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Senior PN Executives visited Scotland last month, travelling by 'steamie' train. Read all about it inside.

Happy Diamond Wedding anniversary to our royal couple, Margaret & Norman Shepherd from Pepperstock, on the front cover.



Margaret and Norman were married at Trinity Congregational Church in St Albans on 31st May 1952 and had five bridesmaids. They travelled to Cliftonville for their honeymoon and what a handsome couple they made.

They had first met at the Drill Hall, St Albans on 31st May in 1947 and married five years later settling down in Redbourn where they lived for thirty years enjoying married life and bringing up their three sons. After serving in the army Norman turned to the building trade eventually running his own company.

They decided to move to Herstmonceux near Eastbourne in Sussex, famous for its Castle and its medieval festival and a place they had previously visited and liked. They enjoyed many happy years there continuing to run dances for charity as they had at Redbourn and raised money for the Lifeboat organisation, often in fancy dress or World War II outfits. However, after Norman retired and there were health problems within the family they decided to move back to the area to help with grandchildren.

They settled in Pepperstock and Norman took up gardening and rented an allotment where he spends many hours when fully fit, at the moment sharing his plot with a friend whilst he waits for a knee operation.

They celebrated their silver wedding with seven other local couples as guests of the Herts Advertiser who organised a special jubilee luncheon at the Noke Hotel for them all. Then in the evening they were invited to a party aboard the royal yacht Britannia as guests of their brother in law, Lieutenant Brian Searle. They were shown all over the yacht and had a wonderful memorable evening.

On their golden wedding they held a big celebration party at the village hall with family and friends, see below with their sons Graham, Martin and Neil.



They have six grandchildren, five girls and one boy below (plus two more girls who have adopted them as grandparents). They will be



travelling to Barnstaple in Devon for their diamond celebrations, going out for trips and then more celebrating in Pepperstock for the Jubilee and a big family meal later at a local restaurant. Congratulations Margaret and Norman and enjoy your 60th anniversary.

by Sue Briggs



— SLIP END AND DISTRICT —

CORONATION FESTIVITIES PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, MAY 31st.

3.15 p.m. **UNITED SERVICE**
SLIP END CROSS ROADS (if wet, in St. Andrew's Church)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd.

10.00 a.m. **Presentation of CHILDRENS CORONATION SOUVENIRS**
SLIP END PRIMARY SCHOOL

11.45 a.m. **OLD FOLKS DINNER**
THE VILLAGE HALL

1.30 p.m. • **PROCESSION**
Fancy Dress, Decorated Vehicles and Bicycles

2.15 **Opening of CORONATION COMMEMORATION SITE**

2.30 • **CHILDRENS SPORTS**
MR. WALKERS IRON ROOM MEADOW
Refreshments will be obtainable

3.30 **CHILDRENS TEA (First Session)**

4.30 **CHILDRENS TEA (Second Session)**

5.30 • **SPORTS RESUMED**
Presentation of Prizes at conclusion of Sports

5.45 **PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW**

6.30 **CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT**
Presented by Mrs. BATCHELOR

9.00 **DANCING IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

• *Entries welcomed on the day*



With thanks to Barbara Rae (and her mum for saving it) a rare glimpse of the celebrations that they had at Slip End for the Coronation all those years ago. They even had to have two shifts for the children's tea's. How times have changed with people leading busy lives and families living miles apart. It is good to know that there are some Jubilee celebrations in the village so no one need feel left out. Hopefully many of you will go along for the Church street

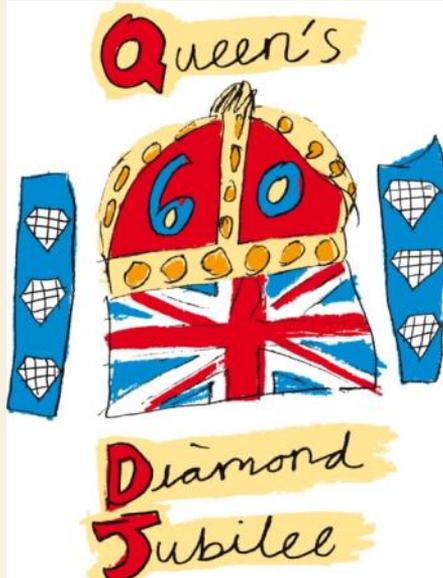
party at the Peter Edwards Hall on 3rd June, let's pray for a glorious day. Don't forget to send us your photos and memories from your own festivities.

Wishing you all a wonderful time, whatever you do. Congratulations to The Queen on 60 magnificent years.

Editors



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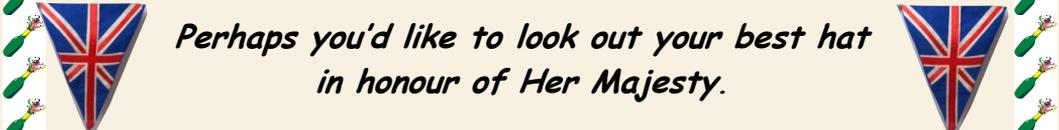
at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 3rd June 2012 followed by a
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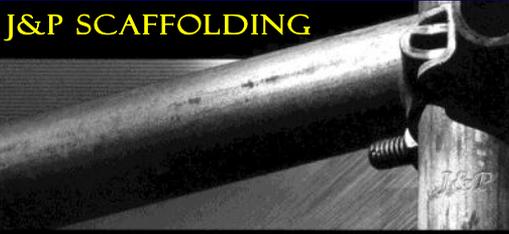
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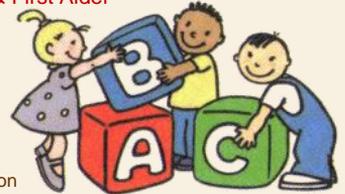
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St Andrew's Church Dates for June 2012

