

# **SLIP END & DISTRICT PARISH NEWS**

**NOVEMBER 2005**



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**Website: [slipend.co.uk](http://slipend.co.uk)**

## Sk8board Park Fun Day #1 15th October 2005

The first ever Sk8board Park Fun day certainly lived up to its name for everyone who came along on what was a perfect sunny day! All ages, from 4 to 40, joined in the fun and, although I nearly killed myself, there were no injuries needing the first aid facilities provided although the refreshments available went down very well!



The riders, on sk8s and sk8boards, had a great three hours using Luton Councils mobile park that was set up on the playground of Slip End Lower School. As well as the riders a good number of spectators turned up to watch the fun and look over, and comment, on the display showing what is planned, when we raise the money!

We would like to thank St Andrews Church for their valuable financial support and Slip End Lower School for the use of the playground - a perfect surface for skating. Also the crew from the council for setting up and overseeing the day as well as the village team who helped organise this excellent event - Thank YOU!



If you want to know more about the planned, permanent, sk8board park for the village (or have any ideas for future events & fund raising) get in touch sk8board-park@slipend.co.uk or check out sk8board park page on [www.slipend.co.uk](http://www.slipend.co.uk).

*M@t Ogier-Russell*



There are concerns about increasing criminal activity in the village. The clocks have gone back and Bedfordshire Police remind us that the number of break-ins goes up by as much as half when it gets dark earlier. In the day They tell us that they will be doing all in their power to deter crime, but residents can help by not providing easy pickings.

DI Mick Roach says “We are already seeing an increase in break-ins from sheds and outbuildings: some were insecure yet contained items of high value. Handbags and personal computers are sometimes left visible: we would remind the public to remove all valuables from vehicles. Burglars and thieves are sometimes lazy opportunists and can be put off by simple measures. Our message is: give these measures some thought and together we can make life more difficult for offenders this winter.”

### **Residents can help deter burglars:**

- Lock all doors, windows and fanlights.
- Fit locks to patio doors, top and bottom.
- Install a visible burglar alarm.
- Use security lights.
- Leave lights & radio on when not at home.
- Secure sheds and garages with quality locks
- Check fences for weak spots.
- Block side passages with a strong high gate.
- Do not hid keys under the mat or in a flowerpot: it is the first place burglars look.
- Report strangers acting suspiciously.
- Find out about Home Watch and what it can do for you.

### **Motorists can help reduce car crime:**

- Lock all doors, sunroof and boot.
- Empty the garage of clutter: put the car in it!
- Park in well lit areas.
- If you have a stereo that can be removed, take it with you.
- Don't leave coats on view.
- If you have an alarm, USE IT.
- Lock the car at filling stations

Contact your Crime Reduction Officer or Home Watch Co-ordinator, on 01234 841212.



There are increasing worries about continuing thoughtlessness shown by motorists who persistently drive with scant regard for safety. The photograph graphically illustrates the potential for accident and injury. PN makes no comment about this incident in Front Street last month. However, just think what the result could be of excessive speed in combination with slick roads, steamed up windows, running a bit late nipping through the Slip End rat-run to make a bit of time, oh no, whoops, bang, ouch! Motorists: there are other people out there, some are on foot, small people or elderly folk not able to respond quickly to dodge the path of a careering vehicle. ***The speed limit: it is not 30mph in Front Street it is a SAFE speed and in wintertime opinion is that this can be as low at 15 mph or less!***

A few thoughts ... Our streets (Front Street is typical) are littered by cars which obscure visibility at the junctions and reduce road width. Some motorists rely on x-ray vision to see through steamed-up and iced-up windscreens: police advice (above) is good, at nights put the car in the garage if you have one, you'll get a much better view through the windscreen in the morning, against the sun's glare heading towards Pepperstock. Why not leave for work 20 minutes earlier: that might help towards a more relaxed and consequently safer drive?

*Think about these and other safety related issues and let's avoid another tragedy which is otherwise waiting to happen.*

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## freecycle Luton

The aim of The Freecycle Network™ is to reduce waste that goes into landfill by offering it to your local community for **free**.

