

SLIP END & DISTRICT

AUGUST

PARISH NEWS

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The 3.16 group from St Andrew's Church took some of the service on July 1st with a presentation and quiz on the Bible. They also sang a song listing all the books in the Bible. Very well done to them all, pictured above with Leader Sarah and helper Charlotte.

The Little Red Train proved to be a big hit at the Slip End Lower School Fete as it chugged along the school field.



Brian and Sue Davies pictured at the celebration of their Ruby Wedding on June 9th when they had a service of Renewal of Vows at St Andrew's Church with many friends and family present. Sue and Brian have lived on Markyate Road for twenty years, having moved there from Houghton Regis. They have three children, Richard, Tracey and Mandy and four grandchildren. Sue works at Caddington Hall and for many years she also used to cook for the Luton Fire Station. Brian works at Gist in Hemel Hempstead. Many congratulations from all at Parish News and around the Village.



Elizabeth and Martin Morris from The Oaks in Slip End are seen with little daughter Emilia who was baptised at St Andrew's Church on July 8th. Friends and family joined in the service and the celebrations including Emilia's big sister Maya.

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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Website: slipend.co.uk

YOUTH CLUB BARBECUE

Last month a barbecue was held at Slip End Playing Field to let people know about the Youth Club we hope to start in the Autumn. Cllr Janet Crawley organised all the food and Matt Russell was busy flipping burgers and hot dogs all afternoon.



In addition to raising awareness of the club, young people also had the opportunity to comment on the proposed Youth Shelter, designed by Cllr Steve Fuell. Currently location is being discussed, but it is likely that the shelter will be situated somewhere near the Village Hall or at the Playing Fields. It will provide a weatherproof place for young people to hang out and if it proves a success, a second one may be put up.

The event was a success and we now have an increasing number of names down for the Youth Club which is aimed at the 10+ age group. We even have a waiting list of eager under 10's!

Funding is desperately needed to buy the equipment that the young people have asked for, such as table tennis and other sports equipment, music, arts & crafts and media supplies. We have already been promised the use of a minibus by Airparks, who are very kindly loaning us the vehicle free of charge for 6 months. This will be used for trips out to other recreational facilities. Grants have been applied for and local businesses have been approached for support.

Some of the young people have expressed their interest in being transported to the Caddington Youth Club which runs on Tuesday evenings. Transport will be provided by CRB checked adults and this will start in the Summer and continue until Slip End Youth Club is up and running.



The plan is to run the Youth Club at Peter Edwards Hall on Wednesdays evenings from 7 to 9pm. A Youth Worker will be employed to supervise and help organise events. The youth club members will determine what activities take place on a week to week basis. The club will be open to anyone over 10 and under 19 living in the village, and their friends.

If you are interested in joining the club or helping with activities, please contact Nikki West or Janet Crawley (details in the front of the Parish News). Thanks go to Slip End Parish Council which donated funds to sponsor this event and to everyone who came along to support the day.





CAR WASH JUST £5!

Stuart Baird is busy raising funds for his Kenya trip where he will spend some time on Community Projects and enjoy a walk in an elephant reserve!

*So if your car needs a wash
call Stuart on 738205*

FARLEY HILL METHODIST CHURCH

It was Grand Reunion time for Farley Hill Methodists and St John's Anglicans in July. On Sunday July 8th both Churches joined together for a Service led by former St. John's Vicar, Reverend Rex Merry, at St. John's Rotherham Avenue. On Sunday 15th July Former Farley Hill Methodist Pastor Betty Trinder returned to conduct a joint service also involving Strathmore Methodists at North Drift Way.

A Garden Party at the home of FHM Senior Steward, Mrs Gill Jardine, followed this Service. The large gathering warmly welcomed Betty who was in much need of throat pastilles!

On Wednesday 11th the Lunch Club went on a post lunch Mystery Tour. Weekly hints by Social Secretary Ken Cameron that they were going to Paris fell short of the mark, the group were delighted to have a conducted tour of St. Albans Abbey instead.

