

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



SCAN DECEMBER 2013

SCAN 436 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY DECEMBER 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			
MEETING OF THOROUGHLY MODERN MOTHERS , The Pavilion, each Monday term time, 9.30 – 11.30 am, contact Caroline 07876211071			
NORTH CRAWLEY BABY & TOTS GROUP , The Institute, MONDAYS 9.30-11.30 am (term time)			
SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP: 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - 2nd Thursday of month – Liz 07941 403492			
SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436			
SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB: 7 – 9 pm Wednesday Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568			
DEC	GROUP / EVENT/ PLACE	time	
1	Something Different Church ADVENTure Sunday see p.13	10.45 – 11.30	
3	Sherington Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	
3	North Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	
5	The New Thursday Group – Members Only	8 pm	
6	Christmas Market & Carols, The White Hart	7 pm	
7	Annual Christmas Quiz, Cricket Club, The Institute	7.30 pm	
7	St. Firmins Annual Christmas Bazaar	2.30 pm	
8	Advent Workshop – St. Lauds	2-4 pm	
10	Chichchat – Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 pm	
10	Sherington Historical Society Christmas Party	8 pm	
10	Sherington Pre-School Nativity Play, Village Hall	11 am	
13	North Crawley Historical Society Christmas Event		
14	North Crawley Village Christmas Ball, The Institute		
18	Astwood Carols & Quiz Night, Village Hall	7 pm	
21	Christmas Concert St. Lauds, with Newport Pagnell Singers	6 pm	
24	Candlelight Service – St. Firmins	5 pm	
26	Thumbsticks Boxing Day Walk, The Knoll	9.30 a.m.	
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6	The New Thursday Group New Year Dinner		
7	Sherington Parish Council, Village Hall	7.30 pm	
7	North Crawley Parish Council	7.30 pm`	
14	Sherington Historical Society Members Meeting	8 pm	
19	Café Church – North Crawley School	10.45 am	
25	Burn's Night, Chicheley Village Hall	7 pm	
26	North Crawley Village Walk, The Institute	10 am	
28	Chich Tea, Chicheley Village Hall	2.30 pm	
28	Sherington Historical Society – January Jolly		
FEB			
11	Sherington Historical Society – Magic Lantern Show – V. Hall	8 pm	
Cranfield Bridge Club meets 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 writes....

December brings the clatter of Christmas cards dropping through our letter boxes. Not only are Christmas cards a welcome reminder of the love of family and friends but they come as reminders that Christmas is also **God's** message of love to us.

Christian art has often made the nativity scene of the birth of Jesus gloriously hygienic. But the truth is the stable or cave where Jesus was born would have been smelly, dirty and untidy. The only person in history, who was able to choose where to be born, chose a stable. What a messy way for God to come among us!

And yet life is messy isn't it? It is not always neat, orderly and safe, as we would like it.

In the Bible Jesus is named as **Immanuel** meaning, **God with us**. Those three words convey a truth about God that Christians hold dear.

God with us: shows that Christmas is about God Almighty, the creator of the universe, loving the world **so much** that He left the Glory of heaven to come to earth to die for our sins. As John Betjeman wrote in his Christmas poem:

*And is it true, And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall ?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me ?*

Or :

God **with** us. This emphasis shows that God has come to walk **with** us on our journey, to be our companion through life. He is not necessarily a God who will remove us from difficult situations, but He is the God who gives us strength and wisdom to face those struggles in life, and to overcome.

Or:

God with **us**. This emphasis shows that God is on **our** side. He knows what is best for **us**. He came to bring **us** hope and peace and to save **us** from the sin that destroys.

So when your eye is caught again by the scene of the nativity on a Christmas card, remember the message contained within that image. **Immanuel – God with us**. Sometimes at Christmas we receive many presents, some we may not even need! But God offers us a gift we cannot do without.

May the gift of Jesus bring you peace and joy this Christmas.

God Bless

Mandy.



Christmas greetings

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes
To one and all, near and far,
From Tim at Number 27



*Grace and Michael wish all their friends and readers of Scan
A Very Happy Christmas
and may 2014 be a healthy and happy year for you all.*



**Wishing all of our friends and neighbours
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Ian, Ruth, Mickaela and Rachel Thomson**



**PAUL, MAXINE, GEORGE & HARRY O'DELL
WISH ALL THEIR FRIENDS IN SHERINGTON
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
(A donation will be sent to Willen Hospice)**



**Michael and Christine Bearman wish you all
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
(We will be sending a donation to Willen hospice in lieu of Christmas Cards)**



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all our friends in Sherington
From Sharyn, Nigel, Kerry, Lucie, Aimee and Archie
A donation will be made to Willen Hospice
instead of individual cards**



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2014

TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN
NORTH CRAWLEY AND THE SCAN VILLAGES

from RIKI FAY

A donation will be sent to Willen Hospice



Brian and Irene Morris

Would like to wish their friends a Merry Christmas

A donation to SCAN will be given in lieu of cards.



JOHN AND EVELYN
SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
AND WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A donation has been made to St. Lauds



I would like to wish all my friends in Sherington
A Very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

My best and sincere wishes

from Monica Cheeseman

Donation to Sherington PCC



A Happy Christmas to all our friends in
Hardmead and the surrounding villages

Joyce and Harry Tranter



Alice Peacock

Sends Seasons Greetings to Friends and Neighbours
in North Crawley and Astwood.

Donation to scan



To all our friends and neighbours
WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

From

Barbara and Ro

(We are giving a donation to SCAN in lieu of Christmas cards)



a Happy Christmas and new year
to all our SCAN FRIENDS

John and Jill burgess



Philip and Family are not sending Christmas cards,

but bid Good Tidings To All

A donation to Willen Hospice has been made.



“ ‘Tis the season to be jolly. ”

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from

All at Yew Tree Farm, Sherington





**Wishing my friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas
and a Happy, Healthy New Year.**

**Phyllis Couch
(Donation to SCAN)**



*As holding a pen is becoming increasingly difficult may I,
through SCAN, say Merry Christmas
to all my kind village friends.*

*Doris Stephens
DONATION TO SCAN*



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

FROM PEARL TEASDALE in SHERINGTON

*I send my very best wishes for a Joyous Christmastime and a Peaceful New Year
to all my good friends in the SCAN parish.*

*Donations are being sent to the Philippines Typhoon Appeal, in lieu of
Christmas cards this year.*



**Sheila and Pat Quinn send Christmas and New Year Greetings
to friends, golfers and short mat bowlers in Sherington and
other SCAN villages.**

(A donation will be sent to SAFA)



JUDY & ALAN PLATER

**Send 'Greetings for Christmas'
to all friends and folk in CHICHELEY & SCAN villages
(donation to SCAN in lieu of cards)**



JOY & JOHN OSGOOD WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

(A donation in lieu has been made to OXFAM)



Pam & Alan Sims wish all our friends in Sherington and neighbouring villages an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. This greeting is sent in place of individual seasonal cards for which donations have been sent to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute and to Children with Cancer UK.