- Sun 3rd: 10.30: Trinity Sunday - Special Morning Praise to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – followed by Street Party type lunch in Peter Edwards Hall – everyone welcome.
- Wed 6th: 10am: Little Stars – Special People: Queen Esther (Dress a Queen)
- Sun 10th: 10.30am: Informal Communion "Putting to death the earthly nature"
- Wed 13th: 10am: Little Stars – Special People: Abraham (Making a Father's Day card)
- Thurs 14th: 9.30am: Morning Prayer – a quiet said service of prayer
- Sun 17th: 8.30am: Said Communion – Father's Day "Clothed in love"
- Sun 17th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Father's Day "Clothed in love"
- Wed 20th: 10am: Little Stars – How to be welcoming – (Singing and making a welcome board with pictures)
- Tue 19th: 2pm: Care Home Caddington
- Fri 22nd: 2pm: Care Home Woodside
- Sun 24th: 10.30am: Holy Communion - Open Church Sunday – "The peace of Christ" (Organ & Singers)
- Sun 24th: The church will be open all day, please do call in and have a look round, we will serve afternoon tea with cakes at 3pm followed by Songs of Praise at 4pm.
- Wed 27th: 10am: Little Stars – How to Give (money, time, talents) - Making a purse for chocolate coins

'Celebrating children'

Some of the children pictured with their gifts at the recent service to celebrate our children. The puppets were there to help with the service and we had some special songs. All the children from Kidztime and the older children were presented with a book. Well done to them all and enjoy your new books.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

On Tuesday we are all given an extra day's holiday in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. At St. Andrew's we decided that we wanted to celebrate together with those who would like to join us and give thanks for her long reign. I want to quote a little from our local Bishop's tribute to her.

"In 1947 on her 21st birthday she suggested that we were all called to bring good to the world and then said that to do this: "We must give nothing less than the whole of ourselves... I should like to make a solemn declaration now. It is very simple. I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service."

In 1952 in her first Christmas broadcast, she said; "I want to ask you all, whatever religion you may be, to pray for me, to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve him and you."

I think that everyone would agree that she has kept these promises admirably, as our Head of State she has been a constant presence in a changing world and an inspiration to us all to be faithful in our relationships and diligent in our responsibilities. She is also the Head of the Church of England, and as priest I am grateful that she is clearly and openly a woman with a strong personal Christian faith. I believe her faithful service flows from her faith in Jesus who said, "He who would be first among you must be your servant."

We will be thanking God for her in a traditional service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 3rd June at 10.30am to which you are all warmly welcomed. We will use the liturgy that Her Majesty herself has authorised, the uniformed organisations will take part as well as the children who normally come to church. Afterwards, from 12 noon onwards, we will be having a "street party" type lunch in the Peter Edwards Hall, and anyone from the Parish is very welcome to come to this, there will be

music and food, games and a quiz reflecting and focusing on the 1950's and a power point presentation of the Queen's life.

There will be no charge for this, but if you would like to make a donation it will be given to the Community Projects Group to contribute to the setting up of the "Good Neighbour Scheme." Please do come and enjoy a trip down memory lane and celebrate with us, with your best hat on to get you in the mood!

We are also joining in with the diocesan "**Open Church Sunday**" initiative on Sunday 24th June. Church will be open from 9.30am before Holy Communion at 10.30am. Afternoon tea will be served at 3pm followed by Songs of Praise at 4pm where personally chosen hymns will be sung – please let me know if there is a favourite that you would like. There are more details about this elsewhere in the Parish News, do come and have a look round and a chat, I'll have the kettle ready throughout!

God Bless, Cathy

Baptism of Jasper Allaway

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God



Many friends and family shared in a wonderful baptism for Jasper on Sunday 13th May, seen with mother and father, Angela and David and sister Heather. They now live in Eaton Bray but are still much a part of St Andrew's Church. It was lovely to welcome them with their family and Godparents for this important day.

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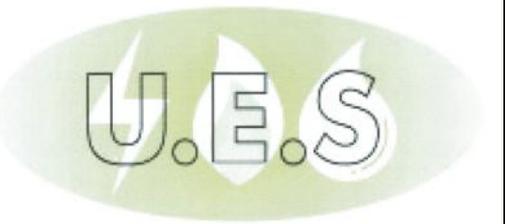
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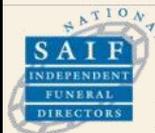
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Beer Tent
Curry Stall
Children's Art Competition

VILLAGE DAY - DON'T MISS IT!
11 TO 4 ON THE PLAYING FIELD
(adjacent to St. Andrew's Church)

Community Projects Group

Parish Plan

Good Neighbour Scheme

At our May Meeting, Jane Payton and Sue Diamond from 'Caddington Care' spoke to us about their experience setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme in their village.

Running since 2009, they now have a committee of 10 and 50 volunteers. Extending help and assistance in a wide variety of ways, to about 100 residents, their scheme has become very popular. Run in conjunction with the doctor's surgery at Caddington, Jane mentioned that there has been interest from Slip End Parish residents to use the scheme, but they have to have a boundary to limit the area covered. Hence our wish to set up a scheme to serve our Parish as soon as possible.

Jane and Sue passed on valuable information about insurance covering several aspects such as public liability and car insurance, CRB requirements, etc. All Slip End Parish residents are *de-facto* members of our CPG and a good number turned out to hear about the Caddington experience. This went down well and about a dozen volunteers signed up on the night as volunteers.



Village Day

Sarah Minnighan and Janet Crawley advised the meeting that things are 'coming along nicely'. Insurance has been covered, naturally excluding the effects of weather which, as a fine sunny day is expected, would add unnecessary expense!

Raffle Tickets are now available, so prepare for persuasive approaches from our ticket sellers! Star Prizes include: Flights for 2 from easyJet, Tea for 2 at House of Commons, Dinner at local Italian Restaurant, Peugeot RCZ car for the weekend (subject to restrictors), Hampers, Cash Prizes & more!

CPG Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th June, 7.30 at the Social Club and all Slip End Parish residents are welcome to attend. Meetings are quite interactive with no stiff formality. Everyone gets a say and, with Sarah Minnighan in the chair, the business is covered comprehensively and efficiently, generally over by 9pm.

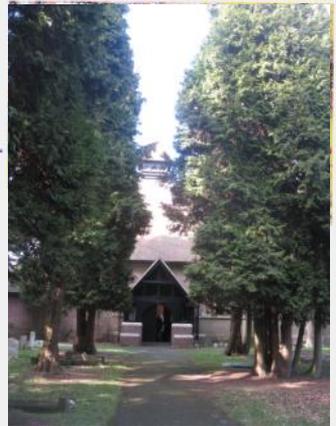
NB: see www.slipend.co.uk for comprehensive minutes.

