



Aley Green - Pepperstock
Slip End - Woodside

PARISH NEWS

December

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Parish News Photo Competition

We have decided to run a photograph competition for residents of the Parish. On the subject of photos... did anyone wonder where November's cover shot was taken? If so it was the view out towards Ivinghoe Beacon taken at the Zoo just outside the gate to the Lion enclosure.

The theme for the competition will be "Interesting Places" or "Memory Moment" Photos should be taken in the local area please, or within a few miles of the Parish. They can show some seasonal content if you like and either be taken especially for the competition or taken in the last few months of this year. You may feature people in the picture but please make sure that you have permission to photograph any children who may appear. Entry is free.

We shall have two sections; one for children aged under 14 and one for anyone aged 14 and over. Photos should be sent to the editors by 9th January 2013. This date is before the deadline for the February edition, as we would like to include the results and the winning photos in the February magazine, as well as a selection of others if we have the space. There will also be a small prize for the winner in each age group. The rules and details are summarised below.

Rules

1. Photos should be of "Interesting Places" or "Memory Moment" taken in or within a few miles of the Parish, taken recently or especially for the competition. They may have a seasonal theme.

2. Please obtain parental permission if any children appear in your photos

3. Photos may be sent by email to:-
parishnews@slipend.co.uk
or a printed copy (maximum size 5"x 7") can be dropped in to 23 Claydown Way to arrive before 9th January. (If prints are used please let us know if you need them returned.)

4. Maximum of 1 entry per person please.

5. Each photo should be accompanied by the following information, by email or on a sheet of paper:-

Name

Address

Contact phone number / email

Age group – either 14 and under or over 14

Location where the photo was taken (give us a title or caption if you like)

A note stating that permission has been granted if any children (under 18) are in the photo (NB Without this we cannot print the photo in the magazine)

6. The competition will be judged by the members of the Parish News Committee. The judges' decision is final.

7. Results and prize winners will be listed in the February magazine.

We are looking forward to receiving your photos!

Good luck and Happy Snapping!

Alison Wilson



Front cover this month—view of sunset over Crawley Close.

Greetings from Norfolk.



Sue and I visited Steve and Trish Fuell pictured above, in late October, who many of you will know and remember from their 23 years in Slip End. They moved to Fakenham at the end of July and have quickly settled into their new bungalow. They are within walking distance of a Morrisons supermarket and a brand new Medical Centre so the essentials of a long and happy second retirement are at hand. They have already improved the bungalow by installing new front door steps, double glazed windows and doors as well as further units in the large kitchen where a welsh dresser had stood. Outside, three large conifers which were taking over the front garden have been removed and Steve has bought new plants to complement the already well stocked front and rear gardens.

A large new greenhouse awaits erection. Steve has, to date, managed to avoid becoming a Town Councillor, and has taken on an allotment plot instead! They have started exploring the area and sampled excellent fresh fish and chips at Wells-next-the-Sea and consumed countless slices of homemade cake and coffee during the trips. Trish has remarked they have never eaten so much cake as they have in the past three months and most days seem like a holiday! They look forward to seeing friends from Slip End if they are in the area, however, please call in advance to ensure they are at home 01328-258089. They send their best wishes to friends in Slip End for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Steve & Sue Lyons

FoSELS has had an exceptionally busy month. In October the children dressed 'Green' for a special 'Green/Eco' mufti day. We raised £101 and we will be donating £50.50 to our local Friends of The Earth branch who will also be visiting school to assist with any future environment and wildlife projects. We held our second Ladies Pamper and Psychic event on the 20th October. It was a huge success raising an amazing £1,660. We are proud of our efforts and had some amazing feedback from everyone, including the patient people who queued for ages to see Brenda Harwood our clairvoyant. We hope that the next one will be even bigger and better and we will endeavour to have even more to offer next time. We had a table top sale on the 11th November and our Christmas Fayre is on the 1st December.

of the Parish News. We would like to thank Karen Smith for her kind donation to FoSELS. Thank you also to Lily at The Rising Sun for raising £55 for FoSELS at her recent Hallowe'en Event. We much appreciate these generous donations.

My warmest wishes to you all for the Festive Season and New Year. Debbie Newsome

Doug and I would like to thank Pam King very much for the enjoyable days out we have had with the Friendship Club. Although we are not members we have always been made very welcome on these trips by the members, and look forward to many more days out with them in the future. We would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Once again thanks Pam. Val Coburn

A resident of Aley Green needs to employ a part time driver/house keeper and this would ideally suit someone living in this area. If anyone is interested please contact Parish News and we will forward your details.



Photo from the Pamper event

Sadly, this will be the last Parish News report from me. As we will be moving soon, and due to my own work developments, I am reluctantly stepping down as Chair of FoSELS. I have loved every minute of the role, and I hope that we will be able to announce my replacement in the next issue

Proposals to Resolve The Speeding Problem

Feedback to last months article explaining the Council's thinking for traffic calming and the resultant increase in Council Tax has been very positive. Only one person expressed a concern but was not opposed to the overall idea. Councillor Holme and I met with Lee Baldry the Deputy Head of Highways for Central Beds. His view was that our proposals for 'cushions' to slow traffic down is something that we can move ahead with. On receipt of confirmation from

Central Beds Council that our budget, including the extra £25000 per year has been accepted, Lee will be instructed to carry out a feasibility study. The study will be carried out by the Highways Dept in conjunction with ourselves and will result in a list of options being recommended. These measures will include features which will deflect the movement of traffic, as well as providing additional signage. The study will also consider the introduction of a residential parking scheme to prevent long term on-street parking of holiday makers and look into the advisability of making Summer Street one way. The cost of the study will be in the region of £2000 to £3000.

