

SLIP END & DISTRICT

JUNE 2007

PARISH NEWS

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Coronation Garden - fully operational again!

Slip End, May 19th 2007: Parish Council Chairman Christine Benson, formally declares Coronation Garden re-opened. A good number of villagers, a few of whom are pictured here, turned out on that lovely spring morning. Some no doubt were tempted by bubbly rumours. Don Burford and Lorraine Crosssett are both wondering when speech making will conclude and bubbly sipping commence! The PN photographer has been dismissed for not getting all of Howard Benson in shot, as he struggles with corkage.

Below: The picture back in 2006, when Mark Short and his lads had started the construction work. The bus is appropriately in the shot, as Airparks was one of several sponsors who supported the project by their generous donations. More inside





*Villagers all,
Young
and
not so young!*



*Above: Slip End Cubs & Beavers were at the Phasels Wood camp site last month for a weekend of fun and games!
Above: Madge Harker (right) is 90 this month! We all wish her many happy returns as she has*



not been too well lately. She is seen here with her friend Edie Ham a little while back, in the Village Hall. Madge and Edie are friends and neighbours in Crawley Close.

And (left) we see another couple of senior Slip End ladies, May King and Hilda Keens who live in Church Road. The two sisters were caught by the PN camera man as they enjoyed some warm sunshine in their lovely garden last month. They are particularly thankful to their friend and neighbour Rob Swetman, who gives them a hand from time to time to help keep their garden looking beautiful. May & Hilda are featured in an article on the inside pages of this issue of Parish News.

The Parish @ Large

SCHOOLS

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

SPORT

Bowling Club: 412506
Tennis: 733253
Darts League: 425323
Football: 418494
Cricket: 414157

HALLS

Village Hall: 723109
Peter Edwards Hall: 455185

COMMUNITY

Brownies: 723109
Beavers: 725297
Cubs: 414157
Fly Tipping (SBDC): 472222
Friendship Club: 452978
Slip End Assoc: 414796
Mother's Union: 738435
Playgroup: 728865
Toddler Group 405931
Allotments: 736892
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Post Office: At the Crossroads, telephone 401069
Monday to Friday 6.30 to 21.00 Saturday 7.00 to 21.00 - Sunday 7.30 to 21.00
Garage: Slip End Garage, Markyate Road, telephone 456888

Website: slipend.co.uk

Brownies

BROWNIES ENTERTAINERS BADGE

I was approached by Brown Owl to teach the Brownies a simple line dance as part of their entertainment evening to obtain their badge. It was with some apprehension that I agreed this age group, as I thought it would not be easy to keep them occupied. Wow, what a surprise!

The Entertainment Evening was held on Wednesday 16th May in the Village Hall. The Brownies danced an Irish Jig, sang several songs, recited poems, then there was a Tap Dance solo and they Acrobated their way to stardom. Whilst waiting for our dance slot the girls got changed and Barbara and Michael performed "There's a hole in my bucket", which had us all in fits of laughter. Our turn came and the girls got on the floor and danced beautifully.

After just three short practice sessions the girls were able to perform a dance called California Freeze followed by a fun dance "Farmer's Wife". The girls loved this, with loud hoots and shouts, what a noisy bunch! This dance was again performed by the girls at the end of the evening by making their parents join them and a great time had by all. Thank you Brownies for asking us, it was a great privilege. "Good on ya" Gill and Barbara for keeping the Brownies so well organised. Just a last word to the girls: thank you so much for listening and learning so well. I had a great time showing you the steps.

*A big group hug from
Val Reeves and Pam King*



The Concert went very well. Thank you to all those who came along and supported us!



Seven of the Girls performed an Irish Jig then Francine entertained us with a Tap Dance then later showed great Plate Spinning skill in the Circus section. Zoë and Chloe played the Piano and Zoë performed on her stilts in the Circus Section.

All the Girls took part in the Line Dancing and thank you to Valerie and Pam for teaching them.

Before the end of the show the Girls had their Mums and Dads join in the Line dancing and from all the noise it was obvious that everyone had a great time!

Then a surprise act: Barbara and Michael sang and acted out "There's a hole in my bucket" to everyone's amusement.

