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Parish News - March 2012

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Editors Column

Welcome to the March edition of Parish News. Some of you may have already heard, and will read later in this edition that we are planning to go 'GLOBAL'. From the April edition the Parish News will be delivered FREE to every house in our Parish (Aley Green, Pepperstock, Slip End and Woodside).

We are also pleased to announce that the magazine will be a full colour issue in future with the Parish Council and Community Projects Group assistance towards funding.

This seemed a good time to try out different styles of font and colour and also a slightly different layout for the magazine and we hope you will bear with us over the transition period whilst we work on the changes.

Unfortunately as the printing takes slightly longer we do need to abide by the cut-off date for articles of the 15th of the preceding month, so would be grateful for your assistance in getting any items to Alison or myself in plenty of time (parishnews@slipend.co.uk)

In the meantime we would like to give a huge thank you to all our delivery agents who have kindly given up their time and energy ensuring that the magazines are delivered in good time to you all. They have done a great job and we do appreciate it. We hope you enjoy this month's varied and informative publication and the full colour photographs.

Sue Briggs

Central Beds Press Release, Council warning:

The logo for Central Bedfordshire, featuring the text "Central Bedfordshire" in white on a green circular background.

Resident's have been asked to be alert to fake council tax bills apparently from Central Bedfordshire Council. The warning came after a 17-year-old, who was not even registered as a council tax payer, was issued with a bill demanding over £350. Councillor Maurice Jones, Executive Member for Corporate Resources said: "This fake could quite easily fool someone." However the forger clearly does not know we would never send a bill out with the wording 'Agent Visit'. They have also got our logo completely wrong and there are a number of other inaccuracies. "Nevertheless, it is worrying and I urge anyone who thinks they have received a bogus bill to contact the Council's Revenues and Benefits department. "The letter contains a warning in bold of 'Agent Visit' in seven days - and a rectangular logo, as opposed Central Bedfordshire Council's official circular one.

Value of a Smile

A smile costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who gave it. It is something that is no earthly good to anyone, unless it is given away. And if it happens that some people are too tired to give you a smile, why not give them one of yours? For nobody needs a smile as one who has no smile to give.

Parish Council Notes

Gritter

Central Bedfordshire District Council (CBDC) has watched developments here with the joint Slip End & Caddington gritting initiatives.

In its recent press release CBDC is impressed with what has been achieved here. In particular that Richard Stay has been so active in co-ordinations with Highways, the legal and insurance people at CB, which overcame all the obstacles presented to the Parishes.

There's snow question - great idea!

Slip End and Caddington Parish Councils have recently taken delivery of their own mini-gritter to work alongside the Council in making sure the roads in the area stay safe in snowy weather.

Although the Council still takes care of the usual major roads, the parish councils together wanted to provide an additional gritting service in smaller village roads. Working with the Council, the parish councils decided which roads they would treat, and an agreement was formed. The recent snowy weather was the first time the Parish Council provided its own gritting service, and Councillor Ken Crossett, Chairman of Slip End Parish Council was very pleased with the performance.

‘We sent our mini gritter out quite late over three nights when it was snowing. At first the grit melted the snow and as the day progressed, slushy tracks had started to appear down the road surface, the roads were definitely passable and I could really see the benefit of the gritter.

Although the roads weren't obviously as good as the main ones which had been treated by Central Bedfordshire Council, there was a distinct improvement over previous years.

Tony Hansen, Chairman of Caddington Parish Council says ‘Buying the gritter was well worth the effort and local residents seem pleased with it as well. Clearly we're never going to be able to provide the same service as the Council, but I think our machine has done remarkably well.’

Richard Stay said “Congratulations to both parishes which have worked together for the past two years to secure this new gritter for Caddington and Slip End. “This really is localism in action and shows just how by seizing the initiative, you can really make a difference to the services in your community.

Parking & Speeding

These days there are heavy constraints on funding; 20% has been knocked of the police budget! In fact the police recently achieved remarkable success in *reducing* crime by 20%! It becomes apparent that a 20% reduction in funding has significant effects on road policing here in the Parish. The Parish Council is looking for solutions to bridge the gap. Steve Fuell has found that parking issues in Slip End have a low funding priority within Central Beds although it's an important issue within the Parish. Steve is investigating, with Central Beds, possibilities to accelerate the process and cost issues. The Parish Council is looking at various ‘speeding’ initiatives including a ‘Speedwatch’ scheme and developing the use of ‘rent-a-cop’ speed traps. The Parish Plan has identified that both inconsiderate parking and speeding are two important issues for residents.

As well as the police continuing speed traps with the latest technology in camera vans and the Road Policing Unit taking an interest with speeding problems in the Slip End Parish, they are also carrying out enforcement activities. Things are happening here, although the very nature of these activities require discretion when it comes to publicity.

Thanks Janet!

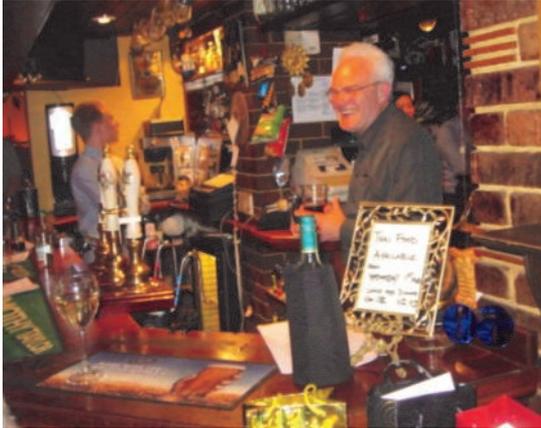
The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Janet Crawley for the time she put in as councillor. In particular, it was Janet who was the driving force behind Village Day, some years back.

