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Editors' Notes

This month is a full issue, with the Annual Report from the Parish Council as well as updates and reports from many other organisations. Don't forget the **next issue is September not August!**

We hope you enjoy the collections of photos and comments about the Jubilee celebrations that took place around the area, despite the rain and cold! As you can see, all ages participated! Pictures here are from Claydown Way, the Church Parade and the indoor "Street Party" at the Peter Edwards Hall, organised by the church and attended by many people from the village community. More photos can be found on other pages of this issue.

There are plenty of events coming up, including the Village Day at the Playing Fields. You'll find a timetable for this inside so you can plan your day. Can we order sunshine for this event please!



PARISH COUNCIL
of ALEY GREEN PEPPERSTOCK SLIP END & WOODSIDE

Annual Report 2011-12

The Parish Council's key aim is to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Parish, from our youngest to our oldest residents. This report sets out to describe the work of the Council over the last twelve months towards achieving that objective.

Background

The Parish Councillors during the year were: Steve Baird, Paul Cooper (Vice Chairman), Janet Crawley, Ken Crossett (Chairman), Steve Fuell, Keith Holme and Sarah Minnighan. In February, Janet retired to concentrate her time with the Community Projects Group. Members joined me in thanking Janet for all her work with the Council.

During the year we were supported by the Parish Clerk, Peter Segal. The Council very much appreciates the hard work and support Peter has given.

The principal organisations that have helped are: various officers of Central Bedfordshire District Council, Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity, Parish News, Country Gardens, and the Police. The Council is also grateful to our Ward Councillors, Richard Stay and Ruth Gammons, for their assistance and to a number of residents who have provided their time and specialist knowledge, including, Don Burford, Andy and Debbie Prothero, Tomi Moronkola, Mike Sanders and Mike Wager.

Roads

Throughout the year, Cllr Fuell has continued to work closely with Central Beds Highways Department to ensure the roads are kept to a high standard. A close watch has been kept for the formation of potholes to ensure they are reported swiftly for repair once the hole had reached the prescribed depth. The roads which have been of particular concern are, Woodside Road, Summer Street and New Street.

Footpaths

The Council is grateful to Don Burford who continues to provide a monthly report on the condition of our local public footpaths. The report is helpful with the Parish Council's petitioning of Central Beds Council to ensure footpaths remain accessible and clearly marked.

Drainage

Work has been undertaken to ease the problems in Grove Road and it is understood further work will be carried out later this year to complete the project. Central Bedfordshire Council has allocated £12000 out of its 2012 – 2013 budget for the work.

Street Lighting

Discussions have continued throughout the year with both Central Beds and Luton Borough Councils to transfer the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the lights under the bridge in Church Road and at its junction with Newlands Road from the Highways Agency. It would appear Central Bedfordshire Council has now taken responsibility for all the lights under the bridge and at the Newlands Road junction. The position will be monitored at regular intervals by both the Council and a resident, Mike Wager. It would appear there are problems

with the power supply to the lights and it is hoped that as there are now just two agencies dealing with this, a resolution will be found sometime in the near future. The position continues to be monitored.

Aley Green Cemetery

The Management Committee comprises two Councillors from this Parish, which holds the Chair, and from the Parishes of Caddington and Markyate. The Council contributes £991 per year towards the upkeep of the cemetery. Following last year's election, Cllr Baird agreed to be one of the Councillors representing this Parish at the Joint Committee meetings.

The day to day management of the Cemetery is undertaken by the Clerk Peter Segal, Caretaker John Holmes and the team from Country Gardens. It is well maintained and its appearance is often favourably commented on by visitors.

Features and Gardens

The Rossway garden feature, Coronation Gardens, Crawley Play Ground and the lawn in front of the bungalows in Crawley Close and the gardens of St Andrew's Church have been maintained by the Protheros of Country Gardens for the Council. The Council appreciates the hard work and dedication Andy & Debbie Prothero put in to keep these areas and other parts of the Parish in good condition.

Policing

Last year the Safer Neighbourhood Police Team was restructured so that we are now patrolled by a team of twenty officers who cover a wider area rather than just our original PC and two PCSO's. Nevertheless the relationship with the Police remains good. As part of the restructure we no longer have regular visits by the police to our monthly Parish Council meetings but they are responsive to our general requests.

In October last year Cllr Fuell organised a "Safe at Home Day" exhibition which was held in the Village Hall. The Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and representatives from MANPAD, the police squad responsible for some aspects of anti-terrorism at the Airport, attended.

The exhibition was successful with over seventy residents visiting. As a result, Cllr Fuell has restarted the Slip End Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Community

The Council has continued to give its full support to the Community Projects Group which it set up three years ago. Cllrs Cooper and Minnighan have given a lot of their time to ensure the continued success of the Group throughout the year.

In some activities the Projects Group is able to do more for the community in obtaining grants than the Council which is often restricted and excluded from making applications. The Council is also grateful to the many residents who make up the group and for the time they have given.

Finance

The Council's financial base remained strong and continued to operate within budget under the control of Cllr Holme. This Council continued with its policy, adopted two years ago, of reducing the General Reserve to £15000 over a three year period.

The income received in Council Tax was £38,964 for 2011/12. At the end of the last financial year, £25000 was carried forward and earmarked for expenditure on capital projects identified

in the Parish Plan.

The Council's expenditure for 2011/12:

Administration including staff costs	£ 16247.66
Highways & Amenity Areas	£ 4489.29
Crawley Playground	£ 1959.70
Subscriptions	£ 466.00
Aley Green Cemetery	£ 991.00
Crime Prevention & Speeding Enforcement	£ 17.50
Community Projects Group	£ 8600.00
Total	£ 32771.15

N.B these are estimated figures to give an indication of expenditure and will be confirmed on completion of the accounts.

The Parish Council transferred its responsibilities towards awarding grants to local organisations and providing Christmas presents for our senior residents to the Community Projects Group.

Parish Website

The web site continues to be managed by Cllr Minnighan and the webmaster Peter King. It is important that it is kept up to date and so there is a responsibility for all of us involved in clubs, organisations and the Council to ensure pages are relevant and reviewed regularly.

It is proving a useful tool for passing on information quickly. For example, there was little notice of the consultations relating to the two Luton Airport expansion plans. When these came to light Cllr Minnighan was able to put important information on the front page. May I suggest for those using the internet that they make www.slipend.co.uk their home page.

District Councillors

Cllrs Gammons and Stay attend most of our monthly meetings in which they report on news and items of interest from Central Beds Council. Their slot gives Parish Councillors an opportunity to ask questions and put forward requests for assistance. Both Councillors are receptive to new ideas and have been very supportive to the Parish particularly with the new initiatives.