There is no Lunch Club in August but the Club meets again on Wednesday 12th September 12.30 for 1pm for a special 2nd Anniversary Lunch and the guest of honour will be Mrs Betty Trinder.

Ken Cameron

LUTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Derek Ludlow MBE, the Vice-President of LMVC, presented Honorary Life Membership certificates to two retiring members on Wednesday 27th June. Charles Hardy and Derek Rhodes were the recipients of the awards. Charles, a founder member of the Choir, played a large part in the advancement of the choir through its formative years. Charles now spends much time in active work with the Stopsley Baptist Church. He now sings occasionally with the Luton Male Gospel Singers.

Charles Hardy spoke of the marvellous journey with the choir and was proud to have played a part in its success. He thanked the members for their fellowship and the fun he had had and wished 'his' choir every success in the future.

Derek Rhodes joined the Choir ten years ago in his mid-seventies. Derek found great delight in appearing at such a wide variety of venues from the Hilton Hotel in Park Lane with the Welsh Guards, British Museum, NEC Birmingham, the village and church halls. He delighted in meeting so many people at these venues and on the many tours. He spoke of the happiness he found with such a happy, cheerful bunch of lads.

Derek Ludlow proposed the toasts to Mr Hardy and Mr Rhodes and commented on how pleased he was, as Vice President, to see how much the Choir meant to the members.



BUD ABBOTT

Parish News' 'Personality of the Month' this time round is Bud Abbott, who lives in The Grove, Upper Woodside. Bud and Beryl have lived in the area for 20 years and he is now retired.

As a young man, Bud served with 53 RAF Squadron during World War II. He flew in Coastal Command's Liberators; long range anti-submarine reconnaissance aircraft, based at St Eval, near Newquay in Cornwall and in Iceland.

The German U-Boat threat was immense and the situation for Great Britain was critical during the early '40s. Liberator patrols were long and uncomfortable, the long hours in flight being relieved occasionally by U-Boat sightings and attacks, a feature of which was the use of the Leigh Light, with a powerful beam which highlighted any U-Boat caught on the surface. The Liberator crews attacked with depth charges but were vulnerable to anti aircraft fire from the U-Boat.



Bud left the RAF in 1947 and went on to work at Hawker Siddeley at Hatfield, not too far removed from his war-time aviation experiences. (A happy co-incidence here: the PN reporter worked there too for many years!)

Bud and Beryl Came to Woodside in 1987 and for many years he sat on the Village Hall Committee as secretary until a of couple years ago.



This poem was written by a member of the Coastal Command Association, St Eval for a fellow ex-air gunner on his 80th birthday:

Today dear Lord I'm Eighty
and there's much I haven't done.
I hope dear Lord you'll let me live
until I'm Eighty-one!

But then, if I haven't finished
all I want to do,
Would you let me stay a little while
until I'm Eighty-two?

So many places I want to go
and so much to see,
Do you think you could manage
to make it Eighty-three?

The World is changing very fast
there's so much more in store.
I'd like it very much to live
until I'm Eighty-four!

And if by then I'm still alive
I'd like to stay
until I'm Eighty-five!

More planes will be up in the air
so I'd really like to stick
And see what happens in the World
when I'm Eighty-six!

I know dear Lord that it's much to ask
and it must be nice in Heaven.
But I would really like to stay
until I'm Eighty-seven!

I know by then I won't be fast
and sometimes will be late
But it would be so pleasant
to be around at Eighty-eight!

I will have seen so many things
and had a wonderful time'
So I'm sure I would be willing to leave
when I'm Eighty-nine!

..... *well maybe.*

Anon



Our Vice President, Lorna Kalisz, took the meeting as Su Martin was on a holiday break. Su was thanked in her absence for a flower arrangement at W.I. House in their Flower Festival entitled 'Over The Rainbow'. Being aware of Su's gift in this department and not being able to get to Bedford myself

I am sure she did Caddington proud.

