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# Sherington Historical Society

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Newsletter



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## Special dates for your diary this year



### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Walk around Sherington for Newport Pagnell Historical Society led by Philip Smith. SHS members are welcome to join the walk which will last for about one and a half hours. Meet at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall after the walk.

### **Saturday/Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June**

The Well & Towers Family History weekend at All Saints Church Emberton. For further details see page 5.

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

The Village Fete is to be held on the Sports Field, Perry Lane. The Historical Society will have a display of artefacts and items from the archives. We'll also be selling notelets, cards and the newly reprinted "Murder Booklet".

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Members' Meeting. Please come for a low key evening archiving and chat.

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Bucks Family History Society Open Day. For further details see page 8.

### **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August**

No meeting, but perhaps a session or two in the Churchyard photographing the Monumental Inscriptions.

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

The annual Newport Muster. For further information see page 8.

## **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Members' Meeting, preparation for Open Day.

## **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Sherington Historical Society Open Day, Sherington Village Hall, 12.00-4.30 pm.  
(Setup from 10.00 am.)

## **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

Open Meeting: "The Clatter of the Stage Coach" – speaker Anne Leaver.

## **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

"Members Can Talk". An open meeting where one or a collection of members can present something of interest to the group. We hope you'll all come with short stories of family and/or friends to share.

## **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Members' Christmas Party. A fun evening with games, wine and nibbles.

## **Tuesday 11th January**

Members' Meeting. Please come for a low key evening archiving and chat.

## **Mid-January**

January Jolly - the Society's New Year outing. More details nearer the time.

## **Tuesday 14th February**

Fall in love with Sherington again. For your delectation, a cinematic extravaganza, or some much loved films, to show how we all used to have a good time.

Our Tuesday monthly meetings start at 8.00 pm unless otherwise stated.

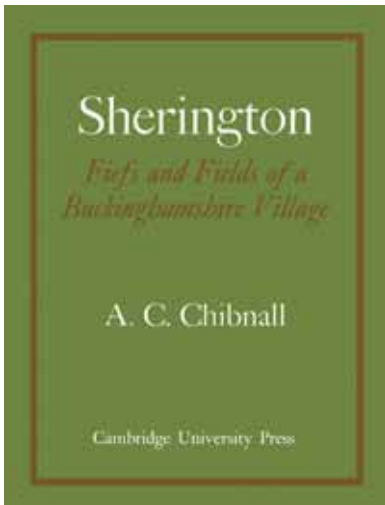
## News Snippets

Sherington Village Fete on Saturday 2nd July this year has prompted us to find some old photos from past village fetes. Take a look at the last few pages of this newsletter and see who you can recognise.

Just to remind you that we won't be holding a Scarecrow Competition this year, the next one will be in 2012, so you've got plenty of time to think of a great idea.

At the April EGM the accounts were accepted by the members unanimously.

### **“Sherington: Fiefs and Fields” republished**



A. C. Chibnall's academic book about Sherington is to be published in paperback in July 2011, priced at £14.99. The publisher is Cambridge University Press and it can be ordered online through Amazon.

The publishers describe the book as follows:

“First published in 1965, this book is a study of the feudal and economic development of a village from Norman times to the nineteenth century. Dr Chibnall has reconstructed the history of Sherington in north Buckinghamshire from little-known documents in the Public Records Office together with local and private records. After introductory chapters on the pre-Norman period Dr Chibnall gives a chronological

account of the village's development. Some of the topics discussed are furlong names, the Domesday return, the impoverishment of the manorial families in late Tudor times, the yeomanry, and the effects on the village's economy of enclosure in neighbouring villages. Dr Chibnall's use of his various sources gives a closely integrated and continuous history of an English village which will be a model for social, agricultural and economic historians.”



