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SCAN 437 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY FEBRUARY 2014

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS - contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040 • CRANFIELD BRIDGE CLUB meets at Astwood Village Hall virtually every SUNDAY at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on hppt://www.cranbridge.org.uk, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409. • PILATES: Monday at 8 pm – contact Helen Terry on Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk 			
BROWNIES – Every MONDAY term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm - contact: 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			
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			
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15	Coffee Morning – Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	10
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1	St. David’s Day Celebrations – Chicheley Village Hall	7 pm	10
2	Something Different – St. Lauds	10.30 am	6
2	Thumbsticks Walk – The Knoll	9.30 am	24
4	Sherington Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	30
5	Souper Lunchtime Get-together, 4 Griggs, Orchard	12 - 2 pm	3
5	Dancing is Coming – North Crawley Institute	7.30 pm	15
6	The New Thursday Group Open Meeting - National Trust Gardens – A slide show and talk by Mr Roger Skipper - ALL WELCOME	8 pm	37
7	Sherington Pre-School Fundraising Event, The Pavilion		33
16	Café Church – North Crawley School	10.45 am	3
19	Souper Lunchtime Get-together, 4 Griggs, Orchard	12 - 2 pm	3
20	Sherington Twinning Association – BIG QUIZ & Fish and Chip Supper, Sherington Village Hall	7 pm	36
28	North Crawley Historical Society – The Institute	7.30 pm	13

Mandy writes....

Last year we witnessed some terrific storms here in the UK. December saw the largest tidal surges recorded since 1953 causing severe flooding and coastal erosion. Who will forget the sight of people's homes crashing from the cliffs into the sea on the Norfolk coast? There were storms just before Christmas too and in the New Year, causing many problems for people travelling to see friends and family for the festive season. Looking out of my window as the rain lashed against it I reflected on how difficult it is to be in the midst of a storm. The constant buffeting of the wind, the rain soaking through, and the feeling of the cold and damp making one miserable. Alongside this there is the fear of the damage the wind and rain could do to one's surroundings.

As well as the physical storms of fierce winds and torrential rain, human beings can also be battered by emotional storms, the loss of loved ones, sudden illness, financial worries, unforeseen problems. We can feel just as storm tossed through the many hurts and problems life can throw at us. What do you do when you feel that you are in the midst of troubled waters, and there seems no respite from the storm?

The Christian faith teaches that God Himself can be a refuge and strength in times of trouble. Psalm 46 says

- ¹ *God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.*
- ² *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,*
- ³ *though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.*

I believe that God does not prevent us from experiencing adversity but He promises that we can find a secure place of peace, strength and provision when we trust in Him. The Bible is full of promises that God is always with us, as our protector, our guide, and our rest eg Psalm 18 says '*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,...*' If we believe in the sentiment of those words, then God will indeed become a rock, a place of strength and security for us. I am reminded of an old Victorian hymn which speaks of Jesus as an anchor holding us firm in the storms of life.

*Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?*

[Refrain:]

We have an anchor that keeps the soul

God Bless, Mandy

'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!)

12 February

5 March (preceded by Holy Communion with Ashes at 11.30am at Griggs Orchard)

19 March

2 April

16 April (followed by a reflection for Lent)

30 April

'Souper' Lunches

We've been running these simple lunches for two years now and have enjoyed each other's company and friendship as well as plenty of fun and laughter. Several 'regulars' have said how much they enjoy sharing a meal when normally they eat alone. People contribute about £5 and receive a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese, tea and coffee and cake or biscuits. After the meal there is a short 'thought for the day'.

Profits go to support the work of St Laud's but you don't have to be a regular attendee at the services in order to receive a warm welcome. Nor do you have to live in Sherington, North Crawley and Chicheley residents come from time to time and are all equally welcome. You don't have to be of a particular age either – we really aren't fussy about how old you are, where you live or whether you come to church. We would love to see you!

Hope to see you next time, [12th Feb.]

Pam and John Fielding and Jan Weatherley

**Café Church in Scan Parish will meet at
10.45am in North Crawley School
on Sunday**

16 February and 16 March

Do join us - you'll be made very welcome!

Contact telephone Revd. Tim Dawson

01908 745998

Dates of Church meetings

13 February

PCC

7.30pm

Chicheley Village Hall

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

'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.'

**RIP Edward Fleet Duncombe from Chicheley.
The funeral took place on Monday 13 January 2014
at St Lawrence's Church Chicheley.**

FEBRUARY SERVICES

2 February

9.30 am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley
10.45 am 'Something Different' – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30 am)

9 February

9.30 am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
6 pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

16 February

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

23 February

11 am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
6 pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

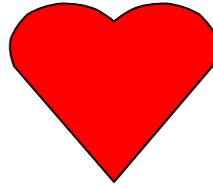
MARCH SERVICES

2 March

8 am Scan Service of Holy Communion (BCP) – Chicheley
9.30 am Scan Service of Holy Communion - North Crawley
10.45 am 'Something Different' – Sherington (refreshments at 10.30 am)



St Laud's Church



Valentines Quiz Night!

Church End, Sherington, Near Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 9PD

Friday 14th February 2014
7pm – 10pm



With our special quizmasters:
Neil and Patricia Hodges!



Teams of any number!
£8 per person

We can make up teams on the night if you are coming on your own
For me to order fish and chips please confirm attendance ahead of the date

Book soon !! Ring Paula Noble 01908 216925

Fish and chip supper from 8:30pm

Tea and coffee in the interval

Bring own beverages and nibbles

Raffle prizes (*raffle tickets available on the night*)

Prizes for the winning team!



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Something Different
This is Church but “not as we know it”

Do join us on Sunday 2nd February when we will be exploring the theme ‘Love one another...’

First Sunday of the month at St Laud’s Church

10.30 am (refreshments) for 10.45 – 11.30

Enjoy refreshments, each other’s company, the occasional outing and guests, and have fun working out who this God fellow is.

Wherever you stand on faith, all are welcome, young, old and in-between to join us in an informal service to explore Christian faith together on the following Sundays.

2 February

2 March

6 April

4 May

What’s ‘Something Different’ all about?

