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Wartime Harvest - Herefordshire 1944



September 2013

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MEETING OF THOROUGHLY MODERN MOTHERS, The Pavilion, each Monday term time, 9.30 – 11.30 am, contact Caroline 07876211071			
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2	Flower Arranging Demonstration, Chicheley Hall	7.30 p.m.	12
3	Souper Lunchtime Get together, 4 Griggs Orchard	12-2 p.m.	5
4	North Crawley Historical Society Heritage Walk		15
10	Chitchat Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 a.m.	12
10	PCC Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 p.m.	4
14	Quiz Night, Chicheley Village	7.30 p.m.	12
15	Planting Crocuses at St. Lauds		9
15	Café Church, North Crawley School	10.45 a.m.	7
17	Tuesday Coffee Morning, 33 Crofts End	10.30 a.m.	19
18	North Crawley W.I. Harvest Supper	7.30 p.m.	18
18	Souper Lunchtime Get together, 4 Griggs Orchard	12 – 2 p.m.	5
19	North Crawley DCC – Village Hall	7.30 p.m.	4
19	New Thursday Group Open Meeting – All Welcome – VH	7.30 p.m.	26
19	Sherington DCC – 28 Carters Close, Sherington	8 p.m.	4
21	Strictly Come Tea Dance, North Crawley Institute	2.30 – 4 p.m.	17
23	North Crawley Historical Society A.G.M.		15
24	Tuesday Coffee Morning, 3 Hillview	10.30 a.m.	19
28	Autumn Fayre for Willen Hospice North Crawley Institute	1 – 4 p.m.	14
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5	North Crawley Historical Society Tour Ashmolean Museum, Oxford		15
5	Sherington Historical Society Open Day	12 noon – 4.30 pm	25
6	Harvest Celebration Service St. Firmins	11 a.m.	
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12	Big Sing for Willen, Newport Pagnell Parish Church	7.30 p.m.	22
14	St. Lauds Harvest Supper – Village Hall	7 p.m.	
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Cranfield Bridge Club meet at Astwood Village Hall virtually every Sunday at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. A small friendly, EBU affiliated Bridge Club. Details on http://www.cranbridge.org.uk , or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409. <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.			

Mandy is in Israel so Pam writes.....

By the time you read this Easter will all be over, but I hope you had a lovely time. Believers all over the world have been attending special services all through Holy Week recalling the events which led up to the Friday when Jesus was crucified. That was the hideous fate which befell many under the Roman Empire, but few, I imagine, asked God to forgive those who were driving nails through his hands and feet.

The following Sunday the tomb was empty, Jesus was alive; barely believing their senses, people saw him, touched him, spoke with him! Various explanations for what happened have been put forward. Some of them are plausible – maybe Jesus' friends came and stole the body – despite the guard set by Pilate, but many of them died for their faith and they would hardly have done that knowing such a vital part of it was a lie. Other explanations are frankly ridiculous, for instance that Jesus, not dead but only fainting, revived in the cool of the tomb, pushed the heavy stone away from the inside and escaped. I won't go into the horrors which Jesus endured, except to say that the Romans were particularly efficient at killing their victims and knew a dead body when they saw one.

Jesus forgave those who were torturing him, and he came back from the dead, not insubstantial like a ghost but solid, eating and drinking with his astounded friends. Christians not only believe it but will tell you that they too experience his presence in their daily lives. I know it is tempting to dismiss such thoughts as ridiculous or even rather pathetic. I know too that many must be put off and disgusted by the activities of those who have abused their position within the Church, but the appalling behaviour of a few is no reason to dismiss the whole thing. Christianity is a way of life which has to be seen, experienced personally. Jesus' friends weren't gullible idiots; they didn't expect to see him again once his body was sealed in a tomb; they were not convinced until they saw him for themselves. Even then it was often not until he said or did something which was so strikingly familiar that they could let go of their natural disbelief and grasp the extraordinary truth.

Christianity is mysterious but also deeply practical; instructions about how to live together with the help of Jesus' presence abound in the New Testament. 'As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another, and ...forgive each other... Above all clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony...(Col. 3 12-14)

Sounds a pretty good recipe for life to me! Belatedly, Happy Easter!
Every blessing,
Pam

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 28 July 2013 Elysia Florence-May Jackson was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Laud's Church Sherington.

