

## 21<sup>st</sup> April

Happy 90th Birthday



SCAN April 2016

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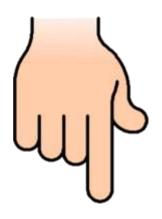
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3	Thumbstick Walk – drive to The Knoll	9.30 am	23
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6	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard	12 - 2  pm	7
7	New Thursday Group – Open Meeting	8 pm	38
12	ChichChat – Village Hall Chicheley	10.30 am	11
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20	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard	12 – 2 pm	7
23	Chicheley St. George's Celebration Supper		11
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26	AGM Parochial Church Council – Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 pm	5 &
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28	Bell Ringing Practice – St. Lauds	7.30 pm	37
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1	Rogation Sunday – Grange Farm, Chicheley	5 pm	11
1	Thumbstick Walk – The Knoll, Sherington	9.30 am	23
3	May Day Celebrations – The Knoll, Sherington	11 am	26/33
5	North Crawley Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall	7.30 pm	17
5	New Thursday Group Members Lunch – The White Hart	12.30	38
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JUNE	Suggested date, Queens Birthday Celebration – North Crawley		16
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	French Evening – Chicheley	-	11
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### ATTENTION PLEASE!

### **SCAN NEEDS**

## YOU '

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO KEEP YOUR monthly FREE magazine GOING.

The Editor (Betty) and

Advertising Manager/Treasurer (Christine)
are unable to continue in their voluntary posts. They
have both served long 'terms' and it is now time for
other hands to take over.

# The May issue will be the final one they produce.

PLEASE think about how you can help your community by keeping our parish news circulating. Thank you.

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**Betty** (Editor) and Christine (Treasurer and Advertising Manager)





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18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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### **CHURCH SERVICES**

### **APRIL**

3 April

10.30am Scan 'Something Different' service - Sherington

10 April

9.30am Scan Holy Communion – North Crawley

6pm Scan Evensong - Chicheley

17 April

9.30am Scan Holy Communion – Sherington

24 April

11am Scan Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley

### **MAY**

1 May

10.30am Scan 'Something Different' service - Sherington

5pm Rogation Day Service at Grange Farm

Chicheley (followed by tea and cake)



#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### **Baptism**

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

On 13 March Ivan Arthur Kearney Becker was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Firmin's Church North Crawley

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



### Important SCAN churches notice

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will take place on Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 7.30 pm in Chicheley Village Hall. All are welcome, but if you wish to vote you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll. If you wish to be put onto the Roll, please contact me for an application form at <a href="mailto:christine.girard@btinternet.com">christine.girard@btinternet.com</a> or on 01234 391489. Christine Girard, Secretary to the SCAN Parish PCC.

### St Firmin's Lent Lunch

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the Lent Lunch this year – and to everyone who helped – soup and cake makers, those who washed dishes and tidied up afterwards etc. etc.

Not only was this an enjoyable way to spend a cold March lunch time in the company of friends and families from all the Scan villages – in addition the sum of £160 was collected for 'Mary's Meals'.

This organisation works throughout Malawi, Kenya and India and its mission is to help millions of children around the world realise their dreams. The idea is simple - millions of people in our generation go to sleep hungry - 'Mary's Meals' supplies one cooked meal a day to attract the poorest children into school where they also receive an education and an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty in which they are trapped.

If you would like to know more about this organisation visit

child31film.com and marysmeals.org
Thank you again

## 'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together

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

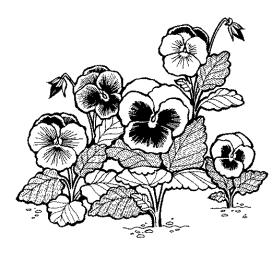


With Pam and John Fielding
4 Griggs Orchard Sherington
01908 616763

12pm - 2pm Wednesdays6 April (Holy Communion at 11.30am)

20 April

All ages welcome (children too!)



#### **SCAN 461 APRIL 2016**

Dear Friends,

It's too late to wish you a Happy Easter, but I hope it was and that you haven't over dosed on chocolate –especially if you gave it up for Lent.

The wedding season in Scan Parish is almost here and I am enjoying preparing with several couples both for their wedding day and onwards into the future.

Choosing music, hymns and readings is fun and it usually takes a little time to settle on the most appropriate choices. I have to include a reading from the bible but there is always room for other readings as well. I always enjoy the readings people find to try to express their love and commitment to each other.

Sometimes we choose to read Jesus' miracle at the village of Cana in Galilee when he turned gallons of water into gallons of the best wine. What a party that must have been! Or maybe the famous bit from the first letter to the Christians in Corinth. Love is patient love is kind and so on. I have used others but this year I have added a section of the letter to the Christians in Colossae to my repertoire of suggestions.

'Put on compassion, kindness, quiet strength, self-discipline and patience,' it says. '. Bear with one another and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.' The writer – probably St Paul, encourages his readers actively to put on all these lovely attributes of love, suggesting that just as each morning, we have to make the choice and the effort to clothe ourselves, so each day we should make the effort to 'put on' compassion, kindness patience and so on - even when we don't feel like it. Finally, like a sort of all -purpose garment, comes love, keeping everything together as you tie the belt.

It's obviously appropriate for a wedding but it is equally true for all our relationships. The piece ends with the words 'and be thankful' – we have so much to be thankful for that is an easy suggestion to follow.

As Spring blossoms around us and our spirits are lifted by the beauty of our villages at this time of year, may we all make up our minds deliberately to 'put on love', for our families, friends and neighbours, even anyone we don't much like, and for those further away who need our support in whatever way we can offer, as they suffer the horrors of war and persecution: and, of course, to be thankful.