David Kingston

Open Church Sunday

24th June 2012

Open from 9.30a.m.



details for this church ...

St Andrew's Church
Woodside
Slip End

- * Church info
- * History
- * Churchyard
- * Leaflets
- * Photo opportunity

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Gardeners Special

The weather this month is usually hot and with little rain, so to prevent the lawn from drying out too much lift the mower blades and leave the box off when mowing as the clippings will help to retain moisture. When the ground is soft after a shower spike the lawn so that moisture can penetrate down to the roots and keep the lawn looking green.

Hoe around rose bushes and remove any suckers from the root stock and mulch to preserve moisture. If you require long stem roses for cutting, remove the side buds by pinching them out when small and leave the top bud, this will produce a bigger and better quality bloom.

Any early herbaceous plants that are starting to fade, cut back to approximately three inches, this will encourage a fresh crop of foliage and possibly a second flowering. Dahlias and chrysanthemums can either be stopped (pinching out the top bud) to produce bushy flowers or disbudded (pinching out the side buds) if large showy blooms are required. This should be done by the middle of the month for best results, again a good mulch around the roots will prevent plants drying out.

Border carnations and pinks will require support to stop them looking unruly. Early in the month cut the grassy leaves off irises near to the soil level as the rhizomes need to be baked by the sun to produce good flowers. Primroses and primulas can be dug up and divided after a shower and replanted straight away this month to produce a good display next year. If left in large clumps the flowers will be small and of poor quality.

Wallflowers and Sweet Williams can be sown in their flowering positions at the end of the month for flowering in the spring. If fruit trees such as apple and pear are loaded with fruit, thinning out will improve the size of the fruit, but do this in stages as some trees will limit

the crops they carry naturally by dropping some of the fruit. Strawberries will produce runners this month so if you wish to increase your stock or replace old unproductive plants stake the runner in the ground until it roots. This can be done simply by placing a stone over the runner, removing unwanted runners.

Plant out Brussels sprouts, winter cabbages, purple and white sprouting broccoli in their final positions this month. Marrows and tomatoes are safe to be planted outside now. Towards the end of the month leeks can be planted six inches apart in rows twelve inches apart with a dibber and dropping the plant in, water in with a can to wash the soil around the roots. Do not fill the hole with soil and do not firm in as this will impede growth.

Carry on planting seeds for a succession of crops such as lettuce, radish, carrots and beet-root and pick when young for best flavour. Continue digging new potatoes, as the ground becomes vacant this can be used for leeks.

Plenty to do and enjoy this month in the garden and the allotment. If you can, visit the Open Gardens on the 30th for a pleasant day out and pick up some useful ideas and tips.

That's all for this month

Russell Sprout

Happy Diamond Anniversary

One by one each year flew by,
Since you both said "I do"
60 years of memories,
Shared by the two of you.
From big events and holidays
To simple daily pleasures,
Some tearful times along life's way,
Some joys that can't be measured
One by one each year now gone,
But still they're yours forever
Each and every memory,
Of sixty years together!

Your Neighbourhood Development Plan

From Cllr Keith Holme

You will have received a letter setting out the background to the Neighbourhood Plan which is being prepared by the Parish Councils of Slip End and Caddington and this article tries to clarify the backdrop which some Parishioners have suggested would be appropriate, bearing in mind the excellent work carried out recently to produce a Parish Plan for Slip End.

The Localism Act, which received Royal Assent on November 15 2011, introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans. Parish Councils can use the new neighbourhood planning powers to establish policies for the development and use of land and the environment in their neighbourhood.

These are described legally as 'neighbourhood development plans.'

In an important change to the planning system *communities* can use neighbourhood planning to permit the *development they want* to see - in full or in outline – without the need for planning applications, but Local Councils will continue to produce development plans and neighbourhood development plans will have to be set within the strategic context of these plans.

Other conditions are:

1. they must have regard to national planning policy
2. they must be in general conformity with strategic policies in the development plan for the local area (such as the Central Bedfordshire core strategy)
3. they must be compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.

At a very early stage the two Parishes of Caddington and Slip End realised the possible advantages of creating such a plan to help control the housing and other environmental issues which might occur over the next decade. They are front-runners in the plans to enable residents to formulate their own plans for the place in which they live and have received Government funding to assist with certain aspects of the plan preparation.

How does this Plan differ from any we might have had in the past?

If approved in a local referendum, it will determine the future policy for planning approvals and other significant aspects of local life including transport, leisure facilities and health provision and the environment.

Perhaps the most significant difference will be the Legal Authority which the Plan will carry.

An independent qualified person will check that a neighbourhood development plan appropriately meets the conditions before it can be voted on in a local referendum. This is to make sure that referenda only take place when proposals are workable and of a decent quality.

Proposed neighbourhood development plans or orders need to gain the approval of a majority of voters of the neighbourhood to come into force.

If proposals pass the referendum, the local planning authority is under a legal duty to bring them into force.

The two Parish Councils are responsible for the preparation and final presentation of The Plan and any associated costs, apart from the referendum costs and some professional help. They have established a Steering Group to plan the process and to arrange for full and comprehensive consultations with as many different individuals and groups as possible in order to ensure that your ideas are made known.



Ten local people agreed by the Parish Councils of Slip End and Caddington, but not necessarily members of the Councils.

The Steering Group can establish sub committees to gain help from interested people

**The two Slip End Parish Councillors on this Steering Group are
Ken Crossett and Keith Holme
Several members of the public have
already been recruited to help.**

What are the rules governing the Group?

Ensure its actions are inclusive, open and transparent
Act in the best interests of both communities at all times
Members of the Steering Group must declare any personal interest

Over the next weeks and months you will be asked to give your views at a number of public meetings designed to create the relaxed environment which we hope will appeal to all members of the community. These will be meetings arranged for the public to air their views and at specialised meetings with local clubs and societies to gain their opinions also.

If you have something to say or are a member of a group who would like to assist please contact the Clerk to the Steering Group at clerk@case4mail.org.uk or the clerk to the Parish Council on parishclerk@slipend.co.uk

Contact numbers for Ken Crossett and Keith Holme are given in this edition of Parish News. There is a visual presentation available for group and society meetings at which a member of the Steering Group will be happy to attend. Please ask and offer dates.



