

# SCAN

## JULY 2014



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<b>ASTWOOD VILLAGE HALL:</b> contact Andrea on <a href="mailto:andrea@edoneinvestments.com">andrea@edoneinvestments.com</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS</b> - contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040</li> <li>• <b>CRANFIELD BRIDGE CLUB</b> meets at Astwood Village Hall virtually every <b>SUNDAY</b> at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on <a href="http://www.cranbridge.org.uk">http://www.cranbridge.org.uk</a>, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409.</li> </ul> <b>PILATES: Monday at 8 pm – contact Helen Terry on <a href="mailto:Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk">Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk</a></b>			
<b>BROWNIES</b> – Every <b>MONDAY</b> term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm - contact: KERRIE MAXWELL 07917610115 / 01908 60144 OR PATSY CLIFTON 01908 616009			
<b>FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA, The venue is now back at St. Laud's Church from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm. Pam and Alan Sims are running this popular event.</b>			
<b>SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP:</b> 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - <b>2nd Thursday</b> of month – Liz 07941 403492			
<b>SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB:</b> Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436			
<b>SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB:</b> 7 – 9 pm <b>Wednesday</b> Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568			
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23	Lunch at Brickyard Cottage for Charity		9
28	Coach Trip to Bucks County Show	9.15 am	21
<b>SEPT</b>			
13	Sherington Historical Society Film Show - St. Lauds	8 pm	36

Mandy writes.....

I have to admit, much to the annoyance of my children, that I do love watching The Antiques Road Show on a Sunday Evening. Perhaps it's my interest in History, but I do enjoy listening to the stories behind the paintings, jewellery, ceramics or furniture that people have brought along to the experts. Usually items with a religious significance don't often have a large monetary value attached to them but it is the stories they tell and the memories they hold which add a value which cannot be measured. Take, for instance, a Bible that was brought along to a special edition of the Antiques Road Show, filmed in France to mark the centenary of World War One. Now I am sure that many families have old Bibles tucked away somewhere but this particular Bible was special because it belonged to the Revd George Kendall the leading chaplain in Belgium and France during the war.

Revd Kendall was pivotal in choosing the bodies that were returned to Britain, one of which became known as the Unknown Warrior and is buried at Westminster Abbey. The Unknown Warrior has lain in a place of honour in Westminster Abbey since the 1920s. But until Tim Kendall told his grandfather's story on the Antiques Roadshow, it wasn't known how the man's body had been chosen.

*Tim said, 'My grandfather selected six corpses without identification marks. He made sure all the coffins looked exactly the same and that there was no evidence of where the bodies came from. The six coffins were placed in a hut and each was covered with a Union Jack. All night they rested on trestles, with nothing to distinguish one from the other. The door of the hut was locked and sentries posted outside. In the morning a general entered the hut, placed his hand on one of the flag-shrouded coffins and the body therein became the Unknown Warrior.'*

The Unknown Warrior's body, that George Kendall, helped to choose, was brought to London and buried on November 11, 1920. It is now one of the world's most famous war graves. The Revd Kendall who was awarded the OBE after the war, spent much of the four years at the front ministering to the men there. He was also frequently based at field hospitals, where he led prayers for the dead and dying. Tim Kendall said of his grandfather 'He was a man of great faith and his Bible would have been a rock for him.'

Revd Kendall's story made me think about our present day soldiers and whether the Bible holds relevance for them. Here is a report from an army chaplain, the Revd Peter King who was based in Helmand Province in Afghanistan between October 2011 and April 2012.

He carried out a survey which was then published in the 2013 Defence Academy Yearbook.

*'British troops serving today told how they carried Bibles, crucifixes and rosaries whilst deployed abroad. The significance of scripture and prayer is still there for soldiers. It surprised me how the Bible is still valued in a very different society from World War One. If you are faced with the possibility of danger, it seems to be when the ultimate questions are asked. People will carry Bibles passed down through the family. That's about a link with loved ones. But there's also evidence that scripture became a rock, a source of*

*guidance, or a place where hope was found. One soldier said he read his Bible because “it gave me belief that if I made the ultimate sacrifice I had something to go to.”’*

*Of those responding in the survey, some 46% said that they prayed while they were in Afghanistan and a further 46% carried a symbol of faith, often including a Bible. One soldier had written Bible references on his protective kneepads.*

*42.5% said that they were more likely to pray while in proximity to danger, and 63% said that they were more likely to attend religious services on Operations than when in Barracks.*

*Seventy-five per cent described themselves as Christian, 12% as atheist, 7% as agnostic and the remainder followed another faith, belief or philosophy.*

*Those joining the Armed Forces today are still offered a copy of the Bible, just as they were in 1914. The attitude towards the Bible is positive. We still have a very significant take-up. And it’s used in vigils for repatriation and at Remembrance Sunday when it speaks a language that’s understood by soldiers.’*

*While everyone is ultimately faced with the profound questions of life, soldiers face them at a young age because they face dangers more than most people. The Bible helped some of them find answers to those questions.’*

Perhaps you might find an old family Bible and discover the comfort, peace and strength that many others have found in God’s Word.

( My thanks to the Bible Reading Fellowship website for the information supplied in this letter).

## **DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 8pm Sherington DCC at 28 Carters Close Sherington**

## **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

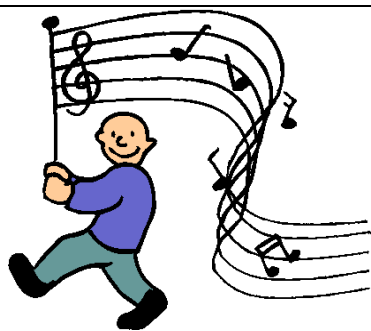
### **Weddings**

‘Marriage is a way of life made holy by God’

We ask for God’s blessing on:

Peter Crawley and Amy Peak who were married in St Laud’s Church Sherington on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

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



**Songs of Praise service in St Firmin's Church North Crawley  
on the afternoon of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Event begins at 3pm.**

We are hoping to make this a very special occasion as we shall be welcoming the congregation from St Firmin's Church Thurlby, Lincolnshire, on the edge of the Fens. We plan to meet in church for tea and share notes on the two churches dedicated to St Firmin and then celebrate together in our Songs of Praise service. We hope that many will join us to sing praises to God and if you have a favourite hymn which you would like included in our service then please let me know. I can be contacted on 01908 610521 or e-mail [aj.marriott123@gmail.com](mailto:aj.marriott123@gmail.com)

**JULY SERVICES 2014**

**6<sup>th</sup> July:**

8am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer – Chicheley.  
9.30am Service of Holy Communion - North Crawley  
10.30am 'Something Different' - Sherington.

**13<sup>th</sup> July:**

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

**20<sup>th</sup> July:**

9.30am Service of Holy Communion Sherington  
10.45 am Sunday Community at North Crawley School (SCANS) – North Crawley  
School

**27<sup>th</sup> July:**

11am Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley  
6.00pm Service of Evensong – North Crawley.

