



**SLIP END ALEY GREEN**  
**PARISH NEWS**  
**PEPPERSTOCK WOODSIDE**  
**MAY 2011**  
**75P WHERE SOLD**



On the front cover are some lovely views of our Parish Churches, St Andrew's & Aley Green. Lots going on inside these Churches inside PN. Some colourful photos taken at the recent Flower Festival at Aley Green with some of the wonderful jams and chutneys that are always on sale at the Church to help their funds. Lorna and Anne can be seen serving customers..



# The Parish @ Large

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### Aley Green Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Philip Horner  
Senior Steward: Ann Meader 733668

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## **ALEY GREEN METHODIST CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL**

This year's flower festival had a theme of "A Year in the Life of Aley Green Methodist Church". All of the twenty-four arrangements represented an area of the life of the church and community.

The displays in the porch, welcoming people in, had the themes of the Crucifixion and the Caddington Village Show.



Inside there were arrangements on the windowsills and at the front and side of the church. They varied in style according to the subject and ranged from large and complicated arrangements to themed displays incorporating flowers.

The themes included such varied subjects as the Last Supper and the Resurrection, Bible study and Lent groups, Weddings & Christenings, Ecumenical services, music, finances, allotments, preserves, the walking



group, catering, coffee and lunch groups and very important – cleaning! All were very effective and beautiful. It would be hard to choose one favourite but I particularly liked the one for Finances with lilies representing rolled paper and pens among the flowers as well as the cleaning display with flowers in a mop bucket.



There were plenty of visitors from around the circuit and the villages who came to look at the arrangements to a musical accompaniment during most of the time. There were gifts, cards, plants and small arrangements for sale as well as the usual home made cakes and preserves. Coffee, tea and cakes were served, as well as light lunches on the Saturday which were delicious and certainly went down a treat! I noticed that the steak and kidney puddings seemed to be very popular as did the desserts with cream! The weekend finished with an afternoon service of Communion for Mothering Sunday, after which some of the displays were sold.

Thanks must go to everyone who worked so hard giving up their time for the advance organisation, baking and collecting flowers as well as those who arranged flowers. Thank you also to all the visitors who came to admire the displays and helped raise money for the church funds.

## Waste watchers themed BBQ

There will be fun for all the family with games, crafts,  
quizzes, races, stories and songs

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May



At St Andrews Church Slip End,  
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To be followed by a *A Rocha* themed café church  
on SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> June.

*Come and join in all the fun of these events*

## GREETINGS FROM CATHY PULLINGER

This month I thought I'd tell you a little about myself and how I got started on the journey to being vicar of St. Andrew's.

It is a bit surprising really because my upbringing was decidedly atheistic. My parents were convinced that there was no spiritual reality at all and I wasn't even allowed to go to Brownies because there was a promise made each week that included God in it. However the explanations for life that my parents gave did not seem to me to be enough. I felt there was more to life than mere chance and that as humans we needed more help with our lives if we were to get along OK, even getting on together within our family seemed hard enough, never mind looking after the planet!

So, from an early age I was searching for something more, for significance I suppose, for love certainly. I read about all sorts of religions, and tried out some churches but didn't find anything that drew me until I went to college and made friends with a student who was herself coming into a new and deeper relationship with God. She chatted about what she was experiencing at the church she went to and it intrigued me, she was so obviously changing and excited about what she was encountering.

Eventually I went along and was amazed at the warmth of people's welcome and the reality of their worship. I began to read the Bible. I read about Jesus, particularly in the gospels of Luke and John. What I read I thought was wonderful, his love, his acceptance of all, his self giving for the needs of others, his promise to come and live in us and be with us through the Holy Spirit. If only it were true I thought, I would give my life to this.

But, was it true? This question was a great struggle for me. I didn't want to believe in something that had no basis to it, that was just wishful thinking. It took a long time, but God did convince me, he convinced me by

the reality of his presence, The Holy Spirit that I had read about in the Bible was alive and well, and clearly at work amongst his people.

When I spoke out to my friend that I thought I did believe then that same Holy Spirit came to me – came within me and began to transform my life. Again it has been a slow process, a continuing process but undeniably real. The person that I was, very shy and withdrawn would never have been able to relate to people as I do now in my ministry. I am so glad that God has led me to himself and into the fullness of life that he wants for each of us.