John and Kim Durden would like to wish everyone a
‘Very Happy Christmas’ and all the best for 2014

They are going to make a donation to Willen Hospice and
the SCAN in lieu of Christmas cards again this year.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all our friends and neighbours
in the SCAN area and beyond from Oliver and Kay



**Rupert and Karen Dawson wish all their friends in the SCAN parishes
a joyous Christmas with those whom you love
and a happy and healthy 2014 to all.**

A donation has been sent to the CAFOD Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.



Christmas greetings and best wishes for 2014
to friends in Sherington and the SCAN villages
from **David Hyde**

I am again sending a donation to Willen Hospice instead of sending cards locally.



Merry Christmas and here's to a great New Year.
To all our good friends, including everyone connected
with the Twinning Association,
Best Wishes and Cheers from Bill and Brenda Lewis



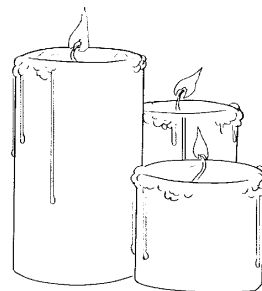
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
to all friends and acquaintances.
Best Wishes from
Kelvin and Mary



May homes be warm and hearts be light this Christmas!

With our love, Pam & John Fielding xx

This year, instead of sending cards locally, we will be
giving a donation to The MK Food Bank.



Best wishes to friends and neighbours for a very Happy Christmas
and Peaceful New Year, from Betty and Bob

We will be sending a donation to Milton Keynes Hospital Children's Ward in memory of dearest Alexandra



TO ALL OUR READERS, CORRESPONDENTS, ADVERTISERS,
AND TO ALL WHO HELP IN ANY WAY TO PRODUCE, DELIVER, OR
DONATE TO SCAN, WE WISH A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR

From

BETTY (Editor) & CHRISTINE (Advertising & Treasurer) - the SCAN TEAM

Wishing all SCAN readers peace and joy this Christmas!

God Bless you.

From

Revd Mandy, Andrew, Peter and Charlotte Marriott.

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 27 October 2013 Benjamin Zach Morgan Le Glatin was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Laud's Church Sherington

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

SERVICES

JANUARY 2014

5 January

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley
10.45am 'Something Different' – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am)

12 January

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
6pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

19 January

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
10.45am Café Church – North Crawley School

26 January

11.00am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley

FEBRUARY

2 February

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

10.45am ‘Something Different’ – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am)

**You are all warmly invited to join us for our
Advent preparations and Christmas celebrations this year**



DECEMBER

1 December Advent Sunday

9.30am - Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

10.45am - ‘Something Different’ –ADVENTure Sunday
Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am)

8 December

9.30am - Scan Service of Holy Communion

2 - 4pm - SCAN ADVENT WORKSHOP – Sherington

6pm - Scan Evensong – Chicheley

15 December

9.30am - Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

22 December

9.30am - Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

3pm - SCAN Carol Service – Chicheley

24 December

5pm - SCAN Candlelight Service – North Crawley

11.30pm - SCAN Christmas Night Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

25 December Christmas Day

9.30am - SCAN Family Service – Sherington

11am - SCAN Service of Holy Communion (traditional form) – Chicheley

29 December

9.30am - Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

ADVENT WORKSHOP



**COME AND JOIN THE FUN OF THE ADVENT
WORKSHOP ON SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER AT
ST LAUD'S CHURCH SHERINGTON 2-4pm.**

**THIS WILL BE AN EVENT FOR ADULTS AND
CHILDREN TO SHARE TOGETHER.**

**WE WILL BEGIN WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND
AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT THIS SPECIAL
SEASON.**

**THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF CRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR
EVERYONE TO ENJOY!
SUGGESTED DONATION OF £2.00 PER CHILD**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

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 gets 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.



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

Our next dates for your diary:

8th December

Advent Workshop

St Laud's Church, Sherington

2:00 – 4:00pm

24th December

Candlelight Service

St Firmin's Church, North Crawley

5pm

19th January

Café Church

North Crawley School

10.45am

Something Different
Church but "not as we



know it"

First Sunday of the month at St Laud's Church

10:30am (refreshments) for 10.45-11:30

Join us for 'Something Different' at St Laud's; Enjoy refreshments, each other's company, the occasional outing and guests, and have fun working out who this God fellow is.

Wherever you stand on faith, all are welcome, young, old and in-between to join us in an informal service to explore Christian faith together.

1st Dec. ADVENTure Sunday

25th Dec NB 9.30 Family friendly Service for Christmas Morning

5th Jan. On the twelfth day of Christmas

2nd Feb Love one another.....

ASTWOOD

Well not only another month has passed as this is the last edition of the SCAN for this year another year has passed and such a busy year for loads people in Astwood, but I seem to be getting ahead of myself, I will expand more later.

During the last month a lot has happened. The Harvest Supper took place in October, which was an excellent bash. The food was superbly prepared by members of the Village Hall committee and it was really MasterChef standard, I always believe that when about half the diners come back for seconds it is not down to greed, but to the excellent quality of the food. We followed the banquet with the traditional auction which was run by hammer wheeling David *the Hammer* Jones who professionally parted us from our money. The end result was a very enjoyable evening which raised over £530.00 for the Village Hall funds.

The Harvest Supper was quickly followed at the end of October by Halloween and some ladies from the village hall committee organised the children with games etc and finished with a mass trick or treat and thanks go everyone who entered into the spirit and had pumpkins on display.

This month also witnessed two car accidents one at the start of Cranfield Road where a young lad from London obviously unsure as to our local conditions did a very comprehensive job of demolishing the border wall. The second accident involved a lady who obviously thought she could drive out at the Stagsden end of the

village only to be undecided between going down the slip road the wrong way or the farm track way and unfortunately opted for the tree instead and although she was taken to hospital I believe she was soon released with no serious injury, just dented pride, I bet she wished she had spotted the 'no through road sign'.

As mentioned before this year has been incredibly busy for lots of households in Astwood. Firstly there has been several weddings in Astwood this year, Sarah Barnes, Dave and Val Emsley's daughter got married in Sussex. Pete Woods daughter married in London, the Richardson's son in Scotland and Justyna in Poland, and Fran at the Pub and, of course, the event of the year - well at least in our house, was our own daughter Tricia's wedding. I can personally vouch for the vast amount of hard work and preparation that went into the memorable day, Tricia did very well and all done in the same year when she graduated with a first class honours degree. I have it on good authority that the other weddings were also as stressful, but equally successful – so well done to you all.

Before I forget, let me welcome our new residents Sarah and Bob, who have moved into Cranfield Road. I hope their stay in the village will be long and enjoyable. These I believe are the last of a long list all of which have moved into the village in the last 12 months. If I have done my maths correctly I believe it is over 25% of households that have been effected by weddings and moving – so well done to all of you and I apologise if I have left anyone out.

