

SCAN August 2014



# SCAN 443 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY AUGUST 2014

**ASTWOOD VILLAGE HALL:** contact Andrea on [andrea@edoneinvestments.com](mailto: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 <http://www.cranbridge.org.uk>, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409.

**PILATES:** Monday at 8 pm – contact Helen Terry on

[Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk](mailto: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 venue is now back at St. Laud's Church from 2.30 until 4.30 pm.  
Pam and Alan Sims are running this popular event.

**SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP:** 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - **2nd Thursday** of month – contact:  
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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20	Sherington Historical Society Open Day	12 – 4 pm	31



LEST WE FORGET  
August 1914 - 2014





# tearfund

Dear Friends,

Every time we turn on the TV, it seems there is another story of abuse, suffering and pain inflicted on people in one part of the world after another. One of the most despicable abuses is the trafficking of children. Usually there is little or nothing we feel we can do to help.

Tearfund is organising a campaign called '**NO CHILD TAKEN**' against child trafficking.

Part of it is on behalf of girls who live in the villages on the border between Laos and Thailand.

Children leave school at twelve, unable to afford to board at the distant secondary schools. With only basic education, no jobs and no prospects they are vulnerable. The promises made by the traffickers from Thailand of 'good jobs', enough to eat and money to send home, are tempting but tragically the children who do leave their villages are forced to work long hours for little pay and roughly a third end up as sex workers.

Tearfund's motto is 'Following Jesus where the need is greatest' and they respond, not only with emergency supplies but also with education, training and tools. Those whom they help can learn to provide for themselves. These vulnerable girls will not only be taught about the dangers of trafficking in ways they can understand, they will also be given vocational training, and a kit to get them started making a living for themselves. It doesn't stop there. They will also be taught business skills and be given help with getting their products to market.

Usually we are forced to stand helplessly by when we hear of such horrors, but here is a way we can help change things for the better for some.

Scats – the small group of young people in Sherington want to help. They are planning a tea party in St Laud's Church to raise as much as they can to help Tearfund to help give these children a better chance in life. This will be in the normal 'Afternoon Tea' time but all funds raised will go to Tearfund.

**Tearfund Tea. 5<sup>th</sup> September 2.30 – 4.30 in St Laud's.** There will be cakes to buy as well as the usual goodies to eat.

Please make a note of the date and come if you can. If not perhaps you could make a donation. This is something which horrifies us all and for once we can actually help. Please do. For more information, see Tearfund's website: [www.tearfund.org/en/nochildtaken/](http://www.tearfund.org/en/nochildtaken/)

Do enjoy your summer break, take care.

Every blessing, Pam Fielding



## TEARFUND TEA

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

2.30 - 4.30pm St Laud's Church, Sherington. There will be cakes to buy as well as the usual goodies to eat.

Please support the NO CHILD TAKEN Campaign, and help to protect vulnerable children from being forced into a life of near slavery or worse. If you can't make it, please think about making a donation at [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org) or by leaving it with Pam Fielding.

Organised by S.C.A.T.S. (Scan Teenagers)

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

*'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, then your sins will be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'*

On 22 June Kate Elizabeth Southon and Joseph John Southon were welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Laud's Church Sherington

*Kate and Joseph, may you grow to know, love and serve God in your life. God Bless you*



### 'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together

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

4 Griggs Orchard Sherington home of Pam and John Fielding

01908 616763

12pm -2pm Wednesdays

20 August

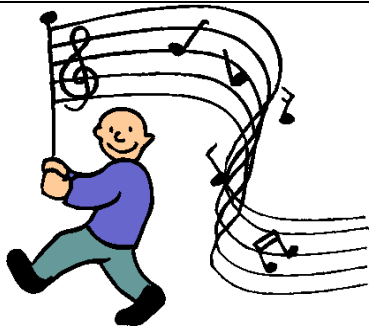
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15 October

29 October

All ages welcome (children too!)



**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)

**SOMETHING ELSE AT SHUTTLEWORTH**

The monthly Something Different service will not be held in August, because of the holidays. We have however decided to have a fun day at the Shuttleworth Trust. This is best known for its World famous collection of airworthy ,unique, vintage aircraft, kept in hangars next to a grass airfield. This is augmented by many old car , motorbike and airship exhibits. The trip will not be a flying day, but will allow us to look closely at this fascinating collection. If you are a gardener, an alternative to aeroplanes (I can't think why!) is the newly refurbished Swiss Garden.

We plan to leave Sherington at about noon on Friday the 15th of August for the short drive to Old Warden, where the Shuttleworth Trust is based. Costs for entry are £12 or £10 for concessions. We can have a picnic or eat in the restaurant there. Everyone is welcome. Please contact me if you plan to come or if you need a lift.