‘Something Different’ was born out of a need for a church group that was more reflective for my daughter and myself, yet not too rigid that she would become easily bored. With singing, a fascinating presentation on St Francis of Assisi and St Clare, prayers, songs and hymns, a chance to interact with questions and thoughts, this group was just what I was looking for. Informal, yet reflective, suitable for ages 1 to over 100! There was something for everyone. No piles of books to find the hymn number and psalm number – all words were on the screen. No sitting at the back of the church – we were together at the front. We prayed for immediate family and friends and then for Christians being persecuted in Syria. If you would like ‘Something Different’, to explore the Christian faith with other Christians full of questions too, a group held in church but not so rigid, children feel welcome, then do join us. Give it a try. We are an evolving brand new group of

existing and new churchgoers all looking for 'Something Different' from our church experience. I'm really looking forward to the next meetings, held on the first Sunday of each month. We would love to see you there! Paula and Natasha

Well the 'Something different' service was certainly that. My husband and I attended the first trial run with our 15 month old daughter. We started with cake, a cuppa and a catch up with some people we hadn't seen in a while, then took our seats and noticed pictures, paper and scissors...hmmmm? Rev. Pam Fielding introduced the topic for the session 'the Saints'; we learnt a new song alongside more traditional ones; found out about different saints with a capital 'S'; had a game of what I'll call 'Saints Top Trumps', thought about our own saints; and had a cutting-out against the clock activity. We had a good laugh when technology failed us and we got stuck on the same verse of a song a couple of times. All the while my (otherwise fidgety) little girl was welcome to wander around to her heart's content, and as I followed her I could still see what was going on as the service was projected onto a large screen. All in all it was a relaxed, enjoyable service that appealed to all age groups, and I'm looking forward to the next one. Best wishes, Chloe, Steve & Lois

A STWOOD

Welcome to the first SCAN of 2014 and a Happy New Year to everybody.

I am writing this on what has been a rare event of late – a dry day. While we have not suffered the unimaginable horror of having homes flooded that many people have been affected by, having day after day of wind and rain has got a touch monotonous. Of course, after two winters of more seasonal weather I did make sure that we were well prepared by stocking with logs, but given how mild it has been I suspect that I will have more than enough left for next winter.

While this time of year is really about looking forward as the days are already starting to lengthen and the spring equinox is barely two months away (March 20th) I do need to mention the carol singing / quiz that the Village Hall committee staged on December 18th. Sadly it was a horrible night that followed one of those many wet and windy days I referred to earlier and unfortunately about half of the Newport Pagnell singers who were to lend vocal support did not make it due to an accident closing the A422 at Chicheley. However, the keyboard player was able to get through and those brave souls who did manage to make it enjoyed a good old sing-along with a fun quiz, tasty

snacks and warming mulled wine, so my thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a good evening.

The other feature of Christmas / New Year for the last few years has been the illumination of the church, which always gladdened my heart when I returned to the village at the end of the day. It was planned to happen again this year, but unfortunately the power to the church has now been disconnected. Several people have commented how sad they were that their darkness was not lightened by this beacon this year.

As some of you will be aware Sue Riddy left the village just before Christmas after many happy years in Astwood – while she will be sadly missed we wish her all the very best for her future life. A warm welcome is extended to Catherine, Stephen and their two children who have moved in to Main Road, and also to Neil, Lucy and their daughter who have moved in to Cranfield Road and Ian and Joy who have also moved in to Cranfield Road.

Pete and Shirley Woods also left the village last year and of course we also wish them well - however Pete's departure means that there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor so if you are interested in finding out more please contact the clerk (Pat Reynolds-Nunn) on 01767 641281.

And now for a less pleasant subject but one which keeps recurring in these pages - dog dirt. I know for a fact that the overwhelming majority of dog owners are responsible as I see them walking past with little blue bags, but regrettably there is one who is letting the side down. I had to remove two little messages from my front lawn this morning so if the person responsible would let me know I will be pleased to return them!

Finally I do want to recognise that come hell or high water the deliveries of newspapers and post never fail to get through so well done to the newsagent and the postman.

Well that's all from me for now so take care of yourselves and have a great 2014.

Dickie Bird



PS – if as you read this you are thinking that you would like to take a turn at writing Astwood's contribution to the SCAN (I bet you are!) I have good news for you. There are lots of months without an owner so all you have to do is to come up with your signature (which by long tradition has to be bird related) and send your input to betty.feasey@btinternet.com by the deadline which is printed on each page.

Astwood Village Hall Update

As some of you may have noticed there has been some maintenance to the VH recently with gravel laid to improve access to storage areas and to the electricity meter – but that is only the beginning. The VH committee has successfully applied for funding arising from the Wind Farm installation which will now be used for improvements including relaying the floor with ventilation and insulation to both the floor and the roof space. Here are the regular events that currently take place along with contact details – this information is also displayed on the VH noticeboard:

Sunday – Bridge at 6.55pm for a 7.00 start: contact Paul Goddard on 01234 881409 or www.cranbridge.org.uk

Thursday – Bridge at 7.00pm through 10pm: contact Neil Plumb on 01234 391040

Monday – Pilates at 8.00pm: contact Helen Terry on helen@1to34pilates.co.uk
The Pilates class has proved very popular so if anybody is interested in setting up another exercise class (dance, yoga, zumba etc.) on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening please contact Andrea on andrea@edoneinvestments.com

C HICHELEY

Welcome to the first Chicheley notes for 2014. Since I last wrote, back in November, we have experienced some wet and very windy weather, but what I believe is a very mild winter. The fields around us look absolutely sodden, and I understand some frost would be welcome and of benefit to the growing crops. We even had a flooded A422 for a few hours in December, plus of course the usual one on the North Crawley road. However we are better placed than some of the unfortunate folk in various parts of our country.

What has been happening in Chicheley for the past two months? Firstly the Coffee Morning on the 30th November was as usual well attended and added some useful funds to our church coffers. Then on the 22nd December we had a really well attended service of Carols and Readings followed by mulled wine and choice nibbles. Thank you to all who came and to those providing the refreshments. Our Christmas day service was also well attended with, I guess, all leaving spiritually refreshed and ready for their festive feast.

You can skip this paragraph if you like but writing as one of now just the three SCAN churchwardens here is a gentle reminder. If you want a continuing Christian presence in our villages, and to keep our magnificent church buildings for all those special occasions, then all your help is needed by the few who presently do that. There is so much goodwill and talent in our villages, how can it be usefully harnessed?

Chichchat will be on Tuesday 11th February from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. There will be also be a ChichTea, with cakes, on February 25th from 2.30pm until 4.00pm.

Our village hall is beginning to look in need of refurbishment and the hall committee is investigating whether grants can be obtained to help with this. We still have to find the money to operate the hall and the first of this year's events to do that is a Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th February from 10.30am. Your support will be very welcome.

As I have mentioned many times we also raise funds for our church and the first event for that is likely to be a celebration of St. David's Day on Saturday 1st March, with a Welsh flavoured supper in the village hall. Timing

is 7.00pm for 7.30pm and if you would like to come please call me on 01234 391371.

