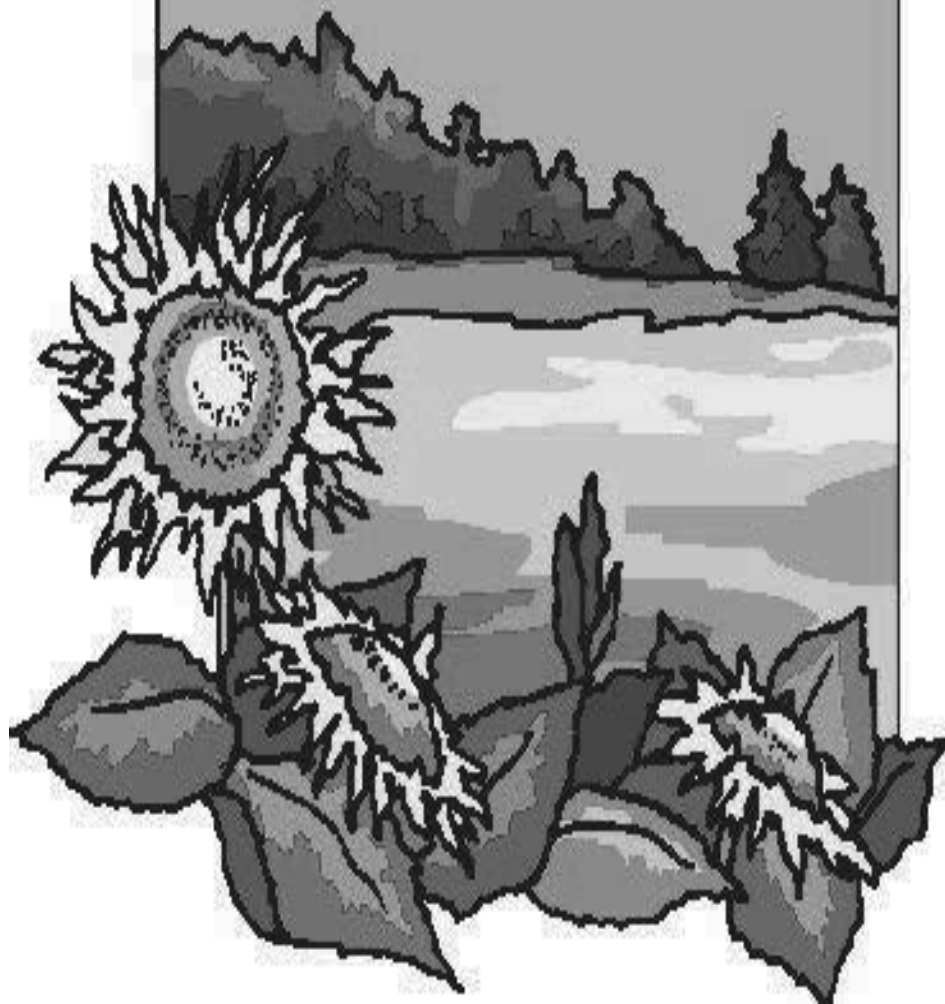


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Dear Readers,

AS we head towards Autumn, we hope you have enjoyed the Summer and the surprisingly sunny days.

As many of you are aware, there has unfortunately been a number of burglaries over the last couple of months, and with this in mind, a Meeting has been arranged with a representative from Thames Valley Police, please see inside for further details and PLEASE attend if you can.

Planning ahead (but hardly daring to mention the Big Event of the Winter!) we'd like to run a competition for the children of the SCAN parish to design a Festive front cover for the December edition. Entrants should be aged 14 or under, and pictures should be completed on A5 sized paper, and should include the words 'SCAN' and 'December 2016'.

Entries should be submitted to Julia Chinn at The Old Rectory, North Crawley by Friday 18th November – a prize for the winning entry will be awarded! We're hoping to produce the cover in colour so bear this in mind when planning your designs. The judges are open to bribery and we are both partial to chocolate and wine!!!

Good luck!

Julia and Elaine



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Dear Friends,

The Olympics are in full swing as I write. I heard a little boy today celebrating someone's success, 'Yeah, a bronze, one of my favourite medals'. I love it! As my highest sporting achievement is watering the hanging baskets, I'm in awe of the skill, speed, strength, dexterity and most of all, the dedicated commitment of the athletes. The medal ceremonies are so moving as is the humility the athletes often show, but I can't help thinking of the one who came fourth or who didn't even make the final but who had put in the same years of dedicated training and whose families had made the same sacrifices. It was said of Joe Clarke, winner of the canoe slalom, and of others, that, though they had natural talent, it was their commitment which made all the difference.

This year I've spent much of my time working with wedding couples and baptism families. Weddings especially are not one-off events for me, but involve 5 or even 6 hours of preparation with each couple. Some of that is for the big day but most is spent in helping them face some of the big questions implied by their decision to get married. There is always laughter and sometimes tears as we explore what their commitment might mean as time goes on. Amongst other things, like who puts the bins out, I help them open up conversations about 'what if' questions such as loss of income, organ donation, making a will, who would care for the children in the event of an accident, or what they might do if they found they were expecting a disabled child. Painful subjects are better discussed long before the need arises than at the moment of tragedy. Commitment is serious stuff.

Jesus tells a little story about a man who, having found a treasure in a field, sells all he has to buy the field and own the treasure too. He was talking about, you've guessed, single minded commitment. The treasure he was meaning is the glorious truth of God's unconditional love and acceptance. It takes years of commitment to win Olympic gold, a life time to forge a marriage, but just a moment's humility to accept God's love and forgiveness. Mind you, it takes a lifetime commitment (there's that word again) of a different kind to explore the height and depth of His love. There are no medals, no first or last, no 'failure to qualify', and certainly no excessive physical activity, but we do need to be committed to working together in a loving community, to forgiving each other when we mess up and to learning from and with each other. Our 'individual event' of a life time, grasping what it means to know ourselves a beloved son or daughter of God is best worked out in a team.