Her retirement leaves a vacancy on the Council. Any volunteers?

Ken Crossett, Chairman



*Birthday Celebrations
for Councillor Crossett
Happy 60th Ken at
the Rising Sun*



Many friends, ex-colleagues and family gathered to wish Ken a very happy birthday. Lily served some delicious refreshments and Liz Higgins supplied the music for everyone to sing along to some of Ken's favourite Scottish songs. A great time was had by all.



70th Birthday congratulations to Joan Duncombe (founder member of the Gardening Club, who was given this wonderful garden cake which illustrates her love of gardening. Happy belated birthday Joan

February's CPG meeting was a busy affair, with several matters, important to the community, under consideration.

CPG Grants to local organisations: about a dozen grant submissions had been received from local 'not for profit' groups. Each submission was looked at in detail and decisions made in moving grant allocations forward. The quality of submissions varied: at one end, some were a bit lacking in detail and further information is required. At the other end of the scale, one submission was adequately detailed and backed up by a full explanation of that organisation's activities and needs from their Chairman.



Volunteers are coming forward to take part in our new Neighbourhood Watch scheme, (well done Pepperstock!) and the Group now has a stake on the Neighbourhood Watch national website. The 'Safe at Home' show last December, organised here by Steve Fuell, kick started our Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Early days yet, so when more information is forthcoming it will be included in PN. Steve is the contact for parishioners who want more information or who wish to take part; see contact details 'page 1'.

AOB: Two items came up at the Group Meeting, not specifically direct CPG business they were none the less interesting!

One resident felt particularly aggrieved about the 'consultation' about expansion schemes to increase Luton Airport passenger numbers from 11M to 18M. At Luton Town Hall the 'futureLuToN/Optimisation group has largely sidestepped our community. Its exhibition toured areas last month where 'stakeholders' are affected by LIAP. On the first day the exhibition ventured out of Luton, they must have passed through Slip End (Beds) to get to Flamstead (Herts). The road show must have driven by our Village Hall and, with huge ironic symbolism, DID NOT STOP!

A Pepperstock resident expressed thanks via the CPG to the Parish Council. Last month PN reported on our new gritter. This was put to good effect during the recent snow. The gritter was out early and our local roads, with particular reference to Pepperstock, were kept clear and passable. We tend to whinge about 'the council' when things do not go the way we want. This is one example of the way in which the Parish Council, in conjunction with our Caddington neighbours, got it right: well done!

The CPG next meeting at the Social Club at the top of Summer Street is at 7.30 on March 13th. All parish residents are de-facto members and welcome to attend.



Chairman Sarah Minnighan, explained that preparations were moving forward apace for **Village Day**. Her agenda has many headings and she is on all the cases. The Group was impressed to hear of the generosity shown by of a number of local people who are offering their services on Village Day, free of charge. They will all be thanked in due course, as we look forward to another successful Village Day.

Parish Plan: Parish News will play a major part in this. The February issue was a trial run with full colour, using the services of a new printer. Many lessons have been learned, one or two quite hard, but the PN 'rep' at the meeting said that results look encouraging and that the March issue (right in front of you now!) would address several important issues which needed sorting out. Free delivery throughout the parish will commence in April.

Many 'communications' aspects of the Parish Plan will best be covered by PN and every household will receive it every month. Contact lists, community information, information about housing, roads and other infrastructure, etc. will be included.

Luton & District Poultry Club Egg Show

The first egg show was held in early February, in The Three Blackbirds pub, Flamstead. On arrival there was a definite buzz in the air, everyone proudly clutching their boxes of pride and joy... Eggs!

We queued to register our beauties in the various categories. These are made up of different types of bird's eggs, bantam, large fowl, and waterfowl, single or in threes and by colour. There is also a class for egg content.

Once registered you present your eggs on the dish numbered with the number you have been given. For the egg content class the egg is placed on to a plate, and the judge will crack the egg later on.

A talk was given by Rachel Seymour, a top egg exhibitor and judge. This was most interesting and

we learnt about what the judges are looking for, shape, smooth texture, uniformity and the different weights for the different category of egg.. and also a few tips!!

I am proud to say that I scooped 2 firsts and 2 thirds. The firsts being for single bantam egg and egg contents from a bantam egg.

The club meets every first Thursday of the month in The Three Blackbirds. Everyone is very welcoming and a bit nutty about chickens and eggs, but if you are interested in keeping poultry you'll slot right in!!

Katrina Doubleday



Women's Institute

We are pleased to report our Darts Team won their last game. The new season starts in April so, come on ladies, lets get together and win a few matches. Keep practising!

Easter Cookery from Carol Jones at our February meeting. She will be preparing hot cross buns for us all - hope to get a taste during our tea break.

Our days outing to the Olympic City in March is almost fully booked. I am sure we will have a really good day out. Thank you to Sue for organising this trip.

The next few months are very busy. Next month is Members Night when our Members take over for the evening with entertainment and fun. This gives our Committee a night off which is really appreciated.

In April we have Beads & Beadwork Jewellery with our speaker Gillian Ashwell. Our AGM together and other interesting topics is in May. In June we have Felicity Brimble talking to us on The Walled Gardens at Luton Hoo. So, you can see, there are many things to look forward to at the W.I.

Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at the Baptist Church Hall, Dunstable Road commencing at 7.30 p.m. Look forward to seeing you. Visitors and new members always welcome.