Our villages, whilst not completely crime free, are generally safe. To further improve that Thames valley police are currently undertaking a 100 days initiative specifically aimed at rural crime. To find



out more look at <http://tvp100daysofaction.blogspot.co.uk/> for all the details. The photo here is of the visit of the police horses and rural crime team to Hill farm at Chicheley as part of the initiative, when they started patrols of the bridleways in our area.

Our little community experienced a sad loss when we heard of the passing of Edward Fleet Duncombe, or as he was better known to us all, Ted. His elder son Richard has written a few notes about his life below but just a few additional ones from me. Ted was a much respected and loved part of our village and the wider community, as demonstrated by all the many (a church packed to overflowing) who came to bid him farewell. I believe he was the last of the Chicheley men who saw active service in the Second World War, so another link with history severed. Our condolences go to Jo and all his family. We will miss him. David

TED DUNCOMBE

It is with immense sadness I report that Ted Duncombe died on December 30th. Alert and active to the very end, he passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

Ted was born at Grange Farm, and spent most of his life there. On leaving school he joined his father and elder brother, Jack, farming and contracting. His other great interest at this time was his love of aircraft. He passed his pilot's licence with the Civil Air Guard and in 1940 joined the RAF. On April 1, 1941, on a mission to Germany, his Wellington bomber was hit by enemy fire forcing the plane to crash land. A soft landing on a sandy bank meant most of the crew survived. Badly injured Ted spent 6 months in a German hospital. He then spent the remainder of the war as a prisoner-of-war finally ending up at Stalag Luft 3 (from where the Great Escape took place). Whilst a prisoner he passed his National Diploma in Agriculture with the help of the British Red Cross and Writtle Agricultural College

Returning home after the war he married Jo, and in 2013 they celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. In 1950 he took the tenancy of Grange Farm. In 2000 he left the farm to move to Folly Lane, North Crawley, but maintained a close link with the farm and village until the very end.

Ted played an active part in village activities and he will be sorely missed at the many functions held throughout the year.

NORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

My observation of the Christmas and New Years Eve celebrations is that a lot of festive spirit was shared in the village over the period. It is a time when you tend to meet up with friends and relatives, some from other parts of the country or even further afield, who you may not see that often and catch up on events and news that they bring with them. It is also a time to meet fellow villagers attending the various events staged by the church, school, sports clubs, pubs, and of course a little earlier, on 5 November, our very own village fireworks expert. The volunteers who stage these events do a grand job encouraging community spirit in the village, but as is found in most communities it tends to be a small band of people who give up their time to organising the activities. I would like to thank them all for their efforts not just over the Christmas period, but throughout the year. Of course no-one is getting any younger and at some point soon other volunteers will need to be found to help run the current wide range of functions which bring villagers together, so don't be shy, put your hand up, get to know a wider circle of friends and preserve a sense of community in the village. I know everyone says they are busy these days, but the amount of time you need to put aside is not that onerous when you consider the Institute Management Committee meet every two months, the United Charities (Yes, we have our own village charity), meet 3 times a year, and the PC meet once a month. If you would like to contribute have a word with one of the Parish Councillors, or contact your Scan correspondent.

A walking-on hot-coals event took place on Friday 6 December on the waste ground in aid of 'Little Heroes', a local charity supporting local children with cancer. The sum of £2,100 was raised on the night through the efforts of 12 brave volunteers (including two chefs from the Cock and our Parish Council Chair Roz Hatton) who walked over coals 5 times with flames around their ankles with a crowd of 30-40 cheering them on. It was a fantastic evening and thanks go to all who took part.

The annual Christmas Quiz hosted by the village cricket club took place on Saturday 7 December and as usual it was a sell-out event. A lot of people commented that the questions were pitched at a level that enabled everyone to participate at some point, without being so easy that tables scored maximum points for each round, so it was a very inclusive evening. The 'Twelve Days of Christmas' was sung to end proceedings, with each table singing a verse, which due to 15 tables being present meant that three had to make their own verse up, which as usual added to the good humour of the evening.

Six days later on Friday 13th the Historical Society held its Christmas event, a talk by Amanda Pickard called "Wartime Christmas", looking back at what Christmases would have been like during World War 2. Amanda who has appeared on TV and radio

shows, is an avid collector of all things from the 30's and 40's, has even decorated her house and sports clothes and a hairdo from the period, painted a fascinating picture of what it must have been like to live through the war years. It demonstrated just how hard life was back then, for instance there was very little meat to be found, as animals require feeding and basically it was more important that the feed was provided for people, so a majority of the farm animals were slaughtered and consumed running up to war. Something like a turkey cost the equivalent of around a month's wages, so was out of the question for the vast majority of people, who had to make do with a 'Mock Goose', the main ingredient being grated potato. In summary it was an excellent talk and some hand-made tree decorations and other examples of people's ingenuity at the time were on show to all to see. Following all these tales of deprivation and hardship the gathered crowd finished the evening off by consuming a large supply of sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine.

One week later on Saturday 14, the **Village Christmas Ball** was held in the Institute, and organised by Gary and Tracey of the Chequers. It was a grand affair with the men dressed in their DJs and bow ties, and the ladies in their evening dresses and jewellery. The food was excellent and plentiful, all accompanied by a variety of drinks. Entertainment was a live band, who started with some rock and roll to get things going and played a variety of old favourites for the rest of the evening. There was a wide spread of all ages in attendance, which was great to see, and just about everyone got up and had a dance. One local farmer was particularly enamoured by the band, as the lead singer a well built blonde lady of a certain age, sat down next to him and stroked his leg, which he is still talking about 6 weeks later.

Historical Society.

On **Friday, February 21st**, the Historical Society will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. During that time, the Society has arranged over 50 events, including guest speakers, walks, slide shows, displays, trips out and panel discussions. The Society has been very well supported by its members over the years. On February 21st, there will be a Cheese & Wine Party. Old photographs and documents will be on display for you to browse whilst drinking your glass of wine. During the evening, Vic will show Frank Greenaway's cine film of the replacement of the church roof; this is dated around 1937 and is a rare piece of amateur 9.5mm film in its own right. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to become a member of the Society, please come along to see what we do. The cost is £5 per head; 7.30 in the Institute. Please call Chris on 01234 391205 or John on 01234 391365 to book your place.

On **March 28th**, there will be a talk by Robert Kendall entitled “CRM – the Chelsea Years and the Restoration of 78 Derngate”. As the title suggests, the talk will cover the work of Rennie Mackintosh and the restoration of the house in Northampton.

