

SCAN

Philip Edward Smith B E M

In the June Queen's Honours list, Phil Smith was awarded the British Empire Medal for Services to the village of Sherington. Congratulations Phil and a big thank you for all you have done and are still doing for the village.

Here are some of the things that Phil has done for the village. He started the Thumbstick Walkers and led them for 35 years. He was Scan



Correspondent for 18 years and a Parish Councillor for 17 years, 4 as Chairman. He also Chaired the School Governors for 9 years of his 11 years on the Board. He revived the Sherington Feast.

For 36 years he and Peter Gardner produced the Sherington Historical Society Film Shows. Phil has given the Society the proceeds from the sale of his recent book. He still takes the children fishing each year and talks to them about wildlife and at Scarecrow time he taught people how to make scarecrows. It takes time and involvement to keep

village life going. Many people have done some of these jobs but I don't know anyone who has done all of them and for so long a time. That is commitment.

So I think this honour is well deserved. Well done Phil.

Barbara Gotts

JULY 2015

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15 July (Holy Communion at 11.30am)
12 August (Holy Communion at 11.30am)
26 August
9 September (Holy Communion at 11.30am)
7 October (Holy Communion at 11.30am)
All ages welcome (children too!)

SCAN 453 – JULY 2015

Dear SCAN friends and those further a field.

We are now three months into the vacancy and things are progressing well with our preparations and profiles for a new priest under the wise guidance of John Fielding. If any one has any thoughts for their idea of a 'perfect priest' please tell someone on the church committees, many of our names are on the back of this magazine.

Our SCAN Parish has had problems paying our parish share to the deanery and recently we have been well down on our contributions, thus in the future we will probably have to share our parish priest. This will be in conjunction with a reorganisation within the Newport Deanery which is currently under discussion?

Meanwhile, some of our usual services are being covered by visiting clergy and we do thank them. Pam and John will be taking their usual number of services. I thoroughly recommend the Songs of Praise service on the 5th Sunday of the month; you can even choose your favourite hymn! The next one is on the 30th August in Chicheley.

If you need any SCAN queries answered (apart from weddings which are Pam's department) please contact any of the church wardens and we'll try and answer.

We are still praying for Mandy and her family in her new venture and we ask God to bless our parish during the vacancy.

Judith, Church Warden

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS

13 July	7.30pm	Warden's Team	4 Griggs Orchard	Sherington
16 July	8pm	DCC	28 Carter's Close	Sherington

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings

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

We ask for God's blessing on:

Christopher Edward Randell and Jessica Margaret Armstrong who were married in St Firmin's Church North Crawley on Friday 22 May

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

Funerals

RIP Alma Platten from North Crawley – a Memorial Service of Thanksgiving took place on 9 June in St Firmin's Church

RIP Margaret Chapman formally of Sherington – who was cremated on 15 June

'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'

Baptisms

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

On 14 June George Richard Martin was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism in St Firmin's Church North Crawley

May you grow to know, love and serve God in your life. God Bless you.

CHURCH SERVICES

JULY

5 July

10.30am 'Something Different' – Sherington

12 July

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

6m Scan Evensong – Chicheley

19 July

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

26 July

11am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley

AUGUST (alteration to usual service pattern)

2 August

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO SERVICES IN SCAN PARISH

9 August

St Lawrence's Day

11am Scan Service of Holy Communion - Chicheley

16 August

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion - Sherington

23 August

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

30 August

11am Songs of Praise - Chicheley

A STWOOD

Can it really be twelve months since I wrote my last scan report, where did that year go?

I remember last year I was sitting in a very hot garden enjoying the peace and tranquility of Astwood. I wish I could say the same this year, but sadly not as the village seems to be going through a change which I fear is going to mean a noisy summer. There are an increasing amount of large lorries traveling through the village either to deliver building materials to new builds, or to the units, which now all seem to be fully occupied. Car transporters also seem to be regular sight along with the Nissan cars speeding through the village. I am increasingly woken by motorbikes accelerating at speed and wish that all drivers would respect our lovely village and slow down!

There was I hear a nasty accident at the junction of the A422 recently, which highlights how careful we need to be pulling out on to the main road.

I was hoping I would be able to share with you all our eagerly awaited arrival of our first grandson....but we are still waiting; he is now nine days overdue. He will come when he is ready I guess but the waiting takes me back to the birth of our first son 32 years ago, who now awaits the birth of his first child, oh my word that really does make me feel old.

I really wanted to end on a positive note, but with the increasing amount of dog mess that is left on the bridleway and on the public footpaths in Astwood, I really feel I need to mention it. I would urge dog owners to clear up their dogs mess wherever it may be to allow everyone to enjoy the walks that we as residents are privileged to have; especially with no oilseed rape this year across to North Crawley, the field is at its best. It is a lovely walk to be enjoyed by walkers, horse riders and dogs alike, please respect it.

Also if your shrubs/hedge overhangs the footpath please keep an eye on it as everything is growing at a rapid pace and footpaths quickly become difficult to walk along safely.

Have a happy and healthy summer and children please take care when crossing our busy roads.



Doveless

**ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** **4/15**
Held on Wednesday 20TH May 2015 at 9.15pm in Astwood Village Hall

Present: Cllr Miranda Powell-Shedden, Cllr David Hulance, Cllr Bob Stilton, Cllr Ian Bradley, Cllr Lee Rhee, Clerk Pat Reynolds-Nunn, 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Derek Chapman, MK Ward Cllrs Keith McLean, Peter Geary and David Hosking, apologies accepted.

Election of Chairman: The Clerk asked for nominations and Miranda was nominated by Cllr Hulance, seconded by Cllr Stilton, with all others in favour. She was welcomed back to the chair and thanked for her acceptance.

