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Newsletter

Sherington Historical Society



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Special dates for your diary

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.

Mark's Musings (A ramble from the chair)

Welcome to this edition of the SHS Newsletter. I can imagine by the time you read this you will all have had enough of Christmas. So what's better to look forward to than the January Jolly?

This year we are moving the venue back into the village. On the 27th January we are hoping you will come and enjoy our annual knees up at the White Hart where a good time is had by all. We are going to run the event slightly differently this time, in that we are going to give a choice of 2 or 3 courses from the menu. That means you could go for the Starter and Main or Main and Dessert, or go for all three. Two courses will cost £22.00, whereas all three will cost £26.00. The choice is yours.

As we are now in January, we need to know fairly quickly if you want to come, or not, so we can get organised and make the booking with the establishment. Pearl has very kindly agreed to organise the event, so can you please get in contact with Pearl to let her know your wishes.

Changes to the Committee: As some of you might have been aware there are some changes to the committee during the year, in that we are still looking for a secretary, after Betty stepped down. More recently Liz has taken over the role of Treasurer, as Diana needed to step down from the role. I just would like to say thank you to Diana for the work she has put into the role and the expert guidance she gave us during her time as Treasurer.

This has had the effect that we are now two members down on the committee. We are still looking for a secretary and now we are looking for a member that can come onto the committee as a 'member without portfolio' as it were, and can help where they are willing to.

If you are aware of anyone who is not a member and would like to join, please invite them along to a meeting, or let me know and I can talk to them.

Memberships due: As we have now started another year (2015 already) this means that memberships are now due. That is now £15.00 for dual and £8.00 for individual membership. Within the Newsletter there should be a loose sheet that we would like you to use to renew your membership. This will help us to ensure we have all the correct details about you. This year we would like to ask that all memberships that are due to be renewed are done so by the AGM and no later. This will help our Treasurer / Newsletter Editor know who to send the Newsletters to as well as the invites to events that might happen along the way.

Thank you for your time, and Happy New Year

Mark Vale

Past and future SHS events

On 11th November we all met up for the *Members Can Talk* meeting, and its theme this year was, as might be expected, focused on "The war to end all wars". Caroline put together a varied programme that entertained, as well as gave reflection of the time and experiences of people that lived through the First World War, with songs from the war years ably accompanied by Tony, Liz, Philip and Caroline, with the whole group singing along to some of the songs of the era introduced by Liz, which gave a jolly start to the proceedings. We then had contributions from Pearl, Mark, June, Caroline and Roger, as well as a further recital from the band of the tune *The*



Battle of the Somme. All in all, a very good programme of events. Thank you Caroline.

We took a stall at the Sherington Christmas Bazaar to promote the Historical Society. The display of Kay's photographs of Sherington in the snow looked really good - very festive. The sale of merchandise, and the quiz, which entailed choosing a numbered field on the enclosure map for 20p,

made people aware of the society. There was some interest, but unfortunately no new members signed up on the day. The photo above left shows Caroline and Roger Leslie standing by the SHS stall.

December saw us meet in the Village Hall on 9th December for an 8pm start to our Christmas Party meeting where we had festive fun with a selection of entertainment - quizzes from Enid, handbells brought along by John and Jill and a few Christmas carols from Tony, Liz, Philip and Caroline. The photo to the right shows some of our members trying out the handbells.



After the Christmas break the next meeting is on 13th January. This is down as being an archiving meeting.

A date for your diary for February - 10th at 8pm, when we have Chris Rowe coming to give a talk entitled *Eleanor of Castile*. I'm sure that we will learn something about the story of the Eleanor Crosses and much more. Hope to see you all there.