John Fielding, 01908 616763 or [john\\_fielding@hotmail.com](mailto:john_fielding@hotmail.com)

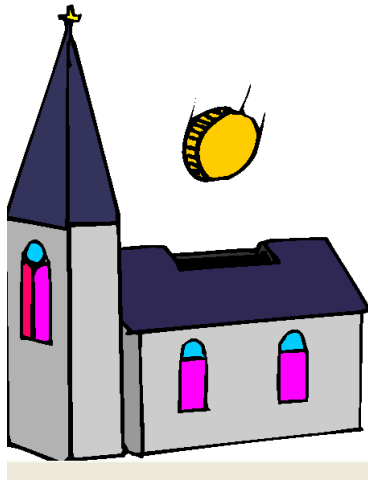
Do join us on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**'Something Different'**

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

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

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



**Dear friends, in North Crawley.....  
We need your help!**

If we live in the expectation that there will always be a church, with a vicar and other ministers to provide Sunday services, to preside over weddings, to baptise our children, to bury our loved ones, to celebrate major festivals like Christmas, Easter, Harvest, and Remembrance, to help our children know about the Christian faith and to minister to the needs of the people, then we have to make sure that we can resource the ministry needed.

Did you know that each church has to contribute to resource the ministry in this parish?

This contribution is called the **Parish Share**.

This year in **North Crawley** alone we need to raise £11,327!

In addition to this figure we have to pay out for insurance and other running costs.

**PLEASE CONSIDER WHETHER YOU COULD DONATE SOME MONEY  
TOWARDS THE COST OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY.**

**WE ARE HAVING A GIFT DAY  
ON SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 10am – 3pm  
WHERE MANDY WILL RECEIVE YOUR GIFTS  
AT THE LYCH GATE OF ST FIRMIN'S.**

IF YOU ARE A TAX PAYER AND GIFT AID YOUR DONATION  
WE DO RECEIVE 28 PENCE BACK FOR EVERY £1 YOU GIVE.  
THANK YOU!!

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#### CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF PROSTATE CANCER UK AND ST LAUDS CHURCH



Saturday 13 September -- 7:30pm -- St Laud's church  
Ed Tomlinson and friends will be presenting a light and varied programme of music with proceeds to be split equally between Prostate Cancer UK and the church.  
Known to many Sheringtonians as the long-standing accompanist to Newport Pagnell Singers and other local groups, this is a rare opportunity to enjoy an evening with him whilst raising funds for charity.

Tickets £8 - available on the door or from John & Pam Fielding on 01908 616763

# ASTWOOD

## WIMBLEDON BBQ

What a great day was had by everyone who attended the Village BBQ on July 6<sup>th</sup> – Wimbledon finals day and also British Grand Prix, and I apologise to those who, unfortunately, were on holiday and missed out. Speaking personally, myself and the good lady returned in the early hours of Sunday morning (more by luck than judgment) and we were able to show off our tan, much to many peoples annoyance as they hadn't had their holidays yet.

The switch to the village garden for the event was quite inspirational and many people were surprised about the size of the garden as it was quite able to hold the 70 odd participants and there was still space enough for some games, perhaps we ought to rename it the Village Tardis. We did have the more boisterous games on the village green.

As mentioned before, we had about 70 people come along and with the wine and raffle sales we managed to make over £600, so jolly well done to all involved and everyone I spoke to was very complimentary about the success of the event.

Thanks must go to the committee for all their hard work. Thanks also to Bob who supplied the telly so we could watch the final and special thanks to Anne Wincott, who donate the big sausages and the bacon, all from her Astwood pigs.

## MOO WALK

Some intrepid ladies from Astwood braved the Saturday midnight air and rain to take part in the Milton Keynes Moo Walk in aid of Willen Hospice. They joined a total of 900 ladies took part, and helped raise a total of £73,000; our ladies contributing well over a £1,000 - Ann and Natalie coming first overall. Many congratulations to you two and the other ladies from Astwood, Marie, Poppy, Kim, Colette, Tina, Sue, Caroline, also Lisa from Kempston, Jan and Jo from Cranfield and Sally from London – Lorraine should have been there as well but she hurt her ankle in Liverpool and had to withdraw. Caroline deserves an extra mention as not only did she hurt her back and was in agony by the finish, but she also organised the 'Astwood Herd', so well done. Also, full marks to Bob who made a congratulations sign for the girls and hung it outside the pub, I know my good lady appreciated it and I am sure the others did as well.