Post your unwanted item on <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/FreecycleLuton/> and an email is sent to all members who then make contact to arrange collection. Everything **must be free**, preferably local: although most things can be posted.

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# **CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS**

*Slip End Village Hall  
Sunday 27th November*

*11am to 3pm*

*Admission 20p*

*Glass*

*Ceramics*

*Paintings*

*Jewelry*

*Silk Flowers*

*Encaustic Art*

*Hand Made Cards*

*Knitted Toys & Clothing*

*Refreshments*

*And more ...*

*Approx 18 Stalls*

*In aid of local Senior Citizens Organisations  
For a stall call Gillian on 01582 723109*

*Vegetable Garden*

The curds of the early broccolis will be forming now, and though they are much hardier than cauliflowers, it is as well to protect them by bending leaves over them. Late cauliflowers will certainly need this protection. There can be no doubt that the very best way to grow early broad beans is to sow seeds in boxes in February and germinate them in a warm greenhouse. But if you have no greenhouse it is worth making an outdoor sowing now in a sheltered place, choose a long pod variety and sow the seeds four inches apart in drills 2 inches deep and 18 inches apart for dwarf, or 2.5 feet apart for tall kinds. Hardy Culinary Peas can also be sown outside now, in a sheltered position with well drained soil.

Now is the time to lift and store. Jerusalem Artichokes, and Parsnips, these are stored in the same way as potatoes.

*General Work*

Tidy up herbaceous borders, prune rose bushes and deciduous hedges, plant Fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs and roses, there is still time to plant tulips and hyacinths, the sooner this is done the better.

Get ahead with more rough digging for frosts to break and purify; lime where sourness is suspected , this must be done again in early spring. Gather leaves for composting.



*Now the evenings are drawing and the weather is on the turn, why not relax in the warm, pour a beer and have a go at our Quiz. Answers will appear in next month's issue.*

- 1 Always left out *Wallflower*
- 2 Optician's flower .....
- 3 Smart animal .....
- 4 Tandem rider .....
- 5 End of spectrum .....
- 6 Fastidious sprinkler .....
- 7 What the poor spinster should do .....
- 8 Red again (anagram) .....
- 9 Sounds cold to me .....
- 10 Foggy affection .....
- 11 Shepherds flower .....
- 12 Many crush them (anagram) .....
- 13 Very fattening .....
- 14 Chaucer's carillon .....
- 15 What Mr Tell said .....
- 16 One of the mob on the hill .....
- 17 Cunning gauntlet .....
- 18 Used in the greyhound track .....
- 19 A big one (anagram) .....
- 20 It's a big fiddle .....
- 21 Toilet fastener .....
- 22 A wine for Christmas .....
- 23 Feline coin factory .....
- 24 Alone in the onion patch .....
- 25 Not from the hilltops .....

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## CRAFT FAYRE

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On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October The Peter Edwards Hall was home to the first Craft & Holistic Fair 2005. The event, organised by three young women from Slip End, offered an interesting and wide selection of crafts, all of an extremely high quality and standard.

Among the items for sale were hand-painted children's wooden gift boxes and plaques; funky resin dimmer switches, cupboard doorknobs and keyrings; kiddies fleece hats, scarves and cushions; soaps & bath salts and greetings cards, all of which were handmade and handcrafted by the exhibitors. Also there was a lovely display of hand painted stained glassware, fresh flower arrangements and Fair Trade goods from around the world.

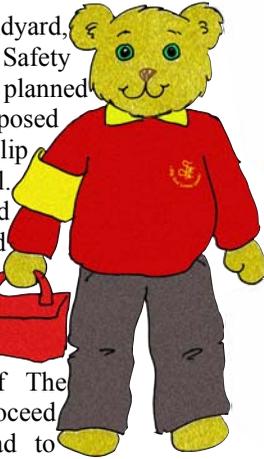
Jo Waterford, an extremely talented holistic therapist, had a queue of people eager to have their ears Hopi Candedled – (this has to be seen to be believed), or an Indian head massage.