The next step will be for us to hold an exhibition in the Village Hall to show residents the outline plan, obtain their views and suggestions. From this the overall outline of the scheme will be finalised and the Highways Dept will be asked to begin work on the first feature. This is likely to be the 'cushion' in Church Road at the junction with the lane leading to the playing field, Nursing home and the Church. Central Beds Council will draw up detailed plans of the feature, and produce costings for approval. Residents will have the opportunity to see and comment on the detailed plans for the feature and once we are happy work will begin. This process will continue for each feature until the project is complete. A large contingency fund will need to be available within the financial provision in case of underground problems which do not become apparent until after the work starts. At the moment we are hoping to have our plans included within the Central Beds Transport Policy. If we are successful there is

a chance we may be able to obtain match funding for some, if not all, of the proposals. I am sure our District Councillors will do all they can for us in that respect. As far as the increase in Council Tax is concerned this will be an extra £33 per year for a band D property, every year from now on until the work is completed. That is £33 in addition to what is normally collected.

I am sure you will understand the importance of telling Councillors what you think between now and the January Council meeting. Our contact details are in this magazine.

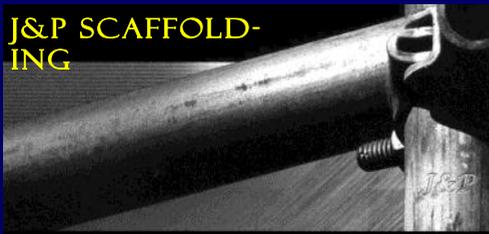
New Councillors Co-opted

Members were pleased to welcome Simon Patterson, a resident of Woodside and Carol Brennan who lives in Front Street to join us. Simon and Carol have already been working hard and making their presence felt. We wish them well and look forward to working with them. They join us at a very interesting time as we and the Community Projects Group continue with all the new initiatives, not least of which has been the change of this magazine in it becoming delivered free to every home. Our thanks go to the Editors, the PN committee, proof readers and those who look after the advertising and delivery. The magazine certainly continues as a valuable Parish asset.

I would also like to thank all those residents who have helped over the last twelve months, those who have attended and taken part in Council meetings. Please note that from January meetings will begin earlier at 7.00pm

**Finally on behalf of all of us may I wish you a
very Happy Christmas and
New Year. Ken Crossett, Chairman**

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Our Parish Good Neighbour Scheme is up and running!



Caddington has one and now so has Aley Green, Pepperstock, Slip End, and Woodside – Caddington has ‘Caddington Care’ and we have the ‘**Good Neighbour Scheme**’.

We have our committee headed up by Chairman Simon Patterson, our secretary is Carol, Simon’s wife, and Carol Beeton is our Treasurer. Roger Baker, Kath Cooper, Keith Holme, Carol Middleton and Rosemary Wickens complete our committee and we are delighted to announce that the group is in the early stages of being set up. Look out for our logo in future articles.

What’s it all about? The **Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS)** is a group of unpaid volunteers who give short-term help to the residents of our Parish (Aley Green, Pepperstock, Slip End and Woodside). The type of assistance provided includes:

- lifts to doctors
- hospital appointments
- collecting prescriptions
- light domestic tasks
- befriending
- non-legal letter writing
- help with shopping

The primary role of **Good Neighbour Scheme** is to give help to those who may be vulnerable due to age or infirmity, have suffered an accident, are undergoing (or recovering from) medical treatment or find themselves in need of assistance, and is available to all our parishioners over the age of 18.

We have lots of enthusiastic volunteers waiting in the wings to help our parishioners and in the middle of this month’s edition of the PN you can find a four page ‘pull out’ on the scheme. Please take the time to fill in page three and return it to the **Good Neighbour Scheme** committee. We will collect your form if needed.

The Good Neighbour Scheme is looked after by the Community Projects Group and comes as a result of our completed Parish Plan.

Simon Patterson
GNS Chairman

Community Projects Group

The November CPG meeting had a good turnout, with a lengthy agenda to get through. At the November Parish Council meeting Cllr Cooper requested that the parish council is provided with a copy of the project groups accounts, which Carol Brennan, our treasurer, will duly provide at the December council meeting.

I spoke with Karen Bracey recently and we are looking forward to starting up the Youth club in January 2013, running it on Wednesdays at The Peter Edwards Hall. We'll be advertising the start date and time soon via Facebook and Karen will no doubt be in touch with parents to give them the details – watch this space!

The Good Neighbour Scheme is moving along swiftly, our volunteers were given their start up paperwork which the committee processed at the Volunteers Meeting held on 26th November at the Village Hall. The CRB checks have to be sent off for processing via Beds Rural Communities Charity and there will be a third, hopefully final, volunteers meeting in January 2013 with a view to launching the scheme in February.

In the meantime please find the Good Neighbour Scheme 'pull out' in the centre of this edition of Parish News for residents to complete and return to the committee. This will give the committee an idea of what the residents would like to gain from the scheme – please feel free to complete the form and return it

the committee, or call us and we will come and collect it – contact numbers are on the back of the pull out.