Our annual mystery trip was very well supported, when we went off to Stevington Manor House. With fingers crossed under black clouds Mrs Kathy Brown greeted us and led us to her Manor House and gardens: she is a Landscape and Garden Designer. The Manor was built by the monks in the 1600's but was burned down. When it was rebuilt it was a farmers cottage and taken over by the Duke of Bedford's estate. It was added to and Kathy Brown and her husband and son moved in

twelve years ago. She told us all about the different plants, in which she obviously derives so much interest and enjoyment.

Councillor Denis Martin left a petition for us to sign, if we agreed on the removal of the speed humps in favour of speed cushions in Chaul End Road. It is felt it would be a great help in ambulance journeys.

The speaker for the evening, Mr Bates, an ex teacher, replaced Helen Dawkin at short notice as she was ill. He took us on his travels with a friend when they followed signs of Hadrians Wall and the different Bed & Breakfast's they stayed at along the way. As they walked along the top of the fells to the Roman remains and Barracks he said you could see for miles. He was such an interesting and humorous speaker the evening flew by. We finished the evening with an 'on the spot' competition. Who was wearing the most colours of the rainbow? Mrs K Baker was our gold pot!

Patricia Crick



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The end of term is fast approaching as I write this month's news so here is a round up of the past month at SELS.

Summer Fayre success

Our big news is the great success of the Summer Fayre which took place on June 23rd. After a week of awful weather the Saturday managed to stay bright which I'm sure contributed to the takings at the new Pimms' tent we set up on the school field!

Tracey Burgess, FoSELS Chairperson, did a great job in finding new attractions for this year such as The Little Red Train which gave the children rides along the school field that they absolutely loved. There were games, a super slide, bouncy castle, penalty shoot out, table football, crazy sand and lots more for the children to enjoy. We also had a great selection of stalls selling cakes, plants, toys and jewellery to name but a few for the grown ups. The BBQ was a sell out plus we did a good trade on the teas & cakes.

The local Karate club and Irish dancing class both treated us to displays and the whole event kicked off with a fancy dress competition with prizes sponsored by Town & Country Estate Agents. There was something for everyone, adult or child, and everyone had fun while raising much needed funding for the village school. In fact, I am happy to report that we raised £1973, one of our best results for some time.

The FoSELS team worked very hard to organise this with the support of teachers, parents, children and members of the community. A very big thank you goes out to all those who donated their time and those who gave generously financially or by donating

goods to support the event. We couldn't do it without you. By the way, look out for next year's fayre as Tracey has even bigger ideas including a climbing wall. Don't worry the Pimms' tent will definitely be back for those of you looking for something less demanding!

Money well spent

What is all this fundraising for? The simple answer is the benefit of our children. SELS is a very small school and we help provide the extras that enhance their education. For example, recently we've spent £500 on new musical instruments and another £400 on video cameras so that each class can have one to experiment with creative projects.

We also sponsored the school trip to make it more affordable for parents and will contribute a further £1000 in September for professional sports coaching for the children. This is just the latest in a long list of equipment and support we've provided to help the school.

End of term

As the term ends we say goodbye to year 4 who in September start at their new Middle schools. Although it will be sad to see them go we wish them every success for the future. Please read about their trip to France to see what a credit they have been to Slip End. We will also be saying goodbye to two teachers, Mrs Bianchi and Mrs Urso who are moving on to new schools. Thank you to them for their contribution over the years and we wish them every success in their new jobs.

I'll be back in September with fresh news but until then enjoy your summer.

Sandra Collins

Pram Services will continue throughout the summer holidays, the dates on Wednesdays in August are the 8th and 22nd. Children *of any age* are welcome to these holiday sessions, but parent or carer must stay.

We meet in the family room at St Andrews at about 10:30am. Regular mums know that we are a very friendly, happy and informal group and no time is too late, babies rule!

Autumn term pram services will be held on 5th and 19th September then continue on alternate Wednesdays thereafter.

Pram Service normally caters for pre-school children and their mums and careers. We have stories, crafts, music and more. Themes will be related to biblical and Christian stories.

Sessions would not be complete without birthday celebrations and refreshments!!