Diary Dates

20th March : Members Night

17th April : Beads & Beadwork Jewellery
with Gillian Ashwell

15th May : Annual Meeting

19th June :The Walled Gardens at
Luton Hoo with Felicity Brimble

Linda Edwards

Greetings from Cathy

Dear all,



It is nearly a year ago that I wrote my first article for the Parish News. I wrote then about how pleased I was to be appointed to the Parish and now, a year in, I can still say that I am delighted to be here. I have really enjoyed meeting many of you and visiting numerous groups and venues in the villages, and welcoming many to St. Andrew's.

I am approaching my second Lent here, in fact we will have already begun Lent by the time you read this. Lent is the time in the Christian calendar when we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

Towards the end of his fast he was tempted to use his powers for his own ends. As he was extremely hungry he was tempted to turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger. He was tempted to demonstrate irrefutably that he was God's Son by throwing himself off the highest point of the temple so that God would send angels to rescue him. Finally he was tempted and to gain power and the splendour of rule over all the kingdoms of the world by worshipping the devil.

Jesus resisted all the temptations and chose instead to rely on God to satisfy all his needs. He chose to trust God for food and shelter and give himself fully to doing God's will. He chose to believe God's word about himself that he was God's only Son and live by faith rather than look for the certainty that proof would give him. He chose to minister to the people in complete obscurity and trust God to reward him when the time was right.

These decisions left Jesus free to follow God, to allow the power of God to work through him in healing, teaching and loving the people. When we "give something up" for Lent this will often enable us to get free of things we

may be relying on so we can rely on God instead. It was the Holy Spirit who sent Jesus out into the wilderness to fast and to be tempted. If we ask God to show us what He would like us to give up, he will show us things that might be getting in the way of his power and love flowing through us.

It may be some kind of food or alcohol, or it may be something like television, or listening to the radio, or texting or using the internet, or soaps or romantic novels. Anything in fact that we might be using to prop ourselves up, and that might be keeping us from facing truths within ourselves or which might be keeping us from God or from loving others.

Why not try asking God to show you? Ask him to give you ability and resolve to overcome the power of habits of comfort or distraction, and see the difference that he can make in your life.

Additional Services in March:

If you can't get to the regular 10.30am services at St. Andrew's there are other opportunities for Worship, Prayer and Fellowship.

* We have 4 Network Groups meeting in homes on Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings who will be studying the Bishops Lent challenge during Lent: Transforming Communities. They will be looking at some Old Testament stories together and you are most welcome to join a group.

* Morning Prayer:

This is a short new quiet service of liturgical prayer based on Common Worship Daily Prayer that will be held in the family room at 9.30am on Thursday 8th March.

* Said Service of Holy Communion:

Again a quiet service at 8.30am on Sunday 25th March.

* Services in our Care Homes: Everyone is welcome to these during which we sing traditional hymns and have a short reading and prayers. Caddington Hall on Tue 20th March and Woodside Residential Home on Friday 23rd March, both at 2pm.

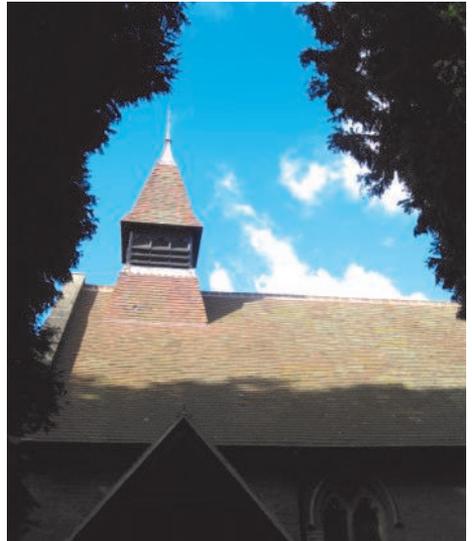
Have a good Lent, Cathy

St Andrew's Church Dates for March 2012

Sun 4th: 10.30am:
Informal Communion "Transforming Call: Abraham & the New name"
Wed 7th: 10am:
Little Stars: Jesus at a wedding feast
Thu 8th: 9.30am
Morning Prayer (a short "said" service from Common Worship)
Sun 11th: 10.30am:
Holy Communion "Transforming Rule: Moses and a new way of living"
(Organ & Singers)
Wed 14th: 10am:
Little Stars: Jesus welcomes the little children
Sun 18th: 10.30am:
Mothering Sunday Morning Praise & Baptism:
"Transforming Gift: The people & the snake" (The Band)
Wed 21st: 10am:
Little Stars: Jesus welcomes Zacchaeus
Sun 25th: 8.30am:
Said Holy Communion "A covenant of forgiveness"
Sun 25th: 10.30am:
Morning Praise "Transforming Hope: Me and my heart" (Singers)
(Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting)
Wed 28th: 10am:
Little Stars: Jesus rides into Jerusalem



What a difference about 10 days makes!



Snowy day and sunny day for St Andrew's

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates for March

Monday 5th

7.30pm Lent Meeting - Mike Bull

Sunday 4th

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest

11.00am Sunday School Communion

Sunday 11th

11.00am Morning Service - Darren Morris

11.00am Sunday School

Monday 12th

7.30pm Lent Meeting - Mike Bull

Tuesday 13th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company

Sunday 18th

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Phil Horner and Sunday School

Monday 19th

7.30pm Lent Meeting - Mike Bull

Wednesday 21st

7.30pm Coffee Evening

In aid of Junior Mission for All

Sunday 25th

11.00am Morning Service - Lorna Martin

11.00am Sunday School

Monday 26th

7.30pm Lent Meeting - Mike Bull

Saturday 31st

10.00am/ 2.00pm 'Brunch & Browse'
in aid of L&D NICU Appeal

Sunday 1st April

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

Friday 6th

Good Friday Walk of Witness

We have now tallied all the monies raised throughout 2011 and have reached a grand total of £10,524.66. £4,064.66 went towards the running and upkeep of our Church and £6,460.00 was shared by 19 charities that our church supports (local and overseas). A breakdown of this was in our February newsletter and is displayed on our Church notice board. Thank you to all who have supported our efforts.

