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Parish News thanks its distributors

Our front cover shows some of our distributors and Parish News team at the Frog & Rhubarb recently. Without their invaluable help it would have been difficult and costly to get the news delivered regularly to our readers. Report from Alan Buttery follows:-

With Parish News now “going global” from April 2012 requiring the delivery of almost 900 copies each month, a decision was taken to arrange for its distribution through a local company called Dunstable Leaflet Distributors. Prior to this there had been a team of 16 loyal volunteers within the Parish who distributed monthly to those households subscribing to the magazine. As a thank you for their support and loyalty over many years the Parish News Committee and the Frog and Rhubarb PH hosted a gathering of the volunteers on Saturday 31st March 2012. Many of the volunteers have supported the distribution of the Parish News since its creation back in 1979 so there was some sadness at coming to the end of an era.

The cover photograph shows seven of the volunteers. namely, Eve Collinson, Pat Wood, Dot Reid, Kay Maddox, Steve Lyons, Joyce Parker (who previously was a distributor but latterly helped Dot Reid) and Sue Scott with some of the Parish News Committee.

Unfortunately not all could be present but the Committee would like to thank them for their loyalty and support over the years and our thanks therefore goes to Paula Baird, Rose Bryn, Jan Buttery, Wendy Coxall, Joan Duncombe, Ron Flashman, Verna Hay, Liz Meleady, Gill Plummer and Lynne Whitwan.

We do hope that each of them can now sit back more restfully and enjoy the contents of the new style Parish magazine.”



David Kingston & Alan Buttery in reflective mood



It was good to see some of the ladies chatting away—Dot, Sue, Dot, Eve, Joyce and Pat above whilst Steve & Brian seem very serious below!



We were so sorry you missed us Ron (at the wrong venue), but thank you for all your kind words and enthusiasm, its nice to have some positive feedback.

Editors Column

Another busy month for us and a gentle reminder to all our correspondents to please get their information to us in time—by the 15th of the month. Now that we have a new printing company it takes longer to get all the copies printed and delivered, especially in full colour.

It would be great to have some feed-back from some of our new readers or perhaps some local news of a special event or somewhere interesting you have been. Contact details at the back. Lots to read about in this issue and we hope you find it informative and appealing.

For something out of the ordinary I recently visited the Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon to celebrate the start of the Thai new year (Song Kran festival) with some of my family. What an interesting place it is with people travelling many miles to be there, meet friends, watch the amazing dancers and enjoy the entertainment.



The Buddhapadipa Temple and Evie making a Sand Pagoda.,



By Sue Briggs

Slip End Parish Good Neighbour Scheme



Some time ago now you may remember completing proposals for a Parish Plan and within the results of that plan several of you expressed an interest in joining a Good Neighbour Scheme. The idea of the scheme is to assist our less able and less mobile neighbours with all aspects of daily life but in particular things such as changing light bulbs, providing transport to appointments, helping with their shopping etc.

The Community Projects Group is looking to set up a similar scheme within Slip End Parish – Caddington has already set up its own scheme, Caddington Care, which has proved extremely successful. Caddington Care's coordinator, Jane Payton is coming to our May CPG meeting on Tuesday 8th May 2012 at The Social Club at 7.30pm to give us an insight into setting up the scheme, getting people involved and keeping the scheme running. If you are interested in hearing about it with a view to possibly getting involved then please come along to the meeting, you're more than welcome. If you want any further information about CPG then please contact me on 07868 742904 or s.minnighan@btinternet.com

Sarah Minnighan, CPG Chairman

Church Ladies with typewriters

These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon today: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Bud (Basil) Abbot

Born in Loughton Essex, Bud worked for a stock jobber after he left school. When he was 18, he joined the Royal Air Force, serving until 1945, an extremely important time in his life.



He was a gunner flying in Coastal Command Liberators over the North Atlantic, serving a vital role against enemy U-boats. During the long flights and in constant danger Bud became very close to his aircrew.

Leaving the Air Force, he joined Coopers stockbrokers where he met Beryl. They fell in love and were married at Holy Trinity Church, South Woodford. Beryl had been bombed out of her home and with homes in very short supply, they first lived with Bud's Aunt, then moved to Harpenden where they lived for 35 years. They brought up their three children, Lesley, Michael, and Helen, who later gave them seven grandchildren Martine, Damien, Nicola, Victoria, Daniel, Katie and Lewis.

Bud had an interesting working life; he worked for some time for the Bank of New South Wales then with his father who was director of Abbot, Anderson and Abbot. Later he worked for British Aerospace. In retirement Bud and Beryl moved to Grove Park in Upper Woodside, where they lived together for 24 years. Bud served for many years on the Village Hall committee as secretary. He was a regular at the Friendship Club, which is where I first met him and was delighted to get to know him better as he became a regular worshipper at the Holy Communion, his preferred service, at St. Andrew's.

