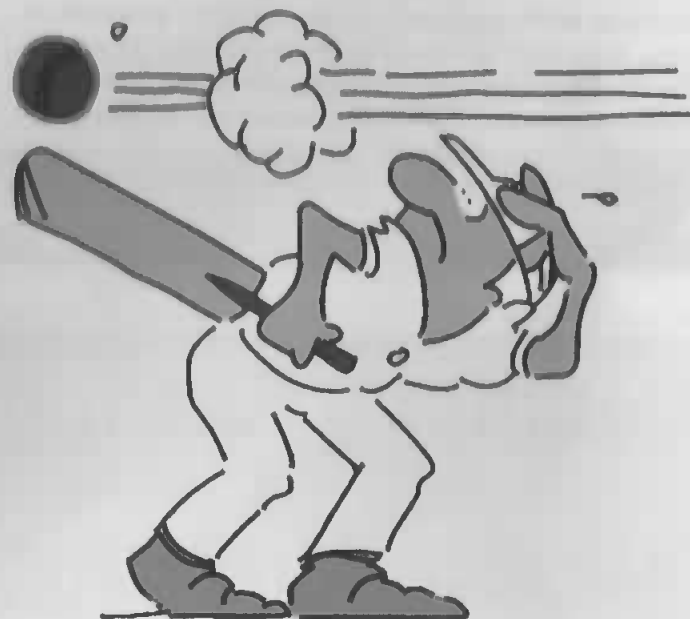


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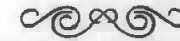
will be taking part in
the 10 mile Midnight Moo Walk for Willen Hospice
starting at Midnight on 16th July.

For us, this will mark the anniversary of Roger's death after being
cared for at the Hospice where he spent the last 12 days of his life.

We are trying to raise as much money as possible.

If you would like to give your support please donate.

www.justgiving.com/Rogers-Rovers



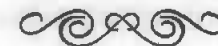
Hello All, welcome to July's edition, don't the months come
around quickly?

I'm sure that many of you will have heard by now that there has
been a recent spate of burglaries in North Crawley, at least 3
properties have been targeted with damage caused to gain entry,
and jewellery items stolen from the homeowners. The police have
advised that they will increase their visible presence in the village
and have requested that everyone be extra vigilant. Let's hope that
this will deter these undesirables from attempting any further
break-ins.

Looking ahead on a different note, we have to advise that there
will no longer be an August or January publication of SCAN
produced, so the next edition will come to you in September, we
hope you will look forward to it.

Wishing everyone a lovely Summer ahead.

Julia and Elaine



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FROM A NORTH CRAWLEY RESIDENT

**Thank you for thinking of us and helping to keep our free parish magazine
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John writes:

"An 8 year old explains God"

I found this quotation from "A box of delights" by J. John & Mark Stibbe. I read it to people at our Soup lunch, who thought you might enjoy it.

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bed time. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mum and dad's head asking for something they've said you can't have.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and Jesus said they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them.... And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers...

You can pray any time you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should always go to church on Sundays because it makes God happy, and if there's anyone you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn't come out on the beach until noon anyway...Your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into really deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back any time he pleases. And that's why I believe in God."

I think we can all learn a lot from Danny Dutton from Chula Vista, California!

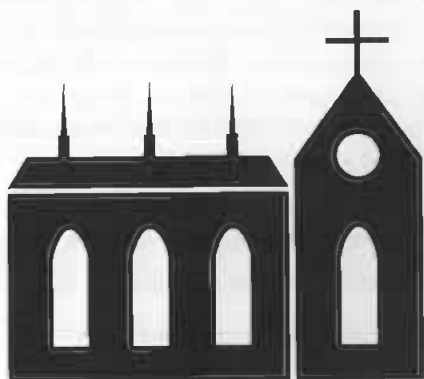
Prof John Fielding, Licensed Lay Minister – SCAN Parish.

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CHURCH SERVICES

JULY

- 3 July**
10.30am Scan 'Something Different' service - Sherington
- 10 July**
9.30am Scan Holy Communion – North Crawley
6pm Scan Evensong– Chicheley
- 17 July**
9.30am Scan Holy Communion – Sherington
- 24 July**
11am Scan Holy Communion – Chicheley
6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley
- 31 July**
11am Scan Songs of Praise – North Crawley



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

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

On 22 May Ella Grace Odell was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Firmin's Church North Crawley

On 12 June Emmeline Rose Emerson Toye was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Firmin's Church North Crawley

Ella and Emmeline, may you both grow to know, love and serve God in your life. God Bless you.



Not So Good

Our Scarecrow settled down to rest beside the garden wall
"So peaceful here" he said. "Nothing to trouble me at all"
A great big oak tree stretched its branches way above his head.
A pumpkin spread its tentacles across the garden bed.
He looked at it with interest, this thing so large and round
Growing from a vine-like plant just lying on the ground.
Then his glance went upwards to where plainly could be seen
Lots of little acorns growing, small and smooth and green.
"Ridiculous" thought Scarecrow, "Had this design been up to me
I'd not have put those tiny fruit on that enormous tree;
And the pumpkin on that fragile stem will never last the night
It doesn't need a super brain to see *that* can't be right.
"In fact" he said "My plan would be to change them both around
Have pumpkins hanging from the tree and acorns on the ground."
He smiled with satisfaction. "A much better plan" he said.
Then suddenly an acorn dropped and landed on his head.