Robert Kennedy said *'Each time a person stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice they send forth a tiny ripple of hope'*

This years fundraising got off to a good start, two of our Church family celebrated 'special' birthdays and instead of gifts they opted for donations to charities. Gary nominated Keech Hospice Care for his donation of £854.80 and Gil gave £125.00 to Water Aid. Our January Coffee Evening raised £60.40 for Action for Children and February £63.50 for Leaders of Worship & Preachers Trust. We hope you will be able to join our ecumenical Lent Fellowship meetings, led by Mike Bull, this is a time to come together in preparation for Easter. As always we plan to have a fellowship supper after Easter for all those who attend the meetings.

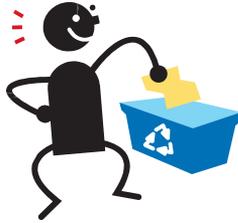
Our Brunch & Browse on Saturday 31st March will be raising funds for the L&D's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). One in seven babies born at the L&D require special care and the Hospital needs to raise £1.5m to enhance and equip the new unit to cope with the care of the infants. We will be serving Bacon Butties, Jacket Potatoes with various fillings, Pasties etc. There will be a Bric a Brac stall, Books, Toys, Cakes & Preserves for sale, please pop in. We look forward to welcoming you to a service fellowship or fundraiser.

Ann Meader

Recycling in Slip End - article from Michelle Marley

Having visited your village of Slip End at the recent Neighbourhood event and having talked to many keen recyclers, it has become apparent that there may be some confusion over the materials that you can put in your orange lidded recycling container.

We have split the materials into 4 categories:



1. Paper, cardboard and cartons – newspapers, magazines, envelopes, computer paper, shredded paper (in an envelope or cereal box) and catalogues. Boxes, tubes, greetings cards and corrugated cardboard (torn up to A4 size). Fruit juice, smoothies, milk, custard and soup cartons.
2. Metals – food tins, drink cans, clean foil and empty aerosols.
3. Plastics – all plastic bottles and all types of plastic food packaging.
4. Worn out textiles – ripped, torn, worn out or stained clothes, shoes, tea towels or pillow cases etc

We have found that National branding on food packaging has been a cause for confusion. Central Bedfordshire is one of the few authorities that takes all plastic food packaging at the kerbside, even if it has ‘cannot currently be recycled’ printed on it.

Please place all plastic food packaging in your recycling container, including crisp packets, bread bags, biscuit wrappers, meat trays, yoghurt pots, cling film and cellophane etc. To give you more space in your recycling container and to help keep it clean please rinse and squash where appropriate.

There are facilities for other materials to be recycled at your local Household Waste

Recycling Centre (HWRC) that we cannot currently take in your orange lidded containers. Materials such as wood, batteries, light bulbs, electrical items and hardcore, amongst others, can be taken to the HWRC, where they will be sent on for recycling.



NO!



Central Bedfordshire Council is currently recycling just over 50% of all our waste. This is fantastic and is thanks to all our residents. With your help we would like to exceed this figure next year.



If you require further information please phone 0300 300 8302, or alternatively visit the Central Bedfordshire website at

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/recycling

Many thanks and happy recycling.

March by Katy Clarke

Early Spring and sleeps the bud
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Gardeners Special

As the days start to lengthen and the weather improves so the garden beckons once again and I sit here wondering where last year went, now just a memory.

Lawns will need some attention after the rigours of winter, new lawns need a final raking of ground dug in the autumn to a fine tilth for sowing seed. Established lawns will benefit from a good scarifying with a lawn rake or an electric scarifier to remove dead grass, moss and thatch. Any worn areas can be reseeded and any sunken areas levelled and seeded to bring it back to a good condition for the year ahead. The first time you cut don't cut too short, lower the blades over the next few mowings. Trim and straighten edges angling the cut slightly away from you to avoid it crumbling away.

Plant roses early in the month and prune established plants during a frost free period, cutting out all dead wood and any branches crisscrossing to open up and shape the bush to a bowl shape. Don't be afraid of cutting a rose back too far as they benefit from a really good reduction of the previous year's growth to produce strong new shoots.

Dahlias and chrysanthemums over-wintered in the greenhouse will have shoots on them by now and cuttings can be taken when they are approximately 3 inches long.

Gladioli corms can be planted later this month and if sown over the next 6 weeks will give a longer flowering season. Sow between 4-6 inches deep and you will avoid the need of staking them. Sweet peas which were sown in autumn and over-wintered in pots or bought from a nursery will need to be planted out as soon as the weather permits. They make an effective display when grown in clumps and supported with pea sticks or netting cylinder of netting.

If you have any large clumps of snowdrops they can be dug up and split into small bunches

and replanted straight away, but should only be done about every fifth year.

Tomatoes sown last month under heat will need pricking out now or they will become weak and spindly. Finish pruning established fruit trees and bushes as soon as possible in the month.