I can confirm our Christmas Gift for those residents over 65 years of age who have lived in the parish for 5 years or more has reached 212 qualifying households. Cllr Paul Cooper has very kindly sourced the biscuits for us again this year, and our team of trusty volunteers will be busy delivering these before the 18th December. My thanks to Carol & Simon Patterson, Keith Holme, Carolyn Martin, Veronica Williams, Brian Church, Paddy Higgins, Ken Crossett, Peter Smith and Rosemary Wickens for making the deliveries! We've already received some donations from local businesses towards the cost of the gift, details of all the donations will be in the February Parish News.

The Community Projects Group Grant Applications will be sent out this month to our groups within the parish and must be returned by the end of January 2013 for consideration by the group at our February meeting. If you do not receive a grant application and would like one please contact me by e-mail at s.minnighan@btinternet.com

Finally I would like to wish the Core Committee, regular members, and residents of our Parish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

*Sarah Minnighan
Chairman*

Once again our Darts Team is doing very well having won the past two matches and members are practising for their final matches of the season. A few of our members went to 'Meets & Entertains', which was held at our Federation meeting. Topics were the W.I. Centenary AGM, talking about having a marquee in Hyde Park and this will be a very big event for us. If you go into Waitrose you will find a lot of W.I. branded products i.e. flour, jam etc. We have a Craft Fair, Shoe and Clothes Sale, Churchill Dinner and Burns Night to look forward to. There will be an Art Exhibition, Baker Brothers Trophy and the Denman Weekend for 2014 for Bedfordshire Members was discussed.

At our October meeting our competition for the Spookiest Mask was won by Sue Taylor, 2nd Jean Shipp and 3rd Sallie Stonestreet. We had a very interesting evening with Vivienne Barrett talking to us on Living with Thalidomide. Vivienne was one of our most interesting speakers of the year. She, herself, is a victim but in no way classes herself as disabled. She has an electric wheelchair and feels she is able to do all the things we do in our normal life. Vivienne is an amazing person in her own right. Of course, she has full time carers but is as independent a person as you could ever meet. She feels she has had a good life with a carer Frances Corfield from Chipping Norton who received a calling from God to help her look after Vivienne. She became

'Mum' to Vivienne and attended her every need. Although disabled she went to mainstream school. Vivienne learned to swim and play the glockenspiel and even played us a tune on her harmonica! After school she went to College in Wolverton near Milton Keynes where she was taught Music and English. From there she went to London College of Music and began teaching music. Her total years of teaching have been 29. Amongst her hobbies are painting, knitting, cross-stitch and travelling. Vivienne has been to many places in the world and loved every minute of it. At the end of her talk Vivienne told us that her mother had only taken two pills of the drug Thalidomide which caused her disabilities and this drug is still being used for treating leprosy in third world countries. I cannot speak more highly of this lady and there are many more aspects of her life I could tell you – an amazing person.

The poppy wreath from the W.I. was laid by Joan Bunyan at the Service on Remembrance Sunday.

Our meeting in November will be Christmas flowers with Jeff Stray and our competition will be A Homemade Christmas Decoration.

As you can see our meetings and speakers are very interesting. Do come along and join us. We meet on the third Tuesday in each month at 7.30 p.m. A Good Cup of Tea and Cake is also provided!

Future Meetings - 18th December
2013 15th January

Linda Edwards

St Andrew's Church Dates for December 2012/January 2013

- Sun 2nd: 10.30am: Informal Communion: Advent "Stand up and lift up your heads"
- Weds 5th: 10am: Little Stars "God Appears to Mary & Joseph" - Make Angels, Mary, Joseph
- Sun 9th: 10.30am: Christingle Cafe Church with breakfast "Everyone will see God's Salvation"
- Sun 9th: 3pm: Bereavement Carol Service (Organ & Singers)
- Weds 12th: 10am: Little Stars: "The Journey to Bethlehem" - Make donkeys, shepherds, sheep
- Sun 16th: 10.30 am: Holy Communion "He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit" (Singers)
- Sun 16th: 3pm: Family Carol Service (Band)
- Sun 16th: 6pm: Carols by Candlelight - Everyone Welcome
- Tues 18th: 2pm: Caddington Care Home
- Weds 19th: 10am: Little Stars: "Jesus is Born" - Make Nativity Scene - Mini shoe boxes
- Fri 21st: 2pm: Woodside Care Home
- Sun 23rd: 10.30am: Nativity Service "Blessed is she who believed"
- Mon 24th: 11.15pm: Midnight Communion
- Tues 25th: 10.30am: Christmas Praise
- (Weds 26th / 2nd January No Little Stars Meeting)
- Sun 30th: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Jesus in the Temple" (Band)



January: 2013

- Sun 6th: 10.30am: Informal Communion: Epiphany – The Wise Men
- Weds 9th: 10am: Little Stars: "The Wise Men" – Making Wise Men
- Sunday 13th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – "Jesus is baptised"
- Weds 16th: 10am: Little Stars: "The Escape to Egypt" - Play Dough figures
- Sun 20th: 10.30am: Holy Communion: Jesus Ministry begins
- Weds 23rd: 10am: Little Stars: "Jacob and his sons" - Many coloured coat
- Sun 27th: 10.30am: Morning Praise: Jesus the anointed one
- Weds 30th: 10am: Little Stars: "Joseph in Egypt" - Dream Picture

Little Stars. Now that the days are colder we aim to meet in the warmth of the family room. We have recently welcomed a new mum so please don't be shy, come along and join us for pre school children's Story, activity and singing!! Plus teas and coffees to welcome you on your arrival. The church "page" (above) has the detail of each weeks event theme. With Christmas approaching there will be an opportunity for a "starring" role in the Nativity play!!