"And God saw everything that He had made and, behold it was very good." Genesis 1 v.31

Rebecca Cook ©

A STWOOD

Along with the rest of the U.K. Astwood celebrated the Queens 90th birthday with a summer barbecue in the village garden. Despite the chilly day and the downpour, it was a very successful afternoon attended by more than 50 adults and how lovely to see so many children in the village, enjoying good food and relaxing background music. The event raised more than £300 for the village hall and garden, so a big thank you to all those who attended and particularly the village hall committee who always work so hard to make village events successful.



There has been some discussion recently about lowering the hedge that borders the village garden, so that the interior is more visible from Main Road. If anyone has a strong preference, either for or against, could they email their comments to: astwoodvillagehall@outlook.com

I am very close to completing my 50th Pilates class and am amazed at the difference in my flexibility. We are very lucky to have one of the best Pilates teachers in the area and I'm sure all the ladies that attend would join me in thanking Helen for the outstanding class she delivers each Monday, and long may they continue.

As usual at this time of year a few reminders are needed.

For the dog walkers and those who enjoy a stroll or ride over the field towards North Crawley, will know that 'Permissive Footpath' signs have been put up between the Manor Farm units and the bridle way. The land owner Mr Boswell is kindly permitting us to use this path, so surely we should show some respect and pick up our dog's mess. I know there has been a request about removing dog mess before but someone is still giving the rest of us a bad name. It is quite frankly disgusting and unacceptable, please bag it, take it home and bin it.

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Also when trying to walk along Main Road with a dog or a pushchair, especially after heavy rain, there are sections where hedges are not kept trimmed back off the adopted highway footpath, making it impossible to get past without moving out into the road. Please consider fellow villagers and keep hedges trimmed so footpaths can be used by all safely.

Finally, when living in a rural location dustbin bags should not be put out the night before collection if they contain food waste as the foxes, rats and maggots will pull them apart. Food waste should be placed in the green garden bins and all recycling items in the pink sacks, (details from MK council).

We have a beautiful village but unfortunately we have no control over people who drive through at speed or have adapted their cars to produce the maximum noise level (hopefully they grow out of it) but we can all do our best to keep our village looking clean and tidy and a joy to live in. Thank you.

Doveless.



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

- **BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS** - contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040
- **CRANFIELD BRIDGE CLUB** meets at Astwood Village Hall virtually every **SUNDAY** at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on <http://www.cranbridge.org.uk>, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409.

PILATES: Monday at 8 pm - contact Helen Terry on

Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk

BROWNIES: Every **MONDAY** term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 - 7 pm - contact: 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 JO 07780 987034

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C HICHELEY

Firstly this month let me thank Julia and Elaine for taking on the task of producing SCAN magazine. It is good we have such public spirited people in our parish.

June has been a month of varying weather. Thunderstorms at this time of the year are not unusual but the storm on the 14th was exceptional, particularly the rainfall. A Chicheley farm recorded 62mm in a short space of time and, as many of readers will recall, that caused widespread flooding in the immediate area and beyond. Locally the A422 between Chicheley and Astwood was closed to traffic for some time whilst the flood waters receded. For some householders it also gave an indication as to whether their drains were working as they had expected or perhaps not. The plus side must be that the rain has been good for the crops and gardens and no fear this year of any hosepipe bans.

Now a report from Pierre Girard on how Chicheley celebrated the official birthday of Her Majesty

Chicheley celebrates H M Queen Elisabeth II 90th Birthday

In the afternoon of Saturday June 11th, the villagers from Chicheley were invited to assemble in the Shadow of St Laurence's Garden of Peace to celebrate One's very important Birthday. As it were, we were blessed with what seemed the only dry sunny and warm afternoon of an otherwise pretty soggy June. The main organisers were Felicity and David Robertson, David Blamires and Judy and Alan Plater. Everyone was invited to bring and share a plate or two of savoury and sweet confections. The centre piece of this affectionate gathering was the Birthday cake or, as it was, two Birthday cakes made and donated by Bobbie and Gordon Sparshot of Bedlam Walk. Our very own nonagenarian, Jo Duncombe, obliged us by cutting the cake. A toast was proposed by David Robertson to the good health of Her Majesty and this seems to have worked the trick as The Queen was in good form at Ascot Races this week even if her horses did not win.

Pierre



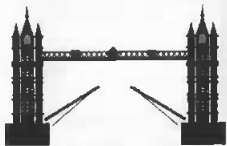
The cake being cut by Mrs. Duncombe

See our poster for all the details of the French Evening on July 16th. Come along and enjoy the occasion.

ChichChat will continue as usual on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings in the village hall from 10.30 am until noon.

In 1916 the Battle of Verdun was still be fiercely fought and a great sea battle at Jutland had just taken place. On the 1st July the Somme Offensive began in France. That day will always be remembered as the worst day in history for losses by the British Army. There were 57,470 casualties of which 19,240 men were killed. The battle continued until 18th November and a number of Chicheley men were involved in the fighting.