There has been a very positive response to the tour to the **WW1 Battlefields in October** which has enabled the Society to get some firm details. It will be a 4-day (3-night) tour by luxury coach and ferry. If you haven't already indicated your interest, please contact John or Chris on the numbers above.

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. There is a break for Christmas so the next walk will be Sunday 23rd February, 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



Ted Duncombe

Jo and family thank you for the kindness shown and all the messages and letters of sympathy sent following Ted's death.

The whole family were deeply touched by the presence of so many people at his thanksgiving service and for all the donations made in his memory.

DANCING IS COMING TO NORTH CRAWLEY

FUN - EXERCISE - DANCE

LINE DANCING,
BALLROOM AND LATIN MADE EASY
BY HARRY FERRIS



STARTS

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH 2014

7.30 - 9.30 £5 per person

NORTH CRAWLEY INSTITUTE



ALL AGES WELCOME



NO PARTNERS REQUIRED

BUT PREFERRED



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL JENNY ON 01234 391077

**NORTH CRAWLEY INSTITUTE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
present an evening of**

**MAGIC & CABARET with Steve
Dean**

**Buffet Supper provided
Bring your own drinks
Raffle**

**Come and enjoy a night of fun and laughter
with your friends & family
SATURDAY 1ST MARCH
8.00pm at the Institute**

TICKETS £ 10.00

AVAILABLE FROM –

JOAN MITCHELL 65 KILPIN GREEN

Tel: 391542

KEITH HALL 45 KILPIN GREEN

Tel: 391571

North Crawley Parish Council

The Council met on Tuesday 3rd December 2013

Planning:

13/02323/FUL – single storey front extension; extending width of driveway at 16 Kilpin Green, North Crawley. Plans to be requested before a decision is made.

United Charities:

Malcolm Rose and Christine Stapleton attended the meeting to explain the purpose of the Charity and what it does. They presented accounts for the year ending March 2013 and distributed hand-outs on general information about the Charity. They ceased to be registered with the Charities Commission in 2007 but there are plans to re-register.

Officially, trustees/members should serve a four year term and be appointed by the Parish Council, they may continue for a further four years if re-appointed. Claire McGuire, the Clerk is to resign in March 2014 but has expressed a wish to stay on as a trustee; Christine Stapleton will then take on the role as Clerk. With effect from next year there will be three meetings a year.

The present trustees were all appointed at the meeting leaving three vacancies.

Volunteers interested in filling these posts should apply to the Clerk of North Crawley Parish Council. Email address: patclerkncpc@btinternet.com

The Ford Update:

Two benches were chosen for the ford, The Clerk will enquire as to delivery timing. Once they are received they will be secured in place.

Update on waste ground project:

It was agreed that hoop barriers would be more appropriate rather than raised kerbs or planters as previously discussed. They are not expensive and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead.

Finance report:

The RFO reported on payments and receipts for the month.

Churchyard Matters:

H W Mason will be asked to dispose of excess soil. Cllr Hatton was to ask for an additional green bin to be provided to encourage relatives and friends tending graves to use the bins to dispose of dead flowers/greenery to keep the churchyard tidy.

Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr McLean was unable to attend the meeting but had expressed his wish to help each village to buy a defibrillator if they wanted one.

Residential Safety:

The agreed residential safety work will be carried out in the Spring 2014. Cllr Hatton has discussed with Milton Keynes Council renewing the white lining particularly in Folly Lane outside the school; she also asked for wigwam lights outside the school entrance down Folly Lane. Hopefully some of this will be done.

Landscape:

Cllr Hatton has toured the village with an MKC representative to establish costs on work potentially required for inclusion in the precept to be set in January 2014.

New fencing on the recreation ground is already being erected.

Councillor's Items:

The following items were reported that required attention from MKC:

- The footpath at Brook End is overgrown and needs cutting back.
- Most of the reflectors on the verges in North Crawley Road are broken or missing and need replacing.
- One of the floodlights in the churchyard is broken possibly due to mower damage.

MKC report that it is Serco's responsibility to sweep footpaths by the school in Church Walk.

Councillors agreed that a third party should be approached to run our website because few of us had the necessary skills.

Date of the next meeting confirmed as 7th January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hunt

Parish Councillor Contact

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

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



North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School
'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'

The children of North Crawley CE School experienced an extremely cultural end of term with two exciting theatre trips. The first was to see 'Aliens Love Underpants' which served as an appropriate launch for the aliens and space topic and our own Christmas production 'Christmas with the Aliens'. Extra-terrestrials landed on planet earth and were taught about the true meaning of Christmas through songs, drama and dance. The children gave two exceptional performances and received high praise from members of the audience -

- *"Absolutely excellent! We thoroughly enjoyed the performance and the humour. The children were excellent."*
- *"Best nativity play I've ever seen (and I've seen a few!) very creative and humorous. Children were brilliant!"*
- *"It was lovely to see the children perform and see how confident and happy they are. They all worked as a team, encouraging each other and proud to share their talents. Well done to the children and staff."*



At North Crawley CE School we are focusing on 'values' and 'good manners', so it is important to us to think of others and to say 'thank you'. A very big 'thank you' to Father Christmas, together with members of the Newport Pagnell Rotary Club, who very kindly delivered a Christmas tree to school. Thank you too to FONS who organised a Christmas Bazaar to raise funds for school and who supported our visit to The Stables to see a fabulous production of 'Alice in Wonderland'. During December, children, staff and parents donated festive food items for the MK Foodbank as an alternative to sending Christmas cards.

The start new spring term has been a hectic and exciting one so far. Children in KS1 are finding out about Jewish family life including the making of challah bread. ‘Barnaby Bear’ has yet again set off on his travels and we are looking forward to finding out about his adventures around the world. Basically Barnaby travels round the world introducing children to places at home and abroad.



Unlike the teachers, Early Years Foundation Stage children have been hoping for snow as part of their winter topic. The classroom has been transformed into a winter wonderland. In the meantime they have been busy preparing baked potatoes, hot chocolate and soup to keep those winter chills at bay!

NORTH CRAWLEY WI

Well, by the time you read this Christmas will be long gone! But our Xmas dinner at Donzella's was very nice; good food, good company and lots of chat. Jessica won a Poinsettia for the competition prize; thank you Dee for the feely bags; the raffle was won by Ella, Pat and Dee; and a good time was had by all.

Before we moved on to the party we had business to do first and heard from Ella and Lynda about our choice of resolutions:

1. Provision of non-acute hospital beds (3 votes).
2. More funding for women's' centres to help women at risk of re-offending (0 votes).
3. Campaign against female genital mutilation in this and other countries (14 votes).
4. Increasing organ donation (2 votes).

