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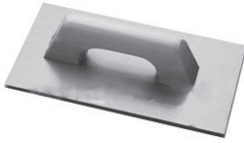
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# Dear Readers

Welcome back. This month marks the end of Summer, the harvest and the turn of our eating and drinking habits. The Sherington feast was a celebration of this in days of old, as we stopped eating the fruits of Summer and turned to more hardy foodstuffs that would last the winter.

Much like nowadays I suppose, as I turn from a crisp Chablis to the warmer Shiraz, which goes much better with stews, casseroles or a takeaway curry.

There's nothing like a late Summer's evening with a glass of something nice at one of our local pubs. Village pubs, in our more secular society, are the hub of local life, where everyone is welcomed, young and old, and news and gossip flow.



But they are a dying art. The hospitality industry has been battered over recent years, and many great hostelrys have closed. It's tough now for everyone, but we must use them or lose them. A couple of pints or a nice pub meal wouldn't go amiss every month.

The White Hart, The Chequers, The Swan, The Chester Arms and many other wonderful pubs are providing a real service to our villages. Many people would love to be within walking distance of one. So please, let's all help them out by making the most of these remarkable meeting places.

Have a great month, and I'll see you at the bar.

Mike

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Dear Friends,

How quickly the seasons have turned this year!

As I write this in mid August I am seeing evidence of autumnal foliage all around – leaves are browning and falling, as are ripened apples and pears in the Rectory garden.

The elderberries have come and almost gone already, and hips and haws are ripe and red...

I suppose it's not surprising given the exceptionally dry spring we had, and a series of extraordinary heat-waves over the summer with temperatures in the high 20's and up to the mid 30's.

Like many of you, we have been struggling to keep our vegetable plot well watered, trying not to use a hosepipe except in desperation. We gave up on most of the flower beds and ended up just focussing on potted plants and hanging baskets, some of which have survived.

There are some positives of the hot, dry weather of course; the school holidays have been filled with days out, for once without rain coats, umbrellas and wellies accompanying us on every occasion, and harvesting weather, although unseasonally early, has been fine and dry I think for most farmers. On the down side, I suspect many crop yields have been smaller or of poorer quality in many areas as the lack of rain has not swelled grain and root crops sufficiently. What does all this mean in the long term if our weather really is to become hotter and dryer for large parts of the year, with extreme sporadic rainfall in between which causes issues like flash floods and waterlogged fields that rot early-sown crops or become unsuitable for grazing? I don't really like to dwell on it too much...

Perhaps instead of building new homes with integral central heating it may be air-conditioning systems that become essential selling points for developers and estate agents.

Whatever happens, we seem to be experiencing rapid and somewhat alarming change in our environment which many

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of us certainly struggle to adjust to. I for one have found the unrelenting high temperatures of the last few weeks very uncomfortable, especially at night. However, we were fortunate to be able to go out and purchase a new tower fan with cooling technology as part of the spec and it's been a life-saver.

We all have the availability of refrigerated storage for foods, clean drinking water on tap and no shortage of fruits and vegetables, seasonal and unseasonal, in our shops and supermarkets.

And so we are blessed, and thankful that as we look around the world through our TV screen and social media sites we are so privileged and protected in so many ways in our everyday lives - there are so many whose lives suffer immeasurably through unstable weather patterns, rising global sea levels and/or climate-based catastrophic weather events that destroy homes, lives and livelihoods at a stroke.

Here at home, later in the year, we may well see the consequences of our early and unseasonal fruit and berry crops as autumn and winter draw on, and our native wildlife begins to suffer through the lack of hedgrow foods normally available to see them through until spring. Let us be mindful, and do what we can to make sure we spare a few more crumbs from our abundant tables to help them survive through the winter months.

Would that it could be so easy for each of us to so physically help the people far in other lands who are starving now, let alone in a few months time...