On the 31st July George Reginald Brown was killed age 26 near Mametz, he was then a Private in the 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment. George had been born in Chicheley in 1890, the seventh child to his mother who was widowed when he was two years old. A further child was born shortly afterwards. The family lived in a small three room cottage plus a kitchen and life would undoubtedly have been difficult. I have memories of that cottage in the early 1950's being still occupied by his brothers Johnny and Matty. It was near the Chester Arms, where a large chestnut tree now stands, was thatched and very dark and dingy. George had been a stable hand at Chicheley Hall looking after the horses and had joined the army as a volunteer some 17 months previously and would already have seen action. He had been a churchgoer, sang in the choir and also a bell ringer. The local bell ringers guild is planning to ring Chicheley's bells to commemorate his death so if you hear them around the end of July do think of him. George has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.



You are invited to an evening to celebrate the

Entente Cordiale

on

Saturday 16th July 2016

from 7.30 pm

at Newgate Cottage, Chicheley

**Good food and good company
in aid of St Lawrence's Church, Chicheley**

Adults £10.00
Children £5.00

For tickets please ring Christine on:-
01234 391489



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NORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

There's been some rather disturbing and disruptive weather around of late and a number of people have suffered flooding of gardens and properties. Must admit our patio resembled a small pool for a while during the deluge (around 9 June?), and the water was nearing a point of entering to the rear of the house when thank heavens the rain just lessened enough for the water level to drop. This was definitely the first time in nearly 30 years that water has threatened the house in this way so it was an exceptional downpour. It is at these times when you think a few sand bags would come in handy, but it is amazing how quickly the thought recedes with the rain, and the sun comes out. If you spot problems like blocked drains, or new potholes emerging after the tumult, please contact the clerk at the Parish Council or go directly to Milton Keynes Council and make a case for repair.

The sun most definitely came out for the village celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday on Sunday 5 June. The turnout from the village was marvellous with hundreds attending and everyone I have met was full of praise for the organisers, so well done to them, especially Roz Hatton whose idea it was originally. There were some last minute surprises apparently, particularly a lack of scones by all accounts which I guess could be termed an abscondence, but by the time everyone turned up, all was resolved and approximately 200 scones with cream and jam were served by the WI and consumed by the public. The Tug-of war competition was a fierce affair between the two pubs with many a reputation at stake, but the Cock held their nerve and ground out a victory over the Chequers. There were lots of attractions, tractor rides being a great hit with the kids, families picnicked all over the recreation ground and as a finale a hot air balloon took to the sky. A number of people have asked that an event be held each summer on the same lines, so hopefully with their help this happening could take-off once more.

Even sunnier news for Helen and Chris Simms who recently became first time parents following the birth of their baby girl Cecelia, and congratulations also to the proud grandparents Joe and Jean Loughlan who live in the village.

The cricket season is now in full swing and the first few results have not been as good when compared to previous seasons. However, a crushing victory of second place New Bradwell on 11 June, will hopefully see the teams form pick up from now on. The club has attracted some new players at all levels this season and the Junior section is thriving.

Bowls have had a great start winning 8 of their first nine matches so well done to them. As always they are looking for new members, so if you would like a roll up contact the club captain Anne Larr on 391496 or the Secretary Sheila Hart on 750221.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you uncover a happening or story worthy of reporting (Email - christopherflower@btinternet.com).

Hawkeye



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Friends of St Firmins - July 2016

I'm hoping that by the time you read this the weather will be significantly better than the thunderstorm I'm experiencing as I write it. I'm very hopeful for some sun on July 23rd, when we will be holding the annual Friends BBQ at Murtlands Farm, 2 p.m until 5. Those who went last year all agreed it was a magnificent event; AND the weather was glorious, so don't miss it. I'm taking orders for tickets now: donations of £10 for adults £5 for children. If you attended the "No Strings" concert on May 8th, it will, I'm sure, have stayed in your memory as one the best events we've been able to hold in the village for some time. Our thanks to Steven, Lizzie, and all the choir, for so generously giving of their time and talent.

As usual, the refreshments reached bake off standard and we raised over £1000 (of which we are sorely in need) towards the next project. Approval has recently been received for extensive restoration to be carried out on the stonework of the two south doors of St Firmins. Work should be starting in the near future, but Medieval church repairs do not come cheap, and it will use up most of the money (in excess of £10,000) you have generously helped us raise so far: which means of course, we have to start again!

Plans are afoot for more events such as the Jeremy Sampson concert in the autumn, but what we really need are more monthly subscribers to give us a regular income we can rely on, and that will enable us to plan. You can become an official "Friend" for as little as £3 per month. Forms are available in the church or from Jim Wilmore. We depend on this income and would be so grateful to any of you who feel able to make a regular commitment. Forms will also be available at our AGM which will be held in the Institute on Wednesday July 20th at 7: 30 p.m, when the committee will be up for re election. We'll definitely be needing some new members and are hoping that some of you might be willing to stand. Do think about it. Everyone is welcome. It's been a marvellous first year, much has been achieved and we're looking forward celebrating it with as many of you as possible. Refreshments will of course, be served.

Thank you for your support.
Ann Shaw 391797

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NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'



The Foundation children invited their dads and grandads for an afternoon of activities on our school field. Everyone had a fantastic afternoon completing the list of activities and challenges set. Dads and grandads set about making bird feeders, bird scarers and a large scarecrow. One of the most popular tasks was making a wormery which involved lots of digging for large juicy worms! Every child planted a sunflower seed and they are now tending them to see how tall they will grow. The afternoon finished with ice lollies and an impromptu game of football.