Main crop Brussels sprouts can be sown early in the month in drills ½ inch deep for planting out at the end of April. Parsnips can also go in as soon as the soil is dry in drills ½ inch deep and 15 inches apart, if you sow 3 seeds at 6 inch spacings, this will make it a lot easier when it comes to thinning out.

Early potatoes can be planted from the middle of the month 9-12 inches deep and 14 inches apart, but as they shoot above ground they will need to be protected from frost. Onion sets can be planted towards the end of the month or early next month, but shallots should be planted as soon as possible if not already done.

Leeks can be sown this month for transplanting in June and summer spinach sown this month will be ready in May/June. Sow early rounded peas and broad beans until mid month. Plenty to do this month and it will get busier next, so will be in touch!

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Russell Sprout





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Rotary Club news

The Rotary Club of Dunstable shares an international motto of "Service above Self". The Club members raise money during the year to put into their Benevolent Fund and once a year this money is distributed to local charities.

An Antiques Fair is held three times a year at the Dunstable Leisure Centre where the majority of the income goes to the Benevolent Fund. The next Fair is on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May and is open to the public between 10am and 4pm. Admission is £2 each

How can you help? By having a stall at the event. (Please contact Alan Tarsey on 01582 872673). By attending the event or becoming a member of The Rotary Club and helping worthwhile causes.

More info from Roger Sharp, 01582 606405

Take care with new technology

Not all thieves are stupid! The following gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

Cars parked where you might be away from the car for some time.

A car was parked near to the football stadium allotted to football fans and stolen was a garage remote control, money and a GPS mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found their house ransacked and all valuables stolen. The thieves used the GPS to guide them to the house and had brought a truck to empty it. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it.. Put a nearby address (like a shop or pub) so you can still find your way home but no one else would if your GPS were stolen.

MOBILE PHONES. You should consider how you lists names on your mobile phone. If your handbag or just mobile phone and wallet etc are stolen the following could happen! Most handbags contain a mobile phone, credit card, purse. If stolen the following could

happen. Twenty minutes after her bag was stolen the wife called her husband, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, he said 'I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a while ago.' When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen phone to text 'hubby' in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from the bank. Moral: Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mum, etc....Very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, confirm by calling back and when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them, be sure to call back to confirm it came from them.

The History behind Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday was also known as 'Refreshment Sunday', Pudding Pie Sunday (in Surrey, England) or 'Mid-Lent Sunday'. It was a day in Lent when the fasting rules were relaxed, in honour of the 'Feeding of the 5,000

Mothering Sunday (by Stanley Cook)



In the times before Bank Holidays
Farmer's boys and servant girls
Left the farm or big house early,
Going home for the day
On Mothering Sunday
Though home was miles away,
With flowers for their mother's present
Gathered as they went.

It's different these days:
All you have to do is stop
At the flower shop
With the pocket money you've saved
And the daffodils there
Came by train or even by plane;
But the present still means the same
For the language of flowers doesn't change.



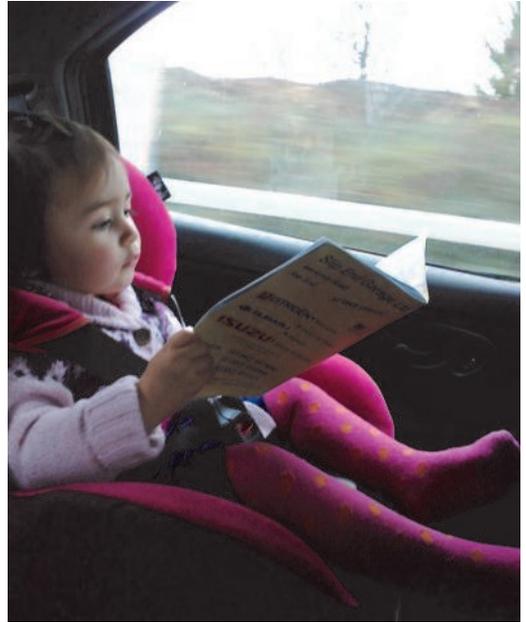


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OPEN GARDENS 2012

Slip End hosted its fifth Open Gardens' day in July 2010. Once again, this proved to be a very popular event and was enjoyed by over 100 visitors. We are now planning for the 2012 event on **Saturday 30th June 2012**. Put the date in your diary now!!
(Please note change of date)



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

up ideas and tips from most gardens.

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

please complete details below and return by the end of March to:

Carol Beeton

50 Front Street

or ring her on 405597

or e-mail carolynmary@cbeeton.wanadoo.co.uk



I would like to 'open my garden' on **Saturday 30th June 2012**

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Name

Address

Telephone number

e-mail address

RAGS Walk on 11th February

The Aley Green walkers did a circular walk from The White Horse in Tea Green and saw 4 Red Kites, some Buzzards and quite a few hares and some beautiful sparkly trees.

We started the walk at a temperature of -4 C.



The snow was crunchy and the air amazingly crisp and fresh. 16 people walked (and 2 dogs - although the short legs of the miniature dachshund meant the poor thing struggled a bit in the snow, and had to be carried!). 20 people ate an excellent lunch in the pub.

Alison Wilson



Please don't forget our feathered friends if we have more snow!!

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

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Farley Methodists

The happy hardy souls that make up the lunch club braved the elements and enjoyed the Valentines lunch of chicken supreme, rice and veg; followed by fruit jelly and cream. The free raffle included roses - passion cream and chocolates. The March lunch on Wednesday 14th is cottage pie and vegetables and a sweet. (12.30 for 1pm £3.00). Free raffle included

The theme for the April lunch is St. George and for May the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The first Anniversary event the Invitation Fish 'n' Chip Quiz takes place on Saturday March 17th. Sorry no spectators, contestants and officials only.