Minutes of meeting held on 28th January 2015 were adopted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

Matters arising from the last meeting-

Although the potholes in Cranfield Road had been reported and notified as repaired, there are still some outstanding; Clerk will report again and explain the exact location.

FINANCE:

Appointment of Internal Auditor review.

The Parish Council expressed that they are happy with Jonathon Vowles, our present internal auditor and the clerk had asked him if he would be happy to continue, therefore it was resolved for this arrangement to continue.

Review of grass cutting contract:

The Parish Council are very pleased with Noel Wright, our present contractor, and he was asked if he would continue and agreed to do so, therefore it was resolved not to change what is working very well. Noel and Wayne work very hard to keep our churchyards and kick about area tidy and he was thanked for this not always easy task.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

This was reviewed and agreed to be in order.

The balance of account at year end (31st March 2015) stood at £963.52 as per bank statement. This is a relatively small float but it is not good practice to hold too large an amount of public money in our account, and as no large expenditure is planned for this next year it was considered enough.

However, the following 6 bills were settled this evening as follows:-

100451 HMRC Payroll Jan – March 2015 (paid 18.03.15)

£45.00

100452 J Vowles Payroll Services (Oct-Dec 2014, Jan-Mar 2015)

£60.00

100453 P Reynolds-Nunn Clerk's expenses (N.B. extra expenses this quarter due to attending Audit Course, Aylesbury, therefore extra travelling expenses, etc)

£138.91 + £6.20 VAT

£145.11

100454 HMRC Payroll April – June 2015

£50.00

100455 BMKALC Annual subscription

£34.40

100456 BMKALC 2 x Cllr Guides for new Cllrs

£5.50

All payments were proposed by Cllr Stilton, seconded by Cllr Hulance, all others in favour.

Our first half precept of £2000 has been credited, bringing our balance to date to £2623.51.

Financial Regulations and Standing Orders review:-

It was agreed to action this at our next meeting in August 2015, to allow all Councillors time to read them again.

INSURANCE REVIEW:

It was resolved to look into other quotes although we are happy with our present insurers; the clerk will arrange this and report back at the next meeting.

NAG – Neighbourhood Action Group update – Cllr Powell-Shedden had not been notified of a meeting recently therefore there was nothing to report.

Planning:

To discuss any current planning applications –

15/00948/MMAM – 5 Main Rd, Astwood. Minor alterations to the permitted application of a single storey dwelling and detached garage. The Parish Council asked the clerk to write to planning with our objections.

There were three permitted applications reported, details available from the clerk.

No other applications were pending

Councillor's Items:

It was requested if the village could have a demonstration on how to use the AED (defibrillator). Cllr Stilton offered to try to arrange this.

The milestone along the A422 needs painting white with black lettering; the clerk will contact highways in the first instance to enquire if we could have this done; if not, would it be allowed to paint it ourselves.

The hedges need trimming right back where pulling out of Astwood onto the A422 towards Newport Pagnell as they are blocking the view when turning left.

It was mentioned that the SCAN is not being delivered to most of Hardmead; the clerk will contact the editor to enquire as it could be there is no volunteer to deliver it, although the houses in The Close do receive it.

AOB/Questions from the public:

Following a spate of fly-tipping, break ins, chain cutting, theft, etc at Soggy Bottom Field, Astwood, which the police are aware of, the owner wishes to erect a fence (at his own expense) on the verge to prevent vehicle access from the A422, which is where the offenders are entering to do the damage; although MK Council own that piece of ground they may give permission for it to be done. He was advised to contact some officers at MK Council for advice. This issue was again discussed and residents are asked to be vigilant and report it if they see anything suspicious.

Speeding in Hardmead was again discussed but as there is no speed limit there is little that can be done.

The Clerk agreed to report all the issues.

The church was discussed again; there is no update on this.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm. All were thanked for their attendance.

Date of next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 5th August 2015 at 8pm in Astwood Village Hall.

More from those lovely church ladies with typewriters:

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES **3/15**

Held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 8pm in Astwood Village Hall

Minutes of last annual meeting held on 14th May 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting

Annual report by Chairman (read out by clerk) – copies available on request, also included in SCAN

Report from MK Ward Councillors (K McLean, P Geary & D Hosking):

Ward Cllr David Hosking sent a written report on behalf of all three Cllrs, as they were unable to attend this evening due to other commitments.

The Clerk read out the report, the main points being the proposed gravel extraction in the Ouse Valley, reporting that they had organized and chaired three public meetings over the past twelve months to allow residents to understand how their communities would be impacted by the proposals.

Officers at the Council are now undertaking a further round of land searches and await the outcome of this work. It may not directly affect Astwood and Hardmead but may do our surrounding villages.

Regarding Ousedale school admissions, the governing body of the school has now agreed to prioritise places for local children over those with musical aptitude. This is a good outcome for children here in Astwood and Hardmead, the result of much pressure from the local community.

The final issue reported was superfast broadband; both villages are included in the roll out plan for the phase 2 contract which was signed earlier this month. Subject to final surveys the service will be available to residents over the coming years – actual timescales are still to be confirmed.

Village Hall Report – Cllr Hulance reported that the damp proofing work is completed to the village hall from the CBF (Community Benefit Fund) grant. The committee are now looking to replace the windows and possibly the lighting into energy saving units, hopefully with another grant from CBF. There are still ample bookings and fundraising has been proactive as always, funds are healthy and the hall looking good as always.

There had been a tidy up of the village green garden recently which is looking very nice for the summer; he thanked everyone that had been involved with helping with this ongoing project.