The Foundation children have already started working on their new topic "The Great Outdoors". You may have observed them walking around the village following directions and taking photographs of the different buildings. Back in school they have begun to make a model village of North Crawley which looks fantastic. The children will be out and about a lot over the next few weeks so look out for them and say hello!

The children are looking forward to a special "values week" when we will be holding their own election on a chosen topic and "sports week" with a visit from "Dan the Skipping Man."

SPACES AVAILABLE

Our new September intake has already started their visits to school with story and activity sessions. They have been made very welcome by our very friendly and caring children. Unexpectedly we have three places available in our fabulous Early Years class for September 2016. To arrange a visit to look around North Crawley Church of England School please telephone 01234 391282 or email office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk Alternatively you can visit our school website via www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk for information about our outstanding school.

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REGISTERED CHILD MINDING OPPORTUNITY

We have been approached by a small number of parents who require before and after school care for their child from September 2016. Are you able to help? Do you know of anyone who is interested in offering a registered child-minding service locally? Please contact the school office on 01234 391282 if you are able to help. Thank you.



NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Council met on Tuesday 07 June, 2016.

Planning

Cllr Rogers displayed the planning applications on the projector for all to see.

3 Crawley Grange, Pound Lane, consent was refused.

Plans for a workshop at Little Crawley Farm no adverse comments.

A single storey rear extension at 30 Folly Lane no adverse comments.

Cranfield Development. There is an outline planning application in with Bedford District Council for 198 houses in Crawley Rd, Cranfield. The Parish Council will oppose this mainly due to the extra volume of traffic through our village. Clerk will ensure we are kept updated with any developments.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Potts and Magee reported that the Steering Group meetings will be held monthly and that they will then update the Parish Council.

The first meeting is to be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on 27th June. Several people in the village have registered their interest to be involved in the Steering Group and all others who are interested are cordially invited.

Also attending this meeting is a Planning Officer from Milton Keynes Council, to provide us with an overview of the process and answer any questions, and the chairman of the Olney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, to talk about their experience of Neighbourhood Planning.

Legally the plan must be Parish Council led although the village are involved in the Steering Group and will have significant influence. The Steering Group will be Cllrs Potts and Magee, a chair to be appointed from the village and six or seven other members.

Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Peter Geary gave a report on behalf of all three Ward Councillors. There is not too much change following the elections but a new council plan will be agreed shortly.

Cllr Hatton asked Cllr Geary why we were not given notice or details about the resurfacing road closures to Cranfield and Newport Pagnell. He explained that MK Council are aware of the confusion regarding the recent road closures which were a fiasco. Ringway, the contractors, were at fault for not giving enough notice. Tom Blackburn-Maze has succeeded Mike Hainge as Services Director, Public Realm Service Group, and he will be coming around shortly to discuss and see any issues we have.

It was suggested to Cllr Geary that as all of the equipment and workers were in the area, that could they finally resolve the resurfacing desperately required in Chequers Lane. Cllr Geary said that the equipment being used for the main road was not suitable for this work and suggested that the Parish Council should contact Andy Dickinson for the rationale as to why Chequers Lane had not been resolved.

With regards to Plan:MK, Cllr Geary said that the Ward Councillors would obtain a draft of the plan in July which was due to report publically by the end of the year. He expressed concern that if the plan was sufficiently detailed, this would not give them enough time to work out the consequences for the Wards and Parishes in which case they would then be requesting a delay to allow time for perusal and consultation.

Finance Report – 07 June, 2015

Receipts: A total of £233.00.

Payments: A total of £1,812.62. This included £543.98 for grass cutting in May, the purchase of prizes and the hire of the bouncy castle for the Queen's birthday celebrations and all other expected items.

Accounts 2015/16 - The Annual Return and Accounts form had been received back from the Chartered Accountants following the internal audit and all had been found to be in order. The Annual Return would now be sent off to the External Auditor.

Churchyard Matters

Work to tidy the corner of the cemetery and to site a bench will hopefully start soon.

Website Update

RFO Sheila Bushnell has completed some great work and the website is now live, see nothercrawley-pc.gov.uk.

RFO and Cllrs Potts suggested the possibility of having a Facebook link to our new website. Opinions on this were divided and it will be raised as a point on the next agenda.

Residential Safety

Highways

There are still some bollards outstanding from the initial design. Cllr Hatton will meet with Rob Ward of MK Council regarding where we would like them sited.

Landscape

With the amount of sun and rain recently grass has grown at an extraordinary rate. A complaint was received from a resident concerning the state of the cemetery and a contractor has been contacted to resolve the issue.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations

This went very well and was a fantastic success; the weather was perfect and a good time had by all. A vote of thanks was expressed to everyone who worked tirelessly before, during and after the event, also those who donated items and who helped in any way, and all those who attended of course. Together we all made it a great success.

The Removal of the Flag

The recently replaced flag was removed without permission or explanation. The Parish Council allowed some time for it to be returned but on the fourth day when it had not been replaced the police were informed.

We have since found out that the flag was taken down for a different standard to be flown in celebration of a new born. The Parish Council are delighted and offer the family our heartfelt congratulations.