**3<sup>rd</sup> August:**

9.30am Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley.

Do join us on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

to explore the theme ***'Just talk to me!'*** at

## **'Something Different'**

This is church but "not as we know it"!

**First Sunday of the month at St Laud's Church in Sherington**

(There will be no meeting in August due to the busy holiday time)

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

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.

'Something Different' was born out of a need for a church group that was more reflective for my daughter and me, yet not too rigid that she would become easily bored. With singing, fascinating presentations, prayers, songs and hymns, a chance to interact with questions and thoughts, this group was just what I was looking for. Informal, yet reflective, suitable for ages 1 to over 100! There is something for everyone. No piles of books to find the hymn number and psalm number – all the words are on the screen. No sitting at the back of the church – we sit together at the front. We pray for immediate family and friends and then for Christians all over the world. If you would like 'Something Different', to explore the Christian faith with other Christians full of questions too, a group held in church but not so rigid so children feel welcome, then do join us. Give it a try. We are an evolving brand new group of existing and new churchgoers all looking for 'Something Different' from our church experience. We would love to see you!

Contact Pam and John Fielding for further information – 01908 616763

[www.scanparish.org.uk/news](http://www.scanparish.org.uk/news)

## **Souper Lunchtime Get-together'**

**SCAN FELLOWSHIP, A FORTNIGHTLY CHANCE TO ENJOY A  
SIMPLE LUNCH TOGETHER**

**at 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington**

**01908 616763**

**12 pm – 2 pm Wednesdays**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> & July 23<sup>rd</sup>**



## Sunday Community at North Crawley School - June meeting

SCANS met for our June service on Fathers Day. Rev. Mandy spent time speaking to the children about the passage in the bible "**A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit (Matthew)**". Mandy played games with the children, asking them if certain situations they might find themselves in were "Good" or "Bad".

They then spent time making fruit kebabs and doing Fruity crafts which they really enjoyed. The adults stuck to eating pasties and drinking coffee!!

Our next service is at 10:45am til 12:00 on Sunday 20th July at North Crawley Church School.

Please come along and support this local event which is a great opportunity to meet other families in the area and allow your children to learn about the bible in a relaxed and informal environment.

We hope to see you in July!!

Regards,

Sally Foster



# A STWOOD

As we sit enjoying the peace and tranquility of our sunny garden on this Sunday afternoon we reflect upon the last 6 years to the day since we moved to Astwood. With each 'For Sale' board that appears, an air of uncertainty prevails; I'm sure like us, our fellow neighbours hope that their new neighbours will be as lovely as the current ones, but the unknown is very unsettling.

There have been many changes in the last 6 years and when we arrived we were made to feel very welcome and included in the village; one hopes that recent newcomers feel the same sense of belonging but I can't help noticing that maybe we have become a little insular. I know when I drive into Astwood from a busy day at work I feel as if I am entering 'my sanctuary' and others have also made similar comments such as 'my haven'; so maybe that's why we all retreat into our respective homes and enjoy the peace and relaxation we need with the hectic lives we lead. However, village events are fun and important times in keeping that village community spirit alive and we really should all try to support our pub and village events.

As the sun continues to beam down I feel that I should probably be cutting back some of the garden shrubs which seem to have doubled in size since last summer, but then, a post pub call comes from our neighbour to come and catch up and enjoy a glass of home made 'hedgerow gin' ..... that's an offer too good to miss, anyway getting back to the plant growth and a gentle reminder to homeowners to check their hedges and plants that are overhanging the public footpath; we were horrified to find how much our hedge had grown over the path.

We have a new baby in the village; Maja (pronounced Miya) arrived safely at a very healthy 8 lbs 4ozs to proud parents Justyna and Steve on 1<sup>st</sup> June, congratulations to you both.

Thinking of children in the village, drivers please be aware of our younger residents on bikes and playing out on warm summer evenings!

I have just received the IF (International Festival) brochure which is being held at Willen Lake and other locations in Milton Keynes between 18-27 July; if you haven't attended the events in the past they are well worth a visit; many of them being FREE.

Finally it was nice to see groups of students completing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award training in the area on 5<sup>th</sup> June; however when I walked the bridleway off Turvey Road that evening I was horrified to see the amount of litter they had dropped all along the path which included a battery, plastic bottles, tin foil, plastic fruit containers and many sweet and cereal bar wrappers. My attempt to find the culprits have not as yet been successful, so if anyone can shed any light on which Upper School they may have come from then please email me at [sulas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sulas@hotmail.co.uk) It is a beautiful walk and such a shame when very little respect is shown for the countryside; I have since returned and removed most of the litter.

We wish residents who are leaving us or joining us a warm and happy summer.

**Doveless**



## **Defibrillator**

You will notice a brand spanking new red box on the front of the village hall, this is the new defibrillator, which I really hope no one has call to use, but if you do – DON'T PANIC.

If you come across a patient first assess the situation, for instance make sure they haven't been electrocuted and are still lying on a live wire, you would be no good to them if you are also electrocuted.

Second – check if they are breathing, after all you don't want to wake a sleeping person!

Third – if they are not breathing, summon help, hopefully a second person, who can dial 999, they will send an ambulance and also most importantly let you know the code to get into the defibrillator. Whilst they are doing that you would be pumping their chest to aid breathing and circulated the blood.

Fourth – the second person returns with the defibrillator, switches it on and the machine will talk you through the instructions.

Very simple and quite straight forward, plus the machine will not allow you to shock the patient if it can detect a pulse, so perfectly safe. The main thing is not to panic

Well at long last Bob and Bridget move to Newport Pagnell. Bridget and Bob will be sadly missed with all they have done for the village, like childrens' parties years ago, youth club, senior citizens Christmas Dinners, which they all loved, and Bridget's long service on the village hall committee. Bob and his son Terry both played for Astwood United then Bob became a loyal supporter.

Like me I'm sure we all wish them well in their new home.

Latest News regarding the BBQ on 6<sup>th</sup> July, which incidentally is Wimbledon finals day and to celebrate, we hope, another Murray victory we will be having a Wimbledon lunch (sort of BBQish) with the traditional strawberries and cream at 1 o'clock in time for the final in the Village Hall. As it is Wimbledon 'dress for success' in your tennis gear. Look forward to seeing there

## **Lieutenant and Mrs Pigeon**

**C**HICHELEY

I will begin this month with three items from a guest correspondent.

