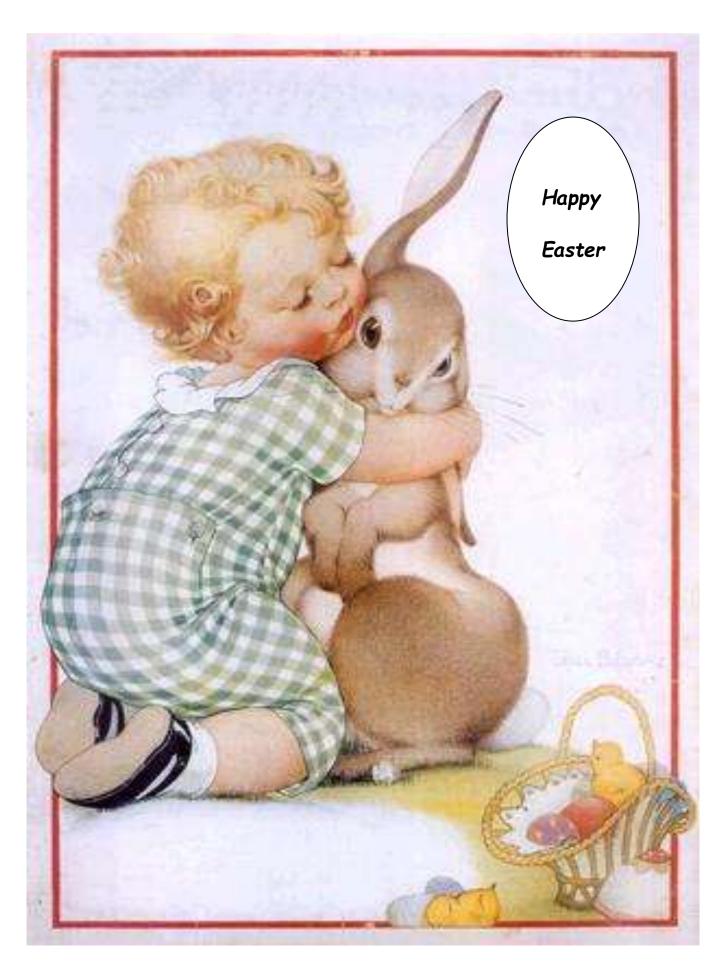
SCAN April 2014



SCAN 439 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY APRIL 2014

ASTWOOD VILLAGE HALL: contact Andrea on andrea@edoneinvestments.com

- BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040
- **CRANFIELD BRIDGE CLUB** meets at Astwood Village Hall virtually every **SUNDAY** at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on hppt://www.cranbridge.org.uk, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409.

PILATES: Monday at 8 pm - contact Helen Terry on Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk_

BROWNIES – Every **MONDAY** term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm -

contact: KERRIE MAXWELL 07917610115 / 01908 60144 OR PATSY CLIFTON 01908 616009

FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA, The Pavilion, Perry Lane, 2.30 – 4.45 pm: contact Paula 01908 216925

SHERINGTON 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

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6	Sherington Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall	7 pm	32			
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SCAN MAGAZINE NEWSLETTER Easter 2014

Sex and drugs and rock and roll Is all my brain and body need Sex and drugs and rock and roll are very good indeed.

So sang Ian Drury in his memorable song. Not so long ago sex and drugs at least would have been taboo subjects. Nowadays there is not much which isn't taboo to speak about in public. Celebrities line up on chat shows to talk about their addictions or that they have 'come out'. Non celebrities fill the long hours of daytime TV broadcasting to anyone who will listen, about how dysfunctional their relationships are, or having paternity tests because the Dad could be one of two or more people. Anything goes, or so it would seem, if it feels good do it. There is no right or wrong. But there is one taboo left at least that people don't want to talk about – death, let alone what happens after death. Eat drink and be merry for tomorrow you die, is the philosophy of many today.

We are just emerging from one of the wettest winters ever in this country, yet spring has come, the trees have blossomed, the flowers have emerged, the days are lengthening, and the temperature is rising. Spring is in the air. Yet as surely as eggs are eggs, summer will come, autumn will come and then winter and death. The seasons surely are a metaphor for our own lives. Just as surely as we were born, so too will we die. As Ecclesiastes 3 says:

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

A time to be born and a time to die...'

At this season of Easter we might take a moment to reflect on our lives. We only have one life. Am I happy with my life? Where am I going? What's the point? What will happen when I die? These are all big questions and ones we can avoid, by being busy, by working too much, by seeking pleasure in sex or drugs or rock and roll, or whatever your vice is. But at some point life, or often death, will come and slap us round the face and say 'Wake up, what are you doing with your life?' This often happens at a crisis in our lives. It might be when a loved one dies, or we become sick, or our kids leave home, or we retire, and suddenly our purpose in life is gone. Then we have a choice. We can try and carry on as before, we can try and medicate the pain away with drugs or alcohol or some other vice, or we can stop, and think and maybe even pray.

At Easter time we remember that Jesus came into this world, he died an excruciatingly painful death on a cross, was buried, but then rose again from the dead on the third day. We are so familiar with the story we may just say to ourselves, 'Well I know that' but maybe a better question is 'So what? What's that got to do with my life?'. To answer that, another question is necessary 'Why did Jesus die?'. Books have been written on this question and I have only a few lines to write here. But think of the Garden of Eden, the place where the first people that God had made lived, Adam and Eve. They rejected God, so couldn't live in his garden (or his kingdom) any more. Ever since, people have had a longing to be whole, but they know something is missing, something is not right. Many people try to fill this need with sex and drugs and rock and roll, but ultimately that leads to death not life. God sent his son Jesus to die on a cross in our place – we

deserved to die. But he rose again to new life so we too could share that new life and be reconciled to God if we wanted to. All we had to do was to repent – turn around be sorry for what we had done wrong and believe.