God bless, Pam Fielding Associate Priest

### **STWOOD**

April 2016

"April is the cruellest month"...as we write we don't know what April will bring but March certainly brought the wet weather! Even here on the hill we had water sitting in the flowerbeds but the daffodils are already flowering. Weather apart, we have new neighbours to welcome to the village. There is a new family in Lewinscroft, plus the new family almost opposite the pub and a family in Turvey Road. Also, Turvey road has seen work starting on the falling down cottages at the bottom of the road, with trees being cut down so far.

As many will know there was a well-attended meeting in the village hall highlighting the different areas for development because Milton Keynes is developing a new local plan known as Plan: MK. This plan will guide the development of the Borough for a period of 15 years after it has been adopted. Everyone who lives in Astwood and Hardmead, along with a number of other rural villages needs to be aware of this emerging plan and the public consultation. There are four development options with a decision to be made by 2017. There is concern about the increase in traffic through the village as well as along the main road. Some felt a roundabout was needed on the main road. Everyone should email the council with their feelings about the MK plan affecting the village. Information is available on the Council's website at <a href="https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/PlanMK">www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/PlanMK</a>.

The village hall continues to be busy with Pilates on a Monday night at 8pm with Helen Terry (who is also doing Nordic walking). Anyone interested in joining Astwood villagers already walking with Helen can contact her on <a href="mailto:helen@1to34pilates.co.uk">helen@1to34pilates.co.uk</a> or 07887 354234. There is also bridge on Thursday and Sundays.

Finally, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to David Bloomfield who has lost his valiant fight against cancer. Many will have seen him with Benson his brown Labrador out in all weathers despite the treatment he was having. Our thoughts are with Brenda.

Finally I am sure everyone locally would like to say thank you to Betty and Christine for all their hard work publishing Scan and as Treasurer.

### The Owls



All SCAN magazine readers will have seen Betty and Christine's notice in last month's magazine that the May edition will be the last one they produce. They much deserve our thanks for all their work over many years in putting together all our contributions and arranging the funding such that a truly local FREE magazine is delivered to your door regularly. We British are known for our willingness to volunteer to do things for the benefit of others; these two ladies have shown that spirit in abundance.

HICHELEY

The question now posed is where does SCAN go from here? I checked with Betty, before writing this piece, as to how many volunteers have offered to take over. Sadly the national spirit seems to be lacking thus far, but 'tis not yet time to despair. I'm sure that in the combined SCAN population of 2000 there must be people with the skills and time to take on the task. Perhaps it is the task that is putting you off so here are some thoughts.

Firstly SCAN is important because it is truly local. It gives information from the parish councils, the local schools, the church and all of the various club and associations activities. It is a good way of advertising all of the fund raising events that take place to keep many of those activities going. It also promotes social interaction, not to be ignored with our diverse population. I said earlier that SCAN is free to we readers, this is allowed by those who pay to advertise in the magazine. I'm sure I'm not the only one who has found from that source a local person or business to do things. Equally it promotes the use of local businesses and the local economy.

Having said all of the above is the burden of producing a monthly magazine putting prospective volunteers off? The format could perhaps be changed to a two month or even quarterly cycle. From my perspective, as a contributor, I usually know what is planned in Chicheley for at least three months in advance, but my preference would be for the two month edition. An obvious comment is that perhaps today use of social media could replace SCAN. I'm not sure how it could, particularly as there will still be many in the SCAN area who don't use social media or even possess a computing device. If you think such a change might attract you to volunteer please contact Betty and Christine. The alternative to all this is that the magazine will just fade away, which I believe will be a great shame.

Chicheley's Lent lunch held in March provided the usual good food, although numbers attending were a little down. Later that week I also attended the North Crawley lent lunch, again a very nice meal and good company to enjoy it with.

It is too early to report on the Easter services and this year it was planned by the Churchwardens just to have one service in each of our three active churches. We hoped this would give a good number of attendee's to each, I wonder how it went.

As advertised previously 5<sup>th</sup> April is the date for the next Chicheley parish meeting at 8 pm in the village hall. Please do attend, your views are important.

23<sup>rd</sup> April is St. George's day and to celebrate that there will be a supper in the village hall. Please contact me on 01234 391371 to book your place.

Rogation Sunday is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May and will be celebrated at Grange Farm, Chicheley at 5pm. Join us to bless the work of our farmers, the animals and crops. During the short service we walk around some of the farm, and afterwards tea and cakes will be served.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. This will take place in and around the church (to avoid having to apply for a road closure) and there will again be food and drink. More details next month but all Chicheley villagers are invited. If you want to help with the arrangements give me a call, my number is on the back page of the magazine.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July will see a French evening at Pierre and Christine's, again more details next month.

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

So far I haven't mentioned the weather, speeding traffic, our villagers, now and past, and other activities that bind our local and wider community together. Will you miss that?

David

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Christine Girard, Secretary to the SCAN Parish PCC.

### Friends of St Firmins -March 20016

With spring well on the way it seems like a good time for starting those outside jobs that the wet and the cold put on hold for so long. Indeed SO long that the builder felt unable to complete replacement of the rainware goods until we'd had a reasonable period of completely dry weather. The sun's shining as I write so fingers crossed!

The better weather also means that we should be able to begin our next project: the restoration of the stone work on the south doors. These are the doors opening on to the graveyard and if you are ever in the vicinity and able to look you'll notice their severe state of decay. The work has been requested by the churchwardens and approved by all relevant parties. We are expecting it to cost in the region of £15,000, which fortunately we have available. However, it will leave us with a very low bank balance and necessitate some fairly urgent fund raising.

Our best source of income is your monthly or annual subscriptions because they are reliable and enable us to plan. The minimum subscription is only £3 per month and we are in need of more members. There are membership forms in the church or you can contact me or Jim Wilmore. We are always extremely grateful for your support.