A note for your diaries: Wednesday 18th December Carols and Quiz night in the village hall and as the name suggests we will singing carols, led by a choir this year, and participating in a light hearted quiz. A glass of wine and nibbles are included in the modest price of £5.00 per head – children free, payment on the door. So come along for our pre-Christmas social event.

Over the years there must be numerous excuses which are worthy of comment, but this Scan report was delayed by a flock of sheep (well it is approaching Christmas). The other night as I was just getting comfortable to write my Scan report I was interrupted by frantic knocking on the door. My neighbour had been alerted to several sheep wandering own the road. Alarmed, we grabbed coats and with other neighbours, set off in pursuit only to discover they had decided to rest in the driveway to Manor Farm buildings. As we were unable to secure them for the night we tried to contact help, first the Police but they didn't seem to treat it as an emergency, then we manage to get hold of the estate manager who fortunately knew the owner, who admitted he may have forgot to switch the electric fence on, eventually arrived with just his dog and in a couple of minutes proceeded to round them up and chase them back to the field opposite Green Valley Farm. I must confess the next day they looked quite content and none the worse for a brief taste of the open road.

Before I go I must wish everyone in Astwood and the surrounding area a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lieutenant Pigeon



ASTWOOD CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Carol Singing + fun Christmas Quiz + raffle in the village hall

Accompanied by a keyboard player and members of the
Newport Pagnell Choir

Wednesday 18 December

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start

Tickets: Adults £5 Children Free. All SCAN villagers welcome

Included:

Welcome glass of mulled wine/soft drink

+ canapés, sausage rolls, nibbles, mince pies

Wine available to buy (by the glass or bottle)

Any entrance proceeds to go towards maintenance of the village hall

Proceeds from the raffle to go to the Parish Council Astwood defibrillator fund

Payment can be made on the night but it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. If possible, please tell a committee member if you are coming – Val and Dave 01234 391988, David 391247, Kim 391066, Vanessa 391631, Rebecca 0771 406 1213, Andrea 08958 746188



C HICHELEY

The annual service of Remembrance on the 10th November commenced at 10.50 am at the War Memorial conducted by the Revd. Tim Dawson assisted by John Fielding. The poppy wreath was laid by Mr. E. Duncombe, who also, with Miss Jessica Sparshot, gave the exhortation. Around 40 people, young and old, attended to pay their respects to those named and others remembered.

Chichchat will be on Tuesday 10th December from 10.30 am until noon in the village hall, and in January on Tuesday 14th at the same time. There will be no ChichTea in December but that will recommence on January 28th from 2.30 pm until 4.00pm in the village hall.

Looking forward to 2014, a celebration of Burn's night will take place on the 25th January with the details on the notice with these notes.

A Happy Christmas,

David

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

AT

CHICHELEY

Village Hall
On

Saturday 25th January 2014

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Price £7.50

All Welcome

Come and enjoy friendly company good food and light entertainment

To book places, please contact: David on 01234 391371

HARDMEAD

Hello Readers in Hardmead. If you have any news/pictures for SCAN I would love to hear from you. Send direct to me, either by post – 13 School Lane, Sherington, MK169NF or email(see back page). Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Betty, Editor.

NORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

Is the village blessed or not? The great storm of 2013 which was supposed to rival the one in 1987, seemed to bypass North Crawley after warnings to stay indoors and baton down the hatches. Apart from a bit of wind overnight and a few heavy showers nothing at all extraordinary happened for this time of year. I weathered the previous storm in 1987 on the south-east coast in Ramsgate (not Clacton as rumoured by some), and it really did blow overnight, totally flattening woodlands, parks and a whole caravan site was blown off a cliff top and disappeared out to sea (luckily not in the holiday season when they would have been occupied). There was a huge impact on the functioning of the South-east for weeks, with damaged buildings, trees strewn everywhere, half the beach in the middle of town, all of which meant getting around by car or train etc. was extremely limited. There is a living memento of this event in a farmer's field along the North Crawley Road, as Mrs. Hawkeye when moving here from Kent, brought an acorn found post storm. On meeting a friendly farmer we informed him we had a storm surviving acorn to plant, which it duly was, and now around 26 years later the tree is about 15 foot high.

Congratulations to Jessica Armstrong and Christopher Randall on getting engaged recently. There was a party in the village a couple of weeks ago to mark the occasion and we wish them all the best for the future.

Mr Bill Maslin once again staged a wonderful fireworks display for the village to enjoy. There is always something different on show and the explosions, colours, shapes and effects never disappoint. As always I'm sure it was mentioned that this would be the last one, but as always it is likely that this great village event will be staged once more by our benefactor.

There is a walking-on hot-coals event on Friday 6 December on the waste ground in aid of 'Little Heroes', a local charity supporting local children with cancer. It will be held outside the Cock Inn, so pop in there for further details and sponsorship forms if you would like to contribute to this worthy cause.

The annual Christmas Quiz hosted by the cricket club is taking place on Saturday 7 December in the Institute, starting at around 19.30 at a cost of £8.50 per person. As usual, it's a bring-your-own drinks and something to drink them from, occasion. Fish and chips will be served at the mid-way point, and I know that some bring their own condiments so feel free. It is always an enjoyable event and as someone said to me, it signals the start of the village Christmas festivities. It is very popular and usually overbooked, so at this late stage find someone who already has a table reserved if you want to attend.

One week later on Saturday 14, back by popular demand, is the **Village Christmas Ball** again in the Institute. For those who haven't been before it's a well organised affair and a great way to meet up with fellow villagers to share seasonal bonhomie. The tickets are £55 per couple, £30 for a single, and can be purchased via the Chequers.

Historical Society Christmas Event

On Friday, December 13th, the Historical Society will be holding its Christmas event. This year there will be a talk by Amanda Pickard called "Wartime Christmas", looking back at what Christmases would have been like during World War 2. This will be followed by the usual mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine. Tickets will be £5 per head for members and £7 for non-members. Please call Chris on 01234 391205 to book your place.

World War 1 Project

There will be many events and projects locally and nationally during 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1. The Historical Society is embarking on a project to track all those from North Crawley who served in the war and to provide something descriptive and meaningful about each and every one of them. Over 100 men from the village served and 24 did not return. We would like to assess what jobs they did, their families, where they lived and the impact the war had on village life. Once all the information is collated, a book or CD will be produced and an exhibition held. Please let us know if you have any information about any of the soldiers/sailors that you would be happy to share with us. This could be family photos, memories that have been passed down, documents, medals and any other memorabilia (We would not want to keep the originals of any of these items – we will take photos or copies.) *The names of the soldiers who served can be found in this edition of SCAN.* Please contact John on 01234 391365, Shaun on 01234 391597 or Chris on 01234 391205 if you can help.

