

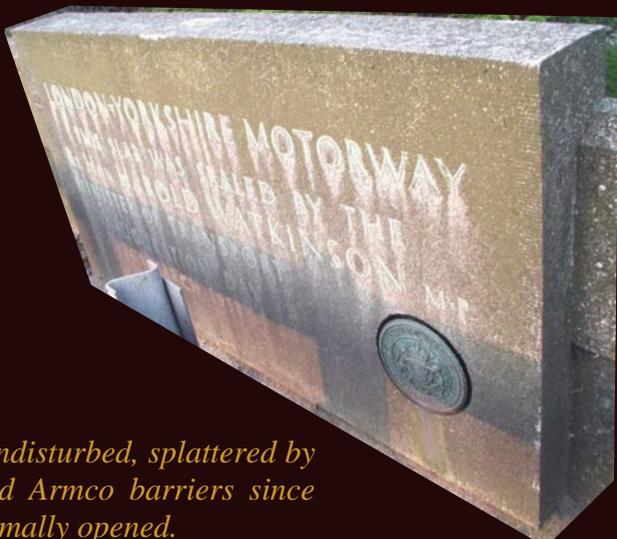
SLIP END & DISTRICT

APRIL 2007

PARISH NEWS

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WHERE SOLD

Last month we had a scare that the plaque, which is mounted on the M1 bridge in Church Road, had been pinched! However, it re-appeared safe and sound and is now in store, ready to be re-sited somewhere in the area when M1 work is complete.



It survived unloved and undisturbed, splattered by tyre debris, hidden behind Armco barriers since 1959 when the M1 was formally opened.



It is hoped that the contractors will be able to move the whole item including the concrete panel (above) with its inscription. However, this will be no mean feat as that concrete block is about 6' by 4' and about 9" thick, quite a lump! We are confident that, having seen the impressive way in which the Pepperstock bridge was despatched last November, moving this will present few problems to the M1 team.

This dear little sleeping baby is the latest addition to St Andrew's Church. Lucy Charlotte Sandle was born on the 30th January weighing 5lbs 15oz. Proud mum and dad Lynne and Nick who live in the village attend the church with Lucy, who is as good as gold and often sleeps through the service.



Simon & Claire Osborne at the recent Thanksgiving Service for the gift of their daughter, Lily Evelyn. Held at St Andrew's, many friends and relatives were present. Happy 1st Birthday Lily. (Claire featured in last months PN: see the picture on page 15, can you spot her?)

Barbara Horton, the organiser of the Flower Festival at Aley Green Methodist Church is pictured with one of the many beautiful displays, 'Always & Always' by All Saints Church



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

Alternative Lord's Prayer

*Beloved our Father and Mother in
whom is heaven*

Hallowed be your name

Followed be your Royal way

Done be your will and rule

Through the whole of creation

With the bread we need for today, feed us

In the hurts we absorb from

one another, forgive, us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us

From trials too great to endure, spare us

From the grip of all that is evil, free us

*For you reign in the glory of power that is
love forever.*

Our preserves sales have gone very well so far this year. We sell the preserves at our coffee evenings, we also had a stall at a table top sale and in March Lorraine and I did a jam talk and sold the preserves afterwards. If you run a group and would like us to come along and tell you about our preserve team, our allotments and how we sell our produce, please ring Lorraine on 484719.

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Flower Festival, it was lovely to welcome visitors to our church. The teas and lunches were enjoyed and lots of preserves and cakes were sold. We raised almost £750 towards our heating fund. The Ecumenical Lent meetings are well attended and we are learning a lot on our journey towards Easter.

Easter Dates

Sunday April 1st 11am

Palm Sunday Service lead by Mrs D Chapman

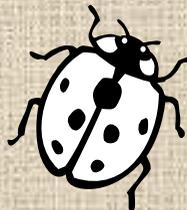
Sunday April 8th 11am

Easter Day service lead by Ms Jo Symonds.

Children will receive Easter gifts and will learn about the joys of Easter in Sunday school.

Sunday April 15th 11am

All age Sunday School. Come and join the fun!



Beetle Drive: 4:30pm Saturday 21st April join our Beetle Drive at Church in aid of NCH. Afternoon tea, jelly ice cream. Adults £4 Children £2. To book call me on 733668.

Our monthly coffee evening will be on Wed 25th April 7:30pm onwards. Please pop in for a coffee.