Do come and visit.

*For information call Joy (424363),
Mary (456407) or Paddy (413108).*



No Cold Calling? No Answer?

You may have noticed that the big but rather flimsy No Cold Calling signs have been replaced with more durable metal signs. However, a number of residents, having received an unwanted caller, have called the 08454 04 05 06 number as instructed, but had no response. Either the call has not been answered at all, has been unobtainable or they have been transferred to another district.

I have raised this with the Trading Standards team which is testing the number over the next few weeks. If you have a problem getting through to someone who can help, please can you let me know the date and time you tried to call?

By the time you read this, work should have started on our new courts. We were hoping they would have been finished earlier but this was not the case. As I write my fingers are still crossed which makes typing a little awkward!

Still using old courts, the Motorway came much closer when the new slip road opened in June. Cars pass within two bounces of a tennis ball and although we've yet to hit a vehicle, we have come close!

Wimbledon is over and what a year it was! It will be remembered for all the rain, a shame for all the spectators who did not get as much play as they would have hoped for. However, the standard of play was brilliant. Remember the two Henman matches? The delight of Tim winning the first set contrasted the frustration of seeing him losing the second. It was disappointing that Andy Murray was not able to play but that was more than made up for when brother Jamie won the Mixed Doubles. The Mixed Doubles final was the icing on the cake after a tremendous five set final which gave Roger Federer his fifth title in a row.

The Slip End matches don't usually have people on the edge of their seats although we do have fun. We don't usually have any spectators but we did have a supporter at one of our away Mixed matches. On their way to the match Stephen and Sue came across a young spaniel running in the main road looking lost. Our intrepid pair did not want any harm coming to the puppy and stopped. The dog had a tag with a phone number which they rang to get an answer phone. Well, by the time we got a reply, they and the dog were well on the way to Westoning for the match. It was the day that the Motorway had jammed and we were running late so we had to inform the owners that their pet would have to return after the match. Evie, that's the dog, clearly brought us good luck as we won the match and had a great excuse for being late.

Brownies

We are taking our Summer Break now but before we broke up we had a Teddy Bears Picnic at our last meeting.

We have just completed our Anglia Outdoor Challenge which included making a kite, making a map of the Village, using a compass, doing a Treasure Trail, a mini-Olympics, and more!

We still have a few places, so if you are interested call me on 723109.

*Gillian Plummer
Brown Owl*

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FAYRE

Slip End Village Hall

Saturday September 29th

10 to 12 noon

For a Stall call Gil on

01582 723109

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)*

ALLOTMENTS & GARDEN ASSOCIATION

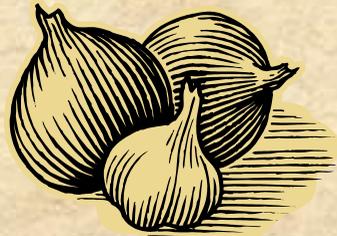
August in the Vegetable Garden

When first early potatoes are done make a start on the second earlies or mid season varieties, lifting a few roots at a time as required in the kitchen.

Early sown onions will be approaching ripeness which can be hastened by bending the stem just above the bulb..

Make another sowing of spring cabbage, a valuable and tasty crop when things are a bit sparse at the end of the winter. Perhaps you will not need reminding, but do not forget to bend the leaves over the cauliflower heads to hasten whitening, earth up celery and leeks.

Start preparing for next year, clearing and digging over the space left by peas and beans and remember your rotation plans in deciding what will go into vacant space for next years crops.



Flowers & Fruit

Chrysanthema should be budded now and side shoots rubbed out. The earliest bulbs for next year, snowdrops and so on should be planted during August. Larger bulbs can be put into pots and kept in a warm corner in the open. Throughout the month continue to bud fruit and rose stock. Remove all flowers as they fade from roses, bedding plants, etc.

This is a good time to to destroy American blight from apples, going over the trees carefully brushing methylated spirits or BHC solution into woolly patches.

Continue to pick apples and pears as they ripen.

