



SCAN

NOVEMBER

2013

Congratulations to all those
graduating this Autumn

SCAN 435 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY NOVEMBER /DECEMBER 2013

BROWNIES – Every MONDAY term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm - contact: KERRIE MAXWELL 07917610115 / 01908 60144 OR PATSY CLIFTON 01908 616009			
FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA, The Pavilion, Perry Lane, 2.30 – 4.45 pm: contact Paula 01908 216925			
MEETING OF THOROUGHLY MODERN MOTHERS , The Pavilion, each Monday term time, 9.30 – 11.30 am, contact Caroline 07876211071			
NORTH CRAWLEY BABY & TOTS GROUP , The Institute, MONDAYS 9.30-11.30 am (term time)			
SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP: 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - 2nd Thursday of month – Liz 07941 403492			
SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436			
SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB: 7 – 9 pm Wednesday Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568			
NOV	GROUP / EVENT/ PLACE	TIME	PAGE
2	Free Lantern Workshop Sherington Village Hall	1.30 pm	27
3	Thumbsticks Walk	9.30 am	24
5	Tuesday Coffee Morning, 4 Hillview	10.30 am	23
	North Crawley Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	15
	Sherington Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	33
6	Souper Lunchtime – 4 Griggs Orchard, Sherington	12-2 pm	7
7	New Thursday Group – Village Hall	8 pm	37
8 & 9	Roundabout Theatre Company – Sherington Village Hall	7.30 pm	29
8	Afternoon Tea, The Pavilion	2.30 pm	6
9	Traidcraft Event, 33 Crofts End, Sherington	10 am – 6 pm	24
	North Crawley Bowls Club Autumn Quiz, The Institute	7.30 pm	20
10	Chicheley Annual Remembrance Service	10.50 am	10
	Traidcraft Event, 33 Crofts End, Sherington	2 – 5 pm	24
11	Free Lantern Workshop, Sherington Village Hall	6 – 8 pm	27
12	Chitchat, Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	10
	Tuesday Coffee Morning, 4 Park Road	10.30 am	23
	Sherington Historical Society, Village Hall	8 pm	39
14	PCC Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 pm	3
15	Afternoon Tea, The Pavilion	2.30 pm	6
16	Thanksgiving Fundraiser, 4 Griggs Orchard	7 pm	3
	Lanterns, Fireworks and Shadows Procession, The Knoll	6 pm	27
17	Café Church – North Crawley School	10.45 am	7
18	Astwood Supper and Quiz	7.30 pm	8
19	Tuesday Coffee Morning, 1a Church Road	10.30 pm	23
21	St. Lauds, DCC, 28 Carters Close	8 pm	3
22	Afternoon Tea, The Pavilion	2.30 pm	6
23	Give a Tin Day, The Knoll, Sherington	9.30 – 12.30	24
24	North Crawley Village Walk	10 am	13
25	North Crawley Institute A.G.M.	8.15 pm	16
26	Chitchat, Chicheley Village Hall	2.30 pm	10
26	Tuesday Coffee Morning, 3 Hillview	10.30 am	23
27	Souper Lunchtime Get-together, 4 Griggs Orchard	12-2 pm	7
29	Sherington Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall	6 pm	26
	Afternoon Tea, The Pavilion	2.30 pm	6
30	Coffee Morning St. Lawrence's Church	10.30 am – noon	10
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1	Thumbsticks Walk	9 a.m.	25
	FONS Christmas Bazaar, North Crawley Institute	2 – 4 pm	19
	Sherington Christmas Tree Lights Switch On	-----	37
3	Sherington Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	33
5	New Thursday Group – Members Only	8 pm	37
7	St. Firmins Annual Christmas Bazaar	2.30 pm	21
8	Café Church Advent Workshop, St. Lauds	2-4 pm	7
10	Christmas Flower Workshop North Crawley Institute	7.30 pm	16
10	Sherington Pre-School Nativity Play		37
11	Souper Lunchtime Get-together, 4 Griggs Orchard	12-2 pm	7
13	Sherington Pre-School Christmas Party		
14	North Crawley Village Christmas Ball, The Institute		13
19	Christmas Flower Workshop North Crawley Institute	7.30 pm	16
21	Newport Singers, St. Lauds	6 pm	26

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John Fielding writes...

In 1896 a book lover found some manuscripts of the writings of Thomas Traherne, a 17th century clergyman, who had been forgotten for more than 200 years. The finder was so impressed by the poetry that publication took place in 1908. More extracts were found in a rubbish heap and in a library in the 1990s. Some of these extracts have been reproduced in our daily Bible reading notes. Traherne has a great deal to say to us today.

He says, 'I was guided by an implicit faith in God's goodness; and therefore led to the study of the most obvious and common (ordinary, widely available) things...for nothing is more natural to infinite goodness, than to make the best things most frequent, and only things (which are) worthless scarce. Then I began to enquire what things were most common: air, light, heaven and earth, water, the sun, trees, men and women..... These I found common and obvious to all; rubies, pearl, diamonds, gold and silver; these I found scarce.....and I saw clearly, that there was a real valuableness in the common things; in the scarce, a feigned (value).'

As I write this, Pam and I are in the Catskills mountains in the USA. We have been astonished by the glories of the multicoloured leaves of Autumn, the intense blue of the sky, the glittering Delaware river and the friendliness of the locals; in Traherne's words 'common things, sun, trees, men and women.' In contrast, at the same time there is political deadlock over the US government's finances. Many people have been laid off work with considerable suffering and uncertainty. Behind the bluster of the politicians is the love of money, the scarce

things of 'rubies, pearl, diamonds, gold and silver' - those things which Traherne classes as of feigned value.

Jesus said it first, 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earthbut store up for yourselves treasure in heaven.'

Let's thank God for the 'common' things that he freely gives us, sun, trees, men and women, and let's not abuse them.

- John



Thanksgiving Themed Fundraiser

Please come along to our annual
American 'Thanksgiving' dinner!
There will be hearty American food
a (very British) raffle and lots of thanksgiving!



16th November 2013 at 7pm
4 Griggs Orchard, Sherington
ALL WELCOME!

Any funds raised will go towards the work of St. Laud's Church.

Please RSVP to Pam Fielding on (01908) 616763



If you'd like to donate a
raffle prize, please also
contact Pam.

DATES OF MEETINGS

14 th November	PCC	7.30 pm	Chicheley Village Hall
21 st November	St. Laud's DCC	8 pm	28 Carter's Close

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Wedding

‘Marriage is a way of life made holy by God’

We ask for God’s blessing on:

Alex Rose and Hannah Boyd who were married in St Lawrence’s Church
Chicheley on Saturday 21st September 2013.