*Gillian Plummer
Brown Owl*

The PN photographer was on yet another assignment in Italy, so was not able to get along to the Brownies Concert. Watch this space for photo-news next month! However, he was there at the Coronation Garden event. Brownies Zoe Plummer, Jade Burgess and Charlotte Burgess with Brown Owl (below left) came along too ...



Services & Events in June

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

Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Family Communion
	6.30pm	Pentecost Praise at COGIC Centre
Thursday 7 th	8.00pm	Footsteps meet in the Family Room
Saturday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Spirit Day in the Family Room
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	Morning Praise with Baptism
	2.30pm	St Andrew's Stroller meet at the church.
	6.15pm	3:16 Meet in the Family Room
Wednesday 13 th	10.30am	Pram Service meet in the Family Room
	7.30pm	Care for the Family presentation at Christchurch, Bushmead
Sunday 17 th	10.30am	Morning Praise
	3.00pm	Whipsnade Tree Cathedral Service
Thursday 21 st	8.00pm	Footsteps meet in the Family Room
Sunday 24 th	9.15am	Holy Communion at East Hyde
	10.30am	Morning Praise with Baptism
	6.15pm	3:16 Meet in the Family Room
Wednesday 27 th	10.30am	Pram Service in the Family Room
Friday 29 th	2.30pm	Woodside Home Service
Saturday 30 th	3.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Marriage

Christian Aid Week

Thank you for responding to the appeal for this good cause.

Our distributors called back but inevitably some were out, so those who wish to donate can do so by dropping your envelope at 7 Crawley Close or sending to:

***Christian Aid
Freepost
London SE1 7YY***



Flowers

It's that time of year when our gardens are producing lots of beautiful flowers. If you have any to spare or perhaps you have flower arrangement skills, our small flower group would love to hear from you.

Call Diane Casemore on 414873.



Or on the Internet at www.ChristianAid.com



It's nice to be writing to you again. I hope everyone is as happy as they can be and that you are all in good health.

Crime Figures

In March there were 10 crimes. The breakdown is as follows:-

- 4 Theft from motor vehicle
- 1 Theft
- 2 Violence against person
- 1 House burglary
- 1 Criminal damage
- 1 Other crime.

Other incidents: one collision in Church Road ,,and one report of Cold Calling.

In April there were 8 crimes. The breakdown is as follows:-

- 2 Theft from motor vehicle
- 2 Theft of motor vehicle
- 1 Theft
- 1 Violence against person
- 1 Criminal damage
- 1 Burglary

There were two suspicious incidents: one in Claydown Way and one on the school grounds. Youths were involved in both.

Luton Airport

Some interesting statistics for you. October – December 2006.

Total Aircraft movements:	27,252
Total Passenger numbers:	2,116,729
Easterly arrivals:	2,124
Westerly arrivals:	11,009
Daytime departures:	9,920
Night time departures:	286
Complaints re operations:	295

I also understand that Kath James the current MD at the Airport has left or will be leaving shortly, so the position is to be filled yet again.

As for their Master Plan: still nothing on that although there is a rumour that they will publish an 'Interim Master Plan' covering the period upto 2015 and only with expansion "***within the current existing Airport estate***". So far, there is no feedback whatsoever about the draft master plan that we were all consulted on in January 2006!

Youth Club

When last I spoke to Janet Crawley she informed me that all bids were in and most of the paperwork and applications had been finished. Fingers crossed. We are hoping for good news. My thanks go to Janet for the wonderful job she is doing and the short time she has taken to accomplish it.

District Councillor

As you know, we have a new District Councillor. Sally Hills was voted in with a massive majority of over 1100 votes in the recent Council Elections. We look forward to working with her.

*Christine Benson
Chairman, Slip End Parish Council.*

FOIL APPEAL

*In aid of Guide Dogs
for the Blind*

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or call 480107
to arrange collection.*



County Councillor's Surgery

at Heathfield School, Caddington

Meet Richard Stay to discuss local matters
which are of your concern or interest.

*First Saturday of each month,
10am to 12 noon
(see Diary Page)*



After Coronation Garden ceremonials, Pauline Smith is seen a few days later hard at it, tending the flower beds by the OAP's cottages in Crawley Close.

The beds had become a bit scruffy in recent years. Although District Council contractors cut the grass periodically, the beds are left to us locals. So with assistance from Pauline and the Parish Council and some self help with the supply of plants and some watering to get them bedded in, it is hoped that this area will become a more attractive spot in future.