With children moving schools and leaving school for the last time, the following poem seems quite appropriate ...

I Wonder

Year after year they come to me,
These children with questioning looks,
Year after year they leave me,
As they leave their outgrown book;
And I wonder sometimes if I've taught them
Just some of the worthwhile things,
Just some of the things they'll need in life,
Be they peasants or poets or kings.

Have I taught them the joy of clean living?
That honour is better than fame?
That good friends are the greatest of treasures?
Wealth less than an untarnished name?
Have I taught them respect for the aged?
Protection for those who are weak?
That silence always is golden
When gossip bids them to speak?

What's this all about?

On Thursday 25th and Friday 26th October, during the half term break, we will be holding a Holiday Club at St Andrews for children in school years 1 to 6. Lots of Fun & Games, Singing & Dancing is promised with Drama, Puppets, Crafts, Games and more!

We are well into planning this event and quite a bit of help will be requested: contact Mary on 738435, Jill on 452539 or Joy 424363 or talk to any of our Kidztime. Leaders.

There is Waste Watchers and there will be stories from St John's Gospel and lots about Recycling in a fun way.

Watch this Space for further news in the coming issues of Parish News.

Laughter

Two women were paired together as partners in a golf club tournament and met on the putting green for the first time. After introductions the first golfer asked: "What's your handicap?" "Oh I am a scratch golfer," the other woman replied. "Really!" exclaimed the first woman, suitably impressed. "Yes," the other golfer replied. "I write down all my good scores and scratch out the bad ones".



Addressing his grandchildren, an elderly man said "Boys, I've never had a drink, never smoked, never been to bed after 10pm, never eaten too much and never looked at another woman other than my wife. And you know what? Tomorrow I celebrate my hundredth birthday."

After a pause, a little voice from the back piped up, "Celebrate? How?"



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

One sunny day last month I went with Teresa Willson (the local OCC co-ordinator) and a group of friends who work with us every year in the warehouse to a Garden Party in aid of Operation Christmas Child.

Every year Ian and Beryl (right) open their beautiful garden near Bedford to raise money and awareness for the shoeboxes. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes were available along with plants, home made produce and a raffle. A table was laid out with all the items that Beryl and her friends have already collected and gives newcomers a chance to see how a shoebox is made up.

A video was also shown from the last years campaign. The photo shows Ian and Beryl with their shoebox table. It takes many hours of hard work so many thanks to Beryl and Ian and their friends for making such a wonderful day possible.

Sue Briggs



Below: Teresa, Bob, John, Vera and Ann at the Garden Party. These people and many others help out at the warehouse in November and December. They are seen here in relaxation mode, rather different from all the packing and sorting, collecting and driving upon which we will all be working hard, leading up to Christmas.



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**MANY THANKS
& HAPPY READING!**



ST ANDREWS CHURCH

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

Services & Events in August

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| Sunday 5 th | 10.30am | Family Communion (All age Service) |
| Wednesday 8 th | 10.30am | Pram Service |
| Sunday 12 th | 10.30am | Morning Praise |
| Sunday 19 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 22 nd | 10.30am | Family Communion (All age Service) |
| Friday 24 th | 2.30pm | Woodside Home Service |
| Sunday 26 th | 9.15am | Holy Communion at East Hyde |
| | 10.30am | Morning Praise |

Services & Events in September

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| Sunday 2 nd | 10.30am | Family Communion |
| Wednesday 5 th | 10.30am | Pram service in the Family Room |
| Sunday 9 th | 10.30am | Morning Praise |
| | 6.15pm | 3:16 meet in the Family Room |
| | 7.00pm | L.C.E.T Service at St Mary's Church, Luton |
| Thursday 13 th | 8.00pm | Footsteps meet in the Family Room |
| Sunday 16 th | 10.30am | Morning Praise at St Andrews |
| | 10.00am | Confirmation Service at St Hughs Lewsey. For St Andrews candidates |
| Wednesday 19 th | 10.30am | Pram Service meet in the Family Room |
| Sunday 23 rd | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 6.15pm | 3:16 meet in the Family Room |
| Thursday 27 th | 8.00pm | Footsteps meet in the Family Room |
| Friday 28 th | 2.30pm | Woodside Home Service |
| | 7.00pm | Harvest Supper in Village Hall |
| Sunday 30 th | 10.30am | Morning Praise with Baptism of Alex Neeson |
| | 2.30pm | East Hyde Harvest Festival |

Summer Holiday times

Many of our groups and organisations are taking a breather in the next couple of months.