In his younger days he loved fishing, carpet bowls and dancing. He was a member of the RAF Association in Harpenden organising fund raising dances for them.

Bud was a very kind, thoughtful and caring man, who gave himself freely to his family and to his community.

Cathy Pullinger

No Spotlight for Coastal

"Bombers or Fighters?" his friends used to say
But when he said "Coastal", they half turned away
Yet Coastal's patrols which traversed the Bay
Forced the U-boats to dive for most of the day

With the U-boats submerged for much of the day
The convoys ploughed on, midst the salt and the spray
While the men on the ships did silently pray
That his plane would appear; both to circle and stay

When his plane did appear; to both circle and stay
Then the Wolf Packs held back; wholly robbed
of their prey
And the convoys sailed on in their purposeful way
And the seamen reached port where their loved ones did lay

"Fighters or Bombers?" his friends used to ask
"Coastal", he said, his face a tired mask
"Though not in the spotlight where others may bask,
We've a tough job to do and I'm proud of the task"

Squadron Leader Tony Spooner DSO DFC AE



Liberator GR.V BZ778 - No53 Sqdn
Coastal Command - St Eval, Cornwall
6/7 June 1944



My friend Bud, by Wally Allsop

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Bud Abbott as I knew him for many years and we had a lot in common. It was while we were both on the Village Hall Committee, Bud as Secretary and myself as Treasurer that we discovered we had both been in the RAF at the same time. One of his many jobs was to escort the Merchant Navy ships that were taking important goods and materials to England, and when the weather was good Bud would land in Iceland at a place called Keflavik for a rest and re-fuelling. I was also there working as a plant operator mending Spitfires, and remember his squadron landing on the airfield that had been built by the Americans.



We met up approximately twenty years ago when we were on the committee and between us set about renovating the village hall which was, at that time, in a bad state of repair. One of our biggest jobs was to lay the hardwood strip floor and during our time together we spent many hours chatting about our old war days and memories. A real friendship was formed then which I will never forget.

*Rest in Peace Bud
from your old friend Wally Allsop.*

“Time is not measured
by the years that you live
But by the deeds that you do
and the joy that you give-
And each day as it comes
brings a chance to each one
To love to the fullest,
leaving nothing undone
That would brighten the life
or lighten the load
Of some weary traveller
lost on Life's Road-
So what does it matter
how long we may live
If as long as we live
we unselfishly give.”

by H S Rice

Slip End Allotments

Luton Hoo Estate, who own the land that the Slip End allotments are situated on, are about to clear the two rough sections and prepare them for use. Plots are usually 10 or 20 pole. A pole is 5.5 yards so a 10 pole allotment is about 165 feet long. The new plots can be divided into smaller units and the rent will be pro rata. The plots should be available from May onwards which is a good time to plant up for crops this year, therefore I'm writing to see if you are still interested in taking one on.

If you are interested or would like further information please do not hesitate to contact either Sarah - 07868 742 904 or e-mail s.minnighan@btinternet.com or Steve - 01582 417792 or e-mail stevefuell@f2s.com



*Alan and Pete take time to discuss the
benefits of having an allotment.*



Vegetables coming along nicely!

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St Andrew's Church Dates for May 2012

Wed 2nd: 10am: Little Stars – How we pray (making a sad/happy plate)

Sun 6th: 10.30am: Informal Communion "Christ disarmed & the principalities & power"

Wed 9th: 10am: Little Stars – How we pray – Daniel (making a lion mask)

Thur 10th: 9.30am: Morning Prayer – A quiet said service of prayer

Sun 13th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Baptism "Hidden with Christ" – (Band)

Wed 16th: 10am: Little Stars – Ascension Day "Jesus into the Clouds"

Thur 17th: 7.30pm: Informal Communion - Ascension Day "His Everlasting Dominion"

Sun 20th: 10.30am: Holy Communion: Ascension Sunday "He was taken up into Heaven"

Sun 20th: 6pm: Bereavement Service "He has called us to hope" (Organ & Singers)

Tues 22nd: 2pm Care Home Service at Caddington Hall

Wed 23rd: 10am: Little Stars: Pentecost "Flame Crowns"

Fri 25th: 2pm Care Home Service at Woodside

Sun 27th: 8.30am: Said Holy Communion – Pentecost "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit"

Sun 27th: 10.30am: Morning Praise: Pentecost with Baptism "You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

Wed 30th: 10am: Little Stars: The Queen's Jubilee



June:

Sun 3rd: 10.30:
Trinity Sunday -
Special Morning Praise
to celebrate The Queen's
Diamond Jubilee

12 noon Community Lunch
at Peter Edwards Hall



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

There are lots of special services coming up at St. Andrew's. We have two baptism services, one for a baby and one for both adults and a baby.

We are delighted when anyone enquires about baptism, often called Christening when a baby is baptised. Baptism goes back to the first century. Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