During May, at St. Andrew's we will be focusing on the presence of the Risen Lord amongst us, his desire for us to share in his abundant life. You would be so welcome if you would like to come along, whether you used to come to church, or have never been, as I hadn't, whether you are sure of your faith or just wanting to explore, there will be a welcome for you. *Bless you, Cathy*

Contacting Cathy: -



We now have a phone installed in the Church:  
Telephone Number  
01582 424363

Cathy can also be contacted on her

Mobile: 07425 148046

**Little Stars-** Big thank you to all who over the past three weeks help us raise money for Charities. £25 for World vision by buying our wonderful flapjack, £50 for translation work in Thailand by buying our Armpit Fudge and decorated gingerbread men and then over £55 for the Children's Society by buying the delicious coconut ice and peppermint creams!!

Little Stars meet *every* Wednesday morning from 10:30 am at St Andrews church and as you can see we have LOTS of FUN.

***Election time is here again and the Village Hall will be the venue for voting in our locality, on Thursday May 5th.***

***Our local councillors***

We have been fortunate over the years that people from within the community have put themselves forward to serve us on the Parish Council. They work on issues within in our neighbourhood and the results of their efforts are evolving. That is not to say that they have been successful with all aims and objectives as the processes can be tedious and often appear fruitless. However, our councillors strive to achieve, notwithstanding the present economic situation where money is in short supply and cuts are the order of the day.

Now, all councillors are locals who know how things tick here; they are known to many and they are all approachable. Council business is goes on constructively, without histrionics or hot air. Regular Parish News reports from the Council reflect news with open realism, no spin.

***New moves***

Over the years it has been good to see new people putting themselves forward to sit on the council. Neighbourly processes have been furthered by the formation of community groups which are separate from, but liaise with, the Parish Council. Again 'the system' may appear tedious and results may appear to be slow in coming through, but steady progress is in hand.

***Why have an election?***

With regard to the election early in May, Parish Council nominations are in and the list has been closed by the Returning Officer. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of seats on the council, an election is held. Such is the case this time round. There is one more nomination than seats and so the election will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Polling Station at the Village Hall.

No names, they will probably take a chance to chat on your doorstep before the election, you may know some of them already. Many existing Parish Councillors have stood again, bringing experience and deep local knowledge. That is not to rule out possibilities of injections of new blood, always welcome to maintain vitality. Two new candidates are standing. One is a resident of Upper Woodside who has been part of the Community Group involved with the upcoming Village Plan. The other lives in neighbouring Luton and, with endorsement by the British National Party, adds a political dimension to the candidates.

***Philip Pemnan***

One member not standing this time round is Philip Penman, who stands down after many years of service at Parish and District levels. Philip has worked hard and diligently on our behalf. In particular, he held great responsibility, working hard at District level during transition from South Beds to Central Beds. ***We owe Philip a great debt of gratitude and wish him and his family the best for the future.***

***Go Vote! Local elections are notoriously under-supported by the electorate! This is a shame, not least for the reason that life in a democracy is not enjoyed by the global majority. Consider seriously who you feel might best represent our local interests, then go to the Village Hall to register your vote on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.***

***David Kingston***

**To the editors of PN**

***Evidently readers of PN are interested and concerned about local issues and I therefore write to urge you all, of whatever political persuasion, to get out and vote on the 5<sup>th</sup> May for candidates who have shown that they share these concerns.***

***Yours sincerely, Brian Church***



# PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION



## Thursday May 5th



## Vote at Slip End Village Hall



### STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

Central Bedfordshire Council

## Election of Parish Councillors

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a Parish Councillor for  
Slip End

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Name of Proposer	Reason why no longer nominated*
BAIRD Steven	205 Woodside Rd, Woodside, Luton, Beds, LU1 4LU		Crossett Kenneth S	
COOPER Paul Anthony	46 Front St, Slip End, Luton, Beds, LU1 4BS		Crossett Kenneth S	
CRAWLEY Janet Olga	4 Front Street, Slip End, Luton, Beds		Gough Kenneth E	
CROSSETT Ken	19 Crawley Close, Slip End, Luton, LU1 4BT		Kingston David G	
FEHR Peter	254 High Town Road, Luton	British National Party	Campbell Trudy	
FUELL Steve	1 Crawley Close, Slip End, Luton, LU1 4BT		Holme Reginald K	
HOLME Keith	37 Brickhill Farm, Half Moon Lane, Pepperstock, LU1 4LW		Fuell Stephen J	
MINNIGHAN Sarah Louise	12 St Andrews Close, Slip End, Luton, Beds, LU1 4DE		Cooper Paul A	

\*Decision of the Counting Officer that the nomination is invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated.

The persons above against whose name no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.