However, the Pram Service will run through August and September, see elsewhere in this issue for details. We are already looking forward to restarting in September and dates will appear in the next issue or are already in the PN Diary (see page 24).



Harvest will be upon us soon after the restart, a busy time. Slip End Lower School will be holding its Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 5th October so, mums and dads, don't forget those harvest boxes which we will be distributing to our Senior Folk.

Also, please take note of the Kidztime Holiday event taking place over a couple of days in the Autumn half term break. We will need some help with that and it is important that we have some ideas of numbers of children wishing to attend: more next month.



Every June, children in their final year at Slip End Lower School have the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to France. It is unusual for a school to take children this young (8 / 9yrs) on a trip abroad but the teachers truly believe it offers the children a fantastic opportunity to broaden their horizons and try out the French they have learnt in school.

Teachers Miss Peppiatt and Mrs Urso accompanied this year's trip. Miss Peppiatt's mother also came along to lend a hand. Miss Peppiatt has kindly provided an account of the trip and pictures.



Pierrefonds Chateau

The adventure begins

Sunday 17th June: 12 children and 3 adults left Slip End early in the morning to begin their adventure. We spent all day travelling to the Boarding School in Senlis in the Picardie Region, which would become our base for the next 5 days. On the first evening the children unpacked, settled in and made their own beds!

Monday 18th June: We started the day with a trip to the local town of Senlis where the children had the opportunity to 'test' their French knowledge by identifying the wide variety of shops. We then travelled to Pierrefonds and visited the 'fairytale' chateau. The children observed and sketched the art work and historical artefacts, then back at the school, we had our daily ice-cream treat.

Off to Paris!

Tuesday 19th June: We travelled to Paris and after seeing some sights including the Arc de Triomphe, we began our climb of 668 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. We absorbed the spectacular views before making our descent. A well-deserved picnic was had in a local park before taking photos and sketching the fantastic structure.



Wednesday 20th July: We began our day with a visit to Senlis Cathedral where the children made us all proud as they peacefully sketched the beautiful stained glass windows. The afternoon was spent at Chantilly Chateau and ornamental gardens. The children relaxed and sketched the chateau and a bridge over a tranquil river.



Evenings at the school were spent writing diaries about our days, tidying rooms for the nightly room inspections and having some hot chocolate and a chat about the daily adventures.

The final day - Au revoir...

Thursday 21st June: After breakfast we began our homeward journey. Along the way we visited Vimy Ridge Canadian War Memorial. The name engravings were a reflective experience for the children and as always their behaviour and conduct was a superb example to others. We then moved to the trenches, which brought their understanding of the World Wars to life. Our journey continued and we arrived back at Slip End at 8.30pm. The children were reunited with their families and the adults were reunited with their home comforts! We were all exhausted, but feeling exhilarated after another successful visit. It was once again a fantastic experience to observe the children grow in confidence and independence during the week.

Vimy Ridge War Memorial

Chantilly Chateau



M1 LATEST

More unbelievable M1 scenes nearby as the bridges on the old roundabout at J10 were munched by powerful machinery. J10 was closed on two Saturday nights last month and Matt Rogers was out snapping. Although J10 northbound was closed, it was incredible how traffic flow on the motorway went on virtually unimpeded amongst the 'War of the Worlds' mayhem all around.