We hope you will be able to join us at some of these services and events. May God bless you this Easter and always with love and prayers, from all at Aley Green Methodist Church

Ann Meader

I visited the Flower Festival, the arrangements were very interesting! Much effort had gone into choosing subjects to reflect the festival theme, with various interpretations "Favourite Things". Flowers, sand and shells to illustrate Summer Holidays; beautiful red carnations and sparkle representing Christmas; grandchildren, needlework, deckchairs, books, afternoon tea and flowers for the Simple Pleasures of Life, sweet wrappers amongst the flowers indicating Sweets, as well as arrangements which featured Beatrix Potter, Yellow Stone Park, Flower Arranging, The seaside and Always and Always.

It was well worth the visit so I hope some of you managed to get along and support Aley Green. After viewing the lovely flowers, tea and cake was available in the little tearoom at the back and a wonderful choice of preserves to spend your money on. Well done to all who entered a flower arrangement.

Editor

Just some of the beautiful arrangements



Entrance to the church - 'Flower Arranging'



LUTON MALE VOICE CHOIR



Increases in Choir Membership and number of Concerts were reported to the

Annual General Meeting held on February 21st at their Castle Street Headquarters. "2006 was an excellent year and 2007 promises to be even better".

Our Chairman, John Croft, told members "The Social side is becoming as busy as the singing diary". He thanked the Friends of the Choir for their work in organizing various social events'. Officers were elected for 2007.

Lady Diane McKenzie kindly agreed to become President of the LMVC Friends Group. The Choir inaugurated a series of concerts being organized during the Summer at Maulden Parish Church on Sunday February 25th before a sizable audience and will bring the series to an end later in the year.

The Choir have a few dates available in the diary for concerts particularly, Churches and Charities, contact 07960257218.



WANTED

**8 cm (about 3") plastic
plant pots, any colour.**

If you have any to spare please contact Val Church on 458443 a.s.a.p and she will collect. Or deliver to 2 Summer Street.

Brownies

April in the Vegetable Garden

Our show will now take place on May 16th, for our Entertainers Badge. On March 25th about 14 girls will be taking part in a Circus Day, learning such skills as juggling, plate spinning, diabolo, stilt walking, tumbling and acrobatics. The best ones will perform in the show.

*Gillian Plummer
Brown Owl*

If the weather is good and the soil works well, there is no point in delaying the planting of second early and late potatoes. Late potatoes take longer to mature but will give a good succession in spite of the fact that they are planted at the same time. Keep an eye on the early potatoes, looking for shoots may soon appear, and will need protecting. Main crop carrots can also be planted now, as also can all kinds of winter greens and runner beans.

Flowers & Fruit

Young Jacqueline has been in touch, sad at the loss of her cat, run over in Markyate Road recently. She implores motorists to cut speed in the village and raised a petition to further that cause. She has written the following note to Parish News:

Just a note to say Thank You in your magazine to all of the people who signed my petition. Also I have heard back from Councillor Richard Stay and have been invited to attend the county hall meeting on the 10th May. The flashing sign appears to be working although some cars speed up after they have passed it, racing by the school turning.

Jacqueline Gray (Age 14)

Any fruit tree grafting ought to be done, new rose bushes must not be planted later than the 1st week of April. Hardy Annuals can be sown in open borders where wanted to remain, thinning out later. There is still time to plant herbaceous perennials but the sooner the better. Spray fruit trees and large shrubs.

Lawns



From April lawns require mowing more often. It is folly to mow when the surface is frozen. Side wheel mowers should not be used when it is soft

after heavy rain, but well oiled easy running roller machines can be used without damage even when the ground is wet.

Turf should be laid no later than the middle of the month.

FOIL APPEAL

*In aid of Guide Dogs
for the Blind*



*Please leave at
67 Five Oaks, Caddington*

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)*



***AGM Monday 16 April 2007 8pm
at the Village Hall.***

Some members are stepping down so if you wish to join the Management Committee contact Stephen Fuell (Secretary) on 417792 (stevefuell@f2s.com) or turn up at the AGM and inform the Committee. The task is not onerous as meetings are once a month and last about an hour but a strong committee is required to maintain the village's most important asset.

Mystery Solved!

The Management Committee's thanks go to Sheldon Stanbrook for solving the mystery of the occasional leak in the ceiling in the ladies loo which had been puzzling us. Drips only appeared when the rain fell in a certain direction. A cracked tile higher on the roof was the culprit, soon fixed.

Well done Sheldon!

Steve Fuell

225g dark chocolate, 2 tbsp raisins
2 large eggs, 2 tsp caster sugar
225 g unsalted butter, ½ tsp vanilla extract
225g broken biscuits
25g walnuts or toasted almonds.