We have had to inform the police that the flag was returned and considerable time and resources have been wasted. We respectfully explain that anybody wishing to use the flag pole should first ask for permission from the Parish Council to avoid further issues.

Questions from Residents

Appalling weather resulted in few residents attending and no questions were raised this month.

Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr Gary Magee

Parish Councillor Contact.

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

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

North Crawley W I

What a lovely day we had celebrating our Queen's 90th Birthday. One sunny day, we were so lucky. It was so nice to see old and new North Crawley residents coming together. The WI had to work hard and we got a crafty red wine which bucked us up no end at 5pm – we were 'Trevored'! It was lovely to see peoples faces when we explained that the cream scones and tea were free but it will not be the same when most of us run the tea and cakes at our Church Fete on Saturday 2nd July.

Our speaker this week was a very attractive lady, Lindsey Fairweather, who runs the shop and tea room at Browns of Stagsden, just off the Bedford Road. We used to get our turkeys there at Christmas but now the shop sells its own home grown beef and pork and has a full time butcher. We all enjoyed lovely English cheeses and lots of other delicatessen products. Lindsey also makes cakes, bread, pork pies etc and has now begun a tea room for coffee and cake and Afternoon Teas and can also cope with parties. One thing she makes is a Wedding Cheese Cake. It's the 'in' thing at the moment. We all enjoyed her talk.

We are attending Ravenstone's afternoon tea with our own Jan Savage running the bingo for them on July 19th and our next meeting is a trip out to Castle Ashby Gardens, teas and shopping on July 20th, we meet at 2.30pm.

Pam

North Crawley Bowls Club.

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association.

ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW

To be held on

Saturday, 27th August 2016.

in the Village Institute, North Crawley

Starting at 2.30pm

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

Open to all in the Scan area.

Trophies for the category winners.

Much of the produce will be auctioned after the show approx 4.00pm

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 United Charities

The Charity is pleased to advise that following recent appeals in the SCAN, we have been able to agree to grant requests from four local students and apprentices. We are delighted to have been able to offer assistance to these young people who are about to start the next phase of their education.

If you are under the age of 21 and would like to apply for a small grant to help with the purchase of books, tools etc relevant to your apprenticeship or further education course, then please contact Chris Stapleton (Chris.stapleton23@gmail.com) for further information regarding eligibility and details of how to apply.

Don't be shy, the Charity wants to help North Crawley's young people, please get in touch!

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Can you please help.....?

Like many people living in Kilpin Green, our central heating is of the 1970s Elvaco design.

One of our 3Kw heater's casing has failed and I am hoping that someone may have some old Elvaco heaters/cases still around or are planning to install a more modern system and may in the future be disposing of the old system.

I would be eternally grateful if anyone can point me in the right direction.

David Allerton-Austin

13, Kilpin Green – 01234 391 446 or Mobile 07538274590

North Crawley Bowls Club

The Bowls Club has had a successful start to the season, winning 7 out of our first 8 games.

We have held 2 open afternoons, one of which was part of the village celebrations for the Queen's birthday. We were busy on both days and have signed up three new members all of whom have already played in at least one match.

We have a full programme of fixtures for the rest of the season including 4 matches in the Bletchley and District Mixed League. We were runners up in this league last year so are keen to do well again.

We always welcome potential new members so if anyone is interested in playing please contact:-

John Kayne	Chairman	01234 391435
Sheila Hart	Secretary	01234 750221
Anne Larr	Club Captain	01234 391496

Anne Larr

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TIME FOR A CLEAR OUT?



Good Quality Furniture and Furnishings wanted to equip homes for Refugee families arriving in Milton Keynes

Marie Gracie from North Crawley is co-ordinating requests on behalf of the British Red Cross and Citizens MK and is happy to talk to you about this - give her a call on 07956 559285.

Alternatively, and for more information, please google 'Refugees Welcome MK' and you will find our webpage from where you can click on the second purple box that says 'donate furniture/furnishings' - you'll be able to see a detailed list of the items that are needed - the list is updated as and when donations come in.

You will be sent an acknowledgement email and details of how to access our storage facility in Bletchley. The cut off point for this appeal is 14th August.

WILLEN HOSPICE DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION

The April/May 2016 door to door collection in North Crawley for Willen Hospice raised the grand sum of £712.11.

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.

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St Firmins Traditional Village Fete & Teddy Bear Jump

**3pm
Saturday 2nd July**

At St Firmins Church
North Crawley



Lots of stalls, games and attractions or simply come and have tea and cakes and relax for the afternoon

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Events at The Cock Inn

16 High Street, North Crawley, MK16 9LH

New Summer Menu

We have revised our menu for the Summer introducing a "Fish of the Day" for greater variety. Most importantly the homemade bubble & squeak cakes are back by popular demand.

Ladies Lunch Club.

Monday, 11th July from 12:30. On your own? Just fancy a lunch in pleasant company? Call Angela on 01234-391657 or Ann on 01234-391692 for more details.

Charity Quiz Night.

Sunday, 17th July starts at 8:30pm. Have fun and support a worthwhile charity. Teams of up to eight, £1 per head, all entry money is donated to a local cause.

Mondays' Over 50's.

2 slightly smaller portions of home cooked food for our over 50's guests, great value at £8.00 lunch or evening.

Tuesday is "Pie Night!"

