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Dear Readers,

By the time you read this the England football team may be into the quarter finals of the World Cup or more probably, already back at home! Sport is dominating the news at the moment, football, cricket, tennis.....great if you love it, a real nuisance if you don't!

We've also already enjoyed the longest day of sunlight hours but won't dwell on that as the school summer holidays still stretch ahead and hopefully Autumn is a way off yet!

We are taking a break in August and the next SCAN will not be produced until September, so we wish you all a lovely long warm summer and we'll be back for the season of Harvest Suppers and Quiz nights!

See you in the Autumn,



Julia and Elaine

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Put your “Green” money where your mouth is!

In May, some of us took part in a Rogation walk, a shorter version of beating the bounds in Sherington. We had a delightful sunlit stroll from the churchyard, through beautifully planted woodland, along the High Street and back up Church Road. During the walk, we paused to follow the traditional pattern of praying for God’s blessing on farmland, local businesses, housing and villagers.

It was therefore a great delight to see the article in last month’s SCAN magazine by Sherington Parish Council Biodiversity project, which describes activities to promote the growth of many wildflowers in parts of the churchyard, which are under threat elsewhere. There are, however, many other environmental threats to the Earth. Most scientists are convinced that humanity has made, and continues to make, large contributions to temperature rise. This has consequent damaging global effects, such as the melting of the polar icecaps and extreme weather. Despite this, the world’s most polluting nation has removed itself from the vital Paris environmental accord! Political will is required to reverse the global warming trend, but organisations and individuals can do much to help.

An example of how an organisation can make a difference is that of Scargill House, a Yorkshire Christian conference and holiday centre (www.scargillmovement.org).

A major concern had been the inefficient oil-fired water and central heating system. How sustainable was a system that used 100,000 litres of oil, costing £60,000 per year? More importantly, what about the 160 tonnes of carbon it pumped annually into the atmosphere? After investigating many alternatives, it was decided to invest in a wood-chip biomass

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boiler. One reason for this choice was the availability of sustainable softwood from less than 20 miles away.

This was not an easy decision, as it would cost £450,000, in a challenging financial climate, but the decision was made and a very neat and efficient installation was built. I have details to anyone interested.

The choice of the biomass boiler was a great step of faith, but it is already paying dividends. Every year it is saving over 90,000 litres of fuel oil, 135 tonnes of carbon pollution, and £17,000, at current oil prices. The outstanding loan will be paid off in four years, with the subsequent 12 years of index – linked “Renewable heat incentives” being used for future improvements. As a frequent visitor before and after the installation of the biomass boiler, I can vouch for the significant improvement in comfort in the house. This further improves the hospitality provided by the community and helps to promote Scargill’s vision of “lives changed, lives transformed” in a sustainable way. To use a popular current phrase, “What’s not to like?”

There are also many things we can do as individuals. We can consciously reduce our energy consumption by using energy-efficient lighting and appliances, better house insulation, and using renewable energy. As I said last year, we can also offset emissions produced by transport by supporting organisations such as Climate Stewards, www.climatestewards.org. As well as planting trees for carbon capture, it has projects such as supplying fuel-efficient cooking stoves, water filters and solar lighting to many people in the developing world.

As well as asking God to bless our villages we should respond to the command to act as good stewards of the beautiful world he has given us. Let’s pass it on to our children and grandchildren. as an unspoilt creation. **Prof John Fielding**

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CHURCH SERVICES

JULY

- 1 July**
10.30am 'Something Different' – Sherington
- 8 July**
9.30am Holy Communion – North Crawley
6pm Evensong - Chicheley
- 15 July**
9.30am Holy Communion – Sherington
- 22 July**
11am Holy Communion – Chicheley
6pm Evensong – North Crawley
- 29 July**
11 am Songs of Praise – Chicheley

AUGUST

- 5 August**
10.30am 'Something Different' - Sherington
- 12 August** **St Lawrence's Day**
11am Holy Communion – Chicheley
- 19 August**
9.30am Holy Communion – Sherington
- 26 August**
9.30am Holy Communion – North Crawley
- Please note advance notice (both family friendly):**
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| 30 September | 11am | Harvest Festival | Sherington |
| 7 October | 10.30am | Pet Service | Sherington |
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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 10 June 2018 Archie Patrick Nally was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism in St Firmin's Church

*Archie, may you grow to know, love and serve God in your life.
God Bless you.*

Funerals

RIP

Michael Boyce of Sherington whose service of cremation took place on 19 June 2018.

'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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5 September

19 Sept. (HC at 11.30am) at The Rectory

3 October

17 October (HC at 11.30am)

31 October

14 November (HC at 11.30am)

28 November

12 December (HC at 11.30am)

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SECOND COAT

There's a chap I once knew. He was self-employed
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Now one of the weaknesses he possessed
Some might have accused him of sinning
Was that when stocks ran low - of his paint, you know
He'd go over the top with his thinning.
He got well away with it most of the time
And as he wielded his brush
He would merrily sing some dear old hymn
With the voice of a warbling Thrush
"I know who paints the Daisies" or
"Earth's labours will soon be past
As he'd carefully pour a little bit more
Of his thinner, to make it last.
Now one terrible day he got carried away
And when he paused in his work to look
At the job which he'd just completed
The hand holding the paintbrush shook.
For he had to confess, the wall was a mess
The old colour was all shining through.
The paint in his tin was far too thin
And he cried out "What shall I do?"
What shall I do he cried again as the state of his work he
saw
And then from on high, there came the reply
"REPAINT - AND THIN NO MORE"

Rebecca Cook©

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The Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell

On 9th June our Club provided Stewards to help with events at The Methodist Church, being held as part of Newport Pagnell's "Vintage Day". The event was very well supported, and by lunchtime the closed-off High Street was full of visitors to the stalls and events. The attractions at which we stewarded included a display of WW2 Home Guard weapons and equipment, with expert explanation by ex-soldiers. Another event was a Fashion Parade of clothing for each decade from the 1920s. Outside the church was a temporary "boating lake" where visitors could operate radio-controlled boats. At 13:30 there was a spectacular fly-past. Our Club was very pleased to help with the very enjoyable day.

On 13th June we supported one of our perennial favourite events, "Kids Out". Our Club sponsors around 30 pupils from Slated Row school to participate in the annual visit to Whipsnade Zoo. We have received feedback from parents saying how much their children enjoyed this year's event.