Harmony provided the tea and coffee and our thanks to the ladies that supplied the delicious homemade cakes. The profit from the refreshment sales totalled almost £60. This will be passed to our chosen charity, the cancer campaign for The Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

Our thanks in particular to Cllr Phillip Penman for his help and assistance, to Lisa, Trudy, Debbie's mum and all the ladies that served the refreshments during the day and Phil for his excellent stakes (!). The feedback from both exhibitors and visitors was very positive; everyone enjoyed the day. We are looking to hold fair number two in the New Year so keep an eye out for the signs on the roadsides and come along.



This month, Ruth Lidyard, our local Road Safety Officer assessed the planned routes for the proposed Walking Bus for Slip End Lower School. We have now agreed that two routes would be the best way forward.



The first will start in the Car Park of The Rising Sun then proceed along Markyate Road to Ross Way. The pub car park is the ideal drop-off place for parents travelling by car from outside the village. Walking Bus organisers would like to express their thanks to the Landlady once again for allowing us to use her car park.

The second route will start in Summer Street, go down Old School Walk, across Front Street, down Crawley Close, along the side of 22 Crawley Close and into the back entrance of the school via St Andrews Close.

Children will be collected along each route and there will be a ratio of at least two adults to every six children.

We have a good number of parent helpers and children interested, but it would be great to hear from any local community members who would be willing to help out occasionally. You would need to be free on a Wednesday morning between 8.30am and 9am and if you have a CRB form which is less than 12 months old, that's even better!

Look out for news of our launch date - there will be gifts for all the children who walk with us on the first day along with pictures in the local papers. If you would like any further details please contact Nikki West on 01582 732950.



As Autumn then Winter close in we have just one more outing to look forward to, our Christmas Shopping spree to Lakeside on Monday 28th November. If you would be interested to join us for that trip call Maureen on 01582 425515.



It is with deep regret to write that one of our members passed away last month and we send our deepest sympathy to Mrs Doreen Matthews and her family at this time.

*Pam King*

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**SLIP END TENNIS CLUB**

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***Wimbledon Public Ticket Ballot 2006***

If you want to enter the public ballot to purchase two tickets, write to the address below requesting an application form, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for reply.

*The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club  
PO Box 98  
Church Road  
Wimbledon SW19 5AE*

(Any enquiries to Steve on 414162.)

The LTA commitment is to ensure that as many "grass roots" enthusiasts, rather than corporate clients, receive tickets, which has been proved correct by number of successful applicants locally in previous years.





**“FUSION”**: *New Local Indian Restaurant*

Following refurbishment, “Fusion” has recently opened under new management. Situated on the A5 London Road, near Flamstead, traditional Indian cuisine is offered having no artificial colouring or preservatives. We are open 7 days a week, serving a Sunday Special between 12 noon and 5pm. On Wednesdays you will be welcome to come along to our Gourmet Nights. We can cater for large parties and Christmas bookings are now being taken. There is also a “Take Away Menu” with free delivery on orders over £10, within a 5 miles radius and a 10% discount is given on collected orders over £10. So call by and try us out (see advertisement).



**Chocolates  
for  
Christmas!**

There will be a Chocolate Sale on Friday 18th November at Caddington Hall Residential Home, Luton Road Markyate, 11am to 12.30pm. All are welcome, some come along and buy some special chocs for the Christmas Festivities!

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Thank you to everyone who came along to our Autumn Fayre, over £500 was raised towards the running of our church. The coffee evening was well attended and £31 was raised towards our building works to be done on the outside of the church and the porch. Over £60 of produce has also been sold this month. The Harvest Auction raised £258.70 for M.R.D.F.

### *Forthcoming events*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 11am  
All Age Worship  
led by members of the church.

This is also Methodist Homes Sunday and J.M.A Sunday so the children will be getting their certificates, medals and Bars. Come and join us.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm  
Coffee evening and jewellery sale  
in aid of L.W.P.T.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 4pm  
Beetle Drive and afternoon tea  
in aid of Methodist Homes.