We now wait to see what the country voted and which we forward to the government .

There is a bus going to Denman from Ravenstone to ‘A Taste of Denman’ weekend. The federation is having a scrabble competition followed by a tournament, not sure if any of our members are scrabble buffs?

Big CONGRATULATIONS go to Dee, one of our members, as her recipe for rich fruit cake has been chosen by the federation to go forward to Denman to be entered in the competition for a centenary fruit cake to be produced by WI for the celebrations in 2015. Well done Dee, we are all very proud to be represented by you.

And finally we had our Xmas party with lots of lovely food and drink, mulled wine and a Christmas quiz. Carol and Ann won the quiz. Dilys, Ella, Lynda, Betty, Daphne and Pat were raffle prize winners and Bridget won the competition for the nicest wrapped parcel - well done Bridget.

January 15th saw the start of a new year for us and we had our very own Ellie from the village to teach us how to make a button hole ready for those spring weddings and days at the races. The competition was 'your prettiest vase'.

We had a lovely evening with Ellie and made a button hole. We had no idea it was so involved and Ellie did very well keeping us under control. Birthday flowers went to Joan M, Jessica and Lynda. Raffle was won by Betty S, Jill, Doreen and Lynda. Competition won by Doreen.

February sees us with Jo from Elstow to give us a talk on public speaking and accent reduction. She has several books published and I am sure will be most interesting. The competition is an old photograph. Visitors always welcome.

The new membership starts in January and fees are to be paid by February. Please come along to visit us; at £3 it's a nice, interesting night out on these cold winter evenings, plus make new friends and join in with the many visits and outings we have during the year (£34.70 for the year's membership).

We are having our Table Top sale again on Easter Monday 21st April (more details to follow) but you can begin to clear out drawers and cupboards!

Have lots of fun until next time from your friends at North Crawley W I

LB



Mailbag and Announcements

Ted Duncombe

Jo and family thank you for the kindness shown and all the messages and letters of sympathy sent following Ted's death.

The whole family were deeply touched by the presence of so many people at his thanksgiving service and for all the donations made in his memory.

Addendum – St. Laud's Harvest Supper 14.10.13

In the November issue of SCAN it was reported that the total sum raised of £725 had gone to church funds.

At a subsequent meeting the Church Committee resolved to donate £200 of that amount to the Food Bank Charity.

DWF

As a result of "Give a Tin Day" the Milton Keynes Central Salvation Army received £370 in cash and a very generous shipment of food stuff. They have recorded their thanks by letter. PS

The Editor

After 23 years as an Allotment Holder, old age and heart surgery have forced me to retire. Any future lettings : contact J. ADAMS
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Pete Mynard

To whom this concerns:

Would the driver of the vehicle that collided with my brother-in-law on the Bedford Road at 9.30 pm on 29th December like to come forward and apologise for the shock, trauma, and the condition they left him in at the bottom of the ditch just before Stocking Lane entrance, before Crook's Nursery gateway.

Michael Tofts, Perry Lane

CHRISTMAS CONCERT **SHERINGTON CHURCH ON DECEMBER 21ST 2013**

The weather was far from seasonal outside; but inside St. Lauds greenery "decked the hall", candles burned and lights twinkled. It was the perfect atmosphere for our Christmas Concert.

Once again the church was full. So a big thank you to everyone who supported us, came along and listened to a fantastic performance from The Newport Pagnell Singers and raised the roof with their singing of some favourite carols.

Thanks must also go to the ladies who provided flower arrangements and baked mince pies. We wouldn't be able to serve our mince pies and mulled wine without lots of pairs of hands so thank you to all our helpers.

The readings during the concert were beautifully read and thanks go to our three readers.

As a result of your support we have given a generous donation to Newport Pagnell Singers.....we couldn't do it without them!! A donation of £800 has been given to St. Lauds Church for general Church funds and towards restoration of the church clock.

We hope to be able to bring you another fantastic Summer Concert. Watch out for tickets to come on sale.....they sell over night!

David and Bess Williams, Ben and Deborah Smith.



FEBRUARY THUMBSTICKS WALK

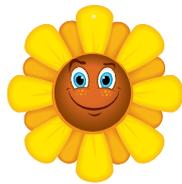
Please join us for a local Thumbstick walk at 9.30 am from the Knoll on the 2nd of February. Probably about 4 miles or so.

No dogs please. K & G

MARCH THUMBSTICKS WALK Sunday 2nd March 2014

The 'Thumbsticks' will be going for a short walk leaving from the Knoll, 9.30 am, across the fields and along by the river Ouse. By kind permission of Mr. Michael Cook. No dogs please. The walk will not take place if it is raining heavily on the day. J & A.

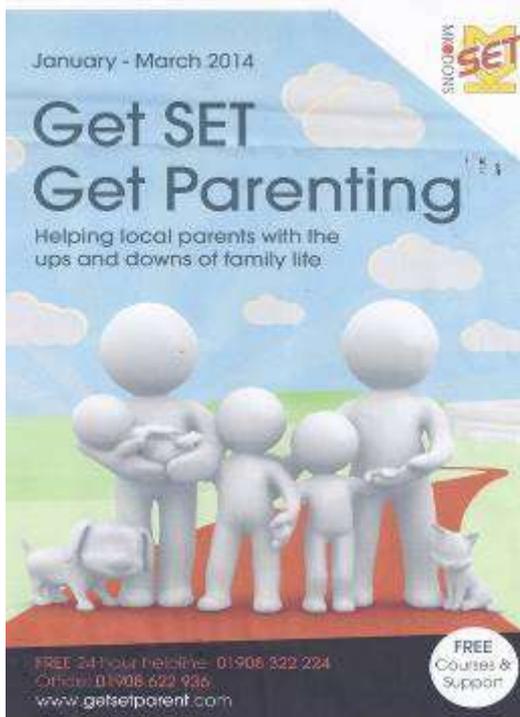
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OPEN GARDENS AND
FLOWER FESTIVAL
JUNE 2014

For over three decades Sherington has held a bi-annual Flower Festival and Open Gardens Weekend (which includes the wonderful display of Scarecrows organised by Sherington Historical Society).

Help is needed with organising this event - can you spare some time to ensure this popular summer treat continues? Contact: 611163 or 611587



GET SET PARENTING

Welcome to 2014! The Get SET Parenting Team will be here again this year offering free parent support to all families in Milton Keynes with children aged 5 and over.

There are loads of way to get involved you can: Call our office 01908 622932 and speak with our friendly team. Take a look at our website <http://getsetparent.com/> and our latest leaflet.

Like us on Facebook by searching 'GetSETgetParenting'

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CONTINUED.....

