

**The Parish @ Large**  
Village Website: [www.slipend.co.uk](http://www.slipend.co.uk)

**SCHOOLS**

Slip End Lower: 720152  
Five Oaks: 726058  
Streetfield: 613421  
Ashton: 663511  
Manshead: 608641

**HALLS**

Village Hall: 723109  
Recreation Hall: 455185

**DOCTORS**

Markyate Surgery: 841559  
Caddington Surgery: 725673

**SPORT**

Bowling Club: 412506  
Tennis: 733253  
Darts League: 425323  
Football: 733156  
Cricket: 414157

**COMMUNITY**

Brownies: 723109  
Beavers: 725297  
Cubs: 414168  
Fly Tipping (SBDC): 472222  
Friendship Club: 720392  
Slip End Assoc: 414796  
Mother's Union: 738435  
Playgroup: 728865  
Toddler Group 405931  
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**Post Office:** Crossroads 401069  
Mon-Fri 6.30 to 21.00 Sat-Sun 7/7.30 to 21.00  
**Taxi:** 495858  
**Garage:** Markyate Road, 456888

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## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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### *Services & Events in May*

*Midweek Communion take place monthly at two venues in Slip End, details from Joy.*

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Family Communion
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Pram Service in the Family Room
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Ascension Day in Church
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am - 1:00pm	Plant & Candle sale
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Praise
	2:30pm	St Andrew's Ramblers meet at the church
	6:15pm	3:16 meet in the Family Room
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Footsteps meet in the Family Room
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion for Pentecost
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Pram Service in the Family Room
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:00pm	Wedding - Ian Brand & Lesley Crowe
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity East Hyde
	10:30am	Morning Praise
	6:15pm	3:16 meet in the Family Room
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Footsteps meet in the Family Rom
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Woodside Home service
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Praise

**Ascension day praise party - 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm you will be welcome to join us at St Andrew's to praise and rejoice with our ascended King! Reverend Joy Daniel**

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### TED SOAR

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Ted had been ill for a while, but we were saddened last month by his death. Ted will be greatly missed by all his friends in Pepperstock and Slip End. He was apt to get on with things in his quiet and unassuming way, his work went on largely unseen, but none the less appreciated. Last time I spoke to him in hospital, he was thinking ahead, knowing that his time was drawing to an end here. I was touched at his apology for not being able to continue with one or two of his jobs.

Ted was often to be seen around the area on his bike, often with his great friend Archie. A few year's ago they did the London to Brighton Cycle Ride in aid of charity and were to become our local "Citizens of the Year." All this typically embarrassed Ted, but it was good for us to show our collective appreciation of just some of his efforts. Closer to home, Ted was a Parish News trooper, delivering around his patch dependably, month in month out. As well, Ted was a charming gentleman, a dry wit lurking behind his smile. The reactions of the ladies in this picture, as he tells them one of his stories, say a lot about him! All friends and neighbours in Pepperstock and St Andrew's folk particularly will miss you: God bless, Ted.

*David Kingston*





This month we held two meetings. The first on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April and we welcomed members from other villages in the 'group' to a chat, refreshments and to hear the excellent speaker with her subject "Barefoot to Buckingham Palace". It was a very humorous talk and the title became clear to us right at the end. Madame President L. Kalisz was made Group Governor (keep taking the tablets Lorna!).

For the monthly meetings our speaker was Mr Paul Youngman telling us "The Real Price of Fish". He works for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. It is a Christian Charity. We were told how a fisherman's job is the hardest, most dangerous job in the world. Last year one hundred and fourteen men were killed or injured i.e. two a week and twenty eight fishing boats sank. To be married to a fisherman demands total commitment as they can be away for days only to return tired out and if the catch was negligible, not enough money earned, to even pay for the fuel. Even on a calm day, we were told how a fishing boat is tossed about like a cork. The men attach chains to themselves to keep them safe. In-between various parts of his talk he had us swaying to his sea shanties with him on the guitar. As with everything else we take for granted, his talk certainly brought home the True Price of Fish.

