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PARISH NEWS - FEBRUARY 2012**

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## Greetings from Cathy Pullinger

I hope it's not too late to wish you all a very Happy New Year, I hope too that your Christmas celebrations went well, and that, whether busy with lots of relatives, or simple and quiet, you were aware that God was with you in his Son, Emmanuel. We had a very happy time in the Pullinger household, it being our first Christmas with our two new Granddaughters. We also had a wonderful Christmas at Church with so many of the community coming along that we had to get out more seats at a number of services. It was really lovely to see you all and you are most welcome to come along at any time.

We are holding a **new early morning communion service once a month at 8.30am.** (see diary) This will be a "said" service, with no hymns, but with time for prayer and reflection. The talks will all be on prayer this term. We hope that this will enable people who are busy later in the day with work or family to come along to a quiet short service.

We've also started our **Alpha course** with nearly a dozen guests coming along to the Alpha Social. We will be meeting at 7.30pm each Wednesday evening, in a home, starting with a meal and then having a short talk followed by time for discussion. **It is not too late if you would like to come along.** Just email me on vicar@slipend.com or phone 07425 148064 for more details. Many have found it a really helpful means of understanding what Christianity is all about and coming into an experience of God who loves them.

**Talking about love, the most well known date in February is the 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Valentine's Day,** a day when we celebrate love, with meals and cards and gifts. There are many types of love but in the English language we have just the one word to describe them all. In the Greek language, the language the Bible is written in, they have three words. There is philio, eros and agape. Each sort of love is given to us by God and rightly used is immensely valuable, and in fact points to our relationship with God.

**Philio** is brotherly love; it's friendship and companionship. It is a love in which it is safe to share, Jesus offers us this sort of love. He says to his disciples "I no longer call you servants, but friends because everything I have received from the Father I share with you". In the Christian faith we are invited into a friendship with God. Jesus also calls himself, the first among many brethren. Jesus knew God as Father, and as we come to believe and trust in God we become his children too, we have a brotherly relationship with Jesus.

**Eros** is sexual love. In an Anglican marriage service we read the words: *Marriage is a gift of God in creation through which husband and wife may know the grace of God. It is given that as man and woman grow together in love and trust, they shall be united with one another in heart, body and mind, as Christ is united with his bride, the Church. The gift of marriage brings husband and wife together in the delight and tenderness of sexual union.* When sexual union takes place in a union of heart and mind as well as in a loving marriage relationship, then we have the closest union that is possible between two people. The Bible says that it points towards the closeness in our relationship between Christ and his bride the Church. It is a love in which he promises to be completely faithful to us, unchanging in his love towards us, and in which we can give ourselves to him in complete trust and surrender. Our union with Christ can be very deep, he lives in us through his Holy Spirit and we can live in Him, through faith we can experience all the power and faithfulness and hope and joy that Jesus himself experienced.

Last but definitely not least **Agape** is a self giving sort of love that asks nothing in return. It is the sort of self giving love that God shows us when he gives himself to us in his Son. Agape love holds nothing back. When we follow Christ we are called to live out this sort of self giving love in our ordinary lives. The first St. Valentines (apparently there were three of them) all loved like this. They were all Christians living in Rome. It was a dangerous place for Christians to live then and many chose death out of their love for their Lord rather than denying him and worshiping pagan gods or entering into emperor worship. The Valentines all lived with this sort of integrity, so that they chose to give themselves so completely to their Lord, to the truth that they recognised in him that they were martyred for their faith.

Most of us will never be called to express our love in that way, but if we love in an agape way we will love with a sort of self giving, a dying to self, that focuses completely on the well being of the other. It is a rewarding way to live, for we find that we are living within the love of God. Another little Bible verse that we always read at weddings says: *Love comes from God and those who live in love live in God.*

Enjoy St. Valentine's day. Even the most ordinary of loving human relationships has the potential to point towards God's love for us, and our loving response to him, and draw us into that love.

