who at one stage had the assistance of Mr P. E. Smith taking the lead vocals. A vote of thanks should go to Jeff Charles and his helpers for organising the day and we look forward to another in two years time.

Whilst at the event above it was pointed out that there are number of manual adult exercise machines available for anyone to use, located just in front of the children's play area. I thought this worth pointing out as many people might not be aware of this village facility.

The evening of July 9th saw an exciting event at the Village Hall, the launch of Phil Smith's book, 'A Little Bird Told Me'. Those of you who have lived here for a while will remember that when Phil used to write this column it always started with 'a little bird tells me that...'. The evening was well attended and I would estimate some 60 – 70 people were there. The star of the show was obviously Phil who held court and signed copies of his book for those who had purchased them. The book itself is very entertaining and includes stories from local people and much of the history of our

village, well worth a read. Contact Liz on 07941 403492 to obtain a copy. To date some 160 odd copies have been purchased.

The annual Twinning Association barbecue and boules tournament was held, appropriately enough, on Bastille Day which in case you don't know is July 14th. 54 of the membership attended and we were well fed on steak, sausages and beef burgers accompanied by a good selection of salads and followed by cheese and strawberries and cream. The boules competition started after a pause for digestion and about 20 pairs took part. The eventual winners were Bob Lancaster and Louisa Davis. It was the first time that Louisa had played, well you know what they say about beginner's luck. Father Steve was particularly pleased because for the last two years his son William has held the trophy and it is where Steve keeps his pens and pencils.

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

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2013

1 COUNCILLOR VACANCY UPDATE

One application has been received. Other applications are invited up to 31st July. A co-option will be made at the September meeting.

2 WARD COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS

- 1) The Local Government Boundary Commission has made its final recommendation that, in future, Sherington ward will be combined with Olney which will have 3 councillors as will the other 18 MKC wards and that Stoke Goldington and Lathbury will join Newport Pagnell North and Hanslope ward.
- 2) MKC officers are investigating alternative public transport arrangements for evenings and weekends between Newport Pagnell and Olney.

3 STONEPITS COPSE

Jason Down of Oakland Tree Services has surveyed the trees in Stonepits Copse. It was agreed to ask him to quote for the work which he has identified as needing to be done (strimming, mulching and checking on ties and spiral guards). As there will not be a meeting in August, councillors will be able to approve this work by email. Peter Crook will carry out mowing now that spring bulbs have died down. Replacement of dead trees will take place in the autumn.

4 HORSE CHESTNUT TREE IN VILLAGE HALL PLAY AREA

The roots from this tree are causing considerable unevenness. Pre-school has secured grant funding to renovate the area. It was therefore agreed to have the tree removed so that best use can be made of the grant money.

5 LIME TREE ON THE KNOLL

Permission has been obtained from MKC to prune this tree.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Land adjacent to 2 Hillview – Reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 12/00914/OUT for erection of detached bungalow. Councillors were unsure exactly what was being asked of them and questioned whether full consent had already been granted. Cllr Denman will check on this with MKC.
10 Park Road Approved by MKC

7 LITTER BIN ON GUN LANE

A litter bin is to be installed on Gun Lane. It will be emptied weekly by MKC and it can be used for dog waste

8 EXTERIOR LIGHTING AND PAVING AROUND THE PAVILION

The Management committee will be asked to agree on what is needed at their next meeting. The issue of drainage will be dealt with when MKC Housing have completed their work on drainage from the garages across the car park.

9 PAVILION HEATING

A large electricity bill (£600) is probably due to the over-use of the down flow heaters. It is proposed to disconnect these and make proper use of the storage heaters which should provide adequate heat.

10 SHERINGTON FETE

Councillors agreed to write to Jeff Charles thanking and congratulating him and those who worked with him on a very successful Fete.

11 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 and on Tuesday 1st October 2013 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde



Sherington Church of England School News *The Village Schools Church Partnership*

The MK Schools' Music Festival was a joyous celebration of children singing seasonal songs around the theme of *Holidays*. Chiming well with our school topics in History and Geography, based on seaside studies, these experiences gave our land-locked school a musical flavour. Many thanks to Betty Feasey for not only stepping in to accompany the children on the visit alongside school staff but also for a master class in water-colours. Some lovely paintings of the variety of wild and domesticated flowers in our school grounds were made.

In our continuing series of wider social experiences we were glad to host a Geography field-trip by pupils from Greenleys First School. After a hard-working morning walking around the village and looking at key features an afternoon of sports and play allowed the two schools to get to know each other.

Similarly our summer ramble to Tyringham across the fields to look at the deer in the park was relaxed but also a hands-on ('feet-on?') way to experience our local geography and land use as well as underlying the importance of physical exercise and a change of mental pace. Thanks are due to Anne Thomas and Sue Temple for helping to accompany the children across the terrain.

