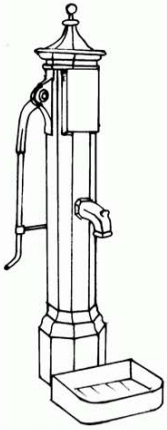


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Sherington Historical Society

Newsletter



September 2014

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Special dates for your diary

Saturday 4th October 2014

Film show, The 1977 Feast, in St Lauds Church, 7.30 pm. £6.00 entry including refreshments. See the poster on the back page for more information.

Tuesday 14th October 2014

Talk by Stephen Kennedy about his research into his family. See poster on page 3 for more information.

Tuesday 11th November 2014

Members can Talk (with an emphasis on WW1).

Tuesday 9th December 2014

Christmas party.

Tuesday 13th January 2015

Members meeting.

Tuesday 10th February 2015

Eleanor of Castile and the Eleanor Crosses by Chris Rowe.

Tuesday 10th March 2015

Annual General Meeting.

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

Sherington Historical Society

Presents

“Mine’s a Jameson”

by Stephen Kennedy

A curious family tale of



Emigration
Piracy
Slavery
Ethnic Cleansing
Drink
Drowning
Famine
Bereavement
Shipwreck

all in one happy lifetime



Sherington Village Hall
Tuesday 14th October, 7-45 pm for 8pm
Entry: £2/£3 for members/non members

Web: www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs
Email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk



News Snippets

Next Saturday evening, 4th October, we are showing Peter Gardner's film of the 1977 Feast in the Church. If you haven't got your tickets yet, then contact Mark, Diana or Caroline (see poster on the back page). There may also be some tickets available on the door. The price is £6 including refreshments, and the film starts at 7.30 pm.

At our next monthly meeting Stephen Kennedy will be giving a talk entitled "Mine's a Jameson". See the poster on page 3 for some of the topics that Stephen will cover when he talks about his family.

The November meeting will be our annual "Members Can Talk". If you would like to talk on a historical subject, especially anything to do with The Great War, please contact Caroline who is now planning the programme.

An interesting exhibition about The Great War is taking place in Milton Keynes Library. It runs until the end of October. For further details see the poster on page 5.

Past SHS events

Since the last newsletter we had our annual picnic in June, this year at Yew Tree Farm to celebrate the centenary of Diana Morgan's grandparents buying the farm on 24.06.1914. The weather was quite kind to us and most people managed to take a look round the garden. Thanks to Diana and Richard for hosting a very enjoyable event.

The June meeting was a very interesting guided tour of Milton Keynes Museum of Industry and Rural Life, finishing with a cream tea. Thanks to Bill Griffiths for the tour.

The Scarecrow competition took place on the Flower Festival and Open Gardens weekend. The winner was the Thomas family with Rosie the Fairy, and highly commended were the Temple family with Woody and Co and Sherington Pre-School in Tom's Garden with Peter Rabbit. Thanks to Dianne Sutton for judging the event.

MILTON KEYNES

THE GREAT WAR REMEMBERED



**AN EXHIBITION
TO MARK THE
CENTENARY
OF THE
GREAT WAR**

This exhibition features many unusual and unique artefacts from a local collector as well as the opportunity to listen to personal accounts of the time, taken from the Living Archive Oral History Collection.

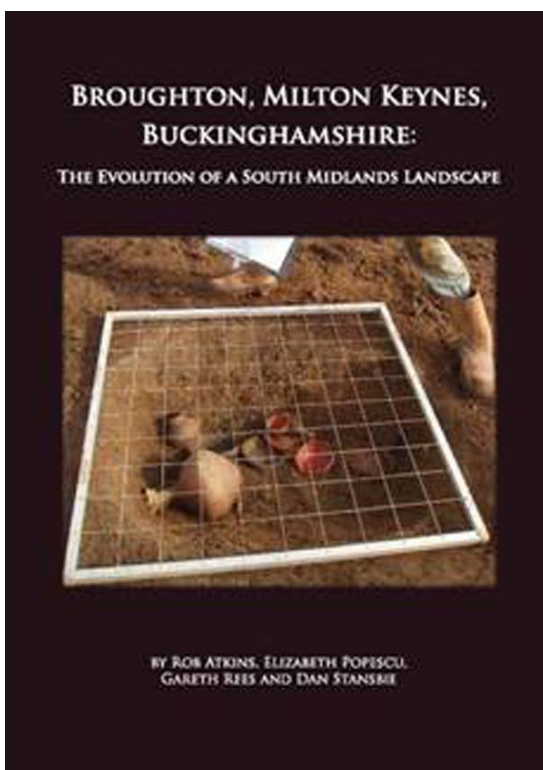
From 7th August – 30th October

Ground Floor, Milton Keynes Library
555 Silbury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 3HL



Our annual Open Day this year in the middle of September was on the theme of The Great War. We had many visitors from the village and also from further afield. The text and images about those who fought in WW1 was fascinating, and we hope to produce a booklet in future about those from Sherington who fought in the War - the men who lost their lives and those who returned. Some of the information shown about relations of residents of Sherington is reproduced on pages 7-11.

Broughton, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire: The evolution of a South Midlands landscape



A new publication of the Heritage of Milton Keynes. Extensive excavations near the village of Broughton, which lies on the outskirts of Milton Keynes, revealed the fluctuating fortunes of neighbouring settlements from the Iron Age to the medieval period. A middle Iron Age 'hamlet' was succeeded in the 1st century BC by various farmsteads which were at their height in the early Roman period. Associated with these were richly furnished cremation cemeteries of Aylesford(-Swarling) type, with burial continuing into the Romano-British period. The cemeteries provide the largest group of such burials yet found in Buckinghamshire and reflect the position of Broughton within the territory of the Catuvellauni. Cremation burial ceased in the mid 2nd century and two of the

farmsteads were abandoned soon afterwards.

