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# Newsletter

# Sherington Historical Society



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## Special dates for your diary

### **Tuesday 8th March 2016**

Annual General Meeting: Time to review the year and appoint the committee for the next.

### **Tuesday 12th April 2016**

Members meeting. Please come for a low-key evening archiving and chat.

### **Tuesday 10th May 2016**

Buckinghamshire Coaching Inns - a talk by Julian Hunt.

### **Tuesday 14th June 2016**

Outing to Gayhurst Manor. A guided tour by Nick Braid.

### **Tuesday 12th July 2016**

Black Propaganda Radio - a talk by Michael Kushner. The Germans believed programs were coming from Germany. It was Britain's greatest hoax of the war.

### **Tuesday 9th August 2016**

No meeting.

### **Tuesday 13th September 2016**

Members meeting. Please come for a low-key evening archiving and chat.

### **Tuesday 11th October 2016**

Northamptonshire Witches - a talk by Kevin Varty.

### **Tuesday 8th November 2016**

Members Can Talk: A chance where we can talk about something we care about.

Please contact Caroline to let her know what you want to talk about.

## **Tuesday 13th December 2016**

Christmas Party: Games, wine and nibbles. Bring a nibble to share and need there be any more said.

## **Tuesday 10th January 2017**

Members meeting. Please come for a low-key evening archiving and chat.

## **Tuesday 14th February 2017**

We'll be showing the MK Heritage DVD 'MK Through The Lens'.

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

## **Mark's Musings (A ramble from the chair)**



As work is in advanced stages of readiness for the AGM, I am quite excited about the new programme and what is coming up in the new season (see opposite). If you can make it to the AGM then Caroline will expand on what she has timetabled in the next 12 months.

As I am sure you will read elsewhere, we have just had the exhibition for the photographic competition where the winners were announced. It was great to see all those wonderful pictures and congratulations to our winners.

There were only two winners as there were no entries in the 11-17 category, shame on you teenagers! IF you come to the AGM we are showing again the finalists that were displayed.

We are going to run the competition again this year with a bit of a re-gig. This time we are going to have Wild Sherington, with the same rules, but we are going to add a Sights and Seasons category, so we can help capture the village in all its glory.

Since the last Newsletter we have had the Christmas party and the January Jolly. Both went well, so I have to say thanks to Sheila and Pearl for the effort that they put into organising the Jolly, and Liz and the band for the Christmas carols. They were both events that people enjoyed greatly.

Last month's meeting we had Stephen Barker come to talk to us as you will all be aware of the Battle of the Somme and how the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry figured in it. A very interesting talk. I am not sure if many picked up on the fact that he is a professional historian. I am sure that there can't be many of those about, but he knew his subject well enough to know from the memorials board what part of the battle the Sherington men fell and what was gained or lost in that battle. I thought it was a very informative talk.

As I said in SCAN, the next meeting after the AGM will be about reviewing the Buildings folders and trying to spot the gaps, so we can get at least a picture of the buildings we do not have in the archive, and then the next bit would be to try and fill in some of the history of the buildings. Some will be easier than others, but that is part of the fun of the subject that is local history.

*Mark Vale*

## News snippets

Two of our members, Philip Smith and David Hyde, have both been ill with heart problems, and were both in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford at the same time.

They are both now back at home. We wish them well with their recovery.



*Oliver collecting his framed print from David McKay*

The Sherington Historical Society photographic competition "Wild Sherington" ran through 2015. There were 3 categories of entry – Under 11, 11-18 and Over 18. We had 115 entries into the Over 18 category and 8 entries into the Under 11 category. Unfortunately no-one between the ages of 11

and 18 entered the competition. Local wildlife photographer David McKay kindly agreed to judge the entries for us. He chose his favourite 21 photos from the Over 18s. These photos with all the entries from the Under 11s were exhibited as prints in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th February 2016. The overall winner of each category was announced at the exhibition. The winning photographs can be seen on Page 11. The winners are as follows: Over 18 – Oliver Powell with his grass snake in Crofts End. Under 11 – Amy Pattinson with her bee on a flower in the High Street. You can see David's shortlist and all the entries on the Historical Society website. See details of our 2016 competition on page 8.



There have been a few good events since the last newsletter - the Christmas party (photos on page 6), the January Jolly at the White Hart (photo to the left) and Stephen Barker's talk on the Ox and Bucks regiment on the Somme in 1916.

