

# SCAN

NOVEMBER 2015



*Helen Braid*

## SCAN 457 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY NOVEMBER 2015

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- **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.

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**BROWNIES:** Every **MONDAY** term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm -  
contact: Rebecca Harrington, 15 Carters Close, Sherington

**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
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4	Astwood Book Club, The Old Swan, Astwood	8 pm	7
5	New Thursday Group, Sherington Village Hall	8 pm	23/36
8	Chicheley Remembrance Services	10.50 am	11
10	Sherington Historical Society, Village Hall	8 pm	33
10	Chichchat, Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	11
11	Mobile Library, Sherington, 10.45 – 11 am High Street 11.05 - 11.35 am School Lane		28
13	North Crawley Historical Society		15
14	Charity Coffee Morning, 33 Crofts End, Sherington	10 am – 1 pm	23
17	‘Singing for All’ - St. Firmins, North Crawley	7.30 pm	15
18	North Crawley W.I. – The Institute	7.30 pm	20
21	‘An Airman’s Story’ – Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 pm	11
21	Give A Tin Day –The Knoll, Sherington	9.30 am – 12.30 pm	24
24	Chichchat, Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	11
24	Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, Sherington Pavilion	7.30 pm	26/28
25	Mobile Library Library, Sherington (see 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov)		28
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6	Ben Smith – the 401 Marathon Challenge		8
11	Salvation Army Band – The White Hart	7 pm	30
12	Christmas Ball – The Institute, North Crawley		13
18	North Crawley Historical Society		15
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### **REMINDER:!!**

THERE WILL BE NO SCAN IN JANUARY 2016. IF YOU HAVE EVENTS PLANNED  
FOR JANUARY, PLEASE TRY TO INCLUDE IN YOUR DECEMBER NOTICES.

Betty, Editor

## **DEADLINE**

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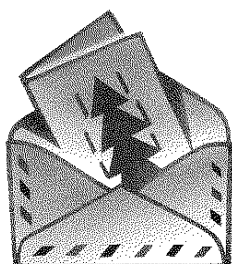
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Why not send a Christmas greetings to all your  
friends and neighbours in the SCAN parish via  
the pages of SCAN? In the December issue we  
will have greetings pages for you to convey your  
seasonal messages (not too lengthy please).

**Deadline 17th November**

Dear Friends,

“All is safely gathered in”

We have now reached the end of the harvest season, and have thanked God for His goodness, and for the hard work done by our farming community. Pam has been involved in 9 Harvest events - 3 school harvest services, 3 church harvest festivals, and 3 harvest suppers. It felt a bit like the Vicar of Dibley's Christmas day! Fortunately the harvest suppers were on different days, and I can vouch for their quality.

Whilst celebrating Harvest, we remembered those less blessed than us. Generous donations were made to the MK foodbank, which has supplied 10,000 much – needed food parcels this year to people in rich Milton Keynes.

On a more global basis, I talked in some of the services about the severe current and future effects of Global warming on our planet. To quote the A Rocha magazine: “Scientists are 95% certain that climate change is caused by human activities, mainly the burning of fossil fuels. We need to keep global warming well below 2deg. C to avoid dangerous climate change, but our current trajectory will not achieve this”.

God's command to us is for us to be good stewards of His wonderful creation, but how can we do this? I suggest some ways:

- Encourage our political leaders to take decisive action to reduce carbon use.
- As individuals, limit our energy use in our homes, and for travel.
- Encourage and support “Green” technology, such as solar, wind and wave power.
- Off-set necessary energy use by planting trees, or if not possible, pay someone else to do it for us. We support

[www.climatestewards.org](http://www.climatestewards.org), which does this to improve the lives of countless people, and to absorb some of our carbon.

Our individual efforts may seem small, but together we can make a difference, and help to fulfill our calling to be good stewards of our planet.

Prof John Fielding – Licensed Lay Minister, SCAN Parish

# CHURCH SERVICES

## NOVEMBER

### **1 November**

10.30am 'Something Different' - Sherington

### **8 November Remembrance Day**

9.30am Holy Communion (with Act of Remembrance) –  
Sherington

11am Holy Communion (10.50am at the War Memorial) –  
Chicheley

6pm Service of Remembrance – North Crawley

### **15 November**

9.30am Holy Communion – Sherington

### **22 November**

11am Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm Evensong – North Crawley

### **29 November Advent Sunday**

11am Scan Songs of Praise – North Crawley

3pm Evensong (with Carols) – Hardmead

## DECEMBER

### **6 December**

10.30am 'Something Different' - Sherington

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Funerals

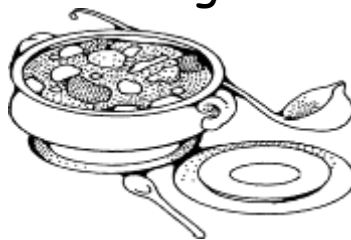
RIP Henry Powell-Sheddon of Hardmead who was buried in Hardmead Churchyard on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

RIP Daphne Elizabeth Jeffrey of North Crawley whose funeral took place on 16<sup>th</sup> October at North Crawley (followed by a cremation at Crownhill Crematorium).

*'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'*



'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

All ages welcome (children too!)



Are you experiencing a time of difficulty?

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Maybe you are struggling with bereavement, loneliness or sadness?

Whatever your circumstances if you would like them to be prayed for by members of the prayer chain please contact:

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All requests will be treated sensitively and if you prefer your personal details may remain anonymous when passed along the chain.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"



# A STWOOD

There are so many things I love about autumn! The leaves are looking fabulous, misty moisty mornings, lighting the first fires and cosy evenings in front of them; not so keen on the thought of six months of feeding animals in the dark, mud, Christmas coming soon, but always concentrate on the positives!

The Harvest Supper was fun as usual and made nearly £600. Our two youngest Villagers attended but too young as yet to attempt the Cottage Pie! There was a huge array of produce both locally and maybe not so locally produced, but also a photograph of the Village before the “new builds” attracted some furious bidding. The competition for the tallest sunflower was fiercely competitive..... I had had an inkling that Bob’s sunflowers were doing well in the summer when they appeared above the fence between us; he came first and second, Clare came third and Val and Dave were last! All proceeds go to the upkeep of the Village Hall and The Village Green and the **AGM** of the Association that oversees these Village “possessions” will be in the Pub on Wednesday **November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**. New committee members would be welcomed with open arms so if you feel a rush of community spirit coming on do come along.