A choice of Chef's handmade pie meals & a drink for only £11.95 (Booking advisable).

For more information or to book, please call 01234- 391222

e-mail contact@cockinnnorthcrawley.co.uk or visit

www.cockinnnorthcrawley.co.uk

www.facebook.com/cockinnnorthcrawley

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Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell

Our Club's main fund raising event this month will be a Summer Concert featuring popular music by the award-winning Northampton Male Voice Choir, and guest soloist Soprano Emily Haig. The concert will be held at The Chrysalis Theatre at 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd July. Tickets priced £12 are available from Cambourne Travel, Newport Pagnell or Glynne Thomas 07914 732872. All proceeds will be donated to Willen Hospice, Rotary "End Polio Now" campaign, and local charities.

We are also fund raising to install a public defibrillator in Newport Pagnell town centre, and will have collections for Willen Hospice at Dobbies Garden Centre on 30th July, and in Newport Pagnell High Street on 8th August.

Our Club sponsored 32 pupils from Slated Row School, plus their helpers, to take part in the annual Kids Out event at Whipsnade Zoo.

Every year our Club sponsors candidates aged 18 to 30 to take part in the Rotary Young Leader Awards. The local event is a challenging weekend of team building and leadership run by the RAF. Places are still available for 2016 and anyone interested should contact us.

Internationally, our Club collects unwanted spectacles and recycles them via Vision Aid Overseas to needy people in developing countries. We also purchase every year a Shelter Box that provides emergency accommodation and essentials for survival after a disaster.

Our Club's recent social events include a Cheese and Wine evening, a lunch at MK Brasserie, and a trip to Jordan's Mill.

More information is available from our web page, Facebook page and Twitter. If you are interested in joining Rotary, please contact us by e-mail at rotary.np@btinternet.com or 07785 368101.



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Well, don't know about you but these birds are suffering from a bit of Avian "CBA" syndrome the past few weeks. Everything seems a bit, well, boring at the moment – the telly (football, football, football,) the weather (rain, rain, rain, at the most inconvenient times) and the kids fixed firmly on the end of term and the long summer break. It's funny that even for those of us who have left school days behind a long time ago we still get that "can't wait for this to be over" feeling in July, a throwback to a few weeks off – even if our actual holiday is behind us or not arriving until September. Never mind, we'll cheer up, have a quick play on the game we were allowed to bring in on the last day of term and crack on with what's been occurring in Sherington. You would have to have been very unobservant not to realise that HM has reached the landmark age of 90! There were celebrations throughout the country – most on TV hosted by Ant and Dec, and Sherington joined in too. On the day of HM's official birthday there was a village BBQ by the Village Hall. This involved the supply of BBQs on which the village was invited to bring along their own choice of food to burn (sorry, cook!) and enjoy the company of friends and fellow villagers alike. Speaking to John Burgess and Derek Ferris (two of the ringleaders of this event) these sort of events were very common years ago in Sherington, anyone remember the Village Feasts and the celebrations for the Millennium? There was a decent turnout on the day, including a number of young families as well as the usual suspects – wouldn't it be nice to think that these traditions are safe in the hands of the next generation even though we all know the organisation of these events takes a lot of effort? Do volunteer for the next one to keep Sherington alive.

It's the season for advanced exam results and congratulations have to go to Rebecca Harrington who has achieved a degree with Teacher Training in Design and Technology. Jessica Vale has braved community work and sleeping outdoors to achieve her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award (happy birthday too Sir!) She has also been awarded a place at the Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court. Well done ladies – and well done to everyone else who has won or been awarded something marvellous!

Happy Holidays!



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MAIL BAG AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

7th JULY

'Six decades in the Girl Guides'

Margaret Burgon will tell us of her work and life in the Guiding Movement.

4th AUGUST Annual General Meeting at 7pm

Followed by a Summer Social Evening

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME OF 7pm

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm, unless otherwise indicated. It is open to all ladies of 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.



THUMBSTICKS – Sunday 3rd July – unfortunately there will NOT be a walk this month. This is due to all of the walk leaders


being unavailable.

Sunday 7th August – please meet at the Knoll at 9.30am and bring a car as we will travel to North Crawley for our walk, or meet at the NC Institute at 9.45am if that suits better.

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Youth Club



Wednesdays
during term time
7pm to 9pm
Village Hall

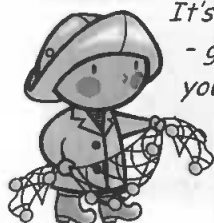
Hang out with your friends in a warm, dry and safe environment. Optional planned weekly activities. Youths aged 9+ welcome from Sherington and surrounding area. £1.50 weekly subs payable.

Supported by MKC,
DBS checked volunteers,
parental help required

For more information:
Tel: Jo Cowley 07760 987034

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL TRAILER AUCTION

At The White Hart Car Park
On Saturday 6th August
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



*It's 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 too. The Knoll at 2.30 pm on SUNDAY JULY 24TH
PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.*

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Strawberry Teas at Mercers Farm

Nothing could be finer than relaxing in the early summer sunshine, sitting down in a lovely garden with good company and enjoying fresh Strawberries and cream, being washed down by a cup of tea or even a Pimm's. So you want to know how to get this?