The ladies also hope to hold a ball in the pub to raise further funds for Willen Hospice, probably early September, see press and local announcements for further details.

## NEW VILLAGERS

A warm welcome to Emma and Paul who have moved into Bob and Bridget's house at the top end of Cranfield Road. We hope you have a long and enjoyable stay in our village.



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Congratulations to all those who graduate from university this year; Dan and James who both received 2.1 and Natalie who received a First. Congratulations to you all and apologies to those I have omitted.**

### **Pilates @ Astwood – one year old!**

The Monday Pilates group celebrated one year of Pilates with a glass of Prosecco. With focus on core muscle strength, the Pilates instruction is geared at each member of the group and has helped various members over the last year. New members are always welcome so why not support your local village hall and come along for a session to see if you like it? It's only £7.50 and there are spaces available. For more details call Helen on 01908 618103 or email [Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk](mailto:Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk) for more information or just come along at 8pm on a Monday evening.

### **Forth coming events**

Parish Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 8.00 pm

Previously mentioned Ball/Disco in aid of Willen Hospice in pub. Details TBA

Harvest Supper end of September beginning of October in Village Hall. Details TBA.

**Lieutenant Pigeon**



## **C** **HICHELEY**

This month news from the village is a bit thin so we will do some roaming around the world by bicycle. To begin we have a report from Chicheley farmer John Duncombe, a keen cyclist, about his recent tour in Europe. Any Tour de France followers will spot that John visited one of the towns on this year's route.

In June John travelled 500 miles from Dieppe to Switzerland. This was his 6th cycling trip around France and Spain. He went fully loaded with tent, clothes etc. This was for the sake of economy as it costs approx. €10 to camp and €65 to stay in hotels. However he stayed in a hotel once or twice to watch football!!

The route was fairly flat this time and the weather was fine, and daily journeys of about 60 miles are easily possible for anyone who cycles regularly. Matt from Bedlam Walk cycles huge distances in short times, and is to be admired.



The French are very welcoming to cyclists (the English are improving) and the morning patisserie stop was an important part of the day. Also very welcoming was the plat du jour and here are Fran Loake and John looking content in Mulhouse after their lunch!

To continue our cycling theme, John and his friend's cycle for pleasure, but for many the bicycle is an essential means of travel. This is so in Tanzania. In 2002, Chicheley village lass Jenny Townsend, as she then was, founded the charity "Southern Africa's Children". Its initial aim was to provide a school and home for children orphaned by Aids; this became Hope School and has proved to be a great success. Some of the children have now progressed to secondary education which means a trip across town using the "taxi" service in the picture overleaf.

The cost to the school for the "taxis" is some £176 a month, which they can ill afford, so the obvious answer is to provide the children with their own cycles. The target sum to do this is £2,000 (this will buy at least 10 cycles and spares) and Newport Pagnell Rotary Club and St. Lawrence's Church have decided jointly to support that aim.

The first fund raiser will be a **lunch party** from 12.30pm at Felicity and David's home, the Brickyard Cottage, Chicheley, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Tickets for adults will be £10, children will be free and there should be something to keep the children occupied.



If you would like to attend please contact me on 01234 391371 by the 16<sup>th</sup> August. If you are not able to come, but would like to make a donation, that will be very welcome. To see more about SAC the website is [www.southern-africas-children.org.uk/](http://www.southern-africas-children.org.uk/)

Chichchat will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. There will be also be a ChichTea, with cakes, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 2.30pm until 4.00pm

There will be a table top sale in Chicheley village hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am until noon. To reserve your table (£5) please contact Marilyn Franklin on 01234 391031. On the same day is the Bucks Historic Churches annual sponsored event. I have sponsorship forms if anyone wants to enter the event, which means riding, walking, and visiting local churches between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Come to Chicheley and you can have a drink and biscuit to refresh you.

By the time you read this the harvest should be well underway. I am expecting a brand spanking new combine to be working in the field in front of our house a little after I write this article. My usual reminder to our readers is to please show consideration and some patience to our farmers, particularly on the roads. They are just doing their job.

All Chicheley villagers will have received details of the plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> August, please let me know if you are attending.

Finally a huge heap of stone chippings is being piled up in a layby on the A422 near our house. I guess this means tar and stones are about to be liberally spread on some local roads so take care.

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.