Our Club has recently approved support to a local Scout to attend the international Jamboree. Speakers at our weekly meetings in June included Paul Day, Mayor of Newport Pagnell, who talked about community spirit and developments within the town. We also had speakers from the United Reform Church to give us an update on development of the Mead Community Centre.

The Rotary year runs from July to June. This article is written before the end of the month, so at the time we had not quite reached our year end. On 27th June outgoing President Derek Barker will hand over to President-Elect Geoff Simmonds. We wish Geoff every success.

During July we will have our annual "President's Lunch" to recognise all that has been achieved during the outgoing President's year of office.

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We were sorry to lose one of our most energetic members at the end of May. Rotarian Howard Winfield has addressed all the Rotary projects he has managed professionally and enthusiastically. He was the driving force behind the formation of the Satellite Rotary Club of Woburn Sands and District. Howard has moved away from Newport Pagnell, and in due course plans to join a Rotary Club nearer his new home. We would like to thank Howard for his outstanding contribution to our Club.

With the good weather enjoyed during June, many people are busy in their gardens, including Rotarians. We have all purchased a tiny sunflower plant, which we are nurturing until we meet on 18th September for a social afternoon. The sunflowers will be judged, and “prizes” awarded according to certain criteria. In previous years, Rotarians’ sunflowers have ranged in quality from blackened, dead stumps to eight-foot monsters. We will see what happens in 2018. Whatever the quality of the flowers, the event will raise money for local causes.

More information about the Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell is available from our web page, Facebook and Twitter. If you are interested in knowing more about our events, wish to suggest a worthy cause we could support, or if you are interested in joining Rotary, please contact us via social media or by e-mail at rotary.np@btinternet.com.

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CALLING ALL BRIDGE ENTHUSIASTS

The Newport Pagnell Bridge Club meets every Monday evening at 7.30 pm to play duplicate bridge in the comfortable surroundings of Harben House Hotel in Newport Pagnell. The bridge is competitive but always played in a friendly and convivial atmosphere. If you do not have a regular partner we do our very best to find one for you from the Club members.

If you would like to find out more about the Club or would like to come along to try us out, please contact Peter Martin on 01234-391482 and he will tell you more about it.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you on Monday evenings.



Willen Hospice is appealing to local ladies to be one the 500 additional walkers they need to help them raise vital funds by taking part in this year's MK Midnight Moo, the charity's annual 10 mile sponsored walk.

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Sadly, registration numbers and fundraising for the event, taking place on Saturday 14 July, are significantly down this year. Just over 500 women have signed up for the event so far, and organisers have calculated that by doubling this number, with each walker committing to just £100 sponsorship, the event will meet its target to raise £100,000 to support the vital end-of-life-care provided by the Hospice.

Figures gathered by the Hospice show that only 50 percent of those who took part in the Moo last year actually returned any sponsorship. They are keen to stress that while the £20 registration fee covers the cost of the event; it's sponsorship that really makes a difference.

Chief Executive, Peta Wilkinson said: "The Midnight Moo is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It's the only event of its kind in Milton Keynes and is a unique opportunity for local women to change local lives.

"It's not only a fabulously fun night; it also contributes a huge amount to the running costs of the Hospice. Its success really relies on the support of the wonderful ladies of MK. Please join us."

Willen Hospice needs to raise £4.7 million a year; that's £9 every minute of the day, to ensure it can continue to provide specialist end-of-life care to patients, and support to their family members. The Midnight Moo makes a significant contribution to that target.

The Moo takes in a 10 mile marshalled route across Milton Keynes. It's open to teams or individuals and promises all the usual fun and laughter, with each mile sponsored by a local business offering their own special Deadline for September ~ 18th August

way of supporting walkers, including a silent disco and give-aways. Everyone who takes part will receive a free medal and Pret A Manger breakfast at the end. The exclusive Moo registration pack also includes a vest to walk in on the night and tonnes of simple fundraising tips.

The event starts at intu Milton Keynes at 10.30pm. Sign up now at www.willen-hospice.org.uk/moo

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ASTWOOD

By the time you read this the 'Best Kept Village in Buckinghamshire' judges will probably have conducted their inspection of our little village. Whatever the result, everyone has pulled together, the village looks smart and we should all be very proud of our community!

We had a week of speedwatch sessions in June, another community building occasion with lots of willing volunteers. It was highly addictive and hard to put down the equipment at the end of the session in the hope of getting just one more speeding car. Sadly, we recorded some very high speeds.

Many of us, including the village children, have now put 30 signs on our green bins, so the message to slow down should be clear to cars, on Tuesdays at least! Speedwatch will be back in the week commencing 9th July, volunteers are welcome to sign up for 1 hour sessions; email astwoodvillagehall@outlook.com with your availability.

We held our village summer party on the 10th June and it was a fantastic success! Over 100 people came along and we raised over £1,000 for the village hall, village garden and future play area. The fire brigade and our local community police force attended and delighted the children (and some adults) with uniforms to try on and a chance to spray the fire hoses!

The hog roast was delicious, Dougie's disco created a great atmosphere and the raffling off of two wheelbarrows of booze raised a phenomenal sum. Well done to everyone involved in

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organising, setting up the marquee, tables and chairs, Phil and Clare from the Old Swan for supporting, Pauline and Janet for going door to door with wheelbarrows to collect raffle bottles and everyone that donated prizes, made salads, flowers for the table and Pimms and all who attended!!

Our next village event is a walk and teddy bears picnic on Sunday 22 July. We will leave Astwood village green at 11am and aim for the wood halfway to North Crawley along the Milton Keynes Boundary walk. We would like to extend the invitation to our neighbours in North Crawley and elsewhere to come and meet us at the wood for a picnic at 12!! We will be in the copse on the public footpath near Dollars Grove Farm, it would be great to see you there! (email astwoodvillagehall@outlook.com for directions!)

Don't forget to look after your sunflowers for the village's tallest sunflower competition!