Elysia, 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:

Ben Vasquez and Larissa Sexton who were married in St Lawrence's Church Chicheley on Friday 9 August 2013
and

David Green and Catrin O'Callaghan who were married in St Firmin's Church North Crawley on Saturday 17 August 2013.

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

ERRATUM: In last months SCAN we published the announcement of Nellie May Taylor's funeral. We understand this should have read Nellie May Bailey. Apologies for distress this may have caused, particularly to the family.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

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

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

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

22 September
11.00am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
6.00pm SCAN Evensong – North Crawley

29 September
11.00am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

OCTOBER SERVICES

6 October
8.00am SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
11.00am Harvest Celebration Service – North Crawley (followed by lunch in the Institute)

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS

Tuesday 10 September	7.30pm	PCC - Chicheley Village Hall
Thursday 19 September	7.30pm	North Crawley DCC - Village Hall North Crawley
Thursday 19 September	8pm	Sherington DCC - 28 Carters Close Sherington

'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together

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

12pm -2pm Wednesdays

All ages welcome (children too!)

4 September

18 September

23 October

6 November

27 November

11 December

THE SCAN TEAM SEND MANY THANKS THIS MONTH FOR A
GENEROUS DONATION FROM:

☺ **SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**



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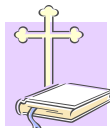
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To everyone in Sherington, Chicheley, Astwood, North Crawley and surrounding areas,
come along to our



Cafe Church



Parish of St Laud, St Lawrence, St Peter and St Firmin

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



We're a lovely bunch who get together on the 3rd Sunday of the month (occasionally dates change, but we keep you up to date in the SCAN parish magazine). Cafe Church is a Christian community-run 'Sunday School' for children and adults to come together to learn about God's wonders. With a topic for the day, a light breakfast, newspapers and books we enjoy a relaxing hour, whilst our children explore the topic busily creating beautiful crafts.



Even the Cafe Church Steering Group meetings are fun social get-togethers as we plan topics for the future. Do join us at these meetings – all ideas are good ones.

Realising there was a need for a church gathering to suit busy families who were struggling to fit in with the times and duration of usual church services, our Cafe Church was born in March 2010 and has grown from strength to strength. Our venue varies according to the nature of the month's topic and is held in North Crawley School, St Firmin's Church or St Laud's Church.

Do join us – you'll be made very welcome!



Cafe Church



Parish of St Laud, St Lawrence, St Peter and St Firmin

Our next dates for your diary:

15th September

Garden of Eden

North Crawley School

10:45 – 12:00

6th October

Harvest Celebration Service St Firmin's Church, North Crawley, 10:45 – 12:00
and then.....

17th November

Ready, steady, go!

North Crawley School

10:45 – 12:00

8th December

Advent Workshop

St Laud's Church, Sherington

2:00 – 4:00pm

Harvest Celebration Service



Sunday 6th October 2013

11:00am at St Firmin's Church, North Crawley

followed by lunch in the Institute

All are welcome!

Please let either

Cheryl Dunkley (07811337124) or Jan Weatherley (01234 391387) know
if you would like to join us for lunch



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



ASTWOOD

Another year gone and we're already in August, but I like August, I get to go on holiday and it's the start of the football season and there's more football than ever on the TV thanks to BT Sport (a little plug there).

Let's hope when you're reading this the weather has been as good as in July, which was a great month. I'd forgotten how good British summers can be and how many BBQ's you can have in a week, but hadn't forgotten how the good weather brings out the 'bikers' on the by-pass.

So what's been happening in Astwood over the last month – I noticed Bob and Janet's new house is now starting to take shape after the archaeologists released the site. I believe there were some fragments of pottery found dating back to 11th, 12th and 14th centuries, but fortunately not enough to stop the construction. There is also a national survey of ponds taking place. Astwood has been part of that with the pond at the back of my house being part of that survey. I can confirm that no Great Crested Newts were found just common ones – good job really as with the great weather we've had the pond is bone dry now and best described as a muddy ditch. But talking to the surveyors they have been discovered in some of the other ponds scattered around our village. I guess in one of the ones that don't dry out. So any "Newt fanciers" out there can spend the rest of the summer trying to discover their whereabouts.