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Cantata at Farley Hill

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The picture shows the choir singing at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Stopsley at a concert in April in aid of the East Anglia Air Ambulance. Another recent charity concert, shared with the Luton Youth Jazz Orchestra, was held at St Andrew's Church, Blenheim Crescent.

The choir has sung at Farley Hill Methodist Church on several occasions. They usually hold two concerts a year. The Cantata Concert is being run jointly between the Methodists and the World Wide Church of God (who use the premises for their services). The second concert features the Beds Police Choir and is raising funds for Keech Hospice this year.

Alison Wilson

Come and see...

Cantata in concert at Farley Hill Methodist Church (see opposite page)

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Windsor in the Rain

Following on from last year when our son Ian was part of the colour party at the Queen's Scout Parade for St George's Day, he volunteered to be a section leader this year.

As it is Jubilee year, the Queen asked to take the salute and review the parade. This encouraged double the usual number of young people to complete the award and attend the Parade. Well done to them all!

In the past approximately 50 years the wet weather contingency plan has never been used. Unfortunately, this year was a first! The parade was unable to stand for the time taken to hold inspection and the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, all stood under a covered area to salute the parade of 540 Queen's Scouts led by the colour party and section leaders, all of whom were dressed in identical blue plastic capes to protect them from the rain. Despite being less impressive than previous years it was good to see them march round the Castle quadrangle.



The picture, above, shows Ian Wilson (saluting) and his section, approaching the podium. (The official press got in the way!)



The rain dried up while they were in St George's Chapel so they were able to march out without capes.

Alison Wilson

Farley Hill Methodist

There was an excellent turnout for FHM's Queen's Diamond Jubilee Lunch Club on Wednesday 9th May and all clearly enjoyed the day, the theme being Great Britain.

Commencing with the Loyal Toast followed by the first song, Bread of Heaven (Wales) the Grace by Clive Richardson traditional Roast Beef dinner was served with all the trimmings. Danny Boy (Ireland) was the next rendition and a reading from Robert Burns got Scotland into the act. Trifle and cream followed before Jerusalem for England was heard loud and clear.

Ken Cameron proposed the vote of thanks to Sheila Lathwell for her customary support on the piano to the enthusiastic singing and also the excellent 'Kitchen Ladies' for a splendid meal. The event ended with the National Anthem.

On Saturday 9th June Farley's Three Churches hold their annual Garden Fete at Farley Hill Methodists North Drift Way.

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The 50th Anniversary Celebrations continue on Saturday June 30th when CANTATA visit Farley Hill for their annual concert 7.pm start. All are looking forward to the usual brilliant evening. Admission prices are the same as ten years ago when the concerts first began. £3.00 and £2.00 concessions.

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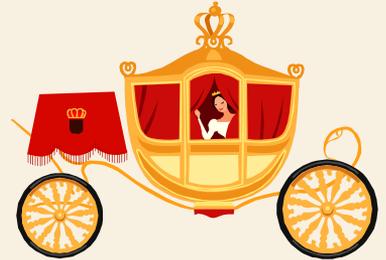
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60 facts you may not know about The Queen in her Jubilee year

1. The Queen is the second longest serving monarch. Only five other kings and queens in British history have reigned for 50 years or more. They are: Victoria (63 years), George III (59 years), Henry III (56 years), Edward III (50 years) James VI of Scotland (James I of Eng) (58)
2. The Queen is the 40th monarch since William the Conqueror obtained the crown of England.
3. Since 1952 The Queen has given Royal Assent to more than 3,500 Acts of Parliament.
4. Over the reign, Her Majesty has given regular audiences to 12 Prime Ministers. They are:
 - Winston Churchill 1951-55
 - Sir Anthony Eden 1955-57
 - Harold Macmillan 1957-63
 - Sir Alec Douglas-Home 1963-64
 - Harold Wilson 1964-70 and 1974-76
 - Edward Heath 1970-74
 - James Callaghan 1976-79
 - Margaret Thatcher 1979-90
 - John Major 1990-97
 - Tony Blair 1997-2007
 - Gordon Brown 2007-2010
 - David Cameron 2010 - present



5. Tony Blair was the first Prime Minister to have been born during The Queen's reign. He was born in early May, 1953 - a month before the Coronation.
6. The Queen has attended every opening of Parliament except those in 1959 and 1963, when she was expecting Prince Andrew and Prince Edward respectively.
7. There have been six Archbishops of Canterbury during The Queen's reign (Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Ramsey, Donald Coggan, Robert Runcie, George Carey and Rowan Williams).
8. There have been six Roman Catholic Popes during The Queen's reign (Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II, Benedict XVI).
9. The Queen has received two Popes on visits to the UK (Pope John Paul II in 1982 and Pope Benedict XVI in 2010). Pope John Paul II's visit in 1982 was the first Papal visit to the United Kingdom for over 450 years. Her Majesty has officially visited the Vatican three times in her reign – in 1961 visiting Pope John XXIII and in 1980 and 2000 visiting Pope John Paul II.
10. The Queen is currently patron of over 600 charities and organisations, over 400 of which she has held since 1952.
11. Since 1952, The Queen has conferred over 404,500 honours and awards.
12. The Queen has personally held over 610 Investitures.
13. The first Investiture of the Queen's reign took place at Buckingham Palace on 27th February 1952. The first person to be presented was Private William Speakman, of The King's Own Scottish Borderers, who received the Victoria Cross for his actions during the Korean War.
14. The Queen has answered around three and a half million items of correspondence.
15. The Queen has sent over 175,000 telegrams to centenarians in the UK and the Commonwealth.
16. The Queen has sent almost 540,000 telegrams to couples in the UK and the Commonwealth celebrating their diamond wedding (60 years) anniversary.



17. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have sent approximately 45,000 Christmas cards during The Queen's reign.
18. The Queen has given out approximately 90,000 Christmas puddings to staff continuing the custom of King George V and King George VI
19. In 60 years, The Queen has undertaken 261 official overseas visits, including 96 State Visits, to 116 different countries.
20. Many of The Queen's official tours were on the Royal Yacht Britannia, launched on 16th April 1953 and commissioned for service on 7th January 1954. It was decommissioned in 1997. During this time, Britannia travelled more than a million miles on Royal and official duties.
21. The Royal Yacht Britannia was first used by The Queen when Her Majesty embarked with the Duke of Edinburgh on 1st May 1954 at Tobruk for the final stage of their Commonwealth Tour returning to the Pool of London. The last time The Queen was on board Britannia for an official visit was on the 9th August 1997 for a visit to Arran in Scotland.
22. In 60 years, The Queen has often travelled to her major Realms. Her Majesty has visited Australia 16 times, Canada 22 times, Jamaica 6 times and New Zealand 10 times.
23. The Queen's official visits have ranged from the Cocos Islands, 5.4 square miles with a population of 596, to The Peoples' Republic of China, with a population of 1.34 billion.
24. Unusual live gifts given to The Queen on foreign tours include: two tortoises given to The Queen in the Seychelles in 1972; a seven-year-old bull elephant called "Jumbo" given to Her Majesty by the President of Cameroon in 1972 to mark The Queen's Silver Wedding, and two black beavers given to The Queen after a Royal visit to Canada.
25. The only time The Queen has had to interrupt an overseas tour was in 1974 during a tour of Australia and Indonesia. The Queen was called back to the UK from Australia when a general election in the UK was suddenly called. The Duke of Edinburgh continued the programme in Australia, and The Queen re-joined the tour in Indonesia.
26. Her Majesty's first Commonwealth tour, began on 24 November 1953, and included visits to Canada, Bermuda, Jamaica, Panama, Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand, Australia, the Cocos Islands, Ceylon, Aden, Uganda, Libya, Malta and Gibraltar. Total distance covered was 43,618 miles.
27. The Queen made an historic visit to the Republic of Ireland in May 2011, the first visit by a British Monarch since Irish independence (King George V had visited in 1911).
28. There have been 102 inward State Visits from 1952 to the end of 2011
29. The first football match The Queen attended was the 1953 FA Cup Final.
30. The Queen has laid her wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday every year of her reign, except 1959, 1961, 1963, 1968, 1983 and 1999 when she pregnant or on an official visit.
31. The Queen has attended 56 Royal Maundy services in 43 Cathedrals during her reign. A total of 6,710 people have received Maundy Money in recognition of service to the Church and their communities.
32. The Queen has been at the saluting base of her troops in every Trooping the Colour ceremony since the start of her reign, with the exception of 1955, when a national rail strike forced its cancellation.
33. The Queen has attended 35 Royal Variety performances.
34. The Queen has launched 21 ships during her reign.
35. Since it was launched to mark The Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service has been awarded to over 750 voluntary organisations across all four countries in the UK. Winners of the award have included scout groups, community radio stations, groups who care for the elderly and environmental charities.



36. Over the course of the reign, almost a one and a half million people have attended garden parties at Buckingham Palace or the Palace of Holyroodhouse.
37. The Queen has sat for 129 portraits during her reign.
38. The first 'Royal walkabout' took place during the visit by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh to Australia and New Zealand in 1970. The practice was introduced to allow them to meet as many people as possible, not simply officials and dignitaries.
39. In 1969 the first television film about the family life of the Royal Family was made, and shown on the eve of the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.
40. 1962 a new gallery was opened at Buckingham Palace to display items from the Royal Collection. The brainchild of The Duke of Edinburgh, the new Queen's Gallery occupied the space of the Palace's bomb-damaged private chapel. It was the first time that parts of the Palace had been opened to the general public. The new Queen's Gallery was re-developed and re-opened in 2002 for the Golden Jubilee.
41. The Queen has made a Christmas Broadcast to the Commonwealth every year of her reign except 1969, when a repeat of the film 'Royal Family' was shown and a written message from The Queen issued. In 2002 The Queen made her 50th Christmas Broadcast and in 2004 The Queen issued her first separate broadcast for members of the British Armed Forces.
42. In 1953, The Queen made the first Christmas Broadcast from overseas, (rather than from the UK), broadcasting live from New Zealand. The first televised broadcast was in 1957, made live. The first pre-recorded broadcast took place in 1960 to allow transmission around the world. In 2006 the Christmas Broadcast was first made available to download as a podcast.
43. The Queen launched the British Monarchy's official website in 1997. In 2007 the official British Monarchy YouTube channel was unveiled, swiftly followed by a Royal Twitter site (2009), Flickr page (2010) and Facebook page (also 2010).
44. The Queen hosts "theme days" and Receptions to promote and celebrate aspects of British culture. Recent examples from 2011 include a reception for Young People and the Performing Arts and for Explorers. Other themes have included Publishing, Broadcasting, Tourism, Music,.
45. In an average year, The Queen will host more than 50,000 people at banquets, dinners, receptions and Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. The Queen also hosts more than 8,000 people each year at garden parties and investitures at Holyroodhouse, during Holyrood Week.
46. The Queen was born at 17 Bruton St, London W1 on the 21st April, 1926, was christened on the 29th May, 1926 in the Private Chapel at Buckingham Palace and was confirmed on the 28th March, 1942 in the Private Chapel at Windsor Castle.
47. The Queen learnt to drive in 1945.
48. With the birth of Prince Andrew in 1960, The Queen became the first reigning Sovereign to have a child since Queen Victoria, who had her youngest child, Princess Beatrice, in 1857.
49. The Queen's real birthday is on 21st April, but it is celebrated officially in June.
50. During the Silver Jubilee year, The Queen toured 36 counties in the UK and Northern Ireland, starting in Glasgow on the 17th May. During her Golden Jubilee year The Queen toured 35 counties beginning in Cornwall on 1st May.
51. The Queen's first foreign tour of the Silver Jubilee year was a visit to Western Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Papua New Guinea. The first foreign tour of The Queen's Golden Jubilee year was to Jamaica, New Zealand and Australia.
52. The Queen has 30 godchildren.



53. The Queen has owned more than 30 corgis during her reign, starting with Susan who was a present for her 18th birthday in 1944. A good proportion of these have been direct descendants from Susan. Her Majesty currently has three corgis – Monty, Willow and Holly.

54. The Queen also introduced a new breed of dog known as the "dorgi" when one of Her Majesty's corgis was mated with a dachshund named Pipkin belonging to Princess Margaret. There have been 11 dorgis.

55. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have been married for 64 years. They were married on the 20th November, 1947 in Westminster Abbey. The Queen's wedding dress was designed by Norman Hartnell and was woven at Winterthur Silks Limited, Dunfermline, in the Canmore factory, using silk made from Chinese silkworms at Lullingstone Castle.