Greenfinch



CHICHELEY

I was in the village yesterday and thought how lucky we are to live in Chicheley. The war memorial grass and that outside the village hall had been cut by David Blamires, Pierre Girard was in the process of trimming the hedge around the war memorial and a lady from the village apparently on her regular walks picks up the rubbish discarded by the uncaring on the roadside verges near the village. These voluntary tasks carried out by them and others make such a positive impact to our environment. I will also include the Chester Arms in this as its well-kept appearance also enhances the village centre. Our village church is also visited by those staying at Chicheley hall and from the comments they leave are complimentary about its tranquillity and condition.

All the above are positive aspects but not everything is perfect. In particular it is subjects such as the roads that leave much to be improved. The potholes are so frequently complained about, locally and nationally, that solving the problem seems to become lost in all the chatter. I spent my working life as a mechanical engineer and one short phrase always comes to mind. It is “to procrastinate” which can be interpreted as “why do today when you can put it off for tomorrow”. This was an attitude to avoid at all costs and by adopting a positive attitude it is amazing what can be accomplished.

Of particular concern today is the state of the verges on our various country lanes. The grass and cow parsley are now some 4 feet high and encroach on the road. In previous years a one metre strip was cut at the edge but for various reasons this no longer seems to happen. The roads are used not just by speeding vehicles but by those on two and four legs (often together), where exactly are they supposed to go to for safety when dodging out of the way of the traffic. I recall once hearing that the idea was by letting the verges grow this would encourage drivers to be more cautious, a remarkably daft idea. If you feel strongly about

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matters such as this contact the local authority with your views, I have usually found them helpful and that way something often happens.

The fields around the village are now full of crops growing and by August no doubt harvesting them will be underway. The same I hope will be happening in the gardens for vegetables and fruit. There are just two events to include for July and August in Chicheley with more to follow in the autumn, so do enjoy the summer season.

July 14th a French evening, either in Pierre and Christine's garden or the village hall. Please contact them on 01234 391489 to book your place.

August 12th. The patronal feast for St. Lawrence church. The details for all the SCAN parish church services are published in this magazine.

David

NORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

I must start by saying a big thank you to the villagers who opened their gardens to the public over the weekend of June 16th and 17th. I only managed to see about half but those I visited were wonderful and a great credit to their owners. The event was organized through the Friends of St Firmins with monies raised going towards the upkeep of the fabric of the church. Our village church is a beautiful historic building and keeping it sound for future generations is the responsibility of all. Hopefully the open gardens will become a regular event and give us all the incentive to try harder with our own patch!

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Not only are garden flowers in the news but a small patch of bee orchids has been found growing on the recreation ground. Although not particularly rare it's wonderful to see these flowers so close to us. They really do look like bumble bees. Hopefully they will continue to spread.

The fun day that took place over the bank holiday weekend was a great success and thankfully the rain kept off until later in the day. Thanks must go to everyone who gave up their time to make this such an enjoyable event for the village.

Reports are coming in of North Crawley Cricket Clubs trip to Harrogate. Unfortunately some of the players didn't travel very well and they were soundly beaten by Knaresborough Cricket Club. Note to players: drinking usually starts AFTER the game. Thankfully everyone returned safely with only one set of stitches required. Thanks to Andy Gresty for organizing an enjoyable trip to North Yorkshire.

On a more sedate note, the North Crawley Ladies enjoyed a cream tea at Chicheley Hall recently.

Fortunately the weather stayed dry as it was taken on the back lawn. The sandwiches and cakes were delicious and the staff very attentive. An activity to be recommended. The next NCL social event is a visit to the North Crawley Bowls Club for a try out.

On the subject of bowls, I hear that members numbers are down at North Crawley with only a very few actually living in the village. The bowls club have wonderful facilities with a beautiful green and clubhouse. Why not give it a go? It's a game open to all ages and abilities and the club would welcome new members. Use it or lose it!

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Some other activities taking place in the village on an ongoing basis are the coffee mornings in the Village Hall on Tuesdays and Bingo in The Institute on Thursday evenings. Both occasions to get to know fellow villagers.

As there is no SCAN in August may I wish you all a pleasant summer. May your BBQ's be dry and your beer (or white wine) be cold and may your harvest be a bumper one.

Cricket Club

For all information relating to fixtures and events visit www.northcrawleycc.co.uk

Historical Society.

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

Mrs. Hawkeye (Hawkeye has had a busy month)

Please contact me if you uncover a happening or story you would like to see in print (Email - christopherflower@btinternet.com)

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

The St Firmins Church Fete is taking place this year on Saturday 7th July and we would be very grateful for any cakes, biscuits, jams, etc. that we can sell on our cake stall. This is normally our most profitable fund raiser so any contributions will be greatly appreciated. All cakes, etc. can either be dropped off to church after 1pm on the day or to either Joan Shaw on Friday or Saturday morning (tel 01234-391517) or to Ann Kearney (tel 01234-391692).

Also, if any of you would be interested in running a stall please contact either Ann, Joan or Malcolm Rose, thank you.

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Friends of St Firmins

I hope you loved the Open Gardens as much as I did. I had no idea there were so many beautiful gardens in the village. The sun certainly shone on the righteous and everyone else as well, which enabled the green fingered amongst us, to raise in excess of £1500 for The Friends and our next round of restoration. More than that though, was the community spirit and the sheer happiness that characterised the day. Pam Cummings and Marie Graham you are stars and we can't thank you enough for what you did for all of us. Meanwhile, on the subject of restoration: the major project for the nave is moving forward very slowly following a specification received from the Architect. Additionally, an inspection of the French Drains has been carried out to determine whether they are the cause of damp in the stonework. So progress at last, if a bit slow. We decided it was best not to hold our BBQ this year due to a mix up over dates but several game chaps from The Friends have agreed to BBQ at the Church Fete. Don't miss this new and exciting **addition on Saturday JULY 7th** which will be starting a bit earlier than the fete so you can fit in a burger before your unmissable tea and cake later on. We hope to run the BBQ as usual in 2019 and will try a couple of other events during the year. However, The Friends of St Firmins will be holding **their Annual General Meeting in St Firmins Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday July 11th**. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible then.

Best Wishes and many thanks for your continued support.

Ann Shaw, tel 391797

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NORTH AND LITTLE CRAWLEY OPEN GARDENS

On the weekend of 9th/10th June, 18 gardens across North Crawley and Little Crawley opened to visitors and raised approximately £1,574 (subject to double checking and banking) for the Friends of St Firmins. This was no doubt helped by the glorious weather but a lot of people also put in enormous effort to make it happen.

