

S.H.S. Newsletter.



**Sherington
Historical
Society**

Presents

An illustrated talk on

**May Day
Festivals**

by
Janet Dingen

In Sherington Village Hall
on Tuesday 13th April, 7-45 pm for 8pm

Refreshments available
Raffle.

Entry: £1/£2 for members/non members

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MURDER BOOKLET

We are in the process of proof-reading the "Rum Doings & Cruel Gossip" booklet prior to having it reprinted. Liz Revell has kindly offered to oversee the production and has obtained a favourable quotation from a printer. Once again The White Hart have agreed to sponsor the booklet and we thank them very much for their offer.



Special Dates for your Diary this Year

Tuesday, 9th March:
AGM, followed by Cheese and Wine.



Tuesday, 13th April:
Open Meeting – Our speaker will be Janet Dineen, who will give an illustrated talk on May Day Festivals. This will be an open meeting, so please bring your friends. (please see the back page for more details)

Week commencing Saturday 10th July
Scarecrow Competition. Judging to take place Saturday morning 17th July.

Saturday 17th July
Archive Day – New for 2010: In conjunction with the Scarecrow Judging and the Church Flower Festival we are holding an Archive Day in the village hall. More information about this will be available in our next newsletter.

Saturday, 25th September:
Annual Open Day: This will take place on from 11.00 am until 4.30 pm. More information to follow – WATCH THIS SPACE!

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A note from the Chair:

Time travels so fast these days we are almost at the AGM time again and it's doesn't seem like 5 minutes since we were at last years. We are still trying to finalise the calendar of events for 2010/11, so if you have any wants then please let us know and we will try to accommodate.

For those that missed our February meeting Alan Richardson entertained us with a very interesting illustrated talk about Olney High Street from pictures in his collection.

As you have seen elsewhere in this publication, we have made it to 10 years young. So with this in mind, the pictures in the newsletters are memories of other anniversaries or celebrations. Enjoy.

UPDATING OF MEMBERS' RECORDS:

Over the course of the next few months we would like you to update us with your correct contact details, i.e. address, phone number and e-mail address (where appropriate).



V.E. DAY, SHERINGTON (GUN LANE)

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JANUARY JOLLY

This year we saw 31 members attended the Annual Dinner at The White Hart – there would have been only room for one more as the dining room can only accommodate 32 diners.

Giles and his team produced an excellent menu which was much appreciated. Only empty plates were returned to the kitchen!

Thanks should also go to Pearl who tirelessly saw to it that the evening was a great success.

Below are a number of photos taken on the evening. I am looking forward to next year already!



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SHS Tenth Anniversary:

During February 2000 Norman Arnold chaired the inaugural meeting, of the Historical Society, in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. It was attended by a handful of interested folk. We have come a long way from those early days and now have forty-seven paid up members and two honorary members. To commemorate this special anniversary, the committee has asked Caroline Leslie to produce a suitable painting of the village, from which prints can be made.

Below are excerpts from the minutes of the first meeting held in the Village Hall Committee Room (as written up by Norman Arnold).

A brief summary of the meeting held in Sherington Village hall on Wednesday 23rd Feb. 2000.

Present at the meeting, were

Enid Pepper, Helen Vale, Norman Arnold, Sheila Quinn,

Mr and Mrs Jesse Line, and by invitation:

Don Hurst, Chairman of Newport Pagnell, Historical Society.

Apologies for their absence were received from

Mark Vale Mrs Elliott Gail Waters.

This meeting was held to explore the possibilities of starting a Sherington Historical Society (SHS), following the open letter to the village from Norman Arnold, in the SCAN.

As to the aims of SHS it was again thought that ALL available information should be looked for, in ALL forms, until such times as a direction for the society becomes clearer.

Nothing that is offered should be turned away, all contributions to be gratefully received.

It was thought that one of the most important and interesting parts of this project would be the photographs, these would need to be gathered from any source available. copied both electronically (on computer) and physically (re-photographed) Then catalogued and indexed, but most importantly made easily

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accessible to all who need to use them. Photos gathered and displayed should have a good caption, with all that is known about the picture displayed as part of its character.