Line a 13 x 20cm loaf tin with non-PVC clingfilm. Roughly chop the chocolate and melt in heatproof bowl placed over bowl of hot water. Soak the raisins in boiling water. Whisk the eggs and sugar together until light and fluffy. Melt the butter, and while it is still hot whisk it into the egg and sugar mix which should thicken slightly. Next stir in melted chocolate, drained raisins and vanilla extract and finally the broken biscuits. Press into the prepared loaf tin. Sprinkle with the chopped nuts and allow to set in a cold place for a couple of hours until firm enough to cut.

Cut into slices and serve with lightly whipped cream.

Yummee.....delicious!



Way back in 1967 the JSE worked for a while at Aeroporto Fiumicino, Roma where Alitalia (Always Late In Take-off And Late In Arrival) were installing Hawker Siddeley Automatic Test Equipment (ATE). His first ever flight was in an Alitalia Caravelle (not quite this one, but I-DABP). The eagle-eyed reader will spot a Comet outside the BEA maintenance base where DGK also worked for a while. Que bella giornata!

We celebrated the 42nd Birthday of our Club last month with a Party. Instead of having performed entertainment, this time we had a Bingo Session with bumper prizes. Afterwards we had a buffet, including a slice of Birthday Cake made by Ena Brigland, quite perfect!

We are planning an outing, so when plans are firmed up we will report when we have news.

Pam King



Need an evening Babysitter?

Call Philippa on
01582 452003
(Registered Childminder)

All proceeds to go to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust



FANCY A NATTER WHILE YOU KNIT?

THEN JOIN OUR NEW KNIT 'N' NATTER CLUB!

We plan to get together once a fortnight, Tuesdays between 1:30 and 2:45. I will provide coffee and biscuits. Open to anyone regardless of ability, can be crochet if people prefer. Bring any current projects or knit something for Operation Christmas Child. First meeting Tuesday 1st May.

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

Farley Hill Methodists raised £97 at their Coffee Morning with Stalls event on Saturday 17th February.

The Lunch Club, which meets on the second Wednesday each month, will meet on Wednesday April 11 - 12.30 for 1pm two-course meal with tea £2.50.

The Lunch Club is expanding into Tea Dances commencing Wednesday April 28th and on the last Wednesday each month until September. Admission including afternoon tea £1.50.

Farley Hill Methodists' next Concert will be on Saturday 28th April - 7pm start - when the Luton Male Voice Choir perform.

The Bedfordshire Police Choir will be in concert on Saturday 9th June, 7.30pm start.



Slip End & District Association

CAR BOOT & TABLE TOP SALE

In the grounds of the Village Hall

EASTER MONDAY

10am - 1pm

In aid of the Senior Citizens Outing

For a stall ring 414796 or 723109

Names will be taken on that day for the outing on June 2nd for the Senior Citizens of Slip End, Pepperstock and Woodside, by then we should have everything sorted.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS ???

Slip End Tennis Club was formed in 1987 and is affiliated to the Beds Lawn Tennis Association. It has two hard courts, hopefully to be replaced this summer, and is sited at the Playing Fields, Church Road, Slip End. It is a small friendly club with approx. 50 members.

Membership costs are as below. There is a reduction for early payment of subscriptions.

Juniors £14
(those in full time education)
Seniors £26
Family £38

Club members have priority in the use of courts, except when matches are to be played.

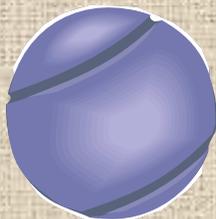
The general public are welcome to use the courts, when not in use by club members, at the cost of £1 per person. Club night is on Monday evenings and Adult night on Wednesday evenings from 7pm, starting from 30 April, to which all members are welcome.

Junior coaching is provided by our LTA coach Sally Parry, on Fridays commencing 20 April, £3 per session. (Beginners 4.45 to 5.45pm and Intermediates 5.45 to 6.45pm) Ladies and private coaching is also available. If you have any queries about coaching give Sally a call (413501)

We field a Men's Doubles and Mixed Team in the South Beds Leagues also a Men's Indoor and Mixed Outdoor Team in the Winter Leagues.

Any enquiries about the club can be made to:

Peter Smith (Chairman) 01582 733253
Steve Lyons (Treasurer) 01582 414162



New Tennis Courts

As you read this, work may have started on our new tennis courts. But as I write, we are expecting a second spell of snow. We remember how one fall of snow earlier this year seemed to disrupt everything for days.