Airport Expansion

Two major and competing expansion plans were announced in the last few months. Together with Councillor Stay, the Parish Council arranged a public meeting to inform residents of the proposals. A meeting was held with the Managing Director of the Airport and a full description given of the concerns and likely impact expansion will have on residents.

Correspondence in connection with consultation on the two expansion plans is on the website and it is hoped that any planning application will take into account the views expressed.

New Initiatives

So far this report has commented on the day to day workings of the Parish Council, however, the bulk of the Council's work over the last twelve months has been devoted to a number of new initiatives and I report on those as follows:

Parish Plan

Parish News

Cllr Cooper carried out a review of the results of the Parish Questionnaire and discovered that a free global edition of Parish News delivered every month to every house in the Parish would satisfy, or go a long way towards achieving, 18 of the 39 action points. It was also felt that with the amount and range of issues affecting residents there was a greater need to keep everyone informed and give people an opportunity to have their say.

As a result it was decided that 10 colour editions per year of PN would be produced, funded by the Parish Council, The Community Projects Group and advertising revenue. So far two global editions have been produced and the feedback from residents is that it has been well received.

The work to 'go global' was carried out by the Parish News Committee together with active involvement from Cllr Cooper. On behalf of the Parish I would like to thank Cllr Cooper, the Editors and Committee for the work they put in to achieve such a high standard magazine. I would also like to thank all the volunteer distributors who have delivered PN over the years. The delivery is such a large task now it is being delivered by a local company.

Road Safety & Traffic

The principal concerns residents have relate to speeding, parking and the need for a crossing in Church Road at the playing fields junction. Cllr Fuell has devoted a lot of time to see what can be done and has had discussions with various Central Beds Council Departments.

Cllr Fuell is making enquiries about the possible installation of speed cushions to slow traffic, introducing parking restrictions with the associated enforcement and introducing a volunteer led speed watch scheme which the Police have only recently approved. He is also looking at the cost of various speed deterrent devices.

As you can imagine all of this comes at a cost and will not be covered by the Council's £25000 budget. Once Cllr Fuell has gathered all the information including costings and the legal steps that have to be taken, a priority list will be drawn up. Sadly, all of this takes time.

Gritter

At the end of last year the Parish Council joined with Caddington Council to buy a gritter with a view to keeping the side roads passable during periods of snow. As far as we know it is the first time a Parish Council has undertaken such a venture.

The assistance given by Cllr Stay of Central Beds Council was invaluable in getting this project off the ground. It took two years to sort out the legalities and negotiate a completely new insurance policy.

Community Payback Scheme

The Parish used this scheme for the first time. Work carried out included litter picking, siding out of pavements and the cutting back of verges and overhangs.

The scheme was successful and it is hoped that visits from the probation service can be made on a six monthly basis.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council decided to take advantage of this provision within the Localism Bill. It decided to work with Caddington Council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to cover both

Parishes. A successful application was made to the Department of Communities and Local Government for us to be awarded front runner status. This was granted as we are the first Parishes to work on a joint plan and Central Bedfordshire Council was awarded a £20,000 grant to assist with the project and associated referendum. The production of the plan will come at a cost for both Parishes and we have made a provisional estimate of £20,000. The cost is split - approximately two thirds will be borne by Caddington and one third by ourselves.

The legislation and ability for communities to produce a Neighbourhood Plan came out after we had embarked on the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan provided a valuable insight into what residents wish to see. The Neighbourhood plan is much wider in scope with the significant difference that residents will have an opportunity to express their view in a referendum. If it is accepted by residents the Neighbourhood Plan will be written into law. This is vitally important for us for it enables the community to say what development it wants to see over the next ten to fifteen years as well as leisure provision, what business, roads and traffic and health provision should be made.

To help the Parish Councils a joint steering group made up of residents and Councillors from this Parish and Caddington was set up. During the remainder of this year the steering committee will be consulting widely with residents. To help with this task, the steering group contacted the Prince's Foundation, which has wide experience of running community consultation events and because of the unique position we find ourselves in have agreed to help. Cllr Holme, myself and Slip End residents Carol Beeton and Tomi Moronkola represent the Parish on the steering group and work on the sub committees. Our Ward Councillors Richard Stay and Ruth Gammons are also heavily involved.

The timing of the Neighbourhood Plan is critical as it has to be adopted by 2014. If not then under new planning law a developer can submit a planning application and if our plan is not in place the default position will be that the application is approved.

Chairman's Closing Remarks

This report is a summary of the work carried out by the Council over the last twelve months. Much has been achieved by the dedication, hard work and time given, not just by my colleagues but also a growing number of residents who are coming forward to help in our community. This encourages me to look forward to the next twelve months with confidence as the workload of the Council increases.

Presently, there is a vacancy for a Councillor and I hope someone will come forward to help. The work is certainly interesting and varied. Some of us who are Councillors now did not know what was expected and attended a few meetings first to see if it is something we could enjoy. Whether you wish to be a Councillor or not you are most welcome to come along. There are opportunities for residents to speak if they wish.

Some of the things we have tackled have not been done before and this has attracted attention for both us and Caddington from outside. Tony Hansen, the Chairman of Caddington Parish Council, Richard Stay and I have given presentations to the Town & Parish Conference at Central Bedfordshire Council and to senior civil servants at the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Recently, we have seen the proposal for a development of 5500 houses spread between here and Caddington, a proposal for a transport hub and business park in this Parish. We have seen a large development on our door step the building of which is coming to completion, a smaller

one next door where planning has been obtained and an application has been submitted for another large development again right on our door step.

This shows the demand for development within our Parish. The Council is not against development indeed some is needed if we are to sustain the Parish. If the community is successful in its work to produce a Neighbourhood Plan it will be the community which decides what scale of development it has. If it is unsuccessful in producing a Neighbourhood Plan others will decide the scale of development for us even if that leads to the destruction of our community.

Ken Crossett, Chairman

Friends of Slip End Lower School



Wow! It has been a very busy and exciting few weeks during all the Jubilee Celebrations and the children have taken part in different activities at school to commemorate the event.

On Thursday 31st May you may have seen the children on their way to school dressed in red, white and blue or regal clothing. In the afternoon (in between the rain) tables were set up on the playing field – and a feast was laid out for all to enjoy! In great spirit, Gill Plummer dressed up as the Queen, and added a truly Majestic touch to the proceedings! Thank you to all FoSELS members and parents who came along to help out – it was a lovely afternoon.