It is good to see something positive going on to counter what seems to be an increasingly pessimistic mood amongst some locals who feel that we just have to put up with a poor lot.

Parish News feels that a combined approach such as this may encourage us all as individuals and authorities and help us take more pride and interest in our surroundings!

Holidays

**Now what's the use of holidays,
If it rains each blessed day?
And how can you laugh and sing and shout
When the sky is cold and grey?**

**But you can have a royal time
On holiday from the start,
If you don't omit to take a bit
Of merriment in your heart.**

Francis Gay



Peace

A breeze that runs among the leaves
Patterns that the sunlight weaves,
Boats going softly on their way
Little birds that greet the day –
A host of sounds that never cease,
And yet the sum of all is peace.

David Hope

The Brownies invite you to Tea!



**Friday 1st June
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& HAPPY READING!**



VILLAGE PLANT SALE



Valerie Church advising Steve Wickens on the finer points of plant presentation before the punters descended.

Immediately following the “do” at Coronation Garden on that lovely Saturday morning last month, “Plant People” put on their Sale at the Old Bakery in Summer Street.

This event alternates each year with the Village Open Gardens Day and seeks not only to promote things horticultural but to get a bit of springtime socialising in. Also it makes a bit of cash to support some of the local goings-on. This year the Plant People production department supplied a vast selection of quality bedding, perennial and vegetable plants, etc. So much in fact that the sale extended across Summer Street, by courtesy of Angela and David Allaway who made their space available across the road.

Despite usual frost and watering worries, Joan Duncombe, Valerie Church and Steve Wickens beavered in their greenhouses and crouched over seedbeds for months. The results of many hours of labour were excellent and will help enhance many local gardens this summer and beyond. Amongst all the buying and selling, the sale also provided useful chat opportunities between those people horticulturally knowledgeable and others of us whose fingers are not so green.



Just 2 solitary jars left on the Produce Stall. They were snatched up moments later, a punter succumbed to young Annie's hard sell.

There was a well supported produce stall and the home-made jams and chutneys sold like hot cakes, cream teas (well, cream lunches really) were popular, even a jewellery stall and Raffle (Julie Taylor was the lucky Champagne winner) and there was lots of neighbourly chat and contact. (A slight down side: Sue Lyons' high pressure sales technique was frightening and would put the best double-glazing salesman's efforts to shame.)

A splendid day, over £700 was raised, which will be donated to local causes.



Don't you think we've got too many Hostas, Joan?

They'll go Steve, no problem! Now run along, there's a good chap and get me another coffee!

Joan Duncombe setting-up the perennial department, ably assisted by Steve Lyons, doing his best.



Welcome to the Parish of SLIP END



Coronation Garden

Saturday May 19th dawned, a beautiful spring morning and a fitting day to mark the completion of the refurbished Coronation Garden in the centre of the Village.

A good turnout of villagers heard Christine Benson, our Parish Council Chairman, speak warmly of the efforts of both the small group who were the major moving force behind the project and also those who helped, particularly the sponsors who donated so generously and the builders, for all the hard work they put in.

The Parish Council had been keen for quite a while to use the allocated funds and get the project rolling. Last year Cllr Geoff Daniel was tasked to recruit local help and expertise. First the inevitable “committee” was formed, but what a group they were! We are fortunate to have Pauline Smith, Karen Casoria and Valerie Church on hand to willingly give their robust support and unique horticultural talents to see the job through. A powerful team indeed!

Geoff was keen that local labour should be employed to do the donkey work and the PN roving reporter vividly recalls one very wet day last spring, when Mark Short and Chris O’Reilly were working like slaves in the pouring rain and claggy mud, clearing the site before bricklaying. Work continued throughout the spring and summer of 2006 and by the autumn the site was ready for planting. There was much in-depth discussion about plant and tree selection, not to mention help from the Bedfordshire Highways on Planning Applications and procedures.

Grass was laid during the drought last year and the team of ladies were “called upon” by passing motorists, a verbose group not slow to express themselves, using terms such as, “Wadderbarth’osepipebandenlovey!”