May Meeting – Annual meeting.

We meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month 7.30 – 10 at Baptist Church Hall, Caddington.

How about joining the Happy Throng?

*See you there. Patricia Crick*

At the AGM held on 18 April, it was agreed annual subscription rates remain at present levels as below.

Junior £14 £13 )  
Senior £26 £24 ) if paid before 6 May.  
Family £38 £34 )



Club members have priority in the use of courts, except when matches are to be played. The general public are welcome to use the courts, when not in use by club members, at the cost of £1 per person. Junior coaching is provided by our LTA coach, Sally Parry on Fridays, £3 per session. Beginners 4.45-5.45pm and Intermediates 5.45-6.45pm. Ladies and private coaching by arrangement. Give Sally a call (413501)

Congratulations to the following members, who were successful in the draw to purchase tickets for Wimbledon.

David Turner  
Brian Church  
Nigel Croft

Enquiries about the club can be made to either person below.

Peter Smith Chairman Treasurer 733253  
Steve Lyons 414162

**Slip End Playing Field**

**Urgent reminder  
to committee members**

**AGM**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
at 7.30pm  
Peter Edwards Hall**

I thought that I would write something about the village hall this month owing to my retiring from the job that I have held for 41 years as treasurer. What a wonderful happy atmosphere the committee members had in days gone by. There were several of us that formed a working committee, when the hall was in a very bad state. The ladies toilet was outside and the gent's toilet had no roof so one stood in thought looking at the stars. We would all sit on the stage at meetings with curtains drawn to keep warm as we had no central heating only a couple of stoves and open fires. We had little if any money in our bank account and needed to earn fast in some way to get the hall up to standard. Mabel, a member wrote to several business in Luton for donations to our needs and we had a great response with a fridge from Electrolux cleaner from Hoover and lots of gifts to use on the tombola. We organised a fete at Easter in the playing field minus then the children's equipment to make a benefit with these donations.

All of the members had young families, yet they always found time to turn out to the monthly meetings. We would have jumble sales to raise money and the ladies would work hard to have craft fairs. Once a year we would all go to Letchworth for a dinner dance which was a wonder in itself. Over the years we have done jobs with fund raising that has brought the hall to the standard it is today. I will go back to the first AGM that took place when I first had the treasurers job, and the hall was packed out, but after a few years the public began to get smaller and eventually still smaller until we had nobody at all like the last two years.

One would feel that belonging to a village that some one would just want to become part of the place to make sure that the standards are kept up to what they have now

become. Actually there are still one or two of the old committee still serving which is a credit to them but it would be great to have a few volunteers who are willing to take part. I do wonder at times who will take over when we have all gone and the only answer that I can foresee is that instead of the village hall, as it is now called, will no longer belong to the village but the council. That is only what I feel and nothing wrong about that but if you can browse the slip end web site yet again you can read all about the hall and perhaps why I am anxious that it stays that way. Please come forward if you can find at least two hours a month to participate with ideas it will be wonderful. I know my wife Muriel has asked for volunteers with no luck, so I now say to you, come forward to honour the village and keep things the same at the hall. It only needs a few more people to keep numbers up. The hall has lots of forth coming bookings and the booking secretary and caretaker do well to keep the standards up but we are now older and need young blood so where ever you are, come and see what its all about and you will have some laughs, upsets, sometimes disputes and at times fun but after all that's what a committee is all about. Thank you for reading this article and look forward perhaps to some replies.

*Wally Allsop.*



## GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

# FOIL APPEAL

Please leave at 67 Five Oaks, Caddington

For collection call K. Baker on 480107

### *Slip End Lower School*

## TESCO & SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

*A repeat of our plea from last month for those all important computer and sports vouchers. Whether you have children or not we ask that you pass on any Tesco or Sainsbury vouchers as they really do make a difference to our village school. Either pop them in at the school office or through the door at no. 9 New Street and we'll put them to very good use.*

### **SLIP END SCHOOL**



The Friends of Slip End Lower School (FoSELS) are busy planning more fund raising activities over the coming months. This year we hope to be able to support the school with some new listening and recording equipment for the classrooms as well as finding the funds to go towards additional sports coaching for the children.