On Friday 1st June, FoSELS Treasurer, Penny Waistell, presented the children with a lovely souvenir bookmark to mark the event. We were able to purchase several items with funds raised during the year to date.

FoSELS was pleased to present all children with a voucher redeemable against the cost of their in-school swimming lessons this term. We aim to benefit the children directly with all funds we raise!

This week we spent time with the children helping them to produce goodies for Dads, Granddads and Stepdads for Father's Day. We made 'sock buns' for the children to choose from, and they designed their own coasters with their fingerprints on them. It is an absolute joy working with the children and it is wonderful to see the pride on their faces when they finish their little masterpieces!

On a final note.... we are always in need of helpers and volunteers for our events and to help with fundraising ideas. If you think you would like to help in any way at all, however small, we would be delighted to hear from you.

0789 603 7853 FoSELS.chair@slipend.co.uk

Debbie Newsome

Caddington WI



Our Darts team has had its first game with one double needed at the end of the 5th game to get a winner.

Dunstable Ladies Choir entertained us on 12th June. Our meeting for June was a talk on The Walled Gardens at Luton Hoo with Felicity Brimble. Our competition was the 'Oldest Royal Memento'.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Baptist Chapel Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. Future dates are 17th July, when we have a talk "My Life as a Wildlife Illustrator" by Ian Jackson, and 21st August. Look forward to seeing you there.

Linda Edwards

Teresa Willson and Linda Edwards, who went to London with other WI members, are seen here enjoying the River Pageant!



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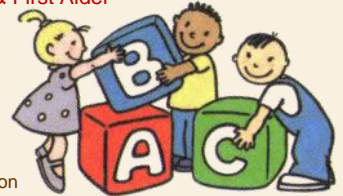
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St Andrew's Church Dates for July & August 2012

July:

Sun 1st: 10.30am: Informal Communion "Doing all in the name of Christ"

Wed 4th: 10am: Little Stars – How to celebrate – Olympic Games – Paul's Race

Sun 8th: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Praying for the proclamation of Christ" (Band)

Wed 11th: 10am: Little Stars – How to be kind - The Good Samaritan (making story pictures)

Sun 15th: 10.30am: Holy Communion "Standing Firm" (Organ & Singers)

Wed 18th: 10am: Little Stars – Feeding the 5,000 – Making food for Village Day

Tues 17th: 2pm: Caddington Care Home

Fri 20th: 2pm: Woodside Care Home

Sun 22nd: 8.30am: Said Communion "Praying for the proclamation of Christ"

Sun 22nd: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Jesus has compassion and feeds the crowd" with visiting speakers Fran and Bob Gunn speaking about their Hands of Mercy Charity in the Philippines

Wed 25th: Little Stars Trip out – Meet at Stockwood Park Discovery Centre at 10:30 – please see poster in church for full details.

Sun 29th: 10.30am: Informal Communion "Jesus calls his disciples"

August:

Wed 1st: Little Stars – Trip out – Meet at Wardown Park Museum at 10:30 – please see poster in church for full details.

Sun 5th: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Jesus heals and forgives"

Wed 8th: Little Stars – Trip out – Meet at Dunstable Down Visitors Centre at 10:30 – see poster in church for details.

Sun 12th: 10.30am: Holy Communion "Jesus goes out into the community" (Organ & Singers) With visiting Speaker Michael Campbell from Luton Town Centre Chaplaincy

Wed 15th: Little Stars – Trip out – Meet at the monument, Ashridge at 10.30 – see poster in church for full details.

Sun 19th: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Jesus calms the storm"

Wed 22nd: Little Stars – Trip out – Meet in St Albans Abbey at 10.30 – please see poster for full details.

Sun 26th: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Jesus heals a blind man" (Band)

Wed 29th: Little Stars – Trip out – Meet at Stopsley Park at 10.30 – please see poster in church for full details.

Sad news of a long standing Slip End resident and former St Andrew's Church member. Edie Ham died on Sunday 17th June, aged 89. A founder member of the Mothers' Union, she will be missed greatly by friends and family.

Gardeners' Special

July is usually the hottest month of the year, but also can be the wettest month of the summer. To keep your lawn looking green do not cut it too short and spiking with a fork or aerator will aid water penetration to nourish the roots of the grass.

Cutting roses for the vase or deadheading as the blooms finish on a regular basis will encourage a second flush of blooms in the autumn. Tie in young stems of large dahlias to their stakes with soft string or raffia, remove side buds to obtain larger flowers and tall stems if required. Chrysanthemums can be treated in the same way as dahlias, or if bushy plants are required pinch out the top buds to encourage side shoots and smaller more numerous blooms.

Tie in sweet peas, clematis and roses on a regular basis to keep them looking good. Keep borders weed free and hoe to keep the weeds from germinating, but not too deep to avoid damaging the roots of plants with a shallow root system. Alpines in the rockery will need trimming to keep their shape, if any mounded or carpeting type plants are looking shabby gently rub in a mixture of potting compost and fertilizer to spur them into growth. Wallflowers and Sweet Williams can be sown now for flowering next year.



As temperatures in the greenhouse soar damp down borders and staging but be careful not to splash foliage as the water droplets will mark the leaves.

Once natural fruit drop has finished thin apples and pears to one in every flower cluster and discard any damaged fruit, you should also carry out summer pruning on trained trees to keep them in shape, bush trees also benefit from a light prune. As new shoots grow on blackberries and raspberries tie them in as these will bear next year's crop. If possible tie them in separately from the fruiting canes to reduce the spread of disease.

In the vegetable garden leeks can be planted where early potatoes have been lifted. Sow Swedes and turnips and plant out late Brussels sprouts, winter cabbage, white and purple sprouting. Keep regular sowings of lettuce, radish and carrot going. Pick beans regularly to keep plants in production, if left they will set seed and stop producing fruit. Lift onions and shallots at the end of this month, dry and store for later use.

Water hanging baskets and containers on a daily basis to prevent them from drying out, as once they do the plants will not recover. Ask someone to carry out the watering if you are going away.

At the time of writing this article the weather is still cold and very wet, but hopefully by the time you are reading this the warm and sunny weather will be with us, but whatever the weather enjoy your garden.

Russell Sprout

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Just an update on my sponsorship...

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Running the Race!



I guess the Olympics will affect us all differently.

Some of us will probably be annoyed by it all – annoyed even that I am choosing to write about it here!