In 2013 the Get SET Get Parenting team supported a total of 796 Parents! We delivered 35 courses and supported 90 parents through 1-1 support in the home. We met a staggering 885 parents at our events and supported 356 parents through our 24 hour helpline!

In 2014 we are offering the same support and more; we would love for you to take a look at what we have to offer; we truly do have something to suit everyone! We are more than happy to talk with you about any support you may require such as childcare and transport so please check us out today.
Melissa Powell - Parenting Manager

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- ☺ JOYCE AND HARRY



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

Well, it's been a couple of months since I last wrote for Scan but not a lot has occurred since then. We have of course enjoyed some unseasonably warm (but welcome) winter months so far with many plants in bud although the predictions are that they will sadly get a nasty shock later in the year as temperatures return to what would normally be expected for the time of year.

The warmer temperature has had one unusual effect in that we have a variegated holly tree in our drive which always has a lot of attractive red berries on it. Unfortunately, and normally around mid December, fieldfares from the continent descend upon it and strip the berries so that come Christmas time there is not a berry to be seen. This year though the birds did not appear until New Years Eve and then we only saw two of them and so for the first year that I can remember we had holly with berries on as a decoration on our dining table and on our staircase. Interestingly our neighbour Helen also has a holly tree that is always covered in berries but they never get touched, must be something about the taste I suppose. Still on the wildlife topic we have been delighted to see a great spotted woodpecker around in the garden a couple of times recently. We often have a green woodpecker but have not seen the other variety for some time now.

Around the village the Christmas tree, very kindly provided by Alban Hill Nursery, was erected and lit on 6th December by Tony Pilcher and his band of helpers and very nice it looked too until it was taken down on twelfth night. Also, on 21st December, the church was illuminated by John Burgess and Co and is still lit as I write. If you enjoy seeing the floodlighting please consider giving a donation to Ella Field who is the treasurer for the church. The lights cost in the region of £3 a night to run.

Going back to the weather briefly we saw some very peculiar clouds going across the garden on 15th January. I commented that they looked extremely black and very threatening and almost like smoke. Mrs D asked me if I was sure that they were not smoke so I went upstairs to get a better look. That was when I realised that it was smoke from a very large fire somewhere not far south of here and subsequently discovered that we were seeing the effects of the serious fire at the Liebherr distribution depot on Interchange Park in Newport Pagnell. Fortunately the smoke was high enough not to have any harmful effects on our village or anywhere else.

Don't forget that next month (March) the Twinning Association Big Quiz and fish n' chip supper takes place in the village hall, see the advertisement elsewhere in Scan. This is normally a sell out event so get your tickets as soon as you can.

Christmas Shooting

Over the Christmas period a friendly Christmas shoot was held between White Hart Guns and G2. This was held at Sherington Shooting Grounds.



G2 had 5 ladies on their team so the odds were always on White Hart Guns' side. Top shot Jim Constantine was borrowed from Hopping Mad Brewery team but even this didn't help their score, White Hart still won with over 100 shots. Top man on the day was Mark Ayris with an excellent 45 out of 50 followed by Nigel 39 and Richard 35. Top lady on the day was Jackie Miller with 17.

Thank you to G2 for supplying the lovely buffet after the shoot.

In the picture: top male shot Mark Ayris and top lady shot Jackie Miller.

THUMBSTICKS NEWS

As in previous years we took on the linear walk from the outskirts of Newton Blossomville – from what is affectionately known as “Searchlight Corner” walking down via Clifton Pastures to Emberton, where we breakfasted with Alderman and Mrs. Ellis at West Lane House and to whom we pass on our most sincere thanks.

Almost uniquely, the sun shone strongly as if it were mid June the whole way and many of us had to shed coats, hats and gloves! We stopped en-route entranced by the light glancing grey and silver off the slowly rotating blades of the 7 turbines. Amazing that they turn though this was an absolutely still and calm day. No wind whatsoever. Magic? Our walk carried us down the valley entirely on Public footpaths in this instance, though we had been offered free access on this occasion should we have required it. And so, a thank you to the land-owner and to the gentleman who arranged it. If it had been sleet, hail and rain as one could expect in December, we would have been more than appreciative of the hard trail offered. I think we may have caught a couple of people out by the earlier but well publicised start time – so, all the more breakfast for the 16 of us who made it! **Wishing all of the armchair walkers and thumbstickers alike, joy of the season and a peaceful year ahead. Jack Sparrow**

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER 2013

1 WARD COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS

Cllr McLean said that he would consider taking applications for contributions from his Ward budget towards NHS Community First Response kits. (See Item 2)

The reduction in council tax support grant next year may result in parish councils needing to increase their precepts.

Following discussion of road deterioration in the village mainly caused by potholes, Cllr McLean said he would request that the Highways' inspection of the roads in Sherington be brought forward.

2 TALK FROM NHS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER

Volunteer and Olney resident Mike Hughes gave a brief summary of the NHS Community 1st Response service which is activated when someone dials 999 for a life threatening situation; due to the speed of response, it offers the best chance of survival in rural areas. The service is looking for financial support to purchase kits that contain dressings and full first aid equipment, a defibrillator, oxygen cylinder, oxymeter and other essential emergency items. There are currently only two kits for a team of four responders and they cost £3500 each. It is hoped that contributions from the local parish councils together will make up enough money to fund at least one kit. The council will consider its response at the January meeting.

3 FINANCE

Council agreed that only two signatures will be required on cheques.

Councillors also agreed that purchases up to £100 could be authorised by the clerk. The necessary change to Standing Orders will be made at the January meeting.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

There are none this month.

5 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND

Pavilion Cllr Denman has carried out some improvements to the outside lighting and has made repairs to loft cabling.

Replacement of some of the circuitry will be considered at the precept meeting in January.

PBS Consultancy & Design has been appointed to survey the extension to the pavilion in terms of its construction.

Pavilion Health and Safety Audit update. The clerk reported that the fire alarm and smoke detectors have been serviced.

Pavilion management committee's terms of reference. The councillors

agreed that they were happy to approve the updated terms of reference which had been circulated. The clerk will chase for a response from the management committee.

Management committee report. Cllr Denman reported that he had made adjustments to the storage heater timers.

6 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th January 2014 and on Tuesday 4th February 2014 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2014

1 WARD COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS

Cllr McLean has requested that the annual Highways inspection should be brought forward to January, and that a report should be available by the end of the month.

The Olney to Newport Pagnell taxi service is reported to be working very well. The owners are being encouraged to publicise it more.