### **School Trips**

There are a number of excursions planned for the children in the next few months starting with an outing to the Planetarium. Year 1 and 2 children will have the chance to learn more about the stars and planets on their trip to London on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Then in June, Year 4 will be off to France for a 5 day trip to Senlis, near Paris. This is a repeat of last year's successful visit when the children enjoyed the sights of Paris and experienced a little of the French way of life.

Finally the school outing this summer will be to Whipsnade Zoo, when all the children will have a fun day out and get to see lots of animals including the lions in the brand new enclosure which opened last month.

### **Making Music**

Music is an important part of school life and takes many forms. The children enjoy singing, learning to play instruments, movement to music and simply just listening to it. To help encourage their enjoyment further, a six week course in African drumming has been arranged for years 3 and 4. A range of music professionals are available through the Bedfordshire Music Service, part of Bedfordshire County Council, to come into schools and broaden the children's experience of music. Understandably, they are very popular and booked well in advance so Slip End Lower School has done well to secure this treat for the children.

### **Mufti Day**

A range of after school activities are run for the children including Karate, which is taught on a Tuesday and Thursday evening. Several pupils, past and present, attend the classes and are showing a real talent for the sport. They are being entered into competitions and the school will be supporting them with a contribution towards the cost. To help raise this money a Mufti day is being held and we'll let you know how much is raised as well as how successful the Karate team have been.

### **Tuck Shop**

Every Friday after school a tuck shop is

open in the hall for the children to buy sweets from. Once a month we are asking each class in turn to donate cakes which are then sold through the tuck shop on the last Friday of the month. This has proved extremely popular with parents and children and raised £40 in March alone. A welcome boost to our fundraising.

### **Family Fun Day**

FoSELS are planning a slightly different summer event this year instead of the usual Fair. A Family Fun Day will take place in June which will include a barbeque, refreshments and plenty of fun activities and games for all ages. We hope you will bring the whole family along and join in. More information will be sent closer to the date.

That's all for now; we hope you enjoyed the pictures of the children (and the teachers!) on Red Nose Day in last month's issue of Parish News and look forward to telling you more next month.

*Sandra Collins*

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## **ALEY GREEN METHODIST CHURCH**

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### **Steadfast**

Be thankful for the loving heart  
That always stays the same  
The one who stands beside you  
Sharing failure, fun or fame.

Whose ways will never alter  
Whose eyes will always smile  
Even though you haven't been  
So cheerful for a while.

One who loves you just as much  
Though happy or depressed  
In sickness or in health  
When at your worst or at your best.

*By Kathleen Partridge.*

A big thank you to all villagers who came along to our Good as New sale in March. The Church was packed solid with people and the tea room alone took £92. The overall

total of sales was £406. This was a record (nearest to this was in 2001 when we took £356). Of course, not half of the Good as New items were sold so we gave six black bags of bedding and curtains to NOAH. (while I was there, they said they needed double sheets, double quilts and covers and double blankets, so if you have got any you don't use please take them to NOAH). Twelve bags of clothes went to the British Heart Foundation and a further six to Scope. We can now get into the Church loft!

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April the Methodist Luton Circuit had a service at Barton Methodist Church, to celebrate 70 years of service to Mr Ken Snoxell as a preacher and Hazel French as an organist. The Church was packed and some people had to sit in the porch and extra hymn sheets had to be quickly printed off. It was a lovely service. The coffee evening in April was well attended and £30 raised. On April 10<sup>th</sup> Reverend Julia Dowding christened Alfie Brockway, son of Vincent Brockway and Karren Chapman of Dunstable.

