

SCAN



February
2015

TUESDAY BEFORE LENT

Shrove Tuesday

PANCAKE DAY

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. It was customary to make confession and be absolved by the priest on this day 'to shrive' means to absolve in Old English. It is the last day of Shrovetide, which is a carnival period. The last chance for merrymaking before the rigours of Lent.

*Pancake Tuesday is a very happy day,
If we don't have a holiday we'll all run
away,
Where shall we run, up High Lane,
And here comes the teacher with a great big
cane.*

CHILDREN'S RHYME

In many churches a bell used to be rung on Shrove Tuesday. Originally rung to call the faithful to confession, it became known as the Pancake Bell – letting housewives know it was time to begin preparing the batter. The bell usually rang at eleven or twelve o'clock, so that the batter would

*A kiss for a woman
A cake for a man
Run to the church
With a frying pan.*

CHILDREN'S RHYME

be ready for lunchtime. This bell also released people from work and children from school, so that everyone could join in the afternoon's festivities.

SCAN 448 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY FEBRUARY 2015

ASTWOOD VILLAGE HALL: contact Andrea on andrea@edoneinvestments.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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			
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.			
PILATES 10 a.m., YOGA 11 a.m., NORTH CRAWLEY INSTITUTE Thursdays. Call Debbie 07764 391687			
SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP: 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - 2nd Thursday of month – Liz 07941 403492			
SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436			
SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB: 7 – 9 pm Wednesday Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568			
Date	Group/event/venue	Time	Page
1	Thumbstick Walk – The Knoll, Sherington	9.30 am	19
3	North Crawley Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm	13
3	PCC Meeting – Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 pm	3
3	Sherington Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm	25
5	The New Thursday Group	8 pm	33
6	Sherington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting – SPORTS PAVILION	7.30 pm	21
7	Sherington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting- VILLAGE HALL Meetings of the Steering Group will then be held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion, Perry Lane, and, like Parish Council meetings, will be open to the public. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday 24 February (see page 21)	10.30 am	21
7	North Crawley Historical Society – Battlefields Tour Get-together		9
10	Chichchat – Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	7
10	Tuesday Coffee Morning – 5 Hillview	10.30 am	17
10	Sherington Historical Society – Village Hall	8 pm	32
12	Sherington Pre-School Open Morning	9.30 am	29
12	Sherington Bell Ringers Practice Night	7.30 pm	31
13	North Crawley W.I. – Village Hall	7.30 pm	16
14	Chicheley Coffee Morning – Village Hall	10.30 am	7
18	Souper Lunchtime Get-Together, 4 Griggs Orchard, thereafter, 4 th /18 th March and 1 st /15 th April	12 – 2 pm	5
20	North Crawley Historical Society – Country Houses		9
22	North Crawley Village Walk – The Institute	10 am	9
24	Chichchat – Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	7
24	Tuesday Coffee Morning – 1a Church Road, Sherington	10.30 am	17
26	Sherington Bell Ringers Practice Night	7.30 pm	31
27	Cheese & Wine Evening – St. Firmins	7.30 pm	3
MARCH			
3	Sherington Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm	25
5	Sherington New Thursday Group	8 pm	33
9	North Crawley Bowls Club A.G.M.	8 pm	15
10	Sherington Historical Society A.G.M.	8 pm	30
20	Sherington Twinning Association, Fish & Chip Supper, V.H.	7 pm	26

Dear friends,

Like a number of people I was ill over Christmas and by the time I recovered it was time to pack it all away again. I felt quite cheated – all the work and not much of the fun!

However, I had time to think about the events around the birth of Jesus. By the time you read this all the decorations will be packed away – except for that one which got forgotten and is still hanging about looking sad, but the story itself remains as relevant as ever.

Change the words a bit and the story could easily be about events today. Mary could have been stoned to death in the culture of her time, Joseph protected her, but ‘honour killings’ still happen today.

The couple were forced by an occupying army to up sticks and go to Bethlehem – 60-70 miles away. They had no choice despite the imminent birth. That was for a census but the same sort of thing is happening in Northern Iraq, in Syria and in Nigeria to those whose ethnicity or faith doesn't suit that of the occupying forces. ‘Ethnic Cleansing’ is one of the hateful expressions used to describe it, at its worst even genocide.

Homeless, Mary and Joseph could find nowhere to stay and were forced to rely on the rough and ready kindness of strangers. Many people today are in that same position through no fault of their own. [Thank you for your support for the food bank.]

Mary, Joseph and Jesus were still in Bethlehem when the wise men showed up about two years later. Their enquiries stirred up the paranoid rage of King Herod and as a result little boys of two and under in Bethlehem were killed. How familiar that sounds in the light of the news from Pakistan and Syria. Mary and Joseph just managed to get away and going through what we know as Gaza, they became refugees in Egypt, ‘foreign’ in every sense, because of their language, culture, religion and race, ‘asylum seekers’ in our world, risking everything to escape the horrors in their own country.

Jesus is also known by the name Emmanuel which means ‘God with us.’ Even as a child he experienced the truth of a life of poverty and struggle, under an occupying army. His adult ministry brought him further suffering – another story. He promises to be with us always however bleak things may be. This is not a cosy children's story but a story relevant to 2015. None of us knows what the year may bring but we can be assured that God is with us whatever happens.

Happy New Year to you all,

Every blessing, Pam Fielding

Cheese and Wine Evening

**Friday 27th February - St Firmin's North Crawley
at 7.30pm**

with music by 'Singing For All' Olney Group

Tickets (£10 includes Cheese and Wine) from:

Janice Freeman 01234 391350

Joan Shaw 01234 391517

Ann Kearney 01234 391692



Are you between the ages of 11 and 16?