Plans for our next fund raising event, the "No Strings" concert on May 8th are well underway and details of how to reserve your seat will be available shortly. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Ann Shaw 01234 391797 Jim Wilmore (treasurer) 01234 391315

(Apologies to Ann and Jim for the omission of the above article last month. Editor)

### ST FIRMIN'S CHURCH, NORTH CRAWLEY

Have you noticed the difference inside our church? Thanks to a very generous cash donation it has been possible to renew all the hanging curtains and supply new pew cushions for the rear pews. Our benefactor wishes to remain anonymous, as do those people involved with the supply of the foam for the cushions and the lady who gave up a week of her time to complete the work so skilfully. Not forgetting those who helped choose the materials and the hanging of the curtains.

Well done and thank you (you know who you are).

Janice Freeman, Churchwarden

### ORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

Firstly I have to comment on the news that the Editor (Betty) and the Advertising Manager /Treasurer (Christine), have announced that they are unable to continue in their voluntary posts for Scan. Take it as read that unless they are replaced the magazine will fold, and the words of an old song come to mind, 'You don't know what you've got till it's gone'. There are a lot of people and organisations who depend on Scan to advertise village events, church services, local businesses and many other pieces of information that help keep our communities ticking. This article has for some time been banging on about volunteers to come forward to take over from people who have spent many years making a contribution to their communities, but for some reason the message seems to fall on deaf ears. The excuse I'm told is that everyone is so busy these days, but so were people in the past, progressing careers, having families, has always been tricky. Anyway I was under the impression that all the advanced technology that people carry these days saves time, so surely this can be spent on helping out your community.

Bearing the above in mind, North Crawley Parish Council are recruiting for some new Councillors and the response has been disappointing to-date. To help ensure the village is well maintained and that measures from the Unitary authority are only accepted if they have a beneficial outcome for villagers, is a worthwhile cause to pursue. These outcomes often take a lot of patience to bring about, but it is rewarding when victories are achieved. I have sometimes heard the comment that nothing needs doing, why not leave things as they are. Well in a lot of cases the Parish Council has had to put up a fight to retain the current look and feel, and this especially applies to the High Street, where it would now have much more signage, possibly roundabouts, and the dreaded double yellow lines everywhere. So if you value the quality of life offered through living in a country location, join the Parish Council and help protect the look and feel of the village.

A most unusual crime was committed in the High Street several weeks ago on a Thursday evening. It took place outside the Cock Inn where a dominoes match was in progress, and at the same time Bingo was being held in the Institute, so there were quite a few people about the High Street that evening. The crime

involved the slashing of three tyres of a vehicle belonging to a local farmer and the police were called. It took place directly outside the pub so there was plenty of light at the scene, but no-one has reported seeing anything, or anyone unusual. To-date the crime remains unsolved.

The Institute car park has also been the scene of some undesirable activity as amongst a pile of rubbish left in one corner, there were circa forty small containers which looked very much like those used to hold nitrus oxide, which I believe is what's termed a 'legal-high'. There was other stuff which could be associated with soft drug usage, and plenty of food wrappers. This is not acceptable on a number of levels, one being the dumping of rubbish (why not pick it up and take it with you), and drugs legal or not are to be discouraged. By not covering their tracks do these people actually want to be caught? The constabulary will be informed.

On a happier note the village school has created a wildlife garden in one corner of their field. The layout and appearance are most impressive, and hopefully it will encourage even more wildlife into this small area of the village. Perhaps other gardens could benefit from following this example to encourage our wildlife.

Something to ponder from an erudite contributor regarding the peculiar nature of the English language, particularly plurals. This is just one verse of several supplied.

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes, But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes. One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, Yet the plural of moose should never be meese. You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to:- <a href="mailto:christopherflower@btinternet.com">christopherflower@btinternet.com</a>

Hawk-eye.

### NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 1st. March 2016

### **Apologies**

MK Ward Councillors Keith McLean and Peter Geary.

### **Planning**

Cranfield developments:

Cllr. Hatton has written to Hallam Land Management to ask that North Crawley PC be kept informed of any planning application; we can then request a traffic management plan as the village is not a suitable route for construction traffic.

#### 16/00188/FUL:

19 High Street, North Crawley – small extension to the rear, no adverse comments on the application, but clarification has been requested regarding access for the builders.

### **Ward Councillors Report**

Cllr. Hosking reported as follows:

- The proposed MK Council budget for 2016/17 was passed in February. Points of particular interest:
  - 1. Council tax to rise by 3.95%.
  - 2. The Kitchener Centre in Olney will be retained, as will the sheltered housing warden service.
  - 3. The proposed closure of some play areas has been dropped.
  - 4. Provision of pink sacks to continue for at least 12 months, after which time a review of waste and recycling strategy will take place. Green bins for garden waste will continue to be provided free of charge.
- <u>10 Bryans Crescent</u>: the housing department at MK Council is to be contacted concerning the likely sale of the property. Concerns were raised as to whether it is actually occupied or not; Cllr. Hatton to investigate.
- PLAN:MK: Once again, the public are urged to send their own comments to MK Council before the deadline of 6th. April 2016. As a body, the PC has already made its own submission. It was resolved to hold a public information meeting in April or May to update residents on what has happened so far, although the Milton Keynes Council website, Postbox magazine and SCAN have all been kept up to date. A meeting for Parish Councillors is to be held at the Olney Centre on 9th.March, where Phil Ayles of Castlethorpe Parish Council will be talking about planning and the MK expansion issues. Cllrs. Hatton and Small will attend.
- <u>Chequers Lane</u>: Cllr. Hatton is still trying to have the road resurfaced and has sent further photos to MKC showing its poor state.