56. The Queen's wedding ring was made from a nugget of Welsh gold which came from the Clogau St David's mine near Dolgellau. The official wedding cake was made by McVitie and Price Ltd, using ingredients given as a wedding gift by Australian Girl Guides.

57. The wedding of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh was the first and so far the only time in British history that the heir presumptive to the throne had been married.

58. The Queen's racing colours are a purple body with gold braid, scarlet sleeves and black velvet cap with gold fringe. They were adopted from those used by King Edward VII; one of his most successful horses was called Diamond Jubilee.

59. Queen Victoria was the last and to date the only British Monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee. The Queen, who was aged 85 on Accession Day in 2012, is the oldest monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee. Queen Victoria was 77 when she celebrated hers in 1897.

60. There have been three Diamond Jubilees of Heads of State throughout the world during The Queen's reign. King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand celebrated 60 years on the throne in 2006; the former Sultan of Johor celebrated his in 1955; and the late Emperor Hirohito of Japan celebrated his in 1986.

(Details compiled by the British Monarchy web team)



God Save the Queen (standard version)

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

O Lord, our God, arise,
Scatter her enemies,
And make them fall.
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On Thee our hopes we fix,
God save us all.

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
*To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen.*



Preparations are well and truly underway for our annual Summer Fayre. It will be held on Saturday 23rd June from 12.00 until 3pm. Naomi and Penny, this year's organisers have been working really hard to make sure the 2012 fayre is bigger and better than ever! Look forward to our ever popular Pimms tent, BBQ and bouncy slide. There will be walkabout characters, beat the goalie, a toddler zone run by Slip End Playgroup and much, much more! We are, however, still looking for volunteers to help on the day – if anyone can spare an hour or so to lend a hand, we would be most grateful.

All enquiries to Debbie on 0789 603 7853 or fosels.chair@slipend.co.uk

The children will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee on the 31st May and FoSELS has purchased a Souvenir gift to be presented to each child on this day. On the 1st June, School will be hosting a Big Jubilee Lunch in honour of the event.

Other events to look forward to are Village Day (FoSELS is hosting a sweetie stall), Psychic Event and Pamper event, dates to be confirmed. Treasure Hunt on 15th July – tickets on sale soon!

Finally, FoSELS would like to pass on its heartfelt thanks to Claire and Justin Cowan who have kindly purchased two gazebo's and donated them to us for use at our events. Also, an anonymous donation has been received from one of our neighbours for the sum of £50 – many, many thanks to you all.

That's all for now, until the next issue !

Debbie Newsome

Hello again,

I took part in a Tandem Skydive on Sunday 13th May 2012, in aid of Keech Hospice Care.

It was one of those rare sunny days that we occasionally have...the sky was blue, there was a little breeze and it was mild.

I got to Hinton Airfield in Oxfordshire before 8am. I was 4th in the Registration queue, and was the second person to jump out of the Plane, at 10,000 ft. It was breathtaking...literally! The English countryside was patches of Green and Yellow fields, the sky was blue and the air was refreshing. It had taken about 20 minutes in the plane to get up to 10,000 ft, but only took a few minutes to skydive down. In one word, it was 'exhilarating'. The guy that looked after me and showed me the ropes was Dave Luke- he made it great fun and made sure that I was going to go away with having had a great experience. Ben Dawson was my Film make, he did a Video from start to finish, and took around 100 photos, and each time I look at them I cannot believe that it's me in the shot!

Thank you to every one who has sponsored me....so far the total amount exceeds £600.00, and I am receiving donations still.

I feel that I am a very lucky person to have been able to raise money for a very worthy cause, and have such a 'once in a lifetime experience' too.

Thanks to Keech Hospice Care for organising such an event Many Thanks

Kay McIlroy



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Tuesday 12th

- 10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 17th

No Morning Service

- 6.00pm Circuit Service - Rev Phil Horner
Followed by tea & coffee

Monday 18th

- 7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Ann Meader

Sunday 24th

- 11.00am Morning Service - Hyacinth Taylor
11.00am Sunday School

Wednesday 27th

- 7.30pm Coffee Evening
In aid of Methodist Homes for the Aged

Sunday 1st July

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

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A very BIG thank you to all who popped along to our Spring Fayre at the end of April, it was good to welcome you. With your help we managed to raise £551.80 to be shared by our two Charities for 2012. (We pledged to raise £500 for each in the year) We have already doubled our target for the Luton & Dunstable Neonatal Intensive Care Appeal, £1093.90 has been sent to them. £295.90, half the Spring Fayre total, has been despatched to Hospice at Home (Dunstable) We hope to raise the balance of £204.10 over the coming months.

After a busy time of services, studies and events, there were only nine of us at the April Coffee Evening. We were pleasantly surprised that the evening, raffle ticket sales and a generous donation all combined to raise £119.00 for Keech Hospice Care. The May 'Cakes & Company' was well attended with lots of mums, grans and tots using our safe play area in the upper school room. It is always on the second Tuesday of each month.

### Fruits of the Allotment

With the April and May weather being so dull and wet we are very behind with planting our 2.5 allotments at Caddington Leisure Gardens. The fruit trees and bushes are looking good and we are hoping for a good harvest so our preserve team can make their jams, jellies, chutneys and piccalilli. If you would like to try some of our home made preserves please pop along to one of our Coffee Mornings or Evenings, we have an assortment of 'try me jars', preserve sales are a big part of our charity fundraising. We also give 'From Plot to Pot' talks to clubs and groups, Lorraine Law will be happy to give more information, telephone her on 01582 484719

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Spring Fayre April (below)



## Gardening Club

On Sun 22 April members visited Amwell Cottage in fine weather! They all went prepared with macs and umbrellas but luckily didn't need them. What a surprise! The informal garden is situated on the edge of Wheathampstead overlooking fields. The garden of approximately two and a half acres has a large old orchard with plum, pear and apple trees, they leave the meadow in the orchard for the bees and have sculptures, seats and yew hedges dotted around. There is a woodland pond, greenhouse, fire-pit and a sense of natural peace. We sat on a bench in the sun and admired the views. After enjoying afternoon tea with no rain we travelled home all in agreement of a very pleasant Sunday afternoon.