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# **ALEY GREEN METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Services and Diary dates for May**

### **Sunday 1st**

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest  
11.00am Sunday School (Communion)

### **Saturday 7th**

10.00am/3.00pm Church Members helping at  
Caddington Allotment Plant & Produce Sale

### **Sunday 8th**

11.00am Morning Service - Derek Appleby  
11.00am Sunday School

### **Monday 9th**

7.00pm Lent Group Supper

### **Tuesday 10th**

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

### **Sunday 15th**

11.00am Morning Service - Sheila Kay  
11.00am Sunday School

### **Wednesday 18th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening  
In aid of Christian Aid

### **Saturday 21st**

Ecumenical Beetle Drive at  
Caddington Baptist Church

### **Sunday 22nd**

11.00am Morning Service  
All Age Sunday School for ages 0 to 99

### **Tuesday 24th**

11.30 Lunch Bunch - A talk by Karen from  
LAMP (Luton Accommodation & Move On  
Project) followed by lunch

### **Sunday 29th**

11.00am Morning Service - Tony Head  
11.00am Sunday School

### **Saturday 4th June**

10.30am/2.30pm Brunch & Browse

We were saddened to hear of the passing of David Rumble, a friend and supporter of our Church.

Our March Coffee Evening was well attended and raised £55.50 for Junior Mission for All. It was a great joy and pleasure to welcome so many visitors and friends to our Flower Festival. For some of our congregation it was their very first try at flower arranging, which was very brave of them. The results were beautiful and contributed to, as someone was heard to say, 'a traditional simple country Chapel flower festival'. We raised £811.79 towards the repainting of the outside of the building. (See start of the magazine).

We hope you will be able to join us in Christian Aid Week for the Coffee Evening at Aley Green and the Ecumenical Beetle Drive at the Baptist Church.

*'God has no hands but our hands to help his people'*

Once a year we hold an all age Sunday School, so that the adults can join with the children to listen to Bible stories, sing and be creative with paints etc. Do join us on Sunday 22nd May it's always good fun.

This year we have chosen LAMP as our charity of the year. to raise £500 for. We start off the fundraising on 24th May, with coffee at 11.30am followed by a talk by Karen from Lamp about their work, with lunch at 1pm. There is no set charge for lunch but your donations will be gratefully received. Please let Lorna know if you are coming Tel. 412556, to help with catering.

Do pop along to our Brunch & Browse on Saturday 4th June, there will be Bacon Butties, Jacket Potatoes with various fillings, Home made Soups, Sausage Rolls & Cakes. We will have Bric a Brac, Cakes & Preserves for sale Come along and stock up on books for the lazy day summer reading!

*Take time to be friendly It is the road to happiness*

*Take time to laugh It is the Music of the soul*

*With love & prayers*

*Ann Meader*

## **DUNSTABLE MUSIC CENTRE**

Dunstable Music Centre is based at Manshead School on Saturday mornings during term times. The morning is split into four sessions with a break in the middle. The first session starts at 9:15 and the fourth sessions finishes at 12:15.

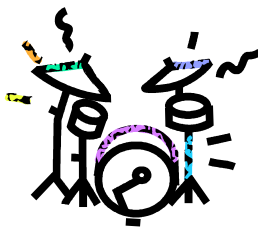
There are sessions for complete beginners but also sessions for those who play at a high standard. Many of the sessions enable players with little experience to play alongside experienced players. The whole morning is about making music together.

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etc and things you pluck, like violins, guitars, ukuleles etc.

At the end of each term there is a free concert so that parents, friends etc can hear the progress that has been made. The Summer Term starts on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is welcome to come along even if you would just like to have a look to see if it suits you or not. If you have your own instrument bring it along. If you haven't then ask at the main desk as help may be available.



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The sun came out for the RAGS walk on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April and we all started off from the pub car park in Sharpenhoe. Yvonne led the 16 walkers off into the countryside leaving Alan to order the lunchtime food. After a brief walk up the road with a view of the Clappers (an Iron Age Hill Fort) to the left, we headed out across the bottom of the hills that make up the Sundon Hills Country Park.

Next we went gently upwards towards the wooded area on the top of the hill. Snaking round the edge of the hill provided some stunning views. Following this, we walked up to the monument on top of Sharpenhoe Clappers, some 300 feet above the pub.



The land here belongs to the National Trust and was donated by WA Robertson as a memorial to his brothers who died in the Great War. It was then a rapid descent down some steep steps in the hillside to a well earned lunch in the The Lynmore having completed a little over 3 miles.