Don't forget to come along to the Church on May 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm for the talk by Angela Smith from Caddington Hedgehogs. (children over 5 are welcome to come). There will be a raffle in aid of Caddington Hedgehogs. After the talk, refreshments will be served. The raffle will be drawn plus a chance to buy home made cakes, preserves and books in aid of our re-wire. The next coffee evening will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 onwards. On Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am there will be an Aley Green Church cake stall outside the Co-op in Caddington.

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am – your chance to go back to Sunday School. This service will be led by our six teachers and all the children, so come and join us, it will be fun.

With love and prayers from all at Aley Green Methodist Church  
*Ann Meader.*

**From the editor Sue C:-**

I popped along to the Flower Festival at Aley Green Church and was very impressed by all the beautiful displays. It was the first time I had been in the little Church and what a delight it was. I could see that lots of people had worked extremely hard making it look so impressive and hope that many more of you were able to go and look for yourselves. Here are some of the arrangements that certainly deserve a space in the Parish News – pity they are not in colour but if you check out the website later they will be printed in colour then. ([www.slipend.co.uk](http://www.slipend.co.uk))



*God has given us a book full of stories  
which was made for His people of old,  
It begins with the tale of a garden  
and ends with the City of Gold.*



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***PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS***

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***Who qualifies?***

Travel permits are provided by the District Council to provide concessions for men and women aged 60 and over, the blind, partially sighted and disabled people and others who are residents of South Bedfordshire

***How much does it cost?***

***What are the benefits?***

Your permit will be free and will run from 1st May. You pay half the adult single or return fare with a maximum concessionary fare of 50p single or £1 return. You may travel on local bus services anywhere in Bedfordshire or Luton, and to and from specified places outside the county provided

that your journey starts or finishes in Bedfordshire or Luton. Permits may also be used for some local train services, off-peak.

### **Photo cards**

First time applicants and those renewing a travel permit will need a photo card. This requires you to bring to the Issuing Centre a completed photo card or a passport sized photograph, black and white or coloured. First time applicants must apply in person.

### **Postal applications – Renewals only**

Existing holders only may renew their permits by post to the address below, quoting their existing permit and photo card numbers and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. If a new photo card is required a passport size photograph will be needed.

*South Bedfordshire District Council  
High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1LF  
Tel: 472222 Fax: 474009*

[www.southbeds.gov.uk/getting-about/travelpermits.html](http://www.southbeds.gov.uk/getting-about/travelpermits.html)



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## **FREecycle**

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I thought that I would let you know that I have started a Luton group for the fast growing international waste reduction scheme: Freecycle. The idea behind it is to let other people know, in our area, if we have something that we no longer want. No one wants it to go into a landfill site.

Everything offered must, as the name implies, be free to the recipient (and be collected by them).

You can also post the occasional Wanted notices in the hope that someone may have that thing that you are after in the back of their shed or attic.

After all, one persons rubbish is another's treasure: for example, I have just picked up 120 tiles, a hose and some brewing equipment (look out!!) all of these would have gone to landfill if I had not rescued them!

*More information can be found at  
[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) or go straight to the  
<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Freecycle>  
Luton/*

*Matt Ogier-Russell*



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## **HUMOUR**

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As her day of supply teaching drew to a close the young teacher decided to give her class of 11 year olds a general knowledge quiz. She was surprised to discover that one of the children knew that Einstein formulated the Theory of Relativity. She asked the group if anyone knew the great scientist's first name. After a moment a hand went up and the pupil said, "Was it Frank?".....

About a year had passed since her divorce so the middle-aged lady decided it was time to start dating. She scanned the personal adverts in the local paper and found three men who seemed promising. A few days later she checked her answering machine and discovered a message from her ex-husband. "I was visiting the kids yesterday," he said. "While I was there I noticed you had circled some ads in the paper. Don't bother calling No 2. I can tell you right now it won't work out. That man is me!"

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## **BROWNIES**

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We have four new Brownies who have joined us since Easter, that makes us now 18, we still have room for 6 more. So if you'd like to join in or want further information, give me a call on 723109.