I also heard that Pete and Shirley Woods are moving (not too far though) so we wish them well in their new home and I'm sure they'll pop back for a few of the village events. It was very sad to hear of Bert's passing particularly as Bert and Sheila were the first people we met in the village when we moved – they came round, delivered us our first SCAN and made us feel very welcome. Bert was also the only person I knew who could



keep the church clock not only going, but accurately too. I tried for several years but found every month I'd either lost or gained time despite following all the instructions Bert had given me.

So enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Supper (18th October).

Great Bustard

C HICHELEY

As I write the pleasant summer weather continues with just a brief interlude of rain. This I am assured is welcomed by our farmers as they still have much harvesting to complete, and of course start the planting of next year's crops. Our own vegetable garden is producing plenty of potatoes and other vegetables, but sadly no sweet corn. Our visiting deer decided to put that to much better use inside its own stomach. The areas near our house that our neighbour John planted to support the birdlife are also proving popular as we often hear the birds merrily chattering away amongst them. So, what is our village up to?

The cheese and wine evening at Chicheley House was much enjoyed. The fine weather allowed us to sit outside in the garden and enjoy an ample repast. Thank you to the Tarrant family and all who helped.

Congratulations to Matt on completing his challenging Edinburgh-London-Edinburgh bicycle ride in four and a half days. He said that of the 1000 cyclists entered he was one of the 750 to do so. I'm sure he will be pleased to receive any sponsors if you haven't already done so.

We duly celebrated the patronal festival of St. Lawrence on the 11th August with a service led by Pam and an illustrated sermon by John. The service concluded with cake and sherry. I'm pleased to be able to report that our organ is now back in full working order after the repairs following last year's water damage.

Thank you to all who came to our teas on the 17th and sorry about the small gale blowing, amazingly the gazebos all survived. A sum of £250 has been added to the church funds.

Looking ahead to September and October.

Firstly, a reminder about the **Flower Arranging demonstration on Monday 2nd September** in the village hall. Please see last month's SCAN for details.

Chitchat will be on **Tuesday 10th September** from 10.30am until noon in the village hall.

A **Quiz Night** is being held in the village hall on Saturday 14th September. Entry fee is £10 per head and for which you will also have your supper. Please contact 01234 825075 to book in your team of 2 to 6.

Moving on into October will see the Harvest Festival evensong on the 13th, the sale of produce on the 14th and harvest supper on the 19th.

I have mentioned the A422 that goes through our village in the past, and the speeding traffic. The 40mph speed limit through the village has introduced some control, but too many drivers still ignore it, quite a few to their cost as the police are doing their best to enforce the law with regular speed checks. The government recently announced investing a large sum in improving road conditions, and safety, for cyclists, which in this area I'm sure would be welcomed on both the main and country roads. In France road signs are being introduced to indicate that motorists should pass cyclists with a 2 metre gap, which would be welcomed here as well. Perhaps we also need more proper cycle paths? How about one from the top of Chicheley hill, to the Bucks/Beds border at Astwood and then on into Bedford? The grass verges are wide enough the whole way to accommodate that so is that a challenge anyone in authority would like to take on?

David

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT

At the time of writing the weather is still warm with the odd shower on the odd day, so still a summer to enjoy and make good use of the barbeque. Must admit the showers have been a welcome relief from continuous days of the sun beating down, and the allotment is also enjoying some moisture. Anyway the diverse nature of the British weather makes life interesting, and surely you can only really appreciate good weather if you know what bad weather is like. I mean if it were sunny all year round, wouldn't it become boring?

The first bit of news is about a very brave teenager in the village, who took on a scary dare devil challenge to raise money for charity, and reckons she will do it again!

'I'd just like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village for sponsoring me in my Skydive for Teenage Cancer Trust. I reached my target of £300 which I could not have done without the generous donations from those who sponsored me. I completed the sky-dive on the 13/06/13 and jumped from two miles up in the air! It was honestly the best experience of my life and I will definitely complete another tandem dive again in my lifetime.

*Thanks again,
Alicia Bahra'*



There is some sad news to report from Folly Lane as John Clare who lived in Folly Lane for many years has passed away. A funeral service was held in St. Firmins church on Tuesday 23 July to celebrate the Life of Joseph 'John' Clare, aged 82. Known as John to all in the village, he had been poorly for a while, and passed away peacefully at home on 8 July. Following the service the family invited those in attendance for refreshments in the North Crawley Institute.