Starbeque in Chicheley

**Once again, a big thank you to all those who supported our Starbeque held in Chicheley on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May. We had a brilliant evening, with 41 people attending, drawn from the SCAN Villages, as well as many friends from MK Astronomical Society.**

**Pierre did a great job on the BBQ, and the home made soup and accompanying salads and sauces were much enjoyed. The Chicheley Ladies did their stuff with a wonderful selection of delicious desserts. Thank you to them all.**

**The weather was perfect and, although a little cloudy during the first part of the evening, the temperature was comfortable.**

**As darkness fell Pierre gave a slide show in the Village Hall, and those who returned to the garden for coffee, were treated to a wonderful show of the night sky as the clouds moved away completely. There were ‘Oohs’ and ‘Aahs’ when Saturn came into sight and other celestial objects were seen through a choice of six different types of telescope. Pierre and Alan Piggott from MKAS gave us a great explanation of what was being viewed.**

**Altogether, we raised a total of £540 which was divided between St Lawrence’s Church in Chicheley, the Milton Keynes Astronomical Society and Chicheley Village Hall. Thank you to all who contributed to a most enjoyable evening.**

Christine and Pierre Girard

(As one who attended the Starbeque it really was an excellent evening’s entertainment with the added advantage of learning about the stars in the sky. DEMR)

"Has anyone lost a set of keys? We found a set left on the little wall by the door of the Village Hall. They were found on Saturday 31st May whilst we were setting up for the Starbeque. If they are yours, please contact me on 01234 391489 or email

[christine.girard@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.girard@btinternet.com) .

Many thanks, Christine Girard."

"It looks like we are in for another bumper harvest of fruit in our garden and I am desperate for jars. If you have any jars with lids that you do not want, from coffee jars, sauce jars, jam jars to mustard pots, please contact me on 01234 391489 or email

[christine.girard@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.girard@btinternet.com) and I will arrange collection.

Many thanks, Christine Girard."

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

There will be a lunch at the Brickyard Cottage, Chicheley on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to raise funds for Southern Africas Children’s charity, organised jointly by Chicheley church and Newport Pagnell Rotary club. Tickets will be £10. The proceeds will go towards a project to provide bicycles for the older children living at Hope school in Tanzania for travelling to their distant secondary school. If you would like to attend please contact me on 01234 391371.

Every five years all Anglican churches in the UK must have a detailed survey carried out by an approved architect, the “Quinquennial Inspection”. The purpose is to inspect the building from top to bottom, inside and out, and then compile a detailed report of the

results with an action plan for dealing with what has been found. This will be carried out this year for St. Lawrence's at Chicheley in July. Our village church is a Grade 1 listed building, parts of which are some 800 years old so requires, and has received, much restoration work over the years at a not inconsiderable cost. It is the oldest building in our village and the church committee's intention is to hand it on to the next generation in as good an order that we can. Unfortunately we have to keep it locked, except for church services to which you are all welcome, but if you would like to look around it there are details displayed on the church door for obtaining keys.

St. Lawrence's day is celebrated this year in the church on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am.

I mentioned in last month's SCAN that there was to be a meeting to discuss what Chicheley might like to do to commemorate the First World War. That duly took place and we have a number of ideas that will be followed up. The first one all Chicheley villagers will shortly be hearing about so keep an eye on your letter box.

I'm always happy to include items in SCAN from Chicheley residents so please contact me if you have any. My details are on the back page, and I can give you my email address if that helps.

David



## **HARDMEAD**

Thank you very much to the residents of Hardmead who offered to help with the distribution of SCAN. Master Oscar Anderson, was the first person to come forward and he will be delivering the July edition. **Thank you Oscar.** If you live in one of the out-lying properties and don't receive SCAN, perhaps you could call at No. 8 The Close to collect yours.

Welcome back Hardmead and thank you to Philip and helpers who took on the errand in the meantime. Editor.

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### **NORTH CRAWLEY WILLEN HOSPICE DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION**

The April/May 2014 door to door collection in North Crawley for Willen Hospice raised the grand sum of £606.63p.

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

Pam Newby

# **North Crawley Bowls Club**

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

## **ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW**

To be held on

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014**

In the Village Institute, North Crawley

**Starting at 2.30 pm**

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

Trophies for the category winners.

Much of the produce will be auctioned after the show, approx 4 pm.

There is a tombola, a raffle, tea and cakes.

**For a copy of the schedule please contact**

**Stephen Martin – Tel. 01234 391292**

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**St Firmins**

**Traditional Village Fete**

**3 pm**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**and**

**Teddy Bear Jump**

**at St Firmins Church, North Crawley**

Tombola, Cake Stall,

Children's best decorated bicycle.

Lots of stalls, games and attractions

or simply come and have tea and cakes and relax for the afternoon

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**CALL JENNY ON 01234 391077**



# **N**ORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT

This may come as a surprise but I am going to remind everyone that we now have a village shop and it needs continued village support to enable the proprietor to determine exactly what items and levels of stock are required. Can I suggest that everyone makes a visit to the shop to see the range of goods available, and perhaps you could then decide which you would like to purchase from the shop on a regular basis. This will greatly help the proprietor and go towards providing the shop with a long term future that I hope we all support.

## **Defibrillator**

A village defibrillator is now situated on the outside wall of the Cock Inn facing the High Street, and is ready for use which hopefully won't occur too often. Having seen a demonstration of how to use it, I was impressed at how simple the instructions are and the machine itself will take you through the sequence of steps required once it is activated. Should you find yourself in the position of having to resuscitate someone, the recommended first action is to ring 999 and the operator will talk you through the procedure to follow whilst an ambulance is en route.

## **North Crawley United Charities**

If anyone out there has youngsters starting to prepare to go to college or university in September, then the following note regarding help from a village charity may be of interest.

In the April SCAN we explained the activities of the North Crawley United Charities, the local village charity which 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 charity also administers the allotments in Folly Lane known as Town Lands. The trustees will consider anyone for a grant who is taking up an apprenticeship, studying, or planning to study, at college or university or training for a profession. Please note that the grants are relatively small, but they can be used to put toward the purchase of tools, equipment, books or anything that may help anyone with their studies or training. With many young people starting new jobs or getting ready to go to college or university later in the year, now is the time to apply.

If you feel you qualify, then please contact the clerk to the charity, Chris Stapleton, at [Chris.Stapleton23@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.Stapleton23@gmail.com) , giving a brief description of what you could use a grant for.

## **North Crawley Cricket Club**

The cricket tour returned from Yorkshire on Saturday 7 June, and immediately went into another game with a touring party from Lincoln, headed up by an old North Crawleyite Rob Knight. Luckily with no league fixture to play over the weekend the rather erratic displays from some of the players was of no real consequence, with pints rather than points being the main focus.



The club is running sessions for Under 7 to Under 12 age groups 18:00 to 19:30 from Friday 2nd May until Friday 25th July. Over successive years the age groups will be expanded to accommodate the players as they get older. Please contact Sam Howe by emailing [youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk](mailto:youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk) for more details, or visit the NCCC website ([www.northcrawleycc.co.uk](http://www.northcrawleycc.co.uk)).

### **North Crawley Bowls Club**

No matter your age or standard, come along and join in, as all are welcome and if you don't have any woods, there are always some spare you can use. For further details contact Sheila Hart (Secretary) on 01234 750221.

### **Historical Society**

The Historical Society had an excellent visit to the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden on May 31<sup>st</sup>, but it is a bit quiet for us during the summer. We are, however, busy behind the scenes working on the WW1 project. This will result in an exhibition on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> of all those from the village who served in WW1. There will be a village walk the same afternoon.