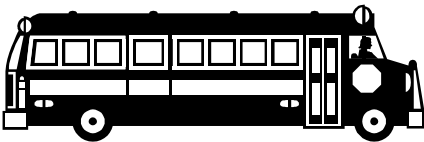
The first week back after Easter, we planned out what we wanted to do up until the Summer Holidays. For their outdoor trips out they wanted to visit the Police Station and Fire Station and go to Dunstable Downs for a Bug Hunt.

*Gillian Plummer Brown Owl*

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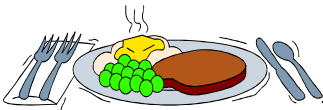
## **SLIP END & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

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It's still not too late to put your name down for the Senior Citizens Outing on Saturday June 4th to Western Super Mare. So if you are retired and fancy a FREE day out and you live in Slip End, Pepperstock, Woodside why not give Gillian a ring on 723109, giving you name, address and telephone number and what you would like to eat, Fish & Chips or Salad. Even if you own a car why not let someone else do the driving so you can relax and enjoy the scenery.

*Gillian Plummer, Secretary*



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## **ALLOTMENT & GARDEN ASSOCIATION**

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### *May in the Vegetable Garden*

Successional batches of culinary peas will be growing freely during the month and these must be staked as soon as they are a couple of inches high. As earlier crops of potatoes push their shoots through the ground, draw soil around them for protection. Various crops sown in drills out of doors will be in need of thinning, the sooner the better. Winter green crops from early sowings and particularly cauliflowers and brussels sown in March, should be placed out doors in their permanent quarters. Runner beans can also be planted outdoors now.

### *Flower Garden*

It is usually a mistake to allow herbaceous perennials to retain all the growth they produce; it is much better to thin out the shoots a little at this time of the year. If you want flowers of hardy and half hardy annuals in the early autumn, now is the time to sow them, the seeds should be scattered broadcast where they are to flower and should be covered lightly with soil.

### *Fruit Garden*

Spread a fairly thick layer of well rotted farmyard manure, or spent hops around fruit trees and bushes of all types (Not hop manure as this contains chemicals). Disbud and thin peaches, nectarines, and apricots. Apples and pear trees that persistently refuse to blossom and bear fruit can often be made fruitful by checking the flow of food from the leaves to the roots, this is done by removing ring of bark around the main trunk or low down on each main branch.

Spray apple and pear trees against scab. If last year you had trouble with mildew on strawberries, now is the time to dust the leaves with flowers of sulphur or dinacap .

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**SLIP END SEEDLINGS & CUTTINGS SALE**

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**MAY DAY**

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Help:- We would be most grateful for any extra's you might have that we could include in our charity sale on May 7<sup>th</sup> . Just take them to 2 Summer Street during the first week of May. There will also be candles and produce on sale so please come along. The Church Roof needs everyone's help.

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**MARKYATE PLANT SALE**

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The **MARKYATE PLANT SALE** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE** from 10am at 64 High Street Markyate supports St Francis Hospice in Berkhamsted. Join us to select your summer garden from the 1000's of bedding and basket plants, enjoy the garden party atmosphere, relax with a coffee and listen to the Woburn Sands Band. If you would like to have your baskets and tubs planted for you ask Ian Bradley, 01582 841341.

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**SLIP END LADIES DARTS LEAGUE**

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**Help needed & quickly.....**



Can you throw a dart?

Are you free on a Monday Night?

Do you want to join our team?



We are in danger of having to resign from the league if we can't get some more players. Would you like to join a friendly group of ladies who enjoy playing darts? If so contact Astrid on 01582 402373. We practise at the Slip End Social Club on Monday evenings.



May Day conjures up the picture  
of a merry scene.  
Children dancing round the maypole  
on the village green.  
May Day was a day for play and  
long awaited joys,  
For dairy maids and shepherd lads  
and laughing girls and boys.....  
May Day takes us back to that  
great age in history -  
When poets sang with silver tongues  
and Drake was on the sea.  
For when we see our lovely land  
bedecked in May's gay dress -  
We think of Merrie England  
and the days of good Queen Bess.

