


S.H.S. Newsletter.



**Sherington
Historical
Society**

**Open Day
&
PUMPS &
PRAISES**
or
(Publicans & Preachers)

A nostalgic view of Pubs and Places of Worship
BRING YOUR OWN OLD PHOTOS. GET THEM ENHANCED AND TAKE
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Full archives open to all

Sherington Village Hall, Saturday 27th September
12:00pm to 4:30pm
Raffle & Refreshments, **Free Entry**

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Pap A Razzi wins!



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NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS NEWS!

Welcome to Richard Morgan, Phyllis Rollinson and Marion Palmer who have joined our ranks bringing our total membership to 42.

Congratulations to Bob and Betty Feasey for winning the "Best large back garden" section of the Garden of the Year competition, which is held annually and covers Milton Keynes and surrounding areas. It seems that there were 104 entrants this year – the highest ever. For those who were around for the Flower Festival / Open Gardens (see right) would have seen their wonderful garden.



Congratulations again to Betty and Bob on the birth of another

June Pot Luck Picnic

Our Pot Luck picnic in June went very well – even the weather was kind to us; well at least it didn't rain although it could have been a little warmer. Lots of varied food was well complimented by the Pimms, punch and fruit juices generously provided by Diane and Richard Morgan. A pleasure also to sit in the garden of Yew Tree Farm and



enjoy not only the food and drink, but good company and a few tales of Sherington and its inhabitants. Thanks also to Diane and Richard and Phyllis Rollinson for inviting us into the conservatory for tea and coffee when the evening turned quite chilly.

A big thanks goes to Diane and Richard for offering their home for a wonderful event.

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THE OAKLEY HUNT OUTSIDE THE CROWN AND CASTLE



ST LAUD'S CHURCH, 2000

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SCARECROWS 2008

The weather for the weekend of the Flower Festival and Scarecrow competition was quite good (not too much rain!) and 45 scarecrows were strutting their stuff around the village.

Brian Hansford had the unenviable, but we hope enjoyable, job of judging the imaginative collection and pronounced Mr.

Pap A Razzi at 7 Perry Lane as the winner, with Sammy on the Trumpet

(right) at 2 Leys View and Going to the Chapel (above), 4 Crofts End, coming second and third.



Thank you Brian – it was not an easy task! A delighted Angelika Braid was presented with the winner's shield on the 19th August by Mark and Kay. Have a look at the SHS website if you didn't manage to get around the village and see the Scarecrows.

JULY-NEWPORT PAGNELL MEETING:

Out on the town again – a very enjoyable and interesting visit to Newport Pagnell. Don Hurst of the NP Historical Society lead us on a very enlightening walk. How little we see when we drive, park and go into whichever shops we need! I heard quite a few of our members wander down memory lane – especially when we saw the swings!!!

Finishing the walk at the museum in Silver Street (the location of which many members were unaware) was a fitting end to an enjoyable evening, especially as refreshments were provided. For those who didn't join the evening, the museum changes its display in the downstairs area regularly and it is well worth a visit or two. It certainly made us wish for larger premises!

The next displays at the museum are:
Sunday September 28th Saturday October 28th Newport Fire Service.
Sunday November 26th 20th Century Costume

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SEPTEMBER OPEN DAY:

How time rolls on – it's almost Open Day again – the 27th. As mentioned in the June newsletter, the theme of our exhibition this year will be Pumps and Praises (Publicans and Preachers) and we will need as much help as possible. We are also hoping to have Mr Pap A Razzi, the wedding Scarecrows as well as having the whole archive on show.

Kay and her helpers will be up in the office on Wednesday afternoons so please call in and give a hand. On the 27th we will need help with the setting up (and taking down) as well as during the afternoon. Assistance with the refreshments will also be needed and with selling the raffle tickets.

We are also offering as we did last year, to the copy old photographs and documents. If you have come across any old photos that relate to Sherington's history, and you don't want to let go of them, come down and you can watch the whole process as well as take a new copy home.

As you might have guessed the photos in this edition of the newsletter are of Pubs and Churches to follow the theme of the event. Full details on the back page. Hope to see you all there.

Three Counties Radio - Treasure Quest:

Sherington is famous! Once again we have featured on Three Counties Radio "Treasure Quest" program. The first time the clue was based on the pump on the Knoll and this time the clue was to do with St. Laud's.

Mark met with the roaming presenter on the morning of the 17th August at the Lych-gate with the clue "Shortening the location with a French Connection", with Shortening being an anagram of Sherington and the French Connection being St Laud's.

We were Clue 5 of 6, so by the time "Cookie" got to us they were running very late as they had 5 mins to find another clue, so they had no time to talk to us about Sherington or St Laud's. The clue we gave to Cookie was as equally baffling (Fly away to the finishing post. Amazing finish if cookie has the grace.). So I guess that's us for a while.