**If you are, have you considered whether you would like to be
baptised, or confirmed?**

**Perhaps you would just like to find out more about God and the
Christian faith?**

**If you would like to know more, please contact Revd Pam Fielding on
01908 616763 or pamfielding@hotmail.com**

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS

Tuesday 3rd February 7.30pm PCC Chicheley Village Hall

FEBRUARY 2015

Please note the changes to the usual service pattern **

1 February

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

8 February

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley **
6pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

15 February

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

18 February

11.30am **Ash Wednesday**
Scan Service of Holy Communion (with Ashes) at 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington (before the usual 'Soup Lunch') –**please also see the advert in Scan (for 'Soup Lunches') indicating when a mid-week Holy Communion service will be held during the coming year.**

22 February

11am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley

1 March

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

4 March

11.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion at 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington (before the usual 'Soup Lunch') **

'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together

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

Pam and John Fielding 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington

01908 616763

12pm - 2pm Wednesdays

18 February (Holy Communion with Ashes at 11.30am)

4 March

18 March (Holy Communion at 11.30am)

1 April

15 April

All ages welcome (children too!)

A gem from Pam Haynes, former resident of Sherington Rectory:

ASTWOOD IN THE PAST

Stan Seamarks, retired hedger, ditcher, plus

Philip Haynes visits him in his small two up, two down home in Astwood. "Come upstairs," says Stan, "there are lots and lots of rooms." He takes Philip upstairs and together they walk in and out, in and out of the two rooms at the top of the stairs. This can go on for longer than one can count and demonstrates what a lot of rooms there are in that little house.

p.s. I think it was Stan, but might be another Seamarks.

CRANFIELD & MARSTON PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP



Your Patient Participation Group Needs You!

I would like to start by thanking all those who turned up to the Patient Group meetings in December. I hope you found the evening informative. As a direct result of the

support at these meetings we are now moving ahead with our plans revitalise the Patient Participation Group and are looking for additional members to help support the amazing work of our local GP surgery.

What does a Patient Participation Group (PPG) do?

At its simplest, the group refers to patients who wish to take a more active interest in developing local healthcare services. The idea is for patients and staff to work together; to share ideas to help patients to take more responsibility for their own health and help improve the services offered at the Practice. It gives patients a say in how services are planned, developed and evaluated, by developing a good working relationship with the practice staff and GPs. Not only will we discuss services provided by our own practice but we will be discussing health promotions and local healthcare initiatives.

So how is this all going to work?

The idea is that we combine a variety of ways to find out what patients think. This may be by having face to face meetings, by email, by letter or by placing articles in the both this & other village newsletters. The important thing to remember is that this is a group run by the patients.

How can you get involved?

There are two main ways. Firstly you could choose to join our group that meets regularly to discuss key areas of concern or the provision of new services or facilities. The aim would be to set up a committee who would meet on a regular basis and help plan patient group meetings and the topics to be discussed. They would also assist the surgery with undertaking surveys etc.

Alternatively you could opt to join our reference group with whom we can gather information and exchange ideas via email or letter. This group would not meet in person but could consist of up to 150 patients making up a 'virtual' group. This second group would be contacted from time to time to assist the PPG in creating and conducting surveys or when we require input from a larger group of patients about new services or developments.

We are looking for patients, who are registered with the Cranfield & Marston Surgery, in any age group, but particularly those with young children or teenagers, carers, patients with disabilities, as well as those with long term conditions such as asthma, hypertension, heart disease, kidney disease or diabetes who may regularly use the services of the practice.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2nd February**, 7pm at Marston Surgery. If you are interested in attending, or would like to join one of the groups, then please contact the surgery on 01234 750234 or 01234 766551 or email me at cranfieldandmarstonppg@gmail.com

Watch out for more information on the surgery notice boards, in the new surgery newsletter or in future issues of SCAN. You can also keep track of what's going on by liking the Cranfield and Marston Patient Participation Group page on Facebook or following us on Twitter by searching for @candmppg.

Rina Persaud, Cranfield & Marston Surgery Patient Representative on Bedford Locality Patient Group.

C HICHELEY

2014 is now behind us but one final comment from me for that year concerns rainfall. It was a wet year, but how did that compare with other years? We have been keeping our own rainfall records since 1976 and 2014 proved to be the 3rd wettest of those 40 years with 29.33" of rain. The two wetter years were 2012 with 34.71" and 2000 with 31.55", the average over the whole 40 years being 23.53". Anyone care to predict 2015's result?

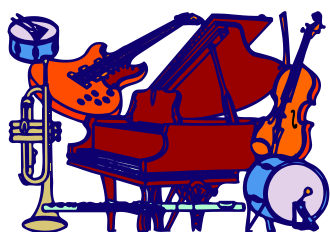


One consequence of any rain is that it will not dampen Chicheley's enthusiasm for organising, and hopefully attending, our various social events. The first of these is a coffee morning, with homemade cakes, on Saturday 14th February in Chicheley village hall, from 10.30am until noon. An early Valentine's Day treat for your partner, perhaps? We welcome anyone from our SCAN parish villages to join us even if you can only pop in for a few minutes on your way to the shops.



Chichchat's will continue in 2015 as usual in the village hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's all at 10.30am until noon. If anyone has any of the hall's white table cloths lurking in their airing cupboards it would be appreciated if they could be returned to the village hall.