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**SPRING CLEANING**

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At last we've had a spring-clean  
The attic now is bare,  
And all that's left are odds and ends,  
Some cupboards and a chair

We feel triumphant, happy,  
That all our junk is moved.  
A twenty-five year clear-out,  
Was possible we've proved

But now the shed is bulging,  
Outside the house a mess.  
The overcrowded garage is  
A problem we confess

Because its to be sorted  
The place is like a tip.  
We've postponed further moving,  
Until we hire a skip

Its not the actual clearing,  
But what to throw away  
For things might come in handy,  
So well leave them for today.

*By Chrissy Greenlade*

(for anyone having a clear out or moving I thought the poem above very appropriate!)

Although the committees have not yet met, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes collecting information ready for work to begin. Around a dozen funding sources have been identified and application forms obtained. Draft constitutions and child protection policies have been received and a preliminary meeting with a manufacturer has been held: outline plans for a couple of layouts and costs will come through soon. So when our committee meets it will hit the ground running: members will be invited to take on a particular area to specialise in and push forward. This should reduce the time needed to get the project completed.

Those of us who were at the public meeting last month will remember that the possibility of forming a youth club as a secondary issue to the skate board park was also discussed. Interestingly, in the initial search for funding one organisation, and they seem to be the only one, was found who make grants to cover the day to day running costs of such clubs. So, with luck we will be able to get some of that pot which could be used to fund a youth leader, hire of a hall etc and maybe even trips out! Keep your fingers crossed.

*Ken Crossett*



*Ken & Matt discussing ideas and plans recently with an equipment supplier, who came to look at our site last month.*

Yes, its that time again – Parish News subs! We managed to call a meeting at the local Frog & Rhubarb to check out the books, talk about new ventures, iron out a few differences and of course have a drink or two! It was good to welcome Steve Lyons to the committee. Steve has volunteered to take control of the advertising – giving David Kingston a welcome break as he has been doing it for many years. Steve has lots of new ideas for increasing the advertisements so don't forget to contact him if you would like to put an advert in.

We mutually decided to keep the subscriptions the same so for all of you who may have forgotten – it is £3.50 for one year. Not bad when you think of all the information you are given! If you are a postal contributor the amount is still £6.00. Please have your money ready when your distributor calls for the money as it makes everyone's work a little easier.



*from left: David Kingston, Sue Cowell, Sue Horton (Treasurer,) Brian Church , Steve Lyons(Adverts)*

**Parish News Subscriptions now due - £3.50 for the year. £6.00 for postal deliveries - (please post to Brian Church as soon as possible). A big thank you to all our valiant crew who deliver the PN every month.**

# Seedlings & Cuttings

on

**SATURDAY 7 MAY**

at

**2 SUMMER STREET**

**SLIP END**

**10am - 1pm**

# Candles & Produce

*If you have any surplus seedlings or cuttings we would be pleased to receive them any time during the previous week at 2 Summer Street.*

*Proceeds in aid of the church roof fund*

# Markyate Plant Sale

Saturday 4th June 2005

From 10am until 4pm

**64 High Street, Markyate**

1000's of plants

Annual bedding

Herbs

Perennials

Vegetables

Baskets and tubs to order

Refreshments

A Quintet of Six from



*The-*  
**WOBURN  
SANDS**  
*-Band-*

Registered charity Number 266275

**Information from Ian Bradley 01582 841341**

Supporting The Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted

# **SLIP END PLAYGROUP**

## **STAFF VACANCY**

**The Playgroup require an**

### **ASSISTANT NURSERY NURSE**

**To work on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9.00 am to approximately 1.00 p.m. during term times.**

**To commence in the month of May**

**The applicant should preferable have a Nursery Nursing qualification i.e. NNEB, BTEC, NVQ3 or equivalent, but a person who is willing to undertake the training will be considered. He or she should some have experience of working with young children.**

