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Dear Readers

It's nice to meet you!

I'm Mike, and I have been given the privilege of editing your SCAN magazine, which has spent the last 9 years in the very capable hands of Julia and Elaine.

I would love to take this opportunity to thank them for running this historic journal, which I understand has been published for over 60 years. They described themselves as amateurs, but they are anything but.

Because of them, we have a full colour glossy, home delivered magazine of our own, for the community. Well done, and thank you both, I hope I can follow in your footsteps and with the help of our readers, supporters, advertisers and sponsors I will do my very best.

Thank you for your service Julia and Elaine.

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Dear Friends,

I wonder if, like me, you were glued to the VE day celebrations and in particular to the memories of veterans and those who lived through both the war and the peace celebrations at home. Some were heartrending, others surprising, some ridiculous, all were touching, real people caught up in extraordinary circumstances. I was going to say 'ordinary people' but I don't believe there are any ordinary people. I've conducted several funerals lately and it is always a surprise to hear about the lives of seemingly 'ordinary' people, quiet, unassuming, self-effacing people, each one unique and precious.

Changing the subject, when I was a student, I lived and studied for a while in a small town near Nürnberg in Bavaria. I spoke quite fluent German but they have a strong accent down there – a bit like Glaswegians sound to us southerners, or probably as we do to them. One of the poets whose work we studied was Rainer Maria Rilke (1875– 1926). His work is beautiful, strange and very difficult to translate!

However, not having thought about him for decades, I recently read a piece by Rilke, – translated by someone cleverer than I am! Rilke wasn't a convinced believer and struggled all his life with doubts and questions about life, death and everything in between.

The following passage struck me as being relevant to all of us, whether or not we are believers. I'm sharing it with you, in the hope that it will encourage you to continue asking questions, even if you have not yet received answers which you find satisfactory.

Believers have questions, our faith isn't blind, but we do trust God even though there are things we don't understand. After all, if indeed he is the creator of everything it is hardly surprising that we can't grasp everything about him with our limited intelligence and experience.

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He wrote:

*'Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart,
And try to love the questions themselves
As if they were locked rooms
Or books written in a very foreign language.
Do not search for the answers, which could not be given to
you now,
Because you would not be able to live them.
And the point is to live everything.
Live the questions now.
Perhaps then, someday far in the future,
you will gradually,
without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.'*

I have noticed that as I get older, some questions I once had aren't so important anymore, some I have learned to live with and leave in the hands of our faithful, loving God. Perhaps I have learned to 'live my way into the answer.'

But there are still those questions, particularly about suffering, to which I have no answers, and which make me want to weep. I can't truthfully say I 'love' such questions, but I have learned not to waste my time and energy searching 'for the answers, which could not be given'.

God bless, Pam Fielding.

SCAN Service for June 2025



1st June

10.30am 'Something Different' in SCAN –
St Laud's, Sherington (Family Friendly)

8th June

9.30am H/C at St Firmin's North Crawley

15th June

9.30am Holy Communion at St Laud's Sherington
4pm Evensong St Lawrence's Chicheley

22nd June

11am H/C St Lawrence's Chicheley

29th June

11am Songs of Praise, St Lauds Sherington

7th June

10am-12pm

Coffee morning, St Lauds

21st June

**8.30-10.30am Monthly Breakfast Club,
St Laud's, Sherington**

From the SCAN Parish Registers

Funerals

David Revell of Sherington ,
Burial at the Green Burial Ground in Olney,
14th May 2025

Patricia Saunders of Sherington,
funeral service at St Laud's Sherington,
followed by burial at the Green Burial Ground, Keysoe,
Bedfordshire
22nd May 2025

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

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Astwood & Hardmead

Well, despite Donald Trumps' refusal to acknowledge there is Climate change..... There is! With temperatures at summer levels during the day, plummeting to nearly freezing at night and no sign of rain, farmers and gardeners are struggling.

VE Day was celebrated with a happy gathering of Villagers outside the Pub, only the weather was chilly.

The Astwood Plant Sale was postponed because no one's plants had grown well enough to sell! The NEW DATE for the Plant Stall is 8th June, Coffee and Cake will be available as usual in the Village Hall.