With love, Pam Fielding, Associate Priest

PS. Please keep praying for the person of God's choice to be our new Rector. We expect to advertise in September and interview in October.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

4 September

10.30am 'Something Different' – Sherington

11 September

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

6pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

18 September

9.30am Harvest Festival
Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

25 September

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

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

On 7 August Franziska Miriam Songer was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism in St Firmin's Church North Crawley and also Rosie Florence Elizabeth Bennett in Laud's Church Sherington

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

Wedding

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

We ask for God's blessing on Emerald Tanner and Ashley Hurley who were married in St Laud's Church Sherington on Saturday 13 August 2016

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

Funerals

RIP Doris Winifred Collier of North Crawley whose funeral took place on 15 July in St Firmin's Church followed by a burial in the churchyard

RIP Bill Leicester (Bullfinch) of North Crawley whose funeral and Service of Thanksgiving took place on 9 August followed by a burial in the churchyard

RIP Monica Cheeseman of Sherington whose cremation service took place on 10 August followed by a burial of ashes in St Laud's churchyard

'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.'



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All ages welcome (children too!)

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Friends of St Firmins - September 2016

Once again the sun shone for our Barbeque at Murtlands Farm. I'm sure those present will confirm that it was a very pleasant way to spend a July afternoon and I'm pleased to report that a considerable sum was raised to replenish the somewhat depleted coffers of the restoration fund. Many thanks to Pat & Brian Currie for their hospitality.

Work on the rainware goods is now complete and the building is well on the way to being secured from water damage. Repairs to the stonework on the two south porches can commence as soon as we have the Archdeacon's permission but it will take all our remaining funds. However with your continued support and a renewed burst of energy from the committee I'm sure we can come up with the funds for essential new projects such as the releading of some windows, further repairs to the stonework and interior decoration.

The best way you can support us is by becoming a regular donor, on a monthly or annual basis but we need your support for an important event on Saturday, September 17th when Jeremy Sampson, former Church Warden and professional violinist, is to give a concert, along with sons, Jeremy and Alexander and accompanist, Colin Druce. I'm told by those who know, that Jeremy's concerts are a real treat and have been known to fill the church like a royal wedding. Refreshments will of course be served and you can reserve your tickets with Denna Dickinson on 01234 391448.

Two or three weeks ago I was personally reminded of the beauty and importance of St Firmins when our Granddaughter, following 500 years worth of other babies, was baptised by Pam, on a lovely sunny afternoon. It was a moving ceremony which I would not have missed for the world, but significantly, it brought home to me the church's place in the culture and history of the village, and the validity of saving it so that future generations can continue to celebrate their rites of passage as we did.

We can do it with your continued support.

Contact me with any enquiries

Ann Shaw 01234 391797

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Scarecrow and the Olympic Games

Scarecrow sat one rainy evening watching television
When suddenly he made-for him, a really great decision.
All that week he'd been engrossed in the Olympic Games
He'd seen the gold and silver medals, heard the famous names
And felt a pang of envy as the athletes one by one
Received the applause of thousands for the races they had won.
"Why" thought Scarecrow "Should I not be top at something too
There must be one of these events which even I can do."

Then looking round for inspiration noticed on the ground
Several boulders lying there and one was smooth and round
He picked it up and weighing it from hand to hand he said
"How far can I throw it" and he reached above his head
And hurled the stone with all his might. It fell down with a thud
About a dozen feet away and landed in the mud.
"Not too good" he thought and chose himself another rock.
There were so many round about he'd not run out of stock.
And taking greater care he threw this one with all his might.
It sailed away beyond the hedge and landed out of sight.
"This is fun" thought Scarecrow and he practiced all day long
The distances got greater and his muscles grew more strong.
The days and weeks went by and he got more and more obsessed
With continually practicing this new skill he possessed
Until at length he said "I think the time has come to try
To see if anyone can throw a rock as well as I"
And thereupon our scarecrow friend set out to organize
A great rock-throwing contest with a medal for a prize.

People came from close at hand and some from far away
Enormous kilted chaps from up in Scotland, so they say
And one came from the Isle of Man, another from Peru
And each one brought his own great stone to show what he could do.
They all lined up beside the hedge and one by one they hurled
Their rocks across the field to find the Champion of the world.
And did our Scarecrow win? Was his by far the greatest throw?
Alas, I have to tell you that the answer here is-NO.
He was well and truly beaten by a chap from Mandalay
Who triumphantly came up and took the medal right away.
And Scarecrow saw that moment he had not been very wise
In expecting to be greatest and to carry off the prize.
The pressure then was off him and he found to his relief
That the joys of being champion were really very brief.
It was more important just to do the job in hand
As best he could and not outshine all others in the land.
"For anyway" thought Scarecrow as he went back to his place
"We can't all be a winner, but we can all join the race."

Rebecca Cook.©

Ecclesiastes 9 11 "The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong."

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ASTWOOD

We have had a couple of unpleasant incidents in the village over the last few weeks. One resident found an intruder in her house in the early hours of the morning, another returned home in the middle of the afternoon and appears to have disturbed burglars who had left with only a pillow case and a watch. Be vigilant, don't leave your windows open and take care.

Bob from the Old Swan has collected some archive material for Astwood.

One photograph is of the building, which is now the kitchen of the Pub, with a carhorse being shod by farrier John Higgins from North Crawley. Another description of Astwood, written in about 1942, said "Astwood is a pleasant little village which remains singularly unspoiled by the passing of time and the scarifying finger of "progress"".....it's hardly changed a bit! It would be fun to gather everyone's photographs and memories one evening, perhaps over a few glasses of wine?

One thing that may have changed since those days is the speed of the traffic passing through. The recent "smiley face speed indicator" produced some amazing statistics for traffic entering and leaving the village on the Bedford Rd and the Cranfield Rd. **71.5%** of the cars were speeding, the average being 42 miles per hour but there were a significant number who were going over 70mph. Because of the number of cars speeding we will be expecting to see Police Speed Cameras in the village in the near future so Watch your Speed! Gill Marsden from Cranfield Rd is organising a MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on **Saturday 10th September from 9.30 till 12.30**. She would be glad of any donations or items for the tombola but mostly she would like you to join her for coffee and cake to raise funds for this amazing organisation. Call her on 01234 391502 if you can offer any help. There will also be some unique children's clothing on sale.

