

#### SCAN 444 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY SEPTEMBER 2014

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

BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS - contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040

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

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

**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 pm 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 – Liz 07941 403492 SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or

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18	Chicheley Harvest Supper		13
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29	Souper Lunchtime Get Together, 4 Griggs Orchard	12 noon	6
29	Astwood Parish Council Meeting	8 pm	10

#### SCAN 444 September 2014

#### Why do bad things happen to good people?

As I write, the sun is shining and we have been having an amazing summer, at least if you like it hot. Of course by the time you read this the heat of summer may be a distant memory, or you may be basking in an Indian summer. One thing is certain though, many people will be suffering. Some people will say some suffering is deserved. If you rob a bank and end up in gaol for instance. Or you smoke or take illegal drugs and end up with cancer or hepatitis C for example. But what if you are a 'good' person, have never smoked, and end up with lung cancer, or some terrible disease like motor neurone disease, or your partner is killed in a road crash. Often then people ask, maybe for the first time 'Where is God?'

In the last few weeks a passenger aeroplane has been shot out of the sky over Ukraine killing everybody on board including infants and children. Many were going on their summer holidays. Others were experts going to a conference on Aids. In Mosul (known as Nineveh in the bible and the place God told Jonah to go to) Christians are being told to leave or convert to Islam or die. This is religious cleansing which is barely making the news. In Israel and Palestine the slaughter goes on, mainly of civilians and innocent children. Around the world there are numerous injustices and much suffering which doesn't make the news over here. It maybe that you are suffering. Your suffering may not appear to an outsider to be that bad, especially compared to a Palestinian child who has been injured and orphaned, but to you it may be intolerable, and you may be asking 'Where is God?' You may be blaming God – 'Why has he given me this, or at least allowed it?'

Perhaps the first thing to say is that no one is good. I can hear you saying 'Oh but I know so and so who is a really good person', or maybe you think you are a good person yourself. Even Jesus said "No one is good—except God alone" (Mark 10:18). We also know that God made a good world. After creating the world "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Gen 1.31). So what went wrong? Well we did. Woman and man went wrong. We rebelled against God and God kicked us out of the Garden of Eden which represented paradise. God had given us free will and we chose to use that free will to disobey God, so sin entered the world. Sin is not a very popular concept nowadays, but that doesn't make it any less real. The bible tells us that the consequence of sin is death. It was not God's intention for us to die. Other consequences of sin are sickness and evil being in the world. So in short we messed up big time. But the Good News is God did not abandon us to our sin and death. He sent us a saviour in Jesus who bore our sin and sickness, and suffered in ways that we will never know, finally by being crucified on a cross. But death could not hold him and God the Father raised him from the dead to new life. This new life is on offer to us today. In the face of our own suffering we can turn to Jesus knowing that he is one like us who has borne immense suffering. Jesus healed and raised from the dead some people as a sign of what is to come. If we put our trust in God today he can help us in the here and now. But the ultimate promise is that we will live with him for eternity.

In the 'Our Father' we are encouraged to pray 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'. God's kingdom is breaking in to this world through the prayers and actions of his people. One day there will be no more suffering and no more tears. Do you want something to hope for? There is nothing more hopeful that the promise God has given us of what is to come:

'Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out

of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' (Rev 21).

One day all suffering will be gone. Until then we have a God who has walked this earth and suffered with us whom we can put our trust in and walk with Him until the day we will be at peace with Him for ever in heaven.

Tim Dawson (Deanery Curate)

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### Weddings

'Marriage is a way of life made holy by God'

We ask for God's blessing on:

William Skinner and Alexandra Gordon who were married in St Laud's Church Sherington on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Christopher Toye and Tessa Potts who were married in St Firmin's Church North Crawley on Friday 1st August

Andrew Odell and Claire Temple who were married in St Firmin's Church North Crawley on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

In your goodness Lord watch over these couples you have joined in the covenant of marriage.

#### **Funerals**

'I am the resurrection and the life' says the Lord.

'Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'

RIP Donald Bates. The funeral took place on 21st July 2014 at St Firmin's Church North Crawley

#### **Dates of Church Meetings**

Tuesday 9 September PCC 7.30pm Chicheley Village Hall
Thursday 11 September Sherington DCC 8pm 28 Carters Close

## Blessing of the Animals Service! Let EVERYTHING that has breath praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6



All creatures great and small, furred, feathered and scaled, two-footed, four-footed and no-footed, are welcome to be blessed on Sunday 5 October at 11am in St Firmin's North Crawley followed by refreshments.