In more delicate tones our ladies pointed out that regulations permitted watering in those circumstances and that, in any case, this was a far better use of our water resource than having it pour from the water companies’ leaky pipework. However, before they could



From this...



hear the small voice of reason, the motorist would be head down, zooming away from the lights towards the church, only to find that those signs meant what they (sort of) said, i.e. **ROAD CLOSED**. This provided a second opportunity (and by now an edge of motoring frustration would be creeping in) for the

motorist to again regale our parochial waterers!

Notwithstanding, the tree established itself, the grass took root and the plants settled in. By spring 2007 all was well, the young tree bravely putting on its spring blossom, in its way showing us how attractive Coronation Garden will become over years ahead.



So the champagne day dawned and we turned out for a rare community event to applaud a positive statement which the garden reflects!

Some individuals have a mention above but we must also pass great thanks to the sponsors, who donated so generously:

***Fantastic Fireworks
Slip End Garage
Airparks***





Rosemary Wickens stands guard to ensure that an over-eager sales-person does not flog Mrs Church's prize potted plants. Sadly Rosemary let one or two slip by, so if you snapped up that rather nice clematis, please can we have it back, it wasn't in the sale!

No secular Slip End event would be complete without a Raffle and the plant sale was no exception. Anxiety pervades as Mrs Crossett and Mrs Church endeavour to ensure that prizes do not go to the ticket clutching layabouts hovering in the background.

And below, two happy punters after snapping up some floral bargains or maybe seen after a success in the Raffle.



THE ILLUSTRATED SLIP END NEWS

WE HOPE TO BRING EXTRA COLOUR PAGES TO PARISH NEWS FROM TIME TO TIME, HERE'S A SAMPLE SELECTION. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN LAST MONTH IN AND AROUND SLIP END AND PEPPERSTOCK.

ABOVE WE SEE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ENJOYED THE PLANT SALE AND MORE SERIOUSLY, M1 WIDENING PROGRESS AT PEPPERSTOCK.



Not far away from Plant Sale and Coronation Garden frolics, the serious M1 business goes on.

This was the scene at Pepperstock early in May when concrete was being poured for the final bridge support. The steel girders now span all the way across and we can see how much larger the bridge will become compared with the old bridge demolished last November.

MAY & HILDA

Sisters May King and Hilda Keens are longtime Church Road residents. There were nine Keens children, seven girls and two boys, living with their mother and father in Upper Woodside.

Hilda and May attended the school in Slip End, enjoyed their time there, both girls playing for the school netball team. At a young age it was time to go out to work but things were very different to today. During the second world war industry was geared up to an immense level for wartime. In Luton, Vauxhall Cars turned production to military vehicles, trucks and Churchill tanks and Mosquito aircraft were churned out by Percivals at the airport. So things were much, much different then and May and Hilda joined many thousands in the munitions industry. Here in Luton, many engineering firms which in peacetime produced such things as gas cookers and vacuum cleaners, turned to bombs and shells.

Hilda and May worked for the Woolwich Arsenal organisation which, in those days, was located in hundreds of factories throughout the country. The girls spent most of their time at Brown and Greens in Luton, where much of the material used was cast iron, high in carbon. Their work was therefore very dirty, old clothes and overalls were the order of those days!

Village Hall scenes from May & Hilda's album. Those children enjoying a great party, the noise can be imagined! The more sedate groups were attending VE Day, "Victory in Europe", here in Slip End, although hostilities in the Far East continued. Notice the curb stones, painted so that the few motorists on the road in those days, could see them in the gloom shed by hooded headlights.



Harold Keens went off to join the Army. (That beret may well have been made here in Luton). He served in N. Africa and Italy and was seriously wounded.



After the war their munitions work became redundant, so they joined a much more peaceful industry which still thrives in Luton, the Hat Trade, where the ladies became skilled milliners over the years they worked in the trade.

May married George King and they lived with Hilda in their home in Church Road. George died a few years ago but May and Hilda enjoy their home and spend a lot of time in their lovely garden in the summer. The colour picture on the back inside page of this issue has captured them relaxing in the sun last month.

May and Hilda are real Slip End characters, known and loved by many here. Hilda is not seen too much out and about in the Village these days, but she is well looked after by her sister and recently they have enjoyed a holiday in the New Forest area.

Parish News wishes them well and hopes that they enjoy many hours this summer, out in their garden.