Our new cohort of children, starting with us in September, have made good use of their induction sessions getting to know staff, older peers and the layout and facilities of the school in advance. The evocative call of 'our' local cuckoo only added to the atmosphere in the school grounds throughout the latter few weeks of term.

Sports Evening was another successful event this year as the weather was kind to us and with a good variety of donated cakes on offer there was much to involve everyone. Well done all competitors notably the Yellow team who accumulated the most points and the Red and Blue teams who came a close joint second. The *Feasey Cup* will be appropriately engraved.

Our Camping Social Event was well attended by parents and pupils past and present. Though there is always a friendly and supportive aura

around the PTFA this overnight event has added a new dimension to cooperation and support for the school's activities. As always some members of the PTFA 'retire' as their youngest child moves on from the school but without taking anyone for granted a new generation of pupils brings fresh enthusiasm and commitment from parents. For this work in partnership we are always thankful.

Our traditional Leaver's Assembly was moved to St Laud's Church as the school prepared to be re-painted in the summer break. Saying goodbye to our oldest pupils after three busy years with us is always poignant. This, along with the wider social and educational experiences we try to offer, go to make Sherington School a 'unique start to a school career'. To all pupils past and present and all friends of the school we wish a good summer break and look forward (not too soon!) to a new school year. CS

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.

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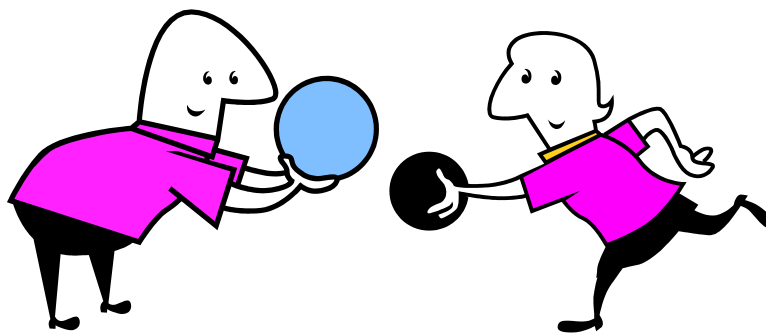


PROUD PARENTS
APPLAUD ALL OUR
WINNERS FOR TAKING
PART IN SPORTS DAY

SHARING MY WORK
WITH MUM AT THE
'OPEN DOOR'



COOL AND SHADY



SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

I expect many SCAN readers know that the Bowls Club meet in Sherington Village Hall but I doubt that many have thought to try bowling. We meet on Monday afternoon 2pm until 4pm and Friday evening 7pm 'til 9pm and welcome anyone who would like to give it a try. No experience is needed, we will provide bowls and show you how to play – all we ask is that you wear a pair of shoes with smooth soles, even slippers will do!! It's a gentle form of exercise and we have a break for tea and biscuits at half time. Age is not a barrier - our membership at the moment ranges from 15 to over 80 and we have members who live in Sherington, North Crawley, Chicheley and Newport Pagnell.

This summer we are taking part in the local Mini League and a Summer Fives competition and are having mixed success but enjoying the experience of playing against other clubs and in other venues.

If you would like to know more about bowling give Sheila Quinn a ring on 211153 or Bob Clarridge on 01234 391436.

SAQ

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL SUMMER NEWS

As the end of this very productive academic year draws to a close our theme, 'Transport' brought Anita rolling in to the village hall car park in her fantastic camper van.

Anita and proud daughter, Jessica, kindly invited the super-excited Pre-school children on board to take a good look around. They were soon exploring the cupboards and opening doors to see what might be hiding behind. Back in Pre-school, one of the children was inspired to draw a wonderful camper van detailing the family living inside. Kind thanks again to the Thatchers for sharing their time with us.

As the Transport theme steamed ahead, we investigated just how paper planes move and constructed small kit aeroplanes. Some children used the kits as a template and made their very own aeroplanes. We purchased a helium balloon and used it to

conduct several experiments to elucidate just what can be lifted from the ground. Much to the children's delight, the balloon had to be retrieved from the ceiling several times after the string was accidentally cut. Later, the children extended this activity by taking the (weighted) balloon outside and allowing it to float up as high as the tallest tree in the play area. One child suggested it might take 100 balloons to lift him off the floor. Needless to say, although very tempting, we resisted testing this particular hypothesis.

Tom's Garden is positively flourishing and a visit on Friday 12th July found the children picking thirteen strawberries for their afternoon snack (one each and one for Kay!). The children watered crops of Runner and French beans, lettuce, carrots, onions, blueberries and sunflowers. Even the resident Giant was given a squirt of water while some children took time to draw a strawberry in their special note book. On the way back to Pre-school, a slight detour saw us accidentally stumble upon the village shop and buy ice-cream to accompany our strawberries. What a wonderful treat on such a hot day.