I would like to thank all those who prepared and opened their gardens, baked cakes, served refreshments, sold tickets and, of course, to the several hundred people, from the villages and elsewhere, who visited the gardens and said how much they had enjoyed the day.

Many people have already said they would like to do it again next year, and a few more have asked if they can join in.....so see you next year!

Lastly, a particular thanks to Marie for doing the publicity, and to SCAN magazine for the support which started with printing the initial request for people to join in and finished with the lovely front cover design last month.

Pam Cummings

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North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association.

ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW

To be held on

Saturday, 25th August 2018.

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.

United Charities

Are you planning to take up an apprenticeship or go to university this year??

In the past few years a number of young people in the village have been awarded grants by North Crawley United Charities to help with their further education. If you are leaving school this year and planning to take up an apprenticeship, study at university or college or train for a profession, now is the time to apply.

Applicants must be under the age of 21 and grants can be used to go towards the purchase of books, equipment, tools or anything that will help with studies or training.

Please contact the clerk to the charity, Chris Stapleton, at Chris.stapleton@gmail.com giving a brief description of what you could use a grant for.

Please get in touch, your village wants to help!!

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**St Firmins village Fete &
Teddy Bear Jump
3pm Saturday 7th July**

At St Firmins Church North Crawley



Lots of stalls, games, tea and cakes come
along and join in the fun

This year we will also include a BBQ



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the
Village Hall on Tuesday 5 June 2018 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Parish Councillors: L MacLennan (in the chair), L Fryer, G Magee and J Sandall
MK Ward Councillor D Hosking
Acting Clerk and RFO S M Bushnell
7 members of the public

01/06/2018 **Apologies for Absence**
Ward Councillors P Geary and K Maclean
PCSO C1018 Arlene Ormston

MK Play Association: Cllr Magee reported that the report received after the event had shown that 50 people had attended the event and that it had therefore been judged to be a success. No budget provision had been made this year to pay for additional sessions and it was agreed to explore whether it would be possible to apply for a grant from the Bucks Playing Fields Association to fund some more sessions this year. The Acting Clerk agreed to investigate this.

Planning:
08/06/2018 **17/03055/FUL 47 High Street – proposed 3 storey side and front extension:**
It was reported that an amendment to this application had been made which had the effect of demolishing the existing building and replacing it with a new house. It was noted that the new house appeared to have a similar footprint to the existing house but had a different appearance and design. Following discussion, it was agreed that there were no strong objections for the following reasons – the house would not be visible from the village and would be barely visible from the road due to the trees. It would however be important that the trees on the road boundary of the site were not removed. Cllr Fry agreed to make this comment on the MK Planning Portal on behalf of the Parish Council.

09/06/2018 **16/01099/FUL and 17/01338/DISCO – site at the junction of Chicheley Road and Gog Lane, Little Crawley:** The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a resident expressing concerns about this site. The original application had been for a vehicle repair business but following these two later applications, the business seemed to have changed to a haulage operation based on the use of two large articulated lorries which were regularly parked at the site. These two vehicles on the site meant that the turning circle could not be used which led to commercial trucks being parked on both sides of Gog Lane during the day. An old building on the site also reduced the area of the turning circle. The area also appeared to be encroaching into a field which was agricultural land but it was unclear as to whether this formed part of the existing approved site or whether it was an encroachment. The planning approval specified the times when operations

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could be carried out and this was not being adhered to, e.g. operations were carried out on Bank Holiday Monday.

The Acting Clerk reported that she had taken some photos of the site and sent them to the Enforcement Officer at MK Planning but no reply had yet been received. It was agreed that the Acting Clerk would send letters to the owner of the land and to Hedge Haulage in an attempt to resolve the matter before taking any further action.

The point was also made that the parking of these large vehicles on the lane made it difficult and dangerous for drivers as they did not have a clear view at the junction. Ward Cllr Hosking agreed to look into the circumstances of this application.

10/06/2018 **Ring Croft Farm:** Ward Cllr Hosking reported that the notice had been appealed and that this had therefore now been referred to the Planning Inspectorate. An Inquiry would then be held to consider this planning breach enforcement. There was a specific process to be followed and it was not possible to estimate when the outcome would be known.

11/06/2018 **Neighbourhood Plan:** The Parish Councillors had received and commented on the draft copy and suggested some amendments. It was agreed that the revised draft would now be circulated to them and, providing there were no further amendments, it would receive Parish Council approval. The six-week consultation period would therefore start in a few days' time.

12/06/2018 **Ward Councillor's Report:** Ward Councillor Hosking reported that a meeting had been organised by Moulsoe Parish Council about the MKC housing infrastructure bid which would provide for 5,000 homes east of the M1. Two parish councillors from North Crawley had attended. There would be a further opportunity to learn more about this at the Olney Ward Forum on 13 June which was a public meeting. Cllr Hosking reported that the infrastructure bid should only be for projects that had public support as central government did not want to use funds on projects otherwise. It was therefore very important that objections to this proposed plan were made known. Cllr Maclennan reported that at the Moulsoe meeting, it was asked why this proposed development could not take place within the Oxford/Cambridge arc instead where infrastructure already existed. Moulsoe had approached North Crawley suggesting that the councils worked together to try to influence this matter. Cllr Hosking asked whether the Parish Council had received notification from Historic England concerning the possibility that the war memorial could be added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. It was confirmed that notification had been received. Neighbourhood Plan: The Ward Councillors would comment on the Plan during the consultation period.