Revd Coralie

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## SCAN Service for September 2025



### 7th September

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

### 14th September

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

### 21st September

9.30am H/C Harvest Festival at St Laud's Sherington  
4pm Evensong St Firmin's North Crawley

### 28th September

11am H/C Harvest Festival St Lawrence's Chicheley

**6th September** 10am-12pm, Coffee Morning, St Laud's,  
Sherington / **20th September** 8.30-10.30am, Monthly  
Breakfast Club, St Laud's, Sherington

## From the SCAN Parish Registers

### Funerals

Andy Lane  
funeral service at St Laud's  
followed by burial in church yard

### **1st August 2025**

Alan Sims  
funeral service at St Laud's Sherington,  
followed by Cremation

### **6th August 2025**

*May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory*

### Weddings

Matthew Malloy and Yao Lu 5th August 2025  
St Lawrence's Chicheley

*In your goodness Lord watch over these couples you have joined in  
the covenant of marriage*

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# Astwood & Hardmead

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A very sunny hello Astwood and Hardmead, I hope you're all enjoying the wonderful summer we are having, it certainly lifts the spirits. We would like to welcome all our new residents and hope to see you at some of the upcoming events we will be holding in the coming months.

What can I say, people are still driving irresponsibly through the village. Here are some of the shocking stats for the period of 1st July-2nd August: 22,550 vehicles pass through the Village in this period, 40% exceeded the 30mph, 21% exceeded 70mph, 6% exceeded 80mph and a shocking 3% exceeded 90mph, which is totally unacceptable. The **Speedwatch team** are always looking for new volunteers, if you can spare an hour of your time to help making the village a safer place, please do get in touch to get further information: [astwoodandhardmeadpc@gmail.com](mailto:astwoodandhardmeadpc@gmail.com)

The **monthly Farmers Market** is proving to be a great success and a great addition to the village and compliments our monthly coffee morning. The footfall has increased each month too which is great news for the traders. Over the next few months we are expecting new stalls to be added which is great news, so keep popping down to see what's on offer.

The Village Hall Committee has decided to postpone the **Annual BBQ**, however it will be back next year in June. Details will be posted in the SCAN and on the Village Whatsapp group, so keep your eyes peeled.

## What's On and When

**Monthly Farmers Market** held opposite the The Old Swan and **Coffee Morning** held in the Village Hall **2nd Sunday of the Month**. A chance to buy local produce meet up for a coffee and cake.

**Joga: Yoga with Jo**, held in the village hall from 6pm-7pm. This class is perfect for all levels of fitness. If you would be interested in joining the class, contact Jo at [www.just4today.org.uk](http://www.just4today.org.uk) for further information.

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**Wednesday walkers** meet at the Village Hall at 9-9.30 and go for a lovely walk around our area, you are welcome to bring your dogs too and occasionally we have Kims lovely donkeys to keeps us company, a real treat!

**The Thursday Knitting group** will resume in September, if you would like to learn to knit, or, you can knit and would just like to join us for a knit and natter contact Jenny on Whatsapp for further details.

This year **Apple Day** will be held on **11th October** and will focus on apple products, ie: Pies, crumbles, cakes and bags of apples. These will be sold alongside the Cakes etc. on Coffee Morning. If you have any apples to spare for the bakers please do let us know on the Whatsapp group.

The next **Village Quiz Night** will be held on Friday 17th October in the Village Hall. Teams of six- get your teams organised and watch out for further information on timings.

**Halloween Disco / Trick or Treat** on **Friday 31st October** in the Village Hall, further details will be posted on the village WhatsApp group.

The **Christmas Craft Fair** will be held on **9th November** in the Village Hall and in conjunction with the Farmers Market, this will be a great chance to buy some lovely, handcrafted items for Christmas gifts.

We look forward to seeing you at all of our upcoming events and hope you have a wonderful summer in Astwood and Hardmead. Let's continue to make our village a safe and welcoming place for all residents. If you have any questions or suggestions for events, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community.

**Jenny Wren**

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# Chicheley

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September is now upon us which I believe is now referred to as the start of the meteorological autumn. As I am writing this in the middle of August that seems quite surprising as we are now on our third or fourth heatwave. Much of the United Kingdom is taking drought measures although so far that does not seem to apply to us, of course by the time you read this that may not be the case. It is not that dissimilar from the 1976 heatwave and the antidrought measures that were put in place then, with the solution being to appoint a Minister for Drought, one Dennis Howell which from memory solved the problem overnight, so perhaps a name will soon be drawn out of a hat to take on the same role.

Congratulations to Brian (the Badger) Kettell for his **sponsored tractor run from London to Edinburgh** during which he raised some £7,000 for a number of charities. His old Nuffield tractor behaved almost impeccably for the whole journey and Brian is apparently considering what he and the tractor should do next. You will see from the events list below that the family's usual exhibition will take place later this year in our Village Hall and perhaps Brian's tractor may appear outside for you to have a look at.