Strange but true: using the Airparks bus (a service generously offered freely to Village residents) many convenient connections can be made, not only by air but by bus too from Luton Airport. Now we all know what EasyJet has to offer, (some have tried RyanAir too ...) but did you know that many bus routes, for destinations local and distant, stop at LLIAP?

Bus fares are comparatively inexpensive these days, particularly for those who qualify for concessions. The car is a wonderful, if expensive convenience, but from the carbon viewpoint, should we not be travelling light? If we did more of that perhaps use of public transport would enter into the equation.

On several recent trips, involving air travel from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, one enterprising local traveller took the Airparks bus to LLIAP then, having booked a ticket on line, caught a National Express coach to either LGW, LHR or STN (using aero-speak abbreviations).

The bus is as quick as congestion allows and travel is comfortable and relaxed. Baggage handling is straightforward, everything is put away at pavement level although the bus drivers understandably do not normally lift bags. There are walkways, lifts and trolleys at the airports. Cost savings are significant, particularly in car park charges, which is ironic taking into account the Airparks factor in these suggestions.



We are trying to get a youth club going in Slip End, and we have applied for funding. However in the interim period, Airparks have kindly donated us a bus to take our young people to Caddington Youth club on a Tuesday evenings.

We are looking for a driver or drivers to volunteer to take them over to Caddington and then pick them up once a week at Caddington Youth Club, where there are many activities .

We are going to have a free BBQ for all young people to kick start this off at the beginning of July. The date will be posted up soon, so watch this space

If there are any young people that would like to help at the BBQ or anyone that would like to help, please contact Nikki on 402312 or e-mail her at parishclerk@slipend.co.uk

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PARISH NEWS

Parish News is edited and distributed by a large team of volunteers who give their time free each month. People come and go and from time to time we request help. This month we are losing a key person: Sue Horton is moving away and having been our treasurer for quite a while, did a great job, but now leaves us with that side of things in a healthy state.

We want to have a bit of a re-shuffle, which means that we need a volunteer to help with distribution. If you have a couple of hours to spare each month and want to help us out, please call David on 416138 or Brian on 458443 (see p24 for e-mail addresses).

Please give this some thought and come back to us if you wish to know more about this.

LOCAL SUMMER EVENTS

With the summer coming up we think of holidays and days out.

Holidays are generally worked out months in advance, but what about those odd days when a local run out may help keep the children interested and happy with a break from the TV and Gameboy ?

Close by we have Wardown Park and Museum and even closer, perhaps a walk away, there's Stockwood Park with lots of open space, a playground, museum and gardens, not to mention the attractive tea-room!

Luton Museums lay on a programme of events, talks, exhibitions and walks. You'll find details on www.luton.gov.uk/museums or call 546722 and ask them to send their "Whats on for Families" leaflet.

During June there is a "Stockwood & Slavery" exhibition, which explores local links with the slave trade. As well you can take a closer look at the Crawleys, who lived there at Stockwood House.

A bit later on in the summer, there is a Family Event on the afternoon of 1st July, an Archaeology Fun Day on 22nd July, a Roman Fun

Day on 29th July (£2.50 or £1.50 for concessions) , Pet Sunday on 12th August, Meet a Bug Day on 19th August and lots more, including a Flower & Produce Show on 27th August.

In addition, there are a series of Wild Walks for families on the 4th July and on the 19th August), Wildlife watches, Nature Conservation, etc.

Stockwood Discovery Week during 14th to 17th August provides a series of events and for the Toddlers there are Under-5 Mornings at Wardown Park, on 15th June and 17th August. They can listen to stories, join in rhymes and make something to take home!

Call 01582 546722 for information and there is a full programme of events for adults too!

Lots to do, and not a TV or Game-boy in sight!

MUSEUMS
free admission

Sorry, dogs not permitted apart from registered assistance dogs.

Wardown Park Museum 1
Old Bedford Road
Luton LU2 7HA
tel: 01582 54 67 22
Tue-Sat 10am-5pm
Sun 1pm-5pm (open Bank Holiday Mondays)
Bus 24 or 25 from town centre, or 1 mile walk

Stockwood Park Museum 2
Farley Hill Luton LU1 4BH
tel: 01582 738714
Tue-Sun 10am-5pm
Apr-Oct (open Bank Holiday Mondays)
Bus no. 1 from Luton town centre
£6 million achieved for Stockwood Discovery Centre. Watch this space!