This message is summed up in John's gospel:

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3.16).

This is what God is offering us this Easter – nothing less than eternal life, which begins not when we die but today. Take time this Easter to think about yourself, but also about the Good News which God offers in His Son Jesus Christ.

Have a very Happy and blessed Easter.

Revd Tim Dawson Assistant Curate

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

RIP Daisy May Haynes of Sherington. The funeral took place on 14 March 2014 followed by a burial in the churchyard.

RIP Stanley Keech of Sherington. The funeral took place on 24 March 2014 followed by a burial in the churchyard.

'I am the resurrection and the life' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

SCAN PARISH

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

Tuesday 29 April 2014 Chicheley Village Hall 7.45pm

All are welcome.

APRIL SERVICES

6 April

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

10.45am Something Different' – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am)

13 April Palm Sunday

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

6.00pm SCAN Evensong – Chicheley

16 April

8pm Scan Service of Compline – Chicheley

17 April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

18 April Good Friday

12 – 1pm Reflections for Good Friday – North Crawley

20 April Easter Day

6.00am Easter Vigil – Chicheley (followed by breakfast)

9.30am Easter Family Celebration with Holy Communion – Sherington

27 April

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6.00pm SCAN Evensong – North Crawley

MAY SERVICES

4 May

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10.45am 'Something Different' – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am

^{*}Book of Common Prayer

'Souper Lunchtime Get-together'

SCAN fellowship, a fortnightly chance to enjoy a simple lunch together

At 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington

At 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington 01908 616763

12pm – 2pm Wednesdays 2 April

16 April (followed by a reflection for Lent) 30 April

All ages welcome (children too!)



Thank you so much to everyone who supported our church funds by planting crocuses along the pathway to the church. They looked beautiful.

With our best wishes, from the St Laud's Church Fundraisers.

'Spring Clean' for St Laud's Church
on Saturday 12 April at 10am
If you can spare a couple of hours to help
please come along to lend a hand



Join us in our service to celebrate MOTHERING SUNDAY On 30th March at 11am St Firmin's Church North Crawley.

Something Different This is Church but "not as we know it"

Do join us on Sunday 6th April

First Sunday of the month at St Laud's Church

10.30 am (refreshments) for 10.45 - 11.30

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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 on the following Sundays.

6 April 4 May

STWOOD

Well, I am writing this in mid-March and daffodil city looks set to spring into life, in fact they are already starting to bloom in Cranfield Road, it must be because it's the nicest part of the village (only joking Main Road).

I have taken over from Moorhen to write the April edition as sadly, we will be leaving Astwood after nearly forty-four years.

Although Astwood is still a lovely place to live, full of decent civilised people, we have seen many changes, but that is probably due to modern living; folk today tend to stay in more and entertain themselves with computers etc.

When we moved here, there tended to be a Mum and Dad in one house and a son or daughter in another, with grandchildren. The village was smaller and much more close knit. We had a skittle team in The Swan and a football team playing at Green Valley Farm. We also used to have coach trips to the seaside. I am sure the other SCAN villages would say the same, it's just a different way of life now.

On a lighter note, it's nice to see Janet and Bob's holiday cottage nearly finished in the pub car park. No doubt when they move in there will be free beer all night (what's that Bob, more chance of Stoke City winning the premiership?).

Seriously though, we will miss our many friends, but we are not going far and will pop into The Swan from time to time. Good luck to you all,

Moorhen's Mate and Moorhen

ASTWOOD EXTRA:

Congratulations to Rebecca and Ben on the arrival of their new baby girl Suri. There is a working party down at the Village garden on 6th April at 10.30 am. Bring some working tools and your muscles; there should be some bacon sardines provided as a bribe, so looking forward to seeing you.

Goodbye to Bob and Bridget; they have led an active life within the village for many years, far too numerous for me to mention here, but they have been good friends and good neighbours for many years. Good luck to them in their new home in Newport Pagnell.

D.H.

HICHELEY

I often wonder how to start my little piece each month. Should I mention the weather, but of course you have all experienced the same as me so know already. What about the gardens and crops. The observant among you will already have looked at them, those not interested won't have bothered. I could mention the speeding traffic or the sad consequences which lie at the roadside edges for the carrion crows to clean up, but again you know that. So what shall I write about?

News from Chicheley seems a bit thin. I'm sure there must be lots of exciting things that have taken place or planned, it would be helpful if you would tell me. You will see the details for Good Friday teas and a St. Georges Night supper below, but are there other events you would like to tell us about? The details for the Easter church services you will find in SCAN but I would recommend the 6.00 am service on Easter Day at Chicheley church. This is a good way to begin the celebration of the most important day in the Christian church's year with the added treat of a full English breakfast for the worshippers in the village hall afterwards. How about coming along?

Chichchat will be on Tuesday 8th April from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. There will be also be a ChichTea, with cakes, on April 22nd from 2.30pm until 4.00pm.