Open discussion/Questions from the public

A resident reported that the footpath in Main Rd, Astwood, from the corner with Cranfield Road to past the houses the other end is very overgrown and untidy; Clerk agreed to report this again.

There are three manhole covers on the corner of Main Rd/Cranfield Rd, Astwood, that need repairing as they are broken away and noisy. Also, The Close, Astwood has still not been repaired.

The footpath is very overgrown outside numbers 1 and 2, Newport Rd, Hardmead.

The Clerk agreed to report all of these issues.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm and was followed by the Annual General Meeting

HARDMEAD

Olive Wood (nee Timpson)

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at Rushden Park Nursing Home on 22nd April 2015 Age 91.

Devoted wife of the late John loving mum of Mervyn & Geoffrey.

Olive was a long term resident of Hardmead (1947-2006)

Mervyn Wood



HARDMEAD CHURCH

*The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hardmead, in the county of Buckinghamshire, was cared for by Merton Augustinian Priory from before 1220 to 1538. It therefore is in a very privileged position. As part of the history of the pre-eminent religious foundation in Britain it can take Merton's history as part of its own. For example, St Thomas a Becket, Nicholas Breakespear, Holyrood Abbey, Merton College, Oxford, the collegiate system and The Eleven Statutes of Merton, the latter being the resolution and refining of **Magna Carta**.*

In Luke 5 v39 we read in the King James Version of our Bibles that “the Old is better”. Old can mean substantial, established, recognised as meaningful and worthy of respect. Until the Reformation prayers were said at every religious house seven times each day. The Augustinians who cared for Hardmead read through all 150 Psalms every week. They were in a perfect position to teach a man who became a saint, and another who became a Pope. Their knowledge of scripture enabled them to see clearly where things were going wrong. Many founders of Augustinian foundations stood surety for king John at Runnymede in 1215.

So why is this relevant to us today? Why is it appropriate to remember the canons of Merton at least once a year? The Prayer Book has a prayer in the Litany which puts it succinctly " O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them."

As Augustinians after the suggested rule of St Augustine of Hippo they understood John Newton's assessment of GRACE - "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see." It is this which is remembered at Nones.

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Hardmead in the Merton Priory Records

p118. 1249-63. Eustace, prior and Convent, granted to Sir G. de Haremed' the corrody of a Canon.

p174. 1291. Harmede, in the Diocese of Lincoln. Pension from Church.....£1.00.

p220. 1318 Aug 2nd. The Church of Haremed, in the Diocese of Lincoln

British History Online The church of Hardmead was in possession of the priory of Merton in Surrey at an early date, Gilbert, a sub-deacon, being presented by the prior in 1223. The church was valued at £5. 6s . 8d . in 1291 and paid a pension of £1 to the prior.

A lady from the Friends of Merton Priory contacted me recently with this article regarding Hardmead church. I thought perhaps there might be some interest in it for our readers as the Magna Carta was recently in the news.

David Robertson

Thank you David. Ed.

CHICHELEY

Back in the last century, well the 1950's at least, travel to and from work was often by bicycle, but as people became more affluent the bike was replaced by the motorcycle and car, the bike generally dropping out of favour. Today that has all changed as many folk are now using the bicycle for both sport and pleasure, as all the Lycra visible on the roads makes evident. This is of course a really healthy pastime, although anyone travelling on the A422 and A509 must have nerves of steel. Bicycle races occasionally pass through Chicheley as we are on the Cranfield, Astwood, North Crawley circuit, usually as bunched team events, but I believe that on the 8th August there is to be a time trial on the same circuit, so individual riders will be riding that route throughout the day, local drivers please be aware.

Of course in some countries the bicycle is still an important means of transport, and you may recall that last year the combined might of Chicheley church, the Rotary club of Newport Pagnell and friends of Southern Africa's Children raised £2000 to purchase bicycles for the children of Hope school in Tanzania. The photo below shows some of the children with their new bikes which have made their lives so much easier. However what the school would now like to do is build a senior school so no additional travelling will be needed. That is of course a huge challenge which perhaps through SCAN you will hear more of in the future.



I can report that an excellent tea party was held at Chicheley house on the 6th June, to the benefit of the village hall funds and that the weather forecast is good for the StarBQ on the 20th June (report next month).

Chichchat will take place on the second and fourth Tuesday's at the usual place and times (10.30am until noon) during the month.

Surprisingly, in my diary, I have no fund raising events in Chicheley for July or August, although that may change so keep an eye on the village notice boards and Chicheley's web page. We do raise quite a lot of money for both our church and village hall, but if anyone has their own particular charity they would like to support and is prepared to organise a fund raising event, I'm sure it would receive support from the village. If you want to advertise it in SCAN magazine either contact me, or the editor, Betty, our details are on the back page,

David.

Towards the end of July the work of harvesting the field crops will begin, heralding a few months of hard work for the farming community. They have to work long hours, and have some large, slow moving equipment so be considerate to them and careful on our country lanes.



WILLEN HOSPICE DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION

The April/May 2015 door to door collection in North Crawley for Willen Hospice raised the grand sum of £748.

Very many thanks to all those who gave and also thank you to Joan Leach and Stephanie Martin who again gave their time and energy for the collection.

Pam Newby.

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT

Having been away from news events and the hectic social activities of North Crawley for a few weeks, I find myself a little short on news items for this month. However, there are a couple of important items that have come to my attention.