Well you're in luck! Come and have a very enjoyable and relaxing afternoon in the garden of Mercers Farm, located on the High Street side of Crofts End on Saturday 16th July, where Strawberry Teas and Pimm's will be on offer for a very reasonable £7.50.

If we are finding that the weather is a little inclement, we will be inside.

All monies raised to aid the funds of St Lauds Church, Sherington.
For more information, visit the Parish Website (www.Scanparish.org.uk) or call Pam Fielding (01908 616763)

Offers of Cakes, Raffle prizes and helps for setting up, breaking down tables, chairs and gazebos would be most welcome.



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Generally the Society meets in Sherington Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday on the Month.

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

June Meeting, Members Outing, 14th June:

Nick Brand and Andrew Turner gave us a wonderful guided tour of the Church, House that included the cellars and grounds of Gayhurst House while talking about its history from the time of Frances Drake up to what is

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happening to the house now, via the Wrights and WWII connections to Bletchley Park. As promised we all ended up at the Cowper's Oak in Weston to end the evening, where we found out that Nick was a previous resident of this fair village.

Due to the interest this had and we knew some could not come, Nick and Andrew have agreed to come back to Sherington at some point and give us a talk about Gayhurst, so for those of you who were not able to attend, you can come and hear all about what went on.

SCARECROWS: Due to the timings, more about this in the next edition.

July Meeting, Black Propaganda, 12th July:

Michael Kushner is to give a presentation of the tactics employed by the home forces to confuse the European enemy. On his website he says: "The Germans believed programs were coming from Germany. It was Britain's greatest hoax of the war." Sure to be an interesting evening.

Wild Sherington / Sherington – Sights and Seasons, Photo Competition:

Use the below link to look at some of the pictures submitted already.

<http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/sherington/>

All photos for both competitions must be taken within the Sherington boundary and taken this year (2016). Please send us any photos you take through the year, letting us know the location, time and date. All images should be emailed to the following email address: shs_photos@mediadrome.co.uk. If you would like submit prints of just send an email to the above address or call 01908 612306 and talk to Liz about how best to submit.

MV

The Sherington Historical Society

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Some Big Thank Yous!

I would like to thank all of my lovely friends and neighbours, especially Barbara and Ro for their care and attention following my recent fall in the garden. Everyone's kindness has been greatly appreciated.

Olive

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours for their help and kindness since my accident in Portugal recently. After my return to the UK and a successful operation, I am now on the road to recovery.

Thank you for all the cards, flowers and lunches etc which were all very much appreciated.

Bet Rose

We would like to say a big thank you to all our friends who came to help us celebrate our recent marriage. Thank you for all your cards and gifts.

We had a lovely evening and once again Giles, Ed and team at The White Hart did us proud.

Derek and Gill Wilkinson

Sherington Willen Hospice House to House collection

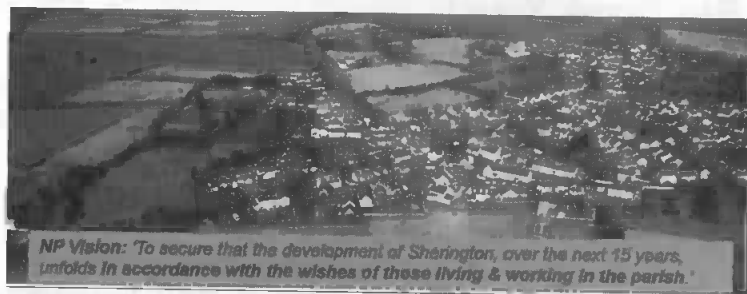
Thank you to everyone in the village who gave a donation in one of the collection tins.

Also, grateful thanks must go to our collectors, Pam, Philip, Helen, Sandra and Sheila for giving up some of their time to support this worthy cause. The total amount raised in Sherington was £660.48, a tremendous result.

Julie S

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Sherington Neighbourhood Plan



NP 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.'

July Update

The Sherington Neighbourhood Plan Draft has now reached a stage whereby we would like to get villagers agreement for it to be placed with Milton Keynes council for ratification and released public consultation. This will be the final stage before formally voting on the plan.

By adopting this Neighbourhood plan the Parish council aims to establish a vision for Sherington that helps to deliver the community's aspirations, wants and needs for the plan period 2016 to 2031.

The final draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan and the policies it contains will be published on the Parish Council website. There will be hard copies available from the Village Shop, or on request from Will Bush at Sherington House, Park Road.

Please take the time to read and absorb the details, and implications for further development contained within it.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the policies contained within the Neighbourhood Plan, reflect the views of the majority of Sherington residents.

Planning Policy Context

Regardless of your views on development, our Neighbourhood Plan must demonstrate that it is consistent with the approach suggested by the National Planning Policy Framework and highlight the benefits offered to local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community.

It was accepted that the village would have to allocate additional housing development to comply with the Core Strategy, and this issue was brought to the fore by the approval, at appeal, of 36 houses on land adjacent to the High Street to the north of the village centre.

Therefore our Neighbourhood Plan has to allocate the land covered by this appeal decision and one other housing site, which would take the housing land supply for Sherington beyond that envisaged by the Core Strategy. It is considered that this robust approach once adopted, would result in no further requirement to allocate any other additional housing sites.

But ONLY once the plan has been ratified with a PUBLIC VOTE!