FHM is producing a magazine for the anniversary exactly the same format as the Slip End News. Should any business or trader care to support by taking a one-off £20.00 advert contact Ken Cameron below. Can't guarantee it will get you into heaven but a brownie point or three might fall your way! There is also an

invite to the Anniversary Service and buffet on Saturday 22nd September. as well.

Ken Cameron, khubsurat1@xlnbb.co.uk
07852424628

Why teachers drink!

The following questions were set in last year's GED examination These are genuine answers (from 16 year olds) and they WILL breed.

Question: Name the four seasons

Answer: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Question: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

Answer: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

Question: How is dew formed

Answer: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Question: What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

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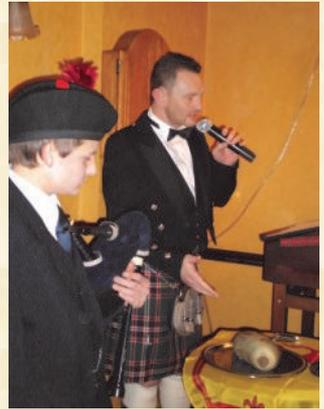
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Burns Supper – Rising Sun

On Saturday 21st January 2012 the Rising Sun once again hosted a Burns Supper in commemoration of Robert Burns who died in 1796. The evening was enjoyed by over 40 people with Lily again producing an outstanding meal of traditional Scottish fare. Willie Brooks acted as Chairman for a full programme of speakers and addresses/recitals between each of the five courses. Lesley Drysdale delivered the “Selkirk Grace” in advance of the soup course of Scotch Broth with Pearl Barley. One of the main initial events of the evening was the entrance of “the Haggis” which was piped in by Christopher Wooster. The photograph



shows Christopher, together with Paul Brooks who did the “Address to the Haggis” before it was served up together with Neeps and Tatties. Prior to the main course of Roast Lamb and vegetables there was a recital from Calum Drysdale and then a further recital from Valerie Church in advance of the “pudding” course of Glava Whisky Trifle or Cloutie Dumplings and Custard.



The finale to the evening was a presentation again by Paul Brooks on The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns followed by a Toast to the “lassies” from Willie Brooks and a very amusing reply on Behalf of the Lassies by Katrina Doubleday. Congratulations to all those involved in making such a memorable, fun and appetisingly good evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending. The final photograph shows Willie Brooks, Paul Rogers and Katrina Doubleday relaxing with partners and friends at the end of the evening.



Well done Willie and the Rising Sun,
a great night had by all.



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Pub Pages



The Plough

We would like to wish Eddie George a very Happy 60th Birthday! and also Lynda Wyres, Gerry Clarke and Richard Wyres a Happy Birthday.

Our thoughts are with the families of David Lorman and Alex Gibb who passed away last month. They lived in the Grove Park Homes. Both families held their wake at The Plough

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Frog and Rhubarb

Elvis Rivers made his annual appearance at the Frog & Rhubarb at the end of January. A pub packed with customers enjoyed the night, dancing into the early hours. There were some more modern songs mixed in with the hits of Elvis, the King Of Rock & Roll. Make a date in your diary for his return on the 14th July!!!!



Love was in the air on Valentines Day at the Frog & Rhubarb. Customers enjoyed a candle-lit dinner and free bubbly with their meal. There was also a free gift of candles, sweets and a coffee mug for the ladies.

The Pancake tossing was in full swing at the Frog on Shrove Tuesday with loads of people going along to enjoy free pancakes for their dessert.

Forthcoming Events @ The Frog

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

The annual Egg Hunt is on Saturday 7 April and starts at the school at 12 noon. Follow the clues around the village to discover the secret code word. Give the code word at the bar to claim your Free Easter Egg and Snack Lunch. This event is always a hit with the Children and raises much needed funds for the School and Playgroup. Tickets are £2.50 per child which all goes to the school or playgroup. They must be purchased in advance and are available from the School, Playgroup or Frog & Rhubarb



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

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

Rising Sun

The Chatty Club was visited by Jane Clarke recently who is the Fire Safety Officer from Luton Fire Station. (pictured on the right of the photo standing)



Jane explained some of the dangers in the home and also gave some guidance on how to stay safe. The main causes of house fires are the cooker (food left on the stove) and from electric fires. If light bulbs keep blowing and plugs keep fusing it is a sign that something is wrong and they should be checked out. Do not overload sockets or extension sockets. Remember to keep sockets turned off when out or at night and do not leave candles burning.

If you require a free home fire risk check contact your local fire and rescue service or visit www.firekills.gov.uk



SKY LIVE SPORTS IS COMING TO THE RISING SUN FOOTBALL, CRICKET, GOLF, F1 etc For more information please enquire at the pub.

Mothers Day, March 18th from 12.30pm to 5.30pm Traditional dinner with choice of roasts and also desserts: 2 courses for £9.50. Price for mum £5.00. (only 1 offer per booking)

Saturday 31st March Quiz night in aid of Keech Cottage 7pm for 7.30pm £6.00 per person with

buffet supper included. Maximum 4 in a team, entry by advanced booking only

Sunday 29th April live music: Jazz and Soul afternoon with Miss Victoria Strange from 5.30pm, all welcome and seating's are on a first come, first served basis on the day or why not book a Sunday roast before the performance!

ELVIS IS COMING!!!! Saturday 2nd June for 8pm, more details from the Rising Sun

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Sunday 3rd June 1950's Fancy Dress tea party with retro buffet from 5pm Enquiries at the pub

Free bar snack supper Friday nights and also free cheese and biscuits on Sunday evenings.