The next event will be the Christmas extravaganza in the Pub on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm**. Musicians from the surrounding villages will be playing and some of the Newport Singers will also be joining us so come along for a sing song to start off your Christmas season.

Looking forward to 2016; if anyone would like to share an event (perhaps the Summer BBQ?) so that their favourite Charity could benefit from the funds raised as well as the Village Hall, then just get in touch with any of the committee; that way the effort of putting these events on can be shared as well as the proceeds!

Meanwhile, if the dark evenings and the lack of anything good to watch on the telly are making you pick up a book, then come along to the Astwood Book Group. Local men and women meet every 8 weeks in the Pub at 8pm, turns are taken at choosing a book for everyone to read and comment on over a drink or a coffee. The selection of books so far has varied enormously, nothing too heavy! The next meet up will be Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. The book is *The Husband’s Secret* by Lianne Moriarty.

We were all very sad to hear the News that Henry Powell-Sheddon had died suddenly. He has farmed in the local area for many years and been active in village



life, including being an auctioneer at the Harvest Supper in the past. Our thoughts go out to his wife Miranda, the Chair of Astwood and Hardmead Parish Council, and all his family, several of whom live locally. His funeral was held in Hardmead Church.

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## The 401 Challenge.

(<http://www.the401challenge.co.uk/>)



Meet Ben Smith, Ben is running not one, not two, not three, but 401 marathons in 401 consecutive days. Yes that's right, that was not a typo, he is running 401 marathons in 401 days. Wow, that hurts just thinking about it!

Now, what has that got to do with **ASTWOOD** I hear you say? Well nothing really, accept that it just so happens that Ben has chosen to run his 97<sup>th</sup> event in Bedford on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, AND his route actually takes him through our village.

And why am I telling you about it? Because it is an amazing thing Ben is doing, not only for a charity but physically for any human being. I know I struggled running up Astwood hill heading towards Cranfield. I only tried it the once and holy moly it hurt. (I head towards Hardmead now, it's much flatter and forgiving!) ☐

Not a lot goes on in Astwood, but when events like this happen I think it is an opportunity for us all to stop what we are doing for 2 minutes, put down the remote, the book, the ipad, the iphone, or the laptop, put on our shoes and jacket, and maybe even a scarf and step outside our front doors to clap this determined chap through the village, because by god he will need it.

He starts from Wootton Upper School on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> December, I will try to find out what time (ish) he might run through the village, and make another announcement when known.

If you want to offer him help he has a contact page, and that help can be in the form of a meal to keep him going (I guess after the run), a shower, a haircut, somewhere for him to park his camper van for the night , maybe a bed or maybe you would like to donate some money.

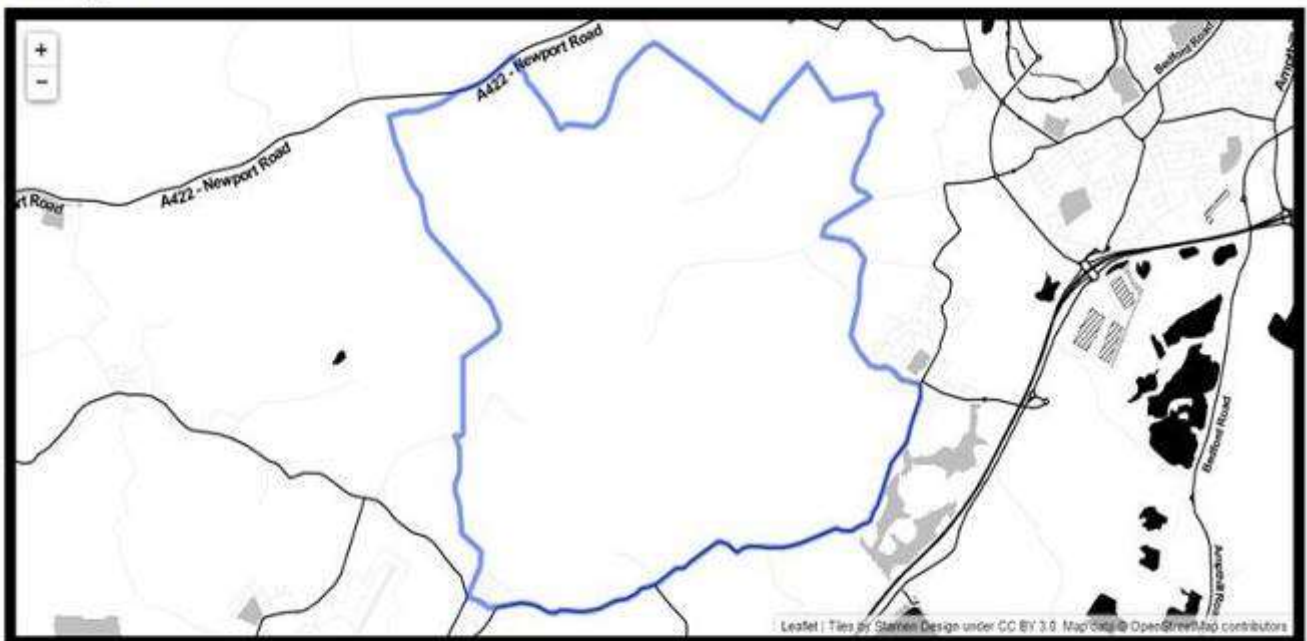
Just to leave you with one final thought , when we are all celebrating Halloween with the children/grandchildren, toasting out feet by the fire, tucking into our Christmas meal and even having a little tippie on new year's eve and suffering for it on new year's day, just remember, Ben will still be running, he will be staying true to his mission and running marathon after marathon after marathon after ... you get the picture.

I hope to see you all outside on the 6<sup>th</sup> December clapping hard, whistling and whooping loudly. (Just this once of course, as I know how we ALL like the peace and quiet in our village)

# MARATHON 97 - BEDFORD

Sunday, 6th December 2015

East



**START LOCATION:**  
Wootton Upper School & Arts Centre  
Hall End Lane, Wootton  
Bedford  
MK43 9HT

## C HICHELEY

The celebrations for the harvest in Chicheley are now complete. They commenced with our Harvest Festival service in the church led by The Reverend Pam Fielding, a sermon from Professor John Fielding, with our singing led by members of the SCAN choir to support our congregation of 20+ worshippers. The church had once again been beautifully decorated with produce from the fields and gardens, which after a period of refreshments for those attending, was moved to the village hall for sale by auction the following evening. This duly took place with the auctioneers, John Duncombe and Robert Ruck-Keene assisted by William Boulton, encouraging the “audience” with their purchases. The administration was completed by Alan Plater and your correspondent. A goodly sum was later handed to our church treasurer.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> October a quiz had been held, again for church funds. This had been organised by Alan and Judy Plater with assistance from their friends Steve and Jean. There were 36 adults plus one junior competing in teams of varying size with the usual mix of interesting, and challenging, questions to answer. A welcome break during the quiz included a lamb stew and a selection of puddings, well worth attending just for that. This was an excellent evening’s entertainment, and as the organisers insisted that they did not want any contribution towards costs the full proceeds of £532 were raised for the church. I recall one team won, and another brought up the tail, what was more important was that we all enjoyed the evening.