My daughter lives in Newham – her husband works in Stratford – and no one apart from residents with permits will be able to park a car in the whole of the borough for the duration of the Olympics! No one knows how the public transport system will hold up or manage with the increased demand. The impact will be very practical! Will I be able to get to visit my Granddaughter during the summer while I'm off from school I wonder?

Many people will be taking advantage of opportunities for work and business that the games generate. Let us pray that the economy of the UK will be boosted by the event. In the book of Jeremiah God says: Seek the peace and prosperity of the place to which I carry you. (Jeremiah 29v7) He cares about practical things like the economy, because the well being of people are so dependent on it.

Others will be working hard to try and protect individuals from the exploitation that usually accompanies major sporting events such as the games. Stop the Traffick says, “during the games, every bed will be taken and every hotel kitchen will be frantic, just the sort of cover for the trafficker to ply their trade.” Trafficked people can find themselves forced to work in kitchens hidden from sight, cleaning rooms for no pay or tragically sold in a bedroom to

satisfy someone's idea of pleasure. Local Christian charities such as Azalea, who work with street workers in Luton, Harpenden based Youth With A Mission and Stratford based Christian Street Pastors all work to try and protect vulnerable men and women from such exploitation.

Lots of people have been participating in the local events, and enjoying the sense of community that the torch bearing brings. The torch is coming to the edge of our Parish, on London Road on Sunday 8th July around 6pm, members of the church are hoping to be there to greet it and pray for the success of the games. (Details of this will be posted on the website in our news sheet.) One of the aims of the original games was to foster good communication and positive relations between different nations, let us pray for the organisers and all involved that this may happen.

I guess that the majority of us will simply enjoy watching the sporting events from the comfort of our homes and hopefully be inspired by the athletes and their incredible achievements. I think it is inspiring, the dedication, the training, the desire to excel, to achieve the very best. The apostle Paul says: Run in such a way as to get the prize. (1 Corinthians 9v24) He says: Let us throw off everything that hinders... and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Hebrews 12v1) Let's be inspired to run the race that God calls us to, whether that is at home, or work or in the community and overcome the obstacles so that we can be the best we can be.

Let's pray for the people of Newham, let's pray for our economy, for those at risk of exploitation, for local communities and peace between nations, for the organisers that all will go well, and for ourselves that we will all be inspired to run our own race, whatever that race may be with the goals or ambitions that are right for us, remembering that God will be with us in all things good and honourable.

Bless You, Cathy (St. Andrews Church)

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Filming has now been completed which will feature Summer Street on “Location Location Location”, to be aired late summer on Channel 4.



On Tuesday 22nd May the film crew and the presenters, Kirsty Allsop and Phil Spencer, spent the afternoon filming in Summer Street with a young couple looking to buy a

property.

The sun was on our side. Kirsty and Phil were very complimentary of Slip End and Summer Street as they showed the couple the house. Their reaction was very positive, however they felt it was too far from St Albans where they currently live.

Filming took most of the afternoon and Summer Street came alive with people who were over the moon to see the filming and of course the celebrities.

Lise Poultney, Summer Street resident



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11.00am Sunday School Communion

Saturday 7th

- 10am - 2pm Preserve stall at the
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Sunday 8th

- 11.00am Morning Service Tony Head
11.00am Sunday School

Tuesday 10th

- 10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'
7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 15th

- 11.00am Sunday School Anniversary
Mr Geoff Bocutt, the Teachers and Children
(Sunday School closes for summer holidays)

Monday 16th

- 7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

Saturday 21st

- Preserve stall at the Slip End Village Fun Day

Sunday 22nd

- 9.30am Morning Service - Rev Phil Horner

Wednesday 25th

- 7.30pm Coffee Evening
In aid of Action for Children

Sunday 29th

- 9.30am Morning Service - Mike Bull

August

Sunday 5th

- 9.30am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest
Communion

Sunday 12th

- 9.30am Morning Service - Jean Forrest

Tuesday 14th

- 10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 19th

- 9.30am Morning Service - Rev Phil Horner

Monday 20th

- 7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

Wednesday 23rd

- 7.30pm Coffee Evening
In aid of World Vision

Sunday 26th

- 9.30am Morning Service - Ann Corner

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By the time you read this article we hope that summer will have arrived, we deserve it after such a wet and cold May and June! Hopefully you will be able to take a summer's stroll or a drive down to one of our services, studies or events. Please note that from Sunday 22nd July our services will be at 9.30am and will last for no longer than 45 minutes so we can worship and still go out for the day. (There will no Sunday School) Normal service resumes on Sunday September 2nd at 11am when Sunday School reopens.

The Lent Smartie tube money was finally collected in and the Adults raised £161.80 for Water Aid and the children £64.60 for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Thank you to those friends who supported our Christian Aid fundraising in May. The Coffee Evening raised £106.26, cake sales £60.00, pew envelopes £57.70 and the Ecumenical tombola at the Quiz Evening £100.00.

*Our lives are like the course of the sun*

*At the darkest moments there is the promise of daylight*

From all of us at Aley Green, we hope and pray that this holiday time whether you are at home or away, you have time to rest, relax and feel refreshed, hopefully in the warm sunshine!

*Ann Meader*

## Farley Hill Methodists

Lucky Farley Hill Methodists - the one day in the week it did not rain, Saturday June 9th was the day of the three churches garden fete, although it was held indoors - just in case. It was a well attended event and among those who could be seen at the cake stall was local M.P. Gavin Shuker.

All the work that went into the organisation by the joint committee was well worth it, it always is after the event is it not? The bouncy castle proved popular with the children as did the tea room with the older fraternity bric-a-brac did a good trade, as did the tombola, nearly new clothing and also the book emporium. Margaret Woolston won the name the doll prize and Michael Henley the treasure island competition.

By the time you have read this page, Cantata will have performed excellently no doubt and FHM await the Bedfordshire Police Choir on

Saturday 14th July - a 7pm start - with the usual admission charge of £3.00 and £2.00 for concessions. This annual charity concert will be in aid of Keech Hospice.

The June Lunch Club was very well attended and members were able to toast yet another Diamond Jubilee, not Her Majesty this time but Mollie and John Hawley who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The toast was proposed by Ken Cameron and a suitably inscribed card was presented.

July lunch club takes place on Wednesday 11th 12.30 for 1pm consisting of summer salad, sweet and tea £3.50. The lunch will be followed by the Messy Church at 3.45 to 5pm.

*Ken W Cameron*

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## Village Day Art Competition



There were over thirty entries from children at Slip End School and they were all amazing! It must have been hard to choose an overall winner. You must agree that the picture (on our cover) is excellent!

The winner was Amy Lester of Year 3-4 Elm Class.