We are also starting a takeaway service on Friday nights from April. Menu to include freshly deep fried battered and grilled fish selection with chips, burgers, curries and rice, and also freshly grilled peri-peri chicken and much more. Look out for blackboard and posters displays

Slip End Social Club

The Club played host to the Thrift family in February to celebrate Edwin's 18th Birthday. Many friends and family were present and a disco and plentiful food made it a very happy event for everyone present. Edwin can be seen in the middle with his brothers Adam & Lawrence, Mum Louise & Dad Roger. Happy Birthday Ed.



CADDINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

GARDENING CLUB

Youth Exchange Trip

We have 4 youngsters interested in the trip to Oststeinbek in July this year so far. Homes have been found for them, and the adults who are accompanying them. There is still time if any one else is interested.

We have approached Slip End Parish Council, to broaden our reach for the CTA. At the Community Projects Group Meeting, it was suggested that we could have a stall at the Slip End Village Day on Saturday 21st July, to promote our Twinning Association. We are still looking for a Treasurer, please let me know if you are interested.

We are organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 24th March. - See below The cost is just £7.50 per person, and we recommend that there should be a maximum of 6 people in your team, (If you can't make up a full team, please don't be put off, just let me know and I will put you with another small group). Please bring your own drinks, and a little money if you want to take part in the fabulous raffle that will be held.

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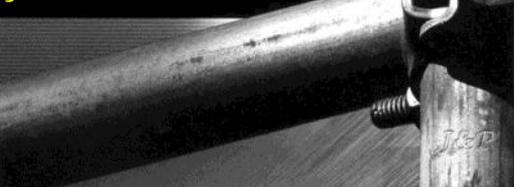
At the AGM held on Monday 23rd January. Chair Rosemary Wickens advised it had been another successful year, with some very interesting speakers also visits to various gardens, both locally and further afield. (A return visit was made to the Kings Arms Gardens Ampthill on 29th January for the snowdrops, where daffodils were also in bloom) Treasurer Valerie Church presented the accounts which were accepted and advised the Club now had 30 members. The booking of more professional speakers had increased costs but was considered worthwhile. The annual membership fee was retained at £4 per person. The existing officers and committee were re-elected and Sue Sturgeon was welcomed to the committee. A meeting had been arranged to draw up the current year's programme of speakers and visits, more details next issue. Following the meeting, Rosemary introduced Jo Brew, who gave a detailed and interesting presentation on "Preparing a Garden for Chelsea". Tea, coffee and biscuits refreshments followed. (Jo seen with members below)



"Stop Press" The Parish Open Gardens Day has been changed to Saturday 30th June, to avoid clashing with the School Summer Fayre.

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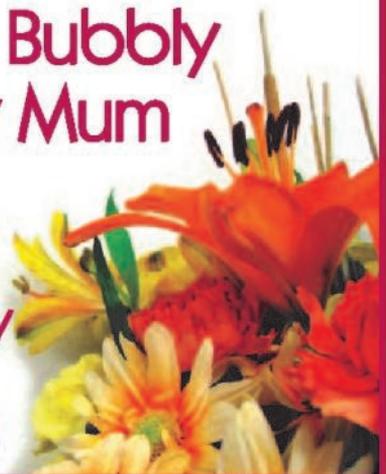
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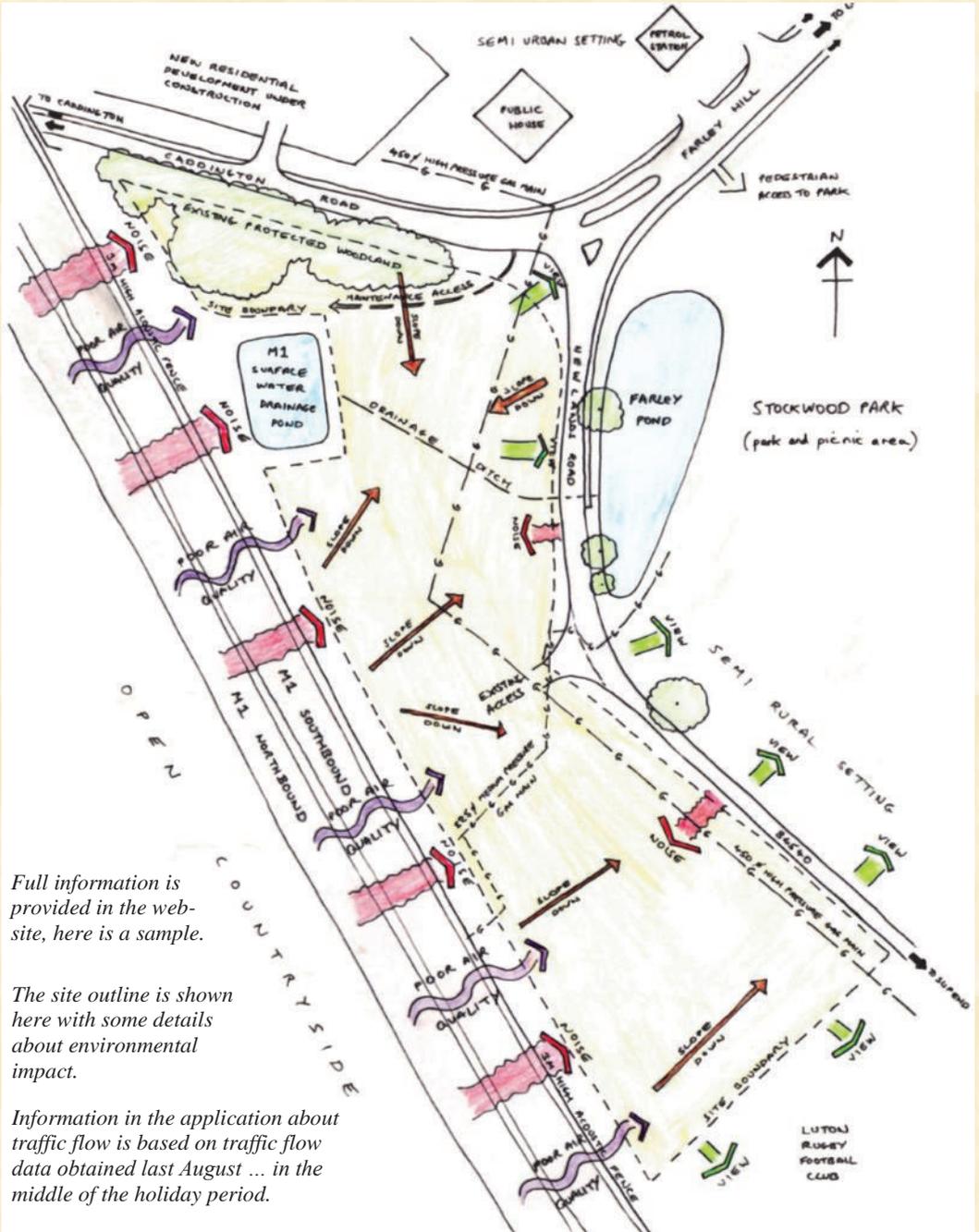
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Sunday
18th
March