Sadly, not everyone was able to stay for lunch but we were joined by other members of the church who did not walk. Once again we have to thank Yvonne and Alan who sorted out all the details in advance so that the morning went without a hitch.

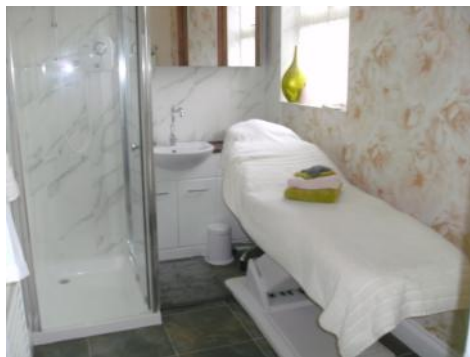
*Mervyn and Alison Wilson*

## **SHARING LOVE BY IRIS HESSELDEN**

Have you a song within your heart  
Have you a smile to share?  
Have you a moment in the day  
To show someone you care?  
Have you the time to be a friend  
And listen when they call?

Have you a hope for all mankind  
Whatever faith or creed?  
Have you the strength to show the way  
To those who are in need?  
If you've a song, a smile, a hope  
A special dream or two,  
You have discovered love, my friend  
And love discovered you!

A special poem for all happy couples to be married soon, including the Royal couple who will be married by the time Parish News hits the streets. Good luck to them all. And some extra photos taken in September when we featured Mignonette in the magazine. What a transformation has taken place at the old Methodist Chapel.



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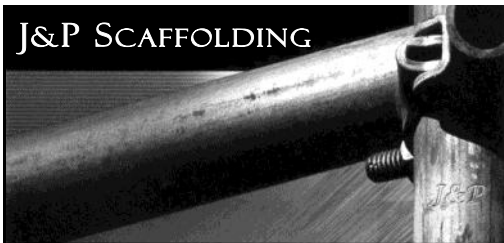
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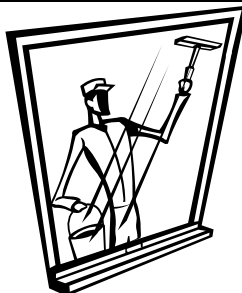
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May usually has a lot of dry sunny days, which make up for the checks of a cold spring, midday temperatures average 13C (55F). Later in the month as the risk of frost diminishes apply mulches to conserve moisture. Continue regular mowing of lawns and you can apply a high nitrogen fertilizer if you require a lush lawn. Weed killer can also be applied if they are a problem.

Hoe between hardy border plants to control weeds. If any leaves on roses start to roll up remove them, as they probably contain the sawfly grub or the tortrix caterpillar that will damage the plants. Dahlias can be planted out when damage of frost is past, chrysanthemums can also be planted out but some form of slug control is advisable. Regularly hoe between gladioli and water if weather is dry. Tie in Sweet Peas regularly as they grow and remove tendrils. Remove dead flowers from daffodils and hyacinths. Daffodils and tulips can be dug up to make way for summer bedding plants and dried off to be planted in the autumn. In the Alpine bed, trim aubrietias and other plants to stop seeding and prolong flowering.

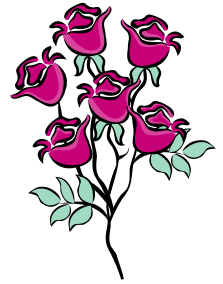
Tender young shrubs such as fuchsia, hydrangea, choisya and arbutus can be planted out, but keep well watered. Feed all fruit trees and bushes and tie new growth on blackberries and loganberries and control weeds around the base.

Protect strawberries with straw and control slugs. Keep an eye out for frosts and cover or earth up potatoes; prepare sites for growing marrows, courgettes and pumpkins for sowing later in the month. Sow French beans and runner beans during the second half of the month.

Main crop carrots can go in, and sow for a succession of salad crops such as lettuce,

radish and beetroot and harvest when large enough, not when old and woody. Brussels sprouts can be planted into their final position along with autumn cabbage and cauliflower. Towards the end of the month sow sweet corn straight into the soil, arrange in an oblong to aid pollination, approximately 15 inches in each direction. Take cuttings of herbs such as rosemary, sage and thyme. Take root cuttings of mint and grow them in bottomless container to stop it spreading.

Put up hanging baskets later in the month but beware of frosts and keep them well watered. Roses, lilacs, fruit trees and many other plants produce suckers, sometimes well away from the parent plant, these should be removed to keep the parent plant strong. Pests become really active this month so watch out for slugs, snails and check fruit bushes and broad beans for aphid infestation and take appropriate action.