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



NOVEMBER SERVICES

3 November

8am	SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
9.30am	SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

10 November

Remembrance Day

9.30am	Holy Communion (with Act of Remembrance) Sherington
11.00am	Holy Communion – Chicheley (10.50am at War Memorial)
6pm	Service of Remembrance – North Crawley

17 November

9.30am	Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
10.45am	Café Church – North Crawley School

24 November

11.00am	Scan Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
6pm	Scan Evensong – North Crawley

DECEMBER SERVICES

1 December

Advent Sunday

9.30am	Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley
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St Laud's Church grave tending mystery.... can you help?

Please could you take a close look at this grave:



Unfortunately, at the beginning of October a family in Sherington were shocked to see that someone else had tended their grave, planting violas on it. They are concerned that the person responsible has inadvertently cared for the wrong grave. I'm sure this person will be just as upset to discover this mistake has been made too.

I know there is an 'Act of Kindness' campaign running currently. Perhaps someone has tended this very old grave out of kindness. If you have tended it, or know of who might have done, please could you ring me on 01908 216925 to discuss it further. I am sure it has been an innocent mistake, but it does need rectifying.

With best wishes

Paula Noble

Church Warden for church building and grounds

01908 216925



SPORTS and RECREATION PAVILION, PERRY LANE

With great parking, disabled access and an outdoor play area for the children!

8th 15th 22nd 29th November

2:30pm to 4:45pm

(held every Friday during school term time)

“Happiness is your company, a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake!”

- Afternoon Tea is for everyone! Bring friends and family!
- Gluten-free & vegan cakes too. Tea/coffee= £1; Cake = £1; Juice + biscuit or fairy cake = 50p/ Greeting cards and second-hand books for sale
- Hold your end of week meetings here – we’ll set you up a private table
- If you like knitting ask Paula for the pattern of our squares (5” across) to make colourful blankets for the elderly. Donations of wool always welcome.



A fantastic way for us all to keep in touch. To keep it going, we need your help as Paula has got a new job (Manager of the Cowper and Newton Museum!)

If we all do a little bit, ‘Afternoon Tea’ will tick along as well as ever

Can you help out with just ‘1’ of these activities? Here’s what needs doing:

Put out wooden signs around the village in the morning; help set up tables and chairs at 1:30pm; bake a cake; supervise the cake rota; collect dirty cups and saucers from tables; wash up; serve tea and cake; wash and iron tablecloths and tea towels; help pack tables and chairs away at 4:45pm

Ring Paula on 01908 216925 so we can find a way... thank you!

All in aid of the continued and vital ministry of St Laud’s Church



Cafe Church



Parish of St Laud, St Lawrence, St Peter and St Firmin

Our next dates for your diary:

17th November

Ready, steady, go!

10:45 – 12:00

North Crawley School

8th December

Advent Workshop

2:00 – 4:00pm

St Laud's Church, Sherington

'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together

SCAN fellowship, a fortnightly chance to enjoy a simple lunch together

4 Griggs Orchard Sherington home of Pam and John Fielding

01908 616763

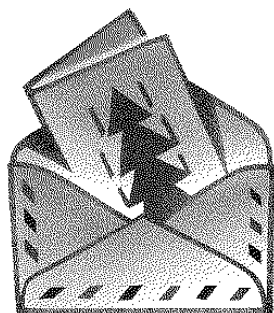
12pm -2pm Wednesdays

All ages welcome (children too!)

6 November

27 November

11 December



Why not send a Christmas greetings to all your friends and neighbours in the SCAN parish via the pages of SCAN? In the December issue we will have greetings pages for you to convey your seasonal messages (not too lengthy please). Deadline 17th November.



REMINDER:

THERE WILL BE NO SCAN IN JANUARY 2014. IF YOU HAVE EVENTS PLANNED FOR JANUARY, PLEASE TRY TO INCLUDE THEM WITH YOUR DECEMBER NOTICES. THERE WILL BE AN AUGUST SCAN NEXT YEAR; THEREFORE YOU'LL STILL RECEIVE ELEVEN ISSUES PER ANNUM. Many Thanks, Betty, Editor

A STWOOD

Well me ducks it's time for the Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce again. As I write the committee and friends are rushing around preparing the food and gathering lots of home-made produce. We hope it will be a great success as usual as it is one of our main money raisers for Village Hall funds.

Having just done my "Mrs Mop" bit it reminds me that we are without a cleaner at the moment! If anyone would like a little job cleaning the Village hall for just 1 hour a week then give me a ring on 01234 391066.

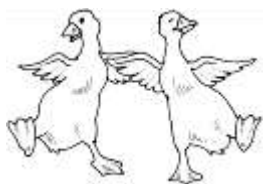
The next event will be at Christmas. This year we are hoping to have Supper and a Christmas themed Quiz interspersed with bursts of song; the singing will be helped along by members of a local well known choir! Put **Wednesday 18th December 7.30pm** in your diaries and more details will be in the next edition of SCAN.

We are very happy to welcome two new committee members. Andrea and Rebecca have joined Dave Emsley, Val, Kim, Dave Hulance, Justyna and Vanessa. If anyone else would like to join in, the more the merrier; meetings take place about six times a year, usually in the Pub!

Andrea and her husband David and their two children have now moved into their newly converted barn at Dovecote Farm we wish them every happiness in their new home. Talking of new homes, Bob and Janet's house in the Pub car park is coming along well, it will soon look as if it's always been there!

Monday evenings has been seeing lots of women lying around in the Village Hall. Helen Terry runs a brilliant Pilates class at 8pm; there are places available so if you think you'd like to give it a go email her at helen@1to34pilates.co.uk

Finally, Astwood is full of very responsible dog owners but there are always some that spoil things for the rest. I have had a note from a Cranfield Road resident who says: "As a resident of Cranfield Road and a dog owner who always picks my dog mess up, I feel I need to mention that three times I have had to pick up someone else's dog mess outside my house! This really is not acceptable and is an offence."



So on that lovely note I'll go back to the pond!

M'llard and M'Lady



NO, OF COURSE YOU CAN'T TRAIN DOGS TO USE THOSE LITTLE BAGS, YOU HAVE TO TRAIN THEIR PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THEM STILL DON'T GET IT.

Many thanks Astwood, for the super cartoon – what talent we have amongst us! Ed.

C HICHELEY

Thelma, Jacky and Marilyn would like to thank everyone who supported the Flower Arranging evening; a good evening was had by all. Special thanks go to Lloyd and Pauline for the wonderful displays, at the end of the evening during tea and biscuits the displays were donated as raffle prizes. We all went home feeling very creative.