It was felt that the same rules must apply to ALL data collected. This would cover people, past, present and future. Buildings past, present and future, maybe a sort of log book could be built up for each building, with the relevant photos, copies of deeds, where available, owners, tenants or occupiers, alterations, etc. etc.

Anecdotal evidence should be gathered and stored, stories of 'Characters' past and present noted. There have been a few. Dr Cheyne, 'Crump', Mr. Pate-man, to name but a few.

It was decided that the recording of all this data needs to be in the 2 forms, physical so that people can view and refer to it. Also electronically so that it can be more easily indexed and cross referenced, therefore more easily found if the information is a bit more remote

It was envisaged that at this time only paper data would be collected and collated. Any 3 dimensional objects large or small would be accepted but would have a decision made on their feasibility, whether to be kept or possibly sent on loan to Stacey Bushes Museum or whatever. This is too forward looking at this time.

It was thought not possible to set any sort of planned future development, but just to let things form into a natural pattern. A lot will depend on how material is received.

The next meeting of the SHS. interested persons, will be at Enid Peppers' house, 38 Water Lane, on Wed. 15th March 2000. At 7-30 pm.

The subject of this meeting would be to bring along any thing that may be of interest, photos, postcards, deeds, plans, maps, etc. etc. This will help to decide how the future development of the SHS is seen by the people present. It is hoped, by then, to have some positive ideas of how to archive the material that is and will be available

The meeting closed at 9-30 pm.

And so the Sherington Historical Society was born.

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WEBSITE (www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs)
Have you visited the website recently?

Ian writes...

"Apart from the inclusion of biographical notes for 15 of the artists featured in the 2007 Open Day, the main addition to the web site since the last newsletter has been around 90 photos from the Society's archives. These cover a wide range of subjects, including flooding in Water Lane and the Fox Hunt gathered on The Knoll. The oldest is a newspaper cutting from 1742 offering a reward of 1 guinea for 2 missing horses, whilst the newest are two photos from the 2009 SHS January Jolly.



The photos are scattered across the web site, but on the 'What's New' page there are links to the relevant sections to help you find them"



Traditional Milton Keynes



Last Month's display (18th January - 28th February) at the shop in the Centre:MK was entitled Traditional Milton Keynes and one of the 16 panels was dedicated to Sherington's Mayday Celebrations. Thanks go to Ian for providing them the information for the display.

At the time of writing we are not aware of what the new exhibition will be for March, but I am sure that it will be worth a look

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JOURNAL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1935

UNIVERSITY "PACT"



OUTRAGED AND ENDORSED... (Small text describing the event, mentioning a meeting and a resolution.)

BURYING THE HATCHET (1935)



BURYING THE HATCHET (1995)

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Annual Membership Fees:

These are now due. Please pay your membership fees to our treasurer (Pearl Teasdale, 33 Crofts End) by 31st May. As before, £5 for single membership and £9 for dual. Cash or cheque (made payable to "Sherington Historical Society"). For your convenience we are including a renewal membership form.



Hands to the Pump! (recent emails)

Nothing much outstanding here this time, but we have had some interesting enquiries that we've been able to answer. From the work previously done we were also able to provide copies of photos to help, which is always very nice.

Shella Palfrey from somewhere in the UK: Shella was looking for information about her Uncle's grave (Charles Henry Enstone) as there was no gravestone in the Churchyard. From our burial records (started by NA) we were able to provide the information of both Charles and his wife Ruth. We were able to show the location of the grave and the original wooden cross that marked their resting place.

Ann Fountaine also from somewhere in the UK: Ann who is researching her fathers side of the family was asking for information about Iris and Riley Lane. Here we could help with sending (via email) copies of the photos that were taken by members of the headstone as well as the burial register information. Ann Was very grateful for the level of Detail we were able to Provided.



Ruth Mullins from Australia: Ruth was after information of the Simco family and in particular Knoll Cottage. The link that Ruth was looking for left Sherington in the early 19th century, but we were able to clarify the information of the Enclosure Map that she had seen on our web site.

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GEORGE VI CORONATION (1937)



MAY DAY (1970'S?)



MAY DAY FROM THE ARCHIVE

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