A smart new post and rail fence has been constructed behind the chestnut trees in the village centre. I remember many years ago a similar fence kept we village youths occupied balancing along the top rail. To traverse the whole length of the fence was quite a feat. Can iPhone and tablet computers match such simple pleasures? In March 1958 the construction of the first 55 miles of the M1 motorway began, which was completed by November the following year. When you consider the timescale for a possible new high speed train line this was a remarkable achievement. At this point I will mention the potholes that blight our roads which seem to take so long to be repaired. It seems odd that with all our advances in technology no-one seems to have come up with an effective repair system.

Many programmes on the radio and television are being devoted to the 1st World War, the 100th anniversary of the start which we will be commemorating in August. I note from SCAN that North Crawley and Sherington are already underway in doing their own commemoration projects, but what about we Chicheley folk. As far as I am aware nothing has yet been planned so perhaps it is about time we did. The war lasted well over four years so a similar time span should allow us to do much. Perhaps to look at

how the village has changed since then, the people who were living here and, of course, to find out more about those who fought for our country, and in some cases gave their lives in that cause. If you are interested please tell me and I will set up a meeting in the village hall.

David.

Chicheley welcomes you to our Easter Celebrations



Good Friday Tea

3.00pm – 5.00pm in The Village Hall 18th April 2014



St Georges Supper

7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall Saturday 26th April 2014

To book places, please contact: David on 01234 391371

All Welcome



ORTH CRAWLEY.

Well it has been most pleasant to experience some blue skies and sunshine on a few occasions lately. Still too many grey days for my liking but with any luck we are emerging from the deluge and will soon be moving into spring.

On Saturday 1 March the IMC held a fund raising do in the Institute. The entertainment was provided by magician known as Steve Dean and it proved to be a very good choice as he bamboozled all of us with his magic and illusions. Some of the tricks were performed on stage and others at individual tables, and it was very difficult to even make a guess as to how they were achieved. An excellent buffet was provided and the audience of around 70 went home still talking about what they had seen and baffled as to how it was done.

Several people have asked me for Parish maps lately, so thought it might be an idea to inform all how to get one. I would like to mention that the maps are extremely informative and decorative, as the original was produced by a well known local artist many years ago resulting in a work of art. Copies are available through the Parish Council for the very reasonable sum of £11, so contact a Councillor soon while stocks last.

The cricket club have sent out an email informing all would be players that the first game is now only 50 days away, and reminding senior players that nets are currently being held on Monday's at The Webber Independent School between 19:00 and 20:30 (£3 a session per person). It is also planned to expand the junior section this season with two more players from the club having qualified as coaches. Further details on the above and related matters can be found on the NCCC website (www.northcrawleycc.co.uk).

Historical Society.

There has been a very positive response to the tour to the **WW1 Battlefields in October** which has enabled the Society to get some firm details. It will be a 4-day (3-night) tour by luxury coach and ferry. If you haven't already indicated your interest, please call Chris Stapleton on 01234 391205, or John Brandon on 01234 391365, to book your place.

<u>Walks - Please</u> 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 will be Sunday 27th April and 25 May, meeting as always **at 10 a.m.** outside the Institute.

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

NORTH CRAWLEY UNITED CHARITIES

Some of you will be aware that North Crawley has its very own charity. The charity was formed as a result of bequests left to the village, some as far back as the 17th century, to assist those in need in the village and to help apprentices. The benefactors were Hester and John Bryan, John Cooper and Roger Hackett. (You can see where the road names in Crawley come from!) The charity originally known as Town Lands was founded in 1535. In 1906 the charities were all brought together as United Charities to be administered jointly for the good of the village.

The grants (which were originally for the purpose of helping apprentices purchase the tools of their trade) are still available for apprentices, but the trustees will consider anyone who is studying or training for a profession. Please note that the grants are only small, but they can be used to put toward the purchase of equipment, books or anything that may help anyone in their studies or training. If you feel you qualify for this, then please contact the trustees below who will let you know how to apply.

With Spring and the nice weather upon us, you may be encouraged to grow your own vegetables, fruit and flowers. We do have plots available. It is a fantastic hobby giving you plenty of exercise and you get to enjoy the fruits of your labour.

Finally, there are some vacant places for trustees to help administer the charity. This mainly involves attending three meetings per year.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee of the charity or to take up any of the above, please contact Chris Stapleton on 391205 or Malcolm Rose on 391785.



Grandparents corner - these will make you smile – more to come! Ed.

- 1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper goodbye....
- 2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

NORTH CRAWLEY DANCE

FUN - EXERCISE - DANCE

LINE DANCING,

BALLROOM AND LATIN MADE EASY

BY HARRY FERRIS

7.30 - 9.30 £5 per person
NORTH CRAWLEY INSTITUTE

NO PARTNERS REQUIRED
BUT PREFERRED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JENNY ON 01234 391077

NORTH CRAWLEY DANCE

It's happened. There's been an outbreak of dancing in the village. This is not an Art or a Sport. It's a Disease, for which there is no cure once you have been infected. It may go into remission but it will reappear when you least expect it to bite you on a tender part of your anatomy. There were all the usual disclaimers – I have two left feet, (quick check of shoes), I don't think so. I have no rhythm, (check for heart beat), perfectly on time. First item of business: remove obstacles to learning. Start with a line dance - no partner, therefore no one to get in the way. No toes to stand on, no parrot on your shoulder telling you "you got that wrong" etc. Only you. So if it goes wrong, it's down to you. Success. Everyone could do that, so maybe we don't have all those problems and deformities we thought we had. Carry on to learn a little Crush Dancing, useful when the floor is crowded and then make a start on the Quickstep.