Plenty to do this month, but proceed with caution and if you are worried about frosts leave it for another week or so, as it can be a big disappointment to plant out a border only to get up one morning and find the tender plants have been destroyed by a late frost and you have to start all over again, it can also be very costly. Happy gardening and hope to hear from you via the e-mail and help to resolve some of your queries.

Contact:- [rrussell.sprout1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rrussell.sprout1@hotmail.co.uk) and I will answer them in the next issue of the Parish News

*Russell Sprout*



**Slip End Social Club**

There was a good turnout for the Keech Hospice Care Charity evening in April. Gerry and the Attricks entertained the crowds with music from the 70's and 80's and even got some folk up onto the dance floor. The organiser Carole Young, can be seen below dancing with one of the ex-Attricks Dave Williams. Carole is one of the chief fund-raisers for the Keech and was given a special award for raising over



cause, it even had Jim Galbraith up on the dance floor with Sue Day.

**Rising Sun**

Chatty Club continues to thrive with its weekly Tuesday meetings at 2.30pm. Hopefully we will have a report next month about their coach trip to the Cotswolds.



£100,000 last year. She has a stall at Ampthill Market every week so if you are ever around there pop and say hello. Barbara Ray was on hand to help you part with your



Viv Porter is seen with her raffle prize (one lucky winner every week plus food and drink. Dave Lily's partner made the most of the warm Spring weather by doing some DIY outside the pub, its looking better already!



money for the Raffle with a smile. The fish/chicken and chips supper was enjoyed by all along with some extra salad and bread rolls. All in all a good fun night for a very worthy

The Reverend Cathy Pullinger popped along to meet some of the Chatty Club in the Easter break and was able to enjoy the variety of food that Lily served up plus one of the cakes that have become a favourite with many, whilst also chatting to many members and catching up with old friends.



The BBQ went down very well for the day of the Grand National especially as the weather was so good. There were a lot of happy smiles on the faces of those whose horse had come up trumps on the day. Some of the lucky people can be seen below.



And Scott and Orawan tuck into their grilled barbecued fish.

Date for your diary -

Elvis is coming—June 3rd Food will be available as usual and bookings can be made in advance. We will also be doing 70's retro basket meals as a special for that night.



### The Plough

Congratulations to our Captain of our Dominos Team Eddie...who has got through to the finals of the Captains Cup. And also Congratulations to the team as we have got through to the final of the team knockout!! Fingers crossed and we might bring a trophy home this season!!

Also Thank You to the Lunch Bunch from Aley Green Methodist Church for your lovely write up in your newsletter. *'The March lunch bunch gathering was held at The Plough Public House & Restaurant at Woodside to celebrate St Patrick's Day, not that we need an excuse to celebrate! Fourteen of us arrived by 12.30 and were quickly seated with our drinks. We had pre ordered our food so in a matter of minutes we were tucking in. There are three menus to choose from and we seemed to have a good selection of all three on our tables. The food was excellent, piping hot and good sized portions. In spite of full tummies, some of us managed to indulge ourselves and order a desert with the likes of treacle sponge, spotted dick and lemon meringue, how could we not. A cup of tea or coffee and a chat rounded off our visit. The service was first class and we were not rushed away. The Plough is to be recommended for both group bookings and a quiet meal for two. I'm sure we will be back'.*

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Over the last couple of months I have included some ideas about places to visit and things to do. With the increasing focus on “green matters” these days I would recommend using the better weather to get out and about in the fresh air, either on foot or on two wheels.

**Walking** There are many rambling groups you can join to go on a walk in the country or you can do it yourself. However, you should remember to be prepared, with good shoes or boots, waterproofs and jumpers for that unexpected change in the weather, water and snacks as well as a good map and a planned route. A mobile phone is a good idea and, especially if you are going walking off the beaten track, always let someone know where you are going!

**Cycling** Many of the children have bikes and use them but often the adults don't bother. Why not borrow or hire a bike and get out onto one of the many off road cycle routes promoted by Sustrans. ([www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk))

**Cycle Hire** Parish News has had a note from Rob Bigwood, a Woodside resident, who has set up a new bicycle hire centre, in conjunction with the National Trust at the Chilterns Gateway Centre up at Dunstable Downs.



They are running a cycle hire facility every weekend and bank holiday from now until the end of October, and over the school summer holidays. They have a range of bikes for both adults and children, along with child seats and “tag alongs”. Included with each hire is a pump, lock, puncture repair kit and helmet (for kids).