As I'm sure you know our villages tend to organise social and other fundraising events primarily for their own local charities. For this year we are going to break that mould and have a special event for SCAN parish funds.



This will be a FUND RAISING GIG at Chicheley Hall in the Wolfson theatre 1 on Saturday 18th April from 7pm. The band will be Robert Vincent and friends and this gig is part of their 2015 UK wide tour. The music will be a mix of folk, rock, blues and country and you can find out more about Robert on

www.facebook.com/RobertVincentUK ; they are a Liverpool based group of professional, very talented musicians. More details in next month's SCAN magazine but there will be a limit to around 100 tickets so if you are interested please contact Christine Girard on 01234 391489 to **book your ticket now, don't delay.**

As before if you have any news you would like to include in SCAN magazine please call me on 01234 391371.

David

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT.

Happy New Year to everyone and hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break. My thoughts at this moment are perhaps you can get too much of a good thing and maybe it's time to return to a less expansive existence.

Congratulations to Matthew Chinn, who resides on the High Street, on being awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours list for Services to the UK Renewable Energy Industry. It's understood that he and his family are very much looking forwards to his visit to the Palace later in the year.

For those that don't know, the IMC committee which runs the Institute and grounds is now without the services of Keith and Carol Hall who held the Chairman and Lettings Secretary posts for approximately 12 years. They spent a great deal of energy and dedicated many hours of their own time leading the committee through the years which saw many improvements to the building and a large increase in its use. Many people have already made known their respect for their efforts and said thanks to them personally for their service to the village, and all I can say is thank you once again.

Following on from the above it should not be underestimated how difficult it is to replace people like Keith and Carol especially as the committee has shrunk in numbers over the years. It really needs the support of its 'User Groups' to run effectively, but somewhere over time the requirement of a user group member to sit on the committee seems to have been forgotten. This is partly because the groups themselves have changed, but it would be very useful if a nominated person could be found from the Church, the School, perhaps Wellies, and the FONS, to join the committee and attend meetings which are held 4-6 times a year. Other individuals from the village are also required as the Committee at one time had 18 plus members and now is down to around 6, which is just too few. The village really needs some younger members (40'ish) to start volunteering and help out with the running of our facilities, otherwise they will cease to be.

It is not a big commitment, does iron out any issues and problems users may have, and occasionally if there is a small task which needs undertaking, many hands make light work. **Do not be shy, your village needs you.** (Historical note: The Institute and grounds were left to the village by the late Ian Boswell and is set up as a charity run by the IMC committee which is made up of user group representatives and other community spirited volunteers from the village). You can contact me if you are interested.

The shop is looking really good with its new and attractive façade, and '*North Crawley Village Store*' displayed in large letters. It is becoming more and

more popular and all I can ask is that everyone makes sure to use it on a regular basis. The paragraph below was received from a village resident who seems very pleased with the service offered and received.

'I'm very happy to report that the shop in North Crawley is very handy for us. Our local mart is remarkably well stocked for its size and has helped me out a few times. Like a treasure chest I keep discovering more things - this morning it was PRINTER PAPER!! I've run out of butter, bread, milk, onions, tomato puree, deodorant and loo rolls. (It's an age thing!) For last minute recipes I've not had a red onion, enough lemons or dark rum. The shop has had them all and all fresh. As well as newspapers I've also bought a padded A4 envelope, decent red and white wines, home-made cake, fresh fruits, frozen chips, Fry's Cream bars and bottled water. We've even had a cup of hot coffee while watching the bowls. Prakash and Lakhi are very helpful and committed to supplying villagers with their needs. I hope more people use the shop so we can keep it – it's much easier and more cost effective than driving to Cranfield or Newport'.

On to a completely unrelated matter regarding the latest news regarding the work carried out in the High Street before Christmas. It has been acknowledged that certain design aspects and materials are not what was agreed with the Parish Council. An agreed way forward has still not been reached, and talks continue with MKC.

Historical Society

Please make a note of the following dates as there are some very interesting exhibitions and talks being staged over the coming months.

Saturday 7th February	Battlefields Tour Get-together
Friday 20 th February	A talk by Philomena Liggins on Country Houses during WW2
Friday 24th April	A talk by Tom Perrett on the Cecil Higgins Museum
Autumn 2015	WW2 tour

Please contact John Brandon on 391365, or Chris Stapleton on 391205, for further details.

Walks - Please support your village walks which are on the last Sunday in the month.

The walks are suitable for young and old alike and are up to two hours in duration. The next walk will be on Sunday 22nd February, 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:

christopherflower@btinternet.com

Hawk-eye.



NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 2nd. December 2014.

Planning

7 High Street – side extension permitted.

The Old Rectory, 2 High Street – notification of intention to crown raise and reduce height of sycamore tree - work permitted.

Grass Cutting Contract

It was agreed to defer a decision as there was a considerable difference in the quotes received; Councillors want to ensure we receive a quality service and value for money.

New Notice Boards for the Church and Institute

Cllr. Stapleton reported that the notice boards have been ordered and should be available for installation in January 2015.

Churchyard Rules and Regulations

Fees were reviewed for internments, exclusive rights of burial, erection of headstones, additional inscriptions and vases, and some adjustments agreed for the management and control of the churchyard, which will take effect from 1st. April 2015. Scattering of ashes was also discussed and will be taken up again pending further enquiries. At the next meeting the Finance Officer will confirm the remaining number of plots available in the churchyard.