After a tea break (included in the price), it's time for Latin and a Cha Cha Cha. Things are improving. We now have bodies that do what they are told and extremities that do more than just keep us on balance. By the end of the night we could dance in general and specifically we could dance a Line Dance, Slow Rhythm, Quickstep and Cha Cha Cha. Not bad for one evening, especially when you consider the long list of reasons why it couldn't happen when we started.

Week 2 and everyone had improved. Looking forward to the rest of the lessons and taking on new challenges with other dances. Anyone is welcome to join in. We're open every Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30 in the Village Institute.

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 4th March 2014

Planning

There were no new applications this month except

14/00405/EIASCR which is a screening option request in respect of a proposed solar photovoltaic (PV) installation anticipated to generate 11-15 MWp of power at Hurst End Farm, Folly Lane, North Crawley

N.B. This is not a formal planning application at this stage, although the Clerk was requested to obtain the exact location of the proposed panels.

Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Mclean advised that there are 6 or 7 other screening option requests in for solar panels around this area at the present time.

Regarding pot holes, the gangs are out but the programme is ongoing with the constant wet weather. However, we must keep reporting them.

Cllr Mclean was thanked for his continued support.

Defibrillator update:

Unfortunately, South East Ambulance Service was, yet again, unable to send personnel to give a talk/demonstration. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries elsewhere in order to move forward with this new project. The Parish Council thanked Ward Cllr Keith Mclean for his donation of £200 from his ward budget towards a defibrillator.

NAG Report

Cllr Hunt reported that the new SID units are in the process of being installed; he will be attending the NAG meeting later this week and will have more to report next month

Councillor's Reports

Residential safety - The traffic calming work agreed is scheduled to begin in the spring 2014

Dog fouling is still increasing as certain residents are allowing their dogs to foul outside the school; teachers are picking it up but not always before children have trodden in it.

Cllr Flower reported that the Institute Management Committee had decided to get quotes for a replacement wooden door for the front of the Institute rather than UPVC so that it is "in keeping" with the building as a whole. The Parish Council resolved to make a donation of £2000 to help with the various projects in progress for the Institute.

Cllr Hatton mentioned that fly tipping is still a problem, everyone is asked to be vigilant and report anyone seen doing this. She also stated that we should be aware of the possibility of "illegal raves" taking place in local farmer's fields and to report anything suspicious to the 101 Police non-emergency number.

Milton Keynes Council have allocated funds to purchase new grit bins for the winter it was, therefore, agreed to ask for two new ones, one to be sited in Orchard Way near the Anglian Water pumping station and the second outside the Institute to replace the old damaged one.

Questions from residents:

A thank you was expressed that the footpath out of the village towards Cranfield has now been cleaned and is once again pleasant to walk along.

Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Cllr Roz Hatton

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

DOG FOULING

Whilst most dog owners respect the village we live in there are, yet again, a few who do not! As can be read in the above Parish Council Report some dog owners are allowing their dogs to relieve themselves outside the school. Are they aware how dangerous dog faeces are, how it can harm children to the point of blindness if they come into contact with it? Do they really want this on their conscience? What does it take to pick it up and put it in the bins provided? By the same token open plan gardens are not there for the convenience of your dog. Please have respect for others and keep your dog or dogs off the gardens.

YOUR DOG YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL



North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School 'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'



The month of March has proved to be another very 'mad' yet busy and productive time at North Crawley CE School. The children enjoyed exciting and stimulating activities during our recent Book Week. The week was launched with a special story time when children wore pyjamas to school and enjoyed hot chocolate whilst listening to the 'bedtime' story 'Billy's Bucket'. Other book related activities included children relishing a 'bind date' with a book where they excitedly chose and wrapped a book and then wrote a short blurb on the plain cover. They could then swop their book with someone else. It was a case of swap....sit back.... And enjoy!

On Friday everyone, including our parents, certainly enjoyed a 'reading breakfast' of croissants, brioche, muffins, coffee, tea and juice.

'Billy's Bucket' by Kes Gray proved to be a very popular book during 'Book Week' as it was used as inspiration for story writing. The children were presented with their own bucket which they were asked to fill with 5 objects. This formed the basis for an imaginative speaking and listening and writing activities. The children invented some fantastic and creative stories from their props. However, it was not just fiction books which inspired children in Book Week. The EYFS children were treated to a visit from Rhys's daddy who is a pilot. The children were very impressed by the presentation and learnt lots of new information about aeroplanes and flight.







There was even more excitement as the week progressed when all the children and staff dressed as fairy tale characters and the school was overrun with dragons, princesses, wolves, princes and even a wizard!

As part of our ICT curriculum the children were given an empty picture frame and asked to take and print out a photograph on the theme 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. The results are fantastic; we have some budding photographers in our midst. Divine photographs of sunsets, colourful creatures, and spring flowers adorn the school and demonstrate the spirituality of our children.

Pupils "highly developed personal spirituality" was commented favourably upon during our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). It is extremely pleasing to inform you that <u>all</u> areas inspected achieved <u>outstanding</u> grades as expectations of schools are constantly being raised. The report highlights –

- ✓ The distinctiveness and effectiveness of North Crawley as a Church of England school are <u>outstanding</u>.
- ✓ The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is <u>outstanding</u> at meeting the needs of all learners.
- ✓ The impact of collective worship on the school community is outstanding.
- ✓ The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school is outstanding.