Yesterday evening (the 17<sup>th</sup>) we enjoyed our harvest festival supper in the village hall. Once again an excellent meal enjoyed by 40+ people from our SCAN parish. Entertainment was provided by the ringing of handbells to the tunes of some harvest hymns, with sung and hummed accompaniment from the assembly. This was our first supper in the hall since the floor was carpeted in a tasteful blue colour and the kitchen flooring overlaid with a non-slip surface. The village hall committee is still seeking grants to up-grade our toilets and to replace all the external doors and windows. It is not proving to be straightforward but perseverance will one day succeed.

We also had a recent Parish Meeting when various matters including future funding, roads and speeding traffic plus other matters were discussed. I will endeavour to obtain a summary from our parish clerk of the main points for the December SCAN.

**Looking ahead:** ChichChat will be on the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday mornings in the village hall from 10.30 am until noon. If you haven't yet been to one of these informal gatherings why not give them a try?

There will be a **coffee (or tea) morning** in the village hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall from 10.30am until noon. All from SCAN are welcome to pop in for some light refreshment.

November in our village, as in probably most of our country, is a time of remembrance. We begin on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> with a short service and the laying of a poppy wreath at the war memorial in the centre of our village. This commences at 10.50am and then moves to the church to continue that act.

In 1915 the campaign we now know as Gallipoli was taking place in the Dardanelles and one soldier who is remembered on our memorial, Thomas Rogers, died on that campaign in 1915. I discovered a connection in that his mother was living in the same house where we now live when she was informed of his death. So it is likely that at some point he tended the same garden we now tend. There is one other possible connection. On the inside of a door that used to be to the outside lavatory is written down the pattern for Grandsire Doubles, a bell ringing method. I believe Thomas was a bellringer at Chicheley, as were both Felicity and I for many years, so we also probably shared a very satisfying past-time.

Finally, a couple of Sundays ago, we heard the sound of powerful jet engines coming from the direction of Cranfield, followed shortly afterwards by the sight of the last flying V Bomber, the Vulcan, approaching our house before it turned towards Old Warden in Bedfordshire for one of its final displays. It is a graceful and impressive aircraft, difficult sometimes to relate that to what it and its fellow V bombers purpose was in life.

Of course, and as I gave advance notice in the previous SCAN, aircraft played a significant part in the Second World War. We will probably hear about that and how that conflict affected one man in particular, on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> November. This is when we will hear the recorded memories, "An Airman's Story", of the late Ted Duncombe. This will commence at 7.30pm, there will be a break for refreshments, and donations are welcomed for the British Red Cross. Ted used to say that it was the parcels he and other prisoners of war were given by the Red Cross that helped sustain them through their incarceration. Please let me know on 01234 391371 if you wish to attend.

David



CAROL SERVICE,  
HARDMEAD CHURCH

29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015  
3 PM

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## Traditional Christmas Bazaar



**2.30PM**

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**THE INSTITUTE**

**NORTH CRAWLEY**

Stalls, Games, Raffle  
Refreshments

&

Come & enjoy the  
Christmas  
atmosphere



# **N**ORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

On the whole there has been lovely autumnal weather lately and the hedge rows have been full of blackberries, sloes and all sorts of hips; in addition apple and pears trees have also borne abundant fruit. Various combinations of the above fruits have been baked in pies and consumed in the Hawkeye household, and will continue to be for a while yet.

Last year a fair few North Crawley people rallied together through Facebook, and contributed 60+ advent calendars to the MK Foodbank and the same enthusiasts have suggested that we have a re-run this year 🙌 ☐. An advent calendar is something our children and grandchildren take for granted at Christmas time, and although they don't cost much (£1.50 ish) they will not be top of everybody's shopping list. I'm pretty certain most of us would agree that people who are using foodbanks would rather they weren't - and the kid's certainly aren't "to blame". The cut off is 26th and there is a box in the church. It's only a little thing, and not everyone can do it, but it's a very festive thing to help put a smile on disadvantaged children's faces this Christmas. 😊 🎄 Jean

There are a few village projects in the pipeline with work commencing in the High Street during the October school half-term, which will hopefully see the work agreed many moons ago to widen the pavement, implemented, which will replace the previous solution most of which wasn't agreed. The other proposed project will take place in the graveyard and will tidy an area which seems to attract piles of unwanted earth and old flowers, and replace it with a flat surface possibly with a gravel covering, on which seating will be installed.

It has not been the best of months for a number of people in the village as we have had to pay our last respects and say goodbye to Daphne Jeffrey, Sandra Gasson and John Clifford, all of whom lived in the community for many years and will be sorely missed.

News has reached me that there will be a Christmas Ball in the Institute on Saturday 12 December and as this is always a very popular event open to all-comers, get your tickets well ahead of time from Gary and Tracey at the Chequers.

Have to admit that my attention has been focused elsewhere this month mainly due to an obsession with watching and theorising about rugby world cup games. It was great

that Milton Keynes were chosen to host the three games they were allotted and quite a few people went to see them from the village. We went to two in MK and one at Wembley all of which was very exciting, and it is just a shame/disaster that the host team has already left the competition. The most plausible reason for this lies in selection which seemed to veer in a different direction from that taken for most of the previous half-a-dozen or so games. Why that happened is anybody's guess and more will be revealed from the inevitable inquest. Should a selector happen to read Scan my advice is available for a modest fee.

The cricket celebration race night was held on Saturday 17 October in the Institute and as always the club and its supporters organised a great night of fun for all who attended. The club will now hibernate for a short while until indoor nets start just after Christmas, and then the committee will start planning for the coming season and the whole cycle of events, games and glorious weather will start once more.