Ford Update

Limited funds are available for this ongoing project, but quotes are to be obtained for the clearance of the watercourse and cutting of hedges to open up the path. Ward Cllr. Geary suggested that the Community Payback Team may be able to assist, and this option will be investigated. Ward Cllr. Hosking suggested contacting the internal drainage board at Bedford in the first instance in order to establish who is responsible for the maintenance of the watercourse.

NAG Report

Cllr. Hunt reported that data collected from the SID machine showed 82% of the traffic in Chicheley Road exceeded the speed limit, some of it by excessive amounts. Speeds have increased at Brook End, but to a lesser degree, and data will next be collected in Folly Lane. The information has

been seen by Thames Valley Police and Milton Keynes Council, who are considering the data.

Recreation Ground Drainage

The drainage pipe is the responsibility of the Institute and should be cleared every five years. It was suggested that an aquajet be used to clear it, and if that fails Milton Keynes Council be asked to investigate as they laid the drains.

Councillor's Reports

Residential safety: Cllrs. Hatton and Flower met with Mike Hainge, Service Director Public Realm Service Group within Milton Keynes Council, who agreed to help resolve the matter of the new pavement drainage and inappropriate kerbstones in the High Street. Consequently, meetings are to be arranged with a Conservation Officer and the Traffic Engineering Manager from Milton Keynes Council, who will also be asked to arrange for the road edge white lining in Folly Lane to be carried out as agreed in 2013.

Ward Councillor's Report

Callers. Geary and Hosking reported on a budget consultation taking place at Milton Keynes Council due to cuts in government funding; this is likely to result in cuts to many services. This item will be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting in January 2015.

Our Ward Councillors, Keith McLean, Peter Geary and David Hosking will be holding a surgery in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th March between 12.30 and 1.30 pm. Do come along and meet them, have a chat and raise any concerns you may have in the Ward.

They will also be holding monthly surgeries in and around Olney on the first Friday of each month, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. and possibly on a Saturday morning (venues to be advised).

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 13th. January at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Cllr. Jo Small

Parish Councillor Contact.

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

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

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 13th January 2015.

Planning

14/02752,FUL – 11 Hackett Place, N Crawley, 2 storey front extension. Concern was expressed that it is not in keeping with the rest of the Close and neighbouring properties. No adverse comments otherwise. Clerk to act

Grass Cutting Contract

It was agreed to take the contract offered by RMT Landscapes for the next year beginning 1st April 2015. We had received a revised quote which offered good value for money.

New Notice Boards for the Church and Institute

Cllr. Hatton reported (via Cllr Stapleton who was not in attendance) that the notice boards be available for installation in January 2015.

Churchyard Rules and Regulations

It was agreed to remove the undesirable items from graves as plenty of notice had been given. Some items will, of course, be kept safe should relatives request to have them.

Ford Update

We have received a quote for the clearing up and siting of the bench. This was agreed but decided to defer until the better weather in the spring. It was again mentioned by Ward Cllr Peter Geary that possibly the Community Payback Team may be able to help with this and other jobs needing attention such as path clearing, etc. Cllr Hunt is already investigating this possibility

Finance

Budget 2015/16: It was noted that the draft budget for 2015/16 had been discussed in detail at a budget meeting attended by Parish Councillors and decisions made for each budget heading. There were no areas where spending had been significantly increased and income was budgeted to be similar to the current year but with a small increase in the estimated income for the sale of village maps

Precept 2015/16: The amount of precept to be levied from Milton Keynes Council was agreed at £13,244.01 (This figure will however be reduced by the MKC Provisional Parish Grant of approximately £68.50). Further details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Councillor's Reports

A quote had been received to completely remove a tree in Nixie's Walk which is dead and, as one branch had already fallen into a Resident's garden, it was agreed to arrange for this to be done as a matter of urgency.

The area known as the 'Waste ground', and used for parking outside the Cock Inn is actually a designated village green, and any activities on there have to be approved by the Parish Council. Recently a car, advertising it was for sale, was parked there. This is not an activity supported by the Parish Council, so please be advised.

Ward Councillor's Report

Our three Ward Councillors reported that the MK budget is still out for consultation so encouraged us to keep an eye open for the various cuts proposed and comment as necessary. Amongst the cuts proposed are to reduce youth activities, removal of CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau), removal of black bags, reduction in money for bus services, etc, etc.

The pot hole in Brook End is getting worse, not just the depth but the danger issue of cars veering into the road to avoid it. It was suggested that we keep the pressure up on both problems. Ward Cllr Hosking made a note of the increased concern.

It was mentioned that Sherington, due to a large planning proposal, are looking into the neighbourhood plan; there are changes to development control such as a Parish Councils may lose the power to call an item to committee under the new changes.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm, all were thanked for their attendance and support

Date and time of next meeting confirmed as 3rd February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr Roz Hatton

Parish Councillor Contact.

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NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

‘Together in Learning – Sharing Excellence and Expertise’

Everyone said a fond farewell to Mrs Christine Hoten who had taught at the school for 18 years. The children surprised Mrs Hoten with a special song and presentation at the end of the Nativity and on the last day of term they put on a special assembly. Mrs Hoten was presented with many gifts together with the school ladders as she could always be found up the ladder putting up fantastic displays!

All children took part in a fantastic nativity entitled “Angel Express” at the end of the Autumn Term. Stars twinkled; Kings, Shepherds and sheep danced and the angels practised and practised (because the children of North Crawley School know that “practice makes perfect”) until they could sing the song “Hello Baby Jesus” perfectly to the new born King,



Friday night was Christmas Party Night for the children at the Institute. Thank you to FONS (Friends of North Crawley School) who organised this lovely event.