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

Some of you may have noticed the flower trough positioned in front of the bus shelter, and hopefully thought that it brightens the place up a bit. This is a Parish Council initiative to make the centre of the village more attractive, and any other ideas along these lines would be more than gratefully accepted. Another initiative is scheduled for this summer that will see the path on the north side of the road (shop side), widened between the Cock and Chequers pubs. This will make room for people to pass without having to step into the road, and will also make it safer for children congregating on the pavement before crossing the road to school. The PC had also hoped to raise the road in this central part of the village, not to create speed bumps, rather more of a long table with marked crossing places, but Milton Keynes felt the scheme was too expensive. However the planned work will meet some of the village appraisal objectives to make it safer to cross and slow down speeding vehicles.

The Church fete took place on the Saturday 5 July, which included parachuting teddy bears from the top tier of the church tower. In previous years teddy bears have gone off course and once one was marooned on some nearby chimney pots, and there is still the remains of a damaged parachute clinging to one of the yew trees that demonstrates what a dangerous activity this can be. As far as I am aware nothing of that nature occurred this year, which must be a great relief for the teddy bear fraternity.

The School fair was held at the school the following Saturday and the sun shone on a splendid day for the event. The gathered throng was entertained with songs sung by the school children and they in turn were provided with a number of enjoyable diversions, among which the bouncy castle and penalty shoot out area seemed very popular.

News from the allotment is that following a great deal of ground preparation, planting etc. and much dependence on the weather, now is the time of huge growth and the start of harvesting the produce. Things are looking quite good at the moment and soon all meals will consist of various leafy salad greens, onions, potatoes, beans of varying descriptions, courgettes, and carrots. After the effort to grow everything, comes the problem of how to eat it all, but it is a very enjoyable part of the cycle.

### **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.



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.**

Coaching activities for the junior section end on Friday 25th July. Awards and a barbeque will most likely take place on 6 September along with a 20/20 match.

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.**

#### **Walks –**

Please support your village walks which are on the last Sunday in the month. The walks are suitable for young and old alike and are up to two hours in duration. There is a rest in August due to holidays, so the next walk will be Sunday 28 September, 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.*



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***Sadly, after living in the lovely village of North Crawley for 10 years,  
regrettably Bethany, Jamie and I are moving to Newport Pagnell.***

***I would like to thank all my wonderful friends and neighbours for making  
this such a happy place to live and for all your friendship and support over  
the last two difficult years. We will miss you all.***

***Please don't forget us and my door at 30 Beaconsfield Place,  
Newport Pagnell is always open.***

***Lots of Love,  
Rachel, Bethany and Jamie Worsley***

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***Doris Collier 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday***

*Doris and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and gifts in  
acknowledgment of her memorable birthday.*

*We really appreciate all the love and best wishes that  
were expressed through them.*

***Doris, Janet, Josephine and Miriam***



*A very happy double celebration happened on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.  
Gordon Adderson celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Also Gordon and  
Beryl renewed their wedding vows after 53 years of marriage, in  
North Crawley Church where they were married.*

*Family and friends helped them celebrate by going to The  
Chequers. Unfortunately, two days later Gordon was admitted to  
hospital, but is now doing very well and should be home soon.*

*Wishing you both well,*

*Love from all Family and Friends.*

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## NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

### North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

During the summer term, we have been further improving our sports provision and for the first time North Crawley and Stoke Goldington



Schools held a joint Sports Day event. North Crawley children spent the whole day with their friends at our sister school, enjoying various sporting activities during the morning, followed by a fantastic afternoon of competitive sport. The topical theme was, of course, 'The World Cup' and teams 'Italy', 'Spain', 'England' and 'Brazil' were ready for competitive action. After a 'round robin' of fun activities, team Italy came out on top. Mr Mangan, our specialist PE teacher, presented the fantastic trophy and all children received a special 'world cup' medal for

team work and great effort.

The parent races were very keenly contested after which everyone enjoyed ice pops, tea and cake. A fun time was had by all.

Fun was also prevalent at the recent FONs 'Summer Fair' which was recently held at school. Thank you to FONs members for organising a fantastic and successful occasion and to everyone who supported the event. The fancy dress competition, the singing, BBQ and the weather were fantastic! Over £530 was raised for school – thank you. Indeed, over the past year a magnificent £2,000 has been raised to provide those additional 'extras' for our children. On behalf of the staff and children of North Crawley CE School, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to those parents and FONs members who are standing down from the committee after many years of support.



You may recall that the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage class had been busily working on a topic based on their own favourite book. This involved thinking about characters settings and plot. The children researched authors, made clay character models and 3D story scenes and concluded the topic by

inviting parents to a 'story shower' to share their work which took place under our individual story umbrellas.

We said our fond farewells to our leavers at a special 'Leaver's Service' held in St. Firmin's church on the final Friday of term. Thank you to Reverend Mandy for her assistance in the service and for presenting the leavers with a bible as a reminder of their time at North Crawley



Church of England School. Afterwards parents and relatives were treated to tea and cake by church members – a very big 'thank you' to you all. Everyone at North Crawley Church of England School wish them every success at their new schools.