Marilyn



Our celebrations of the harvest are proceeding well; the Harvest festival evensong was conducted by the Revd. Tim Dawson and the sale of produce the following evening was a useful addition to our church funds. St. Lawrence's church was beautifully decorated with the fruits of the fields, gardens and hedgerows. Thank you to all who contributed in any way. The harvest supper is still to be celebrated with food and song, so I hope it went well. I remember some years back that the church used to have a large congregation for harvest, as we are very much a rural church, although sadly the numbers have declined over the years, such a shame. Perhaps this is also a reflection on how our village population has changed. When I grew up in Chicheley, some 60+ years ago, most families either worked on the land, or in some associated business. That of course is now very different, as is our entire SCAN parish.

Chitchat will be on Tuesday 12th November from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. In addition, and due to the popularity of this, an afternoon Chitchat is to be held on Tuesday 26th November from 2.30pm until 4.00pm also in the village hall.

There will also be a coffee morning for St. Lawrence's church on Saturday 30th November in the village hall from 10.30am until noon.

November 10th will see our annual service of remembrance commencing at 10.50am at the war memorial and continuing in the church immediately afterwards. I hope as usual to be around with the British Legion poppies during the preceding two weeks.

Next year will see the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, and as to how it should be commemorated will be heard and written about in the coming months. Within our own little community we have very little that tells us about that time, and the people living here. At the moment nothing, to my knowledge, is planned for how we in Chicheley will mark that momentous day, but I'm sure we will do something. There is one possible project that I will write about shortly, but please put on your thinking caps as to what we might do.

SCAN magazine is a very good way of giving news of what is happening in our village, and advertising the various fund raising events that are planned. I took on writing these monthly notes as Chicheley's correspondent in 2007, but would like to start sharing this little task with others, perhaps some new columnists could give a fresh look! We could do as Astwood and have people writing for just two or three months each year, so would anyone like to join me. Please let me know and we will work out a rota.

David



NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT

A great number of news items and events seem to have occurred since the last issue of Scan. The first featured Bob and Jennie from Chequers Lane, who have been finalists in the British Amateur Dancing Championship, and who agreed to host a Tea Dance in the village Institute on 21 September. Their friend Harry, who is a ballroom dancing judge, accompanied them and the afternoon started with some dancing. Everybody was a little shy at first. However inhibitions were removed when Harry led those gathered in line dancing. Bob and Jennie then gave a demonstration of the Tango to the James Bond film music, followed by more ballroom and line dancing for all. Tea and most excellent cakes were served. All those who came pronounced it a great success and wished to know whether there would be a repeat. The organisers hope to arrange a second event early next year. Watch this space for further news. Over £200 was raised towards Church funds. Many thanks to Bob, Jennie, Harry and all those who sold tickets, baked cakes, served teas and carried out all those tasks which helped make it a very enjoyable experience.

Yet another report of merry making in the village when a Spanish evening was held on Saturday 5 October hosted by the village WI. Unsure of what to expect we sat down with a table of friends and enjoyed a five course taster menu of Spanish dishes expertly created by Lynda Barber and her team. Each course, from what I remember, was accompanied by a different Spanish sherry, and on our table a glass or two of Spanish red wine. In the background a very talented guitarist played a selection of Spanish and classical music which created a wonderful atmosphere for all. An excellent time was had by all, so thank you the WI.

News has reached me from the Church committee, who has been running a restoration project, and can report that the clock and weather vane on top of tower are now refurbished, and the window below the clock re glazed, so take a look when passing. David Agnew of Newport Pagnell has done an excellent job and the village should be proud of the impact it has made on the tower's appearance. When the clock was taken down, the initials and date EB 1957 was found on the back of it, which is likely to be the last time it was refurbished by Brandon Builders. It is hoped the striking mechanism will be back in working order soon so that the clock is fully functional. The project and works has been funded by donations from village residents, parish council, Milton Keynes council, Francis Coales trust and the church fund raising - thanks to all.

Marie Graham has asked me to thank everyone who made the **Autumn Fayre in aid of Macmillan Cancer and Willen Hospice** on 28 September such a success. It was a lovely sunny day and over 200 people attended the event in North Crawley Institute. The children had lots of activities to enjoy and were particularly taken with the tractor rides. Everyone seemed to enjoy the home made teas, a very well stocked tombola and the raffle which had some excellent prizes. Many were seen struggling home laden with lovely cakes, fresh flowers and all sorts of other goodies! Guests also got the hang of the silent auction which offered everyone the chance of winning some very attractive prizes, including a champagne tea visit to Highgrove, a Christmas tree from Brian West and dinner for four cooked in your own home! Marie says that she had an army of local helpers who all worked very hard to make this event such a success and she would like to thank them all. Also many local businesses donated goods which made a huge difference to how much was raised... The final total, after a generous donation from Fullers who Marie works for, was £5,500. This will be split between the two charities. Planning for next year's event starts now - and if you think you have something that you could offer for next year's auction or if you would like to help with next year's event in any way - please let Marie know. (marielouisegracie@hotmail.co.uk).

Next something completely different and concerns plans to improve residential safety in the village, which the Parish Council has been working on for a number of years. The proposals are not as far reaching as at first hoped but do signify progress, and will improve the safety of residents crossing in the centre of the High Street, and hopefully dissuade lorries using Folly Lane. Further explanation can be found in the Parish Council meeting notes elsewhere in the North Crawley section.

It has been reported to me that a gang has been apprehended by the police and charged in connection with the theft of a car from the High Street last month. There is as yet no information to suggest that it is the same people who stole a vehicle from Orchard Way, although the modus operandi of the thefts was very similar. Let's hope

this unwelcome and upsetting episode has been rectified for the time being. To repeat the message of last month if you see someone or something happening in the village you are not happy about, call our new PCSO Ryan Michel on Tel: 101 or Mob: 07966177415.

The **Village Christmas Ball** is making a comeback this year on Saturday 14 December, the Institute being the venue. For those who haven't been before it's a well organised affair and a great way to meet up with fellow villagers to share seasonal bonhomie. The tickets are £55 per couple, £30 for a single, and can be purchased via the Chequers.

Walks - Please support your village walks which are on the last Sunday in the month. The walks are suitable for young and old alike and are up to two hours in duration. The next walk is on **Sunday 24 November**, meeting as always **at 10 a.m.** outside the Institute.

If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to Hawk-eye before the Scan deadline (around the 18th of each month), to the following email address: hawkeye.scan@hotmail.co.uk

Hawk-eye.



NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 1 October 2013.

(These notes are not the official minutes of the meeting and do not cover all of the issues discussed).

The Parish Council (PC) driven initiative to sort out the drainage at the far end of the recreation ground, has recently been completed. The digging of a new drain across farmland to take excess water away from the recreation ground and adjacent housing was undertaken by the landowner and his team, and financed via Milton Keynes Council (MKC). All we need is some rain to give it a good test.