News snippets

We have received some interesting emails recently from the following: Mike Brown (see Page 7), and Pat Eve, the granddaughter of John Edward Moore who farmed at

SHS JANUARY JOLLY

27th January 2015

7:15 for 7:30pm

This year we are at the



MENU

Starters

- Black pudding salad with blue cheese & bacon finished with garlic dressing
- Crayfish & prawn cocktail with seafood dressing & granary bread
- Field mushroom topped with stilton & leek finished with herb crumb
- French onion soup with cheese crouton

Main course

- Pork belly square with shallot & thyme jus
- Shank of lamb with red wine & rosemary
- Chicken supreme with tarragon sauce
- Roasted vegetable crumble

All served with seasonal vegetables & potatoes

Desserts

- Lemon & ginger cheesecake with raspberry coulis
- Apple & blackberry crumble with custard
- Chocolate brownie with vanilla pod ice cream
- Winter Eton mess

Coffee or Tea to finish

2 Courses £22.00 3 Courses £26.00

(To include first Drink and Tip)

Please confirm with Pearl Teasdale by 13th January 2015

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the Mill House, Sherington around 1910 (see Page 9). Also, June Corfield, who gave us a very interesting talk at the last Open Day about her ancestors in Sherington (the Griggs Family), has sent an article through which we hope to include in the next newsletter. We video recorded her Open Day talk and hope to show the video at one of our meetings in the near future.

In September we received an email from Roger Cogan saying that his son had been cycling near Milton Keynes when he found an old Codd bottle marked Oldham & Co Sherington. He wanted to know its age and wondered if there had ever been a company called Oldham & Co in our village. Ian Collinge replied and sent some relevant links to the Sherington Historical Society website. Here's Ian's email with the relevant links if anyone is interested in knowing more.

“Thanks for your email. Yes there was. It was situated at 6 High Street, the thatched cottage which is still there called the Small House, between the Manor House and what was the Swan Inn. The water came from a spring in the garden. The Historical Society has a few bottles, see <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/openday2012.htm> and <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/artifacts.htm>. It was listed in the Kelly's Directories from 1895 to 1935, first as 'Non-intoxicating ale brewers' (e.g. ginger beer) and later as 'mineral water manufacturers' (see <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/directory.htm>). Owen Oldham had previously been a baker, listed from 1883. You will find it is plot number 235 in the 1910 Land Survey, whilst the Bakery (Plot 132) was round the corner in what is now Knoll Cottage next to Haynes Haulage, see <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/1910highstsouth.htm>, <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/fieldbookcompact.htm> and <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/fieldbookextra.htm>. Owen Oldham and his family are listed in censuses from 1861 to 1911 (see <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/census1911mr.htm> etc), and in the Churchyard Monumental Inscriptions (see <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/mono.htm>). There may be other information on other web pages - you can search for 'Oldham' in the search facility on the SHS website (bottom left of the pages).”



Sherington featured in the December issue of Family Tree magazine. It was mentioned in a general article they put together about enclosures and three images of Sherington were used, including the one shown here on the left.

Fred Niebel



Following on from Kay's article in the June 2014 newsletter about the death of Fred Niebel, Mike Brown, the son of Hubert Brown, who became friends with Fred Niebel at Shalstone POW Camp during the Second World War, sent the following email:

"I wanted to tell you I had visited Wuppertal. The purpose was to find Fred Niebel's last resting place and say Goodbye as he did to my dad. We found the Friedhof Kohlenstraße but could not find a grave. On enquiring at the flower shop we found he had a memorial stone, so we visited it and said goodbye to him. I have attached 4 pics of chapel and stone."

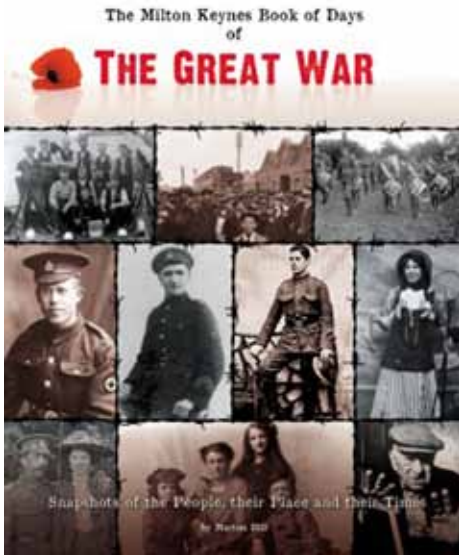


Entrance to Friedhof Kohlenstrass



Friedhof Kohlenstrass

The Milton Keynes Book of Days of the Great War



I found a very interesting book for sale in the Buskers Coffee Shop in Wolverton and bought a copy. It's called *The Milton Keynes Book of Days of the Great War: Snapshots of the People, their Place and their Time* by Marion Hill. Further information about the book is given below and was taken from the Living Archive website.