Bless you,

Cathy

## St Andrew's Church Dates for February 2012

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>: 10am: Little Stars "Teasing is unkind"

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Informal Communion "Christ is the image of the invisible God"

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>: 10am: Little Stars "Garth the Giraffe learns not to be silly"

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Without blemish and free from accusation"

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>: 10am: Little Stars "Garth the Giraffe says sorry for being careless"

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Holy Communion "Christ in you, the hope of Glory" (Organ & Singers)

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10am: Little Stars - Ash Wednesday and the story of Lent

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: 7.30pm: Ash Wednesday Communion

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: 8.30am: Said Holy Communion "The call to Repentance"

10.30am: Morning Praise "Noah and the Rainbow" (The Band)

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>: 10am: Little Stars "Jesus in the Wilderness"

## St Andrew's at Christmas

The cover shows Cathy on Christmas day with first granddaughter Anna.

Here, the children are shown at the Nativity service on the Sunday before Christmas. Well done to them all.



## Café Church

On January 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Epiphany at St Andrew's - the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The children searched for gifts around the Church and then unwrapped them. Each table answered a quiz sheet referring to 'Kings' which was very interesting.

The children also made crowns which were judged at the end of the service. They all looked magnificent with Natasha West being chosen as the winner and receiving a box of chocolates for her prize, although as you will see from the picture they all did very well. They were also able to ice and decorate biscuits in the shape of crowns.

An Epiphany party followed after the service with plenty to eat and drink. Many thanks to Julie Taylor and Paula Baird for organising the service.



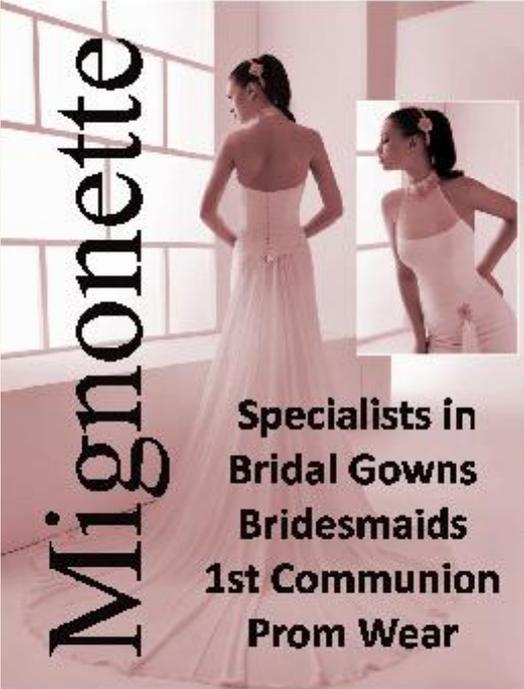
*Sue Briggs*

*The pictures show everyone entering into the spirit of the occasion!*



*Icing biscuits  
and completing quiz sheets*





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## **Caddington WI**

First of all the Committee and I wish you a very Happy 2012.

Dunstable Choir entertained us in December with wonderful songs and cheer. Later we had tea and cakes. Our Christmas show, together with other Groups, was a very good evening with a lot of fun. At our December Christmas evening we all brought food and drink and games were played. We spent the evening playing games and a quiz, whilst enjoying a happy Christmas atmosphere. Gifts were given and our cards also went into the postbox. Thanks to members and the committee for making this a successful evening.

Our first meeting for the new year was very successful. Lorna Kalisz came along and talked to us about Caddington Care and their mobility exercises. We all sat in a circle and did chair exercises with her. It was such fun, with ladies holding latex bands and pulling them up and down, backwards and forwards,

left and right. I think we forgot about the purpose of the exercises - we just had a great time joining in. Sue Martin then went through the Resolutions for the W.I and a discussion took place. Many of our members asked questions and a vote was taken. These results will be finalised at our AGM in May at the Royal Albert Hall.

Our darts team is doing very well. A big cheer went up, particularly as one of our new members, Lou Cobb, helped us win the game.

Our meeting in February is on the 21st when we will be having an Easter Cookery Demonstration. The March meeting is on Tuesday 20th.

Do come and join us for some fun and entertainment. You will be very welcome. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at the Baptist Hall, Dunstable Road.