Apologies were received from the new PCSO, who due to a busy schedule couldn't attend, but will make every effort to get to the next meeting.

An initiative to prevent people parking their vehicles across the footpath leading up to the church lychgate was discussed, and it was noted that this has the support of the rector Mandy Marriott. The idea of a strategically placed planter rather than bollards was suggested and unanimously agreed by the PC. It was also suggested that planters could also be placed each side of the bus shelter to improve the appearance of the waste-ground. All were asked to keep their eyes open for suitable planters.

The Ford project has taken a giant step forward as the banks and roadway areas have been cleared, and a large submerged hole filled in. It was agreed to purchase two benches for the top of the bank alongside the pedestrian pathway, to make this somewhere to rest or perhaps picnic. The intention is to have a scheduled clearance each year and make this an accessible and pleasant area to visit.

Keith McClean, our Ward Councillor, reported that MKC have engaged extra crews to get road repairs completed before winter settles in. Pot holes and other potential road hazards must be reported into MKC Council so that their information is correct and up-to-date and allows work to be effectively organised. The PC was asked whether our residents have been consulted about proposed traffic calming and residential safety measures. Our chair responded that these will be published in Scan shortly and displayed on the PC notice board. A major aspect of the work entails widening the kerb on the north side of the High St. in the centre of the village, to make it safer for school goers to cross and prams, buggies etc. to pass. New signs will also be erected in prominent positions to discourage lorry drivers from using Folly Lane.

The Finance Officer reported we are in good shape. The main issue has been organising the payment of the landowner who put the new drainage scheme across his land, and ensuring that reimbursement from MKC replenished our coffers in a timely fashion. It was reported that earth from the digging of graves is being dumped to the rear of the graveyard, and this encourages people to dispose of withered flowers etc. on the mounds of earth. The funeral directors will be contacted and asked to remove the earth, and the public will be encourage to use the supplied green bins to dispose of flowers.

Comments have been received from residents living around Kilpin Green that a group of children has taken to playing football on the green. No-one wants to discourage kids playing, but there is a MUGA and a large recreation field just

up the lane, so why not play there. Also note that trees under the remit of the PC, like those on Kilpin Green, are regularly checked for safety, so should any kid fall out of one, the responsibility lies with the parents for letting their kids climb them. This last remark follows a branch recently breaking when a kid was up a tree on Kilpin Green. All the PC asks is that parents encourage their children to play safely and in the appropriate areas.

Some members of the public attending the meeting spoke on behalf of their horse riding group about comments made in Scan and minutes of the PC meetings. The main points made were that horse riders do use bridleways but nearly always have to travel along roads to reach them, and that when doing this they keep to the road unless it becomes unsafe to do so. Comment was also made about the behaviour of vehicle drivers, who in the main appear to have little patience or respect for horse riders, and consistently speed along the roads leading in and out of the village. The PC understood the points being made and responded by saying that these and similar comments are already with the appropriate authorities to deal with.

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 can't wait, contact your councillors by whatever means possible.

Date and time of next meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting is in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5 November at 7.30 P.M.



THANK YOU!

**I would like to thank everyone who has sent me cards, flowers, delivered meals and given offers of help since my recent operation. The kindness and generosity of so many friends and neighbours have been really appreciated.
Angela Shambrook**

North Crawley Institute Management Committee

Registered Charity No 272678

AGM

TO BE HELD ON

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

8.15 PM

IN THE INSTITUTE

Everybody welcome

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HALL

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED



CHRISTMAS FLOWER WORKSHOPS

Christmas door wreath workshop Tues 10th Dec

Christmas table arrangement workshop Thurs. 19th Dec

Come along and learn how to make your own festive decorations which are then yours to take home

Both to be held at The North Crawley Institute 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Cost for each workshop is £35.00. Includes all materials, tea and coffee. Just bring along your own scissors/secateurs

Places limited, bookings now being taken!

Telephone Elaine on 01234 391877

Mobile 07931 523974

E-mail: e.sturges@btinternet.com

53 Kilpin Green, North Crawley, MK16 9LZ



North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'

'Amazing Autumn' has arrived! Teachers at both North Crawley CE School and Stoke Goldington CE First School have certainly grasped this learning opportunity. The whole school were busy with trips to Salcey Forest which offers "a fantastic learning opportunity, combining hands-on education with ideas for active minds". First off, all 15 Early Years Foundation Stage children spent a brilliant morning, joined by the *Busy Bees* from our partner school, for a special autumn walk in the forest. The children loved exploring the renowned Treetop Walk where the children found themselves higher than the trees! Everyone had great fun collecting items from the forest floor whilst using up lots of physical energy in the great outdoors! Back in school the children have been busily threading leaves, making clay hedgehogs and using their imaginations to transform the sticks they collected. The outdoor playhouse has been ingeniously converted into Percy the Park-Keepers hut and the children have been busily mending fences, collecting logs and planting bulbs. Headteacher Mrs Kathryn Crompton said: "We value the opportunity for classes from both schools to join together for trips, providing a great way for all the pupils to learn together."

Meanwhile children in Years 1 and 2 spent a brilliant day at the 'Tall Oaks Forest School' learning all sorts of woodland crafts. The children donned their wet-weather gear for a fantastic day outside run by Forest Leaders. They made small dens for gnomes and fairies before moving on to building bigger dens which they could all fit in themselves. The children then constructed forest school stars, bows and arrows and amazing catapults, working together to design each item before collecting their supplies and building them. Sophie explained,

We sat on some logs and Gemma explained the rules. We built some gnome and fairy houses. We also built some big dens that we could go in. Mrs Lerant helped me make some acorn lanterns. We sat on some logs and had hot chocolate with marshmallows and rolls with some sausages.

Fern wrote,

- *On Monday we went to Salcey Forest. It was fun. We made dens and we had hot chocolate with marshmallows in it. We made stars and catapults. My favourite activity was the hammock. It was the best day ever.*

Ben reported,

- *We went to Salcey Forest....We had a fantastic time! We made a den that we can fit in. We made a den for fairies and gnomes. We also had hot dogs, hot chocolate, beans, made clay faces and played on a hammock and a rope swing.*



Deputy Headteacher Mrs Marie-Claire Parsons said: “Every child loved the whole day spent in the forest. The children had a hot lunch around a camp fire and got muddy from head to toe making woodland items, it was fantastic. None of the children wanted to go home and staff are already planning our next trip to Salcey; the Forest School is a brilliant initiative!”



VACANCY: Midday Meals Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a midday meals supervisor from 12:00 – 1:00pm on Monday to Friday during term time. The contract is offered on a temporary basis for one year. The salary is MK Grade 1: £12,145 (full time equivalent and subject to a job re-evaluation). More information and an application form is available from the school office on 01234 391282 or e-mail ncrawleyf@milton-keynes.gov.uk



F.O.N.S.