From September, the children will be provided with a **FREE** school meal which will be served at lunchtime. The 'tasting' sessions went down a treat and the children are looking forward to dishes like chicken pasta bake, sweet potato and chickpea curry, breaded fish with potato pom poms, and rustic beef cottage pie with garlic bread. School meals are certainly very different these days!

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.

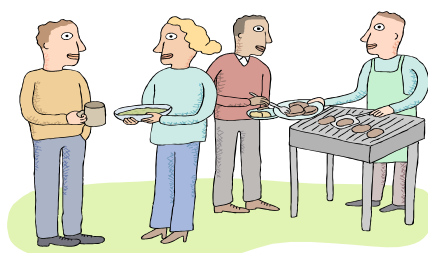
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## IMC VILLAGE BARBECUE

### 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**

# **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**



### **A HUGE THANK YOU**

**to everyone that came along to our Strawberry Tea on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **We made the fantastic amount of £528 for Breast Cancer Care**

We had 44 guests, but this included 11 helpers who, besides giving their time, gave donations of food, money, use of crockery, cutlery, raffle and game prizes and too many other items to mention. The raffle made £108 - guess the buttons made £22, guess the calories and the strawberry quiz were included in donations.

Anita and John on the music was a donation, as was Dew Drops flower arrangements, Pip & Mix cutlery, Sally Cup Cakes. Photography Anne B.

I could not have done it without all of this help; my Kitchen ladies - Pat M, Judith, Pam P, Mary M, Joan L, Mamie, Marian. Door ladies - Alma P, Barbara J. Raffle – Ella. Buttons, Strawberry Quiz & Cake Quiz - David.

Set up and tidy away - David, Jan S, Mamie, Joan L, Mary M, Pam P, Ella, Jan W, Barbara J.

I do hope I have not missed anyone, if I have then my sincere apologies. You all worked so very, very hard you were a credit to the cause and I can't thank you enough.

Lynda & David B



## **NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.**

Our trip to Jordan's Mill was so very interesting you would never have known how much manual work went into making your daily bread, from lifting and shifting the wheat to be ground, sifted, bagged, lifted onto horse drawn trailers, taken off and delivered to the baker. Jordan's was still producing flour up to 2000 and then due to health and safety regulations it needed too much money to upgrade the mill and was considered not worth it. It was then bought out by Ryvita, but was revamped into an education centre and tourist site. Along with a very nice coffee and gift shop to have a relaxing time after your tour, you could then walk around the gardens to end a very nice day out. Everyone enjoyed it and said how interesting it was.

So what's going on in July and August:

- A visit to Northampton Museum Tuesday 23rd Sept this is a trip with BFWI,
- Jigsaw challenge Thursday Sept 25th at Aylesbury Methodist Hall,
- Kensington Palace Wednesday 13th August,
- Eltham Palace and Gardens Wed 30th July,
- Outdoor Painting at Bledlow Church Sat 19th July or Friday 1st August,
- Golf day at Chalfont St Giles 6th August,
- Fashion show Wed 6th Aug in "The Street" Gateway Aylesbury (more details on this outing next month).

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Lot's going on, as you can see all, around the county.

This month's speaker was Chris Ward, title 'Owls Owls Owls'. This was so very interesting; over 200 different owls and all very intelligent birds. We have had Chris talk to us on several occasions and it is always a fascinating evening.

Raffle won by Dillys, Bridget. Competition won by Lynda.

Next month we hear from Elizabeth Knight and 'Making lace for the Victorian farm' and the competition is 'A photograph of yourself at your fittest'.

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Lynda and the team

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

Departing from The Cock North Crawley on

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Adults £18.00 including entrance to show and coach fare

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A lovely day out

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### **Saturday 6<sup>TH</sup> September 2014**

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## Mailbag and Announcements



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

We shall be driving to Old Wolverton where we will be going on a canal and riverside walk led by Liz. Please meet at The Knoll for 9.30 a.m. No dogs please.

### AFTERNOON TEAS – FLOWER FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND (21 & 22 JUNE)

Pearl wishes to thank all those kind folk who helped to make Teas in the Garden, at 33 Crofts End, such a success. There are too many folk to name (but you will know who you are!).

Grateful thanks go to the three men who did the heavy work of moving furniture, transporting tables and chairs and putting up/taking down the gazebo before and after the event.