- Neighbourhood Plan: Cllrs. Stapleton and Hatton attended a meeting at MKC offices on the subject and subsequently it was agreed that a plan should get under way as soon as possible, as once in place it will give the village more control regarding any new developments. A committee will need to be formed to include residents and a Parish Councillor; it is extremely important that this goes ahead and volunteers are urgently needed. We cannot stress too strongly that the community needs to act on this, the Parish Council does not have sole responsibility. Anyone with particular experience as a solicitor, planner, website or business consultant would be particularly welcome.
- <u>New village website</u>: RFO Sheila Bushnell will attend a training session next week and will be setting up the website at the same time. Links to the website will be created for organisations such as the IMC, Cricket Club, Bowls Club, WI, etc. to make it as much of a community website as possible.
- <u>Parish Council Vacancies</u>: 2 new Councillors are required but no applications have been received as yet.
- Queen's birthday celebrations: the date suggested was Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. June 2016. A picnic has been mentioned (weather permitting), followed by an evening party in the Institute with people bringing their own food and drink, and with suitable musical entertainment, but any suggestions would be welcome. It was felt that this should not be left to the Parish Council to organise, other organisations are invited to help.
- <u>Criminal damage in the village</u>: the police have been made aware of an incident in which a car parked outside The Cock one evening had 3 tyres slashed. All residents are requested to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the police by phoning the 111 service.
- **Speed Indicator Device (SID) operations**: Matthew Rose has now taken this over from former Cllr. Hunt. Recent data is concerning, and as before the police have been made aware of excessive speeding through the village.
- Residential Safety: MKC has been approached regarding the provision of more bollards in the High Street, as cars have been mounting the pavement in order to avoid waiting for oncoming vehicles to pass parked cars. This matter has been ongoing due to a lack of MKC funds but will continue to be chased.

### • Councillors Items:

➤ Cllr. Flower reported that the Institute car park is being visited by young people congregating in cars and leaving rubbish behind. It was suggested that the PCSO in Newport Pagnell be contacted.

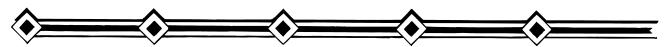
- ➤ Cllr. Flower observed that proposed development areas in PLAN:MK contain a number of Rights of Way. This will need to be addressed with MK Council.
- ➤ Cllr. Hobbs reported that North Crawley Gun Club, in recognition of the noise heard in the village when they are shooting, would like to donate approximately £100 to a local organisation. The Parish Council agreed the donation should go to the church.

#### Residents Items:

➤ Christine Barrie advised that both she and Betty Feasey would be giving up their posts as Scan Treasurer and Advertising Manager and Editor in May 2016.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. April 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Cllr. Jo Small



St. George's Day

APRIL 23

St. George he was for England, And, before he killed the dragon, He drank a pint of English ale Out of an English flagon.

Spring cowslips were once gathered by village maidens and made into cowslip balls, for carrying or as decoration for the home.

Cowslips growing in the wild should be left in peace, as cowslips, along

with many other disappearing wild flowers, are now a protected species.

CATTERN CAKES AND LACE.



#### NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

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

Once upon a time there were three Billy Goats Gruff; Little Billy Goat, Middle Sized Billy Goat and Great Big Billy Goat, who lived in a field in a green valley. In the distance they could see a field that was full of lush sweet scrummy grass, but alas there was only one way to get to it – over a rickety bridge over a stream. But under the bridge lived a terrifically terrifying terrible troll called Trevor – he was always hungry too. And there was nothing he liked better than to eat a nice juicy Billy Goat......

This was the beginning of a fabulous topic for our 'early years' children who have been very industrious working on their new topic "Bridges" and, of course, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". Accomplishments have included bridge building, making clay trolls and acting out the traditional tale. The children had great pleasure changing a photograph of their own face into that of a terrifying troll! These were quite scary and became a stimulus for their creative writing.

The children showed great perseverance and a "can do" attitude when they were presented with their bridge challenge. The bridge had to be long enough to cross the river and strong enough to hold a large teddy bear. After many failures and much negotiation with their partners, the children worked out their bridges needed extra pillars for support and a lot of cellotape! Cheers resounded around the classroom when their bridges worked. Great team work was demonstrated by all.

It certainly took co-operation from the children to navigate around the 'Stickman Trail' in Salcey Forest.

This twig is the best

The children joined the Stick

Man on his forest adventure and "set off with a hop and a twirl" to help get Stick Man get back to the family tree! Much fun was had collecting twigs, making dens and squishing and squelching around in the mud!

Speaking of mud....... North Crawley children and staff have been taking part in our very own 'six nations' tag rugby lessons each week. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed learning the basic skills of throwing, catching and passing. Every child has made fantastic progress and they have shown great determination to master those aspects they have found more challenging. These new found skills have enabled them to enjoy and play the game of tag rugby – you never know - we may have a future England captain amongst us.

School belatedly celebrated 'World Book Day' on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March and to mark the occasion, the children were invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring with them, a drawing, collage or painting of their favourite book character. These were displayed in our library and a small prize was awarded for those who participated.







For visits to North Crawley Church of England School please telephone: 01234 391282 or email <u>office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk</u> or visit our school website via <u>www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk</u> for information about our outstanding school.

#### Thank You

The staff and children of North Crawley CE School would like to say a HUGE "thank you" to FONS for all their fundraising efforts and particularly for raising over £100 from the recent Cake Sale. Additionally, thank you to the following companies for supporting North Crawley CE School through a variety of donations – Tesco, M&S, Co-op, Morrison's, Budgen's, Wilko, Sainsbury, and the One Stop Shop (Bromham). Thank you also to Gary at The Cock Public House for all his help and support.

North Crawley FONS Quiz Night Please support the next FONS fundraising effort which is a 'Quiz Night' to be held at The Cock Public House in North Crawley on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm. Tickets available from school (01234 391282) or by telephoning Jenny Hamilton (07712 893680). SCAN residents welcome.



### **NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.**

We have had two meetings since I wrote last.