Holiday Club



What an amazing Holiday club we just had at St Andrew's! Obviously, it was the right decision to hand over the running of such events into the very capable hands of Charlotte Kelly!

This was our 6th club, we started back in 2007 with Wastewatchers, followed in 2008 with Champion Challenge, then in 2009 we presented Showstoppers, after that in 2010 we visited Rocky's Plaiice, in 2011 we had Mission Rescue and this year -

On Your Marks.

Some of the leaders and children have written about their experiences.....

I would like to express thanks to all of the helpers (be they young or old!) for their part in helping to make this club the success it was. We were so inspired that we immediately set to work on investigating next years club, and as previously announced we are off to the Space Academy. Book your holidays so that on 31st October and 1st November your children can be at the next St Andrew's Holiday club.

All about Holiday club. An item from Joe

I have been to six holiday clubs.

My favourite holiday club was rocky s place.

Also my second favourite was on your marks. My best part of rocky's place was the puppets because they were really really funny.

My best part of on you're marks was the

crafting because we made a ball catcher, Olympic torches and salt dough.

On Your Marks—Karen Smith

This is the first holiday club at St Andrew's that I have ever been directly involved in although my children have come every year since they were quite small. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the team this year and have been amazed how much effort everybody puts in to make it work (we have had planning meetings since April!).

It wasn't just the children who had great fun, so did the adults. So, if you are thinking of helping out next year and need a bit of persuading, let me persuade you. I had a great time and will always remember one of the comments of a young boy in our group. When we were talking about Jesus walking on water he said "but he is magic". What more can I say.

I will definitely be on board the spaceship for next year – Watch out for Space Academy 2013!

Luke Smith's comments

I really enjoyed holiday club, especially the songs and the crafts and the puppets. It was such a good experience because it was really good fun and thank you for my medal.

Gracie Smith's comments

Unbelievable, Incredible, in your own wordsjust some of the comments that I have heard from my four year old!!



Please think of your child this Christmas time



Report from Emily Downs - At Holiday Club I was a Craft helper. We did lots of crafty things that revolved around our theme (on your marks-Olympics) this included making Ball Catchers and Salt Dough Trophies on the 2nd day. On the last day we made Olympic Torches and Leaf Crowns. I also helped in group activities where we worked together to work out puzzles and read Bible stories. Altogether the children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the club and I enjoyed myself as well.

and the joy you will bring to him/her with your

‘Love in a Box.’



Meanwhile on the 9th December we have a Christingle Cafe Church with plenty of fun and activities for children as well as the adults! Cafe Church includes breakfast!

Shoebox Sunday OCC

What a busy time it was, making up shoeboxes, covering boxes, making cards while listening to a story at Kidztime at St Andrew’s. Lots of boxes were completed and they will be making the long journey to the Ukraine or Serbia for the needy children in orphanages, hospitals, and schools etc. We would like to thank all those from the village who brought their boxes to be blessed and can report that over 90 boxes were given.

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Urgent — News of Parish News

The agency which has been delivering Parish News for us has given notice, so from February next year we are looking for volunteers to distribute the magazine regularly throughout the village. Fortunately many of our former volunteers have agreed to do so again but we will need more help, at least as ‘reserves’.



We are dividing the village into 10 compact areas and think we should try to find two volunteer distributors for each area. They could then share the job of delivering 10 monthly magazines in the year and provide safe cover for holidays.

If you would be prepared to deliver magazines in your patch, Alan Buttery would be delighted to hear from you – details at the back.

Gardening Club

Things have been pretty quiet over the past couple of months, since the last trip to Wrest Park in September. At the meeting on 19 November, members were asked when dividing plants, to pot some up and label them for the 2013 Village Plant Sale, to be held on Saturday 18 May. Planning is to start early in the new year for our 2013 programme of visits to gardens. An interesting presentation was given by Graham Pavey on “The Mistakes Gardeners Make” of which there are many!! . This was followed

by the annual social buffet (provided by members) and drinks to finish off the year. The Club AGM is being held on Mon. 21 January starting at 7.45pm followed by a presentation from Guest Speaker, see below
PN Gardening Correspondent
Diary as below:-

Jan. 21 Gardening Club AGM
Village Hall 7.45pm
March. 18 Gardening Club 8pm
May 18 Village Plant Sale
(Details to follow)

SLIP END GARDENING CLUB
Monday 21st January
7.45pm Village Hall

Guest speaker—Ruth Sneath
‘Beds Wildlife Trust’

New members welcome
Guests/visitors £2 each

Food Standards Agency

Central Bedfordshire District Council has recently joined the Food Standards Agency rating scheme for food businesses. The scheme is run by local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland in partnership with the Food Standards Agency. The food hygiene scheme will help you choose where to eat out or shop for food by giving you information about the hygiene standards in restaurants, pubs, cafes, takeaways, hotels, and other places where you can eat. Supermarkets and other food shops are also included in the scheme. If you would like to check it out - www.food.gov.uk/ratings