Please provide restraints-leash, cage, or whatever is appropriate for your animal (and respectfully remember that the care and behaviour of your animal remains with the owner/carer) any cows/horses etc please tether by the door at the rear of the church.

Please bring if you would like a donation of dog/cat food (cat litter etc) for a collection for a local animal charity

#### Songs of Praise Service in St Firmin's on 10 August

An uplifting service was enjoyed by some 50 people (half of the congregation were from 'the other' St Firmin's from Thurlby Lincolnshire) singing many favourite hymns and hearing interesting information about both churches.

This was followed by enjoying tea and (delicious) cakes (many thanks to those who baked, decorated the church beautifully, cleaned and polished, set up tables and crockery, served tea and helped in any other way to make the time together a lovely occasion!).

A return visit to Thurlby is planned for next Spring.

#### SEPTEMBER SERVICES

7 September

8am Scan Service of Holy Communion (BCP) – Chicheley 9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

10.45am 'Something Different' – Sherington

(refreshments at 10.30am)

11am Scan Service of Holy Baptism – North Crawley

14 September

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

(including Pam Fielding's official recognition as an Associate

Priest)

11am Scan Service of Holy Baptism – Sherington

6pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

21 September

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

10.45am SCANS – not meeting this month but WATCH THIS SPACE!

11am Scan Service of Holy Baptism – Sherington

28 September

11am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm Scan Harvest Evensong – North Crawley

#### **OCTOBER SERVICES**

5 October

8am Scan Service of Holy Communion (BCP) – Chicheley

11am SCAN Animals Blessing Service – North Crawley





#### **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 <a href="https://www.tearfund.org">www.tearfund.org</a> or by leaving

it with Pam Fielding.

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

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#### '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

3 September

17 September

15 October

29 October

All ages welcome (children too!)



#### 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

Do join us on the first Sunday of the month at **St Laud's Church in Sherington** to explore Christian themes at **'Something Different'** 

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

7<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - 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

Contact Pam and John Fielding for further information – 01908 616763

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CHARITY CONCERT
IN AID OF
PROSTATE CANCER UK
AND ST LAUD'S CHURCH



## Saturday 13 September - 7.30 pm 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

#### STWOOD

Well another month has passed and it is now quite noticeable that the evening sunsets are getting decidedly earlier and will certainly be so by the time you read this, also the mornings are also darker, unfortunately this means winter and Christmas is on its way!!!!

Before I forget unfortunately last month in the roll of honour for the graduates I should have included Elliot who I believe also received a 2.1, well done and apologies for my omission last month.

New arrivals into Cranfield Road are Austen, Kim, their children Lloyd and Lois and Tilly (Lloyd's girlfriend), and not forgetting their 2 dogs, Cookie and Chloe. I hope you enjoy your time in Astwood.

At the Parish Council meeting this month we had an enquiry from Derek Philips re broadband and Keith McLean our District Councillor thought it would be a good idea to contact Martyn A Smith the Infrastructure Coordination and Delivery at Milton Keynes Council, who replied as follows:

I've checked the rollout plans and Astwood is included as part of the final phase of our Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and Milton Keynes Council (MKC) broadband project

which we are running in conjunction with our local partners in Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire. This final rollout phase is scheduled to start towards the end of 2015.

Unfortunately, the final rollout phase will not provide guaranteed superfast broadband to your village as the final phase is designed to pick up areas that cannot receive the Government's guaranteed minimum service of 2 mb/s download speeds, rather than to provide superfast broadband which is defined as speeds in excess of 24 mb/s. However, even that modest uplift would be an improvement on your current service which appears to 0.5 mb/s or less.

On a more positive note, there are a number of other initiatives and solutions pending that may provide more hope of superfast broadband eventually reaching Astwood.

#### **Superfast Extension Programme (SEP)**

BDUK has announced a second stage to its broadband delivery project. This project is called the Superfast Extension Programme and MKC will once again matching money granted by the Government to help spread the reach of superfast broadband further than is possible with the money we have available at present. We hope to go out to tender towards the end of this year.

#### Cost savings elsewhere in MK

□ We do hope that through efficiencies in the current BDUK/MKC broadband rollout that we may have some additional money available to help the more rural areas. We don't yet know the scale of any efficiencies but those should become much clearer over the coming months.

#### Clawback from BT

□ If we achieve high levels of take up of superfast broadband services across the rest of the area we can claim a rebate on our investment from BT. This could be a significant sum and that money would also be re-invested in the network and could help areas such as yours.