On May 22nd Chris Randall and Jessica Armstrong, who live on Kilpin Green, got married in St. Firmins Church and by all accounts it was a smashing service. Although being a little overcast at some points during the day, the sun came out when the bride arrived in a vintage Morgan driven by her father Jim, and also shone on the happy couple as they posed for pictures after the service. It was a splendid village occasion with church bells ringing which summoned a good crowd of villagers to witness proceedings. The wedding party and congregation then proceeded just down the road to Chicheley Hall for a reception in the afternoon, followed by a grand party during the evening. Our best wishes for the future go out to the newly-weds.

The reparation activity in respect of the pavement on the North side of the High Street is still reported as being scheduled for August, and placement of heritage bollards at key crossing points has been discussed and agreed by the Parish Council with the unitary authority. Fingers crossed, the result is as agreed with MKC and that any disruption for the village is kept to a minimum.

For those who enjoy a day out at county shows or would like a new experience, back by popular demand and being organised by Joan Mitchell, is a “***Coach trip to Bucks County Show, Weedon, near Aylesbury Thursday 27th August 2015***”.

Departing from: **The Cock car park 9.15 a.m.**

Admission Pre-show including coach fare:- Adults £18.50, OAP - £16, Children (5-16 years) £12.00. Contact - Joan Mitchell on **391542**.

North Crawley Cricket Club

Date for Your Diary! Don't miss the Cricket Club's end of season ***Celebration Race Night***, which will be in the North Crawley Institute on Saturday 17th October. Tickets will go on sale in the early summer, so watch this space for details!

Historical Society.

Please contact John Brandon on 391365, or Chris Stapleton on 391205, for details of future events.

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 26th July, meeting as always **at 10 a.m.** outside the Institute.



If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to Hawk-eye before the next Scan deadline (13th July) to the following email address: christopherflower@btinternet.com
Hawk-eye

FRIENDS OF ST. FIRMIN'S

We are pleased to announce that *The Friends St Firmins* has an executive committee and is now up and running. It was wonderful to have so many of you join us on June 1st to celebrate our official launch.

Tim Casalis gave an interesting and informative presentation on the history of the building and its current needs, which was followed by wine and enticing canapes kindly made by various friends and supporters of the cause. During the chat and socialising which followed, sufficient arm twisting was carried out to establish an executive committee of nine willing members.

I'm pleased to report that we have already had our first meeting and that Jim Wilmore (treasurer) has now set up the bank account and is hoping to relieve those who initially signed up to be friends, of their money. Naturally any new subscribers will be extremely welcome.

I'm also delighted to announce that our first major fund raising event will be coming up on Saturday July 25th: a BBQ at Murten's Farm, courtesy of Pat and Brian Currie. It's intended that this will be followed by a concert at St Firmins sometime in September, so hopefully fun as well as funds.

It's all just a start to raising the thousands needed to repair the stonework, replace the window leads and paint the interior so that the church can be there and fit for use, not only for us, but for our Grandchildren.

Ann Shaw (secretary)

Friends of St Firmins is a secular organisation dedicated to preserving this beautiful Medieval building.

If you would like to become a Friend or are interested in the social events

Contact : Ann Shaw 01234 391797

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 2nd June 2015.

Planning:

15/00107/FUL: 1 Bryants Crescent, North Crawley – Change of use from amenity land to garden, remove existing garden wall and erect a double garage with a flat roof. The Parish Council was opposed to the erection of a double garage next to a one bed room bungalow in this location being inconsistent with the surrounding properties.

15/01149/FUL: 26 Orchard Way – Single storey extension including garage was not opposed but the Parish Council would ask that the residents would not park their or contractors vehicles on PC land opposite the property whilst work was underway.

Ward Councillor's Report:

Keith McLean reported that although it had been a busy time since the election, not much actual business had been implemented. David Hoskin had been re-elected and Keith had taken up his post as Mayor of Milton Keynes from 20th May.

The A509 is being resurfaced from Chicheley Hill Roundabout to Warrington Roundabout with roadworks in Olney High Street.

There are consultations taking place on the future of the library service with services under threat.

The first full Council meeting since the election is to take place on 10th June. Newport Pagnell are preparing their Neighbourhood Plan and we are asked to comment or look at their proposals from 1st June until 12 July 2015.

Councillor's Reports:

Residential Safety–The High Street pavement alterations together with the strategic placing of heritage bollards will take place in August. The Parish Council have agreed with MK Council to install eight bollards in total: two at Nixie's Walk, two in the High Street outside the Cock public house, two opposite the Cock and two at Castle Lane to highlight the High Street crossing point. MK Council will fund four of these and the Parish Council the remainder from funds already earmarked for this project. Care will be taken to ensure there is space for pushchairs and mobility scooters.

It has also been agreed to extend white lining into the High Street for cars exiting Chequers Lane. This is for safety reasons before there is an accident as a result of cars parking on both corners obstructing motorists view.

NAG Report:

Cllr Hunt reported that there had been some doubt regarding the accuracy or data collected by the SIDs. Whilst it was accurately reporting speeds on the visual display they appeared to be understated on the stored data. After a meeting and site trials with the manufacturer, the problem was identified. It also appeared that due to the high sensitivity of the equipment compared with the original units, some changes in the siting of the posts may be required so we receive accurate results for future traffic planning and calming measures.

Councillor's Items:

The Clerk had written to Nissan regarding the speed of some of their vehicles through the village during morning and evening rush hours, especially Folly Lane. It was decided to take registrations of offending vehicles and send to Nissan for action.

Cllr Rogers is pursuing a new website for the Parish Council, the work is in hand.

Cllr Stapleton reported that the re-use of the front of the churchyard for burial is in hand and being considered by the Diocese.

Cllr Hatton intends to reinstate the introduction of a welcome letter for new residents, proposals are to follow.

The cleaning of the war memorial is pending the examination of other options before we go ahead.