### **Walks**

Please support your village walks which are on the last Sunday in the month. The walks are suitable for young and old alike and are up to two hours in duration. The next walk will be Sunday 27 July, 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](mailto:hawkeye.scan@hotmail.co.uk)



Hawk-eye.



## **NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on Tuesday 3rd June 2014.  
The following are notes from the meeting and not the official minutes.

### **Planning**

A new dwelling in the grounds of the Old Rectory which incorporates an old outbuilding requires listed building consent, and a number of stipulations have been made for the attention of the developers.

## **Ward Councillor's Report**

Peter Geary and David Hoskins two recently elected Ward Councillors turned up to the meeting and introduced themselves. They informed the meeting of how they were going to work with Keith McLean over the coming year. A number of points were made to the Councillors about ongoing projects and issues with Milton Keynes Council and they were asked to take these away and inform those involved.

Issues mentioned included the work at Chicheley Bottoms, which the Parish Council felt had not addressed all of the pot hole problems and the workmen had not done a very good job of clearing up the location and left rubbish on the verges. It was also mentioned that there have been very few cuts of the grass this year and it would be nice to know why.

### **The Village Shop.**

Prakash Lakhman introduced himself to the meeting and has undertaken to run the village shop which has recently opened. He wanted the views of the Parish Council regarding the placing of bins to receive deliveries of papers, milk etc. and also a general bin to dispose of packaging. A number of suggestions were made and a visit to the site after the meeting helped explain the situation. The Parish Council fully support this enterprise and hope the village will start to purchase goods on a regular basis and help build the business. With many people being disappointed when the previous owners of the shop closed down, it is up to everyone in the village to ensure the shop remains open.

### **Defibrillator update:**

The defibrillator casing has been installed on the Cock Inn on a front facing wall to the High Street. The actual equipment has not yet been placed in the casing as it needs expert advice to check that it is complete and ready to use (since installed).

## **NAG Report**

Cllr Hunt reported that the new SID units have been in operation at the Cranfield end of the High St. and in Chicheley road. The set-up and operation seems to have worked well, but there appears to be a few problems with the reporting software. Anyway it has been a successful first run thanks to Cllr Hunt's perseverance. The unit is shared with a number of other areas but should be available for North Crawley on a regular basis possibly monthly. It was suggested that the unit is placed in Folly Lane next time it is available.

### **Projects.**

A bench for the Ford area has arrived and a decision needs to be made about exactly where it should be placed. Volunteers were asked to turn up on Sunday morning.

An ornamental trough (to be planted with flowers), is to be ordered for the village green.

Work to stop residents parking on the footpath leading up to the church lychgate has been put on hold pending one final plea to residents to see sense. Surely to leave access along the path to the church is not too much to ask. The alternative is the erection of barriers

which will cost the village money and probably cause further friction, when all that is being asked is park your car three feet further back than now.

Replacement of village maps is required for the notice board cabinets.

### **Village Hall.**

The duties of booking and holding the keys to the village hall has passed to Malcom and Kerry Rose. Please contact them in future via the details on the back page of Scan.

### **Councillor items.**

It was reported that kids have been playing football in the cricket nets, rather than the purpose built MUGA ten yards away.

Our Chair has created a 'Welcome to the village' letter for newcomers, which all feel is a great idea. This was passed on for all Councillors to read and add/amend.

### **Questions from residents:**

A resident pointed out that the path down to Cradle Plank is difficult to walk through due to excessive growth of brambles etc. ( A call to Andrew Burton at MKC will be made by Councillor Flower).

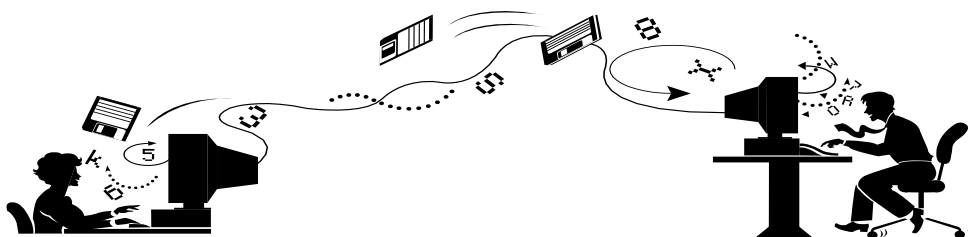
**Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

Cllr. Fred Flower.

### **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](mailto: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



North Crawley CE School



Join us at the school for our lunchtime

# Summer BBQ & Fayre

## Saturday 12 July

### 12.30pm - 2.30pm



Opening with the children singing  
&



**Fancy Dress competition**



BBQ, Tea, Cakes,  
Ice-creams, Bouncy Castle, Water Torture,  
Teddy Tombola, Hook-A-Duck, Traditional Tombola  
& much much more!!!



**Fun and games for all!**



All proceeds in aid of Friends of North Crawley School

## NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

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

### North Crawley Literacy Festival.

The children in the Early Years Foundation Stage class have been busily working on their new topic based on their own favourite book. This has involved thinking about characters settings and plot. The children have been researching authors, making clay character models and 3D story scenes and have invited parents to a 'story shower' to share their work. This will take place under our individual story umbrellas – look out for the photographs in the next issue of SCAN.

### Blooming Marvellous.

Everyone has been relishing 'Welly Wednesday' and our garden is in full bloom. The children have been busily digging, planting and weeding and are looking forward to eating 'school grown' tomatoes, strawberries and raspberries.

### 'Hazard Alley'.

Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a very informative visit to 'Hazard Alley', the Safety Centre, in Milton Keynes and have relished sharing what they have learned with the rest of the school. During their visit they learnt about several different dangers and how to keep themselves safe. When the children returned to school, they were able to tell their Year 1 friends about their experiences, some which included: how and when to make a 999 call, what to do if there is a fire, the dangers of dark alley ways and how to cross the road safely. Next month, they will have a follow-up visit in school from a 'Safety Centre' member of staff which will extend their learning.

### Horrible Histories.

Last month you may have read about the visit to Warwick Castle which, upon return to school, inspired the children to discover more about everyday life in castles. As well as



making models of Motte and Bailey castles, and after much research, the children organised a medieval banquet and feudal 'siege'.

The banquet was a 'feast for the eyes' as the splendid, suitably attired, lords and ladies paraded in. 'Red and white wine' flowed, as the nobility tucked into chicken and freshly baked bread. Entertainment including medieval dancing, songs and joke telling followed. However, things rather took a turn for the worse as a siege

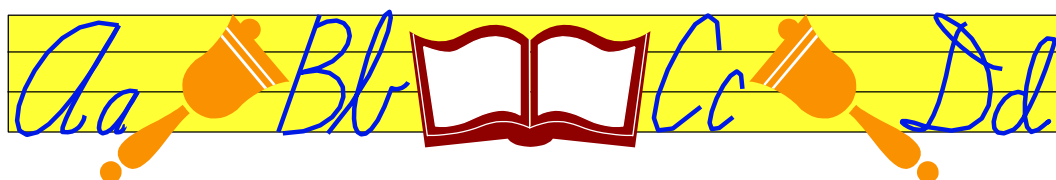
developed and the lords and ladies took up arms! Swords, and shields abounded as the castle (well climbing frame actually) was attacked.