If all goes well, the contractors should be able to start on Monday 2nd April after the final football match scheduled for the day before. The new courts will take up part of the field where the football has been so that the football pitch needs to move over and the new posts planted in time for the 2007/8 season.

Once the new courts have been completed the motorway contractors will then take a slice off the old courts. We are hoping that the new courts will be up and ready before Wimbledon when the game usually gets a lot of coverage, but with young Andy Murray doing so well we may even see some tennis fever. Clearly we can't commit ourselves to an opening date but we shall hope to do something to mark the second phase of the Club.

Peter Smith



PARISH NEWS

Elsewhere in this issue you will see that time has come round again for our distributors to go banging on doors, seeking payment for the coming year.

The passed year has seen a major change, with colour pages included in every issue. This has come at increased cost but, good reactions having been received from our readers, we consider it to be great value. *Our treasurer and committee have been keeping a close eye on things and, with some increased advertising, we have been able to keep costs down to the extent where we are able to keep the annual subscription at last year's level, just £4, so be ready when your distributor calls!*

There will be some changes in the next few months as both Sues, Horton and Briggs, Treasurer and Editor will be moving away from the area. Sue and Rex Horton off to Western Turville having lived in Rossway since "High Oaks Estate" (that was the name of the development) was built back in the early seventies. The Hortons were kept busy with local Scout groups and Rex is a very keen gardener and a long-term allotment operative. Even before their move, Rex has signed up for an allotment in Weston Turville and is already planning strategic movement of plants and shrubs from South Beds to Bucks!

We wish them well for the future and offer our grateful thanks for all they have done in the community over the years: not least for Sue's

work as Parish News Treasurer which has helped greatly to keep the show on the road over a period of change.

Sue and Alan Briggs are at an earlier stage of planning their move, so we'll hold the plaudits for a month or two.

We are thinking ahead and seeking help in both areas so that the work done by Sue & Sue will go on and Parish News will continue to flourish. We are confident that there will be a good response from the wealth of talent around the village these days, so that our gaps will be filled. We look forward to working with some new help.

The editorial side has developed into shared teamwork so that the burden is not too heavy on a single individual. Sue Horton has looked after our books very well and they are quite simple to maintain for anyone with a bit of a head for figures.

Give it a thought and get in touch if you feel you might wish to come aboard. We'd love to hear from you!

The Parish News team wishes you all a very Happy Easter and if you are going away have a wonderful time.

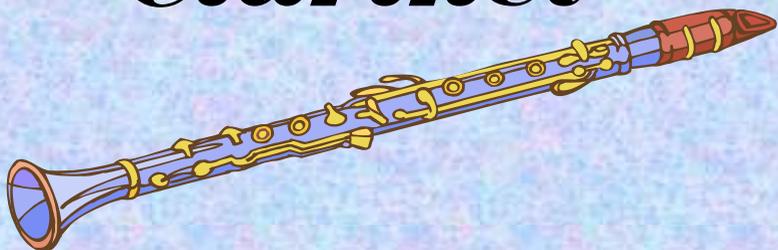
David Kingston

Stop Press: On page 18 we have squeezed in a late item received from the Bods CC on 1/4/07. This is of vital interest to us all.



Return from Fiumicino was in one of these Alitalia DC8-40's (Rolls Royce Conway jets), again not this one but "Cristforo Columbo". I recall that "CC" had a plaque mounted inside, to commemorate one of the early foreign trips which "Il Papa" made from Il Vaticano. The hanger in the background is where I spent several sweaty months in the summer of '67, hacking at the ATE.

“The Romantic Clarinet”



***A Musical Evening
At St Andrew's Church***

***Saturday 21st April
Commencing 7:45***

**Programme to include music by:
Mozart - Klezmerim - Stamitz - Haydn
Gershwin - Reade - Bechet - Sunshine**

**Peter Scrivener (Clarinet)
Assisted by Marc Watson (Library & Audio)**

**Tickets £5 including Refreshments
from the Vicar or Peter Scrivener ☎(01582) 726126
All proceeds to St Andrew's Church Fund**



Women's
Institute

A good start to the New Year was a meal held at the 'Barn Owl' and thoroughly enjoyed by all who partook. We were all given sunflower seeds on arrival to grow for a competition for the largest plant. The bees will think its their birthday in Bedfordshire! The speaker for the evening, Ruth Gill, not

only had a Victorian mourning dress to show us but gave us the history of W.I House in Bedford – a listed building. The history of the families involved starts in 1619. The property in Adelaide Square was built in 1842. In 1973 the property passed into the ownership of B.C.F.W.I. from A.N. Polhill. Ruth found the dress in a cupboard on the third floor behind boxes, which had hidden it from view.