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Gardening News

Clean and lubricate mowers before putting away for the winter. Although difficult to do much in the garden at this time of year, if the weather turns dry continue digging vacant ground and tidy up beds and borders. Burn or recycle waste but check carefully for hibernating hedgehogs before starting a bonfire. Examine dahlia tubers, if shrivelled plunge in tepid water overnight and if any are starting to rot cut off damaged part and dust with flowers of sulphate. Sweet peas started under glass will require the tips pricking out above the second or third pair of leaves to encourage side shoots to develop before planting out in the spring. Remove fallen leaves from alpines and rockeries, fork over between plants with a hand fork and remove weeds.

Spray fruit trees with a tar-oil winter wash this month or next to kill eggs of pests laid earlier in the year. Tar-oil can be sprayed on all fruit except strawberries. Prepare a site for runner beans by digging a trench and fill with alternate layers of manure, compost and soil, when full cover with soil and mark out with something so you know where it is.

Lag outdoor taps and drain hoses and spray guns until dry to prevent frost damage. If we have heavy falls of snow this winter knock the snow off the branches of trees and shrubs to prevent them from breaking under the weight of the snow.

Keep a check for mice damage amongst stored fruit and vegetables and also

amongst autumn sown peas and broad beans and take appropriate action.



It's that time of year again to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Russell Sprout

Farley Hill Methodist Church

The November Lunch Club - the popular Cottage Pie on the menu also celebrated Irene Bartlett's 85th Birthday with a card and roses. Gill Jardine who is going into hospital also received a card and roses.

December has a busy calendar. On 6th Thursday Tina Hayton, Sunday School leader and Ken Cameron lead a party of 31 to the Luton Library Pantomime to boo hiss and cheer their enjoyment at Aladdin. Saturday 8th 12 to 4pm the Lunch Club has two tables at the Community Centre to raise funds for the Children's Christmas Party and Santa's Sack. The party takes place the following day after the annual Carol Service which commences at 3pm. The anticipated Christmas Lunch with all the traditional trimmings - mammoth free raffle Christmas carols with Sheila Lathwell on the piano and lots of fun takes place on Wednesday 12th December 12.30 for 1pm. £3.50

On Christmas Eve, World Wide Church holds its annual candlelight readings and carol service in the Methodist Church 6pm start. Drinks and mince pies to follow.



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Good Neighbour Scheme

For the Parish of Aley Green, Pepperstock,
Slip End, Woodside



What is the Good Neighbour Scheme?

The **Good Neighbour Scheme** (GNS) is a group of unpaid volunteers who give short-term help to the residents of Aley Green, Pepperstock, Slip End and Woodside.

The primary role of **Good Neighbour Scheme** is to give help to those who may be vulnerable due to age or infirmity, have suffered an accident, are undergoing (or recovering from) medical treatment or find themselves in need of assistance, and is available to all our parishioners over the age of 18.

We want to help with things such as:

- lifts to doctors
- hospital appointments
- help with shopping
- filling in forms
- changing light bulbs
- light domestic duties
- watering plants
- popping by for a cup of tea

We have a large group of enthusiastic volunteers from our four villages who are delighted to be involved with our scheme and are looking forward to helping others.

Would you be interested in the scheme?

What services would you use or find useful?

Would you like to join as a volunteer?

Turn over to find out more information

Good Neighbour Scheme

For the Parish of Aley Green, Pepperstock, Slip End, Woodside



Who and What?

Who is able to receive assistance from GNS?

Only residents of the Parish which includes Aley Green, Pepperstock, Slip End and Woodside

There is no restriction on clients as to age, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or nation origin, religion or creed, gender, marital status, sexuality or disability, however due to CRB (criminal records bureau) restrictions we are unable to help anyone under the age of 18

The need must only be occasional

The need must be genuine

The Good Neighbour Scheme is not an emergency service and should not be used as such

The range of services offered may vary depending on the skills, experience and availability of the volunteers at the time

Each request will be considered on it's merits, any response does not create a precedent

The Good Neighbour Scheme reserves the right to decline a request

What services do we provide? (These are not exhaustive and will be dependent on the resources at our disposal)

Shopping

Errands

Prescription collection

Lifts to/from hospitals, clinics, doctors and other appointments

Befriending / sitting with someone

Light household duties around the house and/or garden

Minor indoor repairs/light DIY

Filling in forms and (non legal) letter writing

It is not the Good Neighbour Schemes intention to compete or deprive local trades such as gardeners/handyman/contractors of their livelihood.

In short, the Good Neighbour Scheme would attend to things that a family member might do for a relative.

Good Neighbour Scheme

For the Parish of Aley Green, Pepperstock,
Slip End, Woodside



Service	I might use this	I can offer help with this
Occasional lifts to doctors, hospital, other appointments		
Befriending/emergency pet care/occasional dog-walking		
Form filling/non-legal letter writing		
Occasional help with shopping		
Small household repairs/practical tasks (such as changing a light bulb)		
Collecting prescriptions/pensions		
Other – please specify		

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Address: _____

Please return this survey to any of the contacts overleaf

If you are housebound or unable to return your survey, please call one of the contacts and they will collect it.