Learning is certainly dynamic and thrilling at North Crawley CE School. The children have been exceptionally well motivated to learn using the new iPads. Already the pupils have mastered the skills of scrolling, enlarging print or pictures and finding information.... Who knows what tomorrow will bring!



At the end of the academic year 2013/14 we say a 'fond farewell' to Anya, Levi, Jordan, Morgan, Ben and Megan as they move on to the next stage of their education. We hope they will have lasting happy memories of their time at North Crawley CE School and we send these children our very best wishes for the future.

Would you like your child to attend a school judged by **Ofsted** as **outstanding**? Unexpectedly there are a few places available at both partnership schools for September 2014 – please telephone North Crawley on 01234 391282 or Stoke Goldington on 01908 551253 for further details.



## NORTH CRAWLEY WI JULY 2014

Hello again from WI, the month's just go by far too quickly I feel that I can't keep up. Anyway, as usual we are very busy at WI we have a painting course, golf day, a trip out to Jordan's Mill for us as a group and a trip out to Eltham Place as a Federation trip. We are preparing for next year for our centenary and are looking for idea's for a party animal, it must be waterproof as we think it will have to live outside for most of it's life, it must be colourful, striking and ready to party. Any idea's please contact me. We are also working at decorating our tree on Nixey's Walk, again it has to be waterproof. Talks are being held as to whether we can find enough enthusiasm to do a flower festival in the village or join in with another local group of ladies; watch this space!

Our speaker this month was Jackie on Medical Detection Dogs, how very interesting and what a useful tool to have; our ladies had lots of questions. Jackie brought along "Ember" a puppy that was sponsored by The Co-op in Woburn Sands, she was with Mike her keeper for approx 18 months to teach her how to socialize and she went everywhere with him to introduce her to all types of situations. The working dogs smell a sample taken from a patient, not the actual person, and it was interesting to see how this was done. We also had a video of other dogs working with patients with diabetes and one dog even went to school with his little girl prompting a change in her blood sugar. As you would expect from a puppy she was quite nosey and very friendly. As this is a new charity funds are



quite tight so Jackie brought bags, toys and cards to sell they also re-cycle ink cartridges and old phones. There are leaflets in the village hall for anyone interested. The charity had just been presented to Westminster for national status, so we will be seeing lots more I am sure.

The raffle was won by, Ella, Lynda, Maime and Maureen. The competition was cancelled. Sorry this is a month late but our meeting was after the deadline.

The June meeting was our outing to Jordans Mill, as this is after the deadline for Scan we are sure it will be very interesting and lovely gardens with a nice lunch and lots of chat. Will let you know next month, so enjoy this lovely weather and your holiday if you are having one and we will see you next month.

*. Lynda and the team.*



## **Strawberry Tea for Breast Cancer Care.**

On Thursday July 17th in the club room at **North Crawley Institute**

**1.30 till 4pm.**

Afternoon Tea with Music from Anita and John,  
Raffle and a Quiz.

**£8 pp Tickets from Ella Field, Pam Pinder, Lynda Barber.**

If you would like to help in any way please contact me on  
01234 391888 Mob 07740868807. I am looking for Cakes, Raffle prizes and help on  
the day. If you would like to donate money towards supplying the tea's it would be  
greatly appreciated.

## **COACH TRIP TO BUCKS COUNTY SHOW, AYLESBURY**

Departing from The Cock North Crawley on Thursday 28th August 2014 at  
9.15 a.m.

10 seats available

Adults £18.00 including entrance to show and coach fare

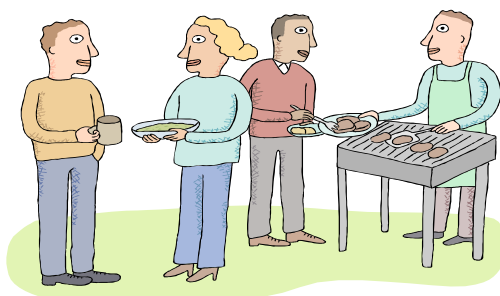
Concessions £15.50 including entrance to show and coach fare

A lovely day out

Contact Joan Mitchell 01234 391542



## **IMC VILLAGE BARBECUE NORTH CRAWLEY INSTITUTE SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1pm onwards**



**Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with family & friends in the sun!**

**Tickets £5 per person**

**Includes BBQ & Live Music**

**Cream Teas/Gateaux also available**

**Bring your own drink**

**Contact:- Joan Mitchell Tel: 391542**

## Mailbag and Announcements



### **Thumbsticks Walk, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

We will be driving to Turvey where we shall be going for a 3 mile walk in and beyond Turvey Abbey park. Please meet at The Knoll for 9.30 am.

No dogs please. J & A.

### **Thumbsticks Walk, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.**

Another away day, this time we shall be driving to Stony Stratford where we will be going on a canal and riverside walk led by Liz. Please meet at The Knoll for 9.30 am. No dogs please.

### **Sherington Willen Hospice Collection**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Willen Hospice 'house to house' collection this year. A big thank you also goes to our collectors, Eileen M, Helen A, Pam E, Sandra B, Sheila Q, and Philip S for kindly helping to raise money for this worthy cause. The total amount raised in Sherington was £455.53. Julie S

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## **PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL TRAILER AUCTION**

**At The White Hart Car Park**

**On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**At 7 pm prompt**

Donations of saleable goods gratefully accepted –

**FROM 4 pm ONWARDS AT THE  
CAR PARK**

**NO SHOES OR JUMBLE**

**All proceeds to Willen Hospice**

**Enquiries – Ring 610984**



*It's fishing time again for those children aged 4 years to 10 years - give or take a bit. Bring your fishing nets - your hand towels - your parents and most important, your best behaviour too. The Knoll at 2.30 pm on SUNDAY JULY 20TH  
**PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.***

## ST. LAUD'S FLOWER FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS

### THANK YOU

We are very pleased to announce that the provisional total raised last weekend is  
**£1,300**

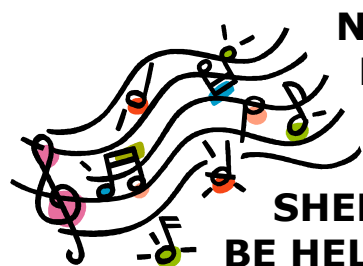
**Thank you** to everyone who worked hard to make our Festival so enjoyable and a huge success. The flower arrangers' beautiful creations transformed the Church. Visitors were made welcome in all the gardens and enjoyed afternoon tea at Pearl's, Pimm's and lemonade with Bess and David or cream teas at the White Hart. And last, but not least, the stewards and all who gave their time so willingly.