The evenings are drawing in already and as Harvest is finishing it's time to use all that produce growing in our gardens and in the hedgerows to make jams, chutneys etc. The Harvest Supper will this year be on **Monday 17th October** in the Village Hall with a **7 for 7.30pm** start. As usual can we request items for the Auction of produce (Local or not, home grown or not!) and if anyone can donate Fruit Crumbles for puds that would also be good. Tickets will be £10, bring your own booze, please get your tickets from Bob and Janet at the Pub or any committee members. The Tallest Sunflower

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competition will take place again, I think Bob may have some competition this year! It's always a fun night, we look forward to seeing you there. [There are plans afoot for a Christmas event too. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for something different or would like to keep the same format as previous years then let us know!]

Have a lovely September!

Mallard and M'Lady

ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 10th August 2016 at 8pm in Astwood Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Stilton (Chair), Cllr D Hulance (Vice-Chair), Cllrs D Chapman, Cllr L Rhee, Cllr I Bradley, Ward Cllrs K McLean & P Geary, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Ward Cllr D Hosking & Cllr L Noakes
Apologies accepted.

Minutes of meeting on 11th May 2016 were adopted and signed as a true record

Matters arising from the last meeting- None.

Hardmead Play Area – Cllr Stilton reported that the new play equipment is complete, with the old equipment painted to match the new and being used by the children. We are still awaiting the siting of the new bench kindly donated by our ward councillors but Cllr Stilton wants to speak to Phil Snell first to check the proposed fixing into a concrete base. Clerk has added the equipment to our insurance and we have public liability insurance in the event of an accident. Once the bench is sited, it is planned to ask MK Mayor to officially open it.

Village Hall report – Cllr Hulance reported that the Village Hall was doing well as always with regular bookings of whist and Pilates. The fundraising is ongoing. Thanks go to the committee for the work at the hall and the village green garden which is looking nice.

Ward Cllr's report – Our ward councillors reported on three main items:-

1. MK 2050 – this is obviously in the early stages but was progressed on 20th July 2016, a new university is planned (MKIT) plans expected by October but site not

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yet decided on. It could take 16-20 years but MK are setting the seed for where they hope MK to be in 30-40 year's time. 400,000 residents are proposed by then, a growth of approximately 50%.

2. MINERALS LOCAL PLAN; This will not directly affect our villages, apart from possibly an extra 36 lorries a day passing along the A422 depending on which route is used. We can go to the public enquiry if we wish in mid-September. Our ward councillors feel it has not been looked into properly so are keeping a close eye on things as they progress.
3. CRANFIELD DEVELOPMENTS; North Crawley and Moulsoe amongst others took part in a meeting in Cranfield, backed by ward councillors covering Cranfield. A letter voicing all our concerns has been sent to Central Beds Council. Clerk was reminded to include declarations of interest in the agenda.

NAG – Cllr Hulance had attended the latest meeting which talked about speeding. He produced the statistics from the recent siting of the SID in Astwood which were surprisingly high; this will back up our case to maybe get police in the village with a speed camera. It is a positive step forward that we have at last joined the SIDS group, we will hopefully have the device again in approximately ten weeks time. Our ward councillors reported that Adrian Carden, our road safety officer, has left MK Council, they resolved to keep us informed of any news.

Planning:

No applications were pending at present, although several has been permitted since our last meeting.

Finances

Bank balance stood at £3101.38 as per bank statement, before the following bills were settled this evening:-

EXPENDITURE:

The following urgent bills have already been authorized and settled:-

04.07.16	100478	BMKALC Annual subs	£38.25
04.07.16	100479	J Vowles Internal Audit	£42.00
04.07.16	100480	Streetmaster new bench	£398.00 + £79.60 VAT = £477.60

The following bills were authorized and settled this evening:-

10.08.16	100481	HMRC Payroll July-Sept 2016	£50.00
10.08.16	100482	Mazars External Audit Fee	£25.00
10.08.16	100483	Zurich Municipal Insurance Annual Fee	£573.30
10.08.16	100484	P Reynolds-Nunn Clerk's expenses	£70.28 + £6.20VAT= £76.48

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INCOME RECEIVED

£1703.40 VAT Refund received 25.07.16

Bank balance now stands at £3522.15

Annual accounts 2015/2016 have been agreed by Mazars, waiting for their return in due course.

Councillor's Items:

Cllrs Chapman & Hulance.

The bus shelter was discussed again. The idea of moving the old bus shelter from Hardmead was dropped as felt it would fall apart when moved anyway, apart from looking a total eyesore. It was agreed that the clerk put a notice in SCAN asking if Astwood residents would like a new suitable bus shelter and if so, where would be a good place to site it (outside the church was suggested) If we did have one it would need to be in keeping with the village and obviously only if enough people use the buses and think we need one. We would only pursue this after consultation with the village via SCAN.

Cllr Rhee reported that the two drains outside The Close, Hardmead are totally blocked and need cleaning out to avoid flooding. It was also reported that flooding seemed to be occurring regularly on the corner of Cranfield Road and Main Road. Clerk will report these issues to highways.

Cllr Stilton mentioned that he would like as many parish councillors as possible to attend the opening of the play area. Clerk will buy some ribbon for the mayor to cut.

Cllr Bradley produced a list of signatures from residents of Main Road to support the siting of an extra street light; now we know several are keen for this to be done, Clerk will pursue the matter regarding prices, maintenance, etc. It was suggested to install it adjacent to the new fence near the old barn (Elm Hall Farm).

AOB: None

Questions from the public: A resident mentioned speeding on the A422 which is a constant problem. There is little we can do apart from keep reporting it in the hope of getting a police speed camera occasionally. Clerk to action.

The traffic lights along the A422 are causing a nuisance; apparently it is to strengthen the bridge there, hopefully it will be completed within ten weeks.

The resident also mentioned the need of cutting right back of the bushes on the A422 main road when pulling out from the village; now that the bird nesting season is finished, Clerk will again report it to try to get it done. The visibility is always difficult when it needs trimming and it has all grown so quick with the weather this summer. Potholes in Cranfield Road are still bad; Clerk will report this yet again, although funds are limited for this work.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 26th October 2016

The meeting closed at 9.23pm, all were thanked for their attendance and support.