## **The Well & Towers Family History Weekend**

This will take place in Emberton over the weekend of 24th to 26th June. Most events will be in All Saints Church, although the event on Friday evening will be at the Bell and Bear and there is a garden party on Sunday afternoon at the Old Rectory. All talks are free but donations for the refreshments in the Church are welcome.

Of interest to those in Sherington will be Canon Margaret Sedgwick's talk on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 about the Storer family and their links with Emberton, Olney and Sherington. Her talk is highly recommended. Her great grandfather was a very skilled silversmith and, in addition to a romantic

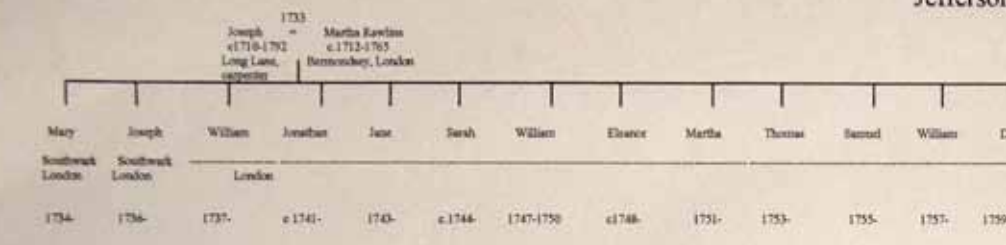
family story, slides of his work are well worth seeing.

Further information about the weekend can be obtained from Caroline, tel: 01234 712073 or email: foas.Emberton@gmail.com

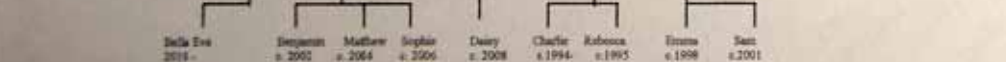
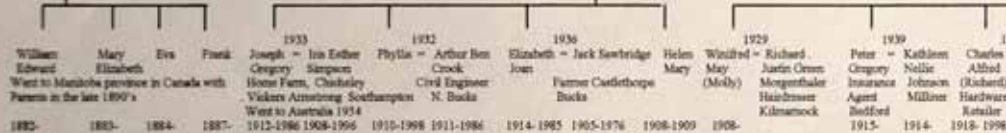
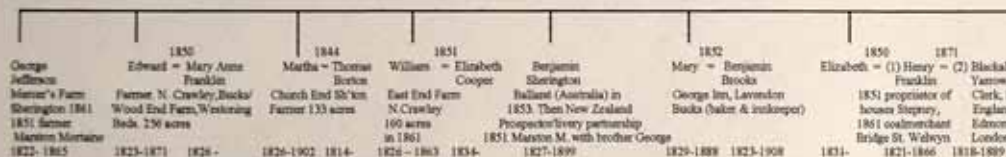
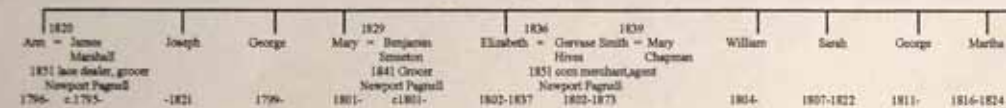
## **The Jefferson Family Tree**

We've had an email from Lynda Jefferson who has been busy researching her family history. She has sent us a copy of the Jefferson side which we're reproducing on the centre spread of this newsletter (Pages 6 and 7). Lynda has some photos of Joseph and Mary Eliza of Mercer's Farm and also photos of Alfred (1883-1918) and Charles B. (1886-1917). She said she'll send them through to us, so hopefully we'll be able to add them into a future newsletter.

