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Newsletter

Sherington Historical Society



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Special dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th June

****Members only**** Picnic. Diana, Richard and Phyllis are inviting us back to Yew Tree Farm for the annual picnic. Bring a nibble for an informal get together. Please note that it will be a 7.00 pm start.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 22nd, 23rd and 24th June

Scarecrow and Flower Festival. Get your scarecrows ready for show this weekend which is also Open Gardens in the Village.

Tuesday 10th July

'The History and Mystery of Women's Underwear'. Carol Tames is likely to be hosting a very popular evening event.

Tuesday 14th August

No meeting.

Tuesday 11th September

Members Meeting. Please come for a low key evening archiving and chat, where we will be trying to prepare for the Open Day.

Saturday 6th October

Open Day, Sherington Village Hall 12 noon-4.30 pm (Set up from 9 am). Sherington at Work. Our exhibition will show trades, crafts and businesses that have taken place in Sherington over the years.

Tuesday, 9th October

'The Hanslope Murder'. Roger Drage is coming to talk to us about the Hanslope Murder. Find out if it really was the Butler what done it!

Tuesday, 13th November

Members Can Talk. It will have been a busy year with the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee. This is a potpourri of an evening with members own talks.

Tuesday, 11th December

Christmas Party. Games, wine and nibbles.

Tuesday, 8th January 2013

Members Meeting. Please come for a low key evening archiving and chat.

Mid-January 2013

January Jolly. More details nearer the time.

Tuesday 12th February 2013

'Lacemaking'. A talk by Julian Hunt about the history of making lace.

Tuesday 12th March 2013

Annual General Meeting.

Our Tuesday monthly meetings start at 8.00 pm unless otherwise stated.

News Snippets

The subject of our Open Day in October will be Sherington at Work. The exhibition will show trades, crafts and businesses that have taken place in Sherington over the years. If you have any information or photos on this topic, please let a member of the Committee know. It would be good to show as many different trades as possible that have taken place in the Village.

In March we had our Annual General Meeting. We lost two members of the Committee, Pearl and Sheila - thanks to both of them for all their hard work for the Society over the years. We gained two new Committee members - Diana Morgan as Treasurer and Betty Feasey as Secretary. We welcome them - they are both doing a

great job. April was the talk by Brian Giggins about the boghouse. Everyone learned some interesting facts about toilets, and we had a good crowd who appreciated the talk. May was a members' evening where we set about trying to keep up-to-date with the archives, and there was much tea drinking and chatting.

You may have heard that our Chairman and his family took part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee River Pageant. Mark was spotted briefly on the evening TV News. Hopefully we'll find out all about the event at a future meeting.

Ian Collinge has given us an update on the SHS website - it had 3,820 hits in April and 3,690 in May, slightly more than in the same two months last year.

Scarecrow Competition

Our Scarecrow Competition will be taking place over the Flower Festival and Open Gardens weekend of 22nd-24th June. If you haven't registered a scarecrow yet, please do so - there are forms in the Shop. It only costs £1 to enter. Scarecrows should be put out in your front garden just before Saturday 23rd June - judging will take place on the Saturday afternoon. Sue and Peter Blake from Grafton Regis will be the judges. You are asked this year to leave your scarecrow out for a few days after the weekend so that everyone gets a chance to see them.

The last Scarecrow Competition took place in 2010. There were 26 entries that year with a further 4 which were made by members of Sherington Historical Society. The results were: 1st - Farm Worker by the "Thumbsticks" group (see the winning scarecrow on the front cover and the presentation to Philip Smith and Julie Smith



below), 2nd - Mrs Moppel by Tony and Madeleine Pilcher, 3rd - Trapeze Girl by Alice Charles, 4th - Bedtime by The Lusted Family. The judge, Marion Becks from Newport Pagnell Historical Society, said, "It had been an honour to judge the competition and that it had been hard to choose a winner. Well done Sherington."

Extract from the 1895 Sherington Parish Magazine



May 1895

The most solemn week of the year, Holy Week, was ushered in on Palm Sunday by very appropriate services, both in the morning and afternoon. That beautiful hymn, "All glory laud and honour," was sung by the boys and men alternately at each service. In the morning there was a special Eucharist service after Matins. We are very pleased to see our

Rector in the pulpit again after his enforced absence, on account of the ill health of Mrs. Elton. The Reverend Gentleman preached an excellent sermon on Sunday afternoon.