ON BEHALF OF NORTH CRAWLEY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2013

2 – 4 PM

THE INSTITUTE

Tombola

Refreshments

Childrens' Games

Raffle

Phoenix Cards

Santa's Grotto

North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

Autumn Quiz Evening

The date for our Autumn Quiz is

Saturday, 9 November 2013

7.30 for 8.00 pm

at

North Crawley Village Institute, High Street

This light-hearted, fun event is open to everyone.
Come either as a table-team of 6 players, or individually, and
everybody will be accommodated.

Free refreshments will be provided during the evening,
and a cash bar is open until closing time.

An entry fee of £5 per person will be collected on the evening,
and prizes awarded to the winning team.

To book a table or individual place please contact either of the
following people:

Dick Milnthorpe (01234 752404)
Sheila Hart (01234 750221)
John Clifford (01234 391551)

St Firmins Church
Annual Christmas Bazaar

2.30 pm

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

**THE INSTITUTE
NORTH CRAWLEY**



Traditional Christmas Bazaar

Stalls, Games, Raffle & Refreshments

Come and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere

NORTH CRAWLEY W I - AGM 2012/13

In October 2012 Lynda was elected president. November our speaker was from Love Lana Olney, great gift ideas and lovely perfumes. December saw us at The Old Swan, Astwood for a lovely Christmas dinner followed by a Christmas party later in the month with a visit from North Crawley and Chicheley Handbell Ringers. A good time was had by all with a few of our members having a go.

January we had Andrew to talk about Advantage Africa, a charity from Olney. February saw Ann from Age UK giving some useful advice and tips. In March the members took over and talked about Hats for a Special Occasion. This ranged from Jessica and her Land Army uniform; Pam with a visit to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, Mary talked of the sun hat she wore to the Olympics. April saw Mr. Kingsnorth talking about Gardening with Wildlife, from RSPB. In May we were 61 years old, so we partied. In June we visited Jeyes museum in Earls Barton, this was most interesting. We had a nice lunch, did some shopping and looked at dolls houses in the museum. July saw Matthew from Alban Hill Nurseries talking us through the many interesting plant specimens he had brought with him. August was Ben on 150 years of Sainsbury's. September was Harvest Supper with fish 'n' chips from The Cock; the committee made desserts. Four members went to the Annual Council Meeting where the speaker was Michael Portillo.

We attended carol concerts at New Bradwell and Castlethorpe: a quiz evening at Ravenstone: Olney's Christmas party: cream teas at Cranfield and decorated a Christmas tree in North Crawley for the tree festival. We attended group meetings in Spring and Autumn. We had a Body Shop party in November and a table top sale on Easter Monday. We had a craft day with Great Linford in September and are having a table at the Buckingham Christmas Fayre.

To round off the year we had a fantastic Spanish Tapas evening, enjoyed by everyone attending; sherry tasting, real live music and lots of lovely food. I think we can say we have had a very instructive and entertaining year and we must extend our thanks to all the committee and members for your support through the year. Next month is festive treats and goodies from Sainsbury's and the competition is "Your Favourite Christmas Tree Bauble".

We always welcome visitors, so why not come along and see what we get up to. LB





Mailbag and Announcement.Os

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

November 5th Eileen Milnes, 4 Hillview
12th Ella Field, 4 Park Road
19th Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road
26th Pam Ellis, 3 Hillview

New people are always welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am for a cup of coffee and a chat. If you would like company on your first visit then please ring Ella (610560) or Pearl (610661)



HARVEST SUPPER

The total sum raised at the Harvest Supper amounted to £725 which has gone to Church Funds. A big thank you to all who organised and supported the event and Derek for his hard work on the night.

E.F.



HARVEST SUPPER

On 17th October there was a lovely picture of the Duchess of Cornwall attending a harvest festival service at Westminster Abbey in aid of British Food Fortnight, a campaign to rekindle the tradition of celebrating the produce of autumn.

What a pity the Duchess couldn't be present at Sherington's Harvest Supper on Monday last! She would have seen a gathering of almost 70 enjoying a super meal and doing just that in remembering the traditions of the past.

May the Sherington 'Old Guard' say a huge thank you to the organisers of the event and to Derek for keeping us entertained.

Thank you also to everyone who gave so generously. It is wonderful to be taken back to memories of 30'ish years ago.

Doris Stephens

PLEASE SUPPORT 'GIVE A TIN DAY' ON SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER FROM



9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

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

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



ANNUAL TRADCRAFT EVENT IN SHERINGTON

SATURDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 10 am – 6.00 pm

SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

at 33 Crofts End, Sherington

Craft goods, foodstuffs, Christmas cards, toys
jewellery etc. for sale

All Fair Trade goods. Coffee/tea and biscuits served
EVERYONE WELCOME



THUMBSTICK WALKS:



Thumbstick walk for November 3rd subject only to the rain, please meet at the Knoll for 9.30 am, no dogs please. This month we offer an away walk near Woburn. Starting at the car park in Longslade Lane just off the A5130 between Woburn Sands and Woburn. We will walk through the woods to Wayn Close with the best views of the abbey, returning through Woburn and then back to the cars via Birchmoor Lane, and more woodlands, about 1.5 hours or so. No passports required! **K & G**



December Walk – 1st Sunday 09.00 – PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER STARTING TIME

As in many of the previous years, we are going to do Searchlight. This will be a linear walk and quite short (about 2½ to 3 miles) and mostly downhill. Always cold and windy (be warned, wrap up warm) and is always enjoyed by all, even when it rains. Again, and as in many previous years, we have an invitation to call in upon Alderman and Mrs. Ellis on our way through Emberton. Do please make sure suitable coins are jingling in your pocket as we will surely make a charitable donation at the conclusion of this walk.

NO DOGS PLEASE. T & M



SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES

Hire rates for Sherington Village Hall were last increased in 2011. Since then there has been a significant increase in energy and day to day maintenance costs and these increases have been met by taking money from reserves held for major repairs. The outlook is that the base running costs will continue to increase even though actions have been taken to minimise these, for example switching energy suppliers and members of the Management Committee carrying out maintenance.