Six games of Beetle prizes to be won.  
Tickets from Ann 733668.  
Come along and join in the fun.



We were able to send 43 shoeboxes to Romania this year and the postage (£86) was paid by church members and friends.

Come with me, come wander,  
come welcome the world  
Where strangers might smile  
or where stones may be hurled;  
Come leave what you cling to,  
lay down what you clutch  
And find, with hands empty,  
that hearts can hold much.

*God bless you from all at Aley Green Church.*

*Ann Meader*

Madame president M. Beale told members that had not been able to go on the coach outing to the Bank of England, how we had enjoyed it. We had four hours at Brent Cross then the ride around London which is so different when you are elevated in a coach seat, talk about “the one above sees all”, it was lovely. We finished at the Bank where a young lady ushered us into a room with seating and a screen. She then went through the history of how money started, something I had never thought about, coinage and paper money designs and values.

Famous names in ranking with their stories, it was all so interesting. We were given an extra welcome when she saw we were Caddington W.I. as she had lived in Kensworth for a while. We were able to try and lift a gold nugget, they weigh 2½ kilo or 28lb, in a protected container. You could only get one hand in so I’m afraid I couldn’t manage it, and no, before you ask there were no free samples!

The speaker for October Mrs D Wigg read us some spooky stories on Ghosts!

At the Autumn Federation meeting at Bedford Corn Exchange, Bob Champion the well known champion jockey who has fought a battle with cancer is to be our speaker. This is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. We are looking forward to that and I will be reporting in next month’s issue.

*Our WI group meets monthly on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues at Baptist Church Hall at 7.30. A war welcome awaits you.*

*Patricia Crick*



***Services at St Andrew's & Events in November***

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

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Pram service in the Family Room
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Family Communion with 3;16 taking part
	6:15pm	3;16 meet in the Family Room
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Footsteps meet
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
	2:00pm	St Andrew's Ramblers meet at the church
	3.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing for a Child
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Pram Service in the Family Room
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:15pm	3;16 Meet in Family Room
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00pm	3;16 Leaders meet at Vicarage
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Footsteps meeting
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Woodside Home Service
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Holy Communion at East Hyde
	10:30am	Advent Sunday Morning Praise, preacher Bishop of Bedford
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	PCC meet in the Family Room
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Pram Service in the Family Room

***Christmas Tree Festival***

This event will take place again at All Saints Church Caddington on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December 2005. This time the theme for our tree is ***"Homemade"***. We especially want the children to participate although everyone will be welcome to help out. The ZJB children will be making some decorations: this will be in addition to the work associated the themes for our sessions.

All items to be homemade, however recycling old decorations will be permitted e.g. old balls and bells etc, can be repainted or decorated.

After the Festival our tree will be put up at St Andrews' as part of our decorations. *Everyone* at St Andrews is kindly asked to contribute, perhaps by sponsorship (any surplus funds will go towards the church roof fund).

Mary Barker

***Carol Service for the Bereaved***

On Sunday December 11th at 3.00pm in St Andrew's, we will be holding a Carol Service for the bereaved.

All are welcome, but it is especially appropriate for those who wish to remember a lost loved one before Christmas. There will be a time of remembrance when names will be read out in the service, (all names on paper in advance to Joy please). Refreshments will be served afterwards and there will be literature available. There will also be people to talk and pray with after the service.