Well done to her. The pictures will be on show at Village Day in the Peter Edwards Hall so come along and see them.

## Village Day 2012 Timetable

- 11am – Village Day Opens
- 11.15am – Live Music from Banned
- 11.30am – Kool For Kidz – Children’s Entertainment in the Peter Edwards Hall
- 12.00noon – Children’s Art Competition Prize Giving
- 12.15pm – St Albans Majorettes Display
- 12.30pm – Zumba Demonstration
- 12.45pm – Kool for Kidz – Childrens Entertainment in the Peter Edwards Hall
- 1.00pm – Live Music from Banned
- 1.15pm – Stocks Open
- 1.30pm - St Albans Majorettes Display
- 2.00pm – Zumba Demonstration
- 2.15pm – Live Music from Banned
- 2.30pm – Raffle
- 3.30pm – Children’s Tug of War
- 4.00pm - Close

**Come along and join the fun!**





## Family Celebrations!

News from several former residents of Slip End, who attended Slip End School and whose parents still live in the area.

**Jubilee Baby** A “Jubilee” baby was born to Simon Bartlett (ex Slip End) and his fiancée Jenny Curtis. Pollyanna Fifi was born on June 4th in Perth, Western Australia where Simon now works. She weighed in at 8lbs 3oz.

Many congratulations to them all.



**New Baby** Congratulations also to Elliot and Mellissa Casemore and new baby Cohen James who was born on 27th April, 2012 weighing in at 6lb 11oz.



**Wedding** Congratulations to Gemma Barnes and Ben Ticehurst.

They were married at St Pauls Church Langleybury, Kings Langley on Saturday 9th June. The Reception afterwards was at Hunton Park, Hunton Bridge.

Gemma is the daughter of Christine and Mike Barnes of Claydown Way.



A lovely arrangement of flowers for Ascension Day (with white dove above)

Snapped at St Andrew's Church in May.





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## Slip End Lower School

This month's article is not only a round up of our news but also a farewell for our Year 4 children who leave at the end of term. However, this year it's not just the children saying goodbye but also Headteacher, Sue Smith. We asked her about her time at SELS and here are her thoughts.

I was appointed in 2000 as the Senior Teacher at Slip End Lower School. The school had been inspected by OFSTED in 1999 and had been judged as in Serious Weaknesses. Mrs Johnson was appointed as Acting Headteacher at the same time as me and our aim was to move the school out of this category, which was achieved in 2001. After this inspection, Mrs Fisher was appointed as Headteacher. When she left in 2004, I was appointed as the Headteacher – my dream had come true! I loved the school and wanted to lead, manage, develop and improve it. The school was inspected in 2006 when it achieved a 'Good' OFSTED grade and then again in 2010 when it achieved an 'Outstanding' OFSTED Grade. Mission accomplished! This could not have been achieved without the work and support of the pupils, staff, parents, governors and local community. So a big thank you to all of you.

There have been many developments and achievements during this time including:

- \* Covered swimming pool
- \* Children's Centre on site
- \* Planet Sport's specialist PE teaching
- \* Healthy Schools Award
- \* Enrichment opportunities incorporated into the curriculum
- \* Increased use of ICT in teaching and school administration and communication
- \* International School Award
- \* Learning Partnership & Values Education
- \* A range of after school opportunities
- \* Residential Educational visits for Year 4 pupils
- \* A Slip End Lower School website



Slip End Lower School has always been at the heart of the community. However during my time at the school this has grown even more. We have very supportive parents and have a fantastic FoSELS team which works incredibly hard to raise funds for the school but also provide a wide range of opportunities both for the children and for members of the local community to enjoy. The school is supported by local businesses and we also receive wonderful support from St Andrew's Church. The children thoroughly enjoy the assemblies which are led by Rev Cathy Pullinger. The school supports the Parish Council with various activities. I would like to thank Mrs Collins who set up our school website and has maintained it and has also written the vast majority of the Slip End Lower School reports for publication in the Parish News! There is wonderful community spirit in Slip End.

There have been many challenges during my time as the Headteacher, however the biggest challenges have been the need to manage fluctuating pupil numbers and to ensure that the school has taken on board the many Government initiatives and curriculum changes.

I will miss the whole school community when I leave. Wanting the best for the children has



always been at the core of everything that I have done here. I will miss them so much and also the staff team, they are inspirational and absolutely brilliant.

Well, I am moving on now, taking early retirement as a Headteacher. However I am planning to become an Educational Consultant; providing Headteacher support and guidance. I am also looking forward to having more time to be with my family and enjoy my hobbies!

I wish Slip End Lower School well in the future and would like to thank the whole community for the support that you have given me for the last 12 years. *Sue Smith*

## School Trips

The children of the school get to take part in many trips and visits and there are also visitors to the school.

There is definitely a “nature” theme with these events starting with the Nursery children who recently had an in-school visit from ‘Animal Edutainment’. The children had the opportunity to observe and handle a selection of mini beasts, including snakes, spiders, stick insects, mice, millipedes, snails and frogs.



Reception children will soon enjoy a trip to a ‘Butterfly Farm’ and Year 1 & 2 will be having a lovely day out to ‘Whipsnade Zoo’.

On 21 June, Elm Class (Years 3 & 4) will be attending Woburn’s Annual Countryside Day to learn more about the Woburn Estate and the countryside. They will learn about arable farming, the machinery and which products are made from the crops. Also, there will be a chance to have a go at planting seeds, see tree felling in action and learn about identifying trees, deer keeping, gun dog training and game keeping. A very exciting day!

These Educational Visits not only offer the children the opportunity to visit and explore interesting places but are also a great chance for children to socialise with their peers in an environment outside of their everyday school lives. We are sure they will enjoy all their visits.

## Mini Olympics

This has been a special year for celebrations with the Jubilee and Olympics. To ensure the children have a chance to enjoy and understand this momentous sporting event, throughout this half term, SELS will be holding its very own mini Olympics. All children from Nursery to Year 4 will be competing in events during their PE lessons under the guidance of Mr O’Brien or Mrs Poulton with the older children also competing in swimming events in the pool and the normal athletic events on our special Olympic themed Sports Afternoon.

We will also be holding our very own Olympic Torch relay during this half term using our special Slip End Lower School Olympic Torch designed by the children. Each child in the school will have the opportunity to run a short distance with the torch before passing it on and the flame will be on display during the Sports Afternoon on 29 June. With the learning that will be taking place throughout the school about the Olympics, hopefully we will be able to bring a taste of the Olympic Spirit to the children.