#### Improving technology

☐ The technology available to deliver superfast broadband is developing all the time and is generally getting cheaper to produce. In a few years it may well be

possible to provide high quality superfast broadband services to many more rural areas, such as Astwood, at a much lower cost than is currently possible.

Milton Keynes Council is holding a broadband exhibition called "Get Connected" in the Middleton Hall on 13/14 September. Representatives from the Council and from our partners in Bedford and Central Beds will be there and they will be happy to answer any other questions you or your parishioners may have.

Although there is over a year to wait it is positive news of improvement to our broadband service. Furthermore Martyn Smith has also kindly agreed to attend our next Parish Council Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> October so if you would like to ask further questions, you are more than welcome to attend

#### Forth coming events

Parish Council Meeting – 29th October 2014 at 8.00 pm

Late Summer ball in aid of Willen Hospice in pub on 6<sup>th</sup> September, which fortunately has sold out, so I hope you got your tickets to support the 'Moo' Ladies.

Harvest Supper which we hope will be on the 29th September.

Lieutenant Pigeon



The following contributed by Bob Broomhall:-



Recently I had an archaeological survey done on my car park, to the rear of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century thatched bar and restaurant. It was amazing to find so much history attached!

A series of Medieval and post medieval pits were revealed, suggesting an ancient boundary. Due to a significant find of early pottery it is dated to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Twenty-one shards of

ware were unearthed, the earliest being from the 11<sup>th</sup> century from factories where it was made in Olney Hyde, Pottersbury and Sandy Ware. They mainly consisted of cooking pots, jars, jugs and plates.

To date, these represent the most significant body of archaeological evidence for a 13<sup>th</sup> Century settlement at Astwood.

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#### The Old Swan at Astwood Archaeological & Historic Background

The name Astwood derives from the Old English for 'east wood'. It is thought that the name was created by people living on the west side of Astwood, possibly in Hardmead, the latter possibly being the older settlement. There is no mention of Buckingham village by the name of Astwood in the Domesday survey 1086, though there are two properties which include the name in Moulsoe Hundred- Astwood Bury Manor and Astwood Manor. The survey recorded fourteen households inhabiting Astwood Manor, the heads of these households consisting of seven villains, six smallholders or cottages and a slave. The population may have been about five times this number. There was arable land sufficient for four plough teams, including one team for the demesne. Other assets consisted of meadow, woodland for 150 pigs and a mill. Prior to the conquest, the manor was held by Harold of Tyringham. At the time of the survey, the new owner and Tenant-in-chief was William, son of Ansculf and the lord of the manor was Wilbert.

Documentary references to the medieval settlement are sparse, nothing is known about its layout or its extent. The absence of a village in Astwood in the Domesday record may indicated that prior to the 11th century the parish was composed of widely dispersed farmsteads and homesteads and that these were later brought together to be centralized around the church and manorial site, surrounded by a system of planned open fields, perhaps involving a re-planning of existing settlement. This kind of large scale physical reorganization is understood to have been widespread through the Midlands region in the pre-Conquest period, although in some parts it appears to have occurred as late as the 12th and 14th century.

The base of an 'ancient' cross, which was once reported to have existed in the churchyard of St Peter's church, which may hint to a pre-Conquest foundation, although the earliest extant part of the church is its nave, which is believed to date from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The chancel and south aisle of the building were built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the tower added in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and other additions were made in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. There are remains of a small moat about 400m East of the church, which is believed to be the site of the ancient manor house.

There are just two other vernacular buildings of historic interest within the village: a post-medieval vicarage, and Elm Farm Bar. Unfortunately many buildings have disappeared since the 19th century. They include Astwood Cottages, a row of three two story- timber framed structures on the north side of the Main Road.

#### HICHELEY

On the evening of August 4th almost 40 Chicheley villagers met in the village hall to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the day Great Britain entered the 1st World War. We began in our traditional way by having something to eat and drink whilst talking about personal memories and views of the war and its subsequent effect on our lives. At 10 p.m. we moved outside to the war memorial and lit 8 candles that had been placed around it in memory of the eight men associated with Chicheley who lost their lives during the conflict. A little later we made our way down to the church where those men would have worshipped, heard a reading of a poem written in 1914 which included the words we use on every Remembrance Sunday, then each lit and held a candle until the church clock struck 11 p.m. exactly 100 years after the war began in this country. After extinguishing the candles we made our way back to the war memorial, extinguished those candles and quietly returned to our homes. A much simpler commemoration perhaps than those held around the world but "we remembered".

August has so far continued to be a reasonably good month for the weather allowing, I understand, the harvest to proceed without to many hold-ups. Our own garden has been quite fruitful, I cannot comment on many of our other villagers, but hope they also are satisfied. It will soon be time to say thank you once again for our blessings.