### ST A's HARVEST SUPPER

The Village Hall was packed for the highpoint of Slip End's Theatrical Season and this year's production, "Snow Wight & the Six (approx) Dwarfs" was performed in similar epic genre as

previous memorable HS productions, such were White Horse Inn (who'll forget A.J. Willson's outstanding talent) and My Fare Laddie. The effort put in, largely by our youngsters (not only in performance but also in script writing and production), was a significant indication that traditional theatrical expertise is alive and well in the village. The pictures show (top left) the tense James Blond (Stuart Baird) scene, gripping action as a collapsed Chris Barnes receives the attentions of Peter (Grumpy) & Ian (Frumpy) Wilson, Edward (Dumpy) Averne and Tammy, our very own Snow Wight: Barnes, playing the Björn Borg part with some panache, is shown (top right) in more strident form prior to his demise. Eileen Greenword (Slip End's own Ethel Merman) is seen sensitively belting out her big show-stopping number (bottom right). At bottom left, we see Cllrs Crossett and McKevitt earlier in the evening, posing for the camera as Mary Barker delicately "doshes" Mike's spuds! *(A great evening, much enjoyed: Editor.)*

## CAR TREASURE HUNT

After weeks of hectic but very enjoyable preparation this year's Car Treasure Hunt took place on Sunday, 11 September. Despite the usual last minute panics, the disappearance of a clue (after all, it was Sunday) and thick fog over Whipsnade, it turned out to be another enjoyable and successful event.

Eleven cars entered and the first to start, and finish at a heaving Cross Keys at Tottenham, was Kevin Collins. There was then a delay of an hour due to one of the contestants getting a puncture, and others stopping to help (*see Editor's note, below*). Meanwhile the pub emptied and by the time everyone had arrived we had it, more or less, to ourselves. Amongst the usual wingeing and ribald remarks the points were totted up.

Hilary & Chris Barnes tied on 55 correct answers (out of 59) with Kevin Collins and family, but they won on the tie break.

However, the organisers decided to award the Collins family a joint 1<sup>st</sup> prize due to the initiative of Kevin in getting a bus ticket. He boarded a passing bus, asked for the cheapest ticket, replied that he wanted to go nowhere on being asked his destination, and after parting with 80p, got off again. The driver probably thought he'd had a lucky escape from an obvious lunatic! Gayle Willson and Ben came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 54 points.

£73 was raised towards the Church Roof Repair Fund. The organisers would like to say a big thank you to all who took part thus missing both the Grand Prix and, more importantly, the Cricket. Many thanks to you all.

Joan & Val

***A Trick question was added  
by Rosemary Wickens and Citroen:***

***Where is the Jack hidden in a Picasso?  
Answer next month,***

*perhaps ....we haven't found it yet. Is there anyone in the village who can help us with vexed issue?*



The older girls are now doing their First Aid Badge, with the help of Mike from the Red Cross and it is hoped that the younger girls will be able to do theirs next year.

Over the last few months our numbers have increased we have now 23 girls if this continues we shall have to go back in being two packs!

On Saturday November 12th, we shall be holding a Table Top Sale at the Village Hall, 11am to 2pm, if anyone would like a stall they should ring Brown Owl on 01582 723109, the profits are going towards our Christmas Treat.

Gillian Plummer, Brown Owl

# TABLE-TOP SALE

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH  
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# FOIL APPEAL

***In aid of Guide Dogs  
for the Blind***

*Please leave at  
67 Five Oaks, Caddington*

Yes, our prayers have been answered again and we have got our warehouse. It is once again on the Woodside estate in Dunstable and for those who kindly helped last year, it is the same one. Thank you so much to the owners for allowing us to use their warehouse again, we promise to look after it.

Work will start around the 12<sup>th</sup> of November and if Teresa Willson doesn't have your details yet, please be sure to let her know when you will be able to help. (01582 482681).

The warehouse will be open from 9.30 to 4.00pm on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's to start with and also Saturday mornings when it starts to get really busy. If there are any youngsters who would like to help, you need to be over 16, but can come along with an adult if you are younger so check with Teresa first.

For those of you who are unable to get your boxes to St Andrew's Church on a Sunday there are a few drop off points around.

I visited 'The Way' today, in West Street, Dunstable, a very friendly establishment run by members of West Street Baptist Church. You can pop along and have a coffee and drop your boxes off at the same time, you are sure of a warm welcome. It will be open from 10.00 until 2.00pm Monday to Saturday. Stopsley Baptist Church is also registered as a drop off point.