### **Bowls Club**

We have had quite a successful season this year, played 25 games of which we won 16 and lost 9. We won through to the final of the Bletchley and District Mixed League which was played at Olney on 6th September. We played Wolverton Town in the final and although we were beaten we all thoroughly enjoyed the day.

In our club competitions, winners of individual trophies were:-

Open Singles.....Doug Hancock

Handicap Singles.....Bill Kingston

Ben Panter Singles.....Anne Larr

All the members were saddened to hear of the death of our one-time Chairman John Clifford. John was a keen member and was instrumental in the decision to purchase our new changing rooms. He will be sorely missed.

### **Village walks**

The last Sunday in the month arrangement for walks continues to lack support from the village so will unfortunately cease. If anyone has fresh ideas to raise support for the walks, like one every 3 months, or a group of enthusiasts is formed that can arrange a mutually convenient date to walk, I'm sure Peter Bushnell or myself could help out with planning routes of interest and even leading the walk. We are open to suggestions.



## Historical Society –

Two events for your diaries:-

Friday 13 Nov. History of Wolverton Works – Speaker Phil Marsh

Friday 18 Dec. Christmas Talk – Speaker Marion Maule

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

If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to Hawk-eye before the next Scan deadline (17<sup>th</sup> November) to the following email address:

[christopherflower@btinternet.com](mailto:christopherflower@btinternet.com)

Hawk-eye.

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Congratulations to Ben Martin, David Adderson,  
John Sheppard, Cain Richardson, Jordon Appleton,  
Al Frost and Dan Frost, who had all their hair shaved off to  
raise money for Leukaemia.  
They have a total of £1,119 so far.  
Thank you to all the sponsors.

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## Singing for ALL

Come to St. Firmin's Church, North Crawley to hear this  
choir group from Olney.

Concert held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

£10 per ticket – to include wine & mince pies

CONTACT : Joan Shaw (01234 391517)

Janice Freeman (01234 391350)

Ann Kearney (01234 391692)

## **Friends of St Firmins November 2015**

We've enrolled a number of new friends since the October edition. Welcome and our sincere thanks; your support is much appreciated. Whilst we're on the subject of membership, it has come to our notice that some potential members are uneasy about signing up with direct debits and standing orders. This is not a problem. You can send an annual or monthly cheque to Jim Wilmore (treasurer) at 3, Orchard Way, North Crawley if you wish. This would be much appreciated.

Recently, we've been fortunate to receive an original watercolour of the painted rood screen in the church from former village resident, Barbara Hilliam. Many of you will remember Barbara, who is a professional artist. We are very grateful for this generous gift and felt that it should be put to the best possible use for fund raising. Hence, you should soon be able to buy the painting in the form of a greetings card. It will be blank for your own message but eminently suitable for Christmas. Further details will be sent to **Friends** as soon as they are available.

Some of us have been very busy delivering flyers for the **WE 3** concert on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I have to say it was a beautiful Autumn day and the village was looking at its best when I delivered mine. I don't very often get to the furthest reaches of Broadmead and East End so it was an unexpected pleasure to see them so resplendent.

We do hope as many of you as possible will join us for the show and for the drinks and canapés afterwards in St Firmins. Tickets are still available from me on 01234 391797 or at 20 Church Walk, North Crawley.

Ann Shaw

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## **NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council met on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### **Planning:**

31 Kilpin Green – Double storey extension to rear of property – No adverse comment.

### **Cranfield Developments:**

In view of the extensive building work being carried out in Cranfield both housing and on the airfield, we are concerned about the increased traffic through North Crawley, both in relation to the construction work and subsequently when the houses and research centre are built. There appears to be very little rapport between Bedford and Milton Keynes Borough Councils.

### **Ward Councillor's Report:**

Ward Cllr Geary reported that the Mineral Extraction plans will be debated by MKC in December and although not effecting North Crawley directly, could affect traffic levels through the village.

More directly the new Plan MK discussions will start on 9<sup>th</sup> November and consultations will take place through November. There may well be proposals made that could affect North Crawley, Moulsoe and Olney. Papers will be available on 29<sup>th</sup> October and will be presented at a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at the Olney Centre at 7.30pm. We were all urged to attend this meeting.

Ward Cllr Geary also reported that MKC were replacing all street lights with LEDs amounting to approximately 60,000 units. This was being carried out on cost saving grounds, electricity savings alone would pay for the new lights in 4 years plus the longer lasting nature of the LEDs themselves.

Cllr Hatton questioned MKC's pothole management when they attend site to repair one pothole but leave other adjacent holes untouched.

Cllr Hatton also asked what was the cost of the Rugby World Cup to MKC. Ward Cllr Geary said it was estimated that the cost was approximately £50K but income to the Council meant they would break even. However benefit to the local economy was estimated at £10million.

### **NAG Report:**

Cllr Rogers asked at which point the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) record the speed of oncoming traffic. Cllr Hunt replied that there were now two measurements on the reports 'V in' and 'V out'. Velocity In was the speed of the vehicle when first picked up by the radar, Velocity Out was when it passed the device, the intention is to measure any speed reduction as a result of the instrument flashing up the speed.

### **War Memorial Cleaning:**

Cllr Hatton reported that in view of it being too late to have the Memorial restored professionally by Remembrance Day, she called for volunteers to clean it on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October starting at 10.00am. The memorial will be cleaned professionally in the Spring.

### **Councillor's Items:**

Cllr Stapleton reported that the pavement at the end of the High Street was in very poor condition making it impossible to drive into the garages without damage to the underside of a car. It was suggested that he write to MKC explaining the problem. Cllr Flower reported that drivers were parking their cars close against the wall of the shop making it difficult for deliveries to be made. It was suggested that the shop tenant puts up a notice requesting drivers be more considerate and park elsewhere. Cllr Rogers said that the hedges in Brook End between Tythe Barn and the bungalows were overgrown and needed to be cut. Land owners need to be advised and he suggested it was included in our SCAN report and if action was not taken by the land owners MKC would do the work and counter charge the owners.

### **Questions from Residents:**

- A resident reported that the street light in Nixies walk was still out of action and an additional light where it meets Kilpin Green is needed. The condition of the path is so bad now it is dangerous underfoot in daylight let alone in the dark.
- A resident reported that Chequers Lane has never been resurfaced in the 35 years they had lived there. It is in extremely bad condition.

The date of the next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hunt

### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Although not discussed at the meeting it was agreed to remind residents regarding access to the defibrillator which is on the wall outside The Cock Inn.