A new venture in Astwood instigated by the North Crawley Estate is a Farmer's Market. This will be operating on the green opposite the Village Hall beside the Pub every second Sunday of the Month through to December from 10am – 2pm, offering a wide variety of artisan goods

Parking will be provided at the Manor Farm Business Centre.

This initiative could provide numerous benefits, including access to fresh, locally sourced produce, support for local and small businesses and a vibrant social hub for our neighbourhood.

Hopefully this will be a successful project but any support would be appreciated in promoting the market to the community through social media and telling friends and family.

Initially the Village Team are helping but going forward some more volunteers to help with the setup and management of the market would be brilliant.

Come along and support Astwood's Farmer's Market on Sunday June 8th from 10-2.00 and enjoy Coffee/Tea and Cake as usual in the Village Hall from 10.30 -12.00

Speeding through Astwood continues. With our new SID (Speed Indicator Device) installed on the Cranfield Road facing South, traffic travelling in and out of Astwood was monitored. Between 20th March

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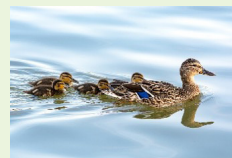
and 9th May a staggering 72500 vehicles were recorded travelling through our village. Of these 51% were speeding, 31 cars were recorded travelling up to 80mph, 26 travelling up to 90 mph and 5 were travelling up to 100mph. There are some idiots around I'm afraid.

The Community Speedwatch Team has been in action to back up the SID and during 15 sessions of 30 minutes each 72 vehicles were recorded as speeding. The highest recorded speed was 62mph. All recordings are shared with Thames Valley Police and depending on the severity of the speeding (and if caught more than once) either a letter is sent politely letting the driver know that he has been recorded so "don't do it again" or a policeman arrives on the driver's doorstep and can award points, fines or even notice of pending prosecution..... so beware!

It's lovely to have the Pub open and have that centre of the Community available for gatherings again. See you there!

Have a Happy June M'ducks

Mallard



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May 2025

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Chicheley

We have arrived at the month with the longest day of the year and the one that introduces the start of the meteorological summer. With the very warm and pleasant days we have been enjoying recently it does seem as though summer is already here, but it has also introduced what to me is a bit of a puzzle. I commented in an earlier edition that last year supplied the heaviest fall of rain in a 50-year period but now after just 2 months of very low rainfall there is already talk of a possible drought and limitations placed on water supply.

If this is correct, perhaps not now but in future years and with all of the massive building projects that will be constructed in our area including SCAN Parish this will be a serious challenge for all of the authorities to deal with; it would be interesting to find out how they will deal with that. Now perhaps you would like to read about what has been happening in Chicheley recently and some plans for the near future so here goes.

V.E. Day plus 80 - 8th May 2025

Flags and bunting decorated the village hall inside and out; from 2pm onwards the village hall was open for visitors to view the exhibition of World War II memorabilia which included my display of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and a scene from The Dambusters.



Gordon Sparshott had a large collection of military artefacts, books and newspaper articles. (Gordon was the only person present who was able to recall his own experiences of V.E. Day 1945 when, as a school boy living in London, he was part of the crowd outside Buckingham Palace watching the royal family appear on the balcony.)

Chris Errington had a selection of books related to local villages near Stony Stratford and Wicken. Also he was guardian of an army tunic worn by Robert Ruck-Keene's father who served in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

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Christine Girard displayed items from her father's time in The Royal Navy – he served in the Arctic Convoys. David Blamires showed some items of his father's time in the R.A.F. Felicity Robertson displayed some R.A.F. memorabilia from her father's time when he served as a mid upper gunner in a Lancaster – also on display was a compass from a Lancaster.

"The NAAFI" served a varied selection of food from that time. Thelma made corned beef sandwiches, I supplied a loaf of bread and a tin of Spam which she soon turned into excellent sandwiches. Sarah made some bread loaves which were sliced, buttered and topped with jam. Christine made delicious jam tarts and also supplied the home made jam whilst Felicity also made some bread, sticky buns and a delicious bread pudding.

Gordon's wife, Bobby, made a beautiful cake and cup cakes all decorated with VE 80 and union jacks.

Thank-you, ladies – it must have been good because very little was left.