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VOTE YES and save our village or **VOTE NO** and this Neighbourhood Plan dies and the developers and the appeal inspectors will be the ones to decide our future.

USE YOUR VOTE TO PROTECT OUR VILLAGE GET BEHIND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN!

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Steering Group and the help and the engagement of many others in the Village without whom it would not have been possible to produce this Neighbourhood Plan.

Anita Thatcher on behalf of the Parish Council.

Sherington Parish Council Meeting 7th June

(These are NOT draft minutes but simply summary of the meeting from Cllr Thatcher— Official meeting minutes will be available from the Clerk after their approval at next meeting on 5th July or online at www.sheringtonpc.co.uk)

4. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Chairman Bush and Vice Chairman Thatcher, witnessed by Tracey Young (Clerk)

5. Matters Arising from last meeting

Cllr Thatcher gave an update on the pre-school grant, the application has now gone in, and decision expected September.

6. Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hoskings gave an update on the Elections. Cllr McLean re-elected and no major changes on the Council Administration. Cllr Hoskings advised of a spate of burglaries in Olney and Lavendon and reported the police have made several arrests.

7. Clerks Report

Confirmed the Annual Audit 15/16 has been completed. 2 grants applied for defibrillators in the village. Overflow of rubbish at the Village Hall and School Lane had been dealt with. BALC laptop finding approved but sent to old address. Agreed to request cheque be cancelled and re-issued to the correct address.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Bush gave a brief overview of the current situation regarding the NP as follows:

- Sites confirmed are Water Lane & the High St
- Debate regarding a Strategic Reserve Site (SRS). Confirmed with NPSG that would not be allocated
- Once MK Plan emerges the SRS would be reconsidered
- NPSG included creation of ponds, flower meadows and trees in the Policy
- Date for consultation would hopefully be the end of this week (12/6/16)

Cllr Thatcher to put together a Communication Plan

9. Working Party Reports

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SHOP - Cllr Johnstone advised that the £100K offered (linked to the High Street development) was only available if 'match funded' (any monies raised by the village would be matched by Shires Farms). Cllr Johnstone correspondence with at least 10 different funding organisations. Unfortunately issues with our eligibility for funding because the shop is now owned by the PC. It was agreed a letter would be sent to Shires Farms to obtain in writing any caveats attached to the £100k offer.

Action to draft a letter to Shires Farm and explain the current situation.

PAVILION - Cllr Caldwell to be contacted regarding storage heaters and additional works required. Clerk to contact children's football team interested in using the Pavilion.

10. Finance

Bank Account Balance 7th June 2016 £32,912.38

9.1. Approve Cheques for payment - Approved

11. Planning Applications

11.1. REF 16/01034/FUL 23 Water Lane - no adverse comments

11.2. REF 16/00886/FUL The Manor - Cllr Johnstone wanted to know why originally stopped as work has already started

11.3 REF 16/01307/FUL 5 Park Road - no adverse comments

12. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

S.I.D.S training. Cllrs Thatcher and Johnstone unable to attend. Another date required. Cllr Thatcher attended the MK Futures presentation. A full summary of outcomes will be available shortly

- House prices continue to go up
- School growth in MK is up by 14%
- Transport being considered car pooling/car share
- Green energy

Report will be available, Clerk to request

Deadline is 4th July 2017 to look at report and comment, Cllrs to arrange an additional meeting to discuss

13. CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULTATIONS

None

14. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

The length of the grass at the Village Hall and Pavilion along with the flooding in Gun Lane. Clerk agreed to contact landscapers and chase MKC again regarding the drainage.

15. COUNCILLORS ITEMS

15.1. Cllrs Thatcher, Caldwell and Constantine walked around the village and noted issues such as drainage, pot holes etc and will advise Cllr McLean to add to the report

15.2. Cllr Bush suggested putting together a Welcome Pack for the new residents moving to the village. Cllr Thatcher to produce an Integration Plan.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting ended at 2100hrs

Sherington Pre-School

We are getting into the last few weeks of the term and the end of my 1st academic year as the Supervisor at Sherington. I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone.

The end of year performance of Monkey Puzzle is in full rehearsals and is going really well, the children are learning the song and seem to be enjoying all the preparation going into making their last day with us as memorable as possible.

We have used the story to base our activities around and one of the weeks we looked at Life Cycles where we had our very own caterpillars and watched the growing process from caterpillar to butterfly.



We have begun to do our PE sessions on a Friday. The purpose of these sessions was for the children that will be leaving us to go to school in September, as they will be participating in PE lessons. We practise getting ourselves changed, and then have a fun 40 minutes of ball skill work, balancing, dance and movement, colour recognition and races. This is also to help the children get ready for the Sports Day event on Friday 15th July here at Pre-School.

The Sherington Garden festival was a lovely event and the children were really proud of what they had achieved and created. Well done to all involved in making the event such a success and allowing us to be a part of it.

Due to the voting day on the 23rd, we took the children on a trip to Castle Ashby. I am so proud of the children that attended. They were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of the coach journey there, as well as being able to see the farm animals and have a picnic with our friends before heading back to Sherington.

If you have or know of anybody that has a pre-school aged child (2 years plus) and would like to come and see us here at Sherington then please contact Pre-School on: 01908 611398 during session times, or email Shell the supervisor on: supervisors.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk.