

# PARISH NEWS



*SELS Summer Fete Fun! Natasha Russell and Ethan Drew give media interviews following their success in the Novelty-Hat Competition.*

Parish of Slip End

# OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 12th July 11am to 5pm

**BBQ**  
**ICES**  
**TEAS**



**PRODUCE**  
**PIMMS**  
**PLANTS**

**£3 per Adult - Accompanied children free**  
**Payable at first Garden visited**  
**Free Programmes available from Slip End Post Office**

# VILLAGE FUN DAY

- ✿ *Bouncy Castle & Train Rides* ✿
- ✿ *Climbing Wall to Tug-o'-War* ✿
- ✿ *Carpet Bowls to Cream Teas* ✿
- ✿ *Punch and Judy to Garden Games* ✿
- ✿ *Pimms Tent to Beer Tent* ✿
- ✿ *BBQ's to Hog Roast* ✿

**Come along and join in the Fun**  
**at the Playing Field on July 26th!**  
**Be there in good time**  
**for the opening at 11am**



# 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  
FoSELS (PTA):  
Tracey Burgess 07767731187  
Women's Institute: 421034  
Police: 473462  
Aircraft noise: 395382  
Water leaks: 0845 7823333

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

Christine Benson: 456200  
Christinebenson@bensons-autosupplies.co.uk  
Stephen Fuell: 417792  
stevefuell@f2s.com  
Philip Penman: 455185  
PhilipPenman@aol.com  
Geoff Daniel: 424363  
geoffdaniel@btinternet.com  
Ken Crossett 414168  
kencrossett@slipend.co.uk

Janet Crawley: 07752 902070  
crawley\_janet@yahoo.co.uk  
CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL  
Nikki West: 402312  
parishclerk@slipend.co.uk

## DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Sallyann Hills: 721343  
shills@capitalmanor.co.uk  
Philip Penman: 455185  
PhilipPenman@aol.com  
Ruth Gammons 738398  
fairgreen@btopenworld.com

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Richard Stay: 724685  
Richard.Stay@bedscc.gov.uk

## MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Margaret Moran: 01582 731882  
info@margaretmoran.org

## CHURCHES

### St Andrew's Church

Rev Joy Daniel 01582 424363  
Warden: Tony Willson 482681

### Aley Green Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Julia Dowding 730129  
Senior Steward: Ann Meader 733668

## SHOPS & SERVICES

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



### *Some hard facts and thoughts*

Recently a number of youths and children have been making themselves a nuisance around the village, particularly around the Village Hall and Playground areas. Some of these people are of school age but, presumably with the knowledge of parents, absent themselves from school, preferring to wander round the village making mischief, doing damage and being abusive.

***Our Brownies, Playgroups, Children's Dance group and individuals have been subject to offensive language and disturbance at the Hall.***

Strong suspicions are that some offenders live within the Parish with parents who feel schooling is provided on a take it or leave it basis. This is being questioned by the Parish Council, who are taking steps to correct matters under lawful powers.

Some other local youths find it fun to climb on the Village Hall roof and our fears are that they may hurt themselves or worse. The Village Hall committee is becoming very concerned with damage to our Hall and there is a strong possibility that razor wire will probably appear soon. Late in June, broken glass was maliciously left in the Playground: how disgusting is that! Bookings at the Village Hall are being placed in jeopardy. How sad.....

This should stop! The Police are aware, but there is a regrettable perception in the community that reporting is a waste of time. This is wrong: any misdemeanours must be reported as it helps build a picture of the offenders and cases count if and when they are eventually brought to justice. Use the contact numbers published here in Parish News and elsewhere. Police may not respond right away but our local officer is well aware that a deteriorating situation exists and anti-social behaviour notices are to be placed in the playground. By persistent, perhaps repetitive

reporting, we may yet instil into the law enforcers some higher sense of priority to problems here in our own Parish.

Here at Parish News the feeling is that, notwithstanding increases in rates, funds available do not meet even minimum requirement level of policing for the local villages. Recently, no doubt in a misplaced bid to improve efficiency within limited budgets, our policing has been moved to Leighton Buzzard. For those not in the know, this is a town only just in Bedfordshire, at a distance from Slip End on the Buckinghamshire border. Does this mean that future rationalisation may lead to our police HQ being in Birmingham or Timbuktu!

Perhaps rates should be *increased* in order to meet our needs or is the present situation, apparently done on the cheap, acceptable?

It has been proved here recently that immediate and simultaneous calls from residents do get a response. Rather than not reporting, do so immediately you spot misdemeanour or nuisance. If you are affected by the doings of miscreants, get on the phone to the police. Do not leave it to anyone else, get on with it yourself, even if multiple reports go in. The more reports made, the more likely is the possibility that the authorities will act. *Fears are that serious crime is afoot in the Village: drug dealers and other criminals are not welcome here, so again, report any suspicions!*

**Only by such responses will there be any chance of improving our lot. Do not shrug shoulders, whinge or moan, get on with it!**

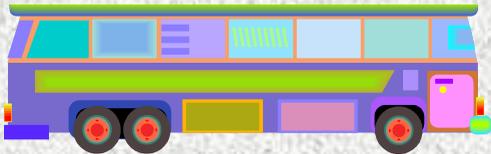
### ***Police Contact numbers***

Office:	01582 473462
Non Emergencies:	01582 401212
Emergencies:	999
Local Police Officer:	07747 006707

---

**SLIP END & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

---



### *Senior Citizen's Outing*

We left a sunny Slip End at 8.30 on June 7th but we were confronted by rain by the time we reached Royston which was with us on and off, all the way to Great Yarmouth.

We arrived there around 11.30, and although the rain had stopped, it was quite chilly. Cold enough to put off even our most ardent paddlers!

We went our various ways during the day then met up at tea time for Fish 'n' Chips, or salad for those who preferred, then it was back on the coach, arriving home at 9pm.

---

**WERE YOU BORN IN 1939**

---

Were you born at the then-new Luton & Dunstable Hospital? Or did you perhaps have an operation there as a child?

If so, please contact Val Cooper on 07758 514722. She would really like to talk to you!

---

**MOBILE PHONES**

---

Do you have any unused mobile phones? If so, please pass to Lorraine Crossett or Ken Crossett (Parish Councillor) in Crawley Close. Lorraine has found a company who will buy them. If they work and are under five years old they will pay for them and if they are older they will dispose of them safely. All money raised will go towards the roof fund at St Andrew's. Alternatively you can leave them at St Andrew's Church where Lorraine will collect them.



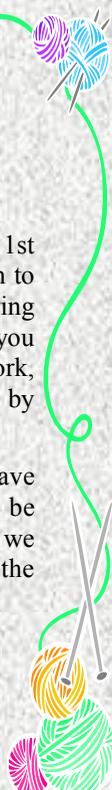
### **FANCY A NATTER WHILE YOU KNIT?**

**THEN COME TO OUR  
KNIT 'N' NATTER CLUB!**

We will be meeting on July 1st & 15th 1:30 to 2:45. Open to all regardless of ability: bring along any knitting projects you have on the go, needlework, crochet, etc... Or just drop by for the chat and a cuppa!

Thank you to all who have donated wool: we would be most grateful for more as we will be knitting for the Christmas Child campaign.

**Contact me, Julie Taylor,  
on 413912 or e-mail**



---

**DID YOU KNOW**

---

There is a city called Rome  
in every continent

*4,000 people are injured by  
teapots every year!*

Snails breathe through their feet!

---

**LAUGHTER**

---

A man goes into a bar, orders 12 whiskies, lines them up on the counter and starts drinking them as quickly as he can. The barman asks him: "Why are you drinking those whiskies so fast?" The man replies "You would be drinking them as quickly as possible if you had got what I have got." Slightly alarmed, the barman asked him:



"Why what on earth have you got?"

*The man replied "About 50p!"*

## ***Youth Shelter***

*Notwithstanding what is written above, perhaps there is more to be done to get all youth “onside”?* It is a fact that young people often feel the need for somewhere to “chill out”. If something could be done to provide space, available for use by all youngsters, then, perhaps as a result, damage and nuisance at the Village Hall and in the Playground may decrease. That is the hope of the Parish Council and some residents.

So perhaps belatedly, more is to be done for Slip End youngsters! Proposal is to erect a “Youth Shelter” at the back of Crawley Playground during the week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, similar to the picture.

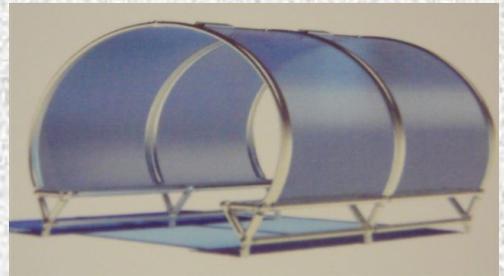
Youth already gathers in the area, having taken an old sofa into the scrub at the back of the playground. In response to their apparent desire to be in the vicinity of the village centre and taking note of similar actions by other Parish Councils, grants have been obtained for a shelter which will give them an area to call their own.

The area will be sectioned off from the main playground and Bye Laws will control the use of the facility. Youth will be responsible for the shelter. Their conduct as long as lawful and respectful of those living around and utilising the playground, as well as the Village Hall, will be tolerated, with the obvious consequences if misused.

**ANYONE (INCLUDING YOUTHS) WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP PREPARE THE GROUND PLEASE TURN UP AT 10am ON SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY WITH SHOVELS AND PRUNERS**

### ***Contacts:***

*Parish Clerk, 43 Summer Street (402312)  
Cllr Steve Fuell (417792)*



## CLAYDOWN WAY BBQ

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June a number of Claydown Way residents set up their barbecues, gazebos and chairs on the green at the end of Claydown Way. Everyone in the road received an invitation asking people to bring their own food, drink, barbecues and families along and join the fun and have opportunity to get to know new neighbors' or just chat to old ones.

Some people dropped by for a few minutes and others stayed for most of the afternoon. There was a bouncy castle for the children. All had great fun and there was a lovely friendly atmosphere. It was good to have time to speak to people, as it is all too easy to get up and go out in our cars and never speak to anyone.

Not long ago on "BBC Breakfast", there was a programme asking "Do you know your neighbours?" Hopefully at least some of Claydown Way can now answer "Yes!"

"I'd like to say a big thank you to the families who were responsible for the idea and the organisation. "

*Alison Wilson*

*Well done Claydown!  
What about that Crawley Close?*



*From the left: Claydown residents Laura, Sarah, Diane & Ann.*



*BBQ Chef in training*



---

**ALEY GREEN METHODIST CHURCH**

---

July 6th	11.00	Morning Service - Rev Julia Dowding (Julia's final service with us) Communion
	11.00	Sunday School
Sunday 13th	11.00	Sunday School Anniversary - "The Power of Jesus" Led by the teachers & children
Wed 16th	7.30	Coffee Evening in aid of World Vision
Sunday 20	4.00	Farewell Service at Beech Hill Methodist Church for Rev Julia Dowding (Aley Green closed)
Sunday 27th	9.30	Morning Service (Wesley Praise) - Led by Jan Rollings
August 3rd	9.30	Morning Service (Looking at the Bible) - Led by Mike Bull
Sunday 10th	9.30	Morning Service - The Work of Women's Network Led by Ann Meader
Wed 13th	7.30	Coffee Evening in aid of NOAH
Sunday 17th	9.30	Morning Service with Communion - Rev Andrew Orton
Sunday 24th		Bank Holiday Church closed
Sunday 31st	9.30	Morning service (Methodist Homes) - Led by Lorna Martin

***Thoughts on the Lord's Prayer***

I cannot pray *OUR* if my faith has no room for others and their need.

I cannot pray *WHO ART IN HEAVEN* if all my interests and pursuits are earthly things.

I cannot pray *HALLOWED BY THY NAME* if I am not striving with God's help to be holy.

I cannot pray *THY KINGDOM COME* if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot pray *ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN* unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service here and now.

***Summer Plans***

Please note our Sunday School will close for the summer after our Sunday School Anniversary on 13th July, and reopen on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

Being a small Church it has become a tradition at Aley Green, for Church members to lead the services over the school summer holidays. We meet at 9.30 for a 45-minute fellowship service, followed by coffee and a chat. Do come and join us - everyone welcome.

***Funds Raised***

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the Good as New Sale in May. The total raised, over £600, was magnificent!

Donations for Christian Aid Lunches were £234, a further £75 for Methodist Homes for the Aged and £300 for Church funds. The Christian Aid Coffee Evening raised a further £106 and the pew envelopes £38. The Beetle Drive in June found all ages joining in the fun and sharing afternoon tea together. We raised £103 for the National Children's Homes.

***Farewell Julia!***

*Aley Green will be sad to bid farewell to our Minister Reverend Julia Dowding when she retires in July. We wish her and husband John well as they move and a long and happy retirement together. We look forward to welcoming our new minister in September.*

If you are going away on holiday or enjoying the summer at home we pray you will feel refreshed, rested and relaxed. God bless you from all at Aley Green Methodist Church.

*Ann Meader*

---

**CANTATA LADIES CHOIR  
TOUR TO HOLLAND & GERMANY**

---

As mentioned in last month's Parish Magazine, in the report from Farley Hill Methodist Church, Cantata ladies choir has been on tour. We had a couple of "warm up" concerts in the area then some of us, along with husbands, families and helpers set off by coach on a wet Bank holiday Monday morning. We travelled to Valkenburg, a pretty town in the Limburg region in the south of the Netherlands. The weather was a little damp at times but was very warm

We did two concerts. The first was in an impressive hospital complex near Valkenburg. The second was in Germany in beautiful concert hall, which was part of a Spa in Bad Neuenahr, not far from Cologne. Both were well attended.



Sharp-eyed readers may identify three village residents (Liz Higgins, Alison Wilson and Ian Wilson) playing as part of the instrumental interlude which allowed the rest of the choir to take a short breather. Also on tour was Mervyn Wilson, behind the camera and setting up equipment for the choir.

The hotel was excellent and we ate and drank well, soaking up the atmosphere in pavement cafes. During the daytime we also managed some sightseeing, looking at Marlstone Caves and a Castle in Valkenburg as well as a trip up the country's biggest "hill". There was a suggestion from Liz Higgins that a picture of us, leaving Ian behind in the stocks at the

castle might be a good addition to the parish news! However we thought he'd be missed so we let him out.



*Poor Ian, lucky there were no eggs or tomatoes about!*

Overall it was an excellent trip and we enjoyed the concerts, which are the purpose of the tour. Anyone who feels they would like to sing can contact one of us for details. The choir performs to raise money for charities. We have members from all around Luton and Dunstable and rehearse on Thursdays in a school in Luton.



*The Choir pictured singing in Germany.*

*Alison Wilson*



The Cancer Research UK Relay for Life Dunstable will be held at Manshead School in July. Relay for Life is for all the family and the biggest **community led** fundraising event in the world. Keely Glenister, chair of the organising committee that consists of 8 local volunteers said, "This event is exciting because it takes place around an athletics track. Teams take it in turns to walk or run for 24 hours whilst at the same time enjoying entertainment from live bands and DJ's. When they're not doing their bit on the track they are free to BBQ or take part in one of the other events which will be going on including tug of war, 5-a-side football and yoga! There will be a Candle of Hope Ceremony at dusk to remember the lives of lost loved ones and we'd like to invite all members of the local community to come and be part of this incredible event".

Over 100 Relays are planned across the UK, with the Dunstable Relay being the first in

Bedfordshire. The committee has set a target of £10,000 to add to the cause.

Relay for Life in Dunstable event will be from 12 noon on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July through to 12 midday on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, with 9 teams confirmed to take part. Members of the public are invited to attend the event and join the fun. For more information about visit [www.cancerresearchuk.org/relay](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/relay) or call Keely Glenister on 0790 878 3455.

Relay For Life was started in 2005 to support Cancer Research UK against all of the various forms of cancer by raising funds during one yearly event. It is a family day and the age range at the Relay of 2006 was six months old to 83 years old.

*If you are not doing anything this weekend—why not go down to Manshead School and encourage the walkers. Looks like there will be lots going on there too.*



Happy Birthday to Beryl Bird who celebrates her 90th year on 28th June. Beryl now lives in Harpenden but lived in Prebendal Drive for several years with Harold her husband (who sadly died in 2003) until she moved in 2004. She frequently attends St Andrew's Church where she used to help with the flower arranging.

Beryl was born in Whetstone and was a member of the Red Cross Voluntary Division WWII, before moving to Wheathampsted where she had a Craft Shop in St Albans, in her younger days. She was also a florist and worked in large homes like Brockett Hall.

She has two children, Diana and Pamela and three grandchildren Lucy, Kit and Toby, as well as three great grandchildren, Tom, Jessica and Sebastian. Beryl has settled into her new home at Harpenden very well, making new friends along the way.

### **A Wish For You**

*May you always be blessed with;  
walls for the wind, a roof for the rain,  
a warm cup of tea by the fire.  
Laughter to cheer you,  
those you love near you,  
and all that your heart might desire.*

*A simple friend, when visiting,  
acts like a guest.*

A real friend opens your refrigerator, helps herself and doesn't feel even the least bit weird shutting your drawer with her foot!

*A simple friend has never seen you cry.*

A real friend's shoulder is soggy from your tears.

*A simple friend brings a  
bottle of wine to your party.*

A real friend comes early to help you cook and stays late to help you clean.

*A simple friend hates it when you call  
after they've gone to bed.*

A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.

*A simple friend seeks to talk  
with you about your problems.*

A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.

*A simple friend wonders about  
your romantic history.*

A real friend could blackmail you with it!

*A simple friend thinks the friendship is over  
when you have an argument.*

A real friend calls you after you had a fight.

*A simple friend expects you  
to always be there for them.*

A real friend expects to always be there for you!

*A simple friend reads this e-mail  
and deletes it.*

A real friend passes it on and sends it back to you!

When you are down to nothing ...  
God is up to something!



BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

# Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

May 08



## News from Caddington and District SNT Caddington, Slip End and Hyde



PC Louise Howard



PCSO Claire Young



PCSO Paul Clark

Tel: 01582 473462 e-mail: [SNT.Caddington@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SNT.Caddington@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)

### Neighbourhood Priorities

- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Vehicle Crime
- Parking

These are the priorities that have been identified through consultations with members of your local neighbourhood.

### Forthcoming Surgeries and Events

Forthcoming Events – These will be attended by representatives from your SNT team.

#### *County Council Surgeries*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Heathfields Lower School, Caddington

#### *Parish Meetings*

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sports & Social Club, Manor Road, Caddington

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Slip End Village Hall

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July Hyde Village Hall

#### *Events*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Slip End School Fayre  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Slip End Village Day

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is here to make where you live safer, and to give you a better quality of life by reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour.

Please feel free to contact the team if you have any concerns or issues.

**In an emergency always ring 999**

### Priority Targets

During the last month we have received numerous calls from residents mainly in Chaul End, Caddington, about off-road motorcycles. Residents are advised to contact us and give as much information as possible about these riders. If they can be identified your personal information will not be disclosed. If a patrol officer is not able to attend in the first instance this information will be passed to your SNT and we will then carry out further enquiries. Over the last month we have issued 10 Section 59 warnings. This warning is issued to a rider who if caught again will have whatever vehicle they are riding/driving seized and maybe crushed.

Operation Lead has been in operation over the last month mainly concentrating around the area of Caddington on Friday evenings. This is the time when we receive the most calls/concerns from the residents regarding youths. Letters have been sent out to the parents/guardians of youths who have been identified in an area that has suffered from ASB. Any youth who is identified as a persistent offender will be brought to the attention of the ASB Reduction Officer for South Beds District Council and the ASB Officer for Beds Police. This may then result in them receiving an Acceptable Behaviour Contract.

Areas, which have been highlighted to the police regarding ASB, are Manor Road, Elm Avenue, Rushmore Park in Caddington, and Slip End Village Hall.

We are continuously advising people not to leave valuable items unattended in their vehicles as most vehicle crime reported is as a result of items being left clearly visible in their vehicles. PCSOs regularly patrol areas which have been highlighted as a vehicle crime hotspot and if valuables are seen on display, letters are sent out to the registered owner of the vehicle stating date, time valuables seen etc.

Regular complaints are made regarding vehicles parked causing an obstruction. Notices have been displayed around certain areas advising motorists of where to park their vehicles responsibly. Letters have been circulated through schools advising drivers to be aware of where they park around the area of the school. We received regular complaints around the areas of Five Oaks, Manor Road, and Luton Road, in Caddington, Summer Street, and Markyate Road in Slip End. Regular patrols will be carried out in these areas. Any vehicles parked causing an obstruction will receive a ticket. Any vehicle left in a dangerous position will be removed.

Making neighbourhoods safer, together

### *Services & Events in July*

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

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion at East Hyde
	10.30am	Family Communion
	6.15pm	3:16 BBQ Vicarage Garden
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Little Stars in the Family Room
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Praise with Thanksgiving & Blessing Service
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Little Stars in the Family Room
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Footsteps in the Family Room
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Little Stars in the Family Room
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Woodside Home Service
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-5.00	Slip End Village Day at Peter Edwards Field
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion at East Hyde
	10.30am	Morning Praise at St Andrews
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Little Stars in the Family Room

---

**BIKE 'N HIKE 2008**

---

#### ***Help save the Past for the Future***

*Saturday 13 September - 10 am to 6 pm*

*Raise funds for your Church or Chapel.*

*Over 600 Churches and Chapels to visit!*

With repairs needed to the roof at St Andrew's, we will be raising money by getting sponsorship for cycling or walking between churches in Beds and Herts. A group from St Andrew's will be walking but anyone can take part and there is a choice of over 600 churches and chapels for you to visit. If you wish to join us that day, get in touch, you will be welcome.

Last year £102K was raised for church and chapel buildings in Beds and Herts, a magnificent record, passing £100K for the first time. Now we are in hot pursuit of Oxfordshire (£105K) and Essex (£113K).

Of every £1 that you raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to the church of your choice. All the organising is done for you, so the Bike 'n

Hike is a very effective way of raising funds for your church. And the rest of what you raise will increase what the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust can give in grants. These grants are given to local communities struggling to raise funds to get vital but costly repairs done at a much-loved church or chapel.

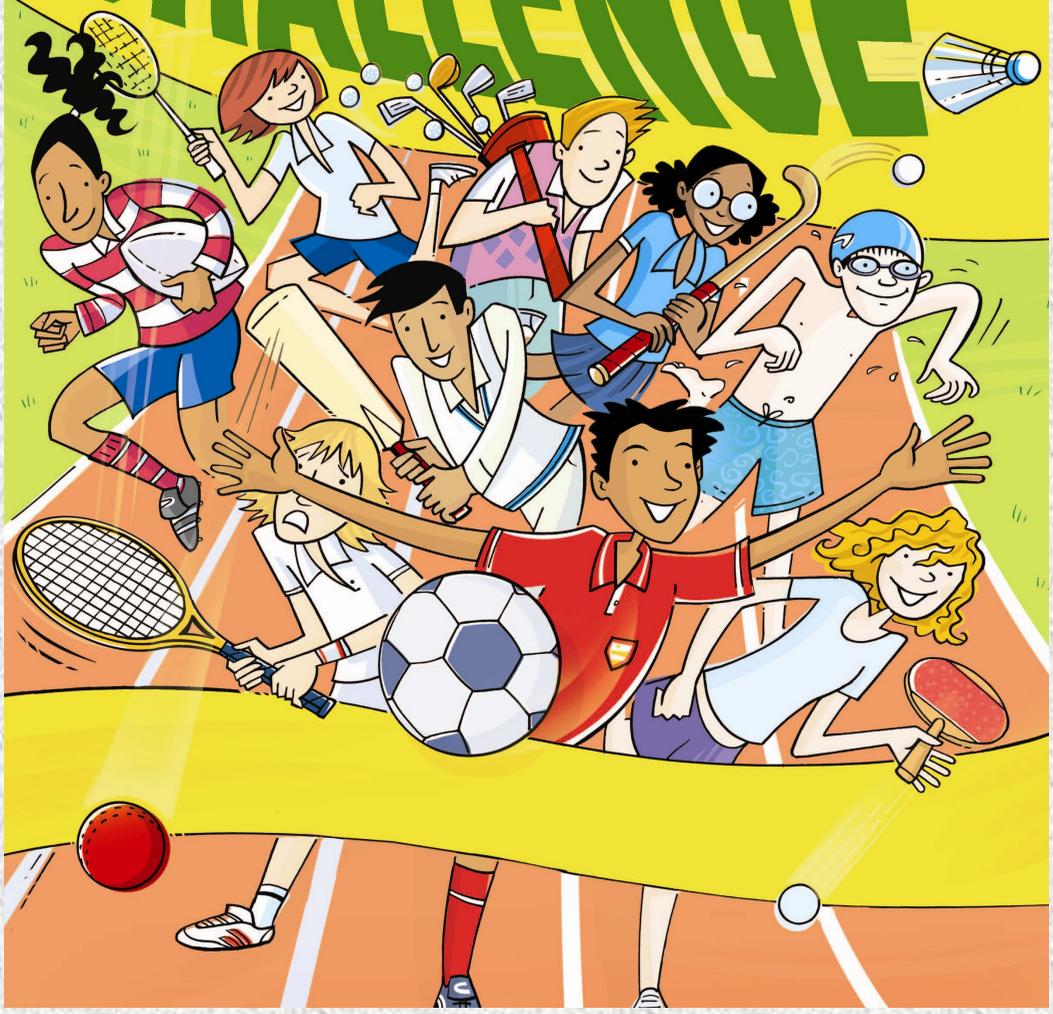
So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day Biking or Hiking to churches in your area and at the same time boost your church's funds as well as those of the Trust. By using gift aid you can further increase the funds available to the Trust.

If you cannot join us, please sign up for sponsorship. St Andrew's will be open that day to greet walkers and cyclists from a wide area, but do take the opportunity to drop by for a cuppa!





# CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE



**St Andrews Church is building on the success of last year's October half term holiday club by running another event this October.** Parents and carers of children aged 4 to 11 please make a note in your diary now. The Holiday Club for 2008 will be on Thurs. Day 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October at St Andrew's Church.

*The charge is only £5 to cover both days!*

This year's club is under the banner "Champion's Challenge" a programme devised by our friends at the Scripture Union. This will again involve lot of fun activities, with a sporting theme which is very appropriate in this Olympic Year.

We will have more information in next month's Parish News but in the meantime we are looking for help in the following areas:

- ◆ We plan to decorate the church in a sports theme and would welcome donations/loans of sporting items for display. (If for loan please mark clearly with name and contact details.)
- ◆ The children will be in teams with team colours. We need volunteers to knit scarves in the team colours which are:

Orange with black  
Red with white  
Black with white  
Royal Blue with white.

- ◆ Alternatively, donations of wool in these colours would be most welcome.

*If you can help in any of these areas please bring items to St Andrew's Church or alternatively contact Julie Taylor on 413912.*



Some of our senior ladies have been under the weather lately. Nora Flitton has been unwell and had a spell in hospital followed by R & R in Redbourn. At PN we join with everyone at Slip End Garage in wishing Nora all the best for her continuing recovery.

Joan Austin has been in hospital too, although she has returned to her home in Dunstable. Joan is quite frail these days, although her mind is as sharp as ever and she is never slow to express her forthright views on all and sundry!

Just after Diamond Wedding celebrations last month, Muriel Allsop had a fall and broke her wrist. She has had a plaster cast but she is recovering under the tender care of husband Wally.

My mum too had a bad fall a couple of months ago but, although recovery has taken a while (she is over 90), I have been amazed at powers of recovery. *They may be getting on a bit, but these ladies are toughies and should serve as examples.*

*David Kingston*

### **STOP PRESS!**

**Some time ago PN covered news of government proposals for major developments in our area and a "Core Plan" was put up for consideration. Just after this issue goes to print a Joint Planning and Transport Committee will present recommendations relating to about 10 options put forward in the plan, half of which if carried forward would infill between Slip End and Caddington.**

**Informed sources told PN that JPTC findings are that priority growth preferences include our patch but *very low on the priority list*. Higher priorities will be likely applied in the north Luton area with possible growth east of Luton into Hertfordshire. More news next month.**



Race for Life took place in June at Stockwood Park. Several Slip End ladies ran on behalf of Cancer Research. Pictured below at the finish are (left to right): Diane Casemore and Anne Thompson from Slip End School with friends Dawn Hislop and, ex-Slipender, Sandra Chalkley.



The ladies are seen with their medals. Well done to them all, a brilliant effort!

St Albans Race for Life is on July 20th at Verulamium Park and hopefully there will be good news from Jill Acton, Linda Bartlett and myself, Sue Briggs in next months issue.

---

### *A Contagious Smile*

That smile of yours is contagious  
I know this because it's true  
I wasn't always happy this way  
Not until I met you  
That smile of yours picked me up  
You walked in when I was down  
You took what was once a bad day  
And turned it right around  
Now there are some days when I'm  
not happy  
There are some days when I'm just sad  
But thinking back on your smile...  
Those days weren't all that bad  
That smile of yours IS contagious  
Just look at everyone around  
If they're not wearing smiles right-side up  
They're wearing frowns just upside-down

*Karl Schuster*

Another month gone and still not much sign of summer. Hopefully it will come in July when there is lots going on in Slip End. I hope the Open Gardens on July 12th will be well attended by many villagers, I know Val Church and her team have been working hard to ensure it is a fantastic day to remember and there are new gardens to peruse. We also have the Fun Day on July 26th to look forward to and with any luck will see lots of you there. Parish News will be about somewhere taking photos and recording news. Make sure you don't miss it: who knows it could become an annual event if all goes well. Janet Crawley and the committee have worked tirelessly to make sure everyone has a good time at the event.

### *Knight in shining armour*

We finish the column with a 21st century saint. Co-Editor Mr David Kingston came to the rescue on Sunday 22nd June when a fair maiden called Eileen came out of church and was told she had a flat tyre (she was supposed to be going out to dinner in Bedford!) Well done Mr K. you saved the day and of course a roving photographer was there to record the event!

*Editor Sue Briggs*



*(Hope is that saintliness will extend well beyond the 21st century!)*

---

## THE OPTIMIST CREED

---

- *To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind*
- *To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet*
- *To make all your friends feel that there is something in them*
- *To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true*
- *To be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.*
- *To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future*
- *To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile*
- *To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others*
- *To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble*

---

## FRESHEN UP YOUR HOME

---

If your home feels stuffy and stale—as well as opening windows to invite the summer air in, why not use nature’s own air purifiers? Many plants filter toxins in the home. Buy a neutralising spider plant, which thrives on carbon monoxide. Rubber plants are also good with chrysanthemums, bamboo, peace lilies and gerberas also helping.

Don’t like chemical air fresheners—try adding a few drops of geranium and lavender essential oils to water in a plant spray. Or for zesty freshness simmer a saucepan of water with some orange or lemon peel for a natural summery citrus scent.

If your carpets downtrodden—sprinkle bicarbonate of soda before vacuuming which will help deodorise, soften fibres and remove stains.

If there’s a whiff from the sink—pour half a cup of bicarbonate of soda down the drain, then one cup of vinegar, leave for a few minutes before flushing with a gallon of boiling water.

If new dishcloths smell within hours, pop them in the dishwasher on a hot cycle.

---

## LAUGHTER

---

*A man who went into a book shop and asked where the self-help section was? The sales assistant wouldn’t tell him. She said it would be defeating the purpose.*

Three boys were bragging about their fathers. “My dad’s an archer and can shoot an arrow and reach the target before the arrow does”

“Well my dad’s a soldier and can fire his gun and be there before the bullet”

“Well, that’s nothing” the third boy says, “My dad works for the local council and he stops working at 4.30pm and gets home by 3.45pm.

**Sign in a market**

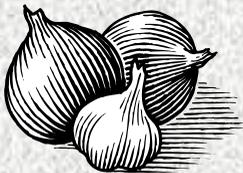
**WANTED**

*Cashier to work eight hours a day  
To replace one who didn’t!*



## Vegetable Garden

There is plenty to get on with this month: peas should be gathered when the pods are full and the peas sweet. Regular picking prolongs the crop as pods form later. Plant out winter greens while the pigeons are not watching and sow spring brassica. Continue to lift early potatoes and make a small sowing of shorthorn or intermediate carrots. Lift and store autumn sown onions, laying them out in a sunny place to dry.



## Flower Garden

Sow violas, wallflowers, columbine and pansies for next year. Dead head faded flowers and look out for perennial plants on Open Gardens Day.



## Fruit Garden

Begin to prune cherries and plums and thin apples and pear to promote strong growth. Peg down strawberry runners, burning the straw which may be around them. Continue to spray all fruit trees, start to pick early apples and pears which should start to ripen in July. To test for ripeness in apples, lift a typical fruit without twisting or wrenching and if it comes away easily with its stalk, they are ready for picking.



## General Work

Continue to trim evergreen hedges and topiary specimens to keep them neat and tidy. This month and next, when the weather is likely to be hot, remove the grass box when mowing to let clippings lie in the grass to act as a mulch.



## TRACTOR & PLANT SALE ON BLACK PIT FIELD



*Felix's Lambo? Did you know that the Lamborghini factory in Emilia Romagna, Italy produces a far greater number of tractors than exotic sports cars?*



*With a whole page left to fill just before going to press, PN despatched its agricultural correspondent from his sick bed to cover the sale on Felix McDade's field. What an event this was with hundreds of farmers and lots of lots, just a few pictured here. One punter dropped in by chopper! Locals also turned out, enjoying unique views of the Village and Black Pit Pond which is invisible from anywhere other than close up. Felix is one of the sponsors for our Fun Day this month when some of his vehicles will be on show.*



*No, don't even think it! The wheels were not pinched, this lot arrived wheel-less, being an old machine for renovation.*



*Steve Wickens considers possibilities for bidding for this lot. "It'd do us fine on the allotment, all we need Derrick, is a willing horse to pull it. What do you think?"*



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

## July

- 1st *Knit & Natter at Julie Taylor's home, 1:30-2:45. Call Julie on 413912*  
5-6th *Relay for Life at Manshead School*  
5th *County Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington. 10 - noon*  
7th *Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall 8.00pm*

## 12th VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS DAY

- 12th *Youth Shelter: Help required to clear the site*  
13th *Aley Green Methodist Church: Sunday School Anniversary*  
15th *Knit & Natter at Julie Taylor's home, 1:30-2:45. Call Julie on 413912*  
20th *"Race for Life" in S Albans in aid of Cancer Research*  
21st *Youth Shelter goes up*

## 26th VILLAGE FUN DAY

## August

- 2nd *County Councillor's Surgery, Heathfield School, Caddington. 10 - noon*  
4th *Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall 8.00pm*

## September

- 6th *County Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington. 10 - noon*  
7th *Aley Green Methodist Church: Sunday School recommences*  
8th *Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall 8.00pm*  
13th *St. Andrews: Open 10am to 6om for Historic Churches Trust Day*

## October

- 4th *County Councillor's Surgery, Heathfield School, Caddington. 10 - noon*  
6th *Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall 8.00pm*  
30-31st *Half Term Holiday Club at St Andrew's*

If you would like a copy of Parish News each month, contact Alan Buttery at 1 Claydown Way on 724527, [alanjan@buttery400.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:alanjan@buttery400.fsnet.co.uk). Anything interesting to report about village activities, photos, holiday adventures, etc? Please contact us, letters and e-mails are encouraged. Views expressed by our contributors are not the Editor's own. Articles should be sent by the 15th of the preceding month to: [parishnews@slipend.co.uk](mailto:parishnews@slipend.co.uk) or Sue Briggs, 4 The Oaks, Slip End, or David Kingston [avidgoodmankingston@gmail.com](mailto:avidgoodmankingston@gmail.com).

**Parish News is grateful to our advertisers for their contributions. Please support them!**

**For advertising enquiries call Steve on  
01582 861186 (Monday to Friday 9 to 4) or  
01582 414162 (evenings & weekends),  
[SteveSueLyons@aol.com](mailto:SteveSueLyons@aol.com)**

*Printer: Lasertype (Caddington) 01582 482596  
e-Mail: [sales@lasertype.co.uk](mailto:sales@lasertype.co.uk) Website [www.lasertype.co.uk](http://www.lasertype.co.uk)*

## BIN DAYS - July 2008

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

**Put out Black Bins only on Fridays highlighted above. On other Fridays, put out Green and Orange Bins, not Black Bins.**



All the fun of the Slip End Lower School Summer Fete! Weather was a bit damp on the Summer Solstice, but it cheered up a bit as the afternoon progressed. Undampened in spirit, lots of people turned out for a great afternoon and over £2000 was raised. Congratulations to FoSELS who worked hard to make the afternoon such an enjoyable success in support of our local school. Seen here are Carol & Dave Taking a refresher during a break in their busy afternoon on the BBQ. Natasha & Daniel wait for their cue during the Judo display. It was good to meet up and chat with local bobbies, Louise and Claire and the chaps from the Bird of Prey Centre, Shuttleworth put on a remarkable show with their handsome birds on prey. More news next month. Many thanks Matt Ogier for the pictures.