### SCARECROWS - RESULTS of JUDGING

- ☺ First: .....The Thomas Family: with 'Rosie the Fairy'
- ☺ Highly commended: ...The Temple Family: with Woody and Co.
- ☺ Highly commended: ...Sherington Pre-School in Tom's Garden  
with Peter Rabbit.

There were eighteen entries -

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART



#### Notice

**DUE TO LATE UNAVAILABILITY OF LARGE  
SECTIONS OF THE NEWPORT PAGNELL  
SINGERS WE HAVE HAD TO CANCEL THE  
SHERINGTON SUMMER CONCERT WHICH WAS TO  
BE HELD AT ST LAUDS ON JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

I KNOW THIS WILL DISAPPOINT MANY PEOPLE , WE USUALLY PLAY TO A PACKED HOUSE, BUT WE HAVE EXPLORED ALTERNATIVES NONE OF WHICH ARE POSSIBLE AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE. RATHER THAN PUT ON A SUBSTANDARD CONCERT WHICH MAY DISAPPOINT AFTER OUR PREVIOUS VERY ENJOYABLE EVENINGS , WE HAVE DECIDED TO STAND DOWN THIS TIME.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON SATURDAY DECEMBER THE 20TH, WHICH AS ALWAYS WILL PROVIDE THE MAGIC FOR A GREAT START TO THE FESTIVE SEASON.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

DAVID, BEN, DEBORAH AND BESS



Great news! Wonderful Pam and Alan Sims are running this most popular event for the village from this Friday. The venue is now back at St. Laud's Church from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm. See you there!

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## "UNSUNG HEROES OF THE VILLAGE" (AN OCCASIONAL SERIES)

For many years now, I and many others have walked the footpath from the Churchyard through Mr and Mrs Soul's field down to the High Street. Over time we have seen this transformed from a plain old field to a wildlife and flora and fauna sanctuary. In addition, new paths have been opened up by the Souls to enable us to enjoy more and more of it. This spring with the grasses, blossom, wild flowers and bird life it has been a continuing pleasure to wander in these tranquil pastures.

Mr Soul mows this whole area at the appropriate time using the old fashioned scythe, a mammoth task but one which he tells me gives him great pleasure in spite of the physical effort. At appropriate times of year Mrs Soul lays by the path surplus vegetables and fruit from her extensive garden, free for passers by, another act of generosity much appreciated.

Nothing is asked of us all except to respect and enjoy the wildlife and the area. However, I sincerely thank the Souls for their efforts and generosity, it is much appreciated.

David Williams

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### Cyber Crime BEWARE.

Usually I am cautious of disclosing personal details; I don't have a Facebook or Twitter account, but stupidly (with hindsight), I allowed my mobile 'phone number to be seen on our village web site along with an email address for our village hall in order to offer those wishing to book the hall a means of contacting the booking clerk. Imagine the surprise one day of getting 15 to 20 texts PER HOUR intended for a Ms. **Donna Ashmore** advising that her that her PAYDAY LOAN for £300 - £1,500 was now approved! The sheer time and cost of trying to stop these intrusive texts by following the instructions given, (text STOP/UNSUB etc.) became an even more major source of annoyance than the texts themselves over the days that followed. After the texts came

the badgering 'phone calls from the same loan companies. **Fortunately, a friend gave me the very simple and possibly lucrative answer and I now pass this on to you.** Reply politely to each wrongly directed contact. Advise them of the issue. State that each communication with them would now be invoiced at £25 and request a contact in their organisation. It took me an hour or so to locate the various loan company contact addresses (Thanks to the amazing internet resource that is Google). I'm just waiting for the money to roll in – but it has all gone strangely quiet....? Oh, and I removed my 'phone number! Don't get mad get even as they say, but I would like to find the perpetrator of all this annoyance. I am guessing it ties in with the recent half term holiday and the rainy days during that week.

TP (full name and address supplied, but withheld)

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**THE SCAN TEAM SEND MANY THANKS THIS MONTH  
FOR GENEROUS DONATIONS**

from

☺ a Caledonian Reader

☺ a Reader in Church Road, Sherington



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## Buckinghamshire 2014

**Wednesday 9 July £3.00 12 – 4** Open as normal, or choose from either lunch or afternoon tea including tour of garden (see below), teas, cakes, plants

The Bunch, Wotton Underwood, Aylesbury, HP18 0RZ Lord & Lady Newall

***Gold Medal winner (Hampton Court) Susan Williams offers two tours, 12.00 to include glass of wine and a sandwich at £6.50 and 2.00pm to include afternoon tea at £6. Tours need to be booked in advance, call 01296 739309 for tickets.***

The Bunch was originally five cottages built for the Wotton Estate in 1700. The owners have lived here for more than 40 years and have created a beautiful garden in a delightful setting with unspoiled views of the surrounding countryside. Many delightful features - a pond with ducks, an orchard, paddock, kitchen garden. Turn off A41 at Kingswood cross roads signed Wotton Underwood, at T-junction at railway bridge turn left, next left where sign says Wotton Only. First house on the right. Parking in field next to garden.

**Thursday 10 September £4.00 2 – 5pm** Teas Plants

**The Quaker House, North Crawley, MK16 9HW Mrs J Boswell**

Landscape designer Jane Boswell has spent thirty years converting open arable fields into 10 acres of garden. Although undertaken in a series of tranches, the gardens are now being linked together. Sheltered rooms and woodland walks are interspersed by lawns and an ornamental lake. The garden stretches from the formality of the house outwards into plantations of mixed woodland. The latest addition is a raised bed vegetable garden. This visit is a chance to see a work in progress, and to share the journey of the garden's creation. North Crawley is approx. 9 miles north east of Milton Keynes. Follow Brook End into village, which becomes High Street, going east out of North Crawley. Turn left after approx. 1 mile (next left after Broadmead). Garden is 1/2 mile, on left. Car parking in adjacent field



### ***Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw***

Well, here we are halfway through the year already but sadly this month has not given me much material to make mention of. The garden continues to amaze this year with very early fruit and vegetables and some things are doing what they never have before. For instance I have a small standard olive tree that I was given some four or five years ago and this year for the first time it has flowers on it which hopefully will become fruit later in the year. We have been eating new potatoes since early June, we have courgettes and the runner beans are nearly at the top of their poles and have red flowers on them and I shall be pulling new carrots this week.

On the wildlife front I am very pleased to see hedge sparrows back in the garden because we haven't seen them here for ages. We also have a pied wagtail and a green woodpecker is a frequent visitor. Now I didn't actually see it but I am certain that I heard a curlew on 17<sup>th</sup>

June. The call is a quite distinctive 'coor-li' that gives the bird its name, and it was coming from the direction of Carters Close.

I made mention last month of some unusual 'stuff' in the air last month and was pleased to get a response from Derek Harpur of East End, North Crawley saying that it would have been from willow trees. Now initially I could not think of any willows around The Knoll but then I remembered seeing some in Mr Soul's field off the High Street so I imagine that they must have floated here from there – thanks Derek.