Caroline Bacon, the curator of the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery, dated it to 1890. Caroline believed that the clothes were worn as half mourning because of the decorative beading on some of the items.

After refreshments of course, we had to make as many words as we could from 'Pancake Batter' it being Shrove Tuesday. Sallie was the winner with 73! How can you do?

March meeting

As it was 'member's night' the minutes were taken as read and Jerusalem dispensed with.(!) The Dunstable Ladies Choir will be coming to sing to us on May 8th, tickets £3, all welcome. At £1 a ticket the W.I. National Raffle has fabulous prizes, the first being £5000. Tickets for the Spring Federation Meeting at Stopsley Baptist Church, with Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe M.P. speaker, on April 23rd at 7.30pm have been in great demand.

The meeting was then handed over to the Chairman for the evening, Mrs Ethel Price with Hon Sec Mrs Hazel Bennet. Last year's minutes were read and signed as correct. I must

admit memory isn't my strong point these days but some things do stay with you.

It was then I had the surprise of my life as I was presented with a lovely miniature rose. To say my 'ghost' was 'flabbered' would be putting it mildly! I would like to say a very big Thank You to all of those involved in it.

Joan Bunyan and Josie Watkins then took to the floor to organise a game of Boccia (carpet bowls) with a break for refreshments which involved the rest of the evening. The blue team won. On behalf of the regular committee and speaking on behalf of President Maureen Beale, I would like to give a big thank you to all the Members Night Committee. That is how the title comes about and is a puzzlement to non-members who think they cannot attend because of it.

We meet each 3rd Tuesday in the month at Baptist Church Caddington 7.30pm, details are shown on the Diary Page. We would love to welcome you.

Patricia Crick





*London Walk No. 24 - Saturday 21st April
Bermondsey & the Isle of Dogs*

Every Spring a group has set out from the Parish to take part in this popular annual event. The aim is to raise sponsored donations to help the “Unlock” Charity raise funds for the work of church groups in inner cities and housing estates. Such work has become of increasingly important within the overall social service scene where activities are shared between authorities and charities, each offering unique skills and expertise in their respective fields.

What has this to do with us in rural South Beds? A good question and there are probably several answers. For me an important feature of the event is “seeing how the other half lives”. We all watch TV and read the papers, but the media tends to focus on the negatives, all is doom and gloom and there is no hope.

The Unlock event shows the falsity of this perspective. Yes, there are big problems (dare I suggest that we share some of them even here?) but there is another side to the coin, which is rarely exposed by the media spotlight. There are many good people out there, going about their daily lives with purpose and resolve; this event gives a unique opportunity to meet and chat with just a few of them. Only when this has been done can I begin to appreciate the fuller picture. Contrary to media output, it soon becomes apparent that there are many positives out there, all is not doom and gloom!

That is not all. Meeting people and sharing their hospitality is great but so is visiting some of the less well-known landmarks and sites in which our Capital city is so rich. Walk 24 takes in the well known “Cutty Sark”, Tower

Bridge and the Tower of London and we look forward to seeing those sites again. We are bound to discover other places, less well known but at least as interesting. Did you know that there is a Boat Church in the West India Dock, now part of Docklands? Or that Turner painted his masterpiece “The Fighting Temeraire” in Bermondsey? No? Well come with us and take a look for yourself. If a little footsore at the end of the walk, I guarantee you will not be disappointed! Give me a call on 416138 if you wish to join the fun.

David Kingston



No, not one of our walkers, this statue on the bank of the Regent's Canal, near Paddington Station, is about 12' tall! We walked this route in 2004.

Bedding Plants & Cuttings

SATURDAY 19th MAY

at

**2 SUMMER STREET
SLIP END**

11am - 2pm

Hanging Baskets & Produce

Proceeds to St Andrew's Church and for the Enhancement of the Village

STROKE

Every year over 130,000 people in the UK have a stroke, that is one person every five minutes. Most people affected are over 65 but anyone can have a stroke, including children and even babies. Around 1000 people under 30 have a stroke each year.

Stroke is the third most common cause of death in the UK. It is also the single most common cause of severe disability. More than 250,000 people live with disabilities caused by stroke. It could happen to you, or someone you care for.

If it does, you'll want to know as much as you can about stroke. This section of the website explains what a stroke is, what causes it, and some of the physical and psychological effects it can have on people's lives.

A stroke is what happens when the blood supply to part of the brain is cut off. Blood carries essential nutrients and oxygen to the brain. Without a blood supply, brain cells can be damaged or destroyed and won't be able to do their job.