People can turn up on the day or book in advance by emailing them at [dunstabledownscycle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dunstabledownscycle@hotmail.co.uk)

Bikes can be hired for an hour, half a day or a full day. Prices for an adult bike range from £5 for an hour, to £15 for a full day. They also hire children's bikes at £4 for 1 hour. Tag along prices range from £3—£7 and child-seats from £2. Adult helmets can be hired too. Please contact them for more information.

Alison Wilson

The Spring Group Meeting held at the Baptist Church Hall in Caddington was a well attended evening with members from Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Studham, Totternhoe and Eaton Bray. Ann Lovell our County Chairman also spent the evening with us. She had her usual sales table too. Our Speaker was Dr. Tony Maisey talking about How We Age and Why. Tony was previously a doctor in Princes Risborough and gave a very interesting speech. He had us all laughing at his jokes. We were commended on our tasty Supper and served with the usual cup of tea and coffee.

We have our monthly meeting on the 19th April when Easter Bonnets will be worn and judged. Our Speaker is Paul Copping talking about St. Paul's Cathedral. In May we have our AGM plus a talk by Christine Graham on the Children's Society. Competition will be the Prettiest Fan. June brings us an evening of Horse Racing and members will be asked to dress up for the Event.

Do come along and join us. We meet every third Tuesday in the Baptist Church Hall in Caddington. Meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.

Linda Bartlett

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**JOKE**

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Tom had been fishing for hours and decided to take a nap. His wife borrowed the boat, rowed out into the middle of the lake and sat reading in the sun. Along comes the game warden in his boat: ‘May I see your fishing licence madam?’ ‘I'm not fishing’ ‘Well, you have all the equipment and might start at any moment, so I'll have to charge you’ ‘In that case I'll have to charge you with sexual assault’ ‘I haven't even touched you!’ ‘But you have all the equipment and for all I know you could start at any moment’

.....’Have a nice day ma’am.’

*Moral: Never tangle with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.*

It has been a while since we updated you on what's happening with FoSELS, the PTA at Slip End Lower School and in that time there have been a lot of changes. First of all we are very pleased to announce that we have a new Chairperson and Vice Chair. Our previous Chair, Tracey Burgess, resigned after a number of years dedicated involvement with FoSELS and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and effort. Our new committee is now headed up by Nicky Shah who has taken over the Chair and Naomi Negus who is Vice Chair, while Penny Waistell remains as Treasurer. They are already busy planning and running lots of new fund raising and fun initiatives for the school, which we hope you will all support.

The first of these events was for Mother's Day and gave the children the opportunity to make a small gift for their mother at school and gift wrap it. This proved very successful with Mum's receiving some very nice keepsakes and £85.00 for the school. If you like chocolate, (and who doesn't!) then the Easter Raffle hopefully caught your eye in time for you to buy a ticket or two! By now, the raffle for the amazing 1kg Lindt chocolate rabbit will have been drawn and some lucky person in the village will be tucking into the big choccy bunny! We'll let you know how much the raffle raised.

### **Upcoming Events**

We all like a bit of pampering in our busy lives and FoSELS is organising a whole evening of it at school on the 6th May 2011. From 8.00pm to 10.30pm, you'll be able to meet up with the girls for some top to toe treats from local beauty & health therapists as well as enjoy master classes in various activities. Tickets are on sale for £3.50 which includes a goodie bag and a ticket for the raffle on the night. If you are interested in spoiling yourself a little, or a lot, then get in contact with Debbie Newsome on 07896 037853 or the school for tickets.

Do you fancy yourself as a bit of an egghead? Are you always a mine of useful trivia? Then our next event could be right up your street. A quiz night is being held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May at Slip End Social Club in aid of the School. You can enter a team of up to six people and as well as testing your combined brain power there is a fish and chip supper included. The evening kicks off at 7.30pm for an 8pm start and tickets are £7 per person from Claire Godden on 01582 728081.

Of course the big event of the year for FoSELS in the annual Summer Fayre which will take place on the 25th June from 12.00 to 3.00pm. The Summer Fayre really is the highlight of the calendar and is a great day out for everyone in the family. There is always plenty to do and see with stalls, activities, food and entertainment. Keep an eye out for details on what will be taking place, but mark it in your diary now.

### **For the future**

The children are putting their creative talents to good use to help the fund raising efforts by producing some of their own art work which will be professionally turned into gift cards. These will be on sale at school and we'll let you know when they will be ready.