We've had a few American visitors to Sherington recently researching their family history. Nat Kirkland Jnr and his wife Mary Jane from Virginia came

to Sherington in September last year. The reason they came to Sherington was that the first Nathaniel Kirkland and his brother travelled from Sherington to America in 1635. Nat and Mary Jane enjoyed their stay at the White Hart and found everyone they talked to in the village warm and welcoming. Nat sent Philip an extract from his grandfather's book, which is a letter written to his son (Nathaniel's father) in 1941 when the son was going off to college. We'll be reproducing this extract in a future newsletter.

Daniel Fuller was our second American visitor. He visited Sherington with his family on 18th February whilst researching his family history. He sent the following email after his trip.

"It was a pleasure meeting many of the people of Sherington on our recent trip to the UK. Pam, the rector, gave us a wonderful tour of St. Laud's. Kay, was able to pass me one of Philip Smith's books ... and the personal tour given to us by Philip E. Smith which included a quick tea at his home was the highlight of our day. Thank

you, one and all. I will try to stay in contact as I research my Fuller family origins back to Sherrington and Olney. Ignatius Fuller was my 'uncle' and Rector to St. Laud's for 64 years. The Edward Fuller noted on the Fuller's Charity is NOT the person I thought he was, but yet may be a relation. In the will for my Edward who died 22 August 1656 there is mention of freehold lands and houses in Olney and Sherrington. To note: My direct ancestor is John Fuller who left from your region in 1639 with the following surnames: Cooper, Farrington, Gaines, Griggs, Newhall, Partridge, Peirson, Purrier, and their minister, William Worcester. Farrington is the maiden name of John Fuller's wife and it appears that a younger sister of John will marry a Peirson, so traveling with this group sounds correct. I will be combing through the wonderful web page you have put together, but I'm sure questions will arise. Thank you!"

We lost one of our founder members, Enid Pepper, at the beginning of January. Her memorial service took place in a packed St Lauds on 25th January. See Mark's article (also reproduced in SCAN) on the next page.

*Liz Revell*

## Christmas Party 2015





## Enid Pepper

As most would have heard by now and I am sure that you will have read or will read from others in SCAN, of the passing in early January of Enid Pepper. There is so much that could be said about Enid, it is difficult to know where to start. After moving into the village in the mid 1990s Enid was one of the first people I got to know, she and Ted have always been very helpful and welcoming.

Before Helen and I were married and before Helen had her own car, Enid would give Helen a lift in the morning on her way to work every day. At this time Enid was working in Wing, but she found time to give Helen a lift.



Enid always had an active mind and a project on the go. The one that most are aware of is the Millennium Embroidery (not tapestry) that hangs in the Village Hall (see front cover). This was a village project with many people getting involved, but it was Enid who was the organising and driving force behind it. At the time, Norman reported in the SHS newsletter:

“The Millennium Embroidery was the undoubted centre of attraction, and must have been the most photographed object that weekend in the county. But it is a stunning piece of work and Enid and her band of helpers are to be congratulated for their efforts. Look in our visitors book to see the praises handed out by the visitors. We probably had almost a hundred visitors over the two days. I was present at the unveiling of the wall hanging on Friday 25th and would guess that in excess of 50 people involved in the production of the embroidery were present. John Cook and Enid said a few words, a drop





of wine was drunk and it was an excellent launch.”

Enid was a great supporter of our little Society and was one of the founding members. In fact, the first meeting was at her and Ted’s home. We all sat around a circular table discussing how we were to get going and what we should do. As we are still here, we can’t have got it all wrong.

She will be sorely missed. To me, it seemed that she cared about the details; the little things mattered

to her and could be seen in the quality of her work. From the flower and church decorations that you knew could only have come from her. Later there will be a mention about the January Jolly. On these occasions she would put together, with others, exquisite little menu cards for everyone, giving them their menu choices. Quizzes and brain teasers would regularly be given to us when needed and you knew when you had been Enid’ed! To misquote a Poirot saying “Oow, those little grey cells!”.

It is with great fondness that Enid will be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ted and the family at this time.

*Mark Vale*

## **Photographic competition for 2016**

We have decided to run the competition again in 2016, also to run another photographic competition in parallel.

We’ll continue with “Wild Sherington” (photos of wildlife – no domestic or farm animals or plants). We’ll have another competition called “Sherington – Sights and Seasons”. This subject is open to your interpretation. There will be 2 categories



for each competition – Under 18 and Over 18. Both competitions will close on 31st December 2016. 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](mailto:shs_photos@mediadrome.co.uk).