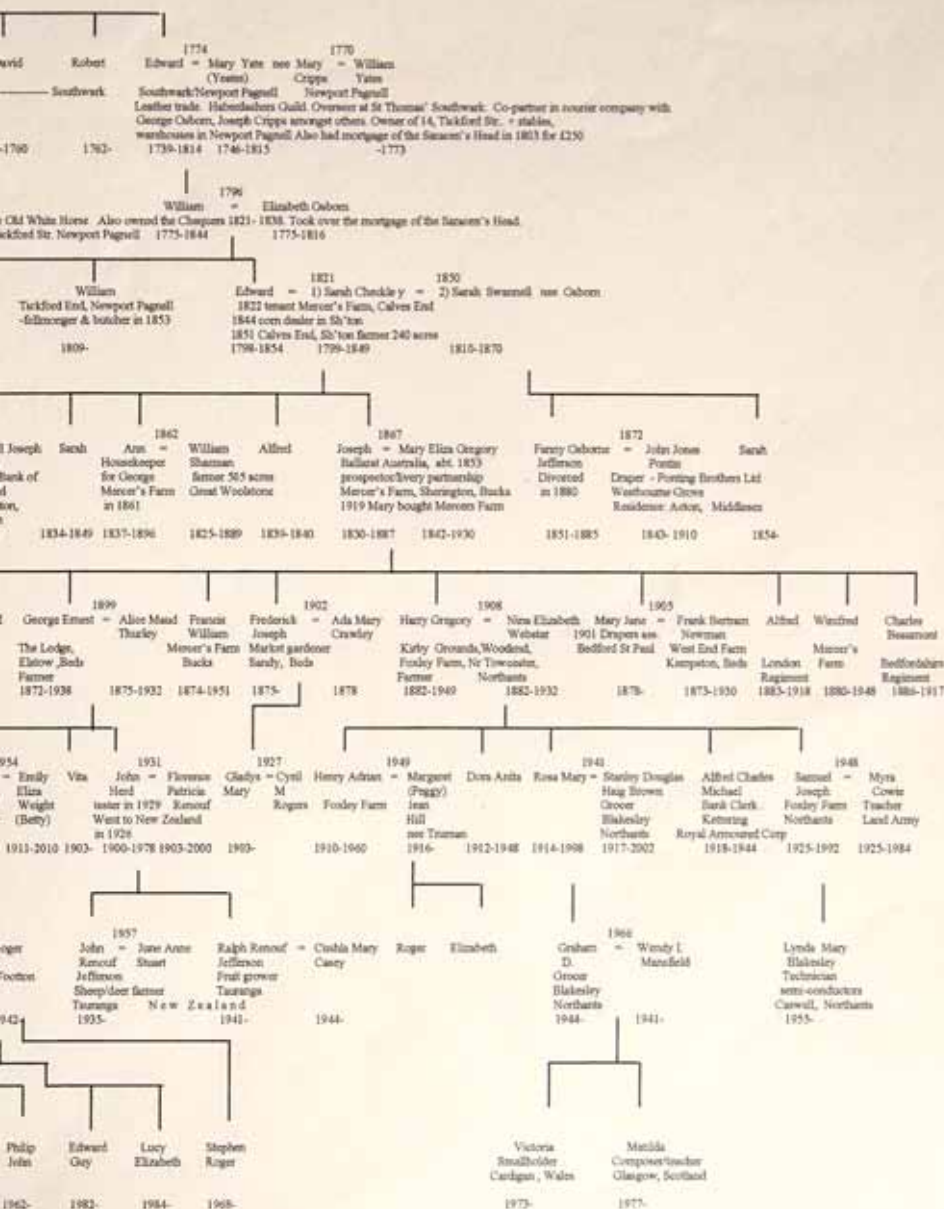
Apologies if you find the family tree difficult to read, the text is quite small as we've had to fit it into this newsletter. If you want to see a larger version, then please let a member of the Committee know and we can provide you with one.