Please return your form to:

Aley Green & Woodside:

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6a The Grove , Woodside
Tel: 419487

Pepperstock:

Keith Holme
37 Brickhill Park Homes
Tel: 07969 154 783

Slip End:

Rosemary Wickens
86 Front Street
Tel: 423622

Good Neighbour Scheme

For the Parish of Aley Green, Pepperstock, Slip End, Woodside



We have our committee in place, members are:

Chairman – Simon Patterson

Secretary – Carol Patterson

Treasurer – Carol Beeton

Committee Members - Roger Baker, Kath Cooper, Keith Holme, Carol Middleton and Rosemary Wickens

Ken Crossett and Sarah Minnighan are Parish Council and Community Projects Group representatives who will be available to give help and advice to the Good Neighbour Scheme

Our thanks to the Rev Cathy Pullinger and St Andrew's Church congregation and to David Kingston for their generous donations towards setting up this scheme.

Alojzy ‘Alec’ Studnicki

Neighbours and old friends will be sorry to learn that Alec, who lived with his wife, Mary in Summer Street for many years, died in October aged 86.

Alec was born in Poland near the German border. Forced as a very young man into the German army, he was soon captured by the Allies and then fought for us in the Polish army at Monte Cassino. Coming to England after the war, he got a job with John Laing and moved to Slip End when they got the M1 contract. He continued to work with them on many major contracts in the area for 43 years!

Back at home, with three children Robert, Caroline and Jane, Alec was always busy improving the house in Summer Street, helping with odd jobs around the village, and working in his lovely garden. Later he took on an allotment which he continued to cultivate and enjoy up to five years ago. When his beloved Mary suffered a long illness he gamely took over running the house and visited her daily in hospital.

Alec must have had quite a hard life, and he always pulled more than his weight, helping as he could even in his last days at the nursing home. With ever a cheery word and a twinkle in his eye, that is how we remember him.



DID YOU KNOW

If you were born between September and November, you're more likely to live to 100 than those born at any other time of the year, reports the Journal of Ageing research. One reason for this may be that autumn babies avoid winter infections during the first few months of their life.

Christmastime



What does Christmas
mean to us,
Does it mean a lot of fuss?
Gifts to buy and cards to write,
A Christmas tree with candles bright.
A turkey plump, mince pies to bake;
With outward signs we all partake.
We rush around, no time to pray,
"Oh that can wait another day"
But, stop awhile just think it out
What Christmas day is all about,
The day a tiny child was born,
In stable bare and so forlorn,
The King of Kings who reigns above
Came down to bless us with his love.

By Francis Gay

I have a list of folk I know all written
in a book
And every year at Christmas time I go
and take a look.
And that is when I realise that these
names are a part,
Not of the book they're written in but of
my very heart.
Every year when Christmas comes
I realise anew
The biggest gift life can give is knowing
folk like you.
May the spirit of Christmas that
forever endures
Leave its rich blessings in the hearts
of you and yours. *Anon*

*The Parish News would like to
wish its readers very best wishes
for the festive season.
Enjoy the holidays and
remember, no PN in
January whilst we have a very welcome break.*



Residents Pooh-Pooh the Pool!

Dog Poo – we've all stepped in it at some time in our lives. Some of us are unfortunate enough to then walk it through our houses, leaving a trail of devastation in our wake. It is estimated that the UK dog population (between 6.5 and 7.4 million) produce 1,000 tonnes of excrement per day, according to the dog fouling leaflet on the Keep Britain Tidy website (www.keepbritaintidy.org).

A Parish Council has the authority to make a Dog Control Order and there are five different types of offences for which an order can be made. One is the 'fouling of Land by Dogs Order – Offence of failing to remove dog faeces'. The MAXIMUM fine in a Magistrates Court is £1,000. Ever heard of **Toxocariasis**? It is the infection of humans with the larvae of a genus of roundworms, *Toxocara*, of dogs and cats. It can cause swelling of the liver and, sometimes, damage to the eyes, and NO, there isn't a useful treatment OR cure for it. *Toxocara* eggs are not infectious until they embryonate. This is usually at least 2 – 3 weeks after they have been deposited by a dog. Therefore freshly deposited faeces are not infectious, and you can safely clear up after your dog.

So, please, pick up the poo! – several streets in the parish have succumbed to it lately, and residents are getting fed up with it. It's sometimes not seen until it's too late and the poor unsuspecting parishioner has walked in it, then taking it with them on their shoes to their home, school, car, the playground. We all have to live in and walk round the parish, let's make it more pleasurable to do without having to dodge the poo. **If your dog poos, clear it up.**

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CHRISTMAS FAMILY QUIZ



1. In the song "The Twelve Days Of Christmas", what did my true love give to me on the 12th day?
2. Who wrote the Christmas story, "The Snowman"?
3. What colour is Santa Claus' belt?
4. In the TV show "The Simpsons", who or what is Santa's Little Helper?
5. What is the connection between "Comet", "Cupid" and "Vixen"?
6. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", how many different ghosts visited Scrooge?
7. Which country traditionally provides Britain with a Christmas tree for Trafalgar Square in London?
8. Who were Balthazar, Melchior and Caspar?
9. From the Christmas Carol "Good King Wenceslas", where was Good King Wenceslas the King of ?
10. In which famous Christmas Song is a snowman imagined to be "Parson Brown"?
11. In what year was the first Christmas card produced?
12. Who was crowned King of England on Christmas Day 1066