At this stage we are focussing on those in the armed forces; we may be able to extend this in the future to cover women who joined supporting organisations, made munitions or similar, and the roles of reserved occupations.

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. There is a break for Christmas so the next walk will be Sunday 26th January, meeting as always **at 10 a.m.** outside the Institute.

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to hospital. When his grandmother phoned to see how he was, a nurse said, "Still no change".

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



A merry Christmas to you all.



Hawk-eye.

LIST OF SOLDIERS FROM WW1 BORN IN NORTH CRAWLEY
OR RESIDENTS AT THE TIME

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTH	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTH
AGER	Henry Charles	1896	HIGGINS	John Lewis	1896
ALLEN	William		HIGGINS	George Thomas	1898
BATHELOP	Charley		HUMPHRIES	Dennis Albert	1891
BRANDON	Stanley	1881	HITCHCOX	Herbert Wilfred	1890
BRANDON	Frederick George	1895	HOMANS	Sidney	1895
BONAR	Andrew	1898	HOMANS	Walter Alfred	1899
BONAR	William Alfred	1900	JORDAN	Albert	1892
BOSWELL	John Irvine	1859	JORDAN	Jesse	1890
BOSWELL	John Irvine Corrie	1890	JARVIS	William	
COOPER	Charles	1892	JAMES	William Frederick	1886
COLLIER	Joseph	1877	JAMES	Enos Enoch	1893
COLLIER	Ralph Walter	1900	KEEN	Albert	
CLIMER	Gerald	1895	KEEN	Arthur	
CLIMER	Percy John	1900	KEEN	Sidney	
CAVES	Fred	1897	KNIGHTS	Frederick	
CAVES	Charles	1895	LANCASTER	Harry	1880
CAVES	Arthur John	1891	LANCASTER	Albert Walter	1887
CHAPMAN	Charles	1881	LATHALL	George	1882
CHAPMAN	Frederick William	1879	LEEKES	Herbert Charles	1899
CHAPMAN	Percy	1884	LEEKES	William J	1895
CHERRY	Charles Leslie	1893	LINGER	Herbert Walter	1881
CHERRY	Percy Edward	1888	PELL	William	1899
CLARK	George William	1892	PETERS	Arthur John	1873
CLARE	William Ambrose	1896	POWELL	William	1883
DAVIS	John James	1875	ROBINS	Ralph (Arthur)	1883
DOWDY	Arthur George	1890	ROBINS	Joseph	
DOWDY	Albert James	1888	RUFFHEAD	Albert Edwin	1900
EMENTON	William Paul	1899	RUFFHEAD	Harry Adams	1894
EMENTON	Ernest Joseph	1893	RIDDY	George Thomas	1880
EMENTON	John Thomas	1896	RIDDY	Walter Charles	1893
EMENTON	Arthur Harry	1891	RODGERS	Harry	1881
EELES	William	1893	READ	Percy George	1896
FOUNTAIN	Charles	1884	READ	William Walter	1894
FLUTE	Sidney George	1882	READ	Arthur Bertie	1896
FULFORD	Leonard W	1885	READ	Charles William	1886
GLIDEWELL	William Joseph	1879	ROBERTS	Stanley Josiah	1891
GLIDEWELL	Harold Robbins	1899	ROBERTS	John Thomas	1896
GLIDEWELL	Mowbray Douglas	1896	ROLLINGS	William	1883
GOODMAN	Charles Henry	1898	SEAMARKS	William John	1886
GOODMAN	Henry	1882	SEAMARKS	Arthur H	1892
GOODMAN	William Thomas	1895	SEAMARK	Jack	1899
GOODMAN	Frederick	1884	SEAMARKS	Arthur	1892
GRAY	George		SEAMARKS	Frank (Francis)	1894
GRAY	Edward		SEAMARK	Herbert Walter	1891
HEDGE	Bert Cecil	1889	STANTON	Albert	
HEDGE	Frederick Joseph	1891	SCARLETT	Alexander	1897
HEDGE	Charles	1891	TAYLOR	George Frederick	1892
HEDGE	Arthur John	1885	TAYLOR	Harold	
HEDGE	Frank	1894	TURNER	Charles	
HEDGE	John	1884	WHELLER	Bertie (William)	1877
HEDGE	William James	1896	WALTERS	Tom	1889
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			WALLIS	Frederick	1894
			YOUNG	Owen	1895
			YOUNG	William Frederick	1891

ST FIRMIN'S CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

2.30 pm
Saturday 7th December
THE INSTITUTE
NORTH CRAWLEY

Traditional Christmas Bazaar
Stalls, Games, Raffle & Refreshments
Come & enjoy the Christmas atmosphere



Dear Editor

I wish to respond to the comment in the report in November's Scan from North Crawley Parish Council about children playing football on Kilpin Green. I was absolutely appalled that comments appear to have again been made by residents living around Kilpin Green, and that the parish council have thought to take them up, that a group of children has taken to playing football on the green. Heaven forbid that young children should be happy, be able to enjoy themselves and play sports!

I am a resident from around the Green and I wish to make it clear that I have never complained and never will about young children playing on the green and enjoying the chance to play in safety. This is an opportunity that many millions of children and their parents across the world in war zones, living in abject poverty, surviving conflict, would love to have that they are denied and some people seek to deny that opportunity to the children of our village? In the lovely summer we have just had, many times children played on the green, whilst their parents sat on the grass and chatted, sometimes had a picnic and kept an eye on their children. How lucky we are to be able to do that and some seek to stop it.

Yes there is the MUGA (installed against much village opposition) and the rec, when football and cricket is not being played. But the opportunity for children to use the green when parents can keep an eye on them is not one to be stopped.

Come on parish council, do not imply that all residents of Kilpin Green have complained and concentrate your energies on the important issues in the village.

Andrew Tusting

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 2nd July, 2013

Planning –

13/02150/FUL – Change of use and conversion of barns to single storey dwelling at land to the east of the Old Rectory, North Crawley

13/02151/LBC – Listed building consent for the above

This was discussed at length with the applicants who explained the proposal; a lot of thought had gone into this to ensure it would be in keeping with conservation and the surrounding area. No adverse comments were forthcoming

Wasteground Parking outside Lychgate –

Discussions are ongoing to find the most effective way of keeping the pavement free of cars.

Fencing around the recreation ground –

We have received 3 quotes for the gate and fencing around the recreation ground and it was resolved to accept the cheapest price.

NAG Report –

Cllr Hunt reported that he had attended the last meeting and a demonstration was given on the “new generation” SIDS; these machines will be locked onto existing posts and can stay in place longer than the old variety.

They can also record speed and volume of traffic for analysis at a later date

Ford update –

Now that the ford has been cleaned out, the road repaired and the banks cut down, there is still a huge amount of accumulated silt along the whole stretch from the ford itself to below the Grange. Cllr Flower is seeking clarification as to who is responsible for the clearing of the ditches before any further works can take place. Mr Alexander Boswell has suggested a joint venture with the Parish Council in 2014.