**Please apply in writing to  
Mrs P Liddell, 29, Rossway, Slip End, Luton, Beds.  
giving details of your qualifications and experience.**

**Further enquiries phone Mrs J Acton on 01582 728865**

**Closing date for applications is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.**





12 Apostles, the Mornington Peninsular, The Shrine of Remembrance and Botanical Gardens. They have been to the Australian X factor and along to a 'Neighbours Night' as well as visiting Ramsey Street on the Neighbours tour bus. Amelia and her friends all worked at the Homes & Gardens Exhibition in Melbourne and loved the beautiful flower arrangements.

*Do you like rock music? Do you want to hear rock music played with explosive energy and passion?*

Local band **Imperial Vipers** are releasing their very first single soon. Due to their present '40' date tour they have put the release of their single "Kick a Hole" on hold for approximately 6 weeks but it will be available in all music outlets so don't forget to look out for it. The tour is going extremely well and if you want to check them out visit [www.imperialvipers.com](http://www.imperialvipers.com)



*Some of the 12 Apostles plus 3 extras!*

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**GET FIT FOR SPRING/SUMMER**

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*Do you want to get fit?  
Do you want to have fun  
whilst doing so?*

Get along to Dance Aerobics every Friday at 7.15pm in the Collingswell's Hall, Caddington or Pilate's on Tuesday evening.

Call Lisa on 412426 for more details.

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**AMELIA ON HER TRAVELS**

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A quick update from Amelia this month who has now settled in Melbourne with Lorraine to earn her keep for a few months and raise a bit of money to continue onto other countries. They are really enjoying Melbourne and all it has to offer and have visited the Great Ocean Road and seen the



*Amelia & Lorraine with Harold (jelly belly) Bishop*



*one of the award winning flower displays at the Homes & Gardens Exhibition*

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## CONCERNED FOR OUR NATION?

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*Do you know the real story about St. George?*

St George's special day is 23 April and although George was not English he was adopted as our patron saint because he encouraged the knights in their crusades. George, who lived two hundred years after Jesus, was a soldier in the Roman army. On becoming a Christian he left the army, because soldiers had to seek out Christians and put them in prison.

The best known legend is the one about George and the dragon. On one of his expeditions he came to a city where everybody was living in fear of a fierce and terrible dragon which lived in the lake close to the city. Whenever the dragon felt hungry it roared into the town, devouring anything it could find to eat. In the evenings the terrified people would hear the roaring and see smoke and flames coming from the dragons mouth as it approached the city.

For a while the people managed to hold the dragon off, by leaving food outside the town. But the dragon had an enormous appetite and it soon consumed not only the food but the animals that the people sacrificed for it. The monster demanded to be fed or it would charge into the city and burn down the houses of the people and devour them.

The king did not know how to keep peace among his people. The only answer he could think of was for one person to be offered to the dragon each day. The people drew lots to decide which person given to the dragon for his supper. Each day, nobody knew if they would be killed and given to the fiendish



dragon. Each day brought fresh fear for the people who were still alive in that city.

Then came the fateful day when the king's daughter was the one whose name was drawn for the evening sacrifice. The king was full of grief but the girl was very brave and she went forward to meet her death with courage. She went down to the water's edge and waited for the dragon to

appear. But the sound which she heard did not come from the dragon. It sounded more like the galloping of a horse. Riding towards her came a knight in shining armour. St George rode in to attack the dragon and a terrible fight took place. The dragon was strong and powerful, but again and again St George charged at the monster, until with a last lunge with his sword, the dragon lay dead at his feet. St George then took the princess back to her father.

The king promised St George any reward he wanted. But George said his victory was won through God's strength alone. He wished for no reward, other than to see the people of the kingdom acknowledge Jesus as their Lord, so that they would all become Christians. So the people praised God who had sent St George to them at a time of great trouble. George had proved himself to be a man of great strength, courage and faith and because of all these qualities he was chosen by the people of England to be their saint. Let us try to follow in the footsteps of St George and never to lack the courage to do what we know is right.