A few items now for your diaries.

Chichchat will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. There will be also be a ChichTea, with cakes, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 2.30pm until 4.00pm

The table top sale in Chicheley village hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September has had to be **postponed**. We hope to set another date later in the year.

The Bucks Historic Churches annual sponsored event is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. 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.** 

Chicheley DCC meets on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September and the village hall annual general meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.00 p.m. All interested villagers are invited to the AGM which will be at 8 p.m in the village hall.

Looking further ahead we have a quiz on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October (see the notice), harvest festival on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October and the harvest supper on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Much of the heap of stone chippings I mentioned last month has now been spread on the road between Newport Pagnell and Stoke Goldington and it looks fine, although there is still a lot in the lay-by ready for somewhere else. What would be good is if the highway authority could just mend some of the holes in the A422, Chicheley/Crawley Road and Hall Lane, which have also been reported, with the same efficiency. Perhaps when you read this all will be done.

David.

#### <u>QUIZ EVENING</u>

SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER 2014

Join us at

CHICHELEY VILLAGE HALL

Start 7.30 pm

£10.00 per head (children £5)

Includes hot supper + dessert (a few drinks available to purchase) RAFFLE

Teams between 2 & 6 persons

Please notify of attendance by 1st October

To either David R: 01234 391371

Or Alan/Judy 01234 825075



ALAN & JUDY PLATER, ex residents of 1 Bedlam Walk, send 'best wishes' and request your help.

As most of you know we support various charities, including the 'Hillside Animal Sanctuary' in Norfolk. Once a year we visit to take items suitable for animals winter bedding, so if you have any towels, blankets and duvets that we could take, we would be delighted.

We plan on going early in November so would appreciate your call 07745569044 or 01234 825075 and we can arrange collection.

If you would like to learn more about the charity - www.hillside.org.uk

Thank you

Judy and Alan

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

Several weddings have taken place in St. Firmins church and then the gathered throng have walked across the road to the village Institute for the reception. With the sun shining on events, the bells ringing, and villagers turning up to witness the happy couples, their proud parents and smartly turned out guests, what could better a village wedding. Anyway congratulations to the Potts family and their daughter Tessa who got married to Christopher on Friday 1st of August, and the Odell's whose son Andrew married Claire on Friday 8 August, may both couples enjoy long and happy marriages.

The wonderful weather has continued into August and although I have heard a lot of remarks about humidity and the overnight heat, surely it is preferable to overcast and rainy days. As they say, you can't please all of the people all of the time.

### Autumn Fayre in aid of Willen Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support Saturday September 20th 2013 - 1pm - 4pm North Crawley Institute

Please put this date in your diary and come along and support these two very important causes. As usual there will be lots of home made goodies to buy and activities for the children to get involved with. There will be hot dogs for lunch and

afternoon tea available too. Please let Marie Graham (35 High Street/07956 559285) know if you would like to help out with preparations, or on the day. She would love it if you could bake a cake, and let her have any raffle prizes or tombola items (for adults and children), or if you might consider donating more significant items that might be suitable for the silent auction.

#### **North Crawley Cricket Club**

The season continues to go well for the club who field three senior sides every Saturday, with good results across the board. The junior section season has now come to an end on the playing front and an awards event and a barbeque will take place on 6th September. On the same day a club 20/20 event will be held which will mark the end of the senior season.

Please contact Sam Howe by emailing <a href="mailto:youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk">youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk</a> for more details, or visit the NCCC website (www.northcrawleycc.co.uk).

#### **North Crawley Bowls Club**

The end of the bowls season is also drawing to a close with the final league game on Sunday 7 August. For further details contact Sheila Hart (Secretary) on 01234 750221.

#### 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 walks will be Sunday 28th September and 26th October, 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

Hawk-eye.

#### **North Crawley Firework Display**

Bill Maslin regrets that he will be unable to put on his firework display this year.

He wishes to thank everyone for their support in the previous 64 years......

It's been great fun!!!!

#### THANK YOU

I would like to thank my neighbours and friends for their kind wishes and cards sent to me and my family.

This was a great comfort during a difficult time at the loss of Donald Bates, who died on July 9<sup>th</sup> after enjoying 7 years of happy times in the village.