Special thanks to all the ladies who laid tables, made delicious cakes, poured teas and coffees, served cakes, took money, washed-up and cleared away each day

**We had a happy and successful time raising £200 for St Laud's Church.**

**MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED AND THOSE  
WHO CAME AND SUPPORTED US IN THE GARDEN.**

PS Jill, Betty and Enid – you did a wonderful job of organising the weekend and thanks to God for providing us with lovely weather.

*(From Editor: The amount raised (at the last count!) stood at: £1,750- FANTASTIC).*

## SHERINGTON SHOP

"We are pleased to announce that planning permission for the temporary shop has been granted for a further 3 years through to 31st July 2017.

At the same time we are delighted to say we have found new tenants, husband and wife, Mr Kana Sisodiya and Mrs Bhavna Meraman, who will be taking over from Udi and Dina within the next few weeks.

They will be moving to the area and are looking to rent a 2/3 bedroom property in Sherington or very nearby so if you have a property or know of anyone that has then please let Kana know on 07402 328935 and put the word out.

We should like to take this opportunity of saying a big thank you to Udi and Dina, and their various helpers for operating the shop for the last 2.5 years. Without them and their hard work we would not have the community shop we wanted.

However, we now need to seriously consider the creation of a permanent shop on the existing site and we would **welcome volunteers to come forward to help make that become a reality**. As you may be aware we already have planning permission for such a shop and this expires in May 2016, but we do need to move this forward now if we are to make this happen in that time frame.

We will be happy to support such a venture but we intend to be stepping down from running things now that we have secured the planning extension and found new tenants.

Please contact Nigel on 07765 836494 or Mel on 07733 102006 to put your name forward.

Kind regards

Nigel Blight and Mel Northfield  
Sherington Community Shop Limited



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**SCARECROW  
COMPETITION WINNERS**

Mark Vale presented  
the trophy to the Thomas  
Family,  
who were awarded  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize for  
'Rosie the Fairy'





## Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

Too late to be included in my last July Scan report was the Flower Festival and Open Gardens event. There were many imaginative flower arrangements in the church and a good number of people came out to see them. Around a dozen gardens were opened for the visitors to look round including David and Bess who also were offering Pimms. Pearl was offering afternoon teas and the White Hart were providing cream teas. Altogether it was a good effort by all concerned and it raised a provisional sum of £1,300 so well done to everyone who took part. There was also of course the scarecrow competition and eighteen families participated, with the winners being the Thomas family in the High Street.

The big excitement for those of us who live at the bottom end of the village was the re-surfacing of part of the High Street. It did not start well when we received a letter advising that the road re-surfacing would take place between Maryots Close and Hazeldean Farm which was exactly the same as we were informed last year when some 100 yards of road was replaced in the region of Harriets End. When work commenced it soon became obvious that the work was taking place in a different location starting outside 31 High Street (next to the Jitty) and continuing towards Newport Pagnell up to the drive of Manor Farm near the gas pumping station. We had a road closed sign erected outside our drive with a young gateman in charge of it. It was his first week in the job and it would prove to be quite challenging at times. It was also challenging for the buses as some were allowed through the High Street and some were not. Mrs D had an experience on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July when the No 40 she had caught to go to Newport Pagnell could not turn left in the High Street from Church Road so turned right and went to Emberton instead! The biggest problem came Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July when the new tarmac was laid because apparently it needed at least two hours to harden before it could be driven on so nothing was allowed past the road closed sign. A number 40 bus approached the sign and was told to go back so the driver decided to turn round by reversing onto the gravel road on The Knoll. Surprisingly the turning circle of the vehicle was insufficient and it was heading straight for the front door of number 4 until the owner, Sarah, came rushing out and told the driver to stop. The bus then came part way up our drive and again reversed. This time the front underside part of the bus was scraping the footpath and the roof was within an inch of catching the thatch on number 8. After a bit more toing and froing the driver decided to reverse all the way up Church Road and to turn round in the village hall car park. An hour later another one arrived at the road closed sign and was told that he would have to go back but this time it was suggested that he used Haynes yard to turn round in. As we had noted previously buses have a poor turning circle and after a couple of attempts, getting a bit further round each time, he reversed again but went a bit too far back and hit the front of a

grey VW parked there, he then had another go and this time hit the rear of the same vehicle then someone had the bright idea of standing by the back of the bus and telling him when to stop. This did the trick but having completed the manoeuvre the bus and its passengers had to wait for ages while the driver completed the necessary paperwork and car owner was located. Following this it would appear that the buses stopped coming through the village until the works were completed on Tuesday afternoon as one poor lady discovered when she was told to get off at the top of Chicheley Hill and had to walk into the village with two bags of shopping. If only the road closed sign had been located at the top end of Church Road all this palaver could have been avoided.