National Shoe Box Sunday this year is on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Westminster Central Hall in London but if you can't take your shoebox there (rather a long way to go) please bring yours along to St Andrew's Church where we will be celebrating there and hopefully doing shoeboxes with the children.

If you don't have enough for a shoebox of your own but would like to buy some fillers for other boxes that would be very much appreciated also.

Sue Cowell



### *Latest report from Samaritan's Purse*

Samaritan's Purse has sent a Disaster Relief Unit to Florida to help victims of Hurricane Wilma. The tractor-trailer unit is stocked with equipment and supplies, including chainsaws for removing trees and rolls of plastic for weatherproofing damaged roofs. Teams specialize in serving poor, elderly, and uninsured families who need quick repairs to make damaged homes safe and liveable. Wilma made landfall Monday morning as a Category 3 hurricane after previously being measured as the most intense Atlantic hurricane in history. Samaritan's Purse has added three Disaster Relief Units in the past year to be able to respond to multiple storms like these.

We already have units working along the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In eight weeks, over 1,100 volunteers have completed emergency repairs on more than 1,800 houses in four states. Wilma hit about 50 miles south of where Hurricane Charley struck last year. Samaritan's Purse made emergency repairs on more than 700 houses damaged by Charley.

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- 12<sup>th</sup> Table Top Sale - Village Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute: "Sugarcraft", Mrs P. Parrot
- 18<sup>th</sup> "Chocolates for Christmas" - Sale at Caddington Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dance at the Village Hall
- 27<sup>th</sup> Crafts for Christmas - Village Hall

**December**

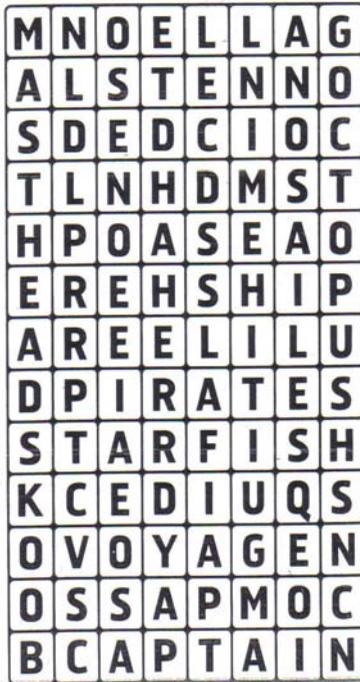
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dance at the Village Hall
- 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall at 8pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute: "Close Harmony", Choral Entertainment
- 31<sup>st</sup> Dance at the Village Hall

A definite feel of Christmas pervades our pages this month! The Parish News team look forward to a breather over the Christmas & New Year and in previous years we have resumed publication in February, which makes a long gap. Plans are to publish PN in mid January 2006, then resuming normal the normal monthly cycle in March. **So would contributors send in items to PN for the January issue during the first week or so of that month.**

Can you find all these words in the grid below?

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Rearrange the leftover letters to spell a type of mammal that swims in the sea.



**A Thank you from Joan Austin**

*It was good to welcome Joan to the Harvest Supper, she says it was "an evening to remember".*

Dear All,

May I thank the Grace Cook Trustees for inviting me to the Harvest Supper on 30th September. Although I found it rather crowded I did manage to speak to a few old friends and, as usual, Viv took care of the refreshment side for me.

Also, may I thank everyone at Slip End Lower School and St Andrews's church for the Harvest Gift given to me at the Harvest Supper. To be remembered and to meet old friends gave me a lot of pleasure.

kindest thoughts to you all,

*Joan*

If you have something interesting to report about village activities, photos, holiday adventures, etc., please contact us. Articles should be sent by the 15th of the month before publication to: Sue Cowell 83 The Crescent, Caddington; parishnews@slipend.co.uk or David Kingston 7 Crawley Close, Slip End davidgoodmankington@hotmail.com. Delivery enquiries to Brian Church 2 Summer Street on 458443. Advertising enquiries to Steve Lyons, on 414162 SteveSueLyons@aol.com

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