#### **Audrey**

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#### NORTH CRAWLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### EXHIBITION OF WORLD WAR 1 SOLDIERS AND VILLAGE WALK

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th 2014

To commemorate the anniversary of the start of the First World War, North Crawley Historical Society is arranging an exhibition showing all the servicemen from the village who went to war. We know that over 100 men served. 25 did not return. It is hard to imagine the impact 100 young men going to war had on the village. We have been gathering as much information as possible and there will be a display board for each soldier, together with other WW1 memorabilia.

The exhibition will be held in the Institute and will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served between 2 p.m. -4 p.m.

During the afternoon there will be a walk around the village and fields returning at 4 p.m. for tea and cakes.

This event is being held as part of the Heritage Open Days. Over that weekend there will be many specially organised events in the Milton Keynes area which are free of charge. There will be buildings and places of historic interest to visit which would not normally be open to the public. Details of all the events will be circulated to Historical Society members shortly, but if anyone else would like details, please call Chris on 01234 391205.

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

I will just give a quick preview of what's on as our meeting is not until the 20<sup>th</sup>, so raffle and competition results will follow next month.

Our treasurer has had to resign for personal reasons and at the AGM we will welcome Maime to take her place. Thank you Jill for all your help over the last two years.

We are having a fashion show 28th October in Aylesbury and an afternoon tea at Cheddington Village Hall - £12.50 - on Wed 15th October (our AGM meeting). We will ask for volunteers to come forward for the committee to be renewed in October.

The September meeting is our Harvest Supper where we are having starters and desserts, something new to us, thank you Mary for the idea. I am sure we will all enjoy the evening, it is sounding good at the moment.

We are changing our competition for next year; every entry will gain 2 points and the winner will gain 10 points, at the end of the year it is the lady with the most points who wins a very nice prize, or possibly two winners! This month's competition is a photo of yourself at your fittest.

Our speaker is Liz Knight on Victorian Farm Lace.

Please try to come along to one of our meetings, you will be made very welcome. If you would like to come along to our Harvest Supper please contact me on 391888, there will be a charge of £3.

Lynda and the team.

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#### Walking for a Purpose!

#### The 2014 Newport Muster is

in its sixth year and looking better than ever!

Whether you're a hearty walker wanting a beer en-route or looking for a more genteel outing culminating in a cream tea, then the Newport Muster has something for everyone. Ranging from 2-15, miles, our marshalled routes will take you through, in and around some of the most scenic and rural locations.

Don't just take it from us, "Fab for our children to join in!" "We found places we've never seen before" "We'll be back next year!"

So bring the family, bring your friends and don't forget to bring the dog!

Join us from 10am on Saturday, 13th September by registering at www.newportmuster.org.uk or for more information email info@newportmuster.org.uk

#### Mailbag and Announcements

#### **TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS ARE BACK!**

September 9 David Hyde, 32 Carters Close

23 Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road



New people, including men, are always welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am for a cup of coffee and a chat. If you would like company on your first visit then please ring Ella (610560) or Pearl (610661). They will make sure you have someone to go with.



#### THUMBSTICKS WALK

We will lead a local walk at 9.30 a.m. from The Knoll on the first Sunday in September ( $7^{th}$ ). ALL WELCOME, BUT NO DOGS PLEASE. Kate and Graham

Sherington Community Shop Announcement
With effect from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014 the shop
will be under new management.

Please welcome Bhavna and Kana, who will be taking over running the shop, and give them every help and support, particularly in the coming weeks and months.

At the same time thank you to Dina and Udi, and their various helpers, for their hard work and dedication in running the shop for the last 2 and a half years, and we wish them every success in the future.

And so Sherington Shop and Post Office continues onward, with another tenant albeit, and those fears of a closure earlier this year are dispelled. It has been said that this village without a shop is akin to a ship without a sail.

Forward we go with thanks many to Mel and Nigel, who have put every effort into this project, without which we would not have had such a satisfactory conclusion.

A regular reader.

# EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE LATE, LATE, HARVEST SUPPER!

# SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL 7 pm TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2014

#### ITEMS FOR AUCTION WELCOME

Tickets £7.50 (child £4)

from: Jill Burgess 611163

Tina Ferris 611083

Pam Fielding 616763

#### DO COME - IT'S GREAT FUN



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



The weather has continued mainly hot but we have recently had some very welcome rain to save me getting the hosepipe out again. We have had a few good pickings of runner beans with the last one a

hefty 7lb. We also had an errant courgette that missed our attention and that weighed in at 5lb! Our grapevines are loaded with grapes and we should shortly have a large quantity of ripe tomatoes, some cherry, some normal and a lot of plums which are excellent for cooking – much better than the ones that you get in tins from the shops.