The tuck shop will make a welcome return in the summer term and take place after school on Fridays. Plus we can't forget the Dads' so we'll be running another gift event, this time for Fathers Day in June. We'll also bring you news of our planned car Treasure Hunt later in the summer. The hunt will (hopefully) see everyone rendezvous at the end for a picnic at a special location. Finally, at the end of the summer term, we'll say goodbye to our year 4 children who'll be moving up to middle school, with a special Leavers Disco for the whole school on last day of term.

If you'd like to help with any of the events or more information on taking part then please contact Nicky Shah on 07949 071808.

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**FARLEY HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

The April Lunch on the 13th was dedicated to St George. The Celebration Lunch was very well attended with lots of flags and lusty singing. Lord Bill McKenzie proposed the Loyal Toast to the Queen after which the National Anthem was sung.

Fish chips peas and grilled tomato was served followed by a selection of gateaux and cream. The courses were interspersed with Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem and the lunch ended with Rule Britannia.

Ken Cameron proposed the vote of thanks to Sheila Lathwell who played the piano and 'The Kitchen' for an excellent lunch.

The next lunch is Wednesday May 11th 12.30 for 1pm the menu being lasagne and vegetables followed by fruit pie and custard for £3.

The FHM jumble sale on April 16 raised £240.00 for the church funds.

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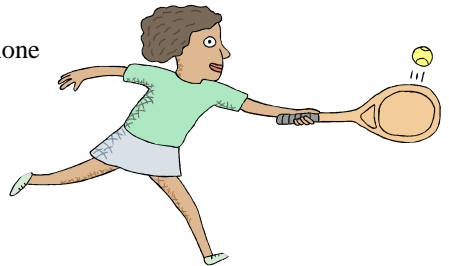
Any enquiries about the club can be made by telephone or e-mail to:

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If you require any further information about the project, please do not hesitate to call me on 01707 277110 or email me on: [sue.pavey@veoliawater.co.uk](mailto:sue.pavey@veoliawater.co.uk) and I will be pleased to arrange for a member of our project team to brief you by telephone or in person. Further details on work in your area can be found on our website [www.veoliawater.co.uk/newpipes](http://www.veoliawater.co.uk/newpipes)

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# PLANT SALE

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*For several months members of the Gardening Club have been hard at it, getting their plants and perennials into peak condition for the Plant Sale on 21st May.*

There have been a few anxieties with frosts (which are possible here throughout May) but these people know their stuff and the seedlings, plants and perennials are looking good and healthy.

All the hanging baskets were planted in late April but they will still need protection for a while and they take up quite a bit of space! As Parish News goes to press members of the Gardening Club continue their work and here we see Rosemary Wickens checking over Steve's runner bean seedlings on St George's Day. Still quite small, but they will have put on significant growth come the day of the Plant Sale. *So get along to the Old Bakery in Summer Street, just around the corner from the Frog & Rhubarb on 21st, pick up bargains and pick the brains of people who know well our local soil and growing conditions.*

*There'll be Tea, Chat and a Raffle.*

## Hangings Baskets

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**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH DATES: MAY 2011**

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Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> May:	Family Communion: "It's True, the Lord has Risen"
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May:	Little Stars
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	Morning Praise: Jesus said to them, "Peace be with You."
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May:	Little Stars
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> May:	Holy Communion: Jesus says, "I have come that you might have life."
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May:	Little Stars
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> May:	Morning Praise: Jesus said, "I am the way the Truth and the Life."
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May:	Little Stars
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May:	Holiday Club BBQ: 12noon – 3pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> May:	Morning Praise: Jesus says, "Because I live, you also will live."

We now have a phone installed in the Church: Telephone Number 01582 424363

Cathy can also be contacted on her Mobile: 07425 148046

**Café Church on Palm Sunday** started with a delicious cold buffet breakfast organised by Sue Lyons and her team of ladies. There was fresh fruit, rolls, cereal, ham and cheese, hard-boiled eggs, muffins, yoghurts, grapefruit, fruit juice as well as hot toast with jam etc all washed down with hot tea or coffee.



The informal service started with cheering and waving of palm leaves as a donkey marched through the church followed by the children. Lots of games and fun followed which was ably led by Mary Barker. Very well done to the children (and adults) for the entertaining drama and of course Sue and her team for the delicious breakfast.



## **UNLOCK WALK NO 28 LAMBETH, CITY OF LONDON & SOUTHWARK.**

It was an early start on the 16th April for the Unlock Walk. With part of the M1 closed because of a fire near Junction 1 it meant a bit of a detour but we arrived at the first church in good time and received a warm welcome at The New Testament Church of God. The congregation had done wonderful work here over the last five years when the church had been used for storage and had been made redundant!