The continued hard work and dedication of the staff of North Crawley CE School throughout the inspection should be acknowledged. Accordingly, thank you to those parents who kindly gave their time to meet with the SIAMS Inspector and answer questions about school life. Thank you too to our Foundation Governors, Reverend Mandy Marriott and Mrs Kerry Rose, for their continued support of North Crawley CE School and for their input during the day of the inspection.

It is extremely gratifying that the inspector recognises that "the positive impact of the school's Christian character and values in meeting the needs of all learners is evident in the outstanding progress that pupils make from their different starting points resulting in standards that are well above average by the end of year 2".

The report highlights "exemplary behaviour", "accelerated progress", "high standards", "creative approaches", "positive relationships" and "outstanding act of worship". The report states the "Christian vision of the school has a positive impact on standards of achievement and the wellbeing of the whole school community".

The new full 2014 SIAMS report for North Crawley Church of England School is available via

http://www.churchofengland.org/pdf/schoolreports/2013_2014/Oxford_North%20Crawley_10.03.14_110406.pdf

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I. March

Welcome to another month, don't they fly by?

Our speaker this month was Paul Rabbitts on 'The History, Decline and Restoration of Band Stands'. I had been looking forward to this for weeks and was not disappointed, it was so informative.

We have our yearly Council meeting in April; speaker, Chris Beardshaw, the well known gardener from the BBC, and five of us will attend in Ayelsbury. There are rambles, croquet, quizzes and scrabble competitions going on and we are very proud to announce that Dee has been invited to Denman Lodge to take her fruit cake entry with four other ladies for the competition to find the best for our centenary celebrations next year. We wish her the best of luck with this; wouldn't it be fantastic to have a North Crawley lady win and have her cake on sale all over the country!

The winners of the raffle were Carol, Alma and Ella. The competition (a picture of a musical instrument) was won by Jill.

Why not give us a try? We are a friendly bunch of ladies and would love to welcome you.

Don't forget our

TABLE TOP SALE ON EASTER MONDAY

21st APRIL 2014

Book your table with Pam on 01234 391586 - cost £5

Come and join us and cash in your junk or raise some funds for your group,

or just visit us for coffee, cake and lots of chat!

9 a.m. for table holders - Open at 10 a.m.

Looking forward to seeing you there, Lynda and the team.

Mailbag and Announcements



VERY GRATEFUL THANKS

Sometimes we don't always appreciate what we have and recently, in the world of SCAN magazine, that has proved to be the case.

Every month, Ella has willingly taken on the task of sorting the Sherington quota of the magazine and delivering it to our great team of volunteers, who walk round the village making sure every household receives a copy. She has been unable to do this since her 'op' and how we miss her. Thank you Ella for your unfailing help, not just to SCAN, but in so many other areas of village life (and further afield!). She really is an unsung heroine; so I hope she will accept the Editor's sincere thanks on behalf of all our readers.

We wish you a full return to your usual <u>very</u> active self.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the delivery lads and lasses in Sherington, i.e. Barbara, Ro, Olive, Helen, Philip, Phyllis W, Phyllis R, Bess, Julie, Caroline, Brenda; many of whom have arrived on delivery day to pick up their, and others', boxes.

And I can't miss thanking my faithful distributors in North Crawley, Pam and Bill with their team: David B. for arriving so promptly every month and taking the Chicheley copies, along with Astwood & Hardmead for Miranda and Sandra.

Best Wishes to you all, Betty, Editor

CAN YOU HELP?

SHERINGTON WILLEN HOSPICE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

During the month of April, the annual House to House collection takes place. This year, one of the regular collectors is recovering from a recent operation and will be unable to help. If there are any willing volunteers in the village who are able to give up between two and four hours of their time to help, please ring Julie Smith on 615043. Thank you.

Goodbye to Sherington

On a sunny April day in 1980 we arrived in Sherington – with two small daughters and a Springer spaniel. Five years later our third daughter was born and the spaniel had a pup to Bill Bennett's Border collie! We had the most wonderful neighbours to greet us – Ben Line, Fred and Louie Mead, Jan and Trevor Evans, Nick and Birgitta Leach, Gwen and Roy Hetherington, Bill and of course Edna White. Our first visitor to welcome us was the Rector, Mr. Corfield, very closely followed by Phil Smith.

David commuted to London for 22 years and then, as he was due to retire, set up a financial research and publishing business in what is known as The Honeymoon Cottage in our garden.

Horses and dogs came and went, the former providing lots of much needed muck for a continually changing garden. The girls grew up and left home, but still talked about always having a home in Sherington. Friends moved into the village and left. Although we think of it as a never changing village, as we did our last walk we realized very few of our original acquaintances still live in the village, but the ones that do will only have to travel down the hill to Olney to see us and be very welcome - the kettle is always on.

It has been a most wonderful 34 years in Sherington with happiness, joy, sorrow and tragedy too. 6 Church Road, in our care for this brief period in its long history, was a nest for us all. We walked away realizing that we were blessed to have found that place.

We wish Anna and Tim Roberts happiness in their new home and know that the village will welcome them as it did us.

Barbara, David, Catherine, Emily and Eleanor Middleton

SHERINGTON VILLAGE SHOP

There will be a meeting in the Village Hall to discuss the future of the shop

11.30 am

on

12th April 2014

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR OPINIONS PLEASE COME ALONG AND LET US KNOW

SHERINGTON'S



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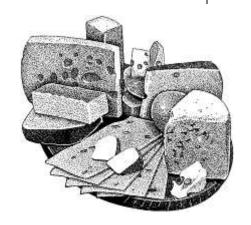


SATURDAY 5th APRIL

THE PAVILION PERRY LANE

 $12.30 \, pm - 2 \, pm$

We look forward to welcoming friends from all over the SCAN PARISH AND BEYOND





There will be a FLOWER FESTIVAL this year thanks to the people who have stepped forward to help.