On 26<sup>th</sup> July the White Hart hosted the annual Willen Hospice Trailer Auction. As usual there was a good turn out and our auctioneer managed to extract a healthy £1200 from the assembled bidders, well done to all concerned.

Following a fatal accident on the by-pass on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July traffic was diverted through our village and at about 8.30 in the morning the queue was right back to the bus shelter in the High Street, very reminiscent of the old days before the by-pass was built. I can remember sitting in The Swan on Sundays when there were Santa Pod meetings and seeing a lot of stationary vehicles in the High Street and it was not unusual for some of the car occupants to pull over and have a quick half before rejoining the queue.

I had a notification from Wendy, the parish clerk, regarding mineral extraction close to Sherington. There will be a drop-in meeting at the Village Hall from 6.15pm on 2 September to which all are welcome to attend. On looking at the proposal the nearest land to Sherington to be affected will be the field on the other side of the bridge on the right hand side, the one that is frequently flooded.

We had a visitor to our garden recently in the shape of a fox. I didn't see it but Mrs D was sitting on our patio at around midday on 14<sup>th</sup> August when the animal appeared from the direction of C J Haynes garage, made its way right across the back garden and went into a garden on Carters Close. We often hear foxes barking during the night but this is the first time that one has been seen here for many years.

There was a surprise birthday celebration last Sunday on the 17<sup>th</sup> when many people gathered in the White Hart garden to wish Keith a happy birthday. His birthday is not actually until the 30<sup>th</sup> but as he will be away on holiday at the time Liz thought that this would be a good time to hold the party. The secret was successfully kept by everyone and so Keith was quite surprised to find the gardens full of his many friends.

Whilst on the subject of the pub you may not be aware of two added attractions there. It now has a boulodrome in the garden and a pool room in the building at the end of the car park.

Following the success last year of the Bozeat Windmill Singers concert the Twinning Association is delighted to have them perform again on Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. Tickets will be strictly limited so get your order in soon to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be obtained from me or any other committee member.

As you are probably aware the village shop has now changed hands. We would like to thank Dina and Udi (and P) for their service and wish them all the best for the future. We welcome Kana and Bhavna into our community and hope that they are successful in serving the needs of Sherington in term of a shop and a post office.

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

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#### THE HOSPICE SING!

Newport Pagnell Singers & Sounds Familiar - Raising money for Willen Hospice, MK & St Johns Hospice, Moggerhanger

Saturday, 11 October, 7.30 pm Parish Church, Newport Pagnell

Tickets £8, available from
Wilson's Olney
Cambourne Travel, NP
Jean Lloyd 01234 751495, Cranfield
www.newportpagnellsingers.co.uk



# Consultation on Draft Minerals Local Plan – Public Drop-In session Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 6.15pm Sherington Village Hall

Milton Keynes Council is consulting on the next stage of the preparation of a new Minerals Local Plan for the Borough. The consultation on the Draft Plan is the first opportunity for people to see an emerging plan and how everything fits together, and to object if the approaches in the plan are considered to be incorrect or if they could be improved. Matters are still open for consideration and it is not too late to challenge the plan where consultees have convincing arguments.

The Draft Plan and supporting documents can be viewed through the Council's website at <a href="http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/minerals-policy">http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/minerals-policy</a>

As part of the Draft Plan, a series of sites that the Council consider may be suitable for mineral extraction are identified, and it is proposed that these are allocated in the Final Plan. This consultation is a key time to make comments on the acceptability of identified sites (as well as the last opportunity to put new sites forward for consideration).

The potential sites identified near Sherington and Lathbury may be of particular interest to the residents of Sherington (you can see the proposed sites in Appendix 1 of the main consultation document at <a href="http://miltonkeynes-consult.objective.co.uk/file/3043870">http://miltonkeynes-consult.objective.co.uk/file/3043870</a>), so to give you the opportunity to discuss the issues with Council Officers, there will be a public drop-in session from 6.15pm ahead of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd September, at the Village Hall in Sherington.

#### **SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

We hope you are all having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Looking back at our end of term performance, the children were proud and delighted to put on our show of 'The Big Red Bath'. It was quite an emotional day as we said goodbye to 16 children moving on to School and other settings.



In September we welcome our new starters Freya, Millie, Abbie, Duncan, Pippa, Lily, Elise, Liam, Darcey, Ernest, Yug and Tristan. We look forward to getting to know them all and have plenty of fun in store. Our theme as we return is 'All about Me and my Family' and we would welcome any photos the children could bring in of their families and interests.

Tom's garden has continued to produce a wonderful harvest of tomatoes, French and runner beans and one of the sunflowers has grown 12 foot high!