NATURE CONSERVATION

John Dony Field Centre 3
Bushmead Community Centre
Hancock Drive
Luton LU2 7SF
tel: 01582 48 69 83 (answerphone)
Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm
Sun 9am-1pm
These times may vary. Phone 01582 42 28 18 to check before you visit.

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May - August 2007
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DISCOVER YOUR TALENTS

LUTON

Then here in the Village later in the year on 25th & 26th October, (half term week) a special event for 5 to 10 year-olds. St. Andrew's are organising a "Holiday Club" with Scripture Union. There'll be Fun & Games, Crafts, Music and lots of activities,

Don't miss it, more information later!



**FANCY A NATTER WHILE
YOU KNIT?**

**THEN JOIN OUR NEW
KNIT 'N' NATTER CLUB!**

We'll be getting together on Tuesdays 12th & 25th June, 1:30 to 2:45. Coffee & biscuits provided. Open to all regardless of ability, or crochet if you prefer. Bring any current projects or knit something for Operation Christmas Child.

Thanks to all those who have supplied wool: any more would be most welcome!

*Contact me, Julie Taylor on
413912 or e-mail
duncan.taylor@btinternet.com*

**£1m in fines from speed cameras
in M1 roadworks
near Slip End**



Average speed cameras on M1 roadworks in our area have caught 25,000 motorists since they were installed a year ago. They have generated well over £1 million in fines during the year.

According to Hertfordshire Constabulary, 25,000 motorists have been caught breaking the 40 mile per hour limit between Junction 6A (Bricket Wood) and 10 (Pepperstock), where a fourth lane is being added in a massive lane widening operation. At £60 a time, £1,230,000 has been collected in fines.

There has been a dramatic reduction in road deaths since the cameras were introduced. One fatal accident has occurred since speed restrictions were imposed, compared to four in the same period in 2005/06.

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*The angels cannot change
A world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love
Of justice and of Peace.
The task is mine to do
To set it really free
Oh, help me to obey:
Help me to do your will.*

Our Easter Lent projects raised £150 for Water Aid, £80 for Junior Missions for All and £30 for Women's Network.

Thanks to all who supported our National Children's Home events, we have pledged to raise an extra £500 in 2007. The Beetle Drive raised £132. The Good As New sale over £300. There will be an evening meal on 26th June 7pm. Soup then bangers and mash (or vegetarian), apple pie and cream. There will be no charge but donations can be given to NCH. To book your place ring me on tel: 733668.

The Sunday school anniversary is on the 10th June at 11am. The children and teachers will be taking part in this service. Everyone is welcome.

GARDEN & ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Vegetable Garden

Earthing up of potatoes sown earlier must continue and early potatoes can now be lifted.

Now is the time to plant out all manner of winter greens including Brussels sprouts, sprouting broccoli which does so well on our soil, if the pigeons and rabbits allow, kale and savoy cabbage (excellent in winter soups).

Autumn sown onions may be lifted as required as they are a good size now. Continue staking peas sown as the shoots come through.

Flower & Fruit Garden

Most perennials and biennials sown out of doors now will make good sturdy plants for putting out into their flowering positions in the autumn.

Our Coffee Evening will be on 13th June at 7:30pm. Drop in for a chat over tea or coffee. Money raised will go to Methodist Homes for the Aged'.

The next ecumenical service will be at Aley Green Methodist Church on Sunday 17th June at 3pm. Everyone is welcome and afternoon tea will be served afterwards. The ecumenical fellowship will also be at Aley Green Church on Wednesday June 20th 7:45pm for coffee, 8pm start. These Fellowship Groups give us the chance to talk together as Christians, not bible study although we do use the bible sometimes, if is a time for us to discuss our part as Christians in the world around us. So please come and join us, we will give you a warm welcome.

The Sunday school BBQ will be on Sunday 24 June 1:30pm. Tickets are £5 Adults £2 children or £12 for a family ticket. See David and Lisa tel: 422301 or contact Ann to book your ticket.

We hope and pray that you will come along and join us at our Aley Green ecumenical events and services.

With Love and prayers from all at Aley Green.