Jean Loughlan would like to thank all of the North Crawley families who joined the revived St Firmin Flower Rota and have put flowers in St Firmin to mark a special date in their life. With your support there have been flowers in the Church every day, except during Lent, for the last year. As well as marking an occasion the flowers are adding a splash of living colour and are a beautiful welcome to the Church. There are slots free in the calendar if you would like to join our contributors: it would be blooming marvellous if we could grow our number. For many years Mrs Collyer and her family have been placing flowers on the altar and the rota was revived last October to supplement these flowers. An arrangement by the door, a display in the aisle, a bunch in a vase, all three or just one, to mark a birth or birthday, an anniversary, a graduation, a Friday(!), or just because you would like to - it's up to you. If you would be happy to be involved please contact JeanLoughlan@hotmail.com . If your chosen date is available you're in!

Autumn Fayre in aid of Willen Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support
Saturday September 28th 2013 - 1pm - 4pm, in North Crawley Institute

Please put this date in your diary and come along and **support** these two very

important causes. As usual there will be lots of home made goodies to buy and activities for the children to get involved with. There will be hot dogs for lunch or afternoon tea available too. Please let Marie Graham (07956 559285) know if you would like to help out with preparations, or on the day or can contribute in any way. Raffle prizes, tombola items and children's gifts for the lucky dip would all be gratefully received!

If you like walking why not join in the 'Newport Muster' on 14 September, which is an annual event in the historic town of Newport Pagnell. There are four different levels of walk from 3 to 15 miles and there are stewards at strategic points on the courses to guide you round. The chosen charity for the 'Muster' is Willen Hospice and there is an entry fee of £3.50 for adults and £1 for children (10-16). Any sponsorship you might attract can obviously go to the charity of your choice. It is a well organised event and further details can be found on the website www.newportmuster.org.uk.

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 always meet **at 10 a.m.** outside the Institute

Historical Society

Coming events for your diaries.

Saturday, September 14th – Heritage Weekend Walk

The Society has arranged a walk around the village and fields as part of the Milton Keynes Heritage Weekend programme of events that are taking place throughout the area from September 12th – 15th. As in previous years, special events have been arranged during the weekend and there is access to places that are not normally open to the public. They are all FREE. Please look at the website for further details of the full range of events - www.mkheritageopendays.com

Anyone is welcome to go on the North Crawley walk which takes approximately 2 hours. Meet outside the Institute at 2 p.m. Please call John on 01234 391365 to book your place.

Monday, September 23rd – Historical Society AGM

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.

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



The new PCSO approached me the other day holding a pencil and some thin paper. I said 'can I be of help', and she responded by asking me whether I could trace someone for her. Hawk-eye.

NORTH CRAWLEY W I

Spanish Tapas Evening

North Crawley Institute, Club Room

Saturday October 5th 2013

7.30 for 8pm

with Conway Moore Guitarist

playing Spanish Music

Tapas supper with Sherry tasting,

Raffle and Quiz

£12- Tickets are limited, please contact

Lynda Barber 07740868807

or Pam Pinder 01234 391586





*** 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 W.I.

The evening of August 21st was lovely, haven't we been lucky with the weather? Lynda Barber our President opened the meeting by welcoming our visitor Pat Stuart and members for our monthly get together.

Ella read the minutes which were approved.

We have had a number of kind invitations from local W.I.'s, one being from Cranfield W.I. (sorry for my senior moment) and yes we are all curious to know who "Our Flossie" is; time will tell.

We are joining forces with Great Linford W.I. to share a stall at the Christmas Fayre in Buckingham in November. A meeting has been arranged for September 14th to discuss what handicrafts we can provide.

Ravenstone W.I. have invited us to their fish and chip supper, followed by a quiz. There is always a very interesting and varied programme, but some are held further afield and are more difficult to attend.

The W.I. in North Crawley is a thriving and friendly group, so if you are new to the village and perhaps feeling a bit lonely why not come along, if it's only for a chat.

Lynda introduced Ben Ward, our speaker for the night, who told us the history of Sainsbury Stores and how they have evolved over many years. Ben is the Manager of Home Shopping On-Line. Oh! How things have changed and how difficult it is for supermarkets to be always competing with each other, when will it end? Ben, a most charming young man, is a credit to his store; we enjoyed the samples he brought along, a really good evening.