In February we had Louise and Joan from Christos Hair Salon in Newport Pagnell. This enterprising salon has seen there was a lack of interest or time dealing with patients who have cancer. People were left with a box of assorted wigs and asked to make a decision on what they would choose if they lost their hair due to treatment. Milton Keynes, Luton and Northampton Hospitals send patients to Christos where they are taken to a special room and can discuss their concerns and given care. Two people we know have had good treatments. They have joined up with John Lewis, who will help with cosmetics as patients usually lose eyebrows and eye lashes. The girls were lovely and one of our members tried assorted wigs on, causing us to see how they changed her for the better and the worse. Their fee they gave to Willen Hospice who wrote a nice letter of thanks. By-the-way, we had three visitors that meeting – wonderful!

Last week's speaker was a lady called Maria Greenhill from Milton Keynes who gave us a talk on designing a low maintenance garden. Wish I had met her before taking over Bill's garden.

Two members are going to the Spring Council meeting at Aylesbury, where the main speaker will be a woman Tornado pilot.

Four members are going to Great Linford on 21<sup>st</sup> April where the speaker is a lady from one of the 'Bake offs'. The competition is to make a cake 4" by 4" as it is the Queen's Birthday. One member got carried away and suggested we might knit a cake, but we thought she would not win as the <u>Bake off</u> Lady is judging them. There goes my entry as I was going to buy one from Frosts, putting a photo on the top. Not truly W.I.

Pam.

p.s. I had five lovely ladies who phoned to help me with Scan deliveries. Thank you.



### MAIL BAG AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

April 12<sup>th</sup> Pam Ellis, 3 Hillview



A very successful Lent Lunch was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, as a result £152 has been sent to Willen Hospice. Many thanks to all those who turned up and supported it. ELLA.



A BIG THANK YOU from Philip and family for all the help and kind messages of goodwill received during recent weeks. They are much appreciated.

Edward Pepper wishes to give his heartfelt thanks to all who sent messages of condolence and who gave support at the Thanksgiving Service for Enid in St. Lauds Church on Monday 25th January.

Your kindness during this very sad time has been a great comfort to me and my family.

### THUMBSTICKS WALK – SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

Please drive down to the Knoll for 9.30 a.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> April to drive to Castle Ashby rural shopping yard where we will do a 3.5 mile circular walk via Wiston and then back through the fields to Chadstone. There is the option for refreshments after the walk at the Buttery in the rural shopping yards. No dogs please. Kate and Graham.

### THUMBSTICKS WALK – SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

We shall be walking from the Knoll on a local walk, probably in the direction of Chicheley. Please meet at 9.30 am as usual. No dogs please. J & A.

## 'P O E T R Y' FLOWER FESTIVAL

### GARDENS OPEN.....SCARECROWS...... TEAS - ANYONE PLEASE ?

25th and 26th June 2016

There will be a meeting in the Church at 7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY - FOR EVERYONE!!

## THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO EXHIBIT OR HELP IN ANYWAY –

look forward to seeing you

### IT WILL BE GREAT

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

I write on behalf of the residents of Crofts End from Bedford Road to School Lane, about the state of the overgrown hedge on Bancroft Field. The beautiful views of the fields, sheep or cows which we appreciate and enjoy are no longer able to be seen.

I appeal to the farm owner to have the hedge cut back as before, so that the residents of Crofts End can enjoy the views of our beautiful countryside that living in Sherington, we are fortunate to have.

Resident of Crofts End.

Note to anonymous contributor: we prefer name and address to be supplied. Editor

#### Is It Just Me....?

I wonder if I am alone in feeling dismayed and irritated whenever I hear the name Alban Hill being used for the road going north out of the village.

As long as I have lived here, the road I refer to has been called the Olney road, while the land on either side of the road at the top of the hill, including that part on which the nursery stands, is called Cross Albans.

An extract from Professor Chibnall's book – Fiefs and Fields of a Buckinghamshire Village – reads as follows:

'The last furlong before the Olney road was Cross Albans (1792) or Cross All bones (1704).

In 1313 both the furlongs flanking the Olney road were described as next to ("juxta") le Aubeles (ME "Aubel", white poplar tree) so that there must have been at one time a wood containing such trees skirting the parish boundary on the Emberton side and "crossing" the Olney road. The wood on the east side of the road is still called Cross Albans Wood."

When the new nursery arrived it was erroneously named Alban Hill Nursery and now we find that most people are calling the road Alban Hill. Even the Parish Council has regularly published minutes containing the name Alban Hill when referring to the road in question, and seeing the name in print must be, in the minds of some people, confirmation that it is correct.

Of course, names evolve over generations or sometimes are changed by agreement, but this was a sudden change, made through a mistake, that has been imposed upon us and I am at a loss to understand why it has been adopted so readily.

"Does it matter?" I hear you asking. "What's in a name?" Well, usually, a lot of history. It is a pity to lose it.

Alice Gardner Water Lane

One allotment plot is available for rent for this coming season. Please contact John 07979745767.

Coming Up on The Friends of Firmin's Calendar

## THE NORTH CRAWLEY YARD SALE EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

11.00 am – 4.00 pm At Houses all around North Crawley

Why not "Turn your Clutter into Cash" from your Garden
To book your pitch contact
Alison Armstrong on 01234 391420

Further information including details on The Scarecrow Competition to follow on the website <a href="mailto:friendsofstfirmins@gmail.com">friendsofstfirmins@gmail.com</a> and in next month's scan.

### Sherington Life

Writing "Sherington Life" a few weeks before publication means these feathered friends are always anticipating good things to come. But midway through March – isn't it still cold? Hopefully by the time SCAN pops through your letterbox the sun will be out and we can put the winter coats away. Really though, what can we say about April? The phrase "wet and windy" springs to mind – a bit like men and babies!

The annual Sherington Twinning Quiz took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, with 15 teams competing for the coveted winner's medals (the very best Twinning President Donald Moffat could find on ebay!) Team "What's At" were victorious after everyone enjoyed great night and the usual fish and chip supper.