The Queen of Seasons was duly ushered in at the Parish Church by a bright and appropriate service at 11 a.m. There was a capital congregation, who joined in the service in a most hearty manner. The Easter Anthem was sung to a good chant by Dr. Hayes, the Psalms being read. Holy Communion was administered to a goodly number of the faithful after this service, Evensong was sung at 3 p.m. There was again a very full congregation. The Psalms were sung nicely by the Choir, to chants by Norris and Barnby. The lessons at both Matins and Evensong were most impressively read by Mr. Edward Elton M.A. of Wellington College. The Rector preached a stirring and practical sermon from the words "Now is Christ risen from the dead." Very great praise must be accorded to Mrs. Elton, Miss Summer, Miss Rogers, Mr. Joseph Field and Mrs. Johnson for decorating the church so nicely. There is a great scarcity of flowers this year, but where there is a will there is a way, and by an ingenious use of immortelles, ivy, daffodils and primroses, together with pots of flowers from the Rectory, very good effects were obtained. Specially was this noticeable in the decoration of the screen, the work of Mr. Joseph Field, who always takes this part of the work, and right artistically does he do it, the words "Easter Triumph," "Easter Joy," being effectively incorporated in the screen by the use of

immortelles. One dear old face was missing from the accustomed place, viz that of our genial Churchwarden, Mr. William Makeham, who is only just recovering from a dangerous and prolonged illness. Our fullest sympathy is with him, and we are sure, though absent from our services in body, he was there in spirit.

The schools have recently been undergoing a series of examinations. The general examination of the Evening Continuation School (boys and girls) took place on March 29th, and the drawing examinations for the same on the 10 instant, 29 candidates presenting themselves for examination, and there is reason to believe that they acquitted themselves creditable. On the 11th instant the Day Schools were examined by the Rev. W. J. Harkness, Diocesan Inspector of Schools. The report is the best the school has ever had, and is alike gratifying to teachers and scholars. The following is a verbatim copy of it:

“This school has done remarkably well, and I have no hesitation in saying that the result reflects great credit upon Mr. Collett. A full syllabus had been taken, and careful, conscientious instruction had been given in all subjects. The bright appearance of the schoolroom was an outward index of the warm interest taken in the inspection by the children.

Infants' School - I was pleased with the infants. In most cases good answers were given, especially in the Old Testament. In the New Testament and Church Catechism the younger children were rather weak.

Mixed School - In the School the master has given special attention during the past year to the lower division, and the good effects were at once apparent. This division was the weak part in the school last year, but this year there was quite a keen competition in answering the question put to them, especially in the life of our Lord, which was exceedingly well known. In the upper division the highest mark was gained in all subjects, and the answering was bright and intelligent. I was especially pleased with the thoughtful answers given throughout the school in the Prayer Book subjects. The repetition of scripture was accurately rendered, and a form of private prayer reverently repeated. In the written form, several papers of the elder scholars was very creditable. The tone and discipline of the school was excellent.

The diocesan prize was awarded to Mollie Gardiner. The following were commended: Infants: Alice Graves, Pollie Nursaw, Frank Hickson, Willie Robinson, Tom Rose. Middle group: Kate Labrum, Reginald Fleet, Charles Line, Albert Fleet, John Graves. Upper group: Agnes Ingles, Ann Virtue, Kate Mint, Thomas Robinson. Signed W. J. HARKNESS, Diocesan Inspector.” The managers made the following

entry in the School Log Book on April 23: “We visited the school this morning, and were greatly pleased not only with the appearance of everything but with the report of the Diocesan Inspector, which was read in our presence. The report speaks volumes as to the care and efficiency of the teachers.”

Baptisms:

Feb. 27, Dorothy Florence, daughter of William Thomas and Sarah Ann Attwood

April 5, Stanley Oscar, son of Charles and Elizabeth Nursall

April 5, Frederick William, son of Joseph and Ann Watts

April 7, Edith Mary Brooks daughter of Arthur Charles and Elizabeth Brooks

Burials:

Mar. 12, Percy Brackenridge, aged 12

Mar. 18, William Borton, aged 1

April 7, Thomas, James Hardwick, aged 52

May 3, Mary Ann Boon, aged 84

Recent emails

The following emails have recently arrived in the Society’s Inbox. If anyone has any information that can help with the queries, please get in touch with a member of the Committee.

From Adam Dawkes re. Benjamin Dawkes

“I am hoping that someone can help. I am researching my family tree and have found my Gt Gt Gt grandfather was born in Sherington in May 1800 - Benjamin Dawkes. I have completed a Parish record search through the Bucks Family History Society and have his parents listed as Thomas and Sarah Dawkes. I have searched your site online and can see a couple of entries for Thomas Dawkes, I believe he originates in Northamptonshire. I would appreciate any help or any more information on the Dawkes family who have connections with Sherington and Stoke Goldington.”