The vote of thanks was given by Jill, teas were provided by Anne and Barbara (thank you). Raffles won by Pam P, Dilys and Jill, competition won by Carol, well done. Flowers were given to Jan for her Birthday.

Our next meeting on September 18th at 7:30 pm will be our Harvest Supper. We look forward to seeing you.

JL



Mailbag and Announcements

Sherington Summer Concert June 29th 2013

It was a wonderful summer evening in the church. The Pimms flowed, the strawberries were juicy and The Newport Pagnell Singers, ably assisted by Pam Fielding, took us on a musical journey from 1900 to 2013.

Door prizes were generously given by The Chester Arms and Alban Hill Nursery.

Dave, Bess, Ben and Deborah would like to thank all of you who joined us for the concert. Your support enabled us to give a cheque for £730.00 to St. Lauds Church and a donation to the choir's funds.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

September	17 th	Pearl Teasdale, 33 Crofts End
	24 th	Pam Ellis, 3 Hillview
October	1 st	Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road

New people are always welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am for a cup of coffee and a chat. If you would like company on your first visit then please ring Ella (610560) or Pearl (610661)



SEPTEMBER THUMBSTICKS WALK

Our walk will again be on the First Sunday of the month and starts from the Knoll at 09.30 sharp. No need for cars as we take a look just over the boundary and towards Chicheley – going via Perry Lane to take in public footpaths across the Chester Estate. Those living at the top of the village may wish to look out for us at the corner of School/Crofts End.

We look forward to hearing of your Summer holiday jaunts en route.

Regards, Tony & Madeleine.



THUMBSTICKS WALK - Sunday, 6th October

The Thumbsticks will meet on The Knoll at 9.30 pm. We shall be walking between 4 and 5 miles around Emberton. Please drive down. No Dogs Please. J & A

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ST. LAUDS HARVEST SUPPER - VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2013

7 pm

Tickets £7.50 (child £4)

ITEMS FOR AUCTION WELCOME

DO COME - IT'S GREAT FUN - more details next month

The Trailer Auction at The White Hart last month raised a total of £1275.

This was made up of £1,145 taken at the Auction; the White Hart Management made it up to £1,200 and we had two donations of £50 and £25 from those unable to attend. All monies sent direct to Willen Hospice.

We broke with tradition on the night, 'cos Derek Ferris has finally hung up the gavel after some 20 – 25 years in charge of that particular auction. Thank you Derek for your redoubtable efforts in a very worthwhile cause.

We also send thanks to Alan and Julie Smith for their financial services and our Auctioneer on the night, Neil Bowditch - NOT FORGETTING ALL OF YOU SUPPORTERS FOR AN EXCELLENT RESULT.



WHAT DID YOU CATCH? DIDN'T WE HAVE A LOVELY TIME?

We have a 'GAP' HOODIE SHIRT - found after the Kiddies Fishing Trip - Ring 610984

**2014 !!
JUNE
GARDENS OPEN & ST. LAUDS FLOWER FESTIVAL
(TO BE CONFIRMED)**

MK2Monaco - Raising Funds for Willen Hospice

On September 28th Matt Broughton and co-riders will leave the David Lloyd gym at Willen. They will each cycle the route of almost 1000 miles over the following 10 days to Monaco to raise funds for Willen Hospice.

The team has been training extremely hard around the local areas, the

Chilterns and even the Peak District to practice on real hills in readiness for the mountains! (Matt decided to ride to Nottingham one day - his enthusiasm took him to Sheffield!)

If you would like to sponsor the team and support your local hospice, please go to their 'just giving' page at MK2Monaco to make a donation. If the day jobs and time permit, there may be a blog to follow leading up to this massive, exciting and hopefully rewarding challenge.

The BIG Sing for Willen
Saturday 12 October, 7.30pm
Newport Pagnell Parish Church

Tickets available from:
Cambourne Travel, NP
CT Wilson's, Olney

£7.50, conc £6.00



All proceeds to Friends of Willen Hospice

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Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

At last the weather seems to have settled down to something that feels like a British summer, quite warm but with some rain which we really need to keep the plants in the garden happy. All the produce looks in good shape. What a difference between last year and this, and we find ourselves giving away things like courgettes and cucumbers. No doubt the same will apply to other vegetables as they ripen. I expect that this also has something to do with the weather but I don't remember a year when there have been so many butterflies about. This may of course

mean a plague of caterpillars later in the year but we have really enjoyed seeing these pretty creatures and trying to identify them using a Reader's Digest recognition book.