With Sherington being a quintessentially English village, April brings HM the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, quickly followed by St George's Day. Always nice to see the village flying the St George's Cross – remember to get yours up your flagpole or fluttering from your car windows.

BREAKING NEWS!! Headlining this year at the White Hart Beer and Sausage Festival this year is the legendary Jon Bon Jovi! Over 3 days there's beer, cider, live music and karaoke, finishing off with Sherington's own folk band on Bank Holiday Monday after the traditional maypole dancing on the Knoll. What could be more English? Many Sheringtonians will have either danced with those pesky ribbons themselves or watched their children and grandchildren tangle and untangle themselves. There will be some stalls too – come down for a slice of village life – if wet, well, it'll still be on the Knoll!

Correction: We slightly misheard – it's not Jon Bon Jovi but Big John Bailey (easy mistake to make!) He does promise to belt out a cracking rendition of "Living on a Prayer" at the karaoke though. He may not look like JBJ but has all the moves (so he says!)

Free gift this month – your very own Union Jack knitting pattern so get crafting something to wave on HM's birthday! (26 stitches x 16 rows)

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.....See you in May



Feathered Friends

### SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

(These are NOT draft minutes but simply summary of the meeting from Cllr Thatcher– Official meeting minutes will be available from the Clerk after their approval at next meeting on 1st March or online at www.sheringtonpc.co.uk)

### 4. Matters Arising from last meeting

PLAN MK – public should have received their documentation on how to respond through the post. The Parish Council have a response on the website tonight. Confirmed the preferred option would be the intensification of the open area for various reasons mainly from an infrastructure point of view more sensible to actually use rather than to build from scratch.

**Planning Appeal** – No further news. It is overdue but no update received

### 5. Ward Councillors Report

There will be a 3.95% rise on council tax.

Pink sacks will remain for at least another year and that subject will be looked at some point this year. The Kitchener Centre has agreed to remain open.

**The Mineral Plan**, which is out of consultation for another week is closing next Wednesday recommend that we summaries our position to ensure the inspectorate sees a summary or concerns. **Burglaries:** There has been a spate of burglaries lately in the Olney area. The police have made arrests. Please all be aware and keep doors and windows closed and secure premises.

### 6. Clerks Report

- 1 Spoke to a gentleman named Vivian who runs a few children's football at the Newport Pagnell Youth Club who is looking for another venue as the Youth Club is running out of space. TY to arrange a meeting to discuss further.
- 2 I have met with a few landscapers and obtained quotes, just waiting on a couple more
- 3 The outstanding invoice for the Ananda Club has now been paid

### 7. Neighbourhood Plan

All policies agreed and adopted taken into account changes required to wording and the MKC has reviewed them and come made comment. These have now been published. Initial findings have been highlighted but that they are in no way an indication as to whether sites would be accepted or rejected, simply a starting point. Confirmed with MKC they are compliant. Next steps will be to contact agents and land owners to make representations to the NP sub-committee. Suggested w/c 7th March, contact Tracey. The Site Allocation Task Force will meet to discuss points 1 and 2 above. The Task Force will present the next phase of allocations to the Neighbourhood Steering Group on the last Tuesday of March.

### 8. Working Party Reports

Both the shop and the Pavilion now have working parties who will report back every month.

**Shop:** No response from MKC re planning permission that expires at the end of May. Reapply for an extension to be agreed at the next meeting.

Pavilion: Building works taking place now drainage in place. Repaved and re-slabbed. Problem with the water was the guttering, sections require replacing so the builder will be submitting a quote. Electrician is looking at the storage heater that is not working and will provide an estimate to replace. The electric meter in there is not an economy 7 meter yet 4 storage heaters are installed. This is not cost effective, requested a quote for the cheapest option to rectify. A new urn has been ordered as was shorting the electrics. Investigate building regulations at MKC for the Pavilion. We apologise to those hiring the pavilion regarding the disruption caused by the builders and thank you for your patience.

#### 9. Finance

Bank Account balance 1st March 2016 - £ 28,916.48 Cheques approved after discussion in closed chamber.

### 10. Approve Cheques for payment –

### 10.1 - Approved

10.2 - Transparency Fund for Clerks PC

We have applied for funding for a PC for clerk to fulfil duties. Awaiting approval.

**10.3**– Cricket Club Account which is now dormant and contains £788.57. Confirm that this fund would be absorbed back into PC account when we move to new bank account.

### 11. Planning Applications

- 11.1 Reference 15/02806/FUL 39 Carters Close
- 11.2 Reference 15/03187/FUL 28 High Street has now been agreed
- 11.3 Reference 16/00074/FUL 10 School Lane
- 11.4 Reference 16/00286/FUL Alban Hill Nursery
- 11.5 Reference 16/00354/FUL 3 High St. Cllr Johnstone commented that these looked like 2 different applications. Clerk to request drawings.

Ref 16/00286/FUL is not on the portal therefore cannot be discussed.

### 12. EXTERNAL MEETINGS

9th March 2016 at the Olney Centre to discuss superfast broadband and Plan MK. See website

## 13. CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULTATIONS

NHS Consultation regarding the future of the Broughton Walk in Centre. Consultation to last 12 weeks from 15th February to 2nd May. PC to respond

### 14. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Do we have any standing orders for the bank account? We do not, everything is done through cheque. Changing banks to Lloyds Bank. S.I.D.S traffic control training course, to install these around the village. Cllr Thatcher and Cllr Johnstone volunteered.

Next Meeting: Village Hall, Tuesday 5th April 2016, 7.30pm

### SHERINGTON CE SCHOOL March 2016

It's been a busy month at Sherington Church of England School. The Sparrows kicked off their new topic "Do Cows Drink Milk?" with a trip to Mead Open Farm where they found out all about farm animals and had many questions to ask the farmer? Since getting back into the classroom they have been very lucky to have Mrs Betty Feasey MBE helping them build their very own cow!