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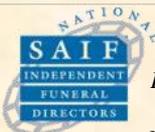
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## Community Projects Group

All Parish Residents are welcome at the regular meetings and 15 members turned out on a raw December evening. Following publication of the 'Parish Plan', this was the first 'working' meeting. Paul Cooper is stepping down as Chairman, having led the group since its inception two or three years back. While this vacancy waits to be filled, Paul was standing in as acting Chairman.

**Finance:** The CPG has £18K in the bank for grants and to finance new projects emerging from the Parish Plan. Funds raised from Village Day 2012 and other sources will add to that amount. Many such groups have benefited from grants over the years and so, if your club or group needs some financial help, consider applying. Sarah Minnighan advised that letters have gone out to groups, to be returned to her by 31st January 2012 ready for discussion at the February meeting.

**Projects Group Manager:** The CPG is considering making an appointment. Workload is such that this may be a paid post, which will need consideration in terms of job description, appraisals, training, etc.

**Bus services:** There have been recent concerns, particularly from Pepperstock, about Grant Palmer's withdrawal at the end of 2011. Central Beds Council put the contract out to tender and good news is that Centrebus will run routes 202 and 231. Concerns remain for Pepperstock residents who take the Saturday bus to Dunstable with no return other than via Luton. Margaret Jackson from Pepperstock has been persistent with Paul Dodge at Central Beds, suggesting that the Saturday return schedule should include a stop at Pepperstock by request. The council is reviewing the situation. CPG hope that a satisfactory arrangement will be put in place.

**Village Day 21st July:** At this stage plans need to be made for marquees, catering, sideshows, music, attractions etc. Sarah is already busy - watch this space!

**Parish Plan:** This edition of PN represents a significant step forward for the Plan. From April 2012, plans are that a new, free, all-colour PN will be circulated throughout the Parish. Costs will be met from three sources: the CPG, the Parish Council and advertising. The PN team is preparing for this major step, not least with a scheme to ensure copies will be promptly delivered each month.

**Good Neighbour Scheme:** Parish Plan response showed that 32 parishioners wanted a scheme so the CPG plans to appoint a committee to look after this important move, drawing upon recent Caddington experience.

**Christmas Biscuits:** These were delivered around the Parish by CPG members and many thanks from the over-65's for these gifts have been received. The list is probably not perfect, needing constant updates. If you have lived in the Parish for over 5 years and over 65 but did not receive a gift last time, contact Sarah : s.minnighan@btinternet.com or 07868 742904. *The CPG is grateful to Airparks, Slip End Garage, J & P Scaffolding, The Small Job Company, Furniture Medic, McFarland's Park Homes, Neville Funeral Services, Stoten Gillam, Peter Burton & High Elms Tree Surgery for their generosity.*

**'Twinning':** When our Parish was 'part of Caddington' we were twinned with Oststeinbek in Germany. In Slip End we may wish to look into twinning, which could come under the Projects Group Manager role.

The CPG meets monthly second Tuesdays at the Social Club. Everyone welcome !



## PARISH NEWS IN COLOUR

We hope you like it.

This issue is a trial copy—see the previous page for some more details. We hope to make more use of the ability to include more colour in our pages!

Let us know what you think.

### The Village Hall AGM

Slip End Village Hall Management Committee is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

### Gritter

The Snow EX-1875 gritting machine (shown out and about below) should help the residents of Caddington and Slip End parishes.

The two Parishes have joined together to purchase one of these for use, in addition to the council gritters that clear main roads, to help clear some of the smaller roads and keep the traffic moving safely in icy or snowy conditions.



*To keep track of latest local issues, events, etc., visit .....*

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*Our website contains lots of information covering all activities and groups in the Parish. Web mistress Sarah Minnighan & Webmaster Peter King have been working hard to update information and improve presentation.*

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*The Chatty Club Christmas lunch at the Rising Sun*

## Memories of Christmas



*Aley Green Nativity Festival had trees with themed decorations and a collection of different types of Nativity scenes, including an edible one made from Gingerbread!*



*Christmas Fairs all around at  
Village Hall and School  
Gill Plummer's lovely knitted dolls and some  
yummy cakes*

*The Slip End Line Dancers enjoy  
Christmas lunch at the Plough*





**OOPS!**

Now you see it.... now you don't!

**PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE IN WINTER!  
BEWARE, ICY ROADS CAN BE  
DANGEROUS!**





Well done to all involved in the fund raising events at the Rising Sun in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. As you can see, a superb sum was raised

The picture above was taken at the presentation evening.

Winter climate - frosty weather in Slip End

Sad sight—the economic climate has a lot to answer for! The Harrow Inn became Ruchi and now that is closed too —what next?



## Gardeners Special

This promises to be an interesting year in the garden. As I start writing I notice roses in bloom and clematis in flower in my garden, the lawn also could do with a light mowing! Definitely not the norm but nature will sort



itself out during the coming months I have no doubt.

If the lawn is becoming wet and boggy aerate with a fork to help drainage and scarify towards the end of the month to remove dead grass and thatch if conditions are dry enough.

Check Dahlias in store, cut away any rotted sections of tubers and if they are shrivelled plunge them into tepid water for 10-12 hours. Take cuttings of Chrysanthemums that have been over-wintered in the greenhouse or cold frame as soon as the new shoots are big enough. Stools that have been left in the ground will benefit from pushing a fork into the ground around the plant to stop rotting and clear away any weeds or debris that have accumulated.

Any alpine plants that have been loosened by frost should be firmed into place and weeded, scatter slug pellets in mild conditions amongst plants.

If you plan to plant tomatoes in a cool greenhouse in April now is the time to sow seeds in a propagator or indoors on a windowsill and pot them on when they are about 2" high. Early peas and broad beans can be planted in the soil towards the end of the month if it is dry. Shallots can also be planted this month and just cover them with soil to stop birds from pulling them out of the ground.

Early potatoes can be arranged in boxes or seed trays with the eyes uppermost in a light frost-free shed, greenhouse or cool bedroom to sprout into growth for an early crop.

Prune autumn fruiting raspberries close to the ground by the end of the month. Parsley can be

sown outdoors if dry and not too cold for a first crop. Mint can be propagated now by digging up the runners just below the surface, separate them from the main plant, cut into lengths of approximately 6" long and plant. Mint is best planted in a container to stop it spreading everywhere.

If you have a soil testing kit this is a good time to test to see if lime, nitrogen or potash is required to balance the soil. This is quite easy to do, just follow the instructions that come with the kit, you don't have to be a scientist. Clear away any dead plant material and keep on top of weeds as they start into growth.

Hopefully the weather will sort itself out and we will have another fruitful year in the garden or allotment.

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## Tennis Club Quiz Night

The Quiz Night held on Sat 26 Nov. was well supported and the 12 Teams present helped raise £350 towards the recent floodlights installation.

With the hall full, there was plenty of banter and hubbub throughout the evening. Once again an interesting and varied quiz, which taxed the brains of those attending, was prepared and presented by Peter Smith, ably assisted by his wife Margaret. Thank you both.

A welcome midway break supper of fish or chicken and chips helped the teams recuperate for the second half.

The Quiz was a very close run thing, with several teams in with a chance of winning until the last round. Congratulations to the winning team from Dunstable, who won by one point. Each team member received a bottle of wine. The members of the local team, which came last, were each given a Saturday lottery ticket, on the understanding that a donation would be made to the Tennis Club if anybody won. Nothing has been heard to date!!!

Thank you to everybody who supported the event, donated a raffle prize, or purchased raffle tickets.

See you at the next Quiz.

*Steve Lyons*

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### Slip End Police Report

The report was sent to the Parish council by email. The crime report is shown below:-

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29/11/2011 01/12/2011- THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE  
16/12/2011 19/12/2011- THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE  
19/12/2011 19/12/2011- COMMON ASSAULT  
21/12/2011 23/12/2011 THEFT

27/12/2011 28/12/2011 -THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE | Final Incident Class Street ASB U & L.