From Gladys Ireland, re. Gowles Farm, Sherington

“I am currently researching my family tree and having come to your site have found some fantastic photos of my grand-father Charles George Ireland (maybe known as George). The photos show my aunt Doreen, Uncle Fred and cousins some of whom perished on the ‘Prince of Wales’ that sank in Barmouth Wales in 1966. I knew the farm as a child and I am curious as to when my grandfather came to Gowles Farm. I have recently been back to the village with my aunt who spent many years there in the Land Army and after at Mr Cook’s Farm. She married Walter Needham and still lives in Broughton. My mother married Fred Ireland, the son of George and sister to Doreen, in 1946 and we lived at 10 Church End until I was 8 years of age. That house is now known as Willow Tree Cottage, 22 Crofts End and is up for sale.

Any information you could give me of Gowles Farm would be greatly appreciated and if I can be of any assistance in any of your quests for information I will be only too pleased.”

From Dean Fazey re. Open Day

“We were impressed with our visit to your open day last year and would like to attend this years’ event if you can advise of date and time. We were kindly given a family history chart for the FEASEY family from which I was able to relate our FAZEY lineage, (our surname changed from FEASEY to FAZEY circa 1890) and I wondered if it had been possible to further the line before 1695 (Richard Vesey) and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss further at your open day.”

From Carol Shergold re. Family history at Sherington

“Thank you for your wonderful website, I have been enjoying the results of your work. It is wonderful to find so much searchable information, and I just wish I had found it before doing so much work myself! I am trying to reconstruct a tree for the Joyce family/families of Sherington in the 18th century, and would like to know if anyone else in your society has an interest in this family surname. If so, is it possible to put me in touch? I am a descendant of Samuel Joyce and Mary Betts, married in Sherington on 19th April 1761.

MK Collection

A new heritage film for Milton Keynes was launched on 8th May. Five of our key heritage organisations have come together as The Milton Keynes Collection, in order to raise awareness of the city's unique heritage and – in partnership with other heritage groups, business community, and many interested individuals – help it grow. If you've always thought of Milton Keynes as a new city, this specially-commissioned film will reveal that we've been making history for more than 2,000 years. Produced for The Milton Keynes Collection, the film aims to showcase some of the city's heritage gems, and inspire more of us to visit and get involved. Funded by MK Arts & Heritage Alliance and MK Community Foundation, and produced by Jump off the Screen, the film is also an introduction to the Collection and its partners. View the film at the following link: <http://www.mkcollection.co.uk/>

Jubilee and Coronation Celebrations

We hope you all enjoyed the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at the beginning of June. The photos on the next pages look back over past jubilee and coronation celebrations in Sherington, starting with King George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935 below.





Fancy dress for the Queen's Coronation outside Haynes' Garage, 1953



Celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee in the Village Hall, 2002



Jubilee Dinner in The Swan, 3rd June 2002

Souvenir Programme from the Queen's Coronation Celebrations

Tuesday, 2nd June 1953

MRS TEMPLE

SHERINGTON



ELIZABETH R

1953

Coronation Celebrations

SPORTS · TEA · DANCE

on

TUESDAY, 2nd JUNE 1953



Souvenir Programme



Programme

- 9 a.m. CHURCH SERVICE
- 1.30 p.m. Unveiling of SEAT on Knoll.
- 1.35 p.m. FANCY DRESS Procession starting from the Knoll and proceeding round the Village.
- 2.30 p.m. SPORTS in field adjoining Village Hall. Prizes for various age groups.
- TEA in the Village Hall
- 3.45 p.m. Children aged 15 and under. 4.45 (approx.) Ladies. 5.45 (approx.) Gents.
- 7 p.m. COMIC EVENT (in field).
- DANCING
- 9 p.m. Dancing on the Knoll.



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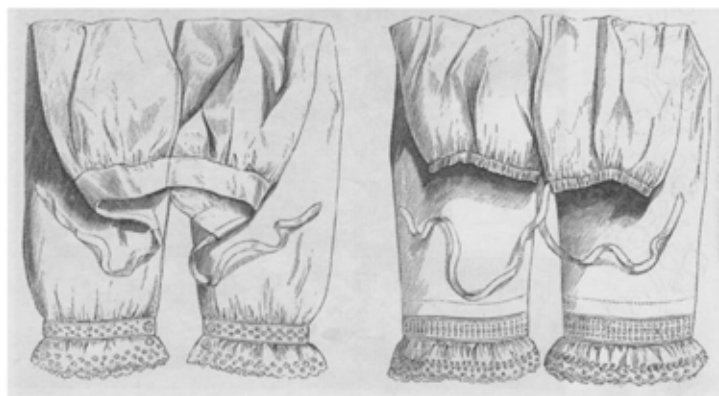
A talk by Carol Tames

The History and Mystery of Women's Underwear

Sherington Village Hall

Tuesday 10th July 2012

7.45 pm for 8.00 pm



Refreshments available
Raffle

Entry: £1.00/£2.50 for members/non-members

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