Should this be necessary, dial 999, advise the emergency services of the postcode which is **MK16 9LH**, (The Cock Inn Public House, High Street, North Crawley) they will advise you of the code for access to the defibrillator. Once opened step by step instructions as to how to use the equipment are given via the defib machine. This will not, in any way, delay the emergency services from arriving but could help save a life.

**NOTE: Gary and Jackie at The Cock are trained first aiders should you need any assistance.**



## NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

*'Together in Learning – Sharing Excellence and Expertise'*

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Although the new academic year has only just begun the children and staff have been very busy. The key stage 1 topic on 'Super Heroes' was enhanced by a visit from the air ambulance service who talked to the children about the real life heroes who save lives every day. The children and teachers tried on the uniform and helmet of one of the crew and looked carefully at a model of the helicopter. They learnt about the important work they carried out. The school raised £24 for the air ambulance by coming dressed as a super hero.

'Dressing up' seems to be a theme in school at the moment. To support the home nations Rugby World Cup the children wore their rugby shirts to school. And even though the England rugby team has been knocked out of the world cup, rugby fever is alive and kicking at North Crawley School with lots of children playing rugby at lunch times.

North Crawley CE School has also been supporting the MK Foodbank and Macmillan. Our recent Harvest Festival service at St Firmin's Church was led by Pam Fielding. Through words and songs the children told the story of harvesting fruit and vegetables from the school garden. Thank you to parents for their harvest donations to MK Food bank. Staff and governors wanted to support the work of Macmillan and raised £66 by holding a coffee morning at morning break.

North Crawley children travelled to join their friends at Stoke Goldington School to be treated to a special performance by Quantum Theatre to enhance their mathematics learning. The trip was kindly paid for by both school's parents associations. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching and participating in the show and further developed their understanding of place value and fractions.

With children's increasing use of ICT through various devices, KS1 parents were invited to an information meeting about e-safety at the end of September. Feedback was positive and we hope parents now feel better informed about the ways in which they can help keep their youngsters 'safe' when using ICT.

It was a pleasure to meet prospective families at a recent open morning. The current foundation children were the perfect hosts and hostesses. Milton Keynes Council's policy is to enable the admission of pupils at the beginning of the academic year in which their fifth birthday falls – that is, children may be admitted below compulsory school age. This means that pupils who were born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 may start school in September 2016. If a child is starting school for the first time the application must be made via the council's co-ordinated scheme. The closing date for receipt of an application for children due to start school in September 2016 is **15 January 2016**.

Visit our school website for further information on admissions

[http://northcrawley.milton-](http://northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk/mk/primary/northcrawley/site/pages/keyinformation/admission)

[keynes.sch.uk/mk/primary/northcrawley/site/pages/keyinformation/admission](http://northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk/mk/primary/northcrawley/site/pages/keyinformation/admission)

For visits to North Crawley CE School - telephone: 01234 391282 or email [office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk) or visit our school website via [www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk](http://www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

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

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. Our speaker is Ron Mihill, an ex-North Crawley gentleman, who is going to give us a talk on "The History of Media". Ron is a very talented maker of boat models, so this might be interesting to our men folk and even other gentlemen. Please come and give him some support.

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**Daphne Elizabeth Jeffrey**  
**1933 - 2015**

We met in St. Firmins on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to say goodbye to Daphne.

Daphne met her husband Peter when he came from Harrow Weald, Middlesex to get a job at Woad Farm. She lived in one of the small houses on the right hand side of the Newport Road, just before the gravel pits, which were often flooded.

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Then Peter went off for 2½ years to do his National Service. He said he was surprised she waited for him. They married on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1965 at Lathbury Church, with the reception being held in Lathbury Village Hall. Their first home was rented in Beaconsfield Place, Newport Pagnell; as Peter said “The mod cons of our home were more to be endured than desired, with a toilet at the bottom of the garden and one cold water tap for washing – very invigorating on a winter’s morning.” Daphne was working at McCorquodales in Wolverton and joined the W.I.

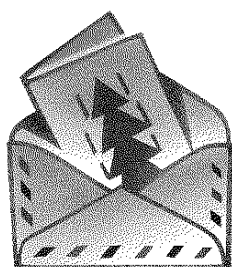
They moved to School Lane, Sherington and Howard was born and then when Richard arrived in 1965 they decided to go to Australia as one of Peter’s sisters was in Queensland. Daphne was not at all keen, but agreed to make the ‘assisted passage’ with two small boys on the understanding she would come home after two years. They came back to North Crawley and rented Bill Maslin’s bungalow at No. 28 Chicheley Road. After a year they were allotted No. 22. In 1969 Tom was born. This would be her family home until last year.

Daphne was a loyal and hard working W.I. member. She was our President for three years. She took on Church duties with the unlocking of our Church and did the cleaning duty with me; delivered SCAN every month in Orchard Way, for many years; worked on the Bric ‘a’ Brac stall for fêtes, etc; helped Joan Savage with running the Bingo nights; made wonderful cakes for everyone; and walked with the Wharley End walkers as she worked for the Cranfield College of Manufacturing until her retirement.

Two of my many memories of Daphne are when she helped with my Dad’s funeral and then Bill’s wife, Irene’s wake, always with that lovely smile.

All the years I have lived here she has been a very good friend and it was only the distressing illness she had, made it so difficult. We, in the W.I., feel she is now at rest.

Pam.



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Why not send a Christmas greetings to all your friends and neighbours in the SCAN parish via the pages of SCAN? In the December issue we will have greetings pages for you to convey your seasonal messages (not too lengthy please).

Deadline 17th November





## MAIL BAG AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Many thanks to all who supported the Harvest Supper in Sherington. We raised £480 for St. Lauds and the auction of produce realised £525 for Willen Hospice.

*Tina, Pat, Jill, Evelyn, Bess and Deborah*

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Kate and Graham will be leading the Thumbstick walk at 9.30 a.m. from the Knoll on November 1<sup>st</sup>, subject only to the weather. Please bring a car as we plan to walk from Yardley Hastings via Easton Maudit. It is a great walk of five miles, there are a few stiles at the beginning and again at the end but mostly through fields with fine views. No dogs please.

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50 GOLDEN YEARS

ESTHER AND MICHAEL

A BIG THANK YOU

To all our family and friends for making our golden anniversary at the White Hart pub a night to remember.

Thank you for all the cards and gifts. Also a big thank you to Giles, Liz and Staff for all the hard work they put into making the night a great success and Mike Nelson for a non-stop night of music and dance. The food was fantastic and enjoyed by all.