**On Sunday July 20th, Chicheley Hall's celebratory event** was attended by many people from far and near. How interesting it was to meet up with people who had been associated with the village over the years; some as residents, some who had attended the school run by Major Meager in Chicheley Hall in the late 1940s and early 1950s, others who had associations with the Beatty family and, to our pleasure, one gentleman whose father had been stationed at the Hall as part of the S.O.E, during the Second World War. Thank-you to Chicheley Hall and its staff for providing this opportunity to spend time in this special setting that was built by the Chester family three hundred years ago.

## Forthcoming Events

The next **Chich Chats** will be held from 10.30 a.m. until noon on **Tuesday September 9th** and **Tuesday October 14th** in the village hall.

A **quiz evening** including a supper will take place in Chicheley Village Hall on **Saturday September 27th**, 7pm for 7.30pm in aid of St. Lawrences Church. Please contact Mrs. Pat Townsend on 07778782587 to book your place at this popular event. Come along and join in the fun.

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The **Harvest Festival** service will be held on **Sunday 28th September** at the church of St. Lawrence at 11a.m. All are welcome. On the previous day, Saturday 27th. September, the church will be open from 2p.m. so that people may bring their contributions of tinned goods and other non-perishable items that will be donated to a local food bank after the following day's service. Please bring along any offerings you may have to support this worthy cause.



Harvest celebrations continue with the **Harvest Supper** which is scheduled for **Saturday October 11th**, 7pm for 7.30pm in Chicheley Village Hall - £12 per head with concessions for children. Please contact David or Felicity Robertson on 01234391371 to book your place.

**October 14th, Chicheley Parish Meeting.**

**The Annual Interests' Exhibition** will take place on **Saturday October 18th** in Chicheley Village Hall.

**Saturday November 29th, Christmas Coffee morning** in aid of St. Lawrence's Church in the Village Hall.

We recently commemorated the **80th anniversary of VJ day** on the **15th of August**. This meant that the Second World War had ended. One significant consequence from this was a return to civilian life for many of those who had been in the military services, which began quite soon and continued for a number of years. An important aspect stemming from this was a significant increase in the birth rate – those who became known as the Baby Boomers' generation – and the impact that would be seen on the academic life of the country. Worry not,

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I am not going to debate that but will try to explain how the transport system was put into place to move the children of Chicheley and the other villages to and from school. Before and during the war, the Chicheley children went to school in Sherington, but this then changed such that they would attend school in Newport Pagnell in buildings in Ceders Way which took children from the age of 5 to 15. During the period from 1945 until the late 1960s there were quite a few children in Chicheley numbering up to fifteen and, when the children from Hardmead and Astwood were added to them, it made up a good load of passengers for a bus. This also became more complicated when the older children from North Crawley were included.



Perhaps I should explain here that the buses we travelled on were not the sleek machines you can see on today's roads but some quite old but still serviceable pre-war machines. Pick up time was 8am either in the centre of the village or, on a disputed arrangement at Little End; this early time was to allow those pupils who would be going on to the Grammar School and Technical School at Wolverton to change buses so that they would be there for 9am. The return journeys took place from 4pm. but, as the pupils from Wolverton did not arrive back in Newport Pagnell until about 4:30pm a slightly different system took them home.

In 1957 this meant a ride in a Humber Super Snipe 7-seater car operated by Mr and Mrs Harris, who also ran a bicycle shop in Newport Pagnell, delivering children back to all the villages in a clockwise route one week and, an anticlockwise route the next week. The buses were operated by Colliers of North Crawley, Woods of Newport Pagnell and Hayfields of Newport Pagnell. The routes from other villages in the area were serviced by Souls of Olney and Wesley's of Stoke Goldington. In the early days this service was free but at some point - I think in the late 1950s - a charge was made for anyone living less than 3 miles from their appointed school, which, to the annoyance of parents in Chicheley, the authorities decided that those in Chicheley would have to pay and, needless to say, the villagers did not agree.

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Many of the parents were ex-military so they paced out the distance from the houses to the school and were firm in their conviction that it was more than three miles. I cannot remember what decision was eventually made but you do not argue with our villagers lightly, so I suspect we won.