1 Drummers Drumming
 2 Raymond Briggs
 3 Black
 4 The pet dog
 5 They are all names of Santa's reindeer
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 7 Norway
 8 The Three Wise Men
 9 Bohemia
 10 "Winter Wonderland"
 11 1843
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Pub Pages



Frog and Rhubarb

What a fantastic year this has been for the Frog & Rhubarb. The pub has been awarded highly recommended status by TripAdvisor and achieved a 5/5 food hygiene rating. Paul has also celebrated 10 years as a Fellow of the British Institute of Innkeeping, the highest level of membership, which is reserved for those who excel at providing a fantastic customer experience. To finish such a successful year, the pub has recently been awarded Cask Marque accreditation for the superb quality of its cask beers.

The Wine Tasting evening at the Frog & Rhubarb was a great night enjoyed by all those who took part. As well as selecting from a list of over 20 wines to taste, everyone tucked into a fantastic cheese board.

The Charity Race Night in November raised funds to support those living with cystic fibrosis. The pub was buzzing with excitement as the punters cheered on their horses in the eight races. There were winners and losers on the night but the biggest winner was the



charity which received the £420 raised.

Forthcoming Events @ The Frog:-

You can be guaranteed the very best quality food prepared by the pub's team of chefs on Christmas Day. The five course gala dinner has an amazing choice of dishes including the traditional favourites. Let the whole family have a relaxing day while someone else does the work. Space is very limited so book soon!

On Christmas Eve there will be live music at the Frog & Rhubarb. Start your Christmas celebrations at the pub with music from 'Banned'. Entry is free and this is guaranteed to be a great festive evening of dancing with a few drinks.

New Years Eve will have a real 70's & 80's feel with a disco playing music from these great decades. This is always a fantastic night of fun and tickets sell out so make sure you get yours early. There is a hot supper and drinks included in the ticket, which is amazing value as the tickets are only £10.

Elvis Rivers makes a welcome return to the village on Saturday 26th January. In addition to classic versions of songs by the King Of Rock And Roll, Elvis also performs some of the more modern remixes making for a really entertaining evening. Blast away those January blues with this great night out.

Look out for discount vouchers coming through your door in January!

Up to date information on events and offers can be found on the pubs website www.frogandrhubarb.co.uk

The Rising Sun

Just a few words from Lily about the 175th Anniversary of The Rising Sun.



‘A big thank you from Dave and me to all who came and supported and celebrated with us on this very special occasion, from within the Parish and outside. It’s not very often we get to celebrate a grand old birthday of such an old building in a small village, and we are very proud to be here holding her up!! We were however disappointed that we did not get any support or good wishes from the Parish council during that weekend, after all the Rising Sun is the oldest building in the village and deserves some recognition!!’ (maybe a Blue Plaque)

The Chatty Club is looking forward to their Christmas celebrations and of course the ‘Secret Santa’ gift swap. They meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30pm with lots of food supplied and as much tea or coffee you can drink—all for £2.50 with a free raffle, so if you are looking for something to do in the New Year and are 55+ why not give it a try.

During December The Rising Sun will be busy serving up Christmas dinners to many of our local patrons and to those who live further afield, everyone is most welcome. On Saturday 15th December we have Live Music from the popular Deaf Shepherd band.

On Christmas Eve we are open from 12 noon to midnight—all welcome. On Christmas Day we will be open from 11.30 until 2.30p.m again, all welcome. We will

however be closed in the evening so we can have our Christmas Dinner!! On Boxing Day we open at 12 noon until 10p.m. and then it will be normal opening hours until December 31st when our daytime opening will be from 12 noon until 5p.m. For the evening it will be strictly invitations only.

Any queries just ask at the pub.

Our congratulations go to Christel and John on the safe arrival of baby Paige. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. We look forward to meeting friends, old and new over the festive season.

Social Club

The Social Club will be holding their own special Quiz Night on December 29th, at 8p.m. Tickets are only £2 each and teams no more than 6 please. There will be cash prizes—just what you need after Christmas! If you want any further information check it out at the Social Club or see Lesley Horn.

USED STAMPS

Don't throw away all those used stamps on letters or cards received this Christmas or in the future. Keep them for Charities, which include Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Cut them off with an inch (20mm) border and save until you have a reasonable amount, then post "free" to:-
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St Andrew's Church

Aren't adverts sophisticated these days? I'm not sure if I'm supposed to mention the name of a particular company in the PN, but have you seen the one about the poor lost lonely, cold, bewildered snow man. All he needs is someone to "Give him a little love this Christmas." The little love comes in the form of a woolly hat, scarf and gloves. Oh, if only life were so simple! With all the love we need buyable at the local department store. Still there is a recognition that it's love that we want to give – and probably receive this Christmas. It's the giving of love that we do indeed celebrate at Christmas. The Bible says that Jesus was sent to live on earth because God loved his world so much. How does Jesus bring us God's love, by being born as a baby in Bethlehem? Firstly by giving up his home in heaven he gives up everything for us. Loving means putting others first, thinking about their well being before our own comfort, convenience or security. There tends to be lots of opportunity for that over Christmas, either amongst family or in busy streets! Then, after giving everything up he gives himself to us. He came not to be served but to serve, to give his life as a ransom for us. Jesus was born with the express purpose of dying on our behalf, so that we might be forgiven and reconciled with God our creator. I think forgiveness is still probably the most powerful way of expressing love, and finding a way of reconciliation between friends and relatives would be a wonderful way of giving a little more love this Christmas.