Ann Meader

If dahlias were not started last month, do so now: take the tubers from storage and put into good, light soil mixed with some sand.

Start to thin apples and pears. Do not leave too many small fruits and encourage as many as you will need to form into good wholesome samples.

Start to summer prune gooseberries, currants and all flower shrubs.

General Work

Spray against greenfly, caterpillars, red spiders, whitefly and other pests.

Continue to shoo away rabbits and pigeons: the keen gardener might find a little therapeutic light swearing at the blighters to be of help.

Evergreen hedges may be trimmed lightly during the month.



Friends of Slip End Lower School

As I write this the children are about to break up for half term. It seems incredible that we are so far through the calendar already. The children have been working very hard, with assessments over the last few weeks. We hope to have feedback on school results later.

We are firmly focussed planning the Summer Fayre. Come along and please do lend a hand if you can. Maybe you can support the school by donating Tombola items, bottles of wine for prizes and buying raffle tickets. (Donations can be left at the school office.)

Sponsored events

The children did 'Sponsored Spell' and 'Sponsored Catch' activities at the end of last term to raise money for charity. Well done to the children and thank you to all those who supported them. Around £500 was raised, a wonderful achievement.

Legoland Tickets

The school has an inset day on the 2nd July so FoSELS are taking advantage of the day off to organise tickets for a trip to Legoland. We have negotiated discounts, adult tickets down from £32 to £17.50 and £7.50 instead of £24 for children. Tickets are for that day only and for families interested in taking their children, it is a cheaper option and probably quieter time to visit. If you are interested, please email fosels@slipend.co.uk as soon as possible.

Summer Fayre

FoSELS big fund raising event takes place on June 23rd at the school, the Summer Fayre. This is a fun afternoon out for all ages and this year will see the inclusion of displays from the local Cub pack and the Karate club. There will be a BBQ and stalls selling cakes, plants, crafts, jewellery and much, much more. Plus all the usual fun games and activities. Children can enjoy the bouncy castle, super

slide and other activities while the grown ups relax with a glass of Pimms. Please do come along and support the school and enjoy yourself into the bargain.

If you can spare an hour or two on that day to help man a stall, we would love to hear from you as we do need volunteers. Please contact the school or FoSELS and let us know.

Swimming

After half term the school swimming pool opens again and the children will enjoy swimming lessons and fun in the water for the second half of the summer term. Let's all hope for good weather so they can make the most of it and so those of us helping don't get too cold!

Sandra Collins

LAUGHTER

A friendly neighbour placed a perfectly good set of used tyres outside his repair garage with a sign that read "Free". After a few weeks with no takers, he changed the sign to "£10". The next day they were stolen!

The silent treatment

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5am for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5am."

He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, the man woke up only to discover it was 9am and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, "It is 5am. Wake up." Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests!



Slip End Lower School Summer Fayre

23rd June 2007, 1 - 3 pm

There will be plenty for all ages to enjoy
so come along and join in the fun

Displays, attractions and entertainment plus:



BBQ

Refreshments

Bouncy Castle

Tombola

Lots of stalls

Penalty Shoot out

Plant Sale

Raffle

Pimms Tent

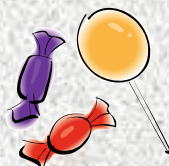
Games

Ice creams

Cake stall



Fancy dress competition
And much, much more



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Women's
Institute

On 11th May we had a most interesting guided tour around the new Grove Theatre in Dunstable. The seating is lovely, in fact the whole set-up has been carefully thought out. We are indeed very lucky to have it on our doorstep, so to speak.

The speaker at our Annual Meeting was Cynthia Gresham, the Mayor of Dunstable. Her visit to us was her last engagement in her term as Mayor. Not only did she give us a potted history of Dunstable from 757AD when a Sheriff was in charge, but she took us through her duties of the last year.

Her husband must have wondered what he'd said as I don't think she could have seen a lot of him! The manner in which she 'came out' was so meaningful I'm sure she will be sadly missed. We were shown the regalia that is worn on special occasions and we joked that the three cornered hat was very reminiscent of Dick Turpin! In all, she was very entertaining and we all enjoyed her interesting and witty talk..

Maureen Beale was given a vote of thanks by Yvonne Carter on behalf of the members for her past dedication as our President. Maureen is standing down this year for a breather. Sue Martin was voted in as new president, deep breath Sue!