2 CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE KNOLL

Thanks were recorded to Alban Hill Nursery for their contribution, to Tony Pilcher for supplying electricity to the lights and to the team who arranged the tree's collection, installation and decoration.

3 NHS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER

Councillors agreed to pledge £500 towards the cost of a Community First Responder kit. The money will be paid over when the full cost of a kit has been donated or pledged. It was also agreed to apply for £100 from Cllr McLean's ward budget to add to this.

4 STANDING ORDERS

The wording in Standing Orders regarding the clerk's authority to approve expenditure up to £100 should include "such items should be confined to one-off items of council expenditure and items relating to the administrative function of the council".

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Land at Hollington Wood, Emberton – Erection of wind turbine with maximum tip height of 46m. Councillors objected to the proposals on the grounds of 1) the visual impact the turbine would have in a Conservation Area; 2) setting a precedent for future applications for wind turbines; and 3) a wind turbine of this scale would seem to be "overkill" for the usage purposes as stated by the applicant.

22 Crofts End – Internal alterations to convert utility room to dining room plus listed building consent (retrospective). Councillors supported

returning the front room of the house to a design that is more in keeping with a listed building; however clarification is sought as to why this application is labelled “retrospective” a term which is usually used if the planned work has already been carried out.

1 Park Road – Notification of intention to reduce crown of 1 x Ash tree by 2-3m & reduce crown of 1 x Silver Birch tree by 2-3m. No adverse comments.

Water Lane Farm – Notification of intent to fell and treat stump of 1 x Apple tree and 1 x Hazel tree. Councillors agreed they would like the application to be revised or resubmitted, as there is no clear indication of the impact or benefit of removing the two trees as proposed.

6 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND PAVILION

The report on the survey which was carried out in December has been received. It is being reviewed by councillors and Peter Burton (Chairman of SPC at the time when the extension was built) has been asked for his comments.

A quotation has been received to repair ridge tiles and gutters. This was approved on condition that the whole of the pavilion is included rather than just the extension.

SHELTERS The management committee is to be asked to consider what should be done about the two shelters on the edge of the recreation ground, originally built as part of a nature study area, which are in a poor condition. The clerk will ask MKC to arrange the repair of the picnic bench and to fix it securely to the ground in the play area to prevent its removal.

LEGIONELLA RISK ASSESSMENT IN PAVILION SHOWERS

This has been carried out with an all-clear result.

7 MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Northfield will draft a response to the current consultation and will circulate this to councillors for their approval.

8 ROAD DOWN FROM ALBAN HILL AND GUN LANE

The recent heavy rain has again raised concern about rain water running off fields and then across the road from Alban Hill and in Gun Lane. The clerk will ask MKC for an urgent site meeting. Cllr Collinge will meet with Mr D Williams and plot the location of ditches onto the computer mapping system to identify exactly where remedial action is needed.

9 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th February 2014 and on Tuesday 4th March 2014 in the Village Hall.

David Hyde

Cllr



Sherington Church of England School News

The Village Schools Church Partnership

Our sister Pre-School in the village came for the first liaison visit of the year. This gives our current Reception intake the opportunity to meet their younger peers and the Pre-School staff who did so much to prepare them for school. The Pre-School children coming to Sherington School in September 2014 also have a chance to get to know our staff and routines and the location of the crucial facilities!

Preparations for the Nativity occupy much curriculum time and energy but the performance enjoyed by family and friends showed that our year-on-year standards are being maintained, and proved that **EVERY CHILD'S A STAR AT CHRISTMAS!**



Thanks are due to Sue Temple for the wardrobe, Amy Wood, Angela Lea and Donna Ramsden for dramatic assistance, Lydia Clarke for recorder tuition and Annette Borner for musical direction. PTFA stalwarts are to be thanked for mulled wine and mince pies.



MAKING BIRD SEED CAKE



MEASURING ALIENS!

Colin R Storey, AST & Assistant Headteacher, Sherington CE School

SHERINGTON PRE SCHOOL NEWS

The children returned to Pre School on the 6th January all chatting enthusiastically about the fun they had over the Christmas break. This term we are pleased to welcome Nathan who has joined us to play and learn.

We are now eagerly working towards a certificate for the Healthy Eating Smile Award and are concentrating on a topic of puppets, props and role play. This is an important part of the EYFS and aims to develop creative skills and confidence during play. We have been exploring how to make puppets and props from a range of different materials and the children have demonstrated interests in a range of subjects from superheroes to more traditional games.

At the end of last year we had a stall at both the Christmas Bazaar and the Sherington Christmas Market where we sold bespoke hand painted Christmas plates, together with chocolate 'reindeer droppings' and 'snowman poo' all packaged beautifully. Lots of raffle tickets were also sold for a Wheelbarrow full of booze and a Chocolate Bouquet! The atmosphere at the pub's Christmas market was magical and the children loved the artificial snow! Perhaps we'll get some real white stuff soon!



On the 10th December the children were proud to perform 'The First Nativity' in front of family and friends. The beautiful back drop created by the children and Emma Down added to the event and the lovely singing

by the children wrapped the atmosphere in a special Christmas glow. On the last day of term a Christmas Party was held and lots of fun was had by all. The children really enjoyed all the games, especially 'Pin the nose on Rudolf!'. We even had a visit from Father Christmas who had a present for all the children.

Both raffles tickets were draw by Father Christmas; The 'Wheelbarrow full of Booze' was won by John and Nora Grant of Carters Close and the 'Chocolate Bouquet' was won by Debs who works at Rascal Systems who have an office in the High Street.

In total we raised the fantastic amount of £1200.00 for our Pre School and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Sherington and the surrounding area for supporting us. Thanks also to Emily Millar and the rest of the Pre School committee who worked so hard to achieve this. The children will benefit from new toys, equipment and activities to enhance their Pre-school experience.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

A big thank you must also go to Osbourne for their generous donation of £450.00. The money will be well spent and go towards developing a new site for our 'Home Grown in Sherington Project'.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 11th February - Pre School Open Morning from 9:30 – 11.30am

ALL PROSPECTIVE PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN ARE VERY WELCOME.

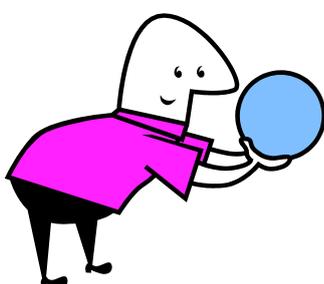
A great opportunity for your child to have some fun whilst you have coffee and look around our facilities.

Friday 7th March - The committee are busy arranging our next fundraising event and this time its something for the Mums and Dads! More information will be available soon, but in the meantime please keep the evening of 7th March free and join us at The Pavilion for an evening of good food and fun.