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Like many schools we couldn't let the Jubilee go by without having our very own celebration. Our Diamond Jubilee preparations began in February when we were invited by the Slip End Community Projects Group to take part in an Art Competition based around the Jubilee theme. Every child would create a piece of Artwork and the overall winning piece can be seen on the front of this edition of the Parish News.

The Artwork was created during the week of our Jubilee celebrations and all the children did a fantastic job! Early Years children decorated outlines of Crowns. Year 1 re-created a picture of a castle and the Union Jack by painting in several stages. Year 2 children used various techniques to decorate one of the Queen's Guards and Year 3 and 4 were given a selection of pictures of the Queen throughout her reign and re-created them using Pastels.

All of the children's work will be displayed at Village Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July so we hope you'll go along and take a look.

We held our main Diamond Jubilee celebrations on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and all the children and staff came to school in a 'Jubilant' array of costumes based on either a 'Royal' or 'Red, White and Blue' theme. The classrooms and field were decorated with bunting and flags and a large Union Jack hung outside. The morning was spent finishing off their Artwork and also continuing the theme of the week where all classes had been learning about the Queen, her family and her reign.

In the afternoon volunteers helped to move the tables and chairs outside to have a 'Jubilee Street Party' on the field. Everything was all set and then just as the last tray of food was put out, in true British style, the rain began! The food was removed, we took shelter and just as we began to consider moving the party indoors the rain stopped (much to the relief of all the volunteers who had moved all the tables!) So, after a slight delay we managed to carry on.

To open our celebration the children were welcomed and then treated to a very special visit from the 'Queen' aka Mrs Plummer! The whole school stood to sing the National Anthem, followed by 'Three cheers for The Queen'.



"Her Majesty" cuts the Jubilee cake

The children then thoroughly enjoyed all the cakes, crisps, sausage rolls and sandwiches whilst traditional music played. We had a fantastic 'Jubilee' cake that the 'Queen' ceremoniously cut and the afternoon finished off with a run around on the field.

A truly magnificent day and the significance of the event was noted by all involved. It will be remembered for a long time.



## Year 4 says farewell

It is always rather sad when our Year 4 children end their time at SELS. Many have been with us since age 3½. At the end of term they will take part in a special assembly to celebrate their time here. We asked them for their favourite memory and they all either mentioned their Year 4 trip to Hautbois House or learning to swim in the pool.

Luke said, "I loved going to Hautbois House because you get to sleep with your best friends." While for others like Amy it was that, "the food was delicious and the activities were fun. My favourite was the zip wire and my favourite dinner was the shepherd's pie." For Jack it was the fact he was, "with all of my friends" and "spending my money in the shop." Ella thought the most memorable thing was that the trip, "was on Lucy's birthday and everybody loved the chocolate cake! I loved the zip wire because you got to do your own thing like a bird." Maizy agreed, "my favourite activity was the zip wire and rock climbing was very hard and really fun." Toby was another one who enjoyed shopping. In fact he thought "The best bit was spending

my £10 in the shop on me & my family!" For Lucy it wasn't just that she got to spend her birthday on the school trip but also because, "when we had archery we were in teams and I won twice! The climbing wall was hard but it was fun as well. Zip wire was my favourite. At first it was scary but I got used to it."

For the rest of the class the swimming was a big feature. Drusilla said "I like swimming because I like the feeling of being in the water. I also like being an underwater creature like a mermaid." While Molly explained that, "We have a challenge at the end and a race doing whatever stroke we like. Sometimes we play with the noodle toys. I'm going to miss the pool a lot!" Both Cali and Danny were full of praise for the teachers. "They sometimes come into the pool and we have lots of fun. You learn things like butterfly, breaststroke, front crawl, back stroke and floating," said Danny. "You get really good swimming teachers," explained Cali. "Everybody gets to learn new things like breast stroke and the frog," he added.

Lots of happy memories for them all to treasure from their time at Slip End Lower School.







## Slip End Scout Group

As the Scout Group moved into the last term of the scouting year they have already been very busy.



worked towards a photography badge and are due to go to Phasels Wood Camp Site, in Hemel Hempstead, for abseiling and orienteering activities. In the last half term the scouts participated in an afternoon tea for the older people in Caddington. The scouts were commended on their behaviour during the activities.

If you would like any information on the Scout Group, or when the groups meet, then please contact me on 01582 429891. Currently, we have spaces in all sections. If you would like more information on the different sections or would like to become involved please come to our Annual General Meeting in Slip End Lower School on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00.

*Kieran Grimes,*

*Chairman, Slip End Scout Group*

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We've seen rather too much of this recently, however I like the poem—maybe we can imagine the summer!

### Rain in Summer

How beautiful is the rain!  
After the dust and heat,  
In the broad and fiery street,  
In the narrow lane,  
How beautiful is the rain!  
How it clatters on the roofs,  
Like the tramp of hoofs!

How it gushes and struggles out  
From the throat of the overflowing spout!  
Across the window pane  
It pours and pours;  
And swift and wide  
With a muddy tide,  
Like a river down the gutter roars  
The rain, the welcome rain!

*Longfellow*



Over the Diamond Jubilee Weekend the group attended the church service in St

Andrew's Church and presented as the colour party. Following this the Group attended the street party in the Peter Edwards Hall.

Beavers have completed several activities recently and have focused on community. They have completed their imagination badge. For the Diamond Jubilee they wrote letters of congratulations to the Queen and this was acknowledged with a letter from Buckingham Palace which created much excitement. The Beavers have also raised over two hundred pounds for children with cancer by doing a sponsored run in the playground. Thank you to all those who supported this worthwhile cause.

With the Diamond Jubilee coming up the Cubs have had a celebration night which involved watching the Coronation, designing placemats and discussing Royal Family History and following the donation of a Union Flag Cake, cake eating was also involved. Up coming events for the cubs include a trip to B&Q to make planters as part of their creative badge in July.

The Scouts are currently merged very successfully with Caddington Scouts and meet on a Monday night. Recently they have



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## Frog and Rhubarb

The Jubilee Tea Party at the Frog & Rhubarb was hugely successful with over 60 people attending. The pub looked fantastic with plenty of bunting and flags, vintage crockery and napkins with the Queen on them.



Everyone received a crown or tiara to wear for the afternoon and take home. There was an amazing array of over 10 different savouries including more unusual but extremely tasty treats. This was all washed down with refreshing jasmine tea champagne and bottomless cups of good old PG Tips.



Each table formed a team for the fun Jubilee quiz that took place through out the afternoon. The questions were, of course, all about the Queen's life and family. The winners were Barbara and Pete Rae's table who each received a lovely box of Thornton's chocolates.