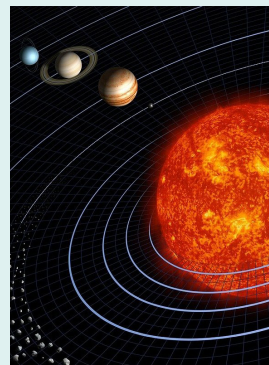
In the evening a goodly crowd gathered for the lighting of the peace lanterns and Cris Tarrant's readings of Winston Churchill's and King George VI's speeches. Many thanks to the bellringers who walked over from North Crawley to ring the bells of St. Lawrence's Church. Although the event was free, donations were invited in support of SSAFA, the armed services charity for which £120 was raised.

Thank-you everyone who helped and supported to make this a very memorable day.

Michael Kettell, chair of the Village Hall Committee

Pierre Girard - 17th May 2025

On the evening of Saturday the 17th of May in our Village Hall we were treated to a pictorial display of Cosmic Excellence. This was an illustrated talk given by Pierre Girard about the wonders of the Universe. The photographs that Pierre had chosen were quite remarkable, of the Planets within our own solar system and stretching out to Constellations unimaginable distances away.



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I cannot possibly describe in a few words the scope of Pierre's talk and his remarkable knowledge of his subject but just a couple of thoughts come to mind. One was the stunning beauty of the pictures, the second was of a picture taken from the space station circulating above the earth which showed the very thin layer of our atmosphere that allows us to live, it was a stark reminder that we had better not mess it up. The talk was in two sessions with an interval when we all enjoyed a delicious buffet supper giving us all an opportunity to talk about what we had seen. The event also raised £375 for church funds. Thank-you to Pierre and Christine and all who supported the evening.

Forthcoming Events

The next **Chich Chats** will be held from 10.30 a.m. until noon on **Tuesday, June 13th** and **Tuesday July 8th** in the village hall.



On **Saturday, June 21st teas** will be served in the grounds of St. Lawrence's Church from 3pm. This will be part of the celebration of the 700th. anniversary of the construction of the north aisle of the church and an excellent opportunity to come and visit our splendid church as it is by far the oldest building in our village.

We have also heard that Chicheley Hall will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the construction of the present buildings with an event on **Sunday, July 20th**. There is more information available on their web site – we will include other details next month.

When I sit down to compose my note for SCAN I have in mind the past, the present and the future. As we are about to have a change in our editorial team, of which a little about that in our next edition, it gave me a reminder of who I thought was so good at doing that. It was the late Alistair Cooke and in particular his letters from America. I now listen to Talking Books and discovered that some of these letters were available so arranged to receive them.

The first one arrived on its microchip, I inserted it in the radio and pressed play and the first words that came out were 'As Joe Root'... Now I like our former England captain of cricket but that was not the book I wanted. I hope that you find that this magazine, the correspondence, and all of the advertisements it contains is useful and perhaps also promotes some interesting points to discuss.

David

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Bulletin - May 2025

Hi Folks, Steve here with an update on all things Parish Council.

In May we have two important events at the Parish Council meeting – firstly our **Annual Parish Meeting (APM)** – this is an opportunity for our residents to discuss issues of importance to them with the Parish Council so we can include them in future discussions. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to attract a single resident (or a married one either!!). Hopefully it's because everyone is tickety boo with all that the PC gets up to and that we're not missing anything.

Please try to have a look at the summary of Parish Council activities over the last 12 months (on the PC website and on Facebook) which we prepared for the APM. Almost all of these activities would not take place if we had no Parish Council – and to keep our PC going we need volunteers to join us as our Councillors of the future. Please come and join us – we have an immediate vacancy – to keep our village thriving.

The other important event in May is the **appointment of the Chair** for the year ahead. As many of you know I will be leaving the village at some stage and felt it was only right to encourage another Councillor to take on the role whilst I can help hand over the reigns so to speak. I'm delighted to confirm that Cllr Derek Harpur has been elected the new Chair of the PC. I will be Vice Chair until I leave North Crawley. Derek does a huge amount of work behind the scenes both at the Ford, keeping it looking a beautiful place to walk through, and on various committees giving freely of his time to support our Parish. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing him every success.

At the moment there doesn't seem a great deal of support for the idea of a 20mph speed limit throughout the centre of the village. We only have 13% of the electorate in favour – and we need 50% to put in a successful bid for the change. We will monitor the responses closely over the next month before deciding how we progress (or not) from there. Separately the consultation by MKCC on converting our current 40mph section (from Brook End) to 30mph has now finished and we are waiting to hear the outcome.