During the Christmas season there is a passage in the Bible that we use as a statement of faith. In Philippians Chapter 2v20 it says: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in the very nature God, did not count equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross! In all this he shows us what his Heavenly

Father is like. Jesus said: He who has seen me has seen the Father. Whenever I have felt unsure of God's love for me I have re-read the Gospels, the accounts of Jesus life, especially in Luke's Gospel. Here we see Jesus healing, feeding, accepting, forgiving, enjoying people's company; this is our Heavenly Father's attitude to us. Jesus gives us a little of God's love? A lot actually - he gave everything for us. He showed us the full extent of his love, by dying for us, but often we are not able to receive very much. Sometimes we are busy looking elsewhere – in department stores for instance! Sometimes we close our hearts – having been hurt it feels to risky to open our hearts to trust or to have faith again. Sometimes we replace love by trying to be right, or by being busy doing good, or enjoying the warmth of tradition or nostalgia. This can happen in either the most religious or atheistic of people. Where we are able to open our hearts a little he will give us as much love as we can receive. That is what we will seek to do at St Andrew's this Christmas and everyone is most welcome to come and join with us at any of our Christmas services.

The more of God's love we have in our hearts the more we will be able to let go of things for the sake of others – material possessions and things like position and security. The more secure we are in the knowledge that we are loved ourselves, the more we will be able to give of ourselves to others – to be real and generous-hearted and compassionate.

The more sure we are that God is a God of love, the more we will be able to share this with others and we will find that we are free to "give a little more love this Christmas."



*Happy Christmas,
Cathy*

Aley Green Methodist Church

Diary dates for December & January

Sunday 2nd Advent 1

- 11.00am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest
11.00am Sunday School

Sunday 9th Advent 2

- 11.00am Morning Service Rev Jenny Spouge
11.00am Sunday School

Tuesday 11th

- 10.00am/12.00 noon 'Cakes & Company'

Charitree Festival

- Friday 14th 5.30pm - 8pm

Saturday 15th 11.00am - 4.00pm

Bacon Butties, Light Lunches Tea Cakes

Sunday 16th 2.00pm - 3.45pm

4.00pm Children's Nativity Service

Tuesday 18th

- 7.30 pm Carol Service by candle light
Offering for Action for Children

Thursday 20th

- 7.00pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull
Followed by a Faith Supper

Sunday 23rd Advent 4

- 11.00am Morning Service Steve Jones
11.00am Sunday School

Tuesday 25th

- 9.30 am Christmas Morning Service
led by Rev Phil Horner

Sunday 30th Church Closed

2013 Sunday 6th Epiphany

- 11.00am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest
11.00am Sunday School

Tuesday 8th

- 10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 13th

- 11.00am Morning Service - Geoff Bocutt
11.00am Sunday School

Tuesday 15th

- 7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 20th

- 11.00am Morning Service Rev Phil Horner
11.00am Sunday School Communion
4.00pm Ecumenical Service Baptist Church

Wednesday 23rd

- 7.30pm Coffee Evening
In aid of Action for Children

Sunday 27th

- 11.00am Morning Service - Roger Owers
11.00am Sunday School

Monday 28th

- 7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

It is once again time to wish you all the Joys of Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful New Year. It seems no time at all since we were celebrating the New Millennium and here we are racing towards 2013! We hope you will pop along to our Charitree Festival, no charge to come in, but you may like to make a donation to one (or more) of the twelve charities we are supporting. Do vote for your favourite tree, the winner will receive £50.00 for the charity. We are grateful to Colin Toten, organiser of The Kensworth Rally and chairman of the Beds & Herts Car Club for his kind sponsorship. Refreshments will be available throughout the Festival. Do join us for our Children Nativity Service which closes the Charitree Festival on Sunday afternoon and the Carol Service, on the following Tuesday. Its lovely to sing all those favourite carols.

Finally a reminder that we have our usual range of homemade preserves and chutneys together with our seasonal specials, they make excellent Christmas gifts we will even gift wrap them !

Merry Christmas from all at Aley Green Methodist Church

Ann Meader

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

December

Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm

Tues 11th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm

14th- 16th Charitree Festival Aley Green Methodist Church

Tues 18th Caddington WI Baptist Hall 7.30pm

Sat 29th Quiz night at Social Club

JANUARY

Mon 7th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm (new start time)

Tues 8th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm

Sun 13th Charisma Celebrations from 1pm with cheese and wine

Tues 15th Caddington W.I. Baptist Hall

Mon 21st Gardening Club AGM Village Hall 8pm

Sat 26th Elvis Rivers at Frog 9pm

FEBRUARY

Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm (new start time)

Tues 12th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm



Wheelite Bins:- Black Bins & glass: Put out on Friday 7 & 21st Dec
Green and Orange Bins: Put out on Friday 14 & 28th Dec
Check Christmas dates with council for bad weather conditions



Don't forget to advertise your events here!

Please contact us with details of events to add to our diary so that everyone in the community can read about what is on in the Parish and hopefully avoid any clash of dates for events!



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