BUT, we still need more!



THEME THIS YEAR:
'BYGONES'

21st & 22nd JUNE 2014

There will be a meeting in church, Thursday 8th May, 7.30 pm for all interested. Hope to see you. 01908 611163

THUMBSTICK WALK 6th APRIL

The Thumbstick 4 mile walk will this month have TWO start points. 9:30 sharp at the Knoll, for those wishing to car share to Castle Ashby and 10:00, for those meeting us there, perhaps because they wish to look in the shops / gardens / have a cup of tea or lunch afterwards. There is a great Farm Shop and several specialist outlets (and toilets) as you all probably know.

We meet at the corner of the stone wall near the shops and by the track running to the main car park – just by the roadside.

Castle Ashby is an attractive and unspoilt estate village owned largely by the Compton family, The Earls of Northampton, with grounds created by Capability Brown in the 18th century. Our walk offers views over planned countryside of artificial hills and rustic vistas. We take in the villages of Chadstone and then Whiston, whose church has been described as the jewel on a hilltop; the building of which was financed by Anthony Catesby (do you know your history?), who owned the estate in the early 16th Century. Expect stiles and fields.

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T. & M. (Dogs strictly on leads).



Kate and Graham will be leading the Thumbstick Walk on 4th May with Bluebells in mind. Please meet at The Knoll at 9.30 am and bring a car if possible. No dogs please.

K & G.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The amount raised from house boxes this year (January 2013 - 2014) was £214.21p. Thank you to all box holders. This goes toward the Society's work with children and young people.

Unwanted foreign coins, old coins and bank notes that are no longer in circulation, as well as obsolete currencies, raise funds. Travelex Foreign Coin Services are working in partnership with the Children's Society, and count every coin and note received, and convert into a pounds sterling donation. Thank you for coins already donated. One large coin pouch is currently awaiting collection.

Postcards, used or unused, new or old, are also sold to raise funds. Thank you for all donations to date. The gentleman who sells the cards on the Society's behalf always acknowledges these.

Coins and postcards may be left at 3, Hillview, Sherington. If you would like more information about the Society, or would be willing to keep a house collection box, please 'phone 617599, or call at 3, Hillview. Box donations, however small the amount, all add up to a good total over each year.

Pam Ellis

EASTER LILIES

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

By 8th April 2014

DEADLINE FOR MAY - 18 APRIL

NEWPORT PAGNELL SINGERS

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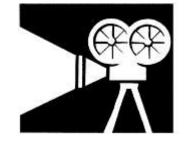
Saturday, 12 April, 7.30 pm Chrysalis Theatre, Willen Tickets £10 & available from Cambourne Travel, NP, Wilson's, Olney Tim Daily, 07711 410331

www.newportpagnellsingers.co.uk



EMBERTON AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

We are delighted to be celebrating our 40th Anniversary in Emberton Village Hall on the evening of Tuesday 3rd June 2014. If you were a founder Member of the club or know anyone who was a Founder Member we would be very pleased if you would get in touch with Sheila Bull 01234 712883 in order to receive an invitation and further details.



There is talk of showing the Sherington Feast film by Sherington Historical Society on 13th May. The film has now been put on DVD and is of 1 hour's duration. It has

been 35 years since the film was made and the showing will bring back many happy memories to a lot of Villagers. MORE DETAILS IN THE MAY SCAN AND LOOK OUT FOR PUBLICITY ROUND THE VILLAGE



Rural Play Project

We're back in Sherington!

FREE ACTIVITIES IN SHERINGTON FOR 4-19 YEAR OLDS!

Milton Keynes Play Association is thrilled to announce that Sherington Parish Council has kindly agreed to fund another Rural Play Ranger Project in your area.

Activities will take place on Thursday afternoons at 3.30pm, term time only until the Autumn

on the play area by Sherington Village Hall - whatever the weather.

Activities commence on Thursday 24th April 2014

Look out for our big shiny blue van!





For further information, call MKPA on: (01908) 263033 Or e-mail steve@mkpa.co.uk

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WILLEN HOSPICE NEEDS YOU AT THEIR MULTI-COLOURED MOO



The Willen Hospice MK
Midnight Moo is back for its
sixth successive year on
Saturday 12th July 2014, and
is calling on the ladies of
Milton Keynes to get moving
and join in with the fun on
the biggest, ladies only, night
out in the Milton Keynes
calendar.

The MK Midnight Moo returns to Midsummer Place Shopping Centre with a fantastic multi-coloured theme! The care that Willen Hospice provides to its patients and loved ones is as diverse as the people that walk through the doors – and

the MK Midnight Moo 2014 will reflect this diversity with our varied, multi-hued scheme.

Ladies who have participated before are encouraged to wear any previous years Moo T-Shirts, from white, pink, green, and orange, to last year's blue. T-Shirts can be personalised giving flamboyant ladies creative reign to make this year's Moo the biggest, brightest and most vibrant event to date. New Moo walkers will receive a new t-shirt.