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A reminder about future meetings:

On the 14th October Connie Hilton of the Newport Historical Society will present a talk about Odells, the iron mongers in Stony Stratford and Newport Pagnell and on the 11th November: Ray Bailey will give the second half of his talk on Salmons of Newport Pagnell. Looking even further ahead, the 9th December will be our Christmas Social evening and...

THE "JANUARY JOLLY"

Sorry to be rushing time on – I've already mentioned Christmas and now I'm galloping ahead to January, 2009! The committee would like suggestions for a venue for our January Jolly (for the benefit of new members, we have a Society meal in January). We went to The Chester Arms in 2006, the Swan in 2007 and the White Hart in 2008. So, if you have any suggestions or preferences let a member of the committee know.

Buckinghamshire Local History Network:

Formed in 2000, the network's objective is to link together the various local societies within the Historic County of Buckinghamshire. The main way that this happens is through an annual Conference and Fair. This is generally held on the first Saturday in October each year

This year's annual Conference and Fair is being held on Saturday, October 4th at Walton High, Milton Keynes.

They will be presenting six half-hour lectures covering transport within Bucks, including:

- Carriers and Stage Coaches
- Turnpike Roads
- Aylesbury Railway Station
- Canals in Bucks
- Military Airfields
- Transport History of North Bucks



The date range is 1680 until 1945 and there will also be displays on the Conference theme. Tickets are £10 each (lunch is NOT included); Sheila Q has the details if anyone is interested.

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WEBSITE (www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs)

Have you visited the website recently?

Ian has added the 1300 and 1580 maps, as well as 18 tables of information from Chibnell's book *Fiefs and Fields of a Buckinghamshire Village*, that make for some interesting analysis.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, photographs of the scarecrows are on the website and if you would like to see photographs of the flower festival, visit www.sherington.org.uk.

An update from Ian from the number of visitors

The web site statistics since the last newsletter are:

- June 4331 page loads by 1242 unique visitors
- July 5067 page loads by 1347 visitors
- August 4327 pages by 1187 visitors

Also other recent articles added are:

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| • Manor House/Moat | • End Farm |
| • Bronze Age | • Gowles Farm |
| • Iron Age Settlement | • Turnpikes |
| • Roman Road | • Railway |
| • Listed Buildings | • Wesleyan Chapel |
| • Church Bells | • Congregational Chapel |
| • ROC Post | • Friends Meeting House |
| • Swan Inn | |

So if you want to know more then point your web browser to: www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs.

For the last couple of months I have had a "Google Alert" setup on my computer, so whenever Google finds Sherington on the internet I get an email to let me know and a link so I can review it.

From this I have learnt a number of things I didn't know. Such as: there is a Pine Bed sold by Argos called *The Sherington*. Timberland have a sandal called a Sherington, there is a hotel in Banjul, The Gambia in West Africa called Hotel Sherington, 2193 Sherington Way, Sacramento California is for sale and Sherington FC beat Great Linford 1-0.

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"SHERRINGTON" CHAPEL (PRE WWII)



THE SWAN INN (WITH THE BAY WINDOWS)

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Points from Committee Meetings:



1. The photographing of the churchyard memorials is still ongoing.

2. The late Tony Deviny: A collection in memory of Tony Deviny was made at the June picnic meeting. £31.50 was sent to the Ghurkha Association, as requested at his memorial service in St. Lauds.

3. The Flower Festival: Sheila Line was responsible for the SHS flower arrangement for the Flower Festival. The theme for this year's entries was The Elements and Sheila opted to do "fire" and produced a wonderful and colourful display. Our thanks go to Sheila. Photographs of most of the arrangements are on the Sherington website www.sherington.org.uk

4. Sherington on Show: We will be taking part in the event on the 11th October.

5. Christmas Cards: We will produce Christmas cards again this year and Caroline Leslie has generously offered to produce another design and we are hoping to use a photograph of Enid Pepper's white ice floral display that she created for the Flower Festival.

6. CMK Car Raffle: The committee decided against taking part in the Car Raffle held annually in CMK. However, if any members would like to "man a slot" we can reverse our decision!



September: Open Up Milton Keynes. This months theme starts on 4th September running through to 2nd October, in which many of the events occurring in and around Milton Keynes are being highlighted:

FREE to a good home:

A large microfilm/fiche reader printers (without much print facility left – because we can no longer get toner for these)



Enquires to Ruth Meardon or Helen Bowlt at Milton Keynes Library, or talk to your committee.

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ST LAUD'S FLOWER FESTIVAL C1920'S



COMBINING CHURCH AND PUBS. CAROL SINGERS C1950'S

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WHITE HART, C1900'S



THE ROYAL OAK, CHURCH END (EARLY C20)

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