The New Year has started with new topics. The Foundation children are working on “Bricks, Buildings and Lego” They have made models of their own homes looking carefully at similarities and differences. A trip has been planned to Milton Keynes to look at the different buildings there. The children will be visiting the Library, Christ the Cornerstone Church and the Lego Shop. The

children have researched the price of Lego and presented their findings to Mrs Crompton who has agreed to their budget! They are looking forward to purchasing some new Lego. Parents and younger siblings have been invited into school for a Lego building session.

MK Dons football coaching sessions on Tuesday mornings are proving a great hit and are eagerly awaited for by the children. We work out how many sleeps before the next session!

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011? Would you like your child to attend a school judged by Ofsted as outstanding? Parents have the choice of where they send their child to school. Visit our NEW website at www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk or telephone 01234 391282 to make an appointment to look around our school.

North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 9th MARCH 2015

The Annual General Meeting for our Bowls Club will be held in North Crawley Village Hall on Monday 9th March 2015 at 8.00pm, when a review of our past years results will be held, as well as appointing our new committee for the forthcoming year

Although we are a relatively small club, we are recognised by our bowling neighbours, both within and beyond Bucks County, as having a top-grade green, and a number of players who compete at County level.

Our 2015 season starts towards the end of April and we have another full programme organised for the season. We would like to expand our membership and would welcome new members to our friendly Club, especially those from North Crawley Village and the surrounding areas. If you are an inexperienced bowler and would like to improve your skills, or you are interested in beginning to play the game for the first time, we can help you along the way. Our AGM. will be an opportunity to hear more about North Crawley Bowls Club, and to meet our members. So we would welcome anyone who is contemplating taking up bowling, or is already a player, and ask that you join us in our Village Hall on Monday, 9th March. If you would like further details, please **ring either of the following people:**

Secretary (Sheila Hart) on 01234 750221

Club Captain (Anne Larr) on 01234 391496

Committee Member (Graham Kinns) on 01234 391544

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I. November/December

Well what a great night we had dancing with Deborah and Gordon, Waltz, Latin, Tango; there were 78 ladies from seven WI groups from Beds and Bucks. We had a lovely supper provided by our own ladies from the village along with the usual raffle and competition. The winners were Anne L. from North Crawley and Mary, Great Linford; the remainder - sorry I don't know all the names. The competition winner was Mary from North Crawley. December will see most of us going to The Cock Inn for Christmas dinner, and on meeting night we are having our usual Christmas party with music and singing from 'Something Like That' with supper, mulled wine, mince pies the usual quiz and a jolly good time.

Best Wishes for 2015 to all of you from the ladies of the WI.

Take care and don't forget there is a warm welcome waiting for you at our monthly meetings, the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall 7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you. Lynda and the team.

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I. January/ February 2015

Our WI is going through a lot of changes this year, mainly because our President, Lynda Barber, resigned from the Chair. We have to thank Lynda for two years hard work she put into our WI.

I, for my sins, am President with Barbara Jackson as Secretary and Mamie Adolphy as Treasurer and with the help of everybody in the WI we will keep ourselves going.

Our Christmas lunch was held at The Cock and Jacky and Garry (the Chef) did us proud and we all enjoyed ourselves.

We have had a Christmas meeting with two musicians called "Something Like That" who gave us a good intro into Christmas; we even sang!

Our next meeting is on February 13th with a speaker on 'Fabric, Fashion and Furniture'. Dru Ellis talks on this subject with materials and pictures beginning from the 16th Century. It should be interesting. As usual 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. If anyone would be interested, ring Pam on 01234 391586.

Pam Pinder

Mailbag and Announcements

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS



February 10th Harriet Milner, 5 Hillview

24th Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road

CAROL CONCERT

Thank you to David and Bess, Ben and Deborah and helpers for organizing a wonderful evening. Also a big thanks to Newport Singers who as usual gave us some fantastic music to listen to and join in. It was a very enjoyable way to start Christmas. (The proceeds were split between Newport Singers and the Church). As a result £850 was given to the Church, to be divided between the church General Fund and the Fabric Fund. Many thanks. E.F.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

A big thank you to the SCATS and their helpers and all those who supported the Christmas Bazaar. As a result £860 was raised for Church Funds. E.F.

THANK YOU from:

Steve and Sarah Davies – ‘After the fire’

Dear Betty,

I apologise for not getting a message to the SCAN team sooner, but things have been very hectic and stressful for some weeks, as I am sure you can imagine.

Steve and I wanted to say a massive thank you to all those kind residents of Sherington who contributed to the wonderful collection following the fire and who don't frequent the White Hart so wouldn't have seen the card there.

We were both surprised and very touched by such a gesture. It was all put into the rebuild pot so I like to think that part of the roof is sponsored by Sherington itself!

Since the fire we have had several more unpleasant things happen, but in the midst of all of that we remain focused on getting back to Sherington as soon as we can as it really is a wonderful place with wonderful people.

*With kind regards and thanks to you all,
From Stephen, Sarah, Louisa and William.*

GIVE A TIN DAY

Give a Tin Day saw a response as good as ever, with £230 in cash paid in. The Commanding Officer sends her grateful thanks thus:

Dear Mr. Smith,

“Thank you for arranging for your neighbourhood to contribute to the collection of food you brought to The Milton Keynes Salvation Army on Saturday. As you know we do rely very much on the practical and financial help of the public as we strive to serve the community in Milton Keynes; so many at the moment are having difficulties. Please thank your friends and neighbours for their continued support.