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We are hopeful we have found a candidate for the role of Village Warden but until that is confirmed we are keeping things ticking over between ourselves.

Now we have agreed the wording we will be putting new signage up on the Waste Ground (in front of The Church) to explain that, whilst it is not a car park, parking is permitted subject to a number of conditions (which will be listed). This will hopefully provide clarity for everyone.

This year's **Fun Day** will take place on **25th August** 12pm to 5pm and will be bigger and better than ever!! The free pony rides are returning, we have a much bigger bouncy castle for kiddies to enjoy and Gary will be rustling up his famous Hog Roast of course. More news later in the year but save the date now!! Still plenty of room for craft stalls - drop me an email if you'd like to be there! I will be organising the Fun Day this year but handing over to Cllr Laura Butterworth who will make sure this popular annual event continues to take place.

We are (hopefully) having the repair work to the surface carried out at the kiddies play park at the beginning of June. It will require the park to be closed off for a week as extensive new drainage is being installed to resolve the issue of muddy water seeping up. As soon as we know specific dates of the closure, we will post them on the play park.

Well, that's it for now and, as we head into Summer, isn't it wonderful to see the gardens bursting with new life and the trees and hedgerows full of birds and birdsong throughout our beautiful Parish.

North Crawley Institute management committee would like to remind drivers that the parking adjacent to the hall and shop is private parking for the users of the hall and its grounds.

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North Crawley IMC

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Sherington

May Day Celebration/Bea's Charity Fun Run/ VE Day

What a great day it turned out to be. Very well attended, and very well supported - with a lot of money being raised for charity on the day. The school children made the Maypole dancing look easy. The fun run was a big success, the best job seemed to be the fire extinguisher crew spraying paint on the runners. A lively Musician/DJ kept things moving along.

A lot of people repaired to the White Hart in the afternoon to celebrate VE Day eating WI home made cakes to the accompaniment of the Miss Jones Trio jazz band.

Great Credit to all the organisers and the helpers, to all the participants and the generous donors who raised approx. £4000 on the day. Planning for next year has already commenced.

New Feature on the Knoll

Some of you may have noticed a new bench and picnic table on the Knoll. Doesn't it look good. It was taken to the Knoll from under the hedge at the back of park by the village hall. It got some good use at the May Day event. Thanks to Giles and his helpers for giving this bench a new lease of life. Hopefully there will be a lot of fine weather for picnics in the coming weeks.

Sports News

The headline read "Olney Boys make it look easy in the National Boys U18 Cup Final". A very big prize for the local rugby club. There were 120 teams in the Competition and Olney are now the Top team in England. The parents and grandparents of the Sherington boys on the team are rightly proud of their young men's contribution to a great sporting achievement. Swing low, sweet chariot.

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Ongoing Village Improvements

The low fences at the Pavilion and the Knoll are being replaced. The works should be complete by the time June SCAN is delivered. This is the first village improvement project to be progressed by SPC in 2025/26 Financial Year. If you have a suggestion for a village improvement project – please contact the Parish Council through the clerk, or speak to one of the Parish Councillors.

Solstice Sunrise Walk (21st June)

Would anyone like to revive the Solstice Sunrise walk to the mound at Chicheley Hill?

The late Philip Smith organised a number of times, leaving early from the Knoll and collecting a group of sun worshippers that headed along Bedford Road to watch the sunrise from the top of the new mound.

If you do decide to walk up to the mound on Saturday 21st you should plan to be at the top early as sunrise will be 4:42am. Set your alarm clocks. Please don't wake your neighbours on the way.

Solstice Breakfast (21st June)

On Saturday 21st June Tim and his helpers will be serving the monthly community breakfast at St Lauds from 8:30am to 10:30am – all are welcome.

Midsummer Festival. (22nd June)

Following the success of the first Milton Keynes Midsummer Festival held in 2024, MKCC is holding its second family-friendly free Midsummer Festival on Sunday 22nd June from 10am to 10:30pm. Midsummer Boulevard East will be transformed into Festival Central for a free event, inspired by midsummer themes of fantasy, folklore and fairytales. Music, street theatre and summer solstice inspired art will take place alongside making workshops. Fantastic pop-up street food will be available throughout the day.