The May visit to The Old Vicarage, Westoning attracted the most members (17) to any of our visits to date. It was a traditional 2 acre vicarage garden on sandy soil with box and laurel hedges, formal lawn, large magnolia grand flora and numerous other mature shrubs and trees. More recent improvements included many colour co-ordinated herbaceous beds, a romantic cornfield meadow, an English rose garden, pond, rockery, and small vegetable garden. A striking show of hellebores and daffodils can be seen in the spring. The weather was gorgeous and the afternoon concluded with tea and cake whilst overlooking the very pleasant surroundings and purchasing some of the plants on sale. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon

The next visit is given below.

Sun. 3 Jun NGS Mackerye End, Wheathampstead. Meet Rising Sun car park 1.30pm

*PN Gardening Correspondent*



Old Vicarage Westoning — tea all round!

**Preparations are well in hand for the Parish Open Gardens Day on Sat. 30 June. (See poster overleaf)**

### Gardening Club Meeting

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*by Irene Hodgkinson*

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## Frog and Rhubarb

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### 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.

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Lots of live entertainment in June so come along for a real party atmosphere.

Elvis is alive and well and returning to Slip End on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Music night – all welcome.

Retro tea party 1950's & 60's on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.  
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Deaf 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.

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The Queens Diamond Jubilee Weekend  
celebrations Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th June



### Look after your property

You may or may not be aware that there has  
been a spate of burglaries in Slip End and  
Caddington recently. Ken Crossett (Parish  
Council Chairman) has been in contact with  
Inspector Jim Hitch of Bedfordshire Police to  
express his concerns on behalf of our parish  
and he has commented as follows:

During the latter part of last week (referring to  
a week in May) and over the weekend there  
were 5 burglaries in Slip End and Caddington.  
These were committed during the night and  
involved offender/s walking through unlocked  
doors or 'popping' UPVC doors where they  
were locked. To put this into perspective, since  
the weekend we have had none reported. I  
have arranged for 4 officers to conduct high  
profile patrols around the area during the latter  
part of this week and over the weekend during  
the late evenings and nights. Other work by  
other departments is also taking place but for  
reasons of confidentiality I am unable to  
comment on this. Can everyone be vigilant and  
in the event that anything suspicious is seen  
call the police are called immediately on 999.

Take care out there!

### Say No to 0870 / 0845

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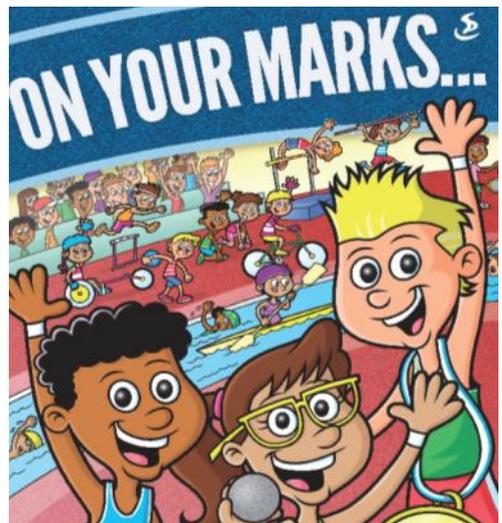


A busy time for the Parish News this month with lots going on in June for the village. Hopefully you will try and join in with some of the Jubilee celebrations and I hope you enjoy reading the 60 facts about Our Queen. The pubs, Church and school are all getting into the spirit, although not quite as busy as the events for the Queen's Coronation that were put on by the village all those years ago. It was good to see just what they got up to though, and please send us the details from your celebrations in plenty of time for the July issue.

Village day, Open Gardens and the School Fayre are fast approaching, so lots for everyone to join in with and get involved.

Subscriptions are due for those outside the village so please don't forget to hand those in. That's all for now but enjoy June, its supposed to be glorious with long overdue sunshine.

Sue Briggs



## 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.

## Would you like to learn Bridge?



Wardown Bridge Club is Luton's largest and best known Bridge Club, with approximately 100 members from Luton, Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire. For many years we have offered lessons beginning in September of each year. Our next course of lessons will begin on: -

### Wednesday 3 October 2012 at 7.30pm

The venue is the Luton Town Cricket Pavilion at Wardown Park in Luton. It is an excellent venue with free parking. The teachers are English Bridge Union trained and they will use EBU teaching materials. The course will last until July 2013 with holiday breaks. We like to think we are a friendly club and that at the end of the lessons players will continue to play as members of the club. If you would like more details please contact: -

Brian Edwards on 01525 860428 or by email: - brian.edwards60@btinternet.com

## The History of 'APRONS'

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. Along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.. When the weather was cold Grandma wrapped



it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Wood was brought into the kitchen in that apron and vegetables from the garden. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In Autumn, the apron brought in apples fallen off the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could quickly dust. It will be a long time before someone invents something to replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

**REMEMBER:** Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw!

*They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.*

I don't think anything was caught from an apron - but love...

## Laughter

An 85 year old couple married for nearly 60 years died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years due to the wife's interest in exercising and health food. When they reached the Pearly Gates, St Peter took them to their beautiful mansion and the man asked how much it was going to cost. "Its free" St Peter replied. "This is Heaven". Then they visited the bordering golf course and the old man asked what the green fee's were. "This is Heaven, you play for free" said St Peter. Next was the club house with its Cuisines of the World laid out. "How much can you eat" the man asked. "Don't you understand" said St Peter, "This is Heaven and everything is free You eat as much as you like, you never get fat and never get sick" With that the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it. St Peter and his wife tried to calm him down and asked what was wrong. The old man looked at his wife and said "This is your fault, if it wasn't for your bran muffins we could have been here 10 years ago".

## Travel Page

***Both Sue Briggs and David Kingston who help bring PN to you each month, toured Scotland by train in April. Not any ordinary train but, for those with memories going back a few years, by steam trains.***

‘Great Britain V’ is an annual ‘railway roundabout’ from London, taking in this time round, Edinburgh, the Scottish Highlands, Skye, Stranraer, Bristol and Penzance! Marian and David Kingston enjoyed their trip immensely, in the company of amiable fellow travellers, who shared railway interests (in depth!). They were served food of the highest quality, freshly cooked on the train and served up by a convivial team. The ‘trainees’ were accommodated in hotels, baggage being ‘looked after’ with only a little inconvenience.