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FOR ATTENTION OF ASTWOOD RESIDENTS

ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Pat Reynolds-Nunn, Parish Clerk. 25 Park Close, Moggerhanger, Beds, MK44 3RY.

Tel: 01767 641281 or 07899801719. Email patnunn@btinternet.com

WE ARE DOING A SURVEY TO ESTABLISH HOW MANY VILLAGERS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BUS SHELTER AND IF SO WHERE COULD IT BE SITED.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE NUMBERS AS ABOVE

THANK YOU.

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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Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning
Astwood Village Hall
Saturday 10th September
9.30 – 12.30.

Everyone welcome, please come along for a chat, coffee, tea, soft drink and lots of cakes to support and raise funds for this worthy cause.

"Threads from the shed" (a local business venture making and selling unique children's clothing and other items) will be there.

There will also be a tombola, and "guess the spots on the cake" game.

All enquiries or any donations/ tombola prizes please contact Gill on 01234 391502.

Looking forward to seeing you all there & meeting new people. Spread the word to family and friends – the more the merrier.

C HICHELEY

A sad way to begin this month's contribution is the reporting of the death in August of Mrs Pamela Dibley. Pam and Dave took up residence in Chicheley in 1987 in a newly built house in Bedlam Lane. They soon took an active part in our village life, which continued up to the present. Pam was a long standing member of St. Lawrence church's DCC. She had a wide knowledge of plants and was an enthusiastic gardener, having many conversations with my late mother-in-law, (who used to be Chicheley's SCAN correspondent), about their shared passion for all things in the garden. Pam will be much missed in the village and our condolences go to Dave and her family.

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I would also like to record an appreciation of the life of Bill Leicester, or “bullfinch” to our SCAN readers. It is not always easy as we correspondents sit at our keyboard and try to produce a succinct report on our village happenings. Bill managed that really well, including the controversial items, and was always a pleasant and informative person to converse with. I, and I’m sure many others, will miss those occasions.

On a happier note congratulations to Pierre and Christine Girard who have just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Also to report that the French Evening in their garden was much enjoyed, the weather being warm and the food tasty and ample as always.

For some time the Chicheley village hall committee has been discussing how they could improve the hall for its users. As they have very limited funds available after covering the essential costs of running the hall it was apparent that only by seeking assistance by way of grants could anything be achieved. Various applications have been made to grant making bodies with some success as detailed below.

A grant of £4,000 from the Milton Keynes Wind Farm Community Fund will enable replacement of all of the windows with double glazed units and two external doors. This work may well have been completed by the time this magazine has arrived with you.

The committee had also decided that a toilet suitable for use by the disabled should be a priority. To do this means altering the present arrangements in the entrance lobby. The opportunity would be taken to upgrade the remaining toilet and lobby area at the same time. They have been successful in obtaining grants of £5,000 from the MK Community Foundation, £500 from the Allchurches Trust Ltd and £350 from the discretionary grant budget of Cllr Hoskings. This together with another donation and some of the hall’s own funds is now allowing the work to proceed. The plan is that it should be completed by the end of September.

The village hall committee is very grateful to these benefactors for their generosity, anyone involved in keeping such local facilities in operation will appreciate how important these grants are.

ChichChat will continue as usual on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings in the village hall from 10.30 am until noon. There may be some disruption due to the work in the lobby.

On the 1st October a Quiz will be held in the village hall for church funds. This gives an opportunity to exercise the memory and also enjoy, what I am sure will be, a very ample supper midway during the evening. Teams of 4 – 6 can be entered in advance (preferably) or made up on the night. The cost is £10pp, please arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. If you want to take part please contact Judy Plater on 01234 825075. So come along and have a fun evening.

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Some other dates for your diaries are:

6th October the village hall annual general meeting at 8 p.m. Any and all villagers are welcome to attend.


9th October a Harvest Festival at 6 p.m. in St. Lawrence church.

10th October the sale of the harvest produce from 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

11th October a Parish Meeting at 8 p.m. in the village hall.

15th October the harvest supper 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. Contact number to book your place is 01234 391371.

It seems that October is to be a busy month in Chicheley. From my observation the farming harvest is proceeding well and weather permitting may even be nearly completed when you read this. I have no idea as to either its quality or quantity. I can observe that this year has not been a particularly good one for vegetable gardens, the cold and wet spring did not help. I have also read about the lack of butterflies seen this year, something I can also attest to. So into autumn we go.



Helping and campaigning for animals in need . . .

Hillside Animal Sanctuary

Alan and Judy Plater, ex-residents of Chicheley,
send 'best wishes' and request your help please.

As some of you know, we support various charities including the
'HILLSIDE ANIMAL SANCTUARY' in Norfolk.

Once a year we visit to take items suitable for animal winter bedding,
so if you have any duvets, blankets, sheeting and towels
(sorry no pillows or cushions) that we could take, we would be delighted.

We plan to visit end of October, so would appreciate your call -
07745569044 or 01234 825075 and we can arrange to collect your donation.

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

Many thanks

Alan and Judy on behalf of the rescued animals.

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NORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

Reviewing the previous Scan article rain appeared to be a major feature of the weather, and as we approached the middle of the summer thundery downpours continued to dampen outside activities such as picnics and barbeques. However more fitting seasonal weather arrived in July and we have had some real scorchers lately encouraging eating outdoors and relaxing in the garden, but quite a few people are now saying it is too hot. This I guess can be summed up by that old adage of 'You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time'.

The sad news has reached me that two of our more elderly and much respected citizens have passed away. Doris Collier was 5 days away from her 102nd birthday and at her funeral in St. Firmins church, much was spoken of her service to the Boswell family and her guardianship of the village hall. Some of her recollections were recorded on tape and are a very interesting insight into a bygone age.

Then in July Bill Leicester passed away at home after a spell in hospital with ill health. Bill was a real servant for the village being on various village committees and the Parish Council for many years, and of course being the infamous Bullfinch who wrote this article for countless years before somehow persuading me to pick it up. His insight and humour will be much missed.

I'm sure more detailed commemorations for the above two village characters can be found elsewhere in this copy of Scan.