12/12/2011 Anti-Social Behaviour - Environmental Timberlands Caravan Site  
12/12/2011 Anti-Social Behaviour - Personal Timberlands Caravan Site  
13/12/2011 Anti-Social Behaviour - Nuisance Ross Way

### News from the team

There has been a rise in the number of vehicles being targeted by thieves, particularly in the rural areas. These thefts are mostly opportunist thefts and are easily prevented by not leaving high value items on show in vehicles and locking the car when left unattended.

Any signs of a break into vehicles, houses or any outbuildings including marks on doors or window frames needs to reported to the Police so adequate patrols can be carried out and can be labelled as attempted break-ins giving us a true picture of crime in each area.

Our new Non Emergency phone number is **101**, Text messages can be sent to **07786200011** and in an Emergency always call **999**.

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Residents may have noticed that the speed trap vans have been spotted on Church Road in Slip End several times recently. I suspect some motorists have become complacent since the vans used to sit on Markyate Road near the garage. Once they see nothing there some cars speed up again as they head downhill out of the village, so it will be interesting to see the effect of the latest move.



# **Caddington & Slip End Parish Council's Working in Partnership ad hoc gritting of local roads Statement of purpose**

The Local Councils serving the Parishes of Caddington and Slip End have a long history of working together and recently submitted a successful bid to CLG for "front runner status" in the Neighbourhood Plan process under the provisions of the Localism and Decentralisation Bill.

1. The two Parish Councils have formed the Caddington & Slip End Action Zone (known as the Action Zone) which has the express purpose of providing and enabling additional services to local communities. One such additional service identified within the Action Zone is ad hoc gritting of local roads not covered by the Local Authority (Central Bedfordshire) during winter months. The Action Zone has reached agreement with the Local Authority to provide additional, ad hoc gritting on the highway network which is explicitly designed not to be compliant with the published Winter Service Maintenance Plan (WSMP).

2. The purpose of this paper is, as a general statement of intent, to lay out how the Action Zone will provide additional road gritting on the local roads network.

3. The Action Zone's gritting service will provide, through either mechanical or by other means, an additional ad hoc service which is intended to augment the more formal WSMP which is provided by the Local Authority or its agents.

4. The local road network not covered by the Local Authority has been identified and the Action Zone will use its discretion (subject to available resources) to apply road grit in a less formal and ad hoc manner to facilitate easier movement of people and vehicles locally during winter months.

5. Road salt, to a similar specification to the Local Authorities own road salt, will be applied using volunteers who will be appropriately insured and covered by liability insurance.

6. The Action Zone explicitly does not wish to provide a service that is compliant with the WSMP and sees the additional gritting service as an ad hoc complementary service to that provided by the Local Authority.

7. The Action Zone will use a range of methods to communicate the service to local communities and ensure that information is widely available within the locality. Priority areas will be identified by the Action Zone and these priority areas will be kept under constant review to ensure that the limited capacity and capability are used most effectively.

8. The Action Zone will ensure that at all times this additional ad hoc service will be provided in a professional and responsible manner and in accordance with the agreement reached with Central Bedfordshire Council.

9. Contact details for the Action Zone are available through the relevant Parish web sites and on Parish notice boards.

Dated 9 December

2011 Slip End & Caddington Parishes Action Zone can be contacted through the two Parish Clerks: Peter Segal Slip End at 01582 526594 and Lesley Jeffs at Caddington 01582 411657.

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## **Aley Green Methodist Church**

### **Services and Diary dates for February**

#### **Sunday 5th**

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

#### **Tuesday 7th**

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

#### **Wednesday 8th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening  
in aid of  
Leaders of Worship & Preachers Trust

#### **Sunday 12th**

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Phil Horner  
11.00am Sunday School

#### **Tuesday 14th**

10.00am/12.00 noon Cakes & Company

#### **Sunday 19th**

11.00am All Age Sunday School

#### **Tuesday 21st**

10.00am/12.00p noon Pancakes & Company

#### **Sunday 26th**

11.00am Morning Service - Steve Jones  
11.00am Sunday School

#### **Monday 27th**

Ecumenical Lent Study 1  
led by Mike Bull

#### **Thursday 1st March**

St. David's Day 3 course meal  
In aid of Action for Children

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A very BIG thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas services and Nativity Festival. With no snow to thwart us, we were able to welcome so many more people than the past two years when you just couldn't get to us! The Children's Nativity service went very well, an excellent performance to a packed church. The offering from the service and the Nativity Festival raised £485.36 and was divided between Luton's two homeless

charities, NOAH (New Opportunities and Horizons) and LAMP (Luton Accommodation & Move on Project). We were also able to send a car boot full of Christmas gifts, (selected from their 'wish list') to Lamp, these included socks, hats, hot water bottles, pyjamas, etc. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts they were greatly appreciated.