Stroke Identification

“During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall. They offered to call paramedics but she assured everyone that she was fine and that she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital.

At 6:00 pm, Ingrid passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ.”

Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die, they end up in a helpless and hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

What can I do?

Remember the "3" steps

S - T - R

Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S

Ask the individual to **Smile**.

T

Ask the person to **Talk** and speak a simple sentence,
e.g. It is sunny out today

R

Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

Another 'sign' of a stroke is this:

Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with **any one** of these tasks, call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.



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WHEN THEY CALL.**



MANY THANKS

Carbon Footprint Guidelines

“Case for a Road Traffic Congestion Charge”

Under revised Government and EC policies, the Caddington and Slip End Wards have been selected to participate within the recently announced D.o.T. Pilot Scheme, “Highways – The Way Ahead”.

Qualification in this area of South Bedfordshire is permissible under the scheme, applying as it does to “areas of improved or outstanding highway excellence” which will be achieved here, following completion of ongoing major highway upgrades to M1. The scheme will operate for a limited 20 year period, during which time operations will be closely monitored to include monthly financial audits in order to assist fine tuning under the “Fair Charging for All” constraints, under which this scheme is required to be compliant.

Details of the scheme as they affect this area will be published by the Bedfordshire County Council Highways Department. In essence, initial project implementation will apply to Church Road in Slip End with immediate effect.

Charges: A rising scale to include all classes of vehicle will be applied, bi-directionally. As an example, charge for private car transit through Church Road will range between £2.50 and £7.50, appropriate to published carbon emission specification for each particular vehicle type.

Revenue collection: Toll Booths will be located in Church Road from the outset. Installation of automated revenue collection equipment is within the long term scope of this project.

Discounts: On proof of address, local residents may qualify for up to 0.15% charge reduction (subject to means test), with an additional up to 0.05% reduction for residents aged 65 years or over (subject to means test).

Positive Benefits

- ✓ **Enhanced employment potential:** Toll Booth operatives, security personnel, administrators (senior and junior), auditors, HR executives, H & S representatives, Customer Service officers, trauma counsellors, maintenance engineers, catering and cleaning staff will be recruited locally.
- ✓ **Financial Benefit:** Local Authority will benefit pro-rata to traffic volume through Church Road at 0.0035p per MVT (Vehicle Transits x 10⁶).
- ✓ **Carbon Emission Limitation:** Disincentive charging will be applied as functions of vehicular size and engine capacity.
- ✓ **Traffic Calming:** Toll Booth revenue collection will reduce average vehicular velocity through the area and provide vehicle operatives and occupants with significant relaxation opportunities whilst queuing.

Hardship

It is expected that cases of financial hardship arising as a result of toll charges will be numerically small. However, a compensation scheme will be introduced in 2028 to consider justifiable cases of hardship (subject to means test). Applications may be made to:

hdumpty@customerservice.hootmail.com.

Together we can make this work!

There is anticipation of a high level of community partnership and interest in the challenges and opportunities presented by this exciting and innovative scheme. If you wish to know more or have any questions relating to any aspect of “Highways – The Way Ahead” please do not hesitate to communicate with either myself or any member of my Team.

Len Kivingstone

April 1st 2007

(Office hours: 00:01 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.)

“Working for our Community”

Services & Events in April

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

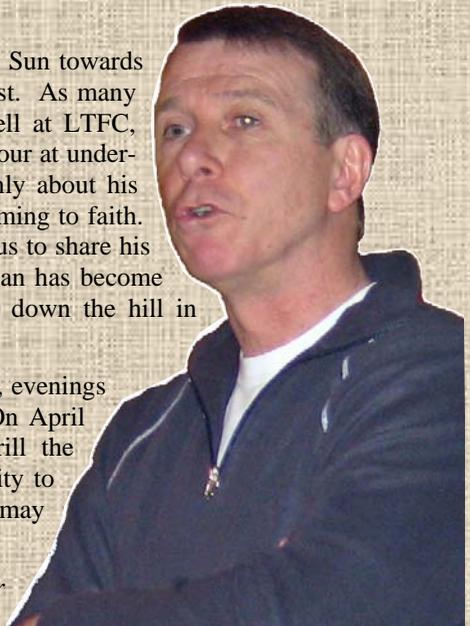
Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Palm Sunday Family Communion
Monday 2 nd	7.00pm	Evening prayer in the Family Room
Tuesday 3 rd	7.00pm	Evening Prayer in the Family Room
Wednesday 4 th	10.30am	Pram Service in the Family Room
	7.00pm	Evening Prayer in the Family Room
Thursday 5 th	7.30pm	Maunday Thursday Agape in Church
Friday 6 th	11.30am	Good Friday procession of Witness (meet at the Post Office)
	12noon	Reflective service in Church
Sunday 8th	9.15am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion at East Hyde
	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Andrews
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Morning praise with Thanksgiving for gift of a Child
Monday 16 th	8.00pm	Standing Committee in the Family Room
Wednesday 18 th	10.30am	Pram Service in the Family Room
Saturday 21 st	9.30 - 4.0	The nature & will of God to heal, at St Hughs, Lewsey
	7.30pm	Concert "The Romantic Clarinet" in St Andrews
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Morning Praise with Adult & Child Baptisms
	6.15pm	3:16 meet in the Family Room
Monday 23 rd	7.30pm	PCC meeting in the Family Room
Thursday 26 th	8.00pm	Footsteps meet in the Family Room
Friday 27 th	2.30pm	Woodside Home Service
Sunday 29 th	9.15am	Holy Communion at East Hyde
	10.30am	Morning Praise