The weather was a surprise! While many were drenched by heavy rain, for which you gardeners can thank the imposition of the hosepipe ban, most travel, significantly in Scotland, was ideal. Coincidentally, PN Editor Sue Briggs and husband Allan did a similar trip the following week .....

Not quite the same as we were on a Railtrail tour from Inverness, travelling by coach, boat or train to different areas. We were also lucky with the weather, no rain and sunshine every day, even in Skye, well known for its rainy conditions. We did not find the Loch Ness monster on our boat ride along the River Ness into the Loch but enjoyed wonderful views of Urquhart Castle. Had an exhilarating ride on the funicular railway of the Cairngorms and a leisurely afternoon from Aviemore on the Strathspey railway with afternoon tea on the steam train and a visit to the engine room!

Having never been to Scotland before we marvelled at the wonderful views all around us and the hospitality of the Scottish people, the hotel had even arranged for some young Scottish dancers to entertain us one night before dinner. Went on the Moray Firth searching for dolphins and even drove the boat!

Our coach driver John gave us a real insight into Scotland, stopping the coach along the remote wilderness of the circular tour of the Loch and spotted one of his previous calves called May — he went over to see her and pet her, a rare and wonderful sight.



(he kept highland cattle in his spare time!). He



also stopped again to let the coach passengers watch a lamb being born. Some great sights and happy memories of Inverness.

*Sue Briggs*



*Urquhart castle seen from Loch Ness.*

## **Women's Institute**

What an interesting Annual Meeting we had. Our meeting began with Sallie reading her yearly report which included all the events and speakers we held during the past year. We certainly had a busy year. A new committee was formed and we welcome Sue Taylor aboard. Sue Martin is still our President, voted unanimously. Sue thanked the Members who had helped us during the year with non-committee jobs - we do appreciate what they do. The Rose Bowl was presented to Joan Bean and Carol Jones (joint winners). This Bowl is presented to the Member who gets the most points when entering our Competition each month. Well done ladies.

On with the social side of our evening. Tracey Smith brought along a selection of teas and gave a talk on their origins and colour. Pots of tea were made in delightful glass teapots and we were each given small samples of different teas. The flavours were quite distinctive. We were later able to see all the different tins and pots Tracey had collected. Our competition of An Unusual Teacup was won by Lou Cobb followed by Jean Ship and Stephanie Horne. The Co-operative Group was the speaker at our recent Meeting. Members were surprised how much the Co-op have to offer us - they were even given a small bar of chocolate! Dunstable Ladies Choir will be coming along again on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30 p.m. This is a really enjoyable evening with refreshments and raffle and the cost is £4.00. On the 19th June we have a talk about The Walled Gardens at Luton Hoo with Felicity Brimble with a surprise later! Our Competition will be the Oldest Royal Memento.

17th July our Speaker will be Ian Jackson on his work as a Wildlife Illustrator.

In August our Dunstable Group is arranging a coach trip to the Cotswolds which will be good. Sadly for us all, two of our members passed away this month, Lenise Caves and Peggy Knight. Lenise was one of our Founder Members and was Secretary of the Over 60's Club for 47years. Jerusalem was sung at the Baptist Hall for Lenise which brought a few watery eyes to some of us. Our thoughts are with both families at this sad time. We have our memories of them both.

To end on a lighter note our Darts Ladies are practising ready for the next Season. Please joins us as the more the merrier!

Don't forget we meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Baptist Church Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. Look forward to seeing you.

*Linda Edwards*

**Diary Dates:** 12th June, 19th June 17th July, 21st August

## Unlock Walk

A group of us had an interesting (although wet) day visiting the Borough of Brent on 28th April for the Unlock Walk. We visited some motivating Churches along the way but also some lovely parks. Queen's Park was renamed in honour of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and well worth a visit in this special Jubilee year. In the 19th century Christian campaigners fought for open spaces, remembering the 4th commandment about a day of rest. We were given a very warm welcome at the Pentecostal



Several groups did the walk from St Andrew's but didn't get to meet up on the day so above are just some of the brave walkers at Church the next day, with their sponsorship form.



## Congratulations Julie—50 years young

Julie Taylor celebrated her birthday with many friends and family at the Village Hall in May, seen below with local friends and a picture of

City Mission in Willesden with lots of home-made cakes on offer. Thank you ladies. It was a wet visit to Willesden Green

Library (Sue and Alan on the right) but it was a fascinating place. We came across



this strange sculpture in Gladstone Park. It



her wonderful cake made by Lynne Sandle.



shows what you can do with an old tree trunk!



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

### June

- Sat 2nd *Elvis : Music Night: Rising Sun from 8pm*  
*St Andrew's Trinity Sunday Special Morning Praise 10.30 :Celebrating the Queen's*
- Sun 3rd *Diamond Jubilee : Street Party / Community Lunch from 12noon - Peter Edwards Hall*  
*Retro Tea Party: Jubilee Celebrations: Rising Sun*
- Tues 12th *Cakes and Company at Aley Green Church from 10 to 12noon*  
*CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*  
*Baptist Hall Caddington: Dunstable Ladies Choir 7:30pm*
- Sat 16th *Live entertainment at Rising Sun with Deaf Shepherd*
- Tues 19th *Women's Institute meeting Baptist Hall Caddington - 7:30pm*
- Sat 23rd *School Summer Fayre 12 to 3pm*  
*Church Open Day: St Andrew's from 9.30-4*
- Sun 24th *Songs of Praise at St Andrew's from 4pm*  
*Live music with Victoria Strange at The Rising Sun from 6pm*
- Sat 30th *Parish Open Gardens Day 11-5pm*  
*Cantata visit Farley Hill Methodist Church: 7pm start*



### 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*

### August

- Tues 21st *Women's Institute Meeting*

### September

- Tues 11th *CPG meeting 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

- 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*



## YOUR PARISH & CENTRAL BEDS COUNCILLORS

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### Schools:

|                           |        |                                  |        |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
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| <b>Manshead Upper</b>     | 679400 |                                  |        |

### Churches:-

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
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| <b>Susan Wiltshire</b>       | 727477                    |

### Aley Green Methodist Church

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Minister: Rev Philip Horner</b> |        |
| <b>Senior Steward: Ann Meader</b>  | 733668 |

### Sport:-

|                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
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### Community:-

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