The junior sub-editor was unfortunately caught up as National Express decided to create delay and confusion of its own. Coming away from Heathrow on the evening of Saturday 14th, thoughts that J10 *might* be closed that night were not in the mind of the bus driver (well, a mini-cab stand-in actually, but that's another story). Signs were that J10 was indeed closed, so the driver confidently took the slip road off at J9. Hopes were building in JSE's mind of a drop-off at the Village Hall, only to be dramatically dashed as, inexplicably and at the last moment, the driver lurched his vehicle back onto the M1.

The JSE was a little critical and words to the effect of 'You've blown it!' were uttered. The stoic passengers seemed unperturbed as they headed towards Rugby and possibilities of getting to Luton Airport this side of Christmas were receding. Undaunted, the driver decisively veered off at J11, the JSE wondering how this Hounslow lad would negotiate Bury Park or Stockingstone Road. These thoughts were far away from the driver as he headed his mini-bus onto the motorway towards the Dartford Crossing.

Traffic was queued back through the roadworks and by then they were in the thick of the midnight rush. Stopping and starting within spitting distance of Slip End, grave doubts were that J10 would be sealed off with another Flamsteadean gyration at J9.

With space running out in this issue, the conclusion of this tense drama will be reported next month.



(PS: To add further injury, the JSE left a very decorative broly (which had been gifted by friends in Italy during his trip) on the mini-bus, when he finally stepped off the bus somewhere in South Bedfordshire in the early hours of Sunday morning.)

To assist Balfour Beatty, the Parish Council has agreed to allow the company to come through the village on four separate days in August (exact dates still to be confirmed) with concrete for Pepperstock

Bridge. There will be a maximum of 10 such vehicles on each of the four days. There may also be a small crane (wagon size) making one journey either way at the start and the end of each of the four days.

By doing this, we assist BBSJV in order to complete work on the bridge more quickly and reduce night work.

Hopefully, the impact on the village will be minimal, especially as it will be during the school holidays.



*Nikki West
Clerk to Slip End Parish Council*

Keep your eyes open!

Two white vans were recently stolen and one has been recovered in Crawley Close by the Police. They are very interested in finding the other van, a white Mercedes Sprinter extended chassis with the company name EMTEP painted in blue on it. This is more than just a nicked van, please look out as it, too, may be tucked away somewhere around this area.

If seen do not approach, call DS Tony Jenkins Bedfordshire Police Luton on 01582 394494.



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Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting!

We are celebrating its Centenary with events and activities in the UK and Worldwide.

2007 is an occasion:

- ◆ to demonstrate the unity of World Scouting
- ◆ to promote a more peaceful world
- ◆ to provide enjoyable and beneficial experiences
- ◆ to demonstrate a commitment to nature and the environment
- ◆ to show concern for all communities

Blue skies greeted Slip End Cubs & Beavers at the Centenary Camp at Phasels Wood, where a vast array of activities greeted us, ranging from the Africa Experience to Spider Mountain.





The beginnings of Scouting

Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell (1857-1941) was a decorated soldier, talented artist, actor and free-thinker. Best known during his military career for his spirited defence of the South African township of Mafeking during the Boer War, he was soon to be propelled to extraordinary fame as the Founder of Scouting.

He had been impressed during the siege at how boys had used their initiative under pressure to make themselves useful and capitalize on limited resources. Already thinking of developing a training programme for young people in Britain, he was urged by friends to re-write his handbook for soldiers (*Aids to Scouting*) for this younger audience.

In 1907 he held an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset, to try out his ideas. He brought together 20 boys, some from public schools and some from working class homes, and put them into camp under his leadership. The whole world now knows the results of that camp.

Scouting for Boys was published in 1908 in six fortnightly parts at 4d a copy. Sales of the book were enormous and boys soon formed themselves into Scout Patrols. What had been intended as a training aid for existing organisations became the handbook of a new and, ultimately, worldwide Movement. B-P's great understanding of young people obviously touched a fundamental chord both in this country and others. In September 1908, B-P set up an office to deal with enquiries pouring in about the Movement.

Scouting for Boys has since been translated into many different languages and dialects. Some 28 million young people worldwide now take part in the adventure of Scouting and in 2007 the Movement celebrates its centenary.