***Alan West @ The Rising of the Sun!***

Over 50 of us crowded into the lounge of the Rising Sun towards the end of last month, for an Evening with Alan West. As many will know, Alan is a Lancashire Lad who done well at LTFC, becoming team captain and gaining international honour at under-23 level. He had quite a few stories to tell, not only about his successful football career but also some about his coming to faith. Alan told his story simply and directly, encouraging us to share his experience. Lancashire's loss is Luton's gain, as Alan has become the Lead Pastor at the Luton Christian Fellowship, down the hill in Castle Street.

Alan "kicked off" a planned series of events like this, evenings of enjoyment and interest with a message bonus. On April 30th there will be an opportunity for you to "Grill the Vicar"! No, it's not another BBQ, but an opportunity to get some answers from Joy to some questions which may be lurking in our minds!

Many thanks to Jan and her staff at the Rising Sun for the great spread and looking after us so well.



FoSELS News

By the time this PN arrives Spring term will have ended and the children (and teachers!) will be enjoying the Easter break. However there is still plenty to report and a few dates for your diary, so I hope you'll enjoy reading this month's news.

FoSELS – New Chairperson

Alexa McPherson is stepping down as chairperson of FoSELS having done a fantastic job keeping our group going. We would all like to thank her for her hard work and enthusiasm during her time in charge. Taking over the reins as Chairperson is Tracey Burgess who I'm sure will do a great job. We wish her every success.

Supper and Race Night Everyone Welcome!

We are organising a fun night out on Saturday April 21st which we hope everyone in the village will support, not just those with children at the school. We are having a supper and race night in the village hall with a disco afterwards which promises to be a great entertainment. There will be a licensed bar and all proceeds raised will go to the school. Tickets are £6 and must be purchased in advance from the school office or call 07767 731187 for more information.

Nature Garden

The school has a small pond area which, thanks to some local help, is now taking shape as a nature garden. Local volunteer Peter Steele has kindly spent time clearing back brambles and weeds to make the pond area more accessible. Plus, a Company, who wish to remain anonymous, supplied the manpower and materials to lay a super patio and path around the pond, fix the fencing and put in a new gate. FoSELS purchased 5 benches to stand on this paved area which will allow children to sit safely around the pond for nature and art lessons in the warmer months.

Over the next few weeks we want to put in some suitable plants and get wild flower seeds for the children to grow and plant themselves. We'd also like to plant some pots of herbs and sweet smelling plants like lavender to place around the benches. If there are any keen gardeners out there who have some spare plants or herbs suitable for a nature area then please email me on fosels@slipend.co.uk and let me know.

New School Website

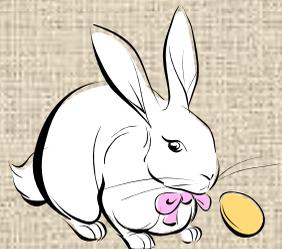
The school website has long needed an overhaul which has now happened. The new site has a news page. Parents can refer to for all the school diary dates and latest information. There are details on after school clubs, links to useful websites and the latest Ofsted report and school prospectus are available as downloads. FoSELS also has its own page as well so please visit the site for the latest on what's happening at SELS. www.slipend.beds.sch.uk is the web address.

Theatre Trip

The school has wasted no time in taking advantage of the new theatre on our doorstep in Dunstable. On 24th April years 1 to 4 will enjoy a matinee performance of Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dream-coat. All the classes have been preparing for the trip by learning about the story of Joseph in class and, for some, it will be the first time they will have seen a musical stage show.