It is now quite easy to forget that there were very few private cars back in those days and travel on a bus when you are quite young was exciting. It can still be the same now as we heard recently from our niece in New Zealand that her eldest daughter, now six, is travelling on a school bus each day finding it quite exciting. In the future, will Chicheley's children travel to and from school in autonomous vehicles? At the current rate of progress, I expect they will.

To finish this month, I will combine school dinners and fruit from the hedgerows, which means blackberries. Back in the time I've been writing about, pupils who lived in Newport Pagnell were allowed to go home for their lunch, or as we used to call it, dinner, village children could take a packed lunch or alternatively have dinner in a small building located in Silver Street, I cannot remember exactly what its purpose had been previously.

The meals were cooked on site and were particularly good and this included the puddings. If you took in fresh food such as blackberries, you would be given a small payment which partly offset the cost of the meal for which our parents did have to pay. I can still recall this well over 70 years later and the kindly ladies who cooked and served the meals to us; one of these was Mrs. Finch; her daughter, Dilys now serves us coffee and cake in the Methodist Church room where she is part of the team who do this to raise money for Willen Hospice.

Just a reminder that I am always happy to include any items or news that you would like publishing in Scan magazine relating to Chicheley and its villagers past and present if you let me know.

**David**



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# North Crawley

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North Crawley Historical Society  
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## **EXHIBITION TO MARK THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**12pm – 6pm in the Institute, North Crawley**

To mark the hundredth anniversary of the end of World War 1, North Crawley with Chicheley Historical Society Brought together the service records and family memories of the 104 men and 2 women from the village who served in that conflict.

The flood of information recorded eventually formed a permanent record of dedication and sacrifice in a large 'Memorial Book'. A copy of this is now displayed in a fine oak case (donated by the Collier family) in St Firmin's Church; other copies are in Newport Pagnell and Central Milton Keynes libraries, and Aylesbury Records Office.

On Saturday September 13th coming, between 12.00 and 18.00 hours in North Crawley Institute, the Society is holding a 'Memorial exhibition' for those who served in the 1939-1945 conflict. Do please come along, admission is free and drinks and cakes available.

If what you see, read or hear stirs memories and emotions, you can chat or simply sit and think quietly. Society members will be happy to gather any extra information you may have and want to share with us about your own family and memories. Eventually most of what we gather will form a companion World War 2 'Memorial Book'.

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*Why not start immediately.....can anyone help us identify the North Crawley Home Guard members marked with a '?' in the photograph?*



The exhibition is to commemorate the service men and women from the villages of North Crawley and Chicheley who served in World War II. There will be pictures, service records, stories and memorabilia on display.

Please do come along to honour the service they gave to our country but very rarely spoke about it. Many of the service men and women are no longer with us but some of their families will be coming along.

There will be tea and cake and the event is free and open to everyone.

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# North Crawley

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Over the past few years a number of young people in the village have been awarded grants by the North Crawley United Charities to help with their further education.

If you are leaving school this year and planning to take up an apprenticeship, study at university or college or train for a profession, now is the time to apply. Applicants must be under the age of 21 and grants can be used to put towards the purchase of books, equipment, tools or any items that will assist with studies and training.

*Please contact the Clerk to the Charity, Chris Stapleton, at [chris.stapleton23@gmail.com](mailto:chris.stapleton23@gmail.com) by September 15th 2025 at the latest, giving a brief description of how you would use your grant.*



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*The Chequers is hosting a coffee morning for McMillan Cancer Support on Friday 26th September in North Crawley. 11am onwards. All donations of cakes and raffle prizes will be much appreciated. Contact Tracey Lee on 01234 391 438*

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# Sherington

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## Sherington New Thursday Group

On Thursday, 7th August Pearl Teasdale hosted our annual Garden Party in her garden. It is a time to get together with friends and to raise funds for Willen Hospice and, as in previous years, members brought a contribution to the buffet, which was served with Pimms. Members were very generous with their donations, for which they received two raffle tickets and I'm pleased to report that we raised £300 this year. We were privileged with a visit from Claire Cossett, a member of the Hospice administration staff, who met members and helped collect the donations. Many thanks to everyone for making the garden party a great success.

Our September meeting is for members only but on **2nd October** we have Community First Responders coming to talk to us about defibrillators and demonstrate how to use one. There is one on the outside wall of the village hall but how many know how to use it? It will be an open meeting to which everyone is welcome. As usual the meeting will start at 7pm and refreshments will be available.