Whilst suffering nowhere near as badly as the people of Tewkesbury, Gloucester and other parts of the country in all the rain last month, this was the scene in Crawley Close. This is not a flood plain problem, it is believed it is more a case of blocked drainage. Jill Acton tiptoes through the water with full marks for not creating a tidal wave with the risk of breakdown with water getting onto the ignition: although the temptation to drown the PN photographer was probably hard for her to resist!

Here's a few suggestions for some time out during those August Days. All are near, mostly free, some indoors if there is a shower.

Perfect Pets

Tuesday 10th July to Sunday 2nd September
Wardown Park Museum (Free)

Find out about the history of pets in this fascinating exhibition. Discover some odd pets, ancient pets, learn about keeping pets and much more. Take part in our survey of Luton pets to see which one is most popular and bring your favourite photo to add to our wall of pets.



Meet a bug day

Sunday 19th August 1 to 4pm
Wardown Park Museum (Free)



Drop in and meet some pocket-sized odd pets with Bug Man, Martin Rapley. From spiders and scorpions to Dave, the jumping flapping Death's Head Cockroach.

RSPB Family Day

Thurs 23rd August 11am to 3.30pm
Stockwood Park Museum

A fantastic day out for all wildlife fans. Make a clay model of a ladybird or find out what owls have been eating for their supper. Take part in these and many more wildlife activities. (£1.50, concessions and RSPB members £1. Children must be accompanied by an adult).

For information please call
01582 738714.



Flower & Produce show
Mon 27 August 11am to 4.30pm
Stockwood Park Museum

A great family day for outdoor lovers. At the ever popular Luton Allotments Association annual flower and produce show you can buy flowers, fruit and vegetables. Learn about composting and organic growing, meet the plant doctor, enjoy a plant swap and much more.



Why not bring your own home-grown vegetable and enter our competition.

Stockwood Discovery Week **August 12th-17th**

Garden Art :Wed 15th 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm. Explore the period gardens. Design your own miniature garden from cardboard, construction paper and materials you pick up.

Museum Mysteries: Thu 16th Aug 11am-1pm & 2pm - 4pm Find out about the history of Stockwood and the people who lived there.

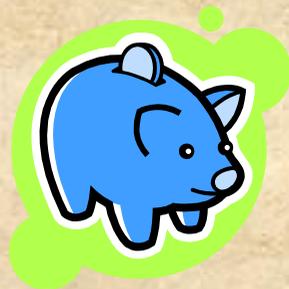
Eco craft: Fri 17 Aug 11am-1pm & 2-4pm. Make a dream catcher or bug hotel using natural materials. Workshops are suitable for children 5 years+ (accompanied by an adult).

Discover Stockwood - museum on the move: Workshops are suitable for 5-12 years. Tue 21 Aug and Wed 22 Aug 11am-1pm & 2-4pm at Farley community centre 736812

Art and craft activities: Tue 14 to Fri 17 Aug, children explore themes of the new Stockwood discovery centre opening in summer 2008.

Perfect pets - Art & Craft days: Every Tue in Aug 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm. Children are invited to make something to take home from our perfect pets craft activities. Workshops are suitable for children 5 years+ (accompanied by an adult).

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August *(No Parish Council this month)*

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

17th

18th *Scarecrow Festival at Flamstead - see page 19*

19th

September

1st *10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington*

3rd *Parish Council: Village Hall at 8.00pm*

3rd ***New Bin Scheme Starts!***

16th *Aley Green Methodist Church: Harvest Festival at 11am*

28th *St Andrew's: Harvest Supper at the Village Hall*

29th *Craft Fayre at the Village Hall*

October

1st *Parish Council: Village Hall at 8.00pm*

5th *Slip End School: Harvest Festival*

6th *10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington*

7th *St Andrew's: Harvest Festival*

13th *Aley Green Methodist Church: Autumn Fayre at 2.30pm*

25th-

26th

St Andrew's: Holiday Club for 5 to 10 year-olds

27th

Luton Hoo - Pumpkin Arts in Beds & Herts

28th

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