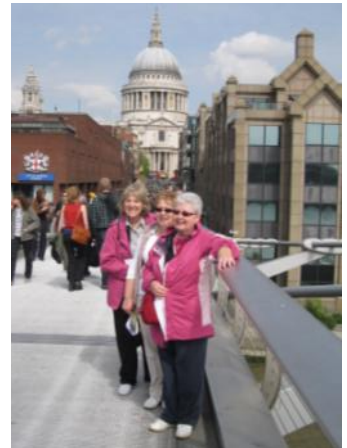
Churches in London face a constant battle just to keep open whilst all around buildings are being knocked down for redevelopment. One of the things we noticed is the amount of work the Church does to reach the wider community, young and old with the buildings being used for many different purposes. The six and a half mile walk took us along the famous Old Kent Road and many interesting sites. Southwark Cathedral was a hive of activity with many visitors and we enjoyed a quick walk around the impressive building which only became a cathedral in 1905. There are many



monuments situated there including one to William Shakespeare and a Memorial to the Marchioness when 51 people lost their lives.



We walked over London Bridge taking in the wonderful sights of the River Thames and the many buildings around and passed by The 'Massive' Monument which seems to stretch forever. We saw the amazing Shard Building which, when finished in 2012 will be over 1.000 feet tall. It will be clad entirely in glass and have a viewing gallery on the 72nd floor and incorporate shops, offices and housing. Next we passed St Paul's Cathedral looking glorious in the April sunshine and stopped for a quick photo shoot on the Millennium Bridge. It was quite a trek to the next Church as we passed St Bart's Hospital and the nearby Smithfield Market. The City Temple Church in the City of London was like a Theatre once inside, and is a growing International



Church which prides itself on its effectiveness in Outreach with the support of many youth workers.

There was time for a surprise visit to Lambeth Palace Gate and we were lucky enough to chat with a guide from Lambeth Palace who told us about the very old fig tree in the garden of the Palace (on the left of the photo) which has been there since 1550 and still bears fruit. The Archbishop has been



busy with interviews leading up to the Royal Wedding and the gardens looked splendid.

Then it was on to the final church which included the Unlock team from Birmingham. They had been running special events through the day and crafts for the children.



Finally we were back to the first church and greeted by some friends we met earlier.



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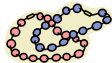
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**10.30am Food for Thought -  
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**12.00 Food for the Body -  
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Try to bring seasonal, locally grown or Fair Trade food

**1.00pm 'Flowers, trees, birds & bugs'**  
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**Welcome to any or all the events**



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## May

- 5th *Don't forget to vote - Village Hall from 7am—10pm*  
6th *Indulgence evening—Fosels at Slip End School*  
7th *Meet Central Beds Councillors: Heathfield School Caddington, 10am to noon*  
10th *Community Projects Group meets at the Plough 7.30. All welcome!*  
17th *Caddington WI - AGM*  
20th *Fosels Quiz night at Social Club*  
21st *Village Plant Sale 2 Summer Street 11am-3pm*  
*Golf Day—Frog & Rhubarb*  
21st *Farley Hill Methodist Church—Cantata Ladies Choir in Concert 7pm*  
28th *Holiday Club BBQ 12—3pm St Andrew's*

## June

- 3rd *Elvis is coming! Rising Sun.*  
4th *Meet Central Beds Councillors: Heathfield School Caddington, 10am to noon*  
*SEADA Senior Citizens Outing*  
5th *Environment Sunday at St Andrew's Church*  
*Café Church*  
14th *Community Projects Group meet at the Frog & Rhubarb 7.30. All welcome!*  
25th *Slip End School Summer Fayre 12—3pm*

## July

- 2nd *Meet Central Beds Councillors: Heathfield School Caddington, 10am to noon*  
12th *Community Projects Group meet at the Ruchi 7.30. All welcome!*

### **Wheelie Bins: see below**

**Black Bins & glass:** Put out on Friday 13th & 27th \*Depending on Bank Holidays

**Green and Orange Bins:** Put out on Friday 6th & 20th \*Depending on Bank Holidays



### **Items for the next issue to us by 15th May**

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Above- Some of the Chatty Club on their outing to the Cotswolds. More next month. Below— Lucy and Katie have fun on the slide on a lovely sunny day in April



Our sympathy's to the family of Ian Pearce, below who passed away suddenly on March 29th. Ian attended St Andrew's Church for the dedication of

many of the congregation and visiting Clergy. He worked at 3 Counties for over twenty years commentating on Luton Town FC and introducing Melting Pot. He will be



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