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- 15/06/2018 **GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation):** The Privacy Notice, which had been previously circulated, was approved. A spreadsheet detailing the personal data held and processed by the Council was also received and the Acting Clerk asked for any comments to be sent to her for inclusion in the document.
- 16/06/2018 **Churchyard matters:** Cllr Maclennan reported that she had looked at the fence and that it was situated on the boundary of the old part of the churchyard rather than the extended area. It was acknowledged that the extension of the churchyard was the Parish Council's land and that the Council was therefore responsible for maintaining it, including the boundaries. It therefore seemed logical that the rest of the churchyard was the responsibility of the church. It was agreed that the Acting Clerk would write to Nick Freeman to ascertain the understanding of the St Firmin's DCC as far as respective responsibilities were concerned.
- 17/06/2018 **Highways:** As far as Community Speedwatch was concerned, the Chair confirmed that she and some residents from North Crawley were undertaking training on 14 June. There had also been a traffic survey in Brook End today.
- 18/06/2018 **Landscape:**
Trees: The Acting Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Landscape Technical Officer at MKC. He had not commented specifically on the trees in Nixey's walk but confirmed the following as to MKC's approach to tree work:
 "For any work to trees in a conservation area, a Section 211 Notice to MKC would have to be made before work was carried out. For trees on land owned by MKC, work would only be carried out in the following circumstances:
 If the canopy is touching or within 1.5 metres of the wall of a dwelling house
 If the tree is implicated in subsidence damage to a dwelling house
 If the tree presents an immediate risk to health and safety"
 It was agreed that the above principles would be adopted for trees on land owned by the Parish Council.
Ford at Broadmead: It was noted that grass cutting was required here and it was agreed that Oli Rose would be approached to carry out the work.
Dog Refuse Bin: It was agreed that a further dog refuse bin would be provided at the top of the recreation ground on the fence by the gap adjacent to Kilpin Green. The Acting Clerk agreed to order this from Glasdons

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for delivery to Mrs Hatton who would arrange for it to be installed. Mr Chilton would be asked to add this bin to his bin emptying round. **War Memorial:** The Acting Clerk had received an email from a resident about the posts around the war memorial. One had been knocked down possibly because it was rotten. Cllr Maclennan agreed to investigate this.

19/06/2018 **North Crawley United Charities – Appointment of Trustees:** It was agreed that the following trustees would be appointed for a further term of office: Malcolm Rose, John Plummer, Chris Stapleton, Julia Chinn, Bridget Cookham, Graham Cookham and Jo Small. It was agreed that the Acting Clerk would ask NC United Charities how the grant application process was publicised.

20/06/2018 **Consultation with other bodies:**

IMC: Cllr Magee reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the IMC at which the level of fees being charged to local residents and groups was discussed. There was however a hard balance to be struck between subsidising rates and ensuring sufficient funding for the upkeep of the Institute.

21/06/2018 **Councillors' Items:** Cllr Magee asked whether a resident who was a Falklands Veteran would be able to place a wreath on the war memorial to mark the ending of the Falklands War. There were no objections to this.

22/06/2018 **Questions/Comments from Residents:**

Trees on Kilpin Green: A resident commented that some of the boughs of the trees on Kilpin Green were very low. This meant that children were swinging on them and causing them to break off. Grass cutting under them must also be difficult. It was agreed that it would be investigated as to what work needed to be done to these trees.

Little Crawley: A resident commented that the only access across the fields to North Crawley was via footpaths using styles and asked if the styles could be replaced with gates. It was thought that this had been investigated previously but that no action had been taken. It was agreed to check references to this matter in previous parish council minutes.

A resident commented that a style leading from Little Crawley up the footpath towards Chicheley was very wobbly. It was understood that the landowner was planning to replace the style with a metal version.

Gog Lane, Little Crawley: It was noted that the verge had been churned up badly by vehicles.

Chequers Lane, Myrtle Cottage: There was a concern about a series of large blue plant pots which had been placed at the front of the property. As this was a public path, they could pose a hazard to pedestrians when walking in the dark.

23/06/2018 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 3 July 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan - pre-submission consultation and publicity under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

A draft Neighbourhood Plan for North Crawley has been prepared, which the Parish Council are required to publicise. You may have filled in our questionnaire last year or attended our consultation events.

The Neighbourhood Plan contains five policy areas addressing issues of housing, transport, heritage & design, landscape & green spaces, and community facilities.

It allocates three sites for housing and also Local Green Spaces. Its policies will be used by Milton Keynes Council when looking at future planning applications in North Crawley parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan is available for inspection in the following locations:

On line at: <https://northcrawleynp.org/> or on the North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page

Paper copies will also be available in The Cock, The Chequers and The Village Shop for you to read but not to take away, until Thursday 19th July.

Please send any comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan by 12 midnight on Thursday 19th July, by email to: clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk

Or by post to: Clerk to the Parish Council, 3 Folly Lane, North Crawley, NEWPORT PAGNELL, Bucks, MK16 9LN

The consultation period runs until Thursday 19th July 2018.

For more information on the next steps please see <https://northcrawleynp.org/>



NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL



*Are you concerned about traffic
through the village?*

*Would you like to help
implement the
Neighbourhood plan?*

*Would you like
more community
services, events or
facilities?*

The Parish Council are a small group of volunteers who work to maintain and improve our village community, but we currently have **three Councillor vacancies**.

If you are interested in working with us, please contact the clerk, Sheila Bushnell either
by email: clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk
or by phone: 01234 391501

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SHERINGTON LIFE.....

The best sound in the world is the sound of a bottle of champagne (and it was Bolly dahling) opening. Doesn't matter where, on a plane, at a party or best of all at your friend's when sitting in her garden writing "Sherington Life." July already, sun's out, washing out and only 5 months to find where you hid those cheap Christmas cards you bought in the January sales.

Sherington stalwart Danny Coles celebrated a BIG birthday in June with a "surprise" party at the White Hart. We understand Danny had an inkling something was up but managed to look suitably shocked when he saw all his nearest and dearest spilling out of the WH dressed in their best. It was a lovely night, but we were certainly surprised to see that judging from the photographs from Danny's youth, Jane appeared to have married Noel Edmonds!! Talking of the White Hart the kitchen is now OPEN and the pub is back to its old self but looking like it's had a few months away at a health spa.

We were very sad to learn of the passing on 1st June at MK Hospital of Michael Boyce, long term Sherington resident. He was only 73 but had struggled with his health in the last few years. Michael and his wife Esther moved to Sherington 27 years ago from Sunderland (he never lost his accent though!) Michael had been a tailor for most of his life – many in Sherington can tell stories of Michael's brilliant handiwork on suits, caps and Landrover interiors! Esther and Michael celebrated their Golden Wedding 2 years ago with a lovely party and it was always a pleasure to see them in the pub, Michael sitting on his favourite stool at the corner of the bar. Michael was a true village character, always looked on the bright side and went out of his way to cheer

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others up when needed. He leaves behind his wife Esther and children Michael and (our) Michelle and a big gap in the corner of the bar.