Without wanting to scaremonger it is probably common knowledge that there has been a spate of burglaries in and around North Crawley and reports of others in Emberton. One of these incidents on the outskirts of our village involved strengthened glass windows being smashed with a concrete block, which in itself is a deeply disturbing violation to have suffered along with the removal of personal items of value. Obviously the forces of law and order are aware and will be doing what they can to catch the perpetrators, but in the meantime we must all make sure our properties are as safe as they can be by locking doors and windows etc. and also keeping an eye open for any unusual activity concerning our neighbours houses when we are out and about.

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I believe the Parish Council are organising a meeting with Thames Valley Police for Friday 23rd September at 7.30pm to discuss the above and to suggest ways of deterring the criminal element and to take measures to improve the safety of your property. Further information about this meeting will be circulated by the PC.

There was a meeting in the village hall on 27 June to discuss a 'Neighbourhood Plan' (NP) for North Crawley which was attended by a number of villagers who had expressed an interest, plus two MKC representatives who gave a talk outlining what it is all about. A member of the Olney team who had recently gone through the process of establishing their plan also gave some advice on how to proceed and pitfalls to avoid. It was made quite clear that a NP is a local plan for a specified area, so has little to do with a strategic plan such as MK expansion. In other words we may need two strategies, one for the NP, and if our community requires it one for MK expansion.

The next point I picked up on was that a NP needs the support of villagers through a referendum, the details of how this would be staged and what qualifies as a winning percentage for or against was not made clear. My own view is that it might be an idea to build a small number of affordable houses (starter / retirement / some rentable) properties but we would have to be aware of impacts on the school, and infrastructure considerations such as drainage, sewage, current overhead power lines, and possibly the introduction of gas. I certainly do not entertain the idea of just building some houses without the village generally seeing some benefit. Bear in mind none of the above would protect the village from a strategic project initiated by the unitary authority, so perhaps we should be creative and come up with ideas that would provide the village with some level of protection. Just an idea, but what about establishing a heritage green belt based on all of the local footpaths that criss-cross the country side and link us to Cranfield, Moulsoe, Astwood, Chicheley and in the Newport Pagnell direction the other side of Tickford farm. Perhaps this is a shot in the dark but it might be possible with help from various countryside friendly organisations to designate this area as no-build and preserve green spaces for future generations.

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North Crawley Cricket Club.

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 and a further win against top side Eaton Bray in July, will hopefully boost the first team for the remainder of the season. The club has attracted some new players at all levels this season and the Junior section is thriving. Which reminds me, congratulations to Ben and Louise Howkins who have had their first child, who in their second week of being born attended a NC cricket match.

A story has also come my way from a dubious source, regarding former first team player Tufty Stackpole who allegedly smashed an incredible 636 for a team on the first day of their County Championship match. This broke Brian Lara's previous world record 501 not out, and the MCC Long room at Lords based Stackpole said, 'I'm sure Lara will take the news very well and records are there to be broken'. A media spokesman is quoted as saying 'Forget player of the match, Tufty Stackpole is the player of the century'.

Bowls.

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.

Historical Society.

Please contact John Brandon (391365) or Christine Stapleton (391205) for details of future events.

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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NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

North Crawley Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5th July

Apologies: MK Ward Cllrs P Geary & D Hosking, Cllr K Rogers, Cllr G Magee, apologies accepted.

Planning

Cranfield Development –The Parish Council have agreed to oppose planning application for 190 houses in Bourne End / Crawley Road and a request to Mid Beds Council will be made for a Traffic Management Plan to be put in place.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Potts reported that she had met with MP Mark Lancaster who offered his full support. A resident of the village, Matthew Chinn was appointed Chair of the steering group and we are delighted to have him onboard. **CALLING ALL RESIDENTS - The next meeting will be on Monday 12th September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. It is extremely important we have more volunteers please come along and support our village or contact esther.potts@outlook.com for more information.**

Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Keith McLean gave his report stating that the Director of Public Realm is visiting shortly and advised us to make a list of issues that we can show him with a view to getting them dealt with.

MK FUTURES 2050; A commission has been launched to explore where MK want to be by 2050. MK has a population of 268,000 at present; the projection is 40,000 by 2050. This requires better use of grid roads etc. We have an art gallery, an international festival and aim to be a city of culture by 2023. On 20th July 2016, MK Council will “adopt” this report, and anyone can comment via the website, MK Futures 2050.

PLAN:MK: This is ongoing but it could be early 2017 before MKC can produce the next document.

Churchyard Issues/Risk Register

Cemetery – A site meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 7.30pm to tidy up the Garden of Rest allowing two weeks notice for relatives to remove anything not in keeping with the rules of the Churchyard and Garden of Rest from the graves. The next phase will be to tidy up the Churchyard i.e check for loose headstones and remove anything not in keeping with the Rules and Regulations of the Churchyard.

The war memorial is completed and looking excellent.

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Residential Safety:

Cllr Hatton met with MK Council regarding more bollards in the High Street, to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement. In the meantime, it is recommended to dial 101 and report any traffic issues no matter how small, giving the registration number of the offending vehicle so that we can work with the police to build up a pattern to take appropriate action.

Councillors Items

Cllr Potts had been informed that the bus shelter floor flooded and people are smoking there. The clerk will obtain some “no smoking” signs to display there as it is illegal to smoke in a bus shelter with a roof and sides.

She also reported that the traffic has increased hugely in Gog Lane, Little Crawley and Cllr Hatton will raise this issue with MKC.

Cllr Stapleton reported several problems with excess rain and blocked drains which will be reported to MKC. The drain on the waste ground that needs cementing, Anglian Water will be contacted.

Cllr Stapleton has compiled a report of street furniture, bins, notice boards etc stating which items need attention. The report will be reviewed quarterly.

Now that we have a new Union Jack, villagers wishing to raise a different flag, should first seek permission from the Parish Council. Political flags will not be given permission.

There have been several house burglaries in the village recently, mostly in daylight hours. PC Andy Hipkin and Cllr Hatton, will arrange a village meeting in September to alert people to safety measures regarding break-ins. We are advised to ALWAYS dial 101 if we see something we are not happy with. Date of meeting to be advised on website.