Questions from Residents:

A resident asked if the footpath at Brook End could be cleared of vegetation, particularly brambles, which were making it difficult to use the path. Cllr Hatton offered to speak to MK Council on the matter.

The date of the next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hunt

PLEASE NOTE:

It has been reported to the Parish Council that some residents are putting rubbish out too early. Consequently the local wildlife, particularly the crows, some foxes have also been sighted, open the bags to eat any food

they can forage and leave the remaining contents strewn over the path and road. Food waste should be put in the containers supplied by MK Council.

Refuse is collected on a Tuesday, unless there is a Bank Holiday when it is collected on a Wednesday Rubbish is supposed to be placed outside the property the morning of collection. . These measures should reduce if not eliminate the need for later clean up by concerned neighbours. Rubbish bags attacked by the crows is not a very pleasant sight plus of course the smell from old food.

The problem is being compounded by some residents feeding the crows, if they must do so please would they confine it to their OWN BACK GARDENS and not on Parish Council land.

Your consideration and cooperation on both of the above would be appreciated

Thankyou



NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL
North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School
'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'



Pizza Powered Projects!

Dads and Grandads were invited for an exciting afternoon of pizza and challenges. Having planned their pizza menu children spent the morning making a selection of pizzas. As our Dads and Grandads arrived they were seated in our pizza restaurant and told to relax while the children took their drinks orders and served plentiful slices of pizza – there were plenty of seconds and thirds!





Everyone was then asked to choose a challenge to work on with the children. These included vehicles and boats that moved without being touched. We had some very inventive and ambitious ideas. Others

attempted to transport water from our tap to our garden. Despite heavy downpours this team kept going and produced a very efficient pumping system. Another team saw how far they could transport water in a canal made of tin foil.

By the end of the afternoon the classroom and outdoor area were covered in a variety of constructions including a very high car ramp. Ideas were adapted and improved and shared between teams. The children were very excited to have their families in school and everyone agreed it was a fantastic afternoon.

Our new topic 'The Great Outdoors' has also captured everyone's imaginations. Our room is full of snails and worms and we have discovered all the best places in our grounds for mini-beast hunts. We are using the woodwork tools to make ladybird homes for our field. We have also pitched tents and built our own dens. We are looking forward to toasting marshmallows round our 'campfire'.

Over the last few weeks the Year 1 and 2 children have enjoyed our topic of 'If you go down to the woods...'. They have been involved in writing some alternative versions of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and produced some fantastic stories. They have learnt how to compose riddles using lots of descriptive language and some difficult clues which have kept us all guessing! In our Geography lessons we have looked at our journeys to school and the local area



around us and learnt about different ways to record the information we have found out. We have been linking this work with Maths and Computing to create graphs and charts and learn how to interpret the data. The children have also been very active this month learning to put together a gymnastic sequence with the help of Premier Sport and some children have enjoyed after-school tennis lessons with Nigel Willard. One afternoon was spent listening to the story of Joseph and his fantastic coat which inspired the children to create a classroom display of beautiful collages using all kinds of brightly coloured materials to retell the story. They were extremely proud of what they had produced and everyone commented on their superb creations!

During this half term it has been lovely to welcome our September starters and their families to story and activity sessions in school.

Is your child due to start school in September 2015? North Crawley CE School has a small number of places available for September 2015. Parents have the choice of where they send their child to school; why not choose a school with an outstanding Ofsted rating? Visit our website at www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk or telephone 01234 391282 to make an appointment to look around our small village school.

VACANCY -

North Crawley CE School is looking to appoint a **MIDDAY MEALS SUPERVISOR & PLAYLEADER.** We are looking for a friendly, kind and caring individual to join our existing midday meals team.

- Monday to Friday 11:45 am - 1:10 pm
- Term time only
- FIXED TERM CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR
- Salary Grade A point 1 £12,614 (FTE)
- Job shares welcome
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Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to support our well-behaved children during lunchtimes? Are you warm and caring and are able to relate well to children and adults? Are you able to encourage children to become more active and organise playground games and activities?

Further information and application packs are available from North Crawley CE School - telephone: 01234 391282 or email office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk

NORTH CRAWLEY BOWLS CLUB.

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND OUR RAMBLE & PIG ROAST

(Maps & Clues provided at the start)

To be held on

Sunday 12th July 2015

starting at our Bowling Green, High Street, at 3.00pm.

A short ramble of some 2 to 3 miles, around local roads & footpaths, to find answers to the clues provided, will end up at 40 Folly Lane, where the winners will be presented with the Treasure.

Refreshments and a **Pig Roast** will be provided and everyone is welcome to join in.

If you are unable to take part in the Ramble/Hunt you may join the rest of us, for the Pig Roast at 40 Folly Lane, by about 5pm where a raffle will be held

Tickets, required for entry and food, at a cost of £8.00 for adults, or £4 for children (Under 14s), need to be obtained in advance from Graham Kinns (01234 391544) or Sheila Hart (01234 750221).

Do come along, join in the fun, and have a great day.



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ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, 29th August 2015
In the Village Institute , North Crawley
Starting at 2.30 pm

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

Trophies for the category winners.

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

There is a tombola, a raffle, tea and cakes

For a copy of the show schedule please contact
Stephen Martin – Tel. 01234 391292

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

The W.I. is celebrating in fine style our 100th Birthday; originally it began in Anglesey.

I had the proud task of going to represent North Crawley at Buckingham Palace on 2nd June. The rain poured down and the wind was terrific when we left Milton Keynes, but I think 30 Buckinghamshire members were praying hard and it stopped when we actually arrived. Mind you, we did have some gusts and some hats 'bit the dust' and I heard someone say 'where was a hat pin when you wanted one.' Eight thousand women were there. It was a marvellous sight to see so many hats and wonderful outfits and, of course, a sumptuous tea with wonderful cakes.