A bit of news from the Twinning Association. The Association was contacted by a relative of one of the soldiers buried in the churchyard in Saméon and we were pleased to be able to give him a contact in the village:

***"The Story***

*"It was my Mother (some years ago) who asked me to find out about her uncle. Neither she nor her sisters had any idea about their uncle's background. I passed the job onto a military historian who lived in the same small town as my great uncle (who the emails are about). It was the military historian that came across your web site and informed me that you make visits to Saméon.*

*"The historian gave me all the info about my great uncle and also informed me that one of the other soldiers buried next to my great uncle was shot dead by accident as his colleague was cleaning his gun (that was indeed bad luck).*

*"To be honest, once I had all the info on my great uncle and passed it to my mother, the subject went onto the back burner.*

*I do not know if it is because of the 100 years anniversary but 2 months ago I received an email out of the blue from a lady in Leeds (who I do not know) asking if I had any info on my great uncle's brother. It turns out that this chap enlisted at the age of 14 and was 'booted out' of the army when it was discovered.*

*"I travel across Europe on business frequently (and have been to the Ypres area on 3 occasions) and I thought that if I was in the area I would pop into the graveyard of Saméon church whilst passing. I just think it would be a nice gesture to personally thank the people who tend the graves."*

*Best Wishes, Terry"*

Another request for help came from a local farmer in Saméon who is a member of their twinning association. His son is attending an agricultural college and as part of his course he needs to spend a couple of weeks working on a foreign farm and he wondered if we could help. Unfortunately we could not get him accommodated in Sherington but I have a cousin

who farms in Marston Morteyne and she was pleased to be able to find a short term post for him on her farm so on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> we picked him up from Bedford station and duly delivered him to my cousin. I think that he might struggle a bit with his English but no doubt he will have improved a lot by the end of his stay.

*News from the Thumbsticks:*

*"Our June walk went anti-clockwise for a change and what a lovely morning it was for the half a dozen or so who got SCAN by First of June (The Sunday). The planned walk was something over 5 miles to Tyringham bridge and back, leaving Sherington at the footpath opposite Gun Lane. We walked high, taking a direction toward Filgrave, this presented views across the valley to the left as we climbed gently to cross the soft and springy carpet covered Gallop along the way. A change of direction at the copse near the Filgrave Road found us shortly at our halfway point of the Fences farm and then a short "on road" stroll past the young Jerseys to Tyringham Church and Bridge. An about turn, back past the cows, through the field gate and a near enough straight walk home following the river line for much of the way. Our thanks go as usual to our land owners for maintaining these public footpaths to a good standard and for providing unencumbered access."*

*Jack Sparrow*

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

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## **SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 2014**

### **1 WARD COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Mc Lean was unable to be present but Cllr Denman welcomed Cllr Peter Geary and Cllr David Hoskins who were also elected to represent the Olney-cum-Sherington ward on MK Council.

### **2 VACANCY FOR CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

The chairman regretfully announced that the clerk Wendy Austyn had recently submitted her resignation. A recruitment committee would be appointed after the meeting and a schedule would be drafted.

### **3 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Fence at VH play area** Cllrs agreed that the second repair to the fence was to a satisfactory standard. Phillip Hine suggested that he could use the rest of the roll, which Mark Hine had said the Parish Council could use, to repair three other smaller gaps in the fence. The clerk is currently obtaining quotes to repair the ascot fence on The Knoll

**High St (Alban Hill) ditch and drainage update** Mark Bennett from MKC has carried out a survey on the storm water drains although further ditch cleaning, trial holes and drain jetting work would be required. Councillors were asked to keep an eye on the road, drains and ditches after any heavy rain, and to take photos as evidence of how they are now working following the recent clearance work.

#### **4 WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Peter Geary stated that he and his fellow ward councillors would be working out how best to cover and report to the meetings of the 17 Parish councils they represent. Cllr Keith McLean will be taking on the role of Deputy Mayor and will no doubt be less available.

#### **5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

**The Granary 7 Manor Courtyard – Change of use from offices to residential dwelling and convert to two 2 bedroom apartments.** Cllrs Sally Cook and James Cook left the meeting at this point. The remaining councillors noted Sally Cook's objections as a neighbour but considered these to be of a technical nature and therefore for qualified MKC officers to deliberate. They unanimously agreed that it was better for the unit to be converted than to be left empty; they also recalled that no objection had been made to the similar conversion of the adjacent property a few years ago and therefore had no objection to make.

**The Old Rectory, 16 School Lane - various works to trees in a conservation area.** Cllrs had considered this application between meetings owing to the expiry date of 2<sup>nd</sup> June and had already told MKC that there were no adverse comments to make.

**The Old Rectory 16 School Lane – various works to trees with Tree Preservation Orders.** Councillors agreed that if a tree specialist considered the work necessary then there would be no adverse comments.

**14 School Lane – Erection of 2 bedroom detached bungalow on garden land.** There were no adverse comments.

**8b Church Road (Sherington village shop) – variation of condition 2 (limited period) attached to 11/01155/FUL for additional 3 years permission.** There were no adverse comments as councillors agreed that they were in full support of keeping the village shop business going.

**1 Park Road, 5 Knoll Close and 10 High St** All have been approved by MKC

#### **6 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND**

**Maintenance work on recreation field.** The clerk is currently obtaining another quote to remove the shelters and repair the fencing.

#### **7 MAINTENANCE WORK IN THE VILLAGE**

Councillors agreed write to Tony Pilcher to acknowledge and thank him warmly for the many maintenance and other tasks which he has carried out in the village over many years, both paid and unpaid.

#### **8 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 and on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde

## **Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Sherington Parish Council**

The Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic and organised individual to work from home for up to 25 hours per month, flexibly with some evening work to attend Council meetings.

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Have excellent communication, interpersonal and administrative skills.
- Be computer literate including Excel and Word and email capability
- Facilitate at least 11 evening meetings per year for Sherington Parish Council, including preparation of agendas and taking of minutes.
- Facilitate the Annual Parish Meeting once a year
- Deal with correspondence and emails and follow up actions agreed by the Council.
- Keep up to date accounts and co-ordinate the annual audit.
- Liaise as required with Milton Keynes Council as well as other representative bodies/public utilities and their agencies

Starting salary from NALC SCP15 (currently £8.428 per hour), dependent on qualifications and experience. Training will be provided as appropriate.

For an information pack email the current clerk at [wendy543@hotmail.com](mailto:wendy543@hotmail.com)

To apply, send a brief CV and accompanying letter setting out the reasons why you would be right for this role to:

Cllr Alec Denman - Chair of Sherington Parish Council  
5 Perry Lane, Sherington, Newport Pagnell, MK16 9NH  
Email: [raymondndenman@btinternet.com](mailto:raymondndenman@btinternet.com)

Closing date for applications is **25<sup>th</sup> July 2014**. The parish council intends to interview suitable applicants during August so please indicate your availability and give full contact details with your application.

## SHERINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWS



Yaw comes to Sherington School (again).