On matters agricultural there were some unexpected visitors to The Knoll on the 7th August with a small flock of sheep taking up residence, munching on the grass and leaving some small deposits behind them. This happened around 7 in the morning, there were 19 of them and they had got out of a field somewhere behind where Dr Skinner now lives. I did not see the event but someone must have come and rounded them up and returned them to their rightful place. I have heard that Anna who lives on The Knoll has a picture of the goings on but I have not yet seen it.

The annual trailer sale was held as usual at the White Hart at the end of July. Sadly the weather decided to take a small turn for the worse which kept the number of bidders down somewhat but the Auctioneer managed to extract around £1,145 (see p.19) from those who did attend. Well done to all concerned both before, during and after the sale.

It is not clear exactly when it happened but unusually a telephone pole came down in Church Road cutting off a number of homes from land line telephones and of course the internet. On examination it appears that the wood rotted at ground level causing the collapse. The telegraph poles are normally treated with something like creosote to prevent this happening but this one got missed by the look of it. Reportedly BT engineers were quick to respond and soon got everyone reconnected; albeit temporarily until a permanent solution is arrived at. Something else came down the same week but this one was intentional. The old horse chestnut in the children's play area was carefully felled from the top down. The tree roots have been causing problems making the ground uneven and potentially hazardous so now the area can be renovated and made safer for those using the equipment.

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

Thumbsticks August Walk

North Crawley Institute and Playing Fields provided an excellent facility, enabling us to park quietly out of the way of folk for a couple of hours, there being no local activity scheduled that morning. Our walk took us out of the village past Public House, Church and School and into striking open rolling countryside. No sprawling barns or back gardens to soften the edge of this neat village mix of stone and redbrick at this junction. Our walk ran parallel to Folly Lane for a while and then off in the direction of Brook End Farm with Brandon's wood as our marker in the far distance. Stopping short of the moat, we returned to the village by way of Up End and Gumbrill's. The weather was perfect. Not too hot, not too cold and not too windy and with something just under 20 in number, just right. *Jack Sparrow.*



SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL POTATO HARVEST



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It's been a busy time for the Sherington Historical Society recently with the release of Philip Smith's book "A Little Bird told Me...". We had a very successful book signing at our monthly meeting in July and the initial print run has since sold out! If you want to buy a copy – WATCH THIS SPACE – we are hoping to go ahead with another batch.

Before the Book Signing a small group of members took the evening air led by Chairman Mark Vale, and met up to check as many Monumental Inscriptions as they could in the limited time available.

During this exercise an inscription was found that had not been catalogued by the late great Norman Arnold on his original documentation. The inscription reads as follows:

IN MEMORY OF
BESSIE WEST
1892-1957
ERNEST DOUGLAS WEST
1898-1987
ELEANOR LAKE
AUG 1919-NOV1997
CHARLES HENRY LAKE
MARCH 1914-NOV 1999

Our next meeting on 10th September is Members Only, when we will be archiving and preparing for our Open Day.

Open Day this year is on **Saturday 5th October**, Sherington Village Hall 12.00 noon – 4.30 p.m. and the subject is ***Hatch, Match and Dispatch***.

If you have a picture of yourself as a baby or have a marriage photo (a wedding dress even – particularly if you were married at St. Lauds) would you be willing to loan the items for our exhibition? We will scan the photographs and return originals to you as soon as possible. (tel: 612153 /611587/616426)

8th October: *Drovers and Ancient Routes of the Area* – Bruce Smith

This promises to be a fascinating talk about the story of our local roads. All Welcome.

Our Tuesday monthly meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 8 pm unless otherwise stated.

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

19th September Daily Life in Tudor Times, 7.30 for 8 p.m.

We are very fortunate that we have been able to book Martin Sirot-Smith as our guest speaker for this evening.

He brings history to life and is absolutely brilliant!

This is going to be a most interesting and memorable evening.

Please can members arrive in good time as this is also our enrolment evening.

This is an OPEN MEETING so we welcome any visitors, both men and women. Please come, you will not be disappointed! £2.50 for visitors which includes refreshments.

10th October A Visit to Stoke Goldington Thursday Club
Lifts will be arranged

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 p.m. 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.

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