Questions from Residents

A resident made a proposal for within the cemetery. He would like to have a small area of ground set aside for wild flowers for the bees, birds and butterflies to enjoy near where we are proposing to tidy and have a seat/bench sited. The request will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting is Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr Esther Potts

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North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan



**Are you a resident,
organisation,
business,
local service or
land owner in
North Crawley?**

**Then we
need
YOU.....**

..... to help shape the future
of our village by coming
together to form a
Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan
empowers us to take
control of the way our village
develops to help our shop,
school, pubs, clubs and
services prosper.

It enables us to develop
proposals to protect and
enhance our green spaces and
decide where developments
should take place and what
they should look like.

We don't want others to
decide our future for us,
do you?

We have been given this
opportunity to ensure that
local people from the village
can have their say to influence
the development of local
village plans. So let's use it and
take control of our village.

Not sure what a
Neighbourhood Plan is?
Then come along to a
question and answer
session with two experienced
Neighbourhood Planners on
Monday 12th September
at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

For further information please contact Esther.potts@outlook.com

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**SINCE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN MAY THE
PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!**

northcrawley-pc.gov.uk

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.

ATTENTION!!

Meeting Friday 23rd September at 7.30pm – NC Institute

In light of the recent burglaries in the village and surrounding areas, a meeting has been arranged with our Rural and Wildlife Officer for Thames Valley Police, Andy Hipkin. He will be raising awareness of how important it is to be secure and vigilant.

Many homes have been affected by these events in the past few weeks, let's do all we can to stay safe!

For further details please contact Roz Hatton on 391073.

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Doris Collier

Doris' family would like to thank everyone who sent letters, cards, attended the funeral service, joined us for refreshments, gave to the fabric fund at St. Firmins and were part of her life in North Crawley. The kind words and expressions of sympathy were much appreciated and it was heart-warming to hear your stories and memories of Doris.

Midnight MOO Walk for Willen Hospice at midnight on 16th July



Rogers Rovers

We did it!!

Christine, Kathryn and Sara, Cheryl, together with Ingrid and Kim, walked the 10 miles (actually 11.8 miles!) around MK on 16th July. We all managed a respectable time of just over 3 hours. There was a fantastic atmosphere with many people dressing up and lots of people cheering us on. We all wore one of Roger's old hats in his memory and hopefully have done him proud.

Thank you to everyone who generously supported us by donating to the cause.
We are pleased to announce that the total raised so far on

www.justgiving.com/Rogers-Rovers is :

£3,566.58

**Amazing!
Thank you!**

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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'



North Crawley CE School has been continuing its work on preparing our pupils for life in modern Britain by promoting the fundamental British values of 'democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith'. The KS1 children recently learned about 'British Values' as part of a week of focused activities based around the EU Referendum. The children already have a good knowledge and understanding of the parliamentary system, and this was further enhanced by groups of children researching animal charities, presenting arguments to their peers about which charity should be voted for. Three groups of Year 2 children put forward their arguments for the need to support their particular animal charity which were 'Tiggywinkles', 'The Donkey Sanctuary' and 'The Dogs Home'.

The 'vote' took place in school via a ballot box and there was an official returning officer (the headteacher). Votes were counted in the presence of an official (Mrs Craig) to ensure all was legitimate. A donation will be made to the winning 'Tiggywinkles' charity.

The hustings and subsequent voting was followed up with a visit to the local polling station to see democracy in action.

During 'Values Week' the children thought about their local community and how they could help and support it. The children decided to tidy up Church Walk and clean St. Firmin's Church. There was a hive of activity and work continued even in the rain! One group of children planted a pot of red, white and blue flowers for the church in commemoration of the Queen's 90th Birthday.

The childrens spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and, within this, the promotion of fundamental British values, are at the heart of the school's work.

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It is official - the Children of North Crawley School are fit and healthy! Our sports week started with an assembly where the children displayed the posters they had made about a sports activity they attend outside of school. These ranged from rock climbing to dance. This was followed by a visit from 'Dan the skipping man', a yoga session, a dance display by the children for their parents, a brisk walk around North Crawley and a fantastic Sports Day with our friends at Stoke Goldington School. The highlight of the week was a visit to 'Big Rock' in Milton Keynes where we saw many of our school values of perseverance, friendship, kindness, team work, and trust in action.



In between these fantastic sporting activities the children made healthy sandwiches and smoothies using fresh fruit and vegetables from our school garden.

At the end of the school year we say a fond farewell to Zeke, Grace, Joel, Che, Samuel, Tess, Ali, Dhruva and Holly and look forward to welcoming our new children, Nathan, Duncan, Joshua, Toby, Sam, Tommy, Archie, Jasmin, Jessica, Summer, Anna and Lily in September.

SPACES AVAILABLE

Our new September intake have 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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North Crawley WI

This July we lost our Founder Member, Doris Collier, at the grand age of 102 (nearly). Of course WI will miss her but to me, in all the years I have lived in North Crawley, she has been my second mother. I was propelled into the WI by a Miss Nash and Miss Chase (who had been alternative Chairman and Secretary for 25 years) at the great age of 36, working in the pub, with two children and a husband who was starting a new business. Doris kept me on the straight and narrow. She got on so well with my family helping Mum to do flowers in the church every week. As a family we ran big events to keep the church going and she helped us by getting the older members of the village to back us up. When I got village things wrong she explained and when I rubbed up the ladies of the WI (all older than me) the wrong way, she smoothed things over. As Alexander Boswell said in his amazing talk about Doris at her funeral, she was a very wise woman. WI were really pleased to do the teas at the Wake but we ran out of cups, so many people had come. Before she left for Oxford, WI also did her lunches for her and she was very appreciative and loved their company.

Our WI Outing was on July 20th to Castle Ashby but my lovely Bill decided to have a heart attack and after a 4 year fight with dementia, he had a very peaceful death. Only 8 ladies went to Castle Ashby for the afternoon.

When you see thanks from people after funerals, you don't really understand but we received so many cards and flowers and they were really a help and living in this lovely village you could feel the admiration for Bill and all that he had done. Susan, Bill's daughter and Pat, his sister, were amazed at his funeral, it was a great celebration of a nice man's life. As we laid him to rest in a sunny graveyard a woodpecker flew from tree to tree calling. Our bungalow is called 'Woodpeckers' but unfortunately there was no sight of a bullfinch.