Finance report – The RFO reported on receipts and payments for the month.

Ward councillor's report by Cllr. Keith McLean:

Cllr McLean. reported that 378 defects had been resolved last month and 8 gangs weekdays and 3 Saturday mornings were working to blitz pot holes

There is a consultation on taxi licensing until February 2014 should anyone wish to make any comments.

A decision has been made to transfer Emberton Park to Parks Trust

Residential Safety–

The white lining proposed for the verges along Folly Lane will be actioned in the spring 2014.

The safety of villagers has always been of paramount importance to the Parish Council and we are pleased to confirm that, after many discussions with MKCouncil and our advising the villagers via Scan on several occasions, a wider footpath will be put in the High Street from numbers 11-23. This will be actioned in 2014. This will be much safer for our children as well as Mum's pushing buggies and wheelchairs users.

Councillor's items:

A letter had been received asking for permission to have fireworks on the recreation ground on 8th December 2013 for a staff Xmas party in the Institute. This was agreed subject to the normal Public Liability Insurance being in place. The resident was also requested to seek permission from Keith Hall, Chair of the IMC.

Another request had been received from The Cock for use of 50% of the waste ground at 8.30pm on 6th December 2013 for "Fire Walking" in aid of Little Heroes.

This was agreed, subject to confirmation, that the ground will be protected from any potential damage and that Public Liability Insurance is in place.

The date and time of the next two Parish Council meetings are as follows, 3rd December 2013 and 7th January 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Parish Councillor Contact.

Please attend the PC meetings to have your say, or send your comments through the Clerk via email address: patclerkncpc@btinternet.com

The above advice is the best route to follow in most cases and ensures that points are formally recorded, but of course if there is a real emergency that cannot wait, contact your councillors by whatever means possible

Cllr Roz Hatton

Since the meeting the Parish Council have been advised of the following road closure

Chicheley Road

6th January until 21st January

9.30 – 4.30



NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS



NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL



North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'

The Great Fire of....North Crawley!

In September 1666 the heart of England's capital, the City of London now London's financial district, was devastated by fire. Everyone knows the Great Fire of London started in a baker's shop in the aptly named Pudding Lane, but did you know that North Crawley has its own fire raising baker otherwise known as Mrs. Hoten? Children from North Crawley CE School have been learning all about Samuel Pepys, 'The Great Fire' and made a magnificent model of Pudding Lane. History certainly came to life for the children as the model was ignited in a special re-enactment in the school playground! The children spontaneously burst into a rendition of 'London's burning' as the flames took hold of the baker's shop and quickly spread to the other buildings. I guess the children will never forget this part of our history!



In addition to learning about the past, the children have been looking to the future and learning through technology. KS1 children took part in a special technology morning and learned about using the internet, the learning platform, making animations, and using Bee-bots, which are programmable floor robots, to learn about co-ordinates and directional language. There was certainly a buzz in the air with such a busy and enjoyable morning!

Meanwhile back in the Early Years classroom, the children's learning has been based on the Mick Inkpen book 'The Treasure Hunt'. The playhouse was transformed into Percy the Park Keepers shed, and the children participated in their own treasure hunt. Special 'clues' were found all around the school grounds and the children eagerly searched, read the clues and eventually found the treasure – a pot of golden coins which they shared and then ate! Who says learning to read isn't fun!

The School Council recently organised some fund raising for 'Children in Need' by asking their friends to make a donation in exchange for bringing their teddy to school and participating in a non-uniform or a 'bad hair' day. The

children were particularly impressed by their teacher's sparkly wigs! Everyone had fun filling a cardboard Pudsey with coins and making spotty bandages like Pudsey for their teddy bears. Teaching assistant Mrs. Lerant made some spotty fairy cakes which the children consumed after a special Pudsey/Children in Need themed assembly. A grand total of £89.76 was raised - thank you.

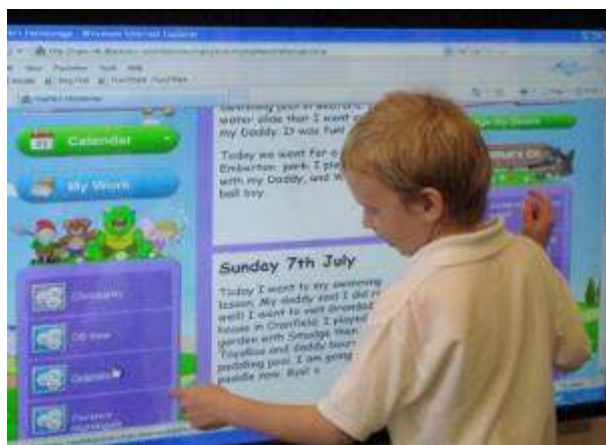
Friends of North Crawley School (FONS)

On Sunday 1st December, **FONS** have organised a Christmas Fayre which will be held at North Crawley Institute between 2 – 4pm. There will be refreshments, tombola, children's games, raffle, and Santa's Grotto. A very big 'thank you' to FONS for all their efforts in raising funds to purchase those 'extras' for our school. This year alone, FONS have funded the 'Tall Oaks Forest School' visit, theatre trips to 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'Alice in Wonderland', 'Dan the Skipping Man', new digital cameras and a variety of toys and games. And last, but not least, on behalf of everyone at North Crawley CE School, a special 'thank you' to Julia Chinn who has stood down as chair of FONS after many years in this supportive role. FONS are always looking for new members. If you would like to become a member of FONS or occasionally be involved in fund raising activities, either by providing your time, items for fund raising or you work for a company who offer matched funding for charities, please contact Nicola Hemming 01234 391984 or the school office 01234 391282.



VACANCY: Midday Meals Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a midday meals supervisor from 12:00 – 1:00pm on Monday to Friday during term time. The contract is offered on a temporary basis for one year. The salary is MK Grade 1: £12,145 (full time equivalent and subject to a job re-evaluation). More information and an application form is available from the school office on 01234 391282 or e-mail ncrawleyf@milton-keynes.gov.uk



NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

We had a very good meeting with a super cooking demonstration by Sian Fox from Sainsbury's and made several recipes including Smoked Salmon Pate, Honey, Mustard & Rosemary Sausage, and Xmas Spice Trifle. We had samples of Fruit & Nut Rounds that were delicious. There were very useful tips for a busy Mum at Xmas and recipe cards for us to take away. We had a really good evening - very interesting.

We talked about various outings taking place, Investigation and Discovery, Week-end at Denman, Taste of Denman; all there for members and friends.

We are looking forward to our Xmas dinner at Donzellas on Tuesday December 10th.

We held a Body Shop Party on Tuesday November 12th for a member's grand-daughter to help her raise the money for a trip to Borneo. We raised £125.67 and would like to thank all that attended. The raffle was won by Pam, Lynda, Joan L, Dilys, two ladies from Cranfield and Steph. The model was Ruth from Cranfield WI and lots of Xmas shopping was done in comfort.