The annual Twinning Association barbeque (for paid up members only) was held again on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July up at the Perry Lane sports field. The weather looked decidedly iffy in the morning but turned into a pleasant afternoon with some 68 members enjoying a well cooked barbeque and good selection of salads, puds and cheese. As usual there was the boules tournament which was well over-subscribed this year and was eventually won by one of our newest members, Steve Price, playing with a former winner, William Davis. The trophy seems to have been in the Davis family hands quite a few times now.

Latest news from the White Hart Danglers.



Didder won the match at Wold Farm on 21.06.14 with 40 lb. This is his second win this year and he is the points leader, way ahead of Trigger in second place.

Robin Storey won the match at Alders Farm on 05.07.14 with 100lb 8oz.

This is the heaviest weight so far this year and has put him into third place in the points table.

Danny still has the heaviest fish of the year with a Ghost Carp of 11lb 4oz caught at 3 Island Lake, Stewkley on 26.04.14 (see photo).

Thanks to Tony Barry for the above

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

<mailto:jackdaw@fastfreenet.com>.

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2014

## 1 CLERK'S REPORT

**Ascot fence on the Knoll** This has now been repaired.

**Stonepits Copse** The annual mow will be carried out by the end of July.

**Request to access village hall play area** The parish council agreed a request by a local arboriculturist to access the play area in order to fell a poplar tree on the Old Rectory land. All proper safety measures will be in place and fencing will be replaced as it was.

**Funding request** A request for funding from the Historical Society has been received. This will be considered at the September meeting.

## 2 COST TO ADVERTISE CLERK VACANCY IN LOCAL PRESS

It was agreed that the costs were prohibitive, especially when many villages don't receive local papers.

## 3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

**C J Haynes, The Knoll – Notification of intent to pollard two Elder trees.** No adverse comment.

**The Manor 4 High St – Demolition of single storey extension and rear conservatory, replacement with part single storey, part two storey rear extension; minor internal and external alterations; construction of a basement for home cinema; conversion of Road Barn into two bedroom apartment with garages; plus Listed Building Consent for the same.** Councillors commented that the proposals appeared to be well thought out and had no adverse comments to make.

**The Granary 7 Manor Courtyard.** Refused by MKC

**14 School Lane** Permitted by MKC

**The Old Rectory 16 School Lane** has a split decision i.e. partial consent and partial refusal. Detailed documents can be accessed via the MKC Planning website.

## 4 EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cllr Collinge attended the NECAF meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Topics discussed included new contracts for Highways and Landscaping held by Ringway and Serco. The next meeting will be Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in Emberton Pavilion to which members of the public are invited

## 5 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

A Draft Minerals Local Plan is due to go out for consultation over the summer, although MKC Cabinet members have deferred their decision to allow the consultation until 23<sup>rd</sup> July, which would indicate a comments deadline of early October 2014 (to be

confirmed). Gillian Pawson from GP Planning Ltd was at the meeting and supplied the parish council with information relating to the draft proposals to extract minerals from land between Sherington and Lathbury. MKC recently asked for more potential extraction sites to be identified as there is currently inadequate tonnage for a 20 year period. Acting on behalf of the Cook family, she has begun the process of analysing the aforementioned land to see if mineral extraction is viable. 26 boreholes have been dug across the area; Ms Pawson has ascertained that there is mineral present but not how much nor whether it will be feasible to carry out extraction. Many factors must be considered including impact on amenities, logistics, economics, archaeology, flood risk, highway impact etc. When there is more information, refined plans will be submitted and an updated version of the Draft Minerals Local Plan is likely to go out for another consultation in 2015. The chairman allowed comments from the public during this item – concerns were raised regarding land restoration, dust and noise, residents having no say, devaluation of property etc. Gillian Pawson stressed that this project is still in its very early stages and that all the proper consultation and planning application processes will be followed. She also stated that the planning system has to ensure that there is no negative impact on the surrounding area when considering any application. The chairman thanked Ms Pawson for her input.

## **6 UPDATE ON SHOP**

Cllr Northfield reported that it is hoped that a new tenant will take over in July or August. The application to extend the temporary planning consent for the shop has been recommended for approval and is to be heard by the Development Control committee on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

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

The council agreed to draw up a list of local tradesmen who are willing to estimate and carry out work for the parish council. This will be handed to the new Parish Clerk when appointed.

## **8 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 and on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde



## **Sherington School Summer News**

The summer term in school, often substantial in terms of weeks, flies past subjectively quickly. Many interesting activities and learning opportunities come to fruition at this time of the year. More about these below.