Thank you all for all the love you showed to us and Bill.

Pam

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Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell

It has been a busy and enjoyable two months for Newport Pagnell Rotarians since the last issue of SCAN.

The Rotary year runs from June to July. On 29th June, after a very successful year, outgoing President Wendy Egan handed over to incoming President Paul Champion. Paul in turn appointed President Elect Derek Barker and President Nominee Michelle Carter. Our Service Committee Chairs then outlined a busy programme of events for 2016/17. The Rotary International Theme for the coming year is "Rotary Serving Humanity". We had a stand at the Newport Pagnell Strawberry Fair, raising funds for local charities. On 23rd July we held our Summer Concert at the Chrysalis Theatre, Milton Keynes. The large audience enjoyed a wide range of songs performed by the award winning Northampton Male Voice Choir and renowned local soprano Emily Haig. Money was raised through ticket sales and a well supported raffle for Willen Hospice, Rotary's "End Polio Now" campaign, and local charities.

At our weekly meetings we have had talks about the work of Milton Keynes Community Foundation in rural areas, "publicity and social media", and a presentation on hiking the 800km Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route in Spain.

A member of our Club completed a 109km sponsored walk over five days around the boundary of Milton Keynes. He raised £320 for Milton Keynes Community Foundation on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary.

Not necessarily related, another presentation to our Club was on the role and responsibilities of an Emergency First Responder. We have also enjoyed several end-of-Rotary-year social events.

On 13th August we had a "bucket collection" in Newport Pagnell to raise funds for a public defibrillator that will be located in the High Street. On 3rd September we will have a bucket collection in Olney for Willen Hospice.

We are now busy organising a Family Barn Dance to be held in Lavendon Village Hall on 29th October. For further information or to book a place please e-mail rotary.np@btinternet.com

We will also hold two Information Meetings to explain what Rotary does, and to exchange ideas on any community needs that Rotary can address. The first will be held at Wavendon Golf Club at 7:30pm on Thursday 20th October, and the second at The Swan Revived Hotel at 7:00pm on Wednesday 2nd November.

For further information or to book a place please e-mail rotary.np@btinternet.com More information is available from our web page, Facebook page and Twitter. If you are interested in attending one of our meetings, or joining Rotary, please contact us by e-mail at rotary.np@btinternet.com or call Ian Townsend on 07785 368101.

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MAIL BAG AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tricia, Kevin and Deborah would like to express their thanks for the kind messages of sympathy received from so many of Monica's friends in Sherington.

Sherington Life

Well, it seems a long time since these Feathered Friends have had to put their heads together to ~~drink a bottle of wine~~ write "Sherington Life." The farmers are gathering in the harvest – seems to be going well, judging by the "beep beep beeps" as they reverse their trailers long into the night!

So much has been happening in Sherington in the last few weeks. The last weekend in June saw the annual Sherington scarecrow competition, with 24 scarecrows entering. The winner was "Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat" created by Lizzie and co at the White Hart, where the judges commented on the attention to detail, including a lot of knitted cakes and fancies! Second was "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" and highly commended was "Strawbelly Fields for Heather" (not sure what this one was but apparently it came with sound effects too!) It created a lot of interest in the village bringing in many visitors over the weekend. The church was festooned with beautiful flower arrangements with a poetry theme – those reflecting the poetry of war and conflict were especially moving.

In early July, Wimbledon tennis came to an end with Andy Murray winning the Men's Singles prize. On the same day the Sherington Twinning Association held their annual BBQ (with usual cloudburst just as the steak was ready to serve – never was the phrase "if wet, in the church hall" more apt!) The grand silver Boule trophy was won this year by the rhythmically matched coupling of Nigel Blight and Tom Wright – well done to them and to the Committee for organising the day. It was a busy weekend for sport all round with the British Grand Prix going on up the road at Silverstone – well done Lewis Hamilton!! Sherington folk know when the British GP is on simply by counting the number of helicopters (def: a group of

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mechanical spares rotating around an oil leak waiting for metal fatigue to set in) flying over the village. 1 or less in a 24 hour period = no British Grand Prix, 20 or more = there will be some sort of racing event going on up the road.

The following week saw the ultimate in Girl Power with Teresa May moving into Downing Street (with her extensive and flamboyant shoe collection!) This mirrors what all well brought up Sherington children already know – women (or more precisely their Mums) actually do rule the world!

How anyone in Sherington finds time to go on holiday in July and August is a mystery, as early August is traditionally the time for the Willen Hospice Trailer Auction (this village must have auctioned hundreds of trailers!) Village Oracle Phil Smith reports that £1,350 was raised from Sheringtonians clearing out their sheds and garages and donating precious and unusual items (old sledge, sweet peas, toilet seats etc) to be auctioned in aid of Willen Hospice. Neil (“it’ll be on ebay tomorrow”) Bowdidge came all the way from Stoke Goldington to be Auctioneer in Chief, ably supported by Julie and Alan Smith on the cash box and Tom King who modelled many of the donated items. Huge thanks to them all. Bidding was fast and furious with a ladies bike going for £140, £26 for the sledge and the home made cakes always popular. Customer feedback was good – a Mr Davies of Perry Lane was especially pleased with the petrol lawn mower, especially as it transpired it belonged previously to the late Pat Quinn (it runs like a dream!)

Pat is fondly remembered in Sherington with an annual Golf competition, the prize kindly donated by Sheila Quinn. This year it will be held on 25th September at Wavendon – please keep looking out for further details around the village. Also in September on 17th there will be another Race Night in support of the Prostate Cancer charity at the White Hart – the previous one was a very enjoyable evening so roll up and have a flutter.

Most normal people wait until at least September for a holiday (especially the ones unfettered by school age kids) while the younger parents will be counting the days until school starts again. As Andy Williams said – it really is the most wonderful time of the year!

See you in October.



Deadline for October – 18th September

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

1st September **The Mercy Ships - OPEN MEETING**

Lorraine Montgomery will inform us of how this Christian charity using hospital ships deliver the transformational health care at no charge to the world's forgotten poor.