Our November competition was 'your special Christmas tree decoration' and was won by Dilys. The raffle was won by Jan, Maime, Angie and Dilys.

A number of us are going to Olney open meeting on 4th December to hear about The History of Mystery. Also on December 2nd we are invited to New Bradwell WI (with New Bradwell Silver Band) carol service at St James's Church.

Next month we have our Christmas Party with music and singing from Anita and John, lots of food with mulled wine and the competition is 'the nicest wrapped gift'. Why not come and join us to see what we are all about. You are very welcome. Call Lynda on 01234 391888. L.B.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

REMINDER:

THERE WILL BE NO SCAN IN JANUARY 2014. THERE WILL BE AN AUGUST SCAN NEXT YEAR; THEREFORE YOU'LL STILL RECEIVE ELEVEN ISSUES PER ANNUM. Many

Thanks, Betty, Editor



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Mailbag and Announcements

FLOODLIGHTING ST. LAUD'S

Many church
So many
grateful



people have commented on how welcoming it is to see the floodlit for a longer time over Christmas and New Year. people supported us last year for which I am very and I thought that once again people might like to sponsor the lighting. If this idea appeals to you please contact Ella Field, 4 Park Road, or 'phone 610560. A list of sponsors will be put up in church over the Christmas period.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOE BOX APPEAL

A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS YEAR. We have sent twenty-eight shoeboxes. Pam Ellis

TRAIDCRAFT EVENT IN SHERINGTON

Pearl Teasdale wishes to thank all her friends who supported The Annual Traidcraft Event on 9th and 10th November. On the Saturday over £800 worth of goods were sold; an additional £500 worth were sold on Sunday afternoon. A further £150 came from orders and donations. Many thanks to everyone involved in the weekend's Event.



THUMBSTICKS

Boxing Day Walk - Please meet at the Knoll for 9.30 am if you would like some fresh air and a gentle walk across some of the fields surrounding Sherington. Please wear appropriate footwear. If there is heavy rainfall, the walk will not go ahead. No dogs please. We shall be walking across the fields by kind permission of Mr. M. Cook.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A THUMBSTICKS WALK
IN JANUARY.**

Our next walk will take place on the 2nd February 2014

CRAFT COMPETITION CALENDARS

You may recall the craft calendar competition at this years village fete? The calendars, with images of the winners work, have now been produced and will be on sale at the Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall on Friday 29th November. A few will also be available in the village shop. If you would like a copy but are unable to make the bazaar, please get in touch with Chloe: 07803 724 297 or MK 614 168 or email chloe_woods@hotmail.com

Dear Editor,

When reading through my October issue of Scan Magazine I was very saddened to see an apology from the fundraisers of St Lauds Church for an abrupt message on their envelope, enclosing two free bulbs to plant in the churchyard. If one had taken the trouble to open the envelope there was a message of thanks inside and there was also no need to add any contribution if one didn't wish to.

We are lucky to have such a lovely village and a wonderful church and surrounding fields, let's look after them and stop complaining and do something, however small. We shouldn't criticize those who are only trying to do their best to look after something that will contribute to our children's and grandchildren's future.

I am not a regular churchgoer but I do think we should all support our church in any small way we can.

*Susan Yorke
47 High Street*

EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Church has been receiving money from Easyfundraising for just over a year now and the 24 registered contributors have provided £191.73 for the church. Of that total, the Gotts family and Rebecca H have raised £51.54 and £42.64 respectively. Thank you, Rebecca and the other contributors.

Katherine, who was brought up in the village but now lives in London, checked out her new washing machine in John Lewis's store and then bought it online. Lewis's gave the church £6. In the words of Mr. Punch "That's the way to do it!" If you book hotel rooms through LateRooms.com, buy airline tickets from Virgin Atlantic, theatre tickets through Ticketmaster or use Amazon for CD's, DVD's toys, books or indeed almost anything, you will help to raise funds at no cost to you. The list of suppliers is endless, well not quite but there are over 2000 retailers in the scheme. Check the list and you may well be surprised.

If you have any difficulty in accessing the site, get in touch with Noel at noel.gotts@gmail.com or Chloe at chloe.woods@hotmail.com and they will be pleased to help.

Please think about using easyfundraising when you buy presents and toys at Christmas. You could also get your friends and relations to register too. Ian now lives in California and he still uses easyfundraising for St. Lauds.

Barbara Gotts

PHILIPPINES APPEAL

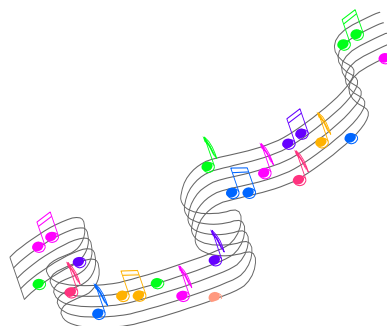
Hi All!

I have a plea from Colette Johnson (Josh and JJ's mum). With her friend, Grace, she is collecting clothes and food to be taken out to the Philippines, following the awful tornado that has ripped their country apart. Grace has family friends there and her family over here are working tirelessly to provide their own support as government aid is just not getting to where it is needed. People who survived the storm are now dying from hunger and disease – especially the small children. The remote islands have no communication at all and seem to have been forgotten. **CONT.....**

The warmer mainland is in need of summer clothes. The colder islands are in need of coats. They could also do with ; Bed linen, Jumpers, Tins and packet food items. If you have any of these items that you can donate, please take them to Perry Lane Sports and Recreation Pavilion on Friday afternoon at Afternoon Tea, where Colette and Grace will be able to collect them from you.

Let's keep them all in our prayers Best wishes, Paula

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



NEWPORT PAGNELL SINGERS

Excerpts from Messiah & Traditional Carols
with audience participation!

Mulled Wine

Mince Pies

Free Prize Draw

Saturday 21 December, 6pm
St Laud's Church
Sherington

All Tickets £10

Available:

Bess Williams, 611946

Ben Smith, 610961

Rev Pam Fielding, **616763**

Proceeds to be split between St Laud's Church & Newport
Pagnell Singers



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

I wrote a bit last month regarding the Burying of the Hatchet affair and I am please to report that our memorial pillar is in place for all to see at Campbell Park. Mr Philip Smith gave an excellent speech that was well received and at the end of this column Little Bird makes a guest appearance back in the pages of Scan to give a report on the day.

We send the most hearty greetings to one who is thought to be Sherington's oldest male resident; namely Mr. Archie Whatton of School Lane who celebrated his 96th birthday on 12th November. Born in Hartwell, Northants, Archie is a member of the well known family business, E. E. Whatton & Sons; probably the largest timber merchants in the three counties or even farther afield. An expert judge of timber and also a 'Man of the Trees Association' member, he was bound to be a Forester, being born in the centre of Salcey Forest. Happy Birthday, Archie.

Some advance notice of two events that will occur in the future:

The first is the annual visit of the Salvation Army to the White Hart on 6th December at 7 pm to sing carols and we understand that there will also be a couple of stalls selling festive goods.



Further ahead in the ever popular Twining Association Big Quiz which takes place in the Village Hall on 21st March next year, see the advertisement elsewhere in Scan for more details.

It was very nice to see the Oakley Hunt meeting in front of Mercer's Farm on the morning of 12th November. A total of 22 huntsmen and women partook of the stirrup cup kindly provided by Michael Cook before setting off with their hounds

for the hunt. There were some onlookers but sadly these days this type of event is not publicised in advance because of people like the hunt saboteurs who like to try and prevent hunts happening.

On 16th November the second annual Lantern Parade set off from The Knoll, up Church Road, round into School Lane and then on to the school. There seemed to be many more lanterns this year than last and I reckoned that there were probably in the region of 60. They made a really nice sight going up the road and the lanterns were then placed on the ground in front of the bonfire. There then followed an excellent (and noisy) firework display which was well appreciated by all the assembled crowd.



The White Hart Guns 2013



Kevin Danny Gary Jim Steve Michael Mark Will Nigel Richard

WH Guns 339 - Hopping Mad Guns 320

White Hart Guns were in action again this month in the yearly challenge for the Hopping Mad Cup.

With target being made harder this year, The White Hart Guns managed to snatch the cup back from Hopping Mad Brewery winning by 19 shots. Good shooting on both sides. Jim Lea came out on top with 46 followed by Michael Bearman 44 and third Jim Constantine with 41.

Thank you to Hopping Mad Brewery for paying for lunch and Giles and Keith for the lovely spread.

White Hart Danglers have been busy again in the past few weeks having been given permission to fish at a private lake in Chicheley. For this kindness a donation of £50 was given to Willen Hospice Lottery.

Our first match at Chicheley was won by Terry from Linford with two carp weighing 16 lbs followed closely by Thomas Coles 15lb 4 oz and Richard Alexander third with 11lb 4 oz. The latest match was held at Woad Farm where top angler Richard Alexander won with 18 lb, second was Terry with 16lb 4oz and third Harry Odell with 16 lb.

White Hart Anglers are looking for new anglers to fish in top venues where weights of up to 100 lb were caught on several occasions. Contact Harry Odell (611953) or Danny Coles (614876). Merry Christmas to all from White Hart Guns & Anglers.

Many thanks to Danny Coles for the above two reports.

As is traditional at this time of year we should thank those in the community who serve us in whatever way and that should include our paper girls and boys, our milkman, our shopkeepers and, the lighting crews for the Christmas tree and the church and, of course, the good folk who deliver this most important publication, SCAN. A Merry Christmas to one and all and a Happy New Year.

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

LITTLE BIRD'S REPORT FOR JACKDAW

It is not very often, if at all, historical events that occurred in this village are recorded in other districts, but such was the case on November 9th in Campbell Park, Milton Keynes Central, when a pillar commemorating the now historical 'Burying of the Hatchet' that took place here on The Knoll on February 24th 1935 was included in the memorial sculpture MK Rose.

You see, the Borough of Milton Keynes saw fit to dedicate a memorial circle in Milton Keynes Central to recognise some outstanding events, not just in recent years, but over the centuries. For example, John Newton's 'Amazing Grace', Jim Marshall's amplifying systems, Red Bull's racing team, Aston Martin's success, etc. and many more worthy of record.

The weather on that Saturday morning was of the most atrocious; bitter cold, wet, dank, uninviting, all things alien to a large crowd gathering, but it didn't affect the enthusiasm of the day. Many dignitaries were there. Why, even Jackdaw and his wife were there, playing a most pivotal part in amongst a Deputy Lieutenant here and there, a couple of Mayors bearing their chain of office, several Borough Councillors, including our own Keith Mclean. Oh yes, and our MP Mark Lancaster. So you can see, it was a very 'cut glass' affair.

But do go and see for yourselves; go into the main entrance of Campbell Park and find the dedication to the 'Burying of the Hatchet'. A little bit of Sherington within that vast conurbation called Milton Keynes.

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2013

1 WARD COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS – CLLR Mc Lean

1.1 As part of the Community Asset Transfer process Emberton Park will be taken over by The Parks Trust.

1.2 Cllr McLean encouraged councillors to respond to the Local Minerals Plan consultation as there are references to Sherington village in the documents.

1.3 The evening taxi (replacement bus) service between Olney and Newport Pagnell is now being trialled.

2 CLERK'S REPORT

2.1 The clerk reported that the new advice from MKC Waste and Recycling is that whilst dog waste can be placed in a standard litter bin, the contractor will not empty a bin with a dog waste sticker on it as it is more likely to be full of dog waste than standard litter. The dog waste sticker has therefore been removed from the new Gun Lane bin.

2.2 Dog waste bins will be cleaned by the contractor following a complaint about unpleasant odour from one of the bins on the High Street.

2.3 BT have carried out a survey of telegraph poles following the collapse of one of their poles in Church Street. They confirm that there is no cause for concern.

2.4 MKC's Arboricultural officer confirmed that, to date, there have been no confirmed cases of Ash Dieback within the borough of Milton Keynes.

2.5 Sherington has been allocated a pillar, to honour the "Burying the Hatchet" ceremony that took place on The Knoll in 1935, in the new monument installed in Campbell Park.

3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

2 End Farm, Water Lane – Conversion of double garage to living accommodation. No adverse comment.

Barn in Shoulder of Mutton Field in Gun Lane. Approved by MKC,

26 Gun Lane Approved by MKC.

4 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND

Pavilion Health and Safety Audit update. Councillors, the clerk and the management committee met on 22nd October and went through all the issues.

The fire equipment service has been carried out.

The fire alarm/smoke detector service and legionella risk assessment will be carried out shortly.

The testing and maintenance to all the lighting, emergency lighting and electrical items in the building have been carried out.

Repairs to two doors are currently being arranged

Improvements to pavilion exterior paving and drainage

Quotations have been obtained to repair the path and drainage around the pavilion. However there is now a report of water under the flooring again after recent heavy rain. Derek Ferris has kindly offered to help to identify a list of issues concerning drainage around the pavilion which Councillors will consider and which could provide the basis for a brief if they decide that they need to obtain the services of a surveyor.