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September; enjoy the rest of the holidays before those busy mornings and routines return, dashing to Preschool and School!

#### **SHERINGTON SCHOOL NEWS**



The end of the summer term is always a time of very mixed feelings for staff and pupils and parents. We all look forward to the summer break. As staff it is time for holiday, to recharge our energies and to reconsider our roles away from the daily round of activity; to prepare for the new school year or even a longer perspective. For the children and their

families that we serve it is a time of transition. Whether it is time to move 'up' a year group or even leave at the end of their time at Sherington School the children are conscious that they are moving on in life, taking that next step forward.

This is formalised in our Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term; a medley of songs chosen by the children, of readings of their memories from the last three years (a significant life experience when you are seven years old) and a celebration of their achievements. This year it was enlivened by the theatrical production, through shadow puppets, of *Jack & the Beanstalk* by our Reception cohort. It was taught and choreographed by Alice and Alisha, students from Rushden College.

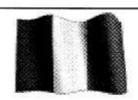


But whereas this assembly used to be the last, somewhat abrupt, termination of the school year we have in recent times had a more gentle and relaxed ending with the annual summer camp. Children and their families (including past pupils - a lovely occasion to 'catch-up' on news) camp on the school field, enjoying good food and company. This year the weather was very much on our side; warm, sunny and dry until 10.15pm when parents started to mutter 'how are we going to get the children to bed they are having so much fun' followed by an air-clearing thunderstorm complete with audio-visual effects that sent us all scurrying for cover and bed. Breakfast and a circus skills workshop the following morning completed the event. Organised and funded by donations to the PTFA we are once again thankful and reminded of the tremendous contributions made to our school by parents and friends and visitors.

Our new website can be found at <a href="http://www.sheringtonceschool.co.uk/">http://www.sheringtonceschool.co.uk/</a>



## SHERINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Invite you to join them for an evening of musical entertainment

at

**Sherington Village Hall** 

on

Friday 26th September at 7.15 pm featuring

#### THE BOZEAT WINDMILL SINGERS

To include savoury and sweet canapés

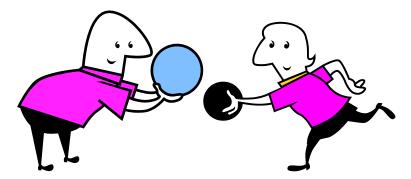
Tickets £8.50 from Mick Inskipp or any other committee member

Licensed Bar

Raffle

#### SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

It was with great sadness that the members of the Bowls Club learnt about the death of Marion McDonald. A founder member of the Sherington Short Mat Bowls Club in April, 1990, Marion was already a very accomplished bowler and was always happy to share her knowledge of the game and the rules with other members. Marion was still bowling five weeks before she died and will be greatly missed at our club meetings.



We are pleased to welcome two new members to the club. Sue and David Norriss are experienced bowlers and have quickly "got the measure" of our mats.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: We are holding an Open Day in Sherington Village Hall on Saturday, 25th October between 10:30am and 4pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to try bowling, chat to members about the club and have a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake. By the way, no entrance charge and no charge for the refreshments so come along and have a go - you have nothing to lose!

For more information contact Sheila Quinn 211153 or Bob Clarridge 0123439186



#### SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

web: http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

Now we are getting back into the swing of things after the long summer break, we have a busy time of it, with a number of events coming up that we hope that you will support and enjoy.

The first of these is the annual **Open Day** (20<sup>th</sup> September 12:00 to 4:30) with this year's theme titled "**SHERINGTON Remembers the Great War**" There are going to be a number of displays looking at some of the people that were involved as well as the archives being open to view. We are also going to have a visitor from Toronto, Canada by the name June Corfield who would like to come and share her family history and links that she has in the village. June is not related to the previous rector of same name who served in the parish, but to the Griggs, Rogers, Brown, Pettit, Feazey, Odel and Dimmock families. At the time of writing we are hoping that June will give about an hour's presentation in the Village Hall Committee Room from about 2pm. I am sure it will be most illuminating. As usual this in the Village Hall on Church Road next to the Shop.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm at St Lauds Church we are hosting a film night where will show the recently digitally re-mastered film of 'The 1977 Feast' which has lots of shots of the village, so come and have a look to see how it was in the olden days! £6.00 a ticket, will grant you an entry, we will sell available tickets on the door, but to avoid disappoint contact Mark Vale (216543), Diana Morgan (611389) or Caroline Leslie (616426) to pre-book you tickets.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> September we have our members meeting in the Village Hall and this month we will be taking the opportunity to help prepare for the Open Day.