Maimie (in the same week) went to represent us and Olney WI at the Albert Hall for the 100th A.G.M. Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Anne with the Duchess of Wessex were also there. In this digital age many other women went to local cinemas and had ringside seats as well. They even provided lunch at Wolverton as well, and one member who was on holiday in Cumbria went to a hall and saw the A.G.M. there.

At our last meeting we all tottered out with lovely plants provided by Mr. & Mrs Skipper and they also gave us a talk on Madeira flowers. Their speaking fee and the plant sales all go to charities.

I must mention, amidst all this jollity, we were very sad to lose Alma Platten (Adderson) from North Crawley. She was a founder member of the W.I. with Doris Collier, who will be 101 next week, and Gwen Goodman who now lives in Linden Lodge Residential Home.

Alma was such a good W.I. member. At all the teas etc, Church as well, Alma took the money even when she was not very well. As a girl she delivered the milk around the village in a horse and cart with a large milk churn into which she dipped to fill peoples' jugs at the door. She told me she also took the pony and a water wagon to fill up with water from John Hobb's farm when there was a terrible drought and no water for the cows. Evidently the moat around John's house is filled by a stream that never stopped. Alma was a clever girl and she got a scholarship to Dame Alice School in Bedford and was an extremely good secretary to lots of Newport and Cranfield businesses, and finally with B.H.R.A. at Cranfield.

We will miss her. R.I.P. Alma.

Pam

Hi everyone!

On Saturday 4th July 2015 I will be walking 10 miles, from midnight, with thousands of other women all raising funds for Willen Hospice in Milton Keynes. This hospice has supported many of my friends and their families through traumatic times, with love, care and understanding. Their work is invaluable. I would like to raise what I can to help these wonderful people to continue their amazing work.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate – saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Please just press Ctrl and click on this link, to reach the donation page (or alternatively I can pay your donation into this website myself if you want to give your donation to me)

<http://www.justgiving.com/Paula-Noble1>

Thank you very much indeed!

With best wishes
Paula



Mailbag and Announcements

Pat Quinn

We would like to thank everyone who kindly made donations to Willen Hospice in memory of Pat.
Sheila Quinn and Family

SHERINGTON WILLEN HOSPICE COLLECTION 2015

The annual 2015 'House to House' collection in Sherington for Willen Hospice totalled the grand sum of £617.98p.

Very many thanks to all who gave, it was a great result!
Also grateful thanks to the helpers who gave their time to collect –
Helen A, Pam E, Sandra B, Liz B, and Philip S. From Julie S.

THUMBSTICKS - first Sunday in July (5th)

Meet at the Knoll to share cars to a nearby start point for a morning walk.
T.P.



THUMBSTICKS – Sunday 2nd August

Please meet at the Knoll at 9.30 am for a local walk.
Do dogs please.
J & A

A GALILEE EVENING

Come to St. Laud's Church at 8pm on Saturday the 18th of July, for a special experience. Enjoy a careful distillation of more than 700 photos that John took on his and Pam's recent visit to the Galilee. See views that Jesus saw, and enjoy an approximation of the food he ate!



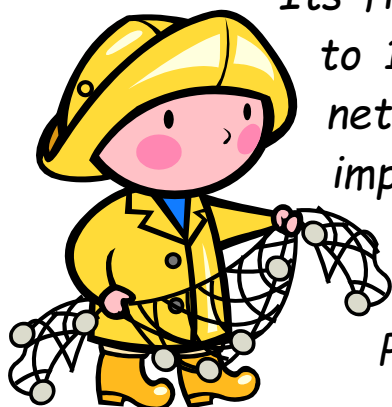
Sherington Ceilidh Band – dancers needed for practice session on Tuesday 28th July



welcome.

If you feel like having a go at barn dancing and are available on the evening of Tuesday 28th July, then come along to Sherington Village Hall at 8.00 pm and have a go. We are planning to put on a ceilidh/barn dance later in the year and the musicians and caller would like to run through the tunes with some dancers – no previous experience needed, any age

Please phone Liz on 07941 403492 if you would like to come along. It would be helpful to us to have some idea of numbers. Free entry, refreshments included.



Its fishing time again for those children aged 4 years to 10 years - give or take a bit. Bring your fishing nets - your hand towels - your parents and most important, your best behaviour to

The Knoll at 2.30 pm on SUNDAY JULY 26th

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL TRAILER AUCTION

At The White Hart Car Park

On Saturday 11th July

At 7 pm prompt

**Donations of saleable goods gratefully
accepted –**

FROM 4 pm ONWARDS AT THE CAR PARK

NO SHOES OR JUMBLE

All proceeds to Willen Hospice

Enquiries – Ring 610984





SHERINGTON SYNOPSIS BY JACK DAW

As is frequently the case at this time of year news is a bit hard to come by but with one notable exception this time, read on to find out what this news is.

In the ornithology department I was delighted to spot a solitary swift at the end of May, the only one that I have seen this year but lots of swallows around. In mid June I was looking round the top of the garden accompanied by one of our cats when I heard a bird getting very agitated. Initially I could not see it but then it showed itself and it was a little jenny wren. I assumed that it was not happy to have a cat around but then I looked harder and on a small branch I saw a young wren, probably just fledged as it did not seem to be moving very much. I watched for a few minutes and then, a little uncertainly, it flew off to another branch and out of harms way. Very nice to see as there are not so many wrens to be found at the moment.