Therefore, to prevent further erosion of the reserves, at the last Management Committee meeting it was agreed that hiring fees will be **increased effective 3rd November 2013**. The new rates will be:-

Hourly rate

Main hall	£6.50
Committee room only	£3.25

Hourly rate – Saturday

Main hall	£7.60
Committee room only	£3.50

Special function rate (after 6 pm)

Without bar	£80.00
With bar	£85.00

Whole day and evening events

£160.00



Sherington Christmas Bazaar

**29th November 6 pm – 8.30 pm
At Sherington Village Hall**

**The nights are drawing in, the heating is on and
thoughts are turning to snow, holly and
a jolly man in a red suit.**

**But are you ready for Christmas?
Come and shop 'til you drop!**

**With activities for all ages, stalls to
find those special gifts and the
chance to ask the big man in
person for your dream gift.**

ENTRANCE BY DONATION

**Sherington Pre-School and
Sherington CE School**

Make your Christmas extra special, join us at Sherington Christmas Concert in a beautifully decorated and candle lit St Lauds Church, on Saturday, 21st December at 6 pm. Christmas music and carols sung by Newport Singers and yourselves, accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies and free prize draw. Tickets at £10 each are sure to sell fast, obtain yours from Bess Williams, 611946, Ben Smith 610961, Rev Pam Fielding 616763.

LANTERNS FIREWORKS AND SHADOWS.
PROCESSION 6.00PM KNOLL

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2013

FREE LANTERN WORKSHOPS VILLAGE HALL

SAT 19TH OCT 5.30PM - 7.30PM

SAT 2ND NOV 1.30PM - 3.30PM

MON 11TH NOV 6.00PM - 8.00PM

EVENT PRICES

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY

IN ADVANCE ADULTS £4 CHILDREN £3

ON THE NIGHT (IF ANY LEFT) £5.

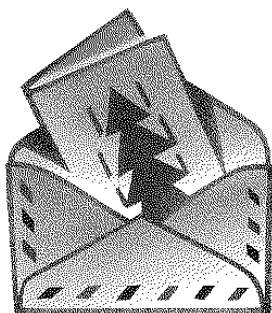
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WORKSHOPS
AND LIMITED IN NUMBER PLEASE BUY
EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT.

LANTERNS FREE WITH EVENT
TICKETS.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CALL PAUL 07872 638606 TO BECOME PART OF THIS YEARS COMMUNITY EVENT.

ALL PROCEEDS USED TO SUPPORT CREATIVE ACTIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM.

LOOK



Why not send a Christmas greetings to all your friends and neighbours in the SCAN parish via the pages of SCAN? In the December issue we will have greetings pages for you to convey your seasonal messages (not too lengthy please). Deadline 17th November.

REMINDER:

THERE WILL BE NO SCAN IN JANUARY 2014. IF YOU HAVE EVENTS PLANNED FOR JANUARY, PLEASE TRY TO INCLUDE THEM WITH YOUR DECEMBER NOTICES. THERE WILL BE AN AUGUST SCAN NEXT YEAR; THEREFORE YOU'LL STILL RECEIVE ELEVEN ISSUES PER ANNUM. Many Thanks, Betty, Editor



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**Roundabout Theatre Company
Presents
Shakers Re-Stirred
By John Godber & Jane Thornton**

November 2013
Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th
Creed Street Theatre & Arts Centre
Friday 8th & Saturday 9th
Sherington Village Hall

All performances start at 7.30 pm
Tickets: £8 in Advance / £10 on the Door

To book and pay for your tickets go to:
<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/roughabouttheatrecompany/events>

RTC Box Office team at rtcmltonkeynes@yahoo.co.uk

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Josef Weinberger Ltd.



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

As the year progresses, can you believe that it is November already, there are a few more things to write about this month.

I was informed that a new wood has been planted up at Crooks Nursery in Bedford Road and in consequence I went up there to find out more. Peter was pleased to show me round and told me that this is part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations where 60 Diamond Woods of at least 60 acres and 400 Jubilee Woods of one acre or more have been planted. Their own wood which is just to the western side of the A 509 by-pass is 4 acres in size and has 1300 trees which were planted manually by Peter and David. It took them a week to complete the task. They have oak, hornbeam, lime and cherry plus some hedging shrubs around the wood. There are also two oaks, yet to be planted, which came from the royal estates. The wood will be named Stocking Wood as it is adjacent to Stocking

Lane. It is hoped that a local dignitary will officially open the wood, possibly some time in November. The project has been masterminded by the Woodland Trust and 6 million trees have been planted around the country which will provide new habitat for wildlife and places for people to enjoy in future years. Well done to Peter and David for supporting this initiative in such a positive manner.

I found out about the above whilst visiting the Historical Society 'Hatch, Match and Dispatch' open day in the village hall. As ever it was well attended with lots of interesting pictures and documents on display. One of the archives there has the history of the Burying of the Hatchet. No doubt quite a few of you will be familiar with this event but if you are not I will give you a brief resume of this historic day in the story of our village. Back in 1934 the universities of Oxford and Cambridge were at loggerheads and their traditional rivalries were getting out of hand and threatening to do harm to both establishments. It was decided that peace should be made and the hatchet buried for good. This having been decided upon the question arose as to where to carry out a ceremony, It was sensibly decided that this should happen half way between the two places. A map was produced and the point was found to be Sherington and so it was decided that on 24th February 1935 they would all meet on The Knoll to affirm a vow of peace and wash away all animosity under the waters of the village pump that is still there today, although sadly no longer working. This event achieved national publicity and was front page news in the Daily Mirror and Daily Sketch and made it into most of the other national papers. 60 years later we re-enacted the ceremony on 25th February 1995 with the help of the editors of Isis and Varsity and this drew a large crowd of onlookers who watched the proceedings with interest, many repairing afterwards to The Swan to sample the ale, and, of course, Ellie's Hatchet Pie.

You may wonder why I am rambling on about this but there is a good reason. A couple of months back I was asked about the event by Councillor Debbie Brock, former mayor of Milton Keynes, and I told her that I had had a bit to do with the re-enactment and that there was quite a bit of archive material to be found. Debbie is very involved with the MK Rose project. This is a new and spectacular public place being built on the site of the old pond in Campbell Park and will eventually have 140 granite pillars, each of which will celebrate a particular event. She asked if she could bring the artist, Gordon Young, round to talk about what went on and he duly came to see me. Surprisingly he had found out about the original event through on-line research and he wanted to know what we would think about having this celebrated as part of the MK Rose. I am delighted to say that 'Burying the Hatchet' will be on one of the pillars. The Rose will be completed shortly and be officially opened on Saturday 9th November. If you want to know more about the Rose then just put in MK Rose to Google or another search engine.

Our local Twinning Association celebrated its 21st birthday in September and held a party up at the Pavilion. Some 50 plus current and previous members came along for the event to partake of canapés and some drinks with a magnificent birthday cake expertly crafted by

Caroline Barrass. President Bill Lewis gave some history of the association plus some reminiscences of days gone by. Who would have thought that a small first meeting in what is now the restaurant of the White Hart would become the strong and enduring association that it is today.