My talk to a ladies club entitled 'From Plot to Pot' raised £70.00 for Keech Hospice Care and Barbara's Christmas Cake raffle raised £77.00 for Methodist Homes for the Aged. The winner was at our Carol service so was able to take the cake home! Donations to the Aley Green Christmas card totalled £68.50 for the Bible Society. Offerings from the Carol Service were £135.47 for Action for Children and Christmas morning £83.00 for NOAH.

*God has no hands but ours to help his people*

*God has no money but ours to help his people*

This is our third year of Cakes and Company on the second Tuesday monthly and it is a great privilege to welcome folk of all ages to share a complimentary cup of tea or coffee and a chat with us. As always our book shelves are full of good reads and a selection of home baking and preserves are for sale. There is also a safe warm play area for the children. This month's Cakes and Company falls in half term so we hope some young families will pop in to see us and use the facility.

As we go into the season of Lent we invite you to Pancakes and Company on Shrove Tuesday 21st February. All money raised will go to LAMP.

Starting on Monday 27th at 7.30pm, Mike Bull invites *you* to join our five week ecumenical Lent study. This is a time for all of us to prepare for Good Friday and Easter Sunday through prayer, thought and fellowship.

There's always a warm welcome, come and see. Yours in Christ,

*Ann Meader*

## RAGS Walk – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Once again we have to thank Yvonne and Alan for arranging a wonderful walk and lunch out. After the wind and heavy showers of the last week, we were blessed with a fine sunny morning for the walk. Starting off at the Farmers Boy in Kensworth, we headed through the village towards the A5 and then across the fields. We circled back and then walked up the road to Church End and admired their lovely little church which was bathed in sunlight against a post card blue sky. Back on the footpaths we discovered the stunning curving valley between Church End and Kensworth before picking up the road back to the pub for lunch.

There were 16 of us on two legs and a small black dog belonging to Anne. However our token young person, Elora seemed to spend most of the walk looking after him. Elora al-

ways comes on the walks, but it would be nice to have a few more youngsters along.

A good 4 mile walk after the general feasting over the Christmas and New Year period was needed to counter the increasing waistline. Unfortunately for the diet, the Farmers Boy (where we were joined by 7 non walkers) provided a very decent lunch which balanced out the walk!

*Mervyn Wilson.*



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**Housing** – what is needed and where? We all know that a thriving village cannot stand still as we need to meet the needs of our changing community – young and old alike.

**Leisure, shopping and health provision** - what additional facilities are required?

**Public transport and roads** - what new infrastructure should we have?

What aspects of **our environment** are important to us?

Where and how can we sustain and create **employment**?

The Plan will be designed locally and a Steering Group representing both Parishes has been set up. The Group will be assisted by Central Bedfordshire Council and, after conducting research and undertaking public consultation, will produce a draft plan. Then a referendum will be held and provided there is majority support across the Parishes, the Plan will carry legal weight in planning matters.

**Your involvement in this process is vital. In the Spring, there will be a series of communications and public meetings for you to voice your views.**

This is just to let you know what is underway. In the meantime, if you want to play a part in the Plan, the Parish Councils would be delighted to hear from you, especially if you have experience in planning, conservation, development or other related matters. Please contact Kevin Collins on 01582 456407 or at [plan@case4mail.org.uk](mailto:plan@case4mail.org.uk)

## OPEN GARDENS 2012

Slip End hosted its fifth Open Gardens' day in July 2010. Once again, this proved to be a very popular event and was enjoyed by over 100 visitors. We are now planning for the 2012 event on **Saturday 23 June 2012**. Put the date in your diary now!!