5 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd December and on Tuesday 7th January 2014 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde



Sherington Church of England School News

The Village Schools Church Partnership

New and expressive words were needed to describe the amazing visit we had from Charlotte Hill of *CJS Birds of Prey*. With a unique combination of ferocity, grace and beauty the birds displayed all the attributes of day-active and nocturnal hunters and this was informatively communicated in a clear and child-friendly talk. More amazing still was the individual 'personalities' displayed by the individual birds as they sat on the fist or flew and swooped around our playground. A confident and calm baby Barn Owl who eyed the children with superior disdain or the equally young Kestrel who squawked continuously for food and had to go back in his dark box. Then the Eagle Owl with a tummy upset (diagnosed later) who was off her food and then off her leash... only to be found sitting on a neighbour's rabbit hutch several doors down from the school! Or the Lanner Falcon able to swoop between two children less than a metre apart who took himself for a trip around the village for ten minutes, dodging the local Jackdaws, Crows and a passing Buzzard before returning with total insouciance to perch on our basket-ball hoop. These natural attributes of the birds were clearly described along with the love and conservational care lavished upon their maintenance (all captive bred and living healthy and well beyond their natural life-spans). This was an enthralling experience for us all kindly funded by the PTFA through their programme of supportive learning activities. 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.

We have an Open Morning on Saturday 23rd November from 9am-12noon

01908-610470

sheringtonf@milton-keynes.gov.uk



SHERINGTON PRE SCHOOL NEWS

The Sherington Pre-School AGM took place on 22nd October and was a great success. The Pre-School is dependant on a committee made up of parents who are willing to give their expertise and time and we are so very grateful to welcome aboard Lauren Scott as Chairman, Claire Bailey as Secretary, Sarah Beesley as Treasurer, Ellie Simpson and Maxine France in Publicity and Emma Down as Scrap-store and Library book Co-ordinator. We are grateful that Emily Millar has stayed on as the Parent Rota Organiser & will be helping with Fundraising. Thanks also to Stephanie Price who is continuing her role of Admissions Secretary. As well as welcoming new mums to the committee we also had to say goodbye to a few. Anita Thatcher; our Vice Chairman, Aimee James - Treasurer, Faye Carlise - Secretary, Caroline Barrass - Publicity co-coordinator and Linda Hembry - Scrap-store and Library Book co-coordinator. Without their dedication it would not be possible to run the Pre-school and we wish them all well as their children move on to different settings.

The speaker for the evening was Faye Carlise who delivered a very interesting talk on children's language development. She interacted with the audience and we all enjoyed taking part in short activities to emphasise the importance of communication.

Jo and Kay then gave a presentation showing video clips and photographs of the children at Pre-school. They also explained how ECAT; Every Child A Talker is used to monitor if children have the opportunity to talk and express themselves during play and interaction with peers and adults in the setting.

Our Open Morning on 5th November saw several mums and their children visit the setting. The Pre-school children played along side the visitors and enjoyed many of the activities. A montage showed a selection of photos taken during the first half of the Autumn Term emphasising the seven areas of learning as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The Pre-school is working closely with The Woodlands Children's Centres who offer support to families in Olney, Hanslope & the surrounding villages. More details about the services available can be found on their website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/woodlandsc

Sherington Pre-School has been pledged £450.00 from Osborne; a company whose office is in Manor Court, Sherington. Karen Cox from Osborne contacted the Pre-school to advise that they would like to donate us the profits from their tuck shop! We are most grateful for the donation and the money will go towards either developing a new site for our 'Home Grown in Sherington Project' which is entering its 4th year or will be spent on ICT equipment.

In order to raise money for Sherington Pre-school this Christmas we will be filling a Wheelbarrow with Booze! We thought it might be a good way to raise funds with the prize appealing to a lot of people at this time of year! Once full we will walk around the village selling raffle tickets for the contents. If you are able to donate a bottle please drop it into Pre-school. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of school; 13th December, just in time for Christmas festivities!

On the 24th October, in aid of Barnardo's, the children and staff dressed up in their favourite Fairytale characters or in their pyjamas. A special message was read out to the children telling them that six of Incy Wincy Spider's babies had gone out to play and needed to be brought back to the village hall. The children & staff walked eagerly through Carters Close in fancy dress looking for spiders and balloons which marked the way. On returning to the Pre-school the children were awarded stickers and special rosette magnets.



Other dates for your diaries:

*** Friday 29th November -**

Christmas Bazaar, we hope to have face painting and a lucky dip stall

Friday 6th December -

Christmas Market & Carol Singing at The White Hart. We hope to have as many children as possible joining in with the singing! Please come along and support us, raffle tickets for our wheelbarrow of booze will be available.

*** Tuesday 10th December -** Sherington Pre-School Nativity Play. Parents & visitors welcome for refreshments and mince pies in the village hall from 11am. Our Play will start at 11:30am.

*** Friday 13th December -** Christmas party & fun day. All children will be welcome, even if they don't usually attend that day.

Wishing everyone A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Sherington Pre-school.

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

5th December

Festive Fun - Members Only

A relaxing evening with a variety of activities. Come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies!!

6th January

New Year Dinner - Members Only

We shall enjoy a 'three course' meal at The Chester Arms.

Timing to be confirmed.

Lifts will be arranged to and from Chicheley.

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. It is open to all ladies from the village and surrounding area and new members are always very welcome. There is a varied programme of talks by visiting speakers, outings and events throughout the year. If you would like more information please contact Julie Smith on 01908-615043 or, alternatively, just come along to

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Dates for your diary:

29th November	Sherington Christmas Bazaar (SHS will be there)
10th December	Christmas Party 8 pm – A fun evening with games, wine and nibbles
14 th January	Members Meeting – Please come for a low key evening archiving and chat
28 th January	January Jolly – The Society's Christmas outing to the Chester Arms, Chicheley
11 th February	Magic Lantern Show – Come and beat the winter blues with a Magic Lantern Show with Kevin Varty. All Welcome

MEMBERS CAN TALK & SING! 12th November

The evening opened with Liz playing her concertina and Tony playing the lute guitar, whilst Philip led the members and visitors in singing three wonderful old folk songs. We started with 'The Keeper' and having got 'warmed up' we launched with greater confidence into the 'The Skye Boat Song' and finished very enthusiastically with 'The Black Velvet Band'.

Time to get our breath back and listen to Tony explaining (and demonstrating) the development of the guitar, from the earliest form through to modern electric models. Thank you Tony for a very enlightening talk. Liz gave us a demonstration on her four different concertinas and also told us something of the background of this fascinating instrument. During the interval for tea and Pearl's delightful nibbles (thank you Pearl) there was an opportunity to try out one of Liz's concertinas. Those that 'had a go' soon realized what nimble, talented fingers Liz has!

A delightful evening was rounded off with a talk given by Trevor on the 'Structure of Statues'. Thank you Trevor for giving our members a very informative talk on a subject which will make many of us think more deeply about the sculptor's intention and interpretation next time we contemplate a statue.

Betty



**SHERINGTON
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**



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

Friday 21st March at Sherington Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 pm for prompt 7.30 pm start

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

ALL WELCOME

TICKET ENTRY £8.00 TO INCLUDE FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Licensed bar - beer, lager, wine and soft drinks

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Tickets from Bill Lewis 613171 or Mick Inskipp 216214

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