It was with deep sadness I learned of the sudden passing of Jack, one of our members from the Over 60's club which the Women's Institute runs. He will be sadly missed for his lovely smile and cheeky ways. God Bless Jack.

We meet monthly each 3rd Tuesday at Baptist Hall, Caddington at 7.30pm. See you there.

Patricia Crick.

FARLEY HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Farley Hill Methodists, St John the Baptist and the World Wide Church of God have a busy June ahead of them with joint community functions.

On Saturday 9th June, two events, the first a Buffet Lunch with Stalls takes place at Farley Hill Methodists Church Hall North Drift Way commencing at one o'clock.

There are tombola, cake stall, bric-a-brac, preserves stalls, also available for all whether lunching or not. The buffet lunch costs £3.50.

In the evening the annual Children's charity concert in the Methodist Church Hall The Bedfordshire Police Choir performance commences at 7.30pm.

Admission to the concert £3, £2 concessions and there will also be a Retiring Bucket Collection.

On Wednesday June 13th the Monthly Lunch Club 12.30 for 1pm, a two course meal and tea £3.00 The main course being turkey.

Saturday 16th June sees our Coach outing to Brighton. The coach leaves from Farley Hill Methodist Church in North Drift Way at 8.30am arriving back home by 7.30pm. There are a few seats available so call Ken Cameron on 07960257218 if you want to come along: cost £10.

Wednesday June 27th at 2pm

Tea Dance Admission £2 with free raffle.

Saturday June 9th at 1pm

Farley Hill Methodist Buffet Lunch and Stalls

Saturday June 9th at 7.30pm

Farley Hill Methodists Bedfordshire Police Choir
Charity Concert

Wednesday 13th June at 12.30

Farley Hill Methodists Lunch Club

Wednesday 27th June at 2pm

Farley Hill Methodists Tea Dance

Ken Cameron



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On the 15th May the Club went to Dobbies new Garden Centre near Milton Keynes.

The driver took us on the pretty route driving through Woburn Abbey. No one seemed to mind that it rained all the way there, of course the sun shone all the way home.

Our next outing is on the 11th of June when we will be going to Weymouth.

Pam King

Browsing Dobbies' Website, we came across a very informative section describing many native plants (probably all in stock at Dobbies). So we are running the first in an occasional series of features...



Plant of the Month ***The Tamarisk***

This produces masses of slender racemes of lilac pinkish flowers in May, covering the new growth the plant has made during the previous season. These are very pretty and striking and can have a slightly smoke-like effect when seen from a distance. At other times, the foliage is feathery and pretty. The branches can be somewhat wayward and the shrub benefits from being pruned to required dimensions after flowering.

Height: 3.5m Spread: 3m Hardiness: Fully hardy

Recommended particularly for presentation to retiring PN Treasurers, particularly should the recipient be relocating to Tamarisk Close ...



(PN presented a Tamarisk to Sue & Rex Horton for their new home and garden in Tamarisk Close! They'll see these helpful notes: Sue has signed up for a postal copy of PN to be sent each month to keep in touch with what we are up to.)

DIARY: *If you would like your events included, please contact the Editor*

June

- 2nd 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington
9th Craft Fayre at the Village Hall
9th Farley Hill Methodist Church: Concert Bedfordshire Police Choir
11th Parish Council: Village Hall at 8.00pm
12th "Knit & Natter" afternoon: contact Julie Taylor on 413912
17th Aley Green Methodist Church: Ecumenical Service at 3pm
19th Women's Institute: "Mercy Ships".

23rd FoSELS: Slip End School Fete

- 24th Race for Life - Stockwood Park
24th London Bridges Walk in aid of Kidney Research UK
24th Aley Green Methodist Church: Sunday School B-B-Q
26th "Knit & Natter" afternoon: contact Julie Taylor on 413912

July

- 2nd Parish Council: Village Hall at 8.00pm
7th 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington
18th Women's Institute: "The Story of Priory House, Dunstable"

August (No Parish Council this month)

- 4th 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington

September

- 1st 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington
3rd Parish Council: Village Hall at 8.00pm
16th Aley Green Methodist Church: Harvest Festival at 11am
29th Craft Fayre at the Village Hall

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