- Once again the arrival of multi-talented artist, story-teller and performer Yaw Asiyama heralds a lot of hard work, fun and extraordinary outcomes. With our partnership school the children of Key Stage 1 had four days of busy work that just flew by. Thank you Yaw for such stimulating ideas.

*"It was fun when we did the puppet show in front of the audience...it was different to a normal day at school. We made up our own stories and made puppets. I would like to do it again."* Polly Y2

*"There is great buzz about the school when Yaw is working with the children. Polly really enjoyed having St Andrew's children in to school also. I just hope Yaw will be back again for Otis to have the same wonderful experience. Yaw has a great presence!"* Parent.

*"Yaw is clever and he is good at telling stories. Yaw told us a very interesting story about the elephant and the monkey."* Youcef **Y1**







Not to be outdone by KS1 our Reception Class had their own creative project with students from Rushden College. This was a follow-up liaison activity resulting from the annual Fireworks and Lanterns Festival. We are very grateful to Paul Bocking (Asst Ht), Helen Hassan (Assistant Principal) and their students Alisha Bassi and Alice Pamplin for a lovely hard-working day.

A fine early summer day saw us take the cross-country route to Emberton to meet with many friends from Emberton School and to renew fraternal links. The walk gave us a good appetite for lunch in the park followed by some games and use of the recreational play-park.

This geography field-trip was the beginning of our studies of the local area looking at human and natural geographical features.



Margaret Broadhurst (Governor) writes, *"I am impressed with the art work the Reception children were developing.*

*The children's work was imaginative and all the children were motivated and engaged, working hard in their groups. The slide show shows\* and 'latest news' presentation on the front page of the website was user friendly and riveting. These two projects have added great experiences for the children.*



*Seeing the children in their yellow vests shows how the Emberton walk took on some of the suggestions from the last walk. I think it is so valuable for the children to look at the countryside through new eyes and to be immersed in it for a school day. I'm glad the children had the opportunity for the walk again. Amy highlighted what the children had learned about being safe on the roads and the science and geography input. I'm pleased that the children have a sense of what geography is about - the looking at landscape from this point of view".*

\*to be found on our new website

<http://www.sheringtonceschool.co.uk/>

## **SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

What a busy time at Pre-school recently with frequent visits to Tom's Garden checking on the progress of our crops. It looks like we could be in for a bumper crop of potatoes but alas the snails got the better of the French beans and have nibbled at the lettuce, runner beans and the sunflowers. However the strawberries, blueberries, carrots and tomatoes all look really healthy together with the herbs and the grass grown from seed in the dinosaur landscape. The children have been busy making large mini beast collages, making beautiful butterflies from card, tissue paper and glitter as well as painting stones to look like ladybirds. All this is in preparation for the Open Gardens weekend on the 21st June, look out for photographs and a report in the August copy of Scan.

On 10th June our Open Morning was extremely well attended and we welcomed ten prospective new children with their parents and a large number have registered for starting in September, January 2015 and beyond. The hall was set up with lots of fun activities to keep everyone engaged and the snack bar was busy. We had lots of outdoor play due to the good weather and the visiting children played along side the Pre-school children hiding in dens, listening to stories and playing in the water with pots and pans.

We have had another session of Action Kids, this time with 'Little George' and the big parachute was a huge hit with the children, three more sessions will take place before the end of term.

To celebrate Father's day we drew some lovely pictures on the front of Father's day cards. One child drew a kangaroo because his dad liked going to Australia and another drew her Daddy with long legs and a happy smile!



The end of term will be upon us before we know it and the children have started to learn a few new songs ready for the leavers performance on the 17th July. The Staff are busy observing the children, preparing a 'Voice of the Child' sheet which shows a photograph of the child at an activity, allowing the child to say what they do or how they feel about coming to Pre-school. We will also be completing 'Transfers to School' for those children leaving for BIG school at the end of term!





## **Sherington Short Mat Bowls Club**

Our 2014 AGM was held in the Village Hall on Monday, 9th June; the sitting committee resigned and was unanimously re-elected! We have recently held our club singles and doubles competitions for which Pam Clarridge presented the cups and plaques; Alan Paul won the Singles and is now the holder of the Patterson cup for 2014/5, the runner Roy Walker; Bob Clarridge and Jessica Vale were triumphant in the Doubles with Pam Clarridge and Roy runners up. Celia Wing and John Yeomans won the attendance cups.

Mixed results for us in other competitions - we achieved second place in the Summer Fives competition but came second to bottom in both the NSMBA Day League and the Mini League. Hopefully we will improve during the summer competitions!

Have you thought about trying bowling? We are planning an Open Day during October when visitors will have the chance to try bowling, have a cup of tea with piece of cake and chat to club members. Further details will be given in the September SCAN. Information can always be obtained by phoning Sheila Quinn 01908 211153 or Simon Briggs 611608.



# SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Sherington Historical Society  
will be showing a 1hr 30 minute film of  
'The Feast 1977'**

**Saturday 13th September  
8 -- 10 pm in St Lauds Church.  
£6 to include refreshments during  
intermission.  
Tickets on the door.**

*The Milton Keynes Museum of Industry and Rural Life is located in the peaceful surroundings of Stacey Hill Farm, overlooking the 'new city' of Milton Keynes and includes social, domestic, industrial and agricultural items from North Buckinghamshire and South Northamptonshire, dating from 1800 to the present day..The displays in the farm house recreate the household of the Victorian farmers who lived at Stacey Hill. Also represented in the large farm buildings are Wolverton Works carriage section, Wolverton and Stony Stratford Trams, and many, many other local industries and businesses that thrived in the area. Wolverton was the very first 'railway town' to be created in the world.*

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, a large group of members and visitors from Sherington Historical Society spent a delightful evening being shown round the whole site by Bill Griffiths, Director, and all agreed that the whole exhibition is a credit to the dedicated team of volunteers who have worked so hard over the years and is a tremendous asset to area.

The evening was rounded off in splendid style by cream teas with scones, freshly baked that evening, and home made jam, all by a lady volunteer who had stayed on especially for our visit. There is so much to see that one visit is not sufficient and the range of activities provided covers events for children, family weekends, and many more.

Thank you to the committee for organising the trip; I hope we have another visit in the not too distant future! B.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

**8<sup>th</sup> July: Members Meeting - Please come along for a low key evening archiving and chat.**

**August: No Meeting**

**9<sup>th</sup> September: Preparing for the Open Day.**

## THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

3<sup>rd</sup> July

### **The Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway – OPEN MEETING**

The past, present and future of this proposed connection between Kempston and the Grand Union canal.

talk by David Fowler.

***Visitors are very welcome to join us at this meeting.***

7<sup>th</sup> August

**Annual General Meeting – followed by refreshments**

**Please support this important meeting.**

*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.*

### Sherington Willen Hospice Collection

Thank you to everyone who supported the Willen Hospice 'house to house' collection this year. A big thank you also goes to our collectors, Eileen M, Helen A, Pam E, Sandra B, Sheila Q, and Philip S for kindly helping to raise money for this worthy cause. The total amount raised in Sherington was £455.53. Julie S



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