### **WILD FLOWERS AND POPPIES TO REMEMBER**



### **SNAILS AND SPIRALS**





STUDYING THE VILLAGE LEISURE FACILITIES



ALL WINNERS ON SPORTS EVENING!

It was with great personal and institutional sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs Joyce Tranter a former and much loved and respected Headteacher of Sherington School both professionally and personally. Those of us now in school were not her immediate contemporaries but we did work alongside her for the latter years of her status as volunteer. We greatly appreciated not only her still strong professionalism but also her sensitivity and warmth towards young children that gave them the desire to please and to do of their best. She had much to teach us all.

Our student friends from Rushden College returned after their exams to complete their *Jack and the Beanstalk* project with our Reception Group. The Pupil & Parent Voice feedback from this has been very positive; *“School is fun.” “Mihir love doing the work for his Giant mask...Mihir found the students helpful and nice...favourite part was bringing home his Giant mask and scaring his brother!” “Otis talked animatedly about making puppets with the students. he told us it was fun!” “Elsie remembers being the mum in the story...She giggled with glee when she recalled throwing the beans out of the school window when Jack returned.” “Freddie loved colouring in the beanstalk! He also loved receiving a letter from the Giant!” “Samuel enjoyed being the Giant in the play.”*

Sports Evening is one of our regular punctuation marks in the school calendar. With all those present showing their sporting prowess in a fun atmosphere and a lovely ‘high tea’ on offer from the PTFA this was a pleasant and friendly occasion.

Leaver’s Assembly was the classic bitter/sweet farewell to pupils who had grown in stature and achievements during their all too short time with us. We shall miss them greatly but they will always have the stamp of ‘Sherington Graduate’ to carry them forward. But not quite yet for the camping social at the end of the year saw the return of some ‘old’ boys and girls for a pleasant evening with food and fun followed by breakfast and circus the next morning. Then off to the hols! Could life be better? A warm summer wish for happiness and rest to all our student, parent, community and volunteer helpers and supporters - you help us make a difference.

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# SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Well, as usual we had a very busy end of term.

Tom's garden still provides us with food for the snack bar; we have had delicious home grown potatoes. From one bucket we had 65 potatoes varying in size, and many of the children helped scrub them before they were boiled and served. We have also eaten our peas and some of the children helped to shell them. The carrots are still small and the blueberries have not quite ripened, but there will be a good crop of tomatoes in a few weeks, together with runner beans and spinach. All four sunflowers are growing well and one in particular looks like it's going to be very tall with a good head.

The Staff and some members of the committee took part in 'Smile' training as part of gaining an award focusing on healthy eating and hope to complete it in October when they will be assessed on snack delivery.

The Staff talked about the value of 'messy play' in early years at our AGM. We had examples and lots of fun activities for the parents to try out; thinking about how therapeutic it was to place your hands in shaving foam and make marks. Remember there is no 'right way' to do messy play, but so much communication and language results from it as children sociably play next to each other.

Our older children have been busy going for visits to their prospective new schools and are all very excited and 'ready' for this next step. We had our leaver's performance of 'The Big Red Bath' on Thursday morning before we broke up and a very excited gaggle of children sang and repeated the lines from the story. Family members who came to watch enjoyed refreshment outside in the sunshine before the performance. At the end, leavers were presented with a story book each.

Big George from Active Kids came in for a final session before the Summer break, but we will definitely be booking some more sessions in the Autumn term.

Although it is an emotional time as we lose children going to school and other settings, we have so many children starting in September that Pre-school will be as vibrant and busy as ever!

We wish you all a relaxing, peaceful and sunny summer. Thanks so much for all your support,

Jo, Kay, Kerry, Barbara and Paula x



# SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## PLEASE NOTE:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Sherington Historical Society has had to cancel the Film Show in St. Lauds on 13<sup>th</sup> September of the '1977 Sherington Feast', as advertised in July SCAN.  
NEW DATE AND VENUE WILL BE ADVERTISED IN SEPTEMBER SCAN.

A date for your diary:

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**OPEN DAY**

**Sherington Village Hall**

**12 – 4 pm**

We are still looking for local WW1 RELATED STORIES,  
ARTIFACTS,

e.g. POSTCARDS, LETTERS, PHOTOGRAPHS etc.

If you do have something you think may be of interest for this  
event, please contact  
Mark Vale on 216543

# THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

**7<sup>th</sup> August Annual General Meeting – followed  
by refreshments**

**Please support this important  
meeting.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sept Enrolment Evening with Cheese &  
Wine**

**A bite to eat, a glass of wine and a  
good chat to start the New  
Thursday Group Year.**

*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.*



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