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Ladies from Sherington and surrounding villages are very welcome. We also meet for an informal lunch in the White Hart on the third Thursday of the month. Please 'phone Sheila Quinn on 01908 211153 for more information.

## Sherington School

After a restful summer break we welcome our new Robins to Sherington School and we have lots of exciting things planned for them in the term ahead. We bid farewell to our Year 2's at the end of July and were sad to see them leave. They did a fantastic leaver's assembly and enjoyed sharing tea and cake with their families afterwards. We had a very busy July, we welcomed St Andrews for our sports day, had a super trip to Woburn Safari Park with North Crawley and Stoke Goldington school joined us for the day for an African Drumming workshop. We are so fortunate that we are able to share these special events with our neighbouring village schools.

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If you have a child of school age and are interested in finding out more about our village school then do please come to one of our Open days on Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 20th November.



## Charlotte Howarth Appointed Lead Artist for Public Art Commission in Sherington

Charlotte Howarth is to work with residents of Sherington, Milton Keynes, in designing and creating a permanent public artwork in and for the village.

In 2019, thirty-six new homes were built on land adjacent to Sherington High Street and funding from the developers was identified to help mitigate the impact of these homes on the village partly through the creation of a public artwork.

In November 2024, Milton Keynes Arts Centre, acting on behalf of Milton Keynes City Council, began working with Sherington residents in agreeing and writing a commissioning brief. This brief stipulated that any commissioned artwork must respect the village's rural location, celebrate the sense of community and engage residents in its creation.



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Twenty-seven artists responded to an open call for Expressions of Interest in the commission in May 2025. The breadth and calibre of applications for the commission was outstanding but the quality of Charlotte Howarth's work, her approach to community engagement and experience of managing public art projects particularly impressed the interview panel. Cllr. Vic Kitchingham, from Sherington Parish Council stated: "We are very excited at the prospect of working with Charlotte and to creating an artwork that captures something of the essence of Sherington and what makes the village so special to all who live here."

Charlotte Howarth is one of the foremost letter-cutters currently working in the UK and has over 35 years of experience of creating exquisite artworks and memorials for public and private spaces. Charlotte has been commissioned to produce public works of national importance. She was part of the team who created the COVID Memorial in St Paul's Cathedral and, in conjunction with the Cathedral Studios in Canterbury, the Donor Windows in the Queen's Gallery at Westminster Abbey. She also has experience of more personal private commissions that celebrate and record the life of a loved one.

The artist has an extensive track record in working closely with communities in creating sympathetic and meaningful artworks. "I greatly enjoy the opportunities presented by such projects," she says, "and find that getting to know communities, building trust, working alongside people in a positive and creative manner can be rewarding and enlightening for all involved." Of her approach to a brief, Charlotte Howarth says: "As an artist I am fascinated by concepts of identity and community and how these ideas are expressed in the public realm in terms of defining place, passing on stories and marking territory. I would define myself as a narrator and aim to highlight aspects of our existence in permanent works of art that will outlive us and leave a lasting record of our lives and times."

Cabinet Member for Planning and Placemaking, Cllr Shanika Mahendran said: "This project is a wonderful example of how art can bring people together to celebrate local heritage. By working hand-in-hand with residents, Charlotte Howarth will create something that truly reflects Sherington's unique character and will stand as a lasting testament to its community spirit."

*Sherington residents are invited to meet Charlotte Howarth on Wednesday 8th October from 6-7.30pm in Sherington Village Hall. To book a place, please go to <https://www.miltonkeynesartscentre.org/events>*

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## **Thumbstick walkers**

*"Our Thumbstick walk on the **7th September** will start at 10.00 a.m. from the car park near The Roman Crown, Bancroft Park, Constantine Way, Bancroft. Milton Keynes. MK13 0RA. It is circa 4 miles, returning back to the car park by way of Bradwell Abbey.*

*We will leave the Knoll in Sherington at 9.30 a.m and travel by car to the start point, and can offer a lift to anyone at the time."*



## **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 Saturdays twice a month in morning for approx. 12 miles. Or try our "Ramble" on first Saturday morning each month – slightly shorter, slower pace.*

### **The Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn Walks 6th – 14th September**

*Full details are available on <https://www.bedswalkfest.co.uk/> or the dedicated Facebook page Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn Walks.*

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*Joyce and family wish to extend their sincere thanks for all the kind messages and support on the loss of Terry.*

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## **Heritage Week 2025**

Coinciding with the national Heritage Open Days 2025, the Society is commemorating its 25th Anniversary with a week-long display in St Laud's Church, running from Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th September.