We are already looking for some new gardens, big or small and would emphasise that it is not a competition. Your garden does not have to be anything special; we just want you to be enthusiastic about it. You would be surprised how many visitors pick up ideas and tips from most gardens.



If you live in the Parish and would be interested in opening your garden,

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I would like to 'open my garden' on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012

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## Farley Hill Methodist Church

Farley Hill Methodists enjoyed a lively and busy Christmas. The Carol Service led by Rev Julie Bradshaw raised just on £100.00 in the collection bags and this sum was forwarded to Keech Hospice. The Service was followed by the annual mini panto 'Santa's Coat' with the evil Prince Nasty (Ken Cameron) trying to get his hands on the coat to qualify for all the food and presents at Christmas. He was caught in the nick of time and banished to Siberia but not before the traditional trifle was delivered to his face enthusiastically by Good Queen Fairy (Tina Hayton). Ample food followed and the afternoon ended with Santa arriving with two sacks of goodies.

The annual Church Christmas lunch at The Cricketers, Caddington, organised by Gill Jardine was a delightful success and well attended.

The January Lunch Club had a Robert Burns theme with haggis and neeps as the starter.

Ken addressed the Haggis and said the Selkirk Grace later reading a Burns poem to 'A Lady'. The February lunch is on Wednesday 8th 12.30 for 1pm the menu is chicken supreme with rice and a sweet, all for £3.00 - the theme is St Valentine's Day.



**50th Anniversary!** This is now the 50th year in the history of FHM in North Drift Way and many special events will be held, the first being an invitation Fish & Chip Quiz on Saturday 17th March. FHM is looking for former attendees and people who have married or been christened in the church to make contact. A special function is arranged for May. Please contact Ken Cameron, details as follows:-

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*Ken Cameron*



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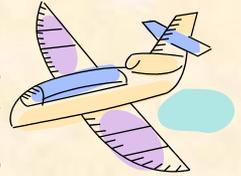
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## Youth Exchange Trip



I hope that everybody had a lovely Christmas, and the start to 2012 has been good.

We had a fund raising Cake Stall outside the Co-Op in November where we raised £73.40 - thank you to all who organised or



helped on the day and contributed yummy cakes. We are looking to do this type of fundraising again but in warmer weather.

Do you have a little spare time and would be interested in being our Treasurer? Please contact me for more information, thank you.

The Youth Exchange is looking for youngsters between the ages of 11 and 17 for the return trip this summer. The flight cost is about £100.00 at this moment, and the youngsters will want to take some spending money too. They stay in German homes in the village of Oststeinbek, taking part in everyday family life.

My counterpart in Germany and I are looking at the dates from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. If anyone is interested in taking part, please contact me at:-

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*Kay McIlroy*

Kay spoke to the CPG at a recent meeting, looking for more support within the Parish. (Ed)



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# Pub Pages



## The Plough

Doug, Melissa & Staff at The Plough, hope you all had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish you a Very Happy New Year. Hope to see you soon.

Celebrations! We would like to wish our bar staff - Charlotte a very Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday and Cindy a Happy Birthday!!

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## Frog and Rhubarb

What a fantastic month December was at the Frog & Rhubarb. Hundreds of friends, family & colleagues enjoyed a Christmas meal at the

pub and many more popped in for a celebratory drink. Among those celebrating at the pub were members of the Friendship Club (see picture). They had a fantastic three-course lunch with a huge discount on the bill. St Andrew's Church had a Christmas meal at the pub that raised £100 towards the upkeep of the church.

Christmas Eve was celebrated with a £2.50 a drink night, which was hugely successful. On Christmas Day, the dining area was buzzing with people enjoying the big day without the hassle of cooking or washing up. More than 100 people saw in 2012 at the Frog enjoying a disco and drinks costing just £2.50.

After working so hard throughout December, the staff at the Frog & Rhubarb let down their hair at the beginning of January. The pub was closed for a night to make time for the annual staff Christmas Party. It was a fantastic night with a free bar, massive Indian meal and a few drunken games of Pictionary.