The main settlement continued to develop during the late Roman period, while a new farmstead nearby survived into the early 5th century. Elsewhere, a cluster of sunken-featured buildings yielded early Saxon pottery in Roman form and possible feasting waste. These settlements were in turn abandoned, to be replaced after the Norman Conquest by a farmstead and surrounding ridge and furrow field system which formed an outlying part of the village that had, by the time of Domesday, taken the name of Broughton – 'the farm or settlement by the brook'.

Further info on the 2 links below:

<http://oxfordarchaeology.com/publications/oa-east-publications/324-broughton-milton-keynes-buckinghamshire-the-evolution-of-a-south-midlands-landscape>

<http://www.oxbowbooks.com/oxbow/broughton-milton-keynes-buckinghamshire.html>

WW1 - family of people living in Sherington today

David Brodie Ouchterlonie

My grandfather was David Brodie Ouchterlonie who served in the Royal Scots Fusiliers as a stretcher bearer, aged 19.

When going to retrieve a badly injured man from a water-filled shell hole under German fire, he was wounded in the shoulder and leg by shrapnel. He was marooned in the shell hole for 48 hours with no drinking water. When help eventually arrived, the two stretcher bearers took the badly injured older man first, all three men were blown up by a German shell.

David's leg was saved by a Turkish female surgeon at Ripon, who removed the shrapnel. He was in hospital for 21 months and nearly lost his leg.

Caroline Leslie

Victor and Harold Harrison

My maternal grandfather was Victor Harrison, born 2nd August 1893 in Bradford, Yorkshire. He was the youngest of 4 brothers and an electrician by trade. During The Great War he served as a private in the West Yorkshire Regiment and fought in Egypt. I remember him telling me about how the camels used to spit at him. The photo on the next page is of Victor in his WW1 uniform and the photo on the front page shows Victor (left) with 2 comrades. I have his 3 medals (Pip Squeak and Wilfred). Victor returned from Egypt and married my grandmother, Pauline Bower, on Boxing Day 1919.



Victor Harrison

Victor's eldest brother, Harold, was killed in action during The Great War. At the time of the outbreak of war Harold was aged 31, married to Jane Ann Harrison and living in Bradford, Yorkshire. They had a 7-year-old daughter, Ivy. Harold served as a private in the Border Regiment, 1st Battalion and also fought in Egypt. He was killed in action on 14th January 1916 and is buried in the Suez War Memorial Cemetery in Egypt.



Harold Harrison with his daughter Ivy

When I first started researching my family history in the mid-1970s I went to Bradford and visited Ivy at her home. She gave me the above photo of her and her father, and also a photo of her grandparents (my great-grandparents) which I had never seen before.

Liz Revell

From The Bucks Standard – 22 December 1917

Astwood – Herbert Henry Flute

Rifleman Herbert Flute, of the first Battalion, 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade, was killed in action on 5th December, and in a letter to his parents, Charles and Eliza Flute, of Astwood, his platoon sergeant, Sergeant P. Grant writes:

“Please accept the deepest sympathy of myself and the boys of 15 platoon with you and yours in the great loss you have sustained by the death of your brave, dear son. Myself and his mates can but pray that in your grief you will be comforted and sustained by the grace and presence of our Heavenly Father. It will be some measure of consolation for you to know that your son was greatly respected by all his mates; also that in the testing time he proved his sterling worth. Ever think of him not as dead but as still living in the more immediate presence of God.”

Details of the circumstance were forwarded to his parents by a chum, Rifleman J. Fitch, who states that they were working in a trench when, about 8 o'clock in the morning, a shell came over and killed him instantly. His death came as a great blow, for his cheerful and willing nature had made him very popular. He and others who had been killed were buried in the cemetery behind the lines, with a wooden cross placed at the head of the grave. Aged 29, some six years ago Rifleman Flute had emigrated to Canada, and there he stayed for some 20 months before proceeding to New Zealand to work with his brother. Enlisting on 8th February 1916 at Trentham, New Zealand, he arrived in Britain for a period of training on Salisbury Plain in June of that year, and the following month was sent to the Western Front, where he would be wounded in the arm on 15th September. After treatment in the 2nd General Hospital, London, he then went to Hornchurch as a convalescent before rejoining his regiment in France to again take part in much heavy fighting. He would be remembered by his family in the following verse:

*“Peaceful be thy rest, dear Bert,
'Tis sweet to breathe thy name;
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
Too far away thy grave to see,
But not too far to think of thee;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.*

From his sorrowing father and mother, Astwood.”

In January 1919 a handsome brass font ewer would be presented to Astwood Parish Church by Madeline Boursy in his memory.

Herbert Henry Flute is buried in Polygon Wood Cemetery near Ypres in Belgium. He is the great uncle of Jackie Inskipp who lives in Sherington, whose father was named after his uncle. When St Peter's Church Astwood closed Jackie, her sister, nephew, niece and many cousins asked if it would be possible for the font ewer to be re-homed in Sherington.





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A Peter Gardner film

The 1977 FEAST

AT ST LAUD'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 7:30PM

ENTRY: £6.00 PER TICKET

INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS

**Ticket Sales: Mark 216543, Diana 611389,
Caroline 616426, or on the door.**

**Limited Seats, so to avoid disappointment
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