While SCAN magazine pops conveniently through your letterbox it is also available on line (www.sherington.org.uk) One avid reader is ex-Sheringtonian Alan Parkinson who moved from Carter's Close to Queensland in 2006. He has sent us an email, saying he was rooting about in his garage and found some old copies of SCAN from 2003 (no, no idea why he shipped them over the Australia either). The September edition had a story of the Champions League Trophy passing through the village with the Newport Pagnell team, who Alan coached. Alan and his family have settled in well and are now living in North Brisbane with the exception of his son Ryan (now 22 – yeah, how old do you feel eh?) studying medicine at Macquarie University Sydney. Their daughter Gemma (26!) is working as a Design & Marketing Manager for a large furniture manufacturer in Brisbane. She is to be married this year to Aaron in October at Tiffany's in Maleny. Alan and his wife Jacque are retired but have part-time jobs, but have time to keep up with Sherington life on line. Alan omitted the invitation to all of Sherington to gatecrash the wedding but I am sure he would be delighted to see us!!!! If you are a Sherington ex-pat please get in touch as we'd love to hear from you.

Stop press from the latest Dangers fishy day out – Pete Palmer made a big splash at Woad Farm by falling in. We don't know a lot about fishing but not sure that you see that tactic in "Angling Times".

The Feathered Friends take a break in August so have a lovely summer, stay safe and see you in September.

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NEWS FROM SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Registered Charity: 1029333

We are proud to announce that following an Ofsted inspection on 17th May, Sherington Pre-School has been graded "good" in all areas. We are delighted with the result and encourage families and friends of the Pre-School to share in our success by reading the full report, which is available on our website. As always, our thanks go to the staff for their unfaltering dedication, our wonderful children and parents. Enjoy reading these fantastic comments from the inspector...

COMMENTS FROM OUR OFSTED INSPECTION 17 MAY 2018

"Staff interact skilfully with children as they play... encouraging children to extend their own learning"

"The learning environment is highly stimulating and children have the confidence to explore resources independently."

"Staff are well qualified and know their key children well"

"Children are highly independent. They competently serve their own snacks and put their coats on ready for going outside... they are gaining the key skills in readiness for school."



Snack Monitor serving fruit & toast

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"Children have plenty of opportunities for **fresh air** and exercise to support their **good health**. As soon as the pre- school opens, children eagerly go **outdoors**."

"Staff make full use of the **new outdoor area** to provide rich opportunities for children"

A visit from Tony's Reptile Show in early June captivated and inspired the children, who interacted fearlessly with all sorts of reptiles, arachnids and other animals... even a Python!



Visits from Teddy Tennis, Tony's Reptiles and many more have been made possible by fundraising. Please continue to support us.

Find us online: www.sheringtonpreschool.co.uk @PSSherington
To arrange a visit contact our Business Administrator Caroline on
01908 611398 or email business.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.com

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Draft Minutes of the meeting of Sherington Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th June 2018, at the Pavilion, commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Bush (chair), Thatcher, Hughes & Selvey, Parish Clerk Will Pike.

ALSO ATTENDING: 11 members of the public and Ward Councillor McClean

	ACTIO N
1. RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
Cllrs Johnstone & Shaw - All apologies accepted.	
2. RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Cllr Bush declared that his planning application had been submitted and would be discussed later in the meeting.	
3. WELCOME WILL PIKE, NEW PARISH CLERK & RFO.	
Cllr Bush introduced Will Pike as the new Parish Clerk and RFO. A warm welcome was received from everyone.	
4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING	
Approved and signed by Cllr Bush.	
5. RECEIVE WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT	
Cllr McLean gave the report on behalf of the Ward Cllrs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed the Re-election of Cllr Peter Geary. • Confirmed the current make up of MK Council as 24 Conservative, 21 Labour and 12 Liberal Democrat Cllrs. Confirmed that Labour and the Liberal Democrats are running the Council with an 'Enhanced Partnership.' • Confirmed the agenda for the next Olney Ward Forum meeting would include the following items of interest for the Parish Councils: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The role of Parish Councils in the planning process. 2. HIF and how they will shape the future of the MK 2031 Plan. • Confirmed that the Planning Application from Lathbury Minerals (dated 21/12/17) had now been validated. Cllr Bush confirmed that he would collate any information regarding the application and supply to Will Pike to send to MKC. 	WB/W P
6. RECEIVE REPORT ON ACTION FROM LAST MEETING	
Cllr Bush was happy to confirm that the Clerk's role had now been taken up by Will Pike solving many of the issues raised at the last meeting. All other items were confirmed as being on the meeting's agenda.	
7. RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT	
Will Pike apologised for the brief report due to having only been in the role for a week but raised the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop Deliveries – Will Pike had received several items of correspondence relating to anti-social delivery times at the village shop. It was decided after discussions to review all aspects of the deliveries and that Will Pike would engage with all sides to try to 	

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<p>achieve a satisfactory outcome. This will include checking all planning conditions imposed on the building, checking the role of Sherington Parish Council as Landlords as well as gathering further evidence from members of the public affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Pike asked for confirmation that No Smoking signs could be purchased and placed in the Bus Shelter at the Knoll. Confirmation was given and Will Pike agreed to sort. • Will Pike agreed to make sure that a Cllr would attend the above referenced Olney Ward Forum meeting. 	<p>WP WP WP</p>
<p>8. PROJECT GROUP UPDATES</p>	
<p>8.1 Pavilion Cllr Bush thanked Cllr Selvey for the work he had done in getting the Car Park sorted. Cllr Selvey confirmed that the final part of work to reinstate the fencing was to be completed in the following week.</p> <p>8.2 Shop Cllr Bush confirmed that no progress had been made as the Council was still awaiting to hear back from the surveyors. Cllr Bush will chase them up.</p> <p>8.3 Biodiversity Cllr Bush conveyed Cllr Shaw’s apologies for not being able to attend. In his absence David Williams gave a brief summary of current status of the project. The main points raised included the possibility of making the public more aware of the ongoing project either through signage or advertising, the upcoming start of the hay making season and the need to sort the scythe mower prior to this and the work that had been done to identify various trees going around the Parish and the possibility of placing TPO’s on the most valuable. It was agreed that Cllr Bush would confirm with Zurich, the insurance company, any implications of the scythe mower and its use by Jim. Will Pike agreed to collate the results of the Tree Survey and any current TPO’s in place. Cllr Bush agreed to contact Bob Wyde (sp.) for further information. It was confirmed that the wait for the environmental survey was ongoing. The possibility of an Open Day in the Autumn was mooted.</p>	<p>WB</p> <p>RJ</p> <p>WB WP WB</p>
<p>9. VILLAGE CARETAKER REPORT</p>	
<p>Cllr Thatcher reported that Jim needs to be consulted on spraying materials that would be needed in the upcoming weeks / months. It was also noted that Marcus Young had been asked to empty the waste bins as well as the dog bins in order to free up Jim to do more maintenance work. The phone box was confirmed as having been repainted but we need to find out how to finally purchase it from BT. Will Pike agreed to chase this with BT.</p>	<p>WP/AT</p> <p>WP</p>