On the following Tuesday, some of the children emptied the big black bucket of Rocket potatoes. What excitement as 31 potatoes emerged from the soil. After a good wash the potatoes were soon in a pan of boiling water and cooked perfectly for snack-time aside our homegrown lettuce, baby tomatoes and a splodge of salad cream. Part of the lettuce was left uncut and one child observed two tiny slugs making their home in the very heart. A lesson to us all to carefully wash garden produce before consumption!

On the following day, another trip to the garden saw the children continuing their watering duties, sampling some plump, ripe raspberries, picking a few strawberries and pulling carrots. The children rightly observed that these homegrown versions of carrots were not as straight as their supermarket cousins but, nevertheless, they were washed, eaten and enjoyed. Next year, we must try harder to grow straighter carrots!

On the last day of term all the children joined in for a marvellous performance of the story, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They took on characters from the story and lovingly made their own props - a runner bean, a broad bean, a jelly bean, a bean bag, an axe, a giant's mask, a cow mask, lots of flowers and 'Ben Ten' wands (the latter adding a modern twist to the original tale). Our thanks go to Emma, Jason and Georgie for helping make a fantastic beanstalk using leaves made by the children, and a castle to complete the stage decoration.

The parents, grandparents and family-friends were thoroughly entertained by our children singing, playing musical instruments and performing the story. It is always an emotional time as we bid farewell to the special little people we have seen grow and

develop during their time with us. All fifteen children who depart for, 'Big School' were given a leaving-present book by Vice-Chair, Anita. The parent Committee laid on a beautiful selection of home-made cakes and served refreshments in the shade of the trees. Afterwards, families, children and staff enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park.



And now to report some fantastic changes at Sherington Pre-school. We're delighted to announce that, from Monday 9th September 2013, we will be offering TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS each week during which two-year olds can also join the fun.

These sessions will be on the Monday and Tuesday mornings (9:15-12:15) of each term-time week and will include other children up to age four. Sessions currently cost £10 each. So, if you have a two-year old and would like to know more please contact Stefanie (Oscar's Mummy) on tel: 07887521459

Of course, we are most aware that 9:15-12:15 is a very long session for a child of two years, so please feel free to discuss flexible settling in options with our staff.

Finally, we wish you all a lovely safe, sunny Summer. Pre-school returns on Wednesday 4th September. In the meantime, please look out for news of our fabulous new sessions, ALL-DAY FRIDAYS and TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB, on the Pre-school website and on our Facebook page.



SHERINGTON MUMS & TODDLER GROUP IS CHANGING.

WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THOROUGHLY MODERN MOTHERS

Due to the enormous success of Sherington Pre-school, Sherington Mums & Toddlers has decided to hand-over their Friday village hall morning slot to enable Pre-school to offer parents a much-in-demand whole day session. This is a fabulous opportunity for Sherington Pre-school and we wish them every success in their new endeavour. Our groups have always been connected through a shared goal to provide local parents with flexible, fun and friendly child-care options.

In the place of Mums & Toddlers, we will be holding an all-new, 'Meeting of Thoroughly Modern Mothers' each term-time Monday at the Pavilion.

These gatherings will give anyone, with or without their children, chance to come along and have a quick coffee and a chat between 9:30-11:30am. Refreshments and toys/crafts will be available. We will be asking for donations towards our costs.

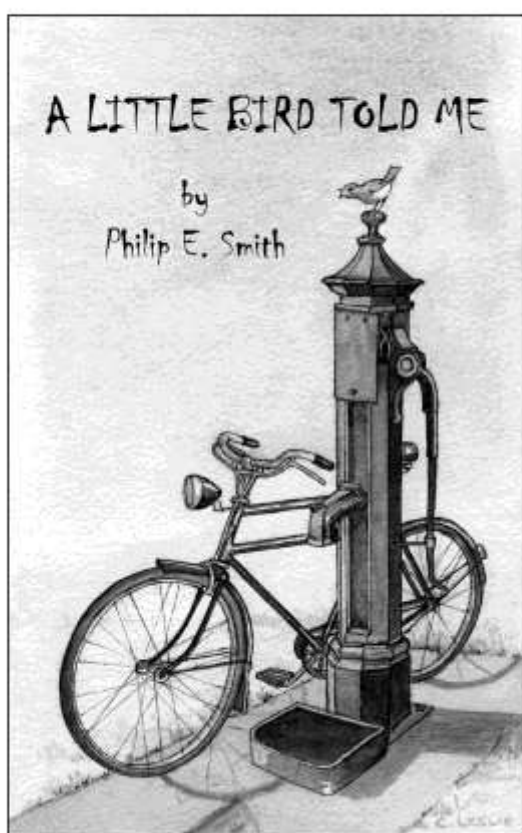
Sessions will be run on a rota basis - a different person will open up and provide the drinks, cakes and toys each week. If you are interested in being on the rota once a term, or have any questions, please let us know (07876211071, Caroline) - any help will be greatly appreciated. See you there on the 9th September.



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by Philip E. Smith



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THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST. OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER – A MEMBERS' MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR OUR OPEN DAY ON 5TH OCTOBER.

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