You can find more detail of all the activities and events at “midsummer-festival.co.uk”.

If the weather is fine it will be well worth a visit.

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Castletorpe First School • Newton Blossomville CE School • North Crawley CE School
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Sherington School were delighted to perform their Maypole dances again this year on May Day at The Knoll.

This was a combined fundraising event with a colour run in memory of our precious ex pupil Bea. It was lovely to see so many people supporting and so many happy, smiling faces.

The children have begun their new topic which is Where is Africa? and Life in Africa. They are all very interested in the differences between Sherington and a village in Zambia. We have also linked our English to the topic and so far the children have written letters to the coffee growers asking them to stop planting coffee plants and the effects they have on their environment and instead to plant more trees. They are excited to read an African folktale Anansi and the golden Pot and write their own stories

We are looking forward to our Health and fitness week at the end of this half term. The children will have fitness activities on the playground before school, a visit from The Great Gappo, specialist PE session, a mindfulness walk around the village and also a trip to Northampton Saints for a 2 hour coaching session and a tour around the stadium.

The fundraising efforts our PFTA do makes a huge difference to the experiences beyond the classroom we can give to our children to both enrich and embed their learning and we are extremely grateful to them.



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St Lauds 2025 calendar of events

Sunday 29th June – 3pm – Strawberry Cream teas @ Mercers Farm
Come along enjoy the beautiful gardens of Mercers Farm, while chatting to your friends and neighbours, eating amazing homemade scones / cakes while sipping a glass of Pimm's.

Saturday 26th July – 1pm – Jumble sale @ Church
Back by popular demand, come along and grab yourself a bargain and do your bit for environment. Refreshments will be served

Saturday 27th September – Fashion show 1.30pm @ Church
A lovely social afternoon, you can come along and just have a glass of processso or treat yourself to a new outfit at reduced price. Stores include M&S, Next and lots more something for all ages .

Tuesday 30th September – Harvest supper @ Village Hall
Come along and enjoy a harvest supper followed by an auction

Saturday 8th November – Race night @ Village Hall
Come along and place your bets !!

Saturday 22nd November – 11am to 1pm – Christmas Bazaar @ Church
Our traditional Christmas event, where you can come along and buy your paper, gift bags, homemade crafts. An amazing raffle and refreshments

***NEW* Friday 5th** – December @ Church
Sponsor / remember a loved one. Sherington church sponsor a bulb switch on, mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, carols , mince pies , hotdogs

If you would like to help in any way by setting up, clearing away, serving refreshments or baking a cake. It's a great way to get to meet new friends

Donations are always kindly excepted, either jumble, raffle prizes.

If you feel you can help in anyway please contact Joanne Lusted 07780987034

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Jumble Sale Saturday 26th July 1 – 3pm St Laud's Church

£1 entry all proceeds to church



Good quality clothing needed. This was an amazing fundraiser last time and hopefully we can match it! If you have any good clothing , shoes or accessories you would like to donate then please let us know (If it's not good enough to buy don't donate). We are also after some dry storage where we can keep the donations while sorting and before the day.

Nearer the time I will be asking for donations of cakes and raffle prizes , even if you can give perhaps you could give an hour or two to help.

Contact Joanne Lusted 07780 987034

Sherington Short Mat Bowls

*We were runners up in the league.
Well done to all who took part.
If you have a free afternoon Mondays
from 2 o'clock till 4 o'clock or Friday
evening 7 o'clock till 9 o'clock please
feel free to come along and have a go,
we are a friendly group and meet in
Sherington Village Hall.*



*Please call either Bob Claridge 07840 850242 or Sheila Quinn
07943 002786 if you would like further information.*

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Thumbstick walkers

*“Kate and Graham will lead the June Thumbstick walk. It starts on the **1st June at 9.30** from the Knoll, Sherington by car to travel to*



Newport Road car park in Woolstones, MK15 0AA just before and opposite the Cross Keys pub and restaurant and along from The Barge pub and restaurant. We will then leave at 10.00a.m. There may be cattle and sheep in some pastures so well behaved dogs on leads please.”

Many many thanks Julia and Elaine for your great work in keeping the Scan running, it has certainly been much appreciated by ourselves as readers, and for your support of our monthly village walk. We look forward to being in contact with your successors. Kind regards to you both.
Kate and Graham (Edwards).