On Monday evening 14th October the Harvest Supper took place at the village hall. Some 60 folk came along for what was a most enjoyable evening. The food was good as was the company. Following the meal there was an auction of produce and bottles, ably conducted as always by Derek who did a sterling job. I can't remember the exact figure* but he extracted some £290 from the attendees which was generously made up to £300 by one of the people there. The beneficiary is still to be decided upon. An excellent evening and our thanks go to all those who made it the fun and community evening that it was. Can't wait 'til next year. *see page 23

A little reminder that for those of you who give to the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Appeal you need to get your shoe boxes to Pam Ellis at 3 Hill View by Saturday 9th November or alternatively get them to me at The Chapel, The Knoll and we will take them up to Pam. If you don't feel you have time to make up a whole shoebox, it would be wonderful if you can donate some of the items required (list provided by Pam in last month's SCAN). You can leave these at The Chapel and Pam has volunteered to make up additional boxes from the donations.

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



Thumbsticks October walk

Our October walk centered on Emberton Park with the starting point being Prospect Place, which incidentally had some succulent (looking) blackberries. About five clockwise miles in total taken at a leisurely pace by the 17 walkers, in glorious sunshine, with temperatures into the 70's – it just couldn't be bettered! We took in Blackwell Spinney and shortly after, enjoyed glorious views out towards the three shires way; sometime later entering Emberton

Park and round Heron Water; off across the road to Rectory and Hill Farms, skirting Hollington Wood on the return. Another fully waymarked walk. Of note:- of the 11 stiles, only two were found not to wobble with intent (to dislodge). Jack Sparrow.



SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER 2013

1 WARD COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS

The campaign by MKC to repair potholes, footpaths and redways is underway. Milton Keynes Council's new look website has now been launched.

Brocks Private Hire are considering offering a pre-booked evening taxi service from Newport Pagnell to Lavendon, which will go some way to replace the recently discontinued service. Cllr McLean agreed to provide information as to how this will work when this becomes available.

2 CLERK'S REPORT

The new litter bin for Gun Lane has arrived and is awaiting installation. This bin can be used for dog waste as well as for normal waste. It may now be possible to reduce the number of dog waste bins, which the council pays to be emptied, where there is a litter bin nearby.

3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

26 Gun Lane – Insertion of window into existing door opening and additional window to side elevation. There were no adverse comments.

1 Park Road – Garage and workshop conversion to residential use. There were no adverse comments.

Sherington Bridge Lodge Approved by MKC

4 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND

Pavilion management group. The committee next meets on Thursday 7th November 2013.

Jeff Charles, chair of the pavilion management committee has carried out a Health and Safety audit of the pavilion. A fire safety equipment inspection and a legionella water inspection need to be carried out. Other matters will be dealt with at the next meeting of the Management committee.

5 NHS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONSE SERVICE

The service aims to get a responder to an incident before the arrival of an ambulance in rural areas. The council has been asked for a donation towards a First Response kit and training. Cllrs agreed to invite Mike Hughes to the next meeting, along with representatives from other rural parish councils who may wish to make a contribution.

6 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT ON THE KNOLL

Pre-school would like to hold an event on the Knoll to coincide with the switching-on of the Christmas tree lights. Since there are concerns over safety for an event on the Knoll after dark, the clerk will ask Pre-School for more information.

7 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th November and on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde

As winter draws near

POT HOLES, LOOSE/MISSING KERB STONES ETC – to report please telephone 252353, email envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk giving exact details of the location or go online at <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/roads-highways-and-pavements>

FAULTY STREETLIGHTS – to report please telephone 252353, email envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk or go online at <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-highway-problems> quoting the lamp number and location

SALT BINS – these are to be used at your own risk on footpaths and roads not covered by Milton Keynes Council's primary salting routes. Salt is not to be used on personal property i.e. driveways. To refill please telephone 252353 or email envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk

GRAFFITI/DOG FOULING – please report it to 252570, email envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk or go online at <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling/report-or-request-it>

Sherington Parish Council



Sherington Church of England School News
The Village Schools Church Partnership
Outstanding provision!



That was the verdict of *Sports Leaders UK* when they judged the implementation of our *Energy Club* by Teaching Assistant Angela Lea and student teacher Simon Spillings. With parent volunteers joining in last year we received a display plaque from regional coordinator Liam Hope at a special assembly. Our Year 1 & 2 children have received their first achievement certificate and the new Reception children have begun joining in the club in their own sessions this term.

With the first belated 'nip' of autumn in the air the children enjoyed a hearty lunch of tomato soup, bread, apple pie or pumpkin pie with custard. This preceded our evening Harvest Celebration in St Laud's Church when all the children, newcomers alike, rose to deliver a suitable performance.

Our PTFA have provided funds to re-equip the playground with new toys and equipment and once again we are thankful for their continued partnership in school events.

Moving into our new canopy accommodation has been an interesting exercise in as the new children navigate a range of facilities and resources as independently as possible and, with guidance(!) learn to clear them away after use.

Classwork is now well underway with Harvest topics generating many learning opportunities; Reception exploring the taste of exotic fruits, Year 1 & 2 rediscovering the moral message of the Story of the Little Red Hen and the whole school re-evaluating generosity as displayed by the Little Yellow Chicken. CS

***If you have a child due to start school in September 2014, or later,
and would like to discuss or change your current school placement
please call or e-mail us to arrange a visit.***

01908-610470

sheringtonf@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Outstanding Energy Club Award



Our new playtime toys – thank you PTFA

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a busy half term so far at Pre-school and we would like to welcome Ben and Francesca who have come to play in the last few of weeks and Seth, Aiden and Jacques who will start after half term. Our younger children are settling into their new routine attending on Mondays and Tuesdays and it has been a smooth transition for them, they are lovely. Tuesday lunch club as well as our two sessions on Friday's with lunch is proving to be popular with both the children and their parents.

The children have been busy this term learning about shapes, using the toys and resources at Pre-school. We went on a shape walk up to the Church and were delighted to spot triangles and rectangles on Kerry's gate. Then we photographed the children peeping through the squares of St Lauds Lych gate and the circular Clock on the outside was enthusiastically observed.



The term continued with a theme on numbers and the children delighted in helping to make their own number line using glue, sand and paint which the children will continue to use during play developing their counting and number knowledge. We went on a conker hunt on the field and found 28 in all making conker monsters was great fun and We even rolled them in paint, down guttering to see whose went the furthest and planted a few in the hope that one day they will grow into horse chestnut trees!



Our new Music Box has provided lots of entertainment as we spot the stars of the future singing our favourite songs using the microphones and having 'X Factor' performances helping the children's confidence.

We held our parents evening on the 3rd October and parents came along to chat to the staff and view their children's records. A display of photographs highlighted the PRIME areas of learning in the EYFS (Personal, Social and Emotional, Communication & Language & Physical Development) we explained how the staff observe the new children to deliver a progress report to the parents which we hope they will share with the Child's Health Visitor.