Places are limited for this fun night out so register today! Walkers need to be 14 years or older to take part. The Registration Fee of £20 only covers the cost of running the event, so we rely on the sponsorship money you raise to contribute directly to the care our patients and loved ones receive from Willen Hospice. This year we are suggesting a minimum sponsorship of £100 per walker and this will ensure that your personal challenge of walking 10 miles will help to fund the cost of a Staff Nurse for one shift at the Hospice.

Paul Hinson, Willen Hospice Chief Executive commented "The sixth year of the MK Midnight Moo promises to be a unique and amazing event with its multi-colored theme. The previous year's events have raised over £600,000, providing much needed funds to ensure Willen Hospice continues to provide free care to the local community of Milton Keynes and surrounding areas."

If you would like to get involved then sign up today at mkmidnightmoo.com

or all press enquiries, please contact Helen Green, Marketing and Campaigns Manager on 01908 303063



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

Yet again the early part of the month and the end of February saw an incredible amount of rain falling and for the first time that I can remember the ditch in Church Road actually overflowed

causing a bit of inundation in the road. There was also a lot of water running down the High Street which then ended up going down Water Lane. I was listening to someone at Sherington Nurseries who has a rain gauge and on the 28th February he measured a total of 22mm on that day! Latterly though it seems to have dried up a lot and no doubt there will soon be talk of a hosepipe ban.

It is good that the time has come to start planting things and I have some carrots, lettuce and radishes in the ground in my polytunnel. However, there was a disaster when just as they started to show themselves they were pretty much wiped out when slugs and/or snails consumed them and I had to replant, this time with the addition of slug pellets. I have also got some early spuds in the tunnel which I hope might be ready in mid May.

My attention was drawn to some goings on at the Village Hall playing field. The owners of the Old Rectory have taken down a lot of trees and to access the land they have, without permission, driven heavy machinery through the village hall car park and across the grass leaving quite deep tyre imprints. They have also removed fencing and hedging. We are aware that the land in question is part of the conservation zone and as such it is necessary to get planning approval to carry out such things. I understand the planning department of the council will be issuing an enforcement notice to the owners.

You will probably have read the notification in last month's Scan concerning the possible closure of our village shop following the present owners' decision to concentrate on running their Castlethorpe shop. It would be a great shame to lose this village facility which is well used and apparently a viable business. There will be a meeting in the Village Hall to discuss the situation at 11.30 on 12th April so if you have ideas or opinions please make sure that you are there.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Daisy Haynes on 1st March. Daisy was 91 and had not been in the best of health recently, however she died peacefully with her family around her. The funeral took place on 14th March at the church and was attended by 67 mourners. Daisy was a Newport girl and married Charlie when she was 20. The eulogy by Phil Smith was a revelation to many people and was really interesting.

During the second world war Daisy worked as an acetylene welder in a munitions factory in Newport Pagnell which since became the Aston Martin works. At that time the family had moved to Emberton and so she had to cycle in the cold dark mornings to work each day and because of the war lights on bicycles were not allowed. I bet that there are not many people who would do that nowadays. Rest in peace Daisy May Haynes.

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

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2014

1 CLERK'S REPORT

MKC Highways inspection update The defects noted by MKC a month ago have been remedied but in the meantime several more have been reported. The repair in School Lane is temporary as a water leak has been identified.

Bank Vault Storage HSBC has confirmed that the nearest bank storage available for any valuable items would be in St Neots.

Chicheley Hill Mound The hand rail on the steps has been repaired. MKC has now confirmed that they are responsible for maintenance of the Mound and that Sherington PC can ask for the stockade to be repaired as well.

Village bench repairs Tony Pilcher has replaced missing wooden slats on two benches.

Standing Orders. Councillors approved changes to formatting and minor changes in wording as to frequency of meetings.

2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Alban Hill Nursery – Advert consent to display 3 x hoarding signs.

While wishing to support local businesses, councillors raised concerns about the height and quantity of signs applied for.

22 Crofts End Councillors agreed that as the applicant was restoring the property according to MKC instructions, no further action was required.

3 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND

Pavilion survey and next steps An onsite meeting took place on 19th February 2014 with the following present:- Cllr Denman, Cllr Sally Cook, clerk Wendy Austyn, Bob Cook from R C Builders, Dave King from Hygienic Interiors, Peter Burton, Alistair

McIntyre from Lune Architects, Jeff Charles, Martin Jeeves and Paul Bayliss from PSB Consultancy & Design. The surveyor has so far concluded from his two visits in December 2013 and February 2014 that limited but current evidence shows it is unlikely that water is coming up from under the ground nor through the wall from the sometimes flooded exterior path. There is also no current evidence that there is any fault with the construction of the building, damp proof course, damp proof membrane or second floor covering. The surveyor also so far concludes however that without removing the entire floor vinyl it is impossible to tell how much water is under the floor, exactly where it is, where it is coming from or why. Taking all this into consideration it was agreed to monitor the situation for several months until a prolonged period of dry weather has occurred, and then to ask the surveyor to return and carry out a further assessment. Management committee report The legionella risk assessment contains several recommendations which will be discussed by the management committee. **Shelters on recreation ground** The management committee has asked for the shelters to be removed. The clerk will obtain quotes to have them dismantled and the concrete slabs removed.

4 WARD COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS

Cllr McLean has passed on to MKC concerns expressed at the previous meeting about the size of buses passing through the village.

He had been contacted about recent flash flooding in Water Lane and had asked an MKC officer to attend the meeting. Although the officer was not present, she did confirm that she had sent an S81 notice to Anglian Water asking them to inspect the area. Cllr McLean urged residents to contact MKC emergency helpdesk in this type of situation.