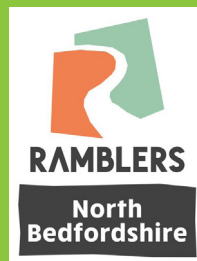
North Beds Ramblers Walk every Saturday:

Please note change of start time for afternoon walks – Summer start 13:30

Come and join us for a walk. We walk every Saturday afternoon approx. 6 miles and twice a month, in the morning for approx. 12 miles. Or try our “Ramble” on first Saturday morning each month – slightly shorter, slower pace.

June walks:

- 7th pm - Wootton, 6.5 miles
- 14th am - Priory Country Park, 10 miles or pm Mowsbury Park, 7 miles
- 21st pm - Sharnbrook, 7 miles
- 28th am - Ivinghoe Canal Walk, 10.5 miles or pm Kimbolton, 6.5 miles



Contact; Margaret Sawyer 07780 933729

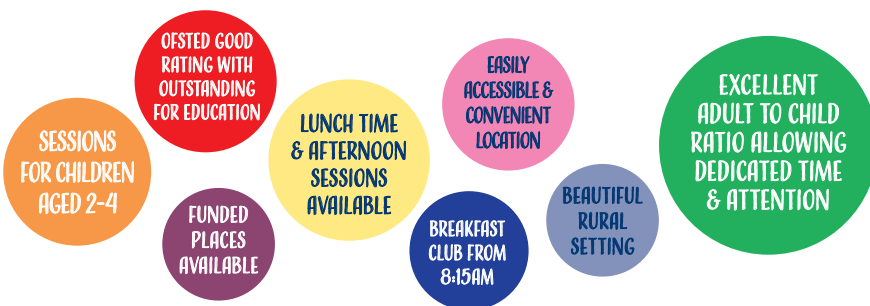
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17th June: Public Meeting – A Walk Around Sherington.

Newport Pagnell Historical Society will visit the village for a guided circular walk.

Tony Pilcher of Sherington Historical Society will lead “A Walk Around Sherington”.

This promises to be an entertaining and informative evening and should take a little over an hour,

after which a visit to the White Hart will be encouraged.

We will meet at the Village Hall in Church Road from 6:45pm to leave the car park at 7:00pm sharp.

The hall will be open for those who wish to use the facilities before we set off.

All are welcome to join us on this walk. (It's FREE)

<https://www.mkheritage.org.uk/sherington/>



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15th July: Public Meeting – Sailing Stories & the first Fastnet Race.

The first Fastnet Race took place in August 1925. 7 boats took part.

To commemorate the centenary we will share family sailing stories from one of the participants.

Please highlight and save the date in your calendar.

All proceeds will be donated to Willen At Home.



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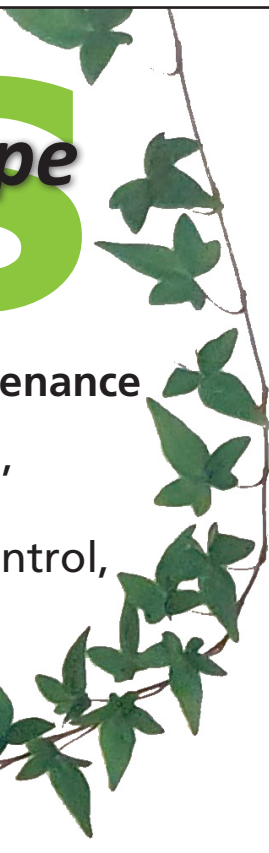
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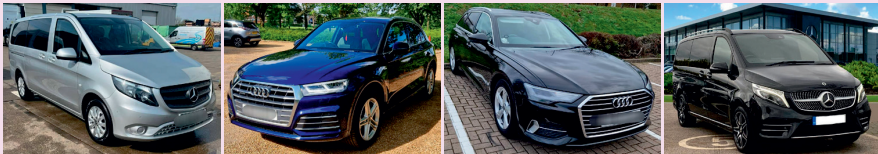
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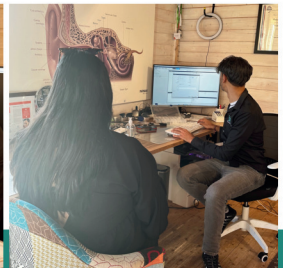


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