“This is a substantial account of the conflict from a local perspective. A large format book featuring 200 illustrated pages with first hand accounts from local people; personal letters, photographs, recorded interviews, newspaper articles... all make up an incredible account of each day of The Great War.

Available in our online shop or at the following outlets: Milton Keynes Museum Shop – only open weekends; Buskers Coffee Shop, Wolverton; AGE UK Book Shop, Wolverton. Please phone 01908 322568 for collection from Living Archive.”

The cost of the book from their online shop is £19.99.

I've only spent a bit of time dipping into the book, but there are some references to Sherington. As well as listing the local events that took place on each day, there are events that took place elsewhere around the world. It's a great coffee table book just to pick out days at random to read about, and must have involved a huge amount of detailed research by Marion Hill. It would make a very good present for someone interested in local history.

Liz Revell

The Moore Family

We received the following email from Pat Eve:

“I am the granddaughter of John Edward Moore who farmed Mill House, Sherington sometime around 1910. He was the father of Edward Stanley Moore and John Henry Moore, both of whom were killed in the First World War and are remembered on the war memorial in the Church. I wondered if you had any exact dates from when they bought Mill House and when they moved to Bromham (Ed: we’re investigating this with Wendy Clark of Mill House, but if anyone knows the answer please let us know).

My brother and I and three cousins (and wives and husbands) who are children of the two sisters in the Moore family are coming to St Laud’s Church for the annual Memorial Service on Nov 9th as it is the centenary year of the war. I have photos of the three boys who went to war (the two who died and one John who emigrated to Australia after the war) if you are interested in copies. Also you asked for information as to which battle Gordon died in and it was the Battle of Megiddo, I think the last battle in Palestine before the end of the war.

It was so good to find your site and we look forward to visiting Sherington again after many years.”

Pat and the family she mentioned above came along to the Memorial Service and they can be seen in the photo on the right. From left to right: Pat Eve, Pat’s brother Roger Davies, John Inglefield (son of Selby Moore and cousin of Pat and Roger), and his two sisters, Diane Marshall (nee Inglefield) and Susan Angell (also nee Inglefield). Their mother Selby Moore married George Inglefield.



In the 1911 census the Moore family were living in Goldington Road, Bedford and consisted of: John Edward Moore, head (50), Ada Moore, wife (43), Stanley Moore, son (19), Gordon Moore, son (15), John Moore, son (13), Selby Moore, daughter (7) and Margery Moore, daughter (4).

There is mention of Edward Stanley Moore and John Henry Gordon Moore in the *Milton Keynes Book of Days of the Great War* as follows:

March 13th 1917: 522004 Sapper Edward Moore; resident Newport Pagnell; son of John and Ada Moore of Mill House, Sherington; husband of Gertrude of High Street; serving with 483rd Field Company, Royal Engineers; killed in action on this day aged 25; commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

September 19th 1918: 200325 Private John Moore of Sherington born in Newport Pagnell; serving with 1/5th Beds Regiment; died of wounds in Palestine aged 22; buried in Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel.

Pat was kind enough to send us the photos she has of the Moores, which we reproduce on the front cover, below and right. The front cover shows the parents (Ada and John) with their three sons, taken in about 1901.



Stanley and Gordon as young children, 1898



*Brothers in uniform – Stanley, Gordon and John.
Pat sent a note to say they don't know who is
who, but possibly Stanley as the eldest could be
standing bottom right, Gordon as the middle son
could be on the left, and John as the youngest,
bottom left and sitting bottom right*



Sherington Historical Society

Presents

Eleanor of Castile and the Eleanor Crosses

By Chris Rowe

The life and death of King Edward I's beloved wife, and the monumental crosses that bear her name



Sherington Village Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 10th Feb

£2 Members, £3 Visitors. Refreshments

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