The 14<sup>th</sup> October members meeting is an open meeting and we have Stephen Kennedy coming to give us a talk entitled "Mine's a Jameson!" You might just need to come and find out what it's all about.

Mark Vale - Chairman

#### SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### 2014 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### 9th September -

8pm Sherington Historical Society - Members meeting – Village Hall 20th September -

12 'til 4 Sherington Historical Society – Open Day, Village Hall:

'Sherington Remembers The Great War'

#### 4th October

7:30 pm Sherington Historical Society – Film Show at St Lauds (call 01908 216543 for tickets)

#### 14th October

8pm Sherington Historical Society – Members meeting – "Mine's a Jameson" by Stephen Kennedy

#### DIVIDING THE CORN HARVEST

One part cast forth, for rent due out of hand
One other part for seed to sow thy land
Another part leave for parson for his tythe
Another part for harvest, sickle and scythe
One part for plowright, cartright, knacker and smith
One part to uphold teams that draw therewith
One part for servant, and workman's wages lay
One part likewise, for fill belly, day by day, one part thy wife
For needful things doth crave.

Thyself and thy child, the last one part would have.

#### THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

4<sup>th</sup> September Enrolment Evening with Cheese & Wine at Harriet's

A bite to eat, a glass of wine & a good chat to start

The New Thursday Group Year.

(please note we shall be starting this evening earlier, at

7.30 pm).

18th September Outing to Roger Skipper's Garden at Wootton.

Lifts will be arranged.

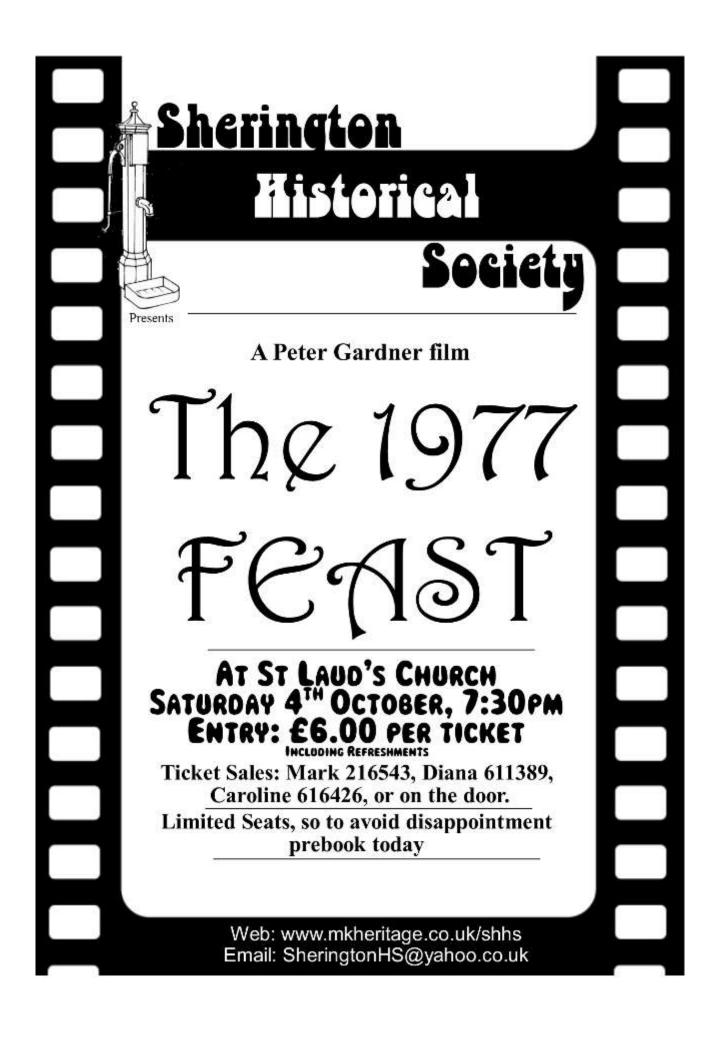
2<sup>nd</sup> October **The Sherington Folk Group Entertains** 

We are delighted to welcome the Sherington Folk Group to

our meeting, where we shall also be joined by the ladies of

Stoke Goldington Thursday Group.

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 Historical

Society

# Open Day

SHERINGTON Remembers The Great War

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 12:00pm to 4:30pm

To commemorate the centenary of the start of WWI, we take a look back at Sherington's war effort

\*\*\*Full archives open to all\*\*\*

Sherington Village Hall,

Raffle & Refreshments available

Free Entry

Web: www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs Email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

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