#### Preston and Katie the cow



Meanwhile, the Robins and Owls enjoyed a trip to Mr Mulligan's Pirate Adventure golf which fitted in nicely with their "Land Ahoy" topic. They have been learning to retell stories, use coordinates in map reading and learn how to speak like a pirate! To celebrate World Book Day, parents and carers were invited to

school for 'Breakfast with a Book' where they were treated to pastries and coffees whilst they read with the children. Of course, all the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book character - Harry Potter, Draco Malfoy, an Oompa Loompa, Horrid Henry, Kylo-Ren, the Big Bad Wolf plus lots of other wonderful characters!

We were very proud of our year 2 Owls as they led our special Mother's Day Assembly by each reading out their reasons why their Mums are important to them. The whole school then entertained their audience with some beautiful singing.

### April 2016 - Sherington Church of England School

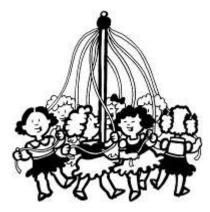
Sherington CE School has had a busy end to the spring term. Staff and parents were very proud of all of the children who raised lots of money for Sports Relief by running a mile around the school grounds- thank you to our PTFA for organising such a fun event!

We also enjoyed a whole school trip to Pizza Express at the Hub Milton Keynes where the children learned how to make a pizza which they were able to take home for their tea!

Our annual egg rolling competition was as exciting as ever and the children enjoyed parading their Easter bonnets in front of their parents and carers who were able to enjoy a coffee and hot cross bun after the event courtesy of our PTFA. Prizes were awarded to William Beesley, George Millar and Maxim Smith for their Easter Bonnets and Mateo Smth, Georgie Down and Samuel Millar for their efforts in the Egg Rolling competition.

Our new topics for the summer term will be 'why do ladybirds have spots?' for our Reception Sparrows and 'wriggle and crawl' for our Year 1 and 2 Robins and Owls. We look forward to a special visit from Bugtopia who will bring lots of different creepy crawlies to school for the children to get up close to!

If you have a child starting school and you would like to look around our small, friendly school with great outdoor space and facilities, please call 01908 610470 to arrange an appointment.



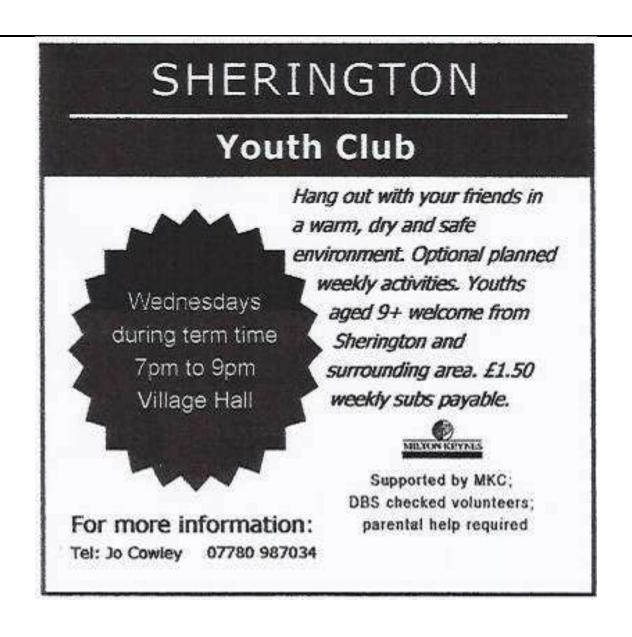
Come along and join in the May Day

Celebrations on The Knoll, Sherington,

11 a.m. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Dancing, Stalls, Refreshments, and

a wonderful way to keep an old tradition alive.



#### **'SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

We play in a few local leagues and have recently heard that we have won the Day League East. It is our first season in the Eastern League so are particularly pleased with ourselves! Several suggestions have been made as to how to mark the event but I suspect that it will be extra chocolate biscuits at tea time!

Kath Hulston, our last remaining original member, has decided to put her bowls away and retire from membership of the bowls club. Together with her late husband, Denis, and Eileen and Albert West Kath helped to raise funds to buy equipment to start the club over 20 years ago. She will be missed at our weekly roll-ups but I'm sure she will follow our fortunes – good or bad.

Our youngest member, Jessica Vale, first came to play bowls with us about 3 years ago as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. She enjoyed playing and joined as a member; certainly lowering the average age of the club membership! Congratulations are due to Jessica as she is on track to achieve her Gold Award and we feel that we can take a little credit! Very well done Jess. Incidentally, Jess casually mentioned that she recently attended a reception in connection with the DoE Scheme and rubbed shoulders with Prince Andrew.

Sue Pounder and Betty Buckingham have come along and tried bowling and found that they enjoyed playing. We are now hopeful that they will join as members. 'Phone either Bob Clarridge 01234391486 or Sheila Quinn 01908211153 for information about the club or, like Sue and Betty, just come along to Sherington Village Hall on Monday afternoon 2pm – 4pm or Friday evening 7pm – 9pm.

### SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term may have been short but it has been a busy one! We have celebrated World Book Day; all the children dressed up as their favourite character for the day and in return received a book token. We had a red, green and white theme in relation to St David's day on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

The end of term finished off with Easter activities, making Easter nests, and participating in an egg hunt in exchange for a chocolate egg.

The committee held a Cheese and Wine evening to raise funds for the Pre-School and I am pleased to announce that we raised £1000! A fantastic night was had by all. Thank you for your support. Big thanks must go to the committee who put so much work into organising not only the Cheese and Wine event but all of the fund raising events so that we can continue to provide our children who attend the pre-school with stimulating and educational toys to aid their development and learning during their time with us.