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<p>10. FINANCE</p>	
<p>10.1 Review Monthly Balances Savings Account: £52,719.97 Current Account: £700.51 Monthly Outgoings to be Paid: £4,148.23</p> <p>10.2 Approve cheques for payment All Cheques were approved for payment as well as the following last-minute expenses: New Hoover £69.99 David Williams for ongoing Biodiversity work £84.47 Milton Keynes Council £288.00</p> <p>10.3 Update on new finance system Will Pike proposed that the finance system be moved to Xero – all agreed. Will Pike will move forward with this over the coming months and will use the 1st April 2018 as the starting point</p> <p>10.4 Plan for audit Will Pike confirmed that PKF will conduct the external audit but we will need to appoint internal auditors prior to this. Will Pike and Cllr Thatcher agreed to find internal auditors.</p> <p>It was also agreed to transfer £500 from the general maintenance budget in order to sort the fencing out around the Pavilion car park.</p>	<p>WP</p> <p>WP/AT</p>
<p>11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSIDER RESPONSE TO MKC</p>	
<p>10.1 Update on status of High Street, West, (reserved matters) Cllr Bush advised that new drawings had been submitted specifically relating to the gates being proposed and to the end landscaping arrangements. It was proposed that Cllr Shaw engage our Consultants in order to see how the proposed landscaping would fit in with the ongoing biodiversity project. Cllr Hughes also mentioned that the advertising signage that had been erected was blocking the view of farm vehicles turning on to the High Street, Will Pike agreed to take the matter up with Barwood Homes and then with Highways if no response was forthcoming.</p> <p>10.2 Barn on Gun Lane Cllr Bush confirmed that the original plan had not been implemented and that the building was being treated as a conversion/extension rather than a new dwelling. It was confirmed that the planning officer is expected to support the application. Cllr Bush proposed that SPC will not support and will request that it goes to DCC. All were in agreement.</p> <p>10.3 High Street East (site opposite) Ward Councillor McLean confirmed that this had been added to the DCC agenda to be discussed on 21st June 2018. It was agreed that representation will be needed and Cllr Bush</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>WP</p> <p>WB/W P</p>

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<p>confirmed that he would attend and would speak. Will Pike will submit a request regarding this.</p> <p>There followed some discussions regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and its relationship with recent planning applications and the weight it holds.</p> <p>10.4 Cllr Bush – Sherington House Cllr Thatcher took the Chair. Cllr Bush confirmed his planning application had been submitted and gave a brief explanation a to the work being carried out. Ward Cllr McLean was asked if approving this, or similar, applications would create a precedent for future applications and responded that each application was reviewed on merit and not by what had gone before. Cllr Thatcher proposed that the Council respond with 'No Adverse Comment' and Will Pike agreed to submit to MKC</p> <p>10.5 Lathbury Minerals It was agreed this application would need to be looked at in more detail prior to the next meeting</p>	<p>WP</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>12. CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULTATIONS</p>	
<p>Nothing was raised.</p>	
<p>13. EXTERNAL MEETINGS</p>	
<p>Cllr Bush attended a meeting regarding the National Planning Policy Framework and mentioned especially that it will be harder going forward to prove that 5 year housing and land supplies are at acceptable levels in relation to planning applications.</p> <p>It was mentioned that there may be a need to refresh the Neighbourhood Plan because of this.</p> <p>No new Neighbourhood Plan could be implemented without a Referendum but no Referendum could be held without material change to the Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Bush agreed to call a meeting of the NPSG in September.</p> <p>Cllr Thatcher attended a meeting of the NAG and reported back about the Rural Crime Partnership and the ongoing Speedwatch initiatives.</p>	<p>WB</p>
<p>13. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of the flooding ditches was again raised. Ward Cllr Geary was to look into this but Will Pike will email to chase regarding the grid on the storm drains to keep them clean and free flowing. • Questions were raised regarding the defibrillator and whether it was ready for use and that a 999 call handler would have access to the codes. Will Pike agreed to chase this up and see about the possibility of further training for villagers. • The issue of potholes in the village was raised and Will Pike agreed to chase Highways with regard to any timeframe for repairs to be made. • The Shop was raised again in relation to the proposed 'Village Hub.' It was restated that these plans are at an early stage and require significant survey work before any decisions could be made. It was also restated that it will be the Council's decision once surveys and plans 	<p>WP</p> <p>WP</p> <p>WP</p>

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<p>had been prepared but that public input will always be accepted. It was restated the Cllr Johnstone is the main point of contact relating to this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Cllr McLean stated that mapping should be found at MKC Portal in relation to matters discussed regarding TPO's. 	
14. COUNCILLORS ITEMS	
Cllr Hughes again mentioned the difficulty created for Farm Vehicles turning onto the High Street as discussed at 10.1	
15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Sherington Pavilion on Tuesday 3rd July at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting ended.	

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. It is open to all ladies from the village and surrounding area and new members are always very welcome. There is a varied programme of talks by visiting speakers, outings and events throughout the year.

If you would like more information please contact Liz Blight on 01908-618117 or, alternatively, just come along to the village hall for one of the meetings.

Thursday 5th July

AGM

Followed by Cheese and Wine

August

There will be no evening meeting in August but we hope to organise one or two informal lunches.

Thursday 6th September

Enrolment Evening with a Pot Luck Supper

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THUMBSTICKS

Tony & Madeleine will be leading the walk, and as usual, it will take place on the 1st Sunday of the month (1st July!).