Back in 2000 as part of the Millennium Project, the Society collected photos of most of the residents, photos taken on the doorstep or just outside their homes. We have found 2 large display boards with a collage of all the photos. These will trigger some great memories and we would encourage as many villagers as possible to visit and see your younger self and your neighbours' photos from 25 years ago.

The photo montages will be on display on 14th and 20th from 11am to 4pm and Society members will be present to share your anecdotes and memories of life in the village. Refreshments will be available.

The late Philip Smith, one of the SHS founder members, often commented that if you have lived in the village for 25 years you could be promoted from "a lodger" to "a local". Why not come along and "stake your claim!"

Other topics in the displays will include:

- maps of the Village from 1900 through to 2025, and on to 2050
- analysis of the census data and changes from 1841 to 1921
- biodiversity projects past and present
- old photos and postcards.

## **The early days of the Society – a reminiscence with the help of former Chairman Mark Vale.**

The first idea for a Historical Society in the village came from Norman Arnold who ran "The Clock Shop" on the High Street, where he maintained, repaired and renovated old clocks and barometers. He was an avid researcher, making detailed family trees for his and his wife's family, as well as cataloguing a number of the local churchyards for the Bucks Family History Society.

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He was very conscious of the passage of time, and back in the late 90s, with the Millennium fast approaching, Norman felt that some key village elders were not getting any younger and there was a high risk of losing the village history and folklore.

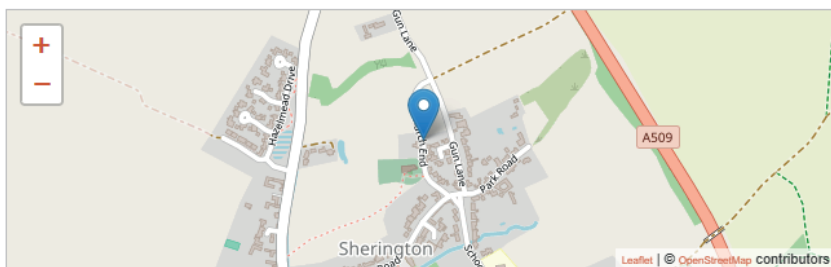
He enlisted the help of prominent village character and storyteller Philip Smith, and local film maker Peter Gardner encouraging them to record their accumulated stories, films and photos, so they would be preserved for future generations.

Norman posted a notice in SCAN (February 2000) inviting others with an interest in recording the village's history to come along to a meeting in the Village Hall the following month. About 20 people turned up and after some discussion the Sherington Historical Society was born.

Happy 25th Anniversary – I am sure that the early founders would be proud of the Society's progress.

### St Laud's Church Sherington Open Days

September 14, 2025 10:00 AM - September 20, 2025 4:00 PM at St Laud's Church, Church End, Sherington MK16 9PD



St Laud's Church in Sherington is the only one in England known to be dedicated to Saint Laud and dates from 1140. Take a look around with a leaflet detailing the history of the church, see the local history exhibition staged by Sherington Historical Society for their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and enjoy some tea and cake.

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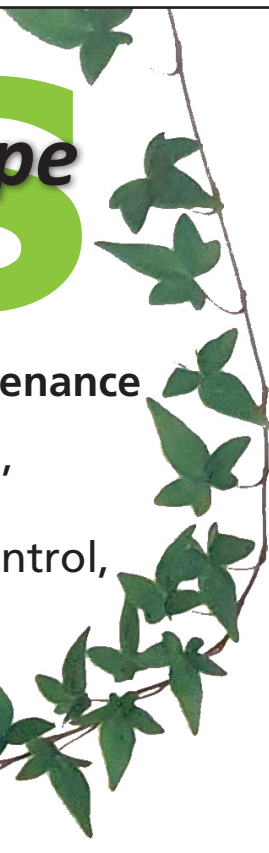
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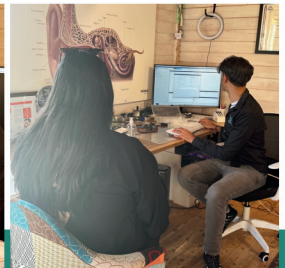


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