*God Bless You,
Yours sincerely,*

*Major Carole Babstock
The Salvation Army
Milton Keynes Central.*

Sheep at Coney Grey: Please keep your dogs under control

On December 16th, we found one of our in-lamb ewes caught up in a fence. She was dead.

Earlier that day, a friend had seen two Jack Russell type dogs racing up and down our fence, in the ditch between Coney Grey and Church Farm. This ewe was part of a settled group and must have been panicked.

Loose dogs are a nuisance. These caused an upsetting death.

PLEASE THINK

Thank you

Helen Brewis

David Whincup

former resident of Sherington

I have heard from Chris that just before Christmas David died peacefully in his sleep. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's for the past two years.

Our thoughts are with Christine and Simon.
R.I.P. David

Editor

REQUEST FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Dear Readers,

Is there a kind soul amongst you who has been sending a copy of SCAN to Mrs. J Corfield in Charlbury? I have received a note from the current occupant of the address who has lived there for two years and does not have a forwarding address for Mrs. Corfield.

Please ask around if you think you might know the 'sender' and pass this message on.

Many thanks, Betty



THUMBSTICKS TIME AGAIN:

There will be a local walk from the Knoll at 9.30 am on 1st February. No dogs please. Kate 'n' Graham.

29 people of all ages attended the annual Boxing Day walk.

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Sherington Neighbourhood Plan

At its meeting on 6 January 2015 Sherington Parish Council agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan covering the entire Parish should be prepared. This will set out the local community's vision of how Sherington should develop in the period up to 2031. Once adopted in a referendum of local government electors, it will have the same legal force as Milton Keynes Council's Local Plan (Plan:MK) in determining all planning applications.

A Steering Group is currently being set up under the Chairmanship of a Parish Councillor (Ian Collinge) to oversee the project. Volunteers are being sought to serve on the Group or to offer assistance in undertaking the large amount of work required. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?**

To kick things off there will be 3 meetings so that anyone who wasn't at the Parish Council meeting can come along and find out what a Neighbourhood Plan is and how YOU can help determine Sherington's future. It is an opportunity for SCAN readers who would like to join the

Steering Group, or wish to help in any way, to come and meet the team:

Thursday 29 January, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Friday 6 February, 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion
Saturday 7 February, 10.30am, Village Hall

Meetings of the Steering Group will then be held on the **last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion**, Perry Lane, and, like Parish Council meetings, will be open to the public. The next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday 24 February**.

The large turn-out in the Parish Poll showed how much residents care about the village. Now YOU have the opportunity to help shape its future. **PLEASE TAKE PART!** There will be lots of opportunities for ALL residents, landowners, organisations etc to express your views.

For more information, see the web site: www.sherington.org.uk/nplan or contact Ian on 01908 618223, email: nplan@sherington.org.uk.



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

Now we are properly into the new year it is time to think about the new growing season and to that end I have placed an order for seed potatoes and various other vegetable seeds but either I will have to do a bit of digging first or perhaps Mrs Daw will do it. She often does!

Back in November and December last year there were a couple of notable events:

On the 28th our village Christmas tree went up with the assistance of Mick Wing who happened to be cycling by and stopped to offer his help which was readily accepted and on the 30th the tree was illuminated. On the subject of illumination the church was floodlit on December 20th in time for the evening Christmas Concert with Newport Pagnell Singers which was a sell out event and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The big event in Church Road and The Knoll was the complete resurfacing of the whole road from the High Street up to Church End. The job took 3 days which was exactly to schedule and was carried out efficiently and politely and it is certainly a vast improvement. No doubt other people will be hoping that their roads will get the same treatment in the future.

On 10th December an extraordinary general meeting was held in the village hall for any villagers to attend and to vote as to whether there should be a poll to express an opinion on the proposed development (14/02002/OUT) at the north end of the High Street to build 36 houses outside the village envelope. 127 people attended the meeting and voted overwhelmingly for a village poll. The poll was duly held on 13th January this year at the sports pavilion and the votes were counted there after the poll closed at 9 pm. The result was that 163 voted 'yes' to the development and 221 'no' so about 57% (*figure corrected by the webmaster!*) of those who voted were not in favour of it. This may or may not influence the planners in Milton Keynes so we will have to wait and see what the outcome will be.

I am sorry to report on the death of John Parry of Woad Farm on 5th January following an illness. He was only 59 but he was a well known character in and around this area where he had lived for some 30 years. The burial was at Olney Green Burial Ground following a Humanitarian Service so there were no hymns or prayers but all the music played were some of John's favourite songs. Fran Parry read a poem and daughter Elle gave some moving reminiscences. Eulogies were given by Ray Rowan and Mike Selvey and proved illuminating and, in places, very amusing. The number of people there spoke volumes for John's range of friends and acquaintances and it was reckoned that the congregation numbered some 160. He was buried in a wicker casket and a tree will be planted there to mark his grave. RIP John.

On a brighter note we have started to notice snowdrops appearing and on the 18th we actually saw some on flower, and in the churchyard you can see aconites flowering and crocuses starting to appear where they were planted last year. We happened to be in the churchyard because it was just coming up to 3pm and we wanted to hear the clock chime. We had been told that it does now chime but we have never heard it down on The Knoll. We waited as the hand got to 3 but nothing happened so we waited a bit longer and sure enough, 3 bongs were heard so well done to Derek for getting things sorted out.

A reminder not to forget the Twining Association Big Quiz and Fish and Chip supper on 20th March at the village hall, you can find details elsewhere in Scan.

