

S.H.S. Newsletter.

New members: We welcome Madeline and Tony Pilcher who joined the society during the weekend of the Scarecrow Competition.

Scarecrow Competition We had a total of 36 entries this year of which 31 were judged by Christine Stapleton of North Crawley Historical Society (the remaining five entries were created by members of our committee and therefore not judged) The first prize was awarded to the Gibbs family of Crofts End, for their entry "Jack Straw - the next apprentice".

Picnic at Yew Tree Farm: Once again we were welcomed by Diana and Richard Morgan, together with Phyllis Rollinson to their garden and home. This year the weather was not pleasant enough for us to stay in the garden, although a few hardy souls took a quick walk around the lovely grounds. Our thanks to Diana and Richard for their hospitality and very kindly providing the liquid refreshment. Thanks to all members for providing such delicious food for the evening.

Walk to Tyringham: Ray Bailey organised a walk to Tyringham on Sunday, 4th July. It was a beautiful day and the walkers enjoyed tea in Tyringham Churchyard after their walk.

Walk with Newport Pagnell Historical Society: Philip Smith led a very interesting walk around Sherington the 214 July. It was well attended by members of NPHS and SHS as well as a few visitors and one dog!

Congratulations to Phyllis Rollinson, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Caroline Leslie designed and painted a special card which was delivered to Mrs Rollinson on behalf of the society.

ANNUAL OPEN DAY! The title is "*What did you do in the war, Sherington?*" So we are trying to concentrate, as much as possible, on life in Sherington between 1939 and 1943. We hope that many of you have memories which you can share with others for this occasion. Please write anything down that you remember - just a few sentences of anything funny or anything sad of how life was in Sherington at that time. We have already been gleaning some pieces of information from various sources, one of which is through Barbara Smith who kept in contact with an evacuee Rita Groom. Rita and her sister were placed with Connie Horton in a Park Road cottage for three and a half years. Their brother was split from them (much against the parents' wishes), but was close by with a Mr and Mrs West in Church Road.

We are hoping to follow some wartime recipes for the refreshments. Maybe you have some old recipes, too.

SEPTEMBER MEETING - Tuesday 8th: We will be getting ready for the Open Day and hope that you will come along to help with the preparations. Practical ideas will be most welcome, as will your practical help.

OCTOBER MEETING - Tuesday 13th: Gerald Mann from Emberton will talk and give a slide show about a local Home Guard unit.

NOVEMBER MEETING - Tuesday 10th: A second Peter Gardner tribute evening, which will be open to visitors.

DECEMBER MEETING - Tuesday 8th Christmas Party with nibbles and wine.

Apologies! Our apologies for this September Newsletter being short and only in black and white. Unfortunately, Mark has been indisposed and also very busy recently so has not been able to produce his usual very colourful pamphlet.

If you would like to receive regular copies of the full printed Newsletter, why not join the Society? Membership is only £5 per year. **Email for further details**