*Concern for our Nation means getting involved: don't forget to vote!*

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## UNLOCK WALK NO 22 ON 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

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We set off on a drizzly morning bound for our first church in Dalgarno Way, London, W10. We arrived just before 9.00am to find members of St Francis Community Church just setting up for the day ahead. It was here that the Unlock team had decided to do their presentations so we sat down for a quick talk and video show. For those of you who haven't heard of Unlock it is an organisation that helps to raise awareness of Inner City problems in London. The walk gives you the opportunity to learn more about the cultural diversity as you visit areas of huge contrasts between rich and poor as well as fundraising



*A quick photo shoot before setting out!*

Next it was on to the Notting Hill Community Church and a walk through Portobello Road. The market was very busy and we saw people of all nationalities here. Its surprising just what you do see when you actually walk around an area. There was also a quiz that showed you even more of your surroundings. We saw the oldest surviving purpose built cinema called The Electric.



Paddington Station was next on the list and what an impressive place that was.



As we walked towards Paddington Green we spotted the little Welsh Church below hidden between two houses.



At Paddington Green the surroundings were beautiful, but noticed there were very few people using the park, which was a shame.



We passed the magnificent Lords Cricket Ground where people were being shown around on tours and then visited the awe-inspiring Church of Our Lady RC. It is a huge Church and part of a lively parish which sees about 1400 people at Mass there every Sunday (bit different to St Andrew's)



Next it was on to the Grand Union Canal where we saw a skateboard park in action and lots of youngsters enjoying themselves.



On the canal was a beautiful mural made from litter by Stow Youth Club. It shows what can be done and looked most impressive.



Finally, we reached our last centre, The

Open Door Friendship Centre, we were all pleased to have got there and enjoyed a lovely cup of tea.

*Sue Cowell, Editor*



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### **MARATHON MAN OF SLIP END!**

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*Brian (my other half) in his wisdom has decided to take on a mammoth challenge on the 18th June this year to do a sponsored charity walk of 54 miles which he has to complete within 24 hours!*

Now for someone who plays fair-weather golf and sits behind a desk all day, it will be a challenge indeed!! He will be walking from Fort William to Loch Lomond and I shall be in the support team, basically to keep an eye on him but also to hand him endless bottles of water (not whisky, in spite of the fact we shall be in Scotland).

The charity he is walking for is called The Starlight Foundation which helps terminally ill children. They ask the child to make three wishes, which could be anything from meeting a famous personality (pop-star, sportsman), visiting Disney World, anything the child would like to have done in their life-time and they try to grant one of the wishes.

If anyone feels they would like to sponsor Brian they can contact us at 9 Crawley Close, Slip End - Tel. 01582 411573

Many thanks ...

*Hilary Macdonald*

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**May**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** *Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall 8pm*
- 5<sup>th</sup>** *Friendship Club outing to the Van Haig Nursery*
- 7<sup>th</sup>** *Dance at the Village Hall*
- 7<sup>th</sup>** *Aley Green Methodist Church, Cake Stall outside Caddington Co-op*
- 7<sup>th</sup>** *Seedling & Candle Sale*
- 16<sup>th</sup>** *Caddington WI: Annual Meeting*
- Slip End Playing Field AGM 7.30 Peter Edwards Hall*

**June**

- 4<sup>th</sup>** *Markyate Plant Sale 10am*
- 6<sup>th</sup>** *Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall 8pm*
- 11<sup>th</sup>** *Craft Fayre in the Village Hall*
- 20<sup>th</sup>** *Caddington WI: "Cinderella's of the Soil", Mr Antrbus*

**July**

- 4<sup>th</sup>** *Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall 8pm*

**August**

**September**

- 10<sup>th</sup>** *Craft Fayre in the Village Hall*
- 10<sup>th</sup>** *Car Treasure Hunt - ST Andrew's*

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