## Forthcoming Events @ The Frog

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is Valentines Day. Treat your loved one to a meal at the Frog & Rhubarb and receive a free glass of Bubbly with a main meal.

Love pancakes but don't want the hassle of making them? Then pop along to the Frog & Rhubarb on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the pub is giving free pancakes to everyone ordering a main course meal.

Mothers' Day is on Sunday 18th March and there is a free glass of Bubbly for all Mums ordering a main course meal at the Frog. The pub is always fully booked on this day so make sure you book your table early to avoid disappointment.

There are currently discount vouchers available to download at [www.frogandrhubarb.co.uk](http://www.frogandrhubarb.co.uk)



## Local Darts



Katrina reports that a match (Markyate & District darts league) was held at The Plough who were playing The Rising Sun B. The Plough won 7-2 although some games were very close! The Rising Sun B still remain bottom of the league even after some well fought games ! A lovely evening was had by all and everyone enjoyed the food provided..

## Rising Sun

It was a busy Christmas at the Rising Sun. The Chatty Club held their Christmas Lunch there and are shown enjoying themselves, in the picture elsewhere in the magazine.



The picture below left, shows Lily with some of the presents that members gave her.

The Chatty Club meets regularly on Tuesdays in the pub at 2:30pm to chat about local issues, have occasional visiting speakers and share food and drinks together all for £2.50.

Other regular activities include Darts on Thursdays (there are two teams) and Dominoes on Mondays at 8:30pm. They are always looking for extra dominoes players.

**Sat 25th Feb** - Live music by Banned

from 8.00pm til late. All welcome.

Congratulations to Lily's son Jonathan and partner Charlotte, on the birth of a daughter Lily Grace, weighing in at 6lb 12oz, on Friday 13th January.



**NOTE** All our local pubs and the social club have events for special occasions and for charity. See their adverts or go in and read their notice boards if you want to know more.

We are well supplied with local establishments that serve food and drink of all varieties—why not try them. Send us a review and we'll publish it on our pub pages!

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| Tuesday   | Mini Chefs                                                                                | 10:00 - 11:00                        | Heathfield Lower Caddington    | 3 Week courses - <b>call to book</b><br>for children aged 2-5 years          |
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| Wednesday | No Children's Centre Worker at Centre - for enquiries or advice please phone 01525 384368 |                                      |                                |                                                                              |
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|           | Baby Massage                                                                              | 1:30 - 2:30                          | Bluebells Children's Centre    | 4 Week courses - <b>call to book</b><br>for babies who are not yet mobile    |
| Friday    | Dinky Dancers                                                                             | 9:45 - 10:30                         | Collings-Wells Hall Caddington | Weekly<br>for children aged 2-5 years                                        |

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The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found 'online.'  
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'  
My Grandpa you should see, Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' him  
And send him back to me.



## Ladies from the Garage



A certain person from Slip End Garage (who prefers to remain nameless....) has sent us this lovely photo!

He says... "The girls in admin are probably going to do nasty things to me for sending this, but I thought you just might appreciate this picture of them."

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Joking apart, the photo is of two extremely helpful and friendly ladies, as anyone who has business at the garage will well know! (Ed)

## Lets Talk Central

Residents can find out more about council services thanks to the launch of Central Bedfordshire Council Updates.

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### *February*

*Tues 14th CPG meeting 7:30pm Social Club*

*Tues 14th Valentines Day - Celebrate at the local pubs!*

*Tues 21st Pancakes and Company - 10:00 - 12:00 Aley Green Methodist Church*

*Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at the Frog & Rhubarb*

*Caddington WI 7:30 Baptist Hall, Caddington*

*Sat 25th Live Music by Banned 8pm Rising Sun*

### *March*

*Mon 12th Slip End Village Hall Committee AGM - 7:30 pm at Village Hall*

*Tues 15th CPG meeting 7:30pm Social Club*

*Sun 18th Mothering Sunday—Treat Mum to a meal in one of the local pubs!*

*Tues 20th Caddington WI 7:30 Baptist Hall, Caddington*

### *June*

*Sat 23rd Parish Open Gardens Day*

### *July*

*Sat 21st Village Day*

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

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