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

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2014

1 PRECEPT MEETING

This will be arranged for January

2 WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Ward Cllr D Hosking advised that the MKC proposed budgets for next year are now out; there is a threat to some bus services, and that black bin bags will not be provided by the council next year leaving residents to buy their own. This will no doubt be an item for discussion at the next meeting of the North East Consultative Area Forum which Cllr Collinge said he would attend.

3 VILLAGE SHOP

Cllr Northfield advised that he and Nigel Blight will be organising an extraordinary general meeting of SHOPCO prior to responsibility for the shop being transferred to the Parish Council.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

14/02002/OUT Land at High Street Sherington, Erection of 36

Residential Units The merits of this application were not discussed and no recommendation was made. Councillors agreed on the need for a Parish Poll to assess the opinion of the village on this application (and this proposal received the support of the majority of the large number of residents who attended the meeting). Councillors were advised by Ward Cllr P Geary that there would have to be an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Parish at which a decision to hold a Parish Poll could be taken and at which the exact wording of the question to be asked would be agreed – the question would have to be one which required a Yes/No answer. It was agreed that this EGM would take place on Wednesday 10th December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

14/02012/FUL Change of use of existing electronics cabin to storage (use class B8) | Storage Compound Bedford Road Refused by MKC

5 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Cllr Denman said he would contact MKC about the large number of potholes in the Pavilion car park.

It was agreed to remove home addresses of Councillors from the Parish Council web site.

6 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th January and on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2015

1 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs decided that Sherington should begin work to produce a Neighbourhood Plan which should help to ensure that the wishes of the village are taken into account when future developments are being considered by the parish or by MKC. The plan (the process for which can be found on the MKC web site) would normally take up to 80 weeks to complete, involves wide consultation both within the village and with neighbouring parishes and has to be approved by MKC and then by a poll of residents. The chairman of the sub-committee will be Cllr Collinge who will find the people with the skills and time needed to produce the plan.

2 RESPONSE TO NEWPORT PAGNELL'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs Collinge and Denman will attend Newport Pagnell's Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

3 SITE ALLOCATION PLAN

Cllr Denman again reminded councillors that further discussion would be possible after the next meeting of the Development Control committee on 5th February.

4 COUNCIL ARCHIVES

Cllr Collinge informed councillors that he has nearly finished going through council archives. It was agreed that the information should be stored on a memory stick which will be kept by the clerk. It was also agreed that the clerk should contact Pam Loose at MKC for advice on who should have access to this information as it includes some personal details including names and addresses, some going back many years. For example, would it be in order to pass a copy to the Historical Society?

5 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk confirmed that the precept meeting will take place on 22nd January in the pavilion.

6 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Keith McLean confirmed that the planning application which was the subject of the village poll will be considered by MKC on 5th February. He felt that the decision to produce a Neighbourhood Plan was sound and pointed out that the cost had to be borne in mind by councillors when setting the precept for 2015/16.

People should be aware that there are threats to some bus services, support for YMCA, libraries and the provision of black bin bags due to MKC budget constraints.

It is expected that some future Ward Councillor surgeries will be held in Sherington on certain Saturdays.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

14/02698/FUL 14 School Lane –Erection of rear single storey extension and a loft conversion.

Councillors agreed with the objections of neighbours about the proposed balcony which would overlook their properties.

14/02748/TPO The Old Rectory 16 School Lane

Councillors agreed that trees overhanging School Lane should be cut back. They were unsure of the reason why permission is being asked for to trim/fell other trees.

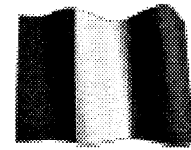
8 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 and on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde

Candlemas Day – February 2nd:

*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will take another flight.
If Candlemas Day be cloud and rain
Winter is gone and will not come again.*



SHERINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

THE BIG QUIZ AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Friday 20th March at Sherington Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 pm for prompt 7.30 pm start

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

ALL WELCOME

TICKET ENTRY £8.50 TO INCLUDE FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Licensed bar - beer, lager, wine and soft drinks

Raffle

Tickets from Mick Inskipp 216214

or any other committee member

Sherington School News



Teachers know that children will rise to the occasion if they feel loved and supported by the adults around them. It was personally and professionally pleasing to all our teaching staff to witness the real progress in learning and performance skills over the autumn term in the interval between our harvest festival celebration and the Christmas Nativity in St Laud's

Church, Sherington. We started with an atmospheric lantern procession from school to church. Then, with an interesting rewriting of the traditional story, our main character, the guiding star, lost her sparkle. Her attendant stars, and the exhortations of the whole cast to "Shine Star, Shine!" were to no avail. Only the sight of the new born infant and the promise of unconditional love were sufficient to rekindle her sparks and allow her to light the way to the stable for the very eager kings and shepherds. Well done children of Sherington School; you have made us and your parents very proud.

Once again many thanks to all the support we have received this past year from all quarters of our community.



The return to school after the Christmas break was a welcome time to renew friendships and exchange holiday news about presents received and visits made.

Harking back to the candle lit procession that initiated our evening nativity performance Mr Phillip Smith, who led the parade, remarked "It was a lovely village event - we must have more of them" And hopefully so we shall. Thank you, Phillip.

Learning resumed with enthusiasm across the school with recharged energy and renewed personal targets for achievement. We started a new 'Activate' exercise regime at the start of each teaching period and will continue this into the following terms with an emphasis on dance and movement.

The Reception group began to investigate aspects of winter, designed their own snow-people/creatures in case we were lucky with the weather and the melting of ice under different conditions. The first-hand experience of outdoor cold left little doubt as to the appropriate clothes with which to dress a teddy bear. Our Key Stage 1 class began to think about dragons from different nations and cultures and to compose their own stories and illustrations as well as pursuing the seasonal changes in plants in the environment and garden.