125ml glasses of prosecco with a main meal. excludes burgers, sandwiches, starters and tapas

Stop Press: A planning application has been resubmitted by Mr S. Doyle for 230 properties on the strip of land between the M1 and Newlands Road. The impact on this Parish will be significant should this scheme go through. Refer to http://www.eplan.luton.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=LZBPN4KG72000 for the full application, with an opportunity to comment.



Full information is provided in the web-site, here is a sample.

The site outline is shown here with some details about environmental impact.

Information in the application about traffic flow is based on traffic flow data obtained last August ... in the middle of the holiday period.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

On important potential changes at **London Luton Airport**

The airport's owner is about to consult on important potential changes to the airport – through online consultation and through a series of public events.

It is examining how the airport, in the medium term, could achieve a passenger capacity of approximately 18 million people per annum (mppa) (from its current circa 10.3mppa capacity) using the existing runway and within its current boundary.

GET INVOLVED IN THE CONSULTATION ONLINE AT

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Breachwood Green	Breachwood Green Village Hall Chapel Road, SG4 8NX	Mon 5 Mar 2 P M - 8 P M
Luton East	Raynham Community Centre 66 Eaton Green Road, LU2 9JE	Thurs 8 Mar 1-3 0 P M - 7 P M

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[Luton Airport shuns village request to be consulted on expansion plans:](#)

London Luton Airport has announced ambitious plans to expand operations from the current 10.3 million passengers per year to a potential 18 million and beyond within their existing boundary.

The airport is of sub-regional importance and is a driver of economic wealth for the area and sustainable development and expansion is welcomed. The airport's plan, Future Luton Optimisation, has begun to seek views on its development plan. Last week the airport, through its agents, GA Hearn, announced a series of local consultation and information imparting events in a number of localities.

The Parish of Slip End (to the West of the runway) which receives a significant level of noise pollution already, made a very reasonable request to be included within the consultation process, particularly given the high number of elderly residents who are simply unable to travel to neighbouring towns or villages and often have no access to information on-line. Councillor Richard Stay, who represents Slip End on Central

Bedfordshire Council said "I was approached by a number of people from Slip End asking why the airport was not visiting one of the communities who suffer most from the airport's operations? I immediately placed a request with the airports agents who were managing the consultation process and received a flat refusal to visit Slip End; I was staggered by the response and took up the matter with the airport's management. The answer remained no"

Cllr Stay went on to say "I am not only disappointed, but simply amazed that the airport which is seeking planning permission to dramatically expand its operations would act in quite such a high handed manner"

"Slip End has a right not only to be consulted, but every right to have a say on plans that could have a major impact on the lives of those that live in the Parish"

"Refusing to visit Slip End is a short sighted decision by the airport – if for no other reason irritating a community that you wish to consult and take with you before you start is not a great strategy to win hearts and minds"



Snowy photos from around the village during February, by Alison & Sue





St Andrew's Church and scene from Brickhill Park



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

March

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

Mon 19th Gardening Club 8pm Village Hall

Tues 20th Women's Institute meeting Baptist Hall Caddington

Sat 24th Quiz Night for Twinning Assoc Scout Hut Dunstable Road 7pm

Sun 25th St Andrew's Annual Parochial Church Meeting after Church Service

April

Sun 8th Easter Day Services

May

Tues 15th Women's Institute meeting Baptist Hall Caddington

June

Tues 19th Women's Institute meeting Baptist Hall Caddington

Sat 30th Parish Open Gardens Day

July

Mon 16th Gardening Club 8pm Village Hall

Sat 21st Village Day

September

Mon 17th Gardening Club 8pm Village Hall

November

Mon 19th Gardening Club 8pm Village Hall

Wheelie Bins: see below:-

Black Bins & glass: Put out on Friday 2nd Mar, 16th & 30th

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Anything interesting to report about village activities, photos, holidays, etc?

Please contact us, letters and e-mails are encouraged.

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Allotments: 736892
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