To cap the afternoon off, there were plenty of sweet treats including stripy jellies and fresh cream cakes.

The team at the Frog worked extremely hard to make the tea party such a splendid event and were overjoyed with all the positive comments from those who attended. They have been really chuffed with the thank you cards they have received saying things like, "The food was superb and very unusual. Loved the jasmine tea champagne." and "It was such a lovely afternoon, we shall always remember it."

Over the past couple of months the Frog has hosted several birthdays, Christenings and wedding anniversaries. If you have an upcoming celebration then talk to Paul about what you have in mind. The pub can cater for most requirements including a finger buffet, plate buffet, full three-course meal or just some light nibbles. If you are looking to have entertainment, there is ample room for a live band or disco and the late licence means you can party until the early hours if you want to.

**Sunday Roast Dinners** are available every week from 12 noon. There is always a choice of beef topside, belly of pork or turkey breast and they are all served with roast potatoes, roast parsnips, Yorkshire puddings, a selection of vegetables and gravy. Portions are generous so you are sure to go home full up.

**Takeaway food** is available from the Frog every day 12 noon – 10pm. The pub has a fish and chip shop menu at the same prices as the chippy including cod, haddock, pies, burgers and sausages. Alternatively, you can order anything from their extensive menu to eat at home.

## **Forthcoming Events @ The Frog**

**Elvis Rivers** makes his return to the village on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. This is always a popular night at the Frog with the entertainment starting at 9pm and going on until late. Why not make a night of it with a delicious meal in the pub's



dining area before enjoying both the music of the king of rock and roll and other more recent hits.

Up to date information on events and offers can be found on the pubs website [www.frogandhubarb.co.uk](http://www.frogandhubarb.co.uk)

## Rising Sun



The Rising Sun had a Jubilee party at which the guests wore “Retro Dress”. Lily is seen



here wearing an authentic 50’s dress which was lent to her by Dot Reid.

Other guests were seen sporting suitable attire for the unseasonable weather!



By the time the Sept issue is out we will have some very exciting things to report (we hope)!

We will be hosting a “Michael Buble/Robbie Williams” tribute act in aid of FoSELS for Slip End Lower School.

This will be a ticket only event! Date to be confirmed. Keep your eyes open for details and support the local school!

Our ‘first ever’ Beer Festival to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September! To celebrate the pub’s 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We hope you will support this event and make it a huge success so we can make it a regular event for the Village!

Def Shepherd will be playing on the evening of the 29th and Restless Wilf will be playing in the late afternoon on the 30th to round off the festival.

Watch this space for updates to our timetable of events and live bands!



From Monday to Friday each week we will be serving breakfast from 8.30a.m. onwards, full English available and other delicious treats.

## **JUBILEE TEA PARTIES**

### **Jubilee Tea at the Frog**

More than sixty ( mainly sixty plus-plus!) Slip End residents made a great start to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June with an afternoon tea party at the Frog & Rhubarb on 31<sup>st</sup> May. This comprised smoked salmon & cucumber sandwiches, numerous canapés and savouries and, following the loyal toast in jasmine tea champagne, a really challenging array of chocolate and other cakes, all most elegantly presented.



Ladies wore coronets, gentlemen crowns, and 'the lads' union-jack decorated bowlers. An amusing quiz (won by Babs & Peter Rae's team) tested our knowledge of the Elizabethan era to destruction, and revived some happy

memories.

The picture shows Paul Cooper offering some decorative 'sweetmeats'. Thank you Paul, for a most enjoyable occasion.

*Brian Church*

### **Tea Party Thank You From the Friendship Club**

We would like to give Paul and his staff at the Frog and Rhubarb a great big thank you for his



wonderful afternoon tea party. It was out of this world how he laid it out. It must have taken them all day to do it like that! (Pam's table is shown in the picture below left)

All members thought it was great

I would also like to say a big thanks to the ladies at the church and the Brownies for their lovely tea parties. Which we also attended.



*Pam King*

### **1st Woodside Brownies**

On Wednesday 6th June the Brownies started off the day doing activities then they stopped for lunch. After lunch they helped decorate cakes. At 3:30pm their families and guests of Senior Citizens arrived and sat down to afternoon tea of Sandwiches and cakes.

We also had a visit from "the Queen" who cut our Jubilee Cake made by Sandra Lee Dell, who also helped the girls decorate cakes. After tea the girls entertained everyone by singing, playing violins, flute and piano. A great time was had by all.





**Note** the Queen was obviously having a busy few days, as she appears to have visited the school too, another day appearing in a similar outfit with a different cake! (see school report)

*(Editor's note she was definitely busy as we have a photo of the real one - a smiling vision in lilac—in Hitchin Town Square)*



### Open Air Baptisms at St Andrews

Pictures taken at St Andrew's on 27th May. The baptisms are of Verity Edwards-Hoare, Sarah Saunders and her son Jack, whose Dad Craig held him during the baptism, and baby Jude Jordan who was there with parents Karen & Lee. Many friends and family were present.



### Jubilee Tea at the Rising Sun



Guests dressed in style for the occasion.





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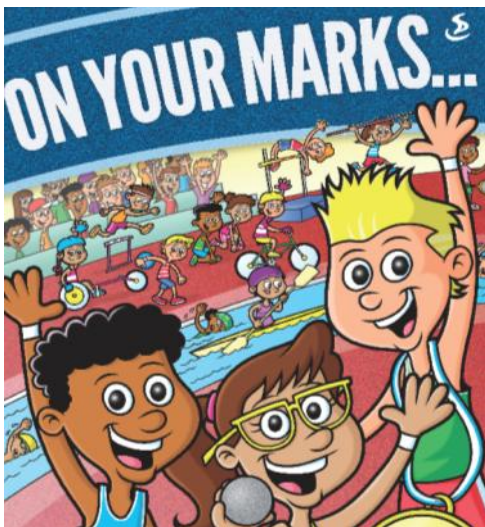


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### SAVE THE DATE

We will again hold the annual holiday club during the Schools Autumn Half Term Holiday at St Andrew's. So don't go on holiday on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November !!

More details later.



### Gardening Club Meeting

Monday July 16th 8pm  
at Village Hall  
Guest speaker Kathy Brown on  
Creative Container Gardening  
New members welcome  
Guests/visitors £2 each

### SEADA

On Saturday 9th June two coaches set off from Slip End bound for Worthing with Senior Citizens and guests. The sun shone all day so it was nice. The sea was rough but some went for a paddle.