It was with pride, and some sadness, that we said goodbye to Teaching Assistant Angela Lea. A former pupil, then MK College student on placement,

Angela left to pursue wider career options and took with her presents from staff, governors, children and parents not the least of which was our thanks and best wishes.

Please e-mail or telephone if you wish to visit us.

01908 610470

office@sherington.milton-keynes.sch.uk

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



SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

As we return after the Christmas break the children have settled into the routine following a theme around Our Favourite stories. Some traditional stories are still our favourites especially if it's got a 'Big Bad Wolf' in it, as well as new ones such as the 'Gruffalo'. We would like to welcome Hattie, who along with the other younger children are getting to know the staff and making new friends whilst playing with a wide variety of toys and exploring lots of new and exciting stimulating resources. Also thank you to Slavica who came in to Preschool to teach the children French vocabulary. The children soon picked up the words for animals in this different language.

We welcome our new member of staff Helen Lamb who brings with her a wealth of knowledge and excellent qualifications in Early Years. We hope she enjoys becoming part of the team at Pre-school Helen has already taught the children a new song called the Big Red Bus which has a catchy little tune.

Our Christmas Nativity Play is a distant memory but the children were absolute stars saying their lines and singing the songs with gusto! Parents and visitors were delighted with the performance which always proves to start the festive season on the right footing. The children enjoyed their Christmas party the following day and two lucky winners took home the raffle prizes of our 'Wheel Barrow of Booze' and 'Chocolate Bouquet'. It was lovely that the winners were families from Preschool. Thank you again to everyone who supported this, massive fundraising event, the amount raised totalled just over £1,300.

Our next 'Open Morning' is on the 12th February between 9.30 - 11.30am. We look forward to welcoming visitors to the Pre-school. If you are looking for a Pre-school place for your child in September we may be able to offer them a place.

If you would like to contact us you can call our land line number 01908 611398 or mobile 07538 695918 or Email admissions.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk.

Look out for our 'Promises Auction' posters. (Date to be confirmed) We welcome any 'Promises' please contact the pre-school on the numbers above.



SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL
Messy outdoor play !



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

A couple of dates for your diary:

- 10th February at 8pm we have Chris Rowe coming to give a talk entitled "Eleanor of Castile" Please see the poster in the SCAN for more details, but I am sure that is going to be a great evening,
- 10th March at 8pm is our annual AGM where the Committee is held to account and changes to the committee tend to happen at this time. We are looking for a secretary plus another committee member if you are willing to stand, or if anyone wants to stand for election then please send details to the chairman (at the above email address)

Final touches are going to next year's programme and we are hoping to have a set of activities that will be enjoyed by all. More details on the night. We are also hoping to show the film Dave and Liz Revell have put together about their flight over Sherington.

It is with sadness that I end this article in that we hear the news of the death of Alderman Edward Ellis, who although a resident of Emberton, had always had the interests of the North Bucks villages in his thoughts.

He was the Sherington "correspondent" of the Milton Keynes Citizen for many years, ensuring that our news was reported correctly. I had the pleasure of meeting him on a small number of occasions, The Advent Thumbstick walk always ended up at the Ellis's for a breakfast feast of bacon, sausages and hot tea. One of the many achievements of Alderman Ellis that I am aware of was the commemorative plaque for the Battle of Olney Bridge. On the day of the plaque's unveiling there was a re-enactment in Emberton Park. It was a very well attended and very informative. He will be sorely missed as a member of our community.

We send our thoughts and prayers to Caroline and family at this time.

MV



Sherington Bell Ringers

Searching the internet you can find Sherington Bells on YouTube. If you search for: "ringing up 2 & 3 at Sherington" you should be able to see a film that was uploaded by Simon Read from Newport Pagnell with that happening.

When not ringing the bells are "Rung Down" so the weight of the bell is at the lowest point. When ringing church bells for a service, wedding or just a practice night, we need to be in the "up" position. To get them to this point, they are "Rung Up" and this is what you can see happening here.

There are lots of films on You-Tube about ringing and you can be lost for hours (well I can anyway!) watching various places around the world ringing different things or different bells ringing.

We have a couple of quieter months before the wedding season starts, so anyone between the ages of 13 to 80 are very welcome to come and have a go.

The next few practice night dates are:

8th January 7.30 pm – Sherington

29th January 7.30 pm – Sherington

12th February 7.30 pm – Sherington

26th February 7.30 pm – Chicheley

12th March 7.30 pm – Sherington

26th March 7.30 pm - Sherington

If you have any questions, then please contact me

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Sherington Historical Society

Presents

Eleanor of Castile and the Eleanor Crosses

By Chris Rowe

The life and death of King Edward 1's beloved wife, and the monumental crosses that bear her name



Sherington Village Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 10th Feb

£2 Members, £3 Visitors. Refreshments

Web: www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs

Email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

5th February **Poetry Evening with GK Kingsley**

Gloesha is a local Northampton based writer. She will recite and entertain us with some of her “pick-me-up pearls”.

5th March **An Evening with Philip Smith –
OPEN MEETING**

Our very own fountain of local knowledge, singer, poet and storyteller will entertain us this evening in his own special way.

This is an open meeting - gentlemen are invited to attend.

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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Sherington Ward was abolished in May 2014. We are now part of the new **Olney Ward** which has 3 councillors: Peter Geary, David Hosking and Keith McLean. Details are on the MK Council website. Keith McLean is now the Deputy Mayor.

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