Please bring your car to The Knoll, especially if you don't mind giving others a lift as we will be driving out of the village. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome on this 4 mile walk from village to village. Some livestock along the way.

The annual Fishing Trip will take place on Sunday 29th July, meeting on The Knoll at 2.30pm sharp. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and aged 4 to 10 years old give or take. Please bring fishing nets, jam jars, good behaviour and a dry towel.

The annual Trailer Auction will be held on the White Hart car park, Sherington, on Saturday 21st July at 7pm sharp. As usual, we are asking for donations both in furniture and bric-a-brac or any other saleable commodities. Please no jumble or shoes. This is a fundraising event to support Willen Hospice.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -
SHERINGTON HARVEST SUPPER
TUESDAY OCTOBER 2ND 2018**

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St Lauds: Dates for your diary:

See below for further details,

Saturday Coffee Morning	14 th July 10.00am
Something Different, St Lauds Church	1 st July 10:30am
Holy Communion, St Lauds Church	15 th July 9:30am
Strawberry Teas, Mercers Farm	22 nd July 3:00pm
Harvest Supper, Sherington Village Hall	2 nd October 7.00pm
Something Different Pet Service	7 th October 10:30am
St Laud's Church Autumn Quiz	19 th October 7:00pm
Concert by Andante	20 th October
Fiona Harrison, A Voice in a Million	10 th November
Sherington Church Bazaar	30 th November
Newport Singers Christmas Concert	TBC

Please see last month's SCAN for further details on other events not listed below

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE or TEA?

We meet on one Saturday a month **between 10.00am and** midday (Usually the 2nd Saturday of the month), we will be serving teas and coffees **at St Laud's** with the opportunity to enjoy it with company and a slice of homemade cake. So book the below dates in your diary to save disappointment:-

14th July	4th August	8th September	13th October
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Any queries 01908 216543 / 01908 610434. Hope to see you all there!

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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 Pimms. So you want to know how to enjoy all 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 **Sunday 22nd July from 3pm** (not 2pm as previously stated), where Strawberry Teas and Pimms will be on offer for a very reasonable price of £7.50 per person. Sherington Folk band will be there entertaining us all who come along.

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

All monies raised to aid the funds for the running of St Lauds Church, Sherington.

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St Laud's HARVEST SUPPER

All you would expect from a village Harvest Supper, with traditional fare and an auction selling off the donated goods on the evening. Tickets price and availability nearer the time. This year we will be located in the Sherington Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd October starting promptly at 7.00pm.

Please come along and bring your own beverage of choice to drink and if you can, a contribution for the auction.

The money raised on the evening will be donated to a worthy cause that will be advised on the night.

Sherington Village Hall Management Committee **Cleaner Required**

Our committee seeks to employ a cleaner for our Village Hall, Church Road, Sherington. This is a regular paid position. Written terms & conditions on application. Please contact our secretary, Helen Vale on 01908 216543 for further information.

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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.

June 11th: Visit by TVAT

On this Monday evening, the Two Village Archive Trust (or TVAT), the two villages being Milton Keynes Village and Broughton, as well as a group from the Milton Museum came to visit us (Sherington) for a walk around the village, around 35 of us were led by our venerable historian Mr Philip Smith. All things happened as well as expected, the weather was fantastic, and it felt more like an evening in August, not June. We had also had an invite from the residents of The Manor, where they gave a tour of the garden, which indeed was most splendid. Not that I have been a regular visitor to the gardens, but this is the best I have ever seen them, so thank you very much for that. The tour finished on The Knoll, with instructions to come back to the Church for refreshments. The response back so far is that everyone had a great time and thanked us for a splendid tour.

June 12th: Visit to Olney

The following day a smaller group of Sheringtonians compared to the previous night's walk, all met up via the village hall outside the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney at 7pm where we were met by Museum Trustee Tom Jones. He walked us around the southwest of the town seemingly effortlessly regaling us with all sorts of facts and figures around the town, allotments, parks and other areas of interest, and before we all knew it, it was twenty to 10 and starting to get dark. Again another great evening. Thank you to Tom who was able to show us around giving us an insight into the history of the town. It seems that there is more to hear so we might need to go back soon.

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July 10th: July Jolly

We were due to have a members meeting for July, but we are swapping the January Holly for the July Jolly this year, as the Pub looks like it will be up and running by then and would be happy to accommodate us for our annual meal, even if we are 6 months later than we normally are. Please talk to Pearl or Sheila Q (or me the Chairman) if you would like to come along, as this is a presold ticket event only. If you have not done so already please make sure you have booked in with Pearl your menu choices.

September 11th: Members Meeting

Please come for a low key evening of archiving and chat. We will be looking to move the filing into their folders during the evening.

September 29th: Open Day - Bygones Afternoon

For the Open Day this year, that is on the last Saturday of September, we are going to Host a Bygones Day and in conjunction with Philip we are inviting past villagers to the village for a reunion. If you don't want to miss out on a treat, then book that date in your diary and be sure not to miss it. We will also be putting on display various archive pieces to help trigger memories, along with some newer pieces. This is an event that will have a real buzz to it so be sure to get involved.

MV, The Sherington Historical Society



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As I said last month we are entering the Six Bell Striking Competition, at the point of writing this we have not yet had it, but by the time you read it we will, so will write this up for the next copy of SCAN.

Due to peoples availability the practice during July and August may be sporadic, if you want to come along then please phone / email ahead to check.

Practice / Learning nights.

We have practice / learners evening on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month between 7.30 and 9pm. If you want to come and have a look or a go, you are very welcome, if you hear the bells just come up and say hi. Or you can call 01908 216543 to confirm details.

12th July, 7:30pm – Sherington	26th July, 7:30pm – Sherington	
9th June 7:30pm – Sherington	23th August 7:30pm – Sherington	30th August 7:30 - Chicheley
13th September 7:30pm – Sherington	27th September 7:30pm – Sherington	

Sherington Village Hall Management Committee wish to express their thanks to the persons in Park Road who contacted us recently with an offer of kitchen cabinets This followed our earlier plea, through SCAN, for similar. I am pleased to say cabinets are now installed much to the pleasure of their new users. Isn't it great when things just sometimes seem to fall into place with little intervention.

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