Fellmonger, The Bull Inn at Newport Pagnall - partner with Henry Marshall, then owner. Major at the Bull. 1807-1847 - son Edward inherited. Henry and William responsible for rebuilding the Owner of the Rose and Cross (paid land tax of £1 11s 0d in 1841) Had the mortgage of the King and Queen 1806 and the shop known as Bunsbarn Rooms in 1810 - until 1819 and inherited 1847



# Tree with locations and occupations



## **Bucks Family History Society Open Day**

This year the Bucks FHS Open Day is taking place on 30th July at The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury. The venue has ample parking and good access. There will be stalls from local history groups and family history societies from further afield. For the last 3 years the total attendance has been over 600.

Further information can be obtained from Tony Coyne, tel: 01908 317976, or email: [tony.coyne@sky.com](mailto:tony.coyne@sky.com)

## **Newport Muster**

The 2011 Newport Muster is scheduled for Saturday 10th September with walks marked out round the town and its picturesque Ouse Valley that will include previous favourites: the Picnic (3 miles), History (6 miles) and the Challenge (15 miles). An extra route is being introduced this year (8 miles) taking in 2 of Newport's most famous landmarks - the mansions at Gayhurst and Tyringham Hall.



For further information see their website [www.newportmuster.org](http://www.newportmuster.org)

## **Village Walks website**

Still on the subject of walking, there's a new website ([www.villagewalks.com](http://www.villagewalks.com)) which is an online guide to history trails around villages and small towns in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. If you'd like to add a walk in or around Sherington to the site you can do so from the site's homepage. You can also see an example of a history walk to see what's wanted before you add your own.



## St Laud's Baptismal Font

We've had a request from the University of Toronto. They want to include a photo of St Laud's font in their online catalogue inventory of ancient baptismal fonts which we've duly sent to them. You can see their database of baptismal fonts at: [www.library.utoronto.ca/bsi](http://www.library.utoronto.ca/bsi)

## Book of MK Photographs

Photographer Victoria Lamburn is producing a book of her photos of Milton Keynes. A publisher is interested in publishing but needs to know that at least 300

copies will be sold. Vicky would like people to register their interest on her website ([www.vickylamburn.com/milton-keynes](http://www.vickylamburn.com/milton-keynes)). She already has 290 pre-registrations. She says about the book: "Impression Milton Keynes is the result of a two year project photographing the English new city of Milton Keynes: its people, landscape and architecture, traversing the entire 34 square miles of the city area in that time and recording everyday life and scenes. Told as a



dawn to dusk journey, 'Impression Milton Keynes' records what ultimately is an ordinary day, but if it has any meaning at all it is just to say that the everyday can be exciting, intriguing and surprising."

## Fetes 'n' Fun

Over the next two and half pages you can see some photos from past fetes in Sherington. The earliest records we have in the archives are photocopied press cuttings from the late 60s/early 70s. Judith Chalmers opened the Sherington Church Fete in 1969 and then went on to tour the sideshows and have a go at the skittles.

The photo below is from the 1973 fete, which raised £250. Second from the left is the Rector of Sherington at the time, the Reverend L. Bearman.

The photo at the top of page 11 is from the 1985 Church Fete which took place at The Old Rectory. See all the children in fancy dress.

At the bottom of page 11 is a photo by Norman Arnold from the 2001 Church Fete.

Overleaf on the back page, at the top is a photo from the Sherington Village Fete on 21st June 2003 which took place in the moated gardens of The Manor. It was described as “A Fantastic Fun Day For All The Family” with attractions to suit all ages - children’s activities, penalty shoot-out, grand auction, art exhibition, puppet show, cream teas, radio control aeroplanes, racing cars and boats.

The final photo of the barbeque is from the 2005 fete which also took place in the grounds of Sherington Manor. That year there was “something for everyone to enjoy - brass band, stalls, pig roast, bar, music & dance, grand auction, team challenge, bungee run, entertainments, bouncy castle, demonstrations”.

If anyone has any photos of earlier fetes please let a member of the Committee know and perhaps we could borrow them to digitise for our archive.

Enjoy this year’s Sherington Village Fete on Saturday 2nd July at The Pavilion.