The garden continues to present some challenges but my new potatoes have been successful albeit much later than normal. The runner beans are growing but again are much behind, at this time last year they were nearly at the top of their poles, a lot of my carrots have been eaten by something, we suspect mice and my tomatoes are really behind where they should be. However, I have one notable success story and that is asparagus. I have a variety called pacific purple and it is very vigorous indeed. We have not been able to eat much this year as it is too young but we are expecting great things next year.

Now then, onto the news to which I referred earlier. It was announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List that Mr Philip Edward Smith of Water Lane is to be awarded the British Empire Medal for "Service to the community in Sherington Buckinghamshire" but I suspect that work that he does for Willen Hospice might also have something to do with it. Since 2012 the BEM was re-introduced into the Honours List and is awarded to recipients for meritorious civil service. Very well done Phil, I know that you have done a lot to deserve this award.

Don't forget to keep me up to date with what's going on –Tel.: 01908 216214 or <mailto:jackdaw@fastfreenet.com>.

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - News

Thank you to all the 550 residents who voted in the Parish Council elections on 7 May. The PC is now back at full strength and we have a new team who are looking forward to serving the village over the next 4 years. Whilst Chairman, I plan to give SCAN readers my personal view of what the PC is doing each month - I hope you find it useful.

The future development of Sherington is an important topic being addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan, which will require hundreds of man-hours of effort before we get to the referendum stage (probably sometime next year). The Steering Group has been strengthened by most of the new Councillors becoming members.

Tackling the backlog of maintenance tasks at the Perry Lane Recreation Ground is a key priority and we are pressing MKC for repairs to the car park. The Parish Partnership Fund is providing £10k towards much-needed improvements to the Pavilion.

We are investigating the possibility of new bins to resolve the litter problems in the Village Hall Play Area.

The PC is again funding the popular MK Play Association visits on Thursday afternoons this year.

The legal process to transfer ownership of the shop building from Sherington Community Shop Limited to the PC has started.

To give all tradesmen and contractors in the village a fair chance to undertake work for the PC, we are compiling a register which will be used for inviting quotes. Registrations are currently being accepted.

Behind the scenes, the Annual Return for the 2014/5 Financial Year is being prepared for submission to the External Auditor.

MKC are about to issue their updated Minerals Plan for a further period of public consultation. It appears that they have rejected the objections from Sherington and are still proposing the Lathbury sites.

Newport Pagnell Town Council has issued their draft Neighbourhood Plan for public comment. Instead of the minimum 425 houses required by the MK Core Strategy, they are planning 1400 houses on Tickford Fields. This will have implications for local schools, preschool, traffic, parking and other facilities and could therefore affect Sherington residents. You can read the Plan on their website (www.newport-pagnell.org.uk). If you wish to comment, you must do so by 12 July.

PC meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except August) and the public are very welcome. Agendas and Minutes are published on the PC website.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments on the PC's services or facilities, please do not hesitate to contact me, the Clerk or one of the other Councillors. Please note that many of the local Government services in the village are provided by MKC, not the PC, so matters such as potholes, grass verges, refuse, lighting, street cleansing need to be reported to them directly.

Ian Collinge (Chairman)

Calling all Contractors within Sherington and the Surrounding area.



We are looking at collating all local contractors' details in one place so we can come to you for work and quotes.

The villagers can also use the list if they require any work to be carried out.

Please can you contact Hannah Balazs the clerk to Sherington's Parish Council on hannah_balazs@hotmail.co.uk or 07872 101 183

Many Thanks

SHERINGTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Next steps.....

The current stage of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process is particularly crucial as it will determine the general direction and structure of the final document. Key issues that will be prioritised include:

Parish Council

The induction and co-opting of new Parish Councillors continues apace. This is a Parish Council lead project and therefore it is good to have them on board.

Funding

Core funding is currently being sought which will enable us to carry out activities and to procure services essential to the production of a compliant and professional outcome. This could include printing/publishing (e.g. News Letter), commissioning expert advice either to fill a gap in our skills base or where an expert second opinion may be needed to verify our conclusions.

Scoping Document

This is an overarching statement that encapsulates the 'objectives and priorities that underpin the Vision for Sherington over the life of the NP. It can only address issues which are within the terms of reference for NP and reflect stated compliance criteria. We are required also be able to demonstrate that the village as a whole has had ample opportunity to provide core input which, in turn, will be used to shape the document. The findings of the scoping survey will be used in the design of the NP questionnaire which is a more detailed analysis of village aspirations and views and will be released for response in due course.

Keith Carey on behalf of Sherington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

SHERINGTON SCHOOL

Outstanding

Sherington School was delighted to receive an 'outstanding' grade in its recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection. The report states: "The Christian character of the school contributes strongly to the academic achievement and well-being of the pupils. This is shown in the way the school's values create an inclusive and caring learning environment. Parents comment that this environment fosters a strong sense of family where everyone is valued as a unique individual. They affirm that academic needs are readily identified and addressed by staff, aided greatly by the intimacy of a small school. Data shows that pupil achievement is good or better in all areas." The importance of the school values central to the running of the school is highlighted: "The school has a distinctive Christian ethos based on the values of trust, friendship and family. The school community chooses these values each year and discusses how they may be understood and owned. The values are then prominently displayed in the entrance area and classrooms. These displays give a clear explanation of each value and suggest ways in which they can be applied to the children's lives.... The impact of this on the school day was shown by the way pupils are eager to explain how the values help them make spiritual and moral choices. In this way the values contribute significantly to the personal development and well-being of all learners as future members of a multicultural society" Governors would like to thank the staff, parents and children, and the wider church and village community for their contribution to the daily working of the school and creation of the unique school ethos evidenced in the Inspection.