BLESS YOU ALL  
MICHAEL AND ESTHER

**“CANADA” - New Thursday Group, Open Meeting**

An invitation from the New Thursday Group to all Ladies and Gentlemen in the SCAN Parish.

If you enjoy travel or have an interest in the beautiful country of Canada why not come along to the Village Hall on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November for 8 pm to enjoy an illustrated talk by retired professional photographers, Ray & Jenny Rowson. All welcome.

***The cost for visitors is £2.50, which includes refreshments.***

Pearl invites you to a:

***CHARITY COFFEE MORNING  
IN SHERINGTON***

***at***

***33 CROFTS END***

***on***

***SATURDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015***

***10.00 am - 1.00 pm***

***Fair Trade food (including chocolates, sweets etc.); Christmas cards  
and small gifts.***

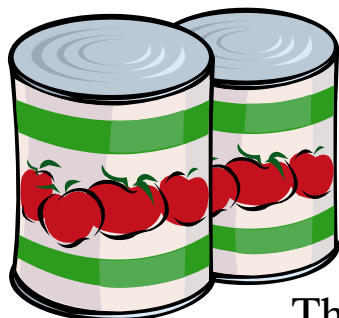
***Orders also taken from Traidcraft and Tearfund catalogues.***

***Coffees, teas and cakes served –  
donations for Willen Hospice and Karibuni Trust***

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## PLEASE SUPPORT 'GIVE A TIN DAY' ON SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER FROM

**9.30 am – 12.30 pm**



Please bring your donations to the caravan on The Knoll. We are asking for tins of food, unopened packets, other packed food or drinks or any monetary donations.

This annual event is again to support the Milton Keynes Central Corp of the Salvation Army in their providing for the poor, needy and homeless this Christmas

Thank you

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### Sherington Christmas Concert Saturday, 19th December 6pm, St Lauds, Sherington.

Newport Singers under the Direction of Roger Windmill and accompanied by Ed Tomlinson will once again entertain us to a programme of traditional and modern Christmas music and Carols.

The Church always looks wonderful at this time with its seasonal decorations and candlelight, accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies, all helps to get us into the true Christmas spirit.

This concert is always a sell out so be sure to order your tickets as soon as possible. They are priced at £10 each inclusive and can be obtained from:

Deborah and Ben Smith 610961  
David and Bess Williams 611946  
Rev Pam Fielding 616763

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## **Friends of St. Lauds Church, Sherington**

On Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> a public meeting was held in the Church to discuss the formation of a Trust Fund for the care of the fabric of St. Lauds. It was addressed by two friends from Emberton who operate a similar and highly successful scheme there and some fourteen residents were in attendance.

During the years 1960 – 2000 a total of almost £100,000 was spent on restoration of our lovely church, but sadly since then almost nothing; so various parts of the fabric are showing need for maintenance.

I am sure there are other people who, while they do not attend services, look upon the church as the heart of the village and would be willing to subscribe to the cause. The object is to establish a new Trust Fund “Friends of St. Lauds” with trustees and a small committee, to operate quite apart from regular church expenses and finances, to ensure that our heritage remains safe.

Our first aim is to increase the present small amount of money in the fund to above £5000 to re-establish Charitable Status and to facilitate Gift Aid options. The opportunities to be explored will involve fund raising events and possible subscription arrangements.

**If you are willing to assist please contact Derek Ferris 01908 611083 (Fabric Trustee) or Doris Stephens – 01908 611233 (past Trustee).**

Those who kindly attended the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October (together with a further six offers/expressions of interest) will be contacted by letter to ensure a co-ordinated approach.

**It will be greatly appreciated if you are able to respond by 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

Thank you,

Doris Stephens



### **Sherington Neighbourhood Plan**

*Vision: 'To secure that the development of Sherington, over the next 15 years, unfolds in accordance with the wishes of those living & working in the parish.'*

#### **Background**

The Neighbourhood Plan differs from a Local Plan insofar that it is prepared by local people and not Milton Keynes Council and once approved provides the basis for development planning decisions. The Steering Group led by the Parish Council comprising of councillors and volunteers, all assisting with the Plan preparation, however the empowerment of the community does not mean that the Neighbourhood Plan can contain whatever we want. **Our plan MUST comply with Milton Keynes Core Strategy which requires 20 - 40 homes in Sherington area.**

#### **So what has been achieved to date?**

Since its inception the Steering Group have made considerable progress including:

- Approved Parish boundary status
- Held two successful 'Drop In' events informing and receiving the views of villagers and stakeholders
- Held monthly public meetings to debate relevant issues and agree a way forward
- Attended focused training, learning from practitioners and those who have had first-hand experience of the Neighbourhood Plan process.
- Fostered relationships and shared experience with other local NP Groups (Newport Pagnell, Olney and Great Linford)
- Developed a sound working relationship with MKC planners and received valuable guidance
- Successfully bid for core government funding to enable 'buy in' external services

- Researched in depth, a mountain of relevant subject matter which will all be used to inform decision making and policies formulation. **This is an ongoing task**
- Met stakeholders e.g. landowners, businesses and community organisations and obtained their views. **This is an ongoing task.**
- Produced, executed and evaluated a residents Questionnaire, receiving valuable feedback from the village, supported with a leaflet drop and Councillor's doorstep face to face survey.
- Produced a template within which the NP Policies will sit for future release to interested parties.

### Next Steps:

Although it is necessary to continue to conduct further research discussions we are now developing draft policies with which to define the village Neighbourhood plan that will ensure an evolution which secures what the village values over the next 15 years. **On this we are making good progress - the draft policies will be available for general circulation through the internet, at meetings, in the next edition of SCAN, by carrier pigeon (perhaps not!) and will be simple, brief statements relating to the subject areas referenced in the NP Vision and Objectives.** For detailed examination and justification, supporting information will be incorporated in an Appendix (only available on the website Sherington Website ([www.sherington.org.uk/nplan.htm](http://www.sherington.org.uk/nplan.htm))).

**PLEASE NOTE: It is crucial that Policies are compliant, relevant and deliverable.**

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS!!**

The fact that we are at the Draft Policy stage should not deter anyone from contributing as there is still so much work to be done. **Help us!**

- Pass on your contributions to the Parish Council by contacting
  - **Will Bush, Chair of Steering Committee email**  
[nplan@sherington.org.uk](mailto:nplan@sherington.org.uk) or call 07834 997577
  - Or via the Parish Clerk - [parishcouncil@sherington.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@sherington.org.uk)
- **Sign up for monthly updates** by contacting  
[AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.com](mailto:AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.com) to add your email address (for cost effective communications) or postal address for the distribution of a regular newsletter.