We are planning our toddle on Thursday 24th October so look out for children dressed up in their favourite fairytale costumes and we ask that all children attending that day bring in £1 for Barnardos which we have supported for many years. Also a Spooky Halloween day on Friday 25th October is planned.

The Staff are busy updating their training on-line and are making contact with other local Pre-school leaders to share ideas as well as meeting with our Early Years advisor from Milton Keynes Council and the PSLA (Pre-school Learning Alliance). The staff has also liaised with Woodlands Children's Centre who provides support and activities for Parents and young children. Our AGM takes place on Tuesday 22nd October and we will report back on this in the next SCAN.

We have had an innovative idea of a 'Wheelbarrow of Booze' as a fundraiser raffle for Christmas and will be pushing our wheelbarrow around the Village at the beginning of December asking for any donations and selling Raffle tickets-Imagine winning that in time for your Christmas festivities!! We would be extremely grateful for your support and will be drawing the Raffle on our last day of term 13th December.

☺ Dates for your Diaries:

- 29th November Christmas Bazaar, we hope to have a face painting and lucky dip stall.
- Sunday 1st December the Christmas tree lights switch on and a chance to meet Father Christmas, enjoy some mulled wine and socialise with friends and families on the Knoll.
- Tuesday 10th December Nativity all welcome (more details next month)
- Friday 13th December Christmas Party and fun day (All children welcome even if they don't usually attend that day)

Happy half term everyone.



THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

7th November

Gift Wrapping

Alison Grantham will demonstrate the art of professionally wrapping presents, just in time for Christmas!

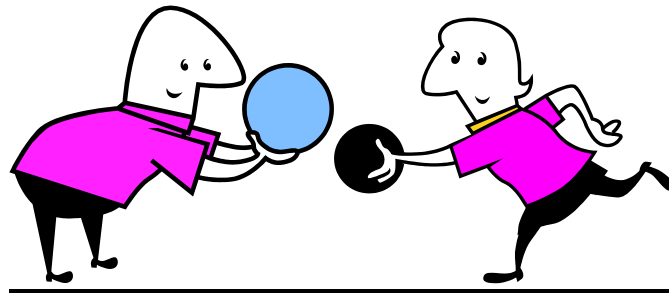
5th December

Festive Fun - Members Only

A relaxing evening with a variety of activities. Come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies!!

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. It is open to all ladies from the village and surrounding area and new members are always very welcome. There is a varied programme of talks by visiting speakers, outings and events throughout the year. If you would like more information please contact Julie Smith on 01908-615043 or, alternatively, just come along to the village hall for one of the meetings.

Sherington Short Mat Bowls Club



Crawford Macfarlane was recently presented with a framed Certificate of Honorary Membership of the Bowls Club by our Chairperson, Pam Clarridge in recognition of his 20 years' membership. During that time he was Club Captain and Pam thanked him for the help, advice and encouragement he always gave to new members.



We have recently been joined by three visitors, Linda and Lionel Smith, who play with the Olney bowls Club and Hubert Cave, who plays with Denton. We are hopeful that Linda, Lionel and Hubert will soon join us as full members.

One of the competitions that we have taken part in recently was the Summer Fives and we were very pleased to be runners up to Manor club, who play at Walnut Tree. Currently we are taking part in the Day League and Knock Out Cup games and hoping for similar success!

Details of membership can be obtained by 'phoning Bob Clarridge on 01234 391486 or call in at the Village Hall on Monday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm or Friday evening 7pm 'til 9pm.

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SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Next Meeting: 12th November (Tuesday): ALL WELCOME – SHS Members Can Talk:

This is an opportunity for anyone from the Society to take the stage and present an informal talk of approximately 10+ minutes. The subject can be of your choosing as long as it has some historical relevance. Come along and enjoy the evening where the unexpected tends to occur! A little bird tweeted we might (I repeat might) have some music this month.

The Historical Society will be taking part in the Christmas Bazaar – 29th November – Village Hall – 6 pm to 8.30 pm.

We shall be holding a Silent Auction for the delightful original watercolour created by Caroline Leslie for the cover of Philips Smith's book, 'A Little Bird Told Me..'. The book will be on sale (the second print run is selling fast, so don't miss out) and if you are unable to come to the Bazaar, copies can be obtained from Liz Revell [07941 403492].

Another painting of interest to local history enthusiasts, is a view of the High Street by Arthur Crump (see below). We have a few prints left of a limited edition (unsigned - framed £35) and they will also be available at the Bazaar.



Our Sales table will have the usual selection of notelets, etc plus a DVD entitled 'Exploring Buckinghamshire'. Quote: *"This is a splendid introduction to the many and varied attractions of the beautiful county of Buckinghamshire. The ideal companion if you are looking to explore Buckinghamshire for the first time or for anyone seeking a*

permanent memento of this wonderful county".

(An enjoyable and informative DVD; great gift to send to far off friends and relations or keep for the children/grandchildren to show them what a lovely county we live in. Ed.)

OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 5th October 2013 12 noon – 4.30 pm

HATCH, MATCH & DISPATCH

Our friends in the Sherington Short Mat Bowls Club had barely finished rolling up their mats on the evening of 4th October, when the Historical Society arrived in force. In a very short time (with the help of some willing extra hands) the Hall was filled with lines of trestles, tea tables, chairs, stage blocks and lots of bags, boxes and shrouded figures. Finally, Kay locked the doors on the chaos and all was tranquil.

Saturday dawned and the transformation began. File upon file of archive material was carried down the stairs by helpers and displayed ready for perusal. The piano was heaved aside and the corner filled with a charming collection of old toys, childhood memorabilia and christening pictures. The boards held untitled photographs of babies - Who's Who?. The refreshment ladies arrived, led by Pearl and Sheila, and work on the displays was helped by very welcome cups of tea and coffee. A presentation showing weddings pictures through the decades covered two boards. The shrouded figures revealed dress display stands of various shapes and sizes and these were soon resplendent in their wedding regalia, standing opposite the more sombre pictures of monumental inscriptions, and parish registers. As noon approached the village pump was put in place with a well known bicycle leaning comfortably against it. Computers were set up and visual displays connected. The amazing raffle table was laden with an impressive array of prizes, all kindly donated to the Society.

People began to arrive and the satisfying buzz of interesting conversation filled the hall. Lots of happy memories and stories were shared and previously unheard anecdotes garnered. Exhibits were admired and archives keenly examined. Guessing the identity of the babies caused much amusement; the raffle was drawn and the refreshments enjoyed.

THANK YOU to all our visitors and everyone who took part, donated prizes and exhibits, provided refreshments and helped in any way to make the whole afternoon a very successful event.



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