***The full report can be viewed on our school web-site
www.sheringtonceschool.co.uk***

Other varied school activities continue this term helped by the superb contribution of the Sherington PTFA. May Day was a great success under the invaluable help of Betty Feasey our dance coach. Thanks also to all the parents and visitors who came along and made the event such a success.

Following recent trips to the ballet and the 'Farm to Fork' Tesco's visit, the PTFA are involved this term in planning a 'Men in school day', a workshop by dancers from 'Stomp', a visit to Mead Open farm, and a summer camping festival in Emberton park. A massive thank-you from the school for their great contribution to the school and the children's learning.

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The weeks are flying by until the end of term and we have plenty to do especially in our garden as the children search for Mini Beasts and observe birds. The children were captivated by a little green caterpillar and observed a Pigeon building a nest in a nearby Horse Chestnut Tree. Water play is extremely popular as the children fill cups and measure full and empty, using our water container turning the tap on and off independently and have fun splashing around!

We provide many open ended activities like shiny CD's which led to experimenting with reflections, small stones, pine cones and glitter sprinkled in the sand. The children continue to explore the world around them.

Round at Tom's garden the peas and potatoes continue to flourish, sadly the sunflowers took a battering in the recent wind but are beginning to shoot skywards now. They may even be prize winners! Action Kids have been regular visitors and the children used the scarves to make houses on the grass which helped with mathematical skills talking about shapes as well as the usual confidence with balls and hand/eye coordination. Pyjama Drama which is drama play for under 5's are coming in on the 29th June for an exciting split session, the younger children will doing 'Green Fingers' and the older children 'First day at School' helping with their forthcoming transition in a fun way.

Fourteen children are due to leave at the end of term so we are currently preparing for our end of term performance which will take place on Friday 17th July at 2.15, our last day. It is based on the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and the School leavers will have the main parts although all the children will be involved on the day singing on the stage.

We will be sad to see the school leavers go but as always excited to see them flourish and mature into 'big' school children.

But it is not just children we will be missing come September as our fabulous Supervisor Jo Tough will be leaving us in July, we are going to be incredibly sad to see her hang up her hat after 16 years of

wonderful service and the 400+ children and their parents whose lives she has touched over the years will always remember her passion and enthusiasm for the Pre-School.



I can't believe where the last 16 years have gone since I started at Preschool when my youngest who is now 19 attended. I started as a rota helper but knew I would love a job there immediately as I had previously worked at Montessori when my sons were little. Over the years I have progressed through Preschool from being Chair on the Committee to a member of Staff then Joint Supervisor with Kay.

I am delighted and honoured to have been a part of the lives of so many lovely families in Sherington and the surrounding Villages helping shape their Children's development and progress. I have made some really close friends over the years with Mum's that have joined our Committee who I hope to continue to see. I also want to thank the current Committee for all their hard work and support especially Lauren our Chair.

I will have more time for coffees and lunches now Girls!!

There are so many wonderful people I will miss, particularly Kay, Kerry, Amy, Helen and Barbara and of course the fabulous children, but know that Sherington Preschool will continue to thrive and go from strength to strength with all the amazing people involved. – Jo

Thank you so much Jo for all of your time, energy and commitment to our Preschool we don't know what we will do without you!

We are also having a bit of a re-shuffle and our other fantastic supervisor Kay Turrell will also be stepping down from her supervisor position to take up a much more relaxing Assistants position come September

So exciting changes are ahead!

Sherington Bell Ringers:

Well, we are slap bang in the middle of the wedding season and this is where we struggle most to get enough ringers together to ring for the happy event. It has been noticed that there are more weekday weddings of late, so we are then looking for help from the retired or people who can make themselves available during a working day. This means that you are ringing with people that you don't necessarily know, or again it gives you an opportunity to ring somewhere new.

Our next few practices are:

9th July 7:30pm – Sherington	23rd July 7:30pm – Sherington
13th August 7:30pm - Sherington TBC	27th August 7:30pm - Chicheley TBC
10th September 7:30pm – Sherington	24th September 7:30pm – Sherington

If you want to come and have a look or a go, you are very welcome, just come up and say hi.

Mark



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

web: <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs>

email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

June Meeting: Trip to Cowper and Newton, Olney

We all had a wonderful outing out at the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney. We were met in the entranceway by the man himself William Cowper in his Georgian finery, with his housekeep Mrs. Mary Unwin and they showed us around their house and gardens in a lovely June evening. When the walking and talking was done we all sat down for an enjoyed tea. I have to say, after never visiting before, I was very impressed; lots of facts and figures about the two gentlemen and their lives are still bouncing my head. I think that I am going to need another visit.

Many thanks to Tom Jones and Paula Noble who brought the evening alive for us.

July Meeting

On the **14th July**, we are lucky enough to get Philip Smith to host one of his Bygone evenings, a real treat for anyone who wants to hear about Sherington from times past. Phil is a great story teller and the evening will be very entertaining.

Doors open at 7:45 pm for an 8 pm start. Entrance will be £2/£3
(Members/non-Members)

There is **no August meeting**, so see you all in September where we will be preparing for our Open Day - more details soon.

MV

The Sherington Historical Society

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

2nd July

Treasure Hunt - 7.30 pm

Please meet in the Village Hall car park to take part in a Treasure Trail around the village. Non participating members are welcome to meet with us at The White Hart at 9 pm.

6th August

Annual General Meeting

Please attend the AGM where we will review the events of the past year and discuss how we continue to move forward.

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.

More from those lovely church ladies with typewriters:

'Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones'

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

Here is Ian's helpful guide to those of you who are not familiar with all the technical procedures.

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