- **Come along to the meetings** – the last Tuesday of the month at the Pavilion – 7.30pm.
- **Become a volunteer**, work towards the future of the village and our community.

Remember this process all ends with a PUBLIC VOTE, so give the village, as a community, the power to mould our growth and future development, to set guidelines for look, density and infrastructure requirements for next 15 years by supporting the Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you

**Anita Thatcher** on behalf of the Parish Council

## **THE MOBILE LIBRARY**

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Tel: 01908 254050

## **Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell**

Our Club has recently donated £2,200 to the Breast Care Unit of Milton Keynes Hospital, raised through various events.

A long-standing project of our Club is the collection of unwanted spectacles in deposit boxes at doctors' surgeries, opticians and shops. Over 47,000 pairs have been collected to date. Old spectacles are recycled to needy people in developing countries through Vision Aid Overseas.

A newsworthy development in Rotary's fight against polio is that Nigeria has now been declared polio free. Polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Our Club enjoyed several interesting talks during the month on subjects including driverless "pods", business use of Facebook, and the work of a local female farrier.

If you would like to know more about Rotary call Ian Townsend on 07785 368101 or e-mail [rotary.np@btinternet.com](mailto:rotary.np@btinternet.com). Our Club is also on Twitter and Facebook.





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

Well, what lovely weather we've had to end September and start October.

We must congratulate John and Evelyn Goss on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 24 September. They were married in St Laud's Church, Evelyn being a member of the Burgess family.

There will probably be a more detailed report about this in other parts of SCAN but on 26 September the Historical Society held its annual open day, this time based on Sherington authors, plus archives on view. Loads of hard work went into getting this set up and display the material but sadly it was poorly attended. The estimate of visitors is 30-34. Perhaps it was because of the lovely September day and autumn sunshine? However one couple travelled from Brackley, Mr and Mrs Rose, to see if they could find out more about their family who lived here they think in the late 1700s. They stayed all day!

Don't forget the Historical Society's "Wild Sherington" photographic competition. Come on you young photographers – no entries yet from the under 18 age group.

At the Historical Society's open day, some discussion took place about the Edith Lucas paintings donated to the village, and also about two Paul Mann originals which were lodged with St Laud's church. It is considered that the whereabouts of the originals is important as they do belong to the village and that the Parish Council should verify where they are.

What a lovely evening the Harvest Supper was on 5 October – it was a real village event and ably managed by Tina Ferris, Pat Fleming and their team of helpers, not to mention the services of resident auctioneer Derek Ferris. No doubt details of the profits will appear elsewhere in SCAN but Mrs D and I were pleased that some of our donated produce raised a healthy sum for the two nominated charities.

Well, after a very long time (2 or 3 years?) the water that has been seeping down Church Road from outside No 11 has finally been sorted out – or so it looks! Over the time there have been numerous visits from Anglia Water and Milton Keynes utility services who all drew a blank. Then, last year, before Church Road was resurfaced, the Ward Councillors took a stand and said before that work started the leak had to be sorted. And so it seemed to be until a few weeks ago, before we had the rain, it

appeared again! Don't know who got in Essential Water Services but they appear to have sorted out the problem. Let's hope they have and that we will not continue to lose loads of water unnecessarily.

We had a very strange discovery in the garden on 20 September. Mrs D was doing some regular weeding and came across a whole egg buried in the soil of one of our borders. Could it have been a squirrel or a fox? Answers on a post card please (or email [jackdaw@fastfreenet.com](mailto:jackdaw@fastfreenet.com))

Now, whilst it's still a few weeks until the festive season, please can you register that 11 December will be the annual visit of the Salvation Army Band at The White Hart starting at 7.00pm. You're support as always will be welcomed, and Giles has assured us that the Snow Machine will be working this year!

News of two Golden Wedding anniversaries, both on the same day 16<sup>th</sup> October. Congratulations go to Trevor and Eleanor Findull and to Michael and Esther Boyce.

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

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## **SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - News**

I would like to start this month by welcoming Martin Feasey as the new Caretaker at the Pavilion.

The other main local news this month:

- Our application to the Woodland Trust for 105 free trees has been successful. They will arrive between 2 and 10 Nov. We will need volunteers to help plant them. Can you help, please?
- MKC has quoted £728 for repairs to the Pavilion car park. The PC and MKC will pay half each. This won't give a 5 star surface, but at least it should be level at last.
- The additional seat for the Carters Close end of the VH Play Area has been ordered.

Planning matters continue to dominate everyone's time and effort. Work on the Neighbourhood Plan continues and is reported separately.

Shires have now appealed to the Secretary of State about MKC's rejection of their planning application for 36 houses in the High St. The appeal will take the form of an

informal hearing, on a date to be arranged. MKC have requested it be held in Sherington. Written representations have to be submitted by 2 Nov. The PC will be responding and is liaising with MKC. The PC's response will be approved at an extra PC meeting on 28 Oct before submission.

MKC are in the process of releasing 3 important planning policy documents for public consultation. See the MKC web site for details.

- Site Allocations Plan – This was approved for release on 13 Oct for a 12 week consultation. It now focuses on the urban area. The assessment of the Sherington sites has been delegated to us.
- Minerals Plan – The two Lathbury sites are still preferred in the Final Draft. The PC is lobbying MK Councillors prior to the MK Council Meeting on 21 Oct as our comments on the previous draft last year do not appear to have been taken into account.
- Plan:MK – The Core Strategy's successor covers the period up to 2031 and is due to go before the Nov Cabinet meeting. The PC is being briefed on the implications on 29 Oct.

The next regular PC meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.

*Ian Collinge (Chairman)*

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## **SHERINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWS**

The children are really enjoying this term and have been enjoying our wonderful grounds which are full of Autumn colour.

Our harvest festival was a lovely event and our collection for the MK Foodbank was a great success. Attendance made up of parents, friends and villagers made it a truly community focused celebration.

We welcomed lots of prospective new pupils and their parents to our open day this week, and the children enjoyed making new friends.

Just before half term the children will be performing their 'Dance for Haiyan,' to raise funds for the Rotary Learn2Give project in The Philippines. We have been following the Learn2Give project and the work of four Rotary Clubs to rebuild a school on the Island of Leyet. The children are looking forward to sharing photos and stories with the children of Leyet.