Both Male and Female visitors are welcome to join us

6th October **A Tudor Harvest by Martin Sirot-Smith**

The ladies from Stoke Goldington will be joining us for this meeting

On Thursday 4th August 18 members of the New Thursday Group attended the AGM and Summer Party.

The Committee agreed to serve for another term and were re-elected en bloc, with Mrs. Jenny Lewton agreeing to join them. As we now meet only once a month, it was suggested that those who wished might meet on the third Thursday of the month for lunch. Nothing formal. No booking. Just turn up at the White Hart between 12.30p.m. and 1.00p.m if you feel like having lunch with friends. No pressure.

In the past we have held our summer party outside and had food cooked on the BarBQ. One year we even wore "Posh frocks" and Ascot type hats. We have also endured cold windy dull evenings. So this year we decided to play it safe and held it indoors. Although nobody said what they were going to bring, we had a wide selection of food for the ladies to enjoy, as well as a glass of wine.

We are a happy friendly group and would welcome new members. If you would care to join us then please see below.

The new Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise indicated. It is open to all ladies of the village and surrounding area and new members are always 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 CE School News

We had a wonderful end to the summer term here at Sherington CE School. We were very lucky to have the very talented local artist Pippa North (pippanorth_bushka@hotmail.com) come into school and spend the day with our Robins and Owls. Pippa has worked with us on previous occasions and the children all enjoy the creative atmosphere. This time, their artistic efforts culminated in an amazing, Rio-inspired display which has given our cloakroom a whole new lease of life.

For our whole school end of year trip we ventured to Whipsnade Zoo. On what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year so far, the children were delighted to see brown bears, lions, a bird display and many other animals. A huge thank you to our PTFA who ensured each of the children had an ice cream and came home with their own toy squirrel monkey!

Our leavers assembly was, as expected, an emotional affair as our Year 2 Owls gave accounts of what they have learnt and enjoyed during their time at Sherington. We are very proud of our Owls - we will miss them very much but we send them onwards to their new schools with a love for learning and having made life long friends. We now look forward to

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welcoming our new intake of Sparrows who being their learning journey with us.



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Sherington Pre-school report for June 2016

I cannot believe it has been a year since I submitted my first article for SCAN as the Supervisor. Unfortunately, this will be my last one as I am handing over the reins of Supervisor to continue and further my career within a school environment in Milton Keynes.

Thank you very much for all your help and support during the last academic year. I will miss you all very much and wish you all the very best for the future.

Ultimately my biggest thanks has to go to the staff team, Kerry, Helen, Kay, Nicole, Barbara and Helen Vale also. I could not have and wouldn't have wanted to have done it without you all! Thank you ladies! ☺

Our very own Sports Day had a great turnout and all the children had great fun participating and receiving their certificates and medals afterwards too. It always makes the events that extra special when we have our children's families to cheer us on! Even the staff got in on the action!



The Leavers 2016 performance was fantastic, even if I am a little bit biased. The children did us all proud and it just goes to show that all that practising pays off in the end!

It was a lovely way to celebrate the journey they have had with us and a fitting way to wish them all the luck in the world as they embark on their new adventures at 'big' school.

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At the end of term, we were fortunate to be awarded an £800 grant from MK Community Grant Foundation to purchase new equipment and educational toys. This is a great chance for us to update and replace resources to maintain a stimulating environment for the children in our care.



We would like to welcome our new starters, Jay, Henry, Addalyn-May, Christopher, Mason, George and Huey. We hope you enjoy your time and journey with us here at Sherington.

We are also currently recruiting for a Supervisor and a Pre-School Assistant, please see the advert for more details.

If you have any questions and queries then please do not hesitate to contact us on 01908 611398 during session times.

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SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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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.

July Meeting, Black Propaganda, 12th July:

Michael Kushner gave us a presentation of the history and tactics employed by the home forces to confuse the European enemy. Was a very interesting evening and was enjoyed by all who came.

2016 SCARECROWS UPDATE

As we just missed the deadline for the July SCAN to publish the results for this year's Scarecrow competition in June, we had to wait until now to publish. Great thanks go to this year's Judges were Caroline Ellis and Janet Gamlen from the parish of Emberton. We were most grateful for the time and diligence that they put into the process. The Saturday morning that the judging occurred, as well as for most of the weekend was warm and sunny and as we walked around it was quite evident that the quality of the 'crows this year that were out on show were going to give Caroline and Janet quite a task in trying to work out a winner as in my eyes they were all good enough to win. I would also like to thank all of the people that entered in to the competition, the effort that was put in made it a fantastic show. We had 24 entries this year. 3 members also took part (not for judging).

The results were:

First: The White Hart – Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat.

Runners up: The Thomas family – Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Best Individual Scarecrow: The Carter Family, Bill Oddie goes wild in Sherington.

There were also a number of Highly Commended: The Turbull Family – Paralympic Crower.

The Bower Family – Waiting! Westie on crow watch, Steve and Heather: Stawbelly Fields for Heather and Pre-school – Sonny
Congratulations to all!

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So we are now in our autumn program and the next few events are:



Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September: Heritage Open Days, Circular Walk.

We are just putting the final touches to a pamphlet that we be published as part of the Heritage Open Day(s) weekend, this will be a A3 folded leaflet that will guide you around the village giving you some pointers to what you can see. The putting together of this has been funded by a grant from the Milton Keynes Heritage Association, and will be made available free from the church from Friday all over the weekend. On Sunday afternoon with the support of St Lauds, we with will be then serving teas in the church between 2.30 and 5.00.

Tuesday 13th September: Members Meeting

Septembers meeting is a members meeting. We have not set a specific activity yet but it might be trying to catch up with the pile of archiving.

Tuesday 11th October: Northampton Witches!

One for your diaries. Hubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble! Another returnee, Kevin Varty, the man with the Magic Lantern, is coming back to talk about a subject suitable for the Halloween month.

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Sunday 25th September - 'Harvest Festival' - join us at the North Crawley Institute for a hearty harvest meal, an enjoyable way to celebrate this traditional autumn event! Families welcome, please see posters for price and start time.

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