

# S.H.S. Newsletter.

Dear Members,

**Exhibition.** Another extremely successful SHS exhibition safely carried out, the weather on the Saturday was appalling, but we still had a good number of visitors, most to see the EMBROIDERY but a most stayed to study our archives. By popular demand, a lot of visitors asked that we open again on Sunday, which we did. It was a fine sunny day and we had a good steady stream of visitors from 11am until 5-30 pm. Nearly all of our archives were on show, but it was the buildings and peoples photos that attracted the most attention, as usual.

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 the 25th I 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.

Our PC and web-site on disc attracted quite a few viewers, but it would appear that most of the older visitors regarded the computer as someone else's toy, not a visitor attraction. We were complimented on the layout in the hall, this time, of having tables scattered about the hall with chairs round each table so that visitors could take a book and sit at a table with a friend or on their own.

The Millennium Photo Albums attracted a lot of attention and was constantly crowded.

SHS made £47 on the sale of notelets and Murder and Newspaper booklets, ( I had to print another batch Saturday evening) this will just make sure that the weekend was without cost to us. After having a word with John Cook I think that we will not be charged for opening our show on the unscheduled Sunday.

My thanks go to Don, who supported the show both days, Pearl, Mark, Ian Kay and Enid who helped during the weekend.

**Fred Niebel** Continuing the Fred Niebel saga, we have had three follow up phone calls on the tracing of Jean May Smith (Bruch) including a call from the lady herself, from Cornwall. We had a long conversation on her life and memories of Sherington and Cranfield and Filgrave. We may even get some photos from various people. We have a tape recording of the conversation between Fred and Philip at Philip's house in Water Lane. In which Fred states that his days in England, Sherington were the best of his younger life, and he would liked to have stayed in the UK.

**Archives** The June month was quite fruitful with some certificates for good attendance 1913,1914 & 1915, and a couple of other certificates, all from the Loxley family. With the promise of more to come.

**Web-site.** Ian Collinge is now an honorary member, for his dedicated work on the web-site. The new church tour is all but complete, just waiting for a couple of details from me. If any of you have

any suggestions, we would welcome these, to include in the village tour, (or exclude) or any other data that you think should be added. Our booklets, notelets etc. will be referred to on the web, as available publications, because in the future we may like to have a 'Virtual' shop, to do mail order business. Phyllis Waltons book 'A Walk Around Sherington' may also be reprinted, Phyllis is quite pleased about this, as it would have a few corrections in it that the printers omitted from the 1st edition.

**Nursaws.** The Nursaw re-union, which was held in the village hall on Sturday 19th June, was very poorly attended. 9 people altogether, including the 2 performers, Sam and Carol. At 9pm it was decided to adjourn to the White Hart, where Sam and Carol sang and played for 2 hours. They were brilliant. Sherington you missed the treat of a lifetime. I really hope that they come again.

I have seen and spoken to Sam since we may be able to get them to perform at one of Philip's do's.

**MK Museum.** Don't forget the July meeting will be the visit to Stacey Bushes on the 13th. I would suggest we meet in the car park of the village hall at 7pm, to fill cars rather than take half empty ones. If you who intend to drive and have empty seats and are willing to take passenger (s) will contact me. I will arrange the necessary. Please feel free to go alone if you wish. Parking is easy. The tour will start at 7-30 sharp, try not to be late. The cost £2-00 each. including tea, coffee and biscuits. Finish about 9-30. We have between 15 and 20 people going.

The next meeting following July will be in September, no meeting in August. Have a good Summer, enjoy your holidays, come back eager to research.

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Any comments or contributions will be gratefully received, this is YOUR newsletter