## **SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL**

I cannot believe we have been back 6 weeks already and are coming to the end of our first half term!

The time has flown by and the children have settled into the routine really well, enjoying all the activities that have been provided in the setting as well as collecting conkers and leaves around the garden, revisiting Tom's garden, as well as enjoying walks around the village too.



We held our annual AGM meeting, which is something we have to do as a Committee run setting, to establish and recruit new members.

Without a committee we would be unable to operate as Sherington Pre-School. Lauren Scott has decided to continue to be the Chair of the pre-school, Sarah Beesley as treasurer and Georgia Holmes as Secretary, additional members, who are current parents to children who attend the Pre-school have also come aboard and we welcome you all!

The committee have already held their first fund-raiser in the shape of a bake sale, which was on the 16<sup>th</sup> October and raised a fantastic £200! What a great kick-start to the fund-raising, for the academic year ahead. A big thank you to all involved and to everyone that supported us. Please keep your eyes peeled for further events; we really do appreciate and rely on all your support with these events to ensure we continue to run in the manner we are accustomed to.

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## SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL continued:



We begin a new term by welcoming Luisa, Baxter and their families to Sherington and hope they enjoy their time with us.

We are going to be learning and basing some of our activities around Fireworks and Divali, encouraging us to look at others cultures and beliefs. We are also going to be teaching the children about road safety.

If you would like to get in touch with us at the pre-school please do so on:  
01908 611398 and 07538 695918



**SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
web: <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs>  
email: [SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk)

**Generally the Society meets in Sherington Village Hall on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday on the Month.**

**Entry: £2 for members, £3 for non-Members,  
this includes refreshments.**

### **10<sup>th</sup> November Meeting: Members can Talk**

As regulars will know, this is where we ask members to come and speak to the group for as long as they would like (*usually between 5 to 50 minutes*) on something that interests them (family history/travels/books, etc) and they feel the group would like to hear. Queries about this to Caroline Leslie (01908 616426)



## A Doctor in the Family – a talk by Stephen Kennedy

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Stephen Kennedy presented the long-anticipated follow-on from his “Mine's a Jameson” talk of last year. This year, Stephen's talk was called “A Doctor in the Family”, and covered the first-hand accounts of his ancestor, Uncle Jim's experiences as a front-line doctor during the Boer and First World Wars. Stephen read extracts from Uncle Jim's journals, which detailed the terrible, and too often fatal, conditions facing sick and wounded soldiers during the most bloody campaigns of the Boer War. The journals told of the doctor's ideas and efforts to improve those dreadful conditions and the treatment of the wounded. The presentation included fascinating contemporary film, including footage showing soldiers and horses setting off to face, no doubt, hellish times at the front.

After the Boer War, Uncle Jim became involved in early, pioneering aviation along side Samuel Franklin Cody, the first man to fly an aeroplane in Britain. It was a vision of Uncle Jim to utilise aircraft, such as Cody's, to transport medical staff and equipment to war zones. And it was towards this goal that he designed a portable operating table that could be used by surgeons in field hospitals.

The doctor returned to service during the First World War. He was present during the Mesopotamian Campaign, a theatre less well known but no less terrible than the European theatres. The second half of Stephen's talk began with contemporary footage from Mesopotamia to give an impression of this part of WWI.

Uncle Jim wrote passionately, and often with dark humour, about his war experiences and his efforts to improve the treatment of wounded soldiers. But he also wrote poetry, some of which Stephen read during the latter part of his talk. This fascinating talk closed with a poem read by Philip Smith (*see below*), and a song, lyrics by Uncle Jim, and sung by Dave Williams. *Caroline.*

### ***THE ABINGTON BUCKS***

*The Abington Bucks were a wonderful corps :  
They stood at the top of the Roll  
For shooting and marching and ambulance drill  
And cooking without any coal.  
At football and cricket they headed the list,  
Their band was the best ever known,*

*Their average height was just seven foot six,  
Their average weight fourteen stone.  
The average number of misbehaved men  
Was nil, as from crime they were clear :  
The average number of constantly sick  
Was well under one in the year :*

*The average number of dogs in the corps  
Was only what orders allowed :  
The average number of church-going men  
Was simply the whole blessed crowd.  
In Marathon races and efforts of skill  
Their record was second to none :  
In all mimic warfare the side they were on  
Invariably came out and won.  
The men were teetotallers, saving their pay :  
A scheme they had in contemplation,  
Of building a Dreadnought and sending her as  
A gift from the corps to the nation.*

*But just at this time reconstruction took place  
And strange Territorial movements,  
The Regular Army was greatly reduced  
Amongst many other improvements.  
The Dreadnought as promised, she never was built,  
Its order the corps countermanded ;  
Instead there was weeping and gnashing of teeth,  
As the Abington Bucks were disbanded.  
The Colonel Commanding was wild in his rage,  
The General wrote and protested,  
The men of the corps they got quite out of hand  
And other Departments molested.*

*An orthodox answer arrived in due course ;  
Therein it most clearly was stated  
That all were aware of the regiment's worth,  
Its records were not overrated.  
But rules had been made and could not be repealed,  
So said the Official Recorder ;  
Reductions of units were made by a clerk,  
And in strict alphabetical order.*



## THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

5<sup>th</sup> November

### Canada - OPEN MEETING

An illustrated talk by retired professional photographers, Ray & Jenny Rowson about the beautiful and diverse country of Canada. ***This is an open meeting - gentlemen are invited to attend.***

3<sup>rd</sup> December

### Festive Fun

A relaxing evening with a light supper, mulled wine plus one or two activities.

*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  
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

**Mexican Chilli and Bingo Night**

Saturday November 28th at Sherington Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 pm

**ALL WELCOME**

**TICKETS £5**

Price includes entrance and meat or vegetarian chilli with rice.

Licensed bar - beer, wine and soft drinks

Tickets available from Jackie Inskipp 01908 216214  
or any other committee member

**If you don't like chilli we can arrange an alternative if advised in advance.**

Sombreros are optional

## LATE NEWS:



The Sherington Christmas Bazaar is upon us again and we'd love it if you could join in. We would really like to make this a local affair, so if you would like a table please contact us. You could have a game or sell something while raising your profile and funds. It only costs £5 plus a raffle prize, or £10 without, but we have limited numbers of tables available and obviously don't want to duplicate stalls so if you think you are interested please email [SheringtonScats@gmail.com](mailto:SheringtonScats@gmail.com) or phone us on 01908 216543, by the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. Thank you

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