A busy term lies ahead so should you wish your child to start Pre-school in Sherington do look at our website: www.sherington.org.uk/preschool.

Our opening hours are term-time mornings Monday to Friday from 9:15 - 12:15. We now run a 'lunch club' on Tuesday's until 1pm and run an all day session on Fridays until 3:30pm.

Telephone us: Jo Tough on 617685/07866 409169 or call in to Sherington Village Hall, Church Road, Sherington.



Sherington Short Mat Bowls Club

Here we are at the start of a New Year and the club is looking forward to a fairly busy schedule of league matches, friendly matches against other local clubs and our own singles and pairs competitions. Shortly before Christmas two members, Bob Clarridge and Simon Briggs took part in the County Pairs trials at the Caroline Chisholm School in Northampton. They were successful in the first round but then stalled! However, nothing ventured, nothing gained and they have resolved to try again this year.

We welcome two new members, Jo and Roy Walker who are qualified umpires; we now have no reason to get the rules wrong!

Information about the club can be obtained by telephoning Bob Clarridge 01234 691486 or Sheila Quinn 01908 211153

Sherington Historical Society

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

Presents

Pictures in the Parlour A Magic Lantern

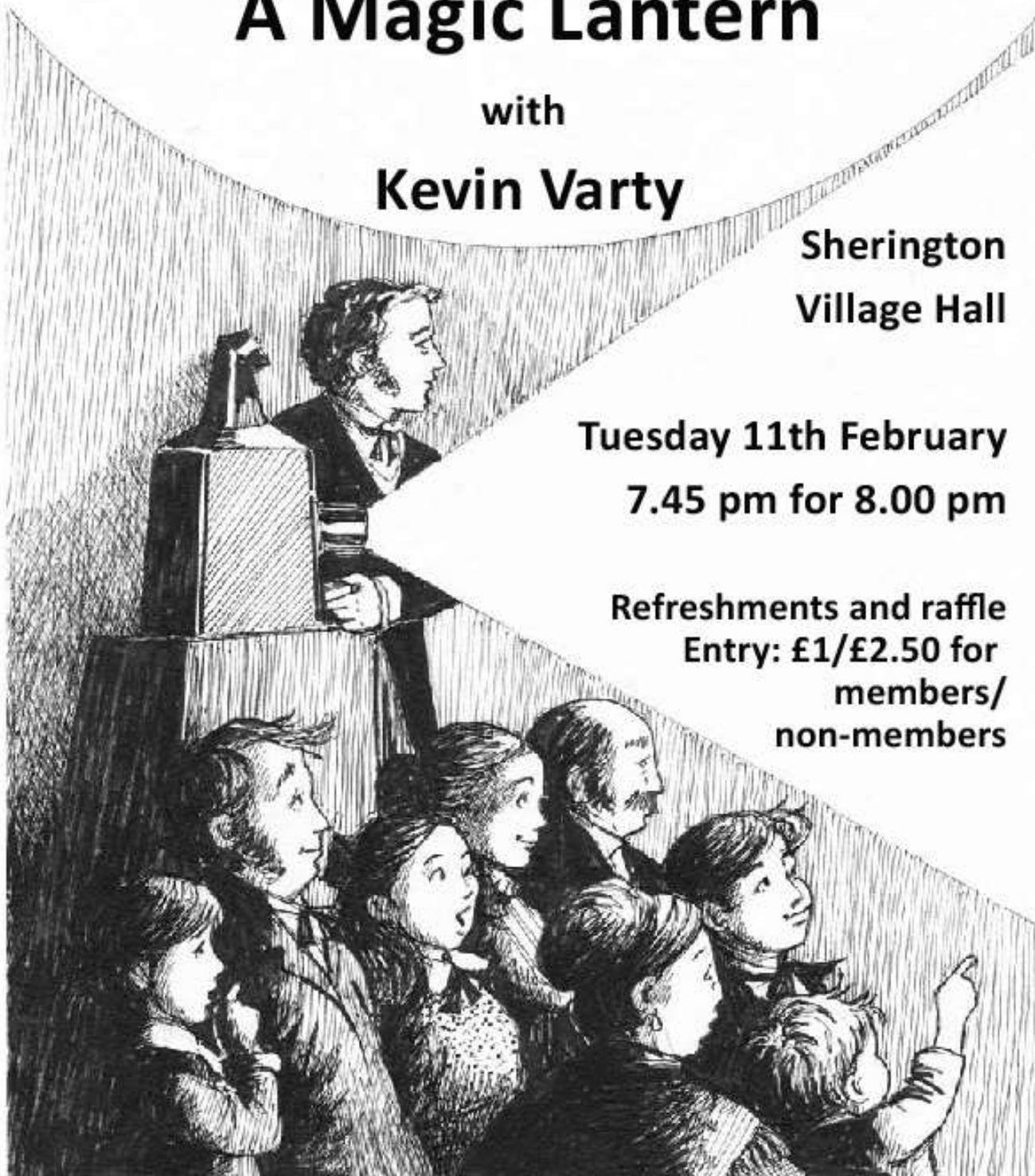
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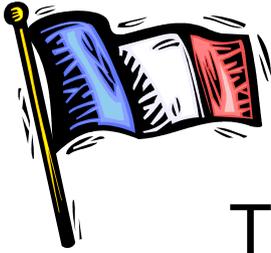
Kevin Varty

**Sherington
Village Hall**

**Tuesday 11th February
7.45 pm for 8.00 pm**

**Refreshments and raffle
Entry: £1/£2.50 for
members/
non-members**





SHERINGTON



TWINNING ASSOCIATION

**THE BIG QUIZ
AND
FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

Friday 21st March at Sherington Village Hall

Doors open at 7 pm for prompt 7.30 pm start

MAKE UP TEAMS OF 6 OR COME ON YOUR OWN AND JOIN A TEAM

ALL WELCOME

**TICKET ENTRY £8.00 TO INCLUDE FISH
AND CHIP SUPPER**

LICENSED BAR - beer- lager- wine –soft drinks

Raffle

Tickets from Bill Lewis 613171 or Mick Inskipp 216214

OR ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

6th February

Book Evening

Bring along a book that you have enjoyed and would like to recommend. Or just come and relax by listening to others.

6th March

National Trust Gardens

A slide show and talk given by Mr Roger Skipper showing some of the best gardens owned by the National Trust.

This is an ‘Open Meeting’. If anyone from the SCAN villages is interested in gardening or the National Trust, please come and join us at Sherington Village Hall for 8pm. All are welcome, men and women.

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

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