Next Term we welcome Finley, Kieran, Niamh and Olivia to Sherington pre-school and we hope they enjoy their journey during their time with us.

If you have any queries, then please contact us on: 01908 611398.

A RECIPE FOR A PERFECT MUM
Take a bit of love
Mix it with a lot of care
Stir together with hugs and cuddles
Pour in some good cooking
Add lots of toys and sweets
And visits to lots of places
Serve with a perfect Dad.

By Tom Boulton Y2 & Ieuan Evans Y2, Sherington CE First School
Taken from 'Through Our Children's Eyes'
– an anthology produced by Milton Keynes Small Schools' Group 1997



### SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Generally the Society meets in Sherington Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

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

### March meeting: AGM, March 9th

The meeting started at 8 pm sharp, and we got through the business without much issue, apart from we are still without a Secretary, but the remaining committee has restood in the same positions, so we are hoping for continued success of the group. Thanks to Kay, Liz and Caroline for their continued support last year and we are all looking forward to the next 12 months.

### The new 2016/17 Programme:

At the AGM we have published the new programme of events put together by Caroline with a good variety of meetings from Members meetings, outside speakers as well as a visit to Gayhurst Manor, if you want to know more, come to one of the meetings or contact one of the committee, or check out our website.

### April Meeting: Members Meeting, April 12th

April's meeting is a members meeting. This month we are going to be looking at the Buildings folders and look through to see what gaps we have, so we can plan how to add in the missing properties. So this meeting we will be working through the folders and noting what buildings are missing as well as to see if we have anything incorrectly filed. Following this we would be then putting out requests for pics and information. If you want to come and give a hand you would be very welcome to come and help out. As ever, there will be refreshments during the evening.

### Wild Sherington, Photo Competition:

After the success of the 2015 competition, we have decided to run the competition again in 2016 with a couple of little tweaks. We'll continue with "Wild Sherington" (photos of wildlife – no domestic or farm animals or plants), but we are to add a new category called Sherington – Sights and Seasons". This subject is open to your interpretation. There will be two categories for each competition – Under 18 and Over 18. Both competitions will close on 31st December 2016.

You don't have to have an expensive camera to take a good photo. Composition is the important thing. Entries will be accepted from all devices capable of taking still images – e.g. mobile phones, tablets, compact cameras, DSLR cameras. Entries will

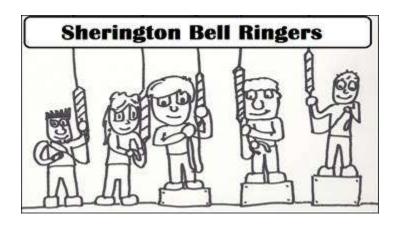
be accepted in any standard digital format, or copies of prints for those still with a love of film.

- All photos for both competitions must be taken within the Sherington boundary and taken this year (2016).
- Please send us any photos you take through the year, letting us know the location, time and date.
- ❖ All images should be emailed to the following email address:

shs\_photos@mediadrome.co.uk.

Or call Liz on 01908 612306 and talk to her about how best to submit prints, etc.

MV
The Sherington Historical Society



One of the quirks of Bell ringing being connected to the Church is that we work within the church calendar. As most will know, the week before Easter is the last week of Lent, it's also known as Holy Week, where the Church follows the last few days of Jesus before he is crucified. It has become common practice not to ring during this week; then on Easter Sunday it's party time and ringing starts again. Easter Sunday morning we normally ring before the service to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

So apologies for last month as I forgot to remove the Holy week dates and we were down to ring, but didn't. If you hear the bells and want to have a look (or a go) just come up and say Hi. You can call 01908 216543 to confirm details.

The next practice nights in Sherington are 7.30 pm: 14<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Mark.

### THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

7<sup>th</sup> April "Dancing with Diana" - OPEN MEETING

Former policeman and ex bodyguard, Colin Hill will provide us with a 'sneak peak' into his fascinating career as a protection officer working with members of our Royal Family during the 1970's and 1980's.

All Ladies and Gentlemen from the SCAN Parish are welcome to attend.

5<sup>th</sup> May Light Lunch at The White Hart, 12.30 pm

As the Village Hall will be in use as a Polling Station on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we have arranged a 'Get Together' for lunch.

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.

### Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Jaipur Limb Charity Dinner filled the MK restaurant of the same name on 29<sup>th</sup> February, and raised over £3,000.

Two of our club members swam 90 lengths of Stantonbury pool at the Swimathon on 12<sup>th</sup> March to raise funds for local charities. Our annual plant sale will be in Olney Market on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Our biennial concert by the Northampton Male Voice Choir will be held at the Chrysalis Theatre on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Tickets from the e-mail address below.

We will be making bucket collections for Willen Hospice with the Rotary Club of Bletchley at Dobbies Garden Centre on 28/29 May and 30/31 July.

Our Club will organise a Stroke Awareness booth at Newport Pagnell Carnival and Strawberry Fair in July.

If you would like to know more about Rotary, or if you are interested in joining, please e-mail <a href="mailto:rotary.np@btinternet.com">rotary.np@btinternet.com</a>. Our Club is also on Twitter and Facebook. We meet at 7pm every Wednesday at the Swan Revived Hotel.

## Weston Underwood Art Group

...10 YEARS ON

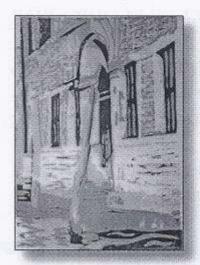
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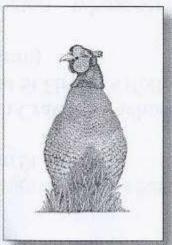
Three Hares Gallery

Cowper & Newton Museum Market Place, Olney, MK46 4AJ



Open Tues-Sat 10.30am-4.30pm







Free Admission

### **SCAN DIRECTORY**

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