A meal of fish & chips or salad was provided before our journey home.

*Gillian Plummer, Secretary*



## Gardening Club

The June garden visit was to Mackerye End, Harpenden, opening under the National Gardens Scheme.



It was a very interesting property and gardens, C16 (Grade 1 listed) Manor House (not open) set in 15 acres of formal gardens, parkland and woodland, with the front garden set in a framework of formal yew hedges. There is a Victorian walled garden with extensive box hedging and box maze, cutting garden, kitchen garden and lily pond. Also a courtyard garden with extensive yew and box borders. The West garden is enclosed by a pergola walk of old English roses.

The visit concluded with the obligatory tea and homemade cakes which went down very well considering the worsening rainy weather. Plants were on sale from Daisy Roots Nursery, Hertford in attendance, the owner of which had given a presentation at an earlier Garden Club meeting at the Village Hall.



The next visits are given below.

Sun. 29 July Kings Arms Gardens Ampthill.  
Entry £2. Meet Rising Sun car park 1.30pm

Sat. 4 August. Woburn Abbey Gardens Tour.  
Entry £6.75. Meet Rising Sun car park  
**10.00am** (note time)

Sun. 9 Sept. Wrest Park Entry £8,  
Concessions £7.20. English Heritage Members  
Free

Watch for a report and photos of the Village  
Open Gardens Day in our next publication.

*PN Gardening Correspondent*



On Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> June five members of the Slip End Gardening Club visited a garden in Welwyn which was open as part of the week long Welwyn Festival.

The garden belongs to Kerry and Peter, past residents of Prebendal Drive where they opened their beautiful little garden for Open Day 2008. Soon after, they moved to Welwyn, where they took on the challenge of a much larger plot containing a few mature trees and in need of a remake. In 4 years they have transformed this into a beautifully designed garden, full of interest and a plantsman's paradise. It also has a lovely, large pond surrounded by bog loving plants, several seating areas, veg grown in large half barrels and to complete the picture, 3 free range Peking bantams. There were plants to buy and the refreshments were delicious. All proceeds go to charity.

*Val Church*

## Community Projects Group

The monthly CPG meeting took place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the Social Club. Carol Brennan, our treasurer, confirmed we have over £21,000 in the account with hopefully more on the way from Village Day.

**Childrens Art Competition** The group judged the entries from Slip End Lower School for the Queens Diamond Jubilee Art Competition – the entries were absolutely outstanding, the group found it extremely difficult to pick the winners. In the end we had to pick two winners from the Early Years class and we have decided that every child will receive a small prize to thank them for the effort they put in. The winners are:

Early Years – Katy Fallon & Chloe Pritchard

Year 1 – Lucy Davis

Year 2 – Sky-Yi Hardie

Year 3 & 4 – Amy Lester – the group was so impressed with Amy's picture that this features as the front cover this month.

Well done to all the children and a big thank you to Miss Peppiatt who organised the competition within the school, she's a star!

**Village Day** Village Day is nearly here – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012 – 11am to 4pm at the Playing Fields. We've got some great raffle prizes, lets hope the weather is in our favour! This day is to support the various groups within the community so please come along and support it – I look forward to seeing you there.

**Good Neighbour Scheme** There has been some great interest on the scheme. There will be a meeting for the Good Neighbour Scheme to launch on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, refreshments will be available. If you have already expressed an interest in the scheme Sarah will be writing to you direct about the meeting.

If you haven't yet expressed an interest or you would like more info about the scheme either

contact Sarah on 07868 742 904 or come along to the meeting.

Justine Hunt, from Beds Rural Communities Charity, will hopefully be on hand to guide us through the initial process but if you feel you have spare time in the week to help residents with prescription collection, doctors appointments, dog walking, small DIY tasks, form filling in and other small tasks then come along to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Scouts News!** Our Scout Group is working towards their community badge and on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 they were in the parish cleaning our street signs as part of this badge – thanks to Russell Head, Group Scout Leader, for asking for suggestions, I hope the signs weren't too grubby!

**Slip End Summer Youth Club** It's back for 5 weeks from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – 7.30pm till 9pm at the Peter Edwards Hall. £1 entry and opening night is an Hawaiian theme fancy dress party and BBQ.

For more info contact Karen on 0797 291 6626.

The next Community Projects Group meeting is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at the Slip End Social Club at 7.30pm – it's your community group – everyone is welcome, come along!

Finally on behalf of the CPG Core Committee and members, we send our thoughts and best wishes to Paul Cooper, landlord of The Frog and Rhubarb and previous CPG chairman, after recent events within the village and wish him all the best.

Also we would like to take this opportunity to say 'bon voyage' to Steve & Trish Fuell as they prepare to pack up and leave the village after 23 years here. We hope Fakenham is everything you want it to be and more!

*Sarah Minnighan*

*Chairman of CPG*

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

### **July**

- Sat 14th Elvis Rivers at Frog & Rhubarb*  
*Sun 15th Treasure Hunt (FoSELS)*  
*Mon 16th Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm*  
*Tues 17th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*  
*Women's Institute meeting Baptist Hall Caddington - 7:30pm*  
*Sat 21st Village Day at Peter Edwards Hall and playing fields*  
*Wed 25th Slip End Summer Youth Club Peter Edwards Hall 7:30—9:00pm*

### **August**

- Wed 1st Slip End Summer Youth Club Peter Edwards Hall 7:30—9:00pm*  
*Wed 8th Slip End Summer Youth Club Peter Edwards Hall 7:30—9:00pm*  
*Wed 15th Slip End Summer Youth Club Peter Edwards Hall 7:30—9:00pm*  
*Tues 21st Women's Institute Meeting Baptist Hall Caddington - 7:30pm*  
*Wed 22nd Slip End Summer Youth Club Peter Edwards Hall 7:30—9:00pm*  
*Mon 27th Antiques Fair (Dunstable Rotary Club) Dunstable Leisure Centre 10:00am—4:00pm*

### **September**

- Tues 11th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*  
*Mon 17th Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm*  
*Fri 21st Charity Quiz Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*  
*Sat 29th Rising Sun 175th anniversary: Beer Festival (save the date)*  
*Sun 30th Rising Sun 175th anniversary: Beer Festival (save the date)*

### **October**

- Sat 6th Tennis Club Quiz Night Peter Edwards Hall*  
*Tues 9th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*

### **November**

- Thurs 1st St Andrew's Holiday Club (save the date)*  
*Fri 2nd St Andrew's Holiday Club (save the date)*  
*Tues 13th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*  
*Mon 19th Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm*

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