5 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Village shop Nigel Blight, co-chair of Shopco, gave the parish council an update of the situation regarding the village shop, details of which have been posted in March SCAN. There will be a Village Meeting in the village hall to discuss this on Saturday 12th April at 11,30 am. The council agreed to support this and help with posters, flyers etc.

6 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st April 2014. The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 in the Village Hall commencing at **7 pm**, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm.

Cllr David Hyde

Sherington Church of England School News

The Village Schools Church Partnership



Shriving at Sherington!

Shrove Tuesday is one of our traditions that, with the Olney Pancake Race, has local resonance with international attention. What is less well known is the Sherington School tradition whereby Mrs Betty Feasey,

MBE makes every child a pancake to whet their appetites for home. "I had one pancake from Mrs Feasey at school and five from my Grandma!"



In the same week we continued our involvement with the charity "Child Reach". Ms Paula Yarrow came from London to deliver a thoughtful workshop about Children's Rights. We shared the day with friends and colleagues from St Andrew's CE School. The exercise gave the children good opportunities to think and express themselves in words and pictures and to test their opinions in a forum of mutual respect and support. With international examples of the charity's work to consider and our local concerns it was a good day to renew acquaintance and work together.

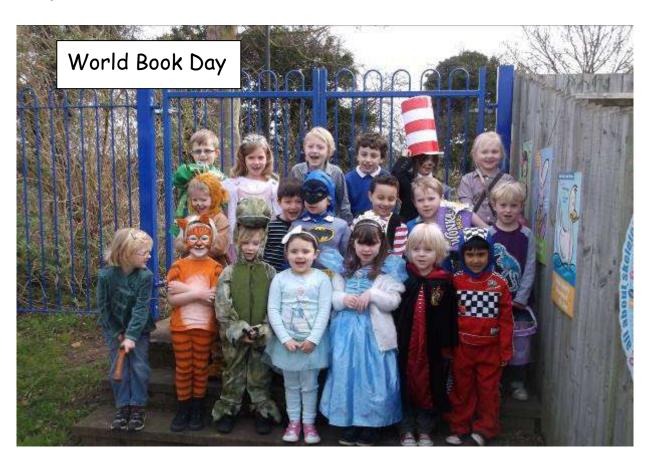
Mrs Margaret Broadhurst (Governor and Chair of Curriculum Committee) writes; "I did enjoy my day at Sherington at the Child Reach event.

The children were attentive and engaged during Paula Yarrow's talk and worked hard at

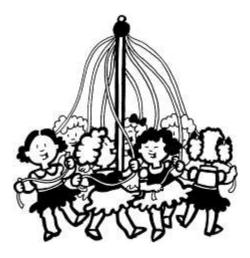


their murals afterwards. Paula noted how the children were able to understand children's rights because of other background they have had at school - she was able to build on the children's knowledge when explaining these concepts. The children were a pleasure to be with. The whole day felt full of energy - no doubt helped by the mild weather ideal for the children to play outside together. It was grand to share lunch and

very enjoyable to have homemade food. I am pleased the schools can offer days of this kind extending the children's experiences. Thank you to all the staff for the preparation a day like this entails."



SHERINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOO NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:



We will be joining in the May Day celebrations Monday 5th May, 11 am, The Knoll

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We have recently been able to buy lots of new toys thanks to our



successful Christmas
fundraising events and the
generous donation from
local construction and
property services
business, Osborne Ltd.
The older children have
had great fun with the
guttering and stands, it
makes an excellent 'Hot
Wheels' car-racing track!

Our Beetle Drive on 7th March was great fun. Eight teams battled it out to draw their beetles in the correct order in the fastest time.

The team with the highest score won a meal at The White Hart – thank you Giles! We also held a raffle, which included fantastic prizes donated from Alban Hill Nurseries and MK Dons FC. We raised £439.00 for the Pre-School. Thank you to all that attended and thanks to the committee for providing the home cooked chilli, and plenty to drink!

As part of this term's Animal theme we have had a visit from 'Sid the tortoise'. Sid's owner explained how she cared for him, what he liked to eat and where he liked to sleep (which he does a lot!) We are also hoping to have a visit from a bearded dragon and a puppy!



'The Big Red Bath' story has been popular this term and we have painted, drawn and written all the elements of a brilliant display that is on show in the Village Hall.

Welcome this term to Jessica, Dylan and Bethany. We also have a number of new starters due to arrive over Easter. Spaces are filling up fast so if you would like your child to play, learn and make new friends in a lovely village setting, please call Jo Tough on 01908 617985 or 07866 409169 or email preschool@sherington.org.uk

Our next Open Morning will be on Tuesday 10th June from 9:30-11:30am, please pop in and see us.

E.B.

Sherington Historical Society

Presents

GOING FOR A SPIN

by Colin Rowe

Motoring up to the 1930s Tuesday 8th April 7:45 for 8:00 pm **Sherington Village Hall Entry: £2 members** £3 visitors

Refreshments & Raffle

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

3rd April Tramps Supper – Members Only

A social evening with fish & chips, a quiz and

a game.

There will be a prize for the best-dressed tramp!

1st May The History of Post Boxes – Open Meeting

Helen Crabtree will share her fascination with our

iconic red post boxes.

This meeting is open to both men and women.

Entrance fee for visitors is £2.50.

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 the village hall for one of the meetings.

SCAN IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO READ ONLINE, THANKS TO OUR SHERINGTON WEBMASTER IAN COLLINGE:

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