Just one more date for your diary, the school Summer Fete will take place on June 23rd. That's all the news for now, see you next month.

Sandra Collins



Fancy some supper and a flutter on the horses? Saturday 21st April



Tickets £6 each

which includes

Chicken & Chips

(Alternative food is Spring Roll and Chips but must be ordered in advance)

Professional Compered Race Night

(Bids not included)

Disco

Licensed bar available to celebrate your wins!

(Selection of wines, beer and alcopops all at very good prices.)

7.30pm – 11.30pm



Tickets available until Friday 13th April at
Slip End Lower School

or

call 07767 731187

Tickets must be shown on the night to purchase supper.



All proceeds go towards Slip End Lower School
For further enquiries or to book your alternative meal please call 07767 731887

Registered Charity No. 1027097

A man, driving a car with his wife was stopped by a police officer. "What's the problem, officer?"

"You were going at least 75 in a 60 zone."

"Never, I was doing 65."

"Oh, Harry. You were doing 80." said the wife.

"I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken rear light."

"Broken rear light? I didn't know about a broken rear light!"

"Oh Harry, you've known about that rear light for weeks."

"I'm also going to give you a fine for not wearing your seat belt."

"I took it off when I saw you walking to my car."

"Oh Harry, you never wear your seat belt."

The man turned to his wife and yelled, "Shut up!"

The officer turned to the woman and asked,

"Ma'am, does your husband talk to you this way all the time?"

The wife said "No, only when he is drunk."

FREE AT LAST

The European Slave Trade

Take the chance to go on board a replica wooden 18th century slave ship 'The Zong' moored in the Thames off Tower Pier.

The original Zong sailed out of Liverpool in 1781 to West Africa, crossing the Atlantic with 442 slaves aboard. The journey took 2 months and many slaves lost their lives on the way.

There will be a chance to see a comprehensive exhibition of slavery past and present at All Hallows next to the Tower of London.

"A unique and unforgettable experience."

Easter Monday

Service of Reconciliation and Commitment

Tuesday 10th April

'The Zong' departs

Tel: 01767 641005 www.free-at-last.org



The Provost was built by Percival's at Luton, Airport, where my dad was production manager. By co-incidence, one of dad's Planning Department colleagues was Frank Matthewman, Joy Daniel's dad. Shame the camera was not pointed a bit more to the left, to include an early 50's view of Slip End, not to mention Kensworth!

BOOK
NOW

FREE AT LAST

The History and Legacy of the European Slave Trade

Come and see slavery for yourself on "*The Zong*" replica Slave Ship next to the Tower of London

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

April

- 2nd 7:30pm Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall
5th Aley Green Methodist Church: Stall at Houghton Regis Farmer's Market
7th 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington
9th Car Boot & Table Top Sales at the Village Hall
20th Women's Institute: Floral Demonstration by Mrs I. Stray
21st Aley Green Methodist Church: Beetle drive at 4.30pm
21st London Churches "Unlock" Walk
21st FoSELS Race Night
28th Farley Hill Methodist Church: Concert Luton Male Voice Choir
30th St Andrew's Church: "Grill the Vicar"

May

- 1st Knit & Natter: Contact Julie on 413912
5th 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington
7th 7:30pm Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall
15th Women's Institute: Annual Meeting
12th Aley Green Methodist Church: Good as New Sale at 2.30pm
16th Brownies: Entertainers Show
19th Village Plant Sale at 2 Summer Street 11am to 2pm

June

- 2nd 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington
4th 7:30pm Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall
9th Craft Fayre at the Village Hall
9th Farley Hill Methodist Church: Concert Bedfordshire Police Choir
17th Aley Green Methodist Church: Ecumenical Service at 3pm
19th Women's Institute: "Mercy Ships".
23rd FoSELS: School Fete
24th London Bridges Walk in aid of Kidney Research UK
24th Aley Green Methodist Church: Sunday School B-B-Q

BINGO

*at the Village Hall
Thursdays at Eight*

Slip End & District Association

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Anything interesting to report about village activities, photos, holiday adventures, etc? Please contact us, letters and e-mails are very much encouraged. Views expressed by our contributors are not the Editor's own. Articles should be sent by the 15th of April for the May issue to: Sue Briggs at 83 The Crescent, Caddington, email: cowells83@aol.com or David Kingston 7 Crawley Close, Slip End, davidgoodmankingston@hotmail.com.

We suggest pictures and items are sent in after the events rather than leaving it until the deadline.

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