You don't have to have a good camera to take a good photo. Composition is the important thing. Entries will be accepted from all devices capable of taking still images – eg mobile phones, tablets, compact cameras, DSLR cameras – in any standard digital format. The copyright of each photo will remain with the photographer. However, as a condition of entry into the competition, the Sherington Historical Society will have the

right to publish the photos for Historical Society purposes.

Please remember that it's your responsibility to know where you're allowed to roam. A lot of the land within the Sherington boundary is private, so make sure you don't go here unless you have the landowner's permission. If you are taking photos of people or property, they may have concerns about their privacy and security. Please bear this in mind when taking photographs.

The submitted photos will be put anonymously onto the Historical Society website that will be open to public view. We will not include photos of children without their parents' written permission.

On the next page are two photos of unusual species found in Sherington. The photographs were shortlisted in the 2015 competition.



**Elephant hawk-moth - photo taken by Mike Inskipp**

**Pyramidal orchid - photo taken by Peter Soul**



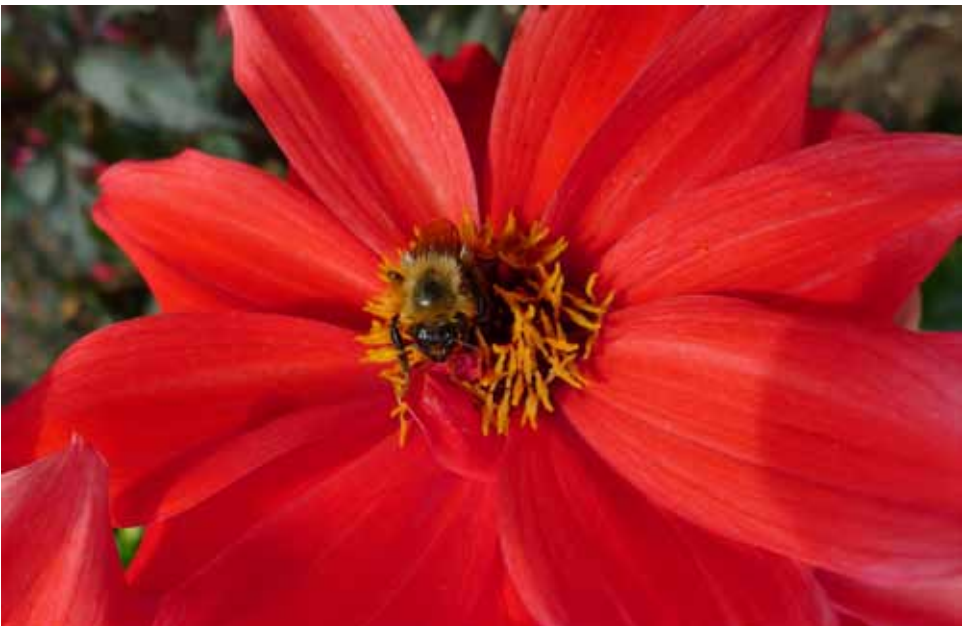
## **Walks in Grafton Regis**

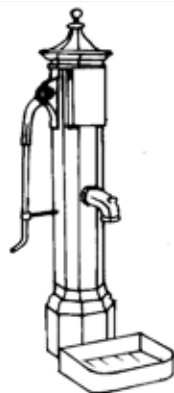
Grafton Regis are putting on walks and talks around the village this year. Walk round the picturesque village, meet characters from history in costume, and enjoy tea and cakes in Grafton's uniquely decorated Village Hall. Grafton Regis, a Northamptonshire village with around 100 inhabitants, has a colourful history linked with Queen Elizabeth Woodville, King Henry VIII and many other famous figures. The walk and talks begin at the Village Hall at 2.30pm, visit the beautiful Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, and end back at the Village Hall. In the Hall, in the Church and en route you will meet many of the historical figures who lived here, ranging from kings and queens to commoners, and dating from medieval times to the present. Each walk and talk is on a Saturday afternoon, the dates being: May 14, June 18, July 16, September 10, and October 8. The cost is £8.50 for adults, £1.00 for under 16s, and free for under 5s. All profits are equally divided between the funds for the maintenance of the Village Hall and of the Church.



To book, please phone Kathy on 0791 009 2132.

## Wild Sherington 2015 Photographic Competition winning photographs





# Sherington Historical Society

Presents

## Annual General Meeting

# 2016

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In Sherington Village Hall  
on Tuesday 8th March, 7-45 pm for 8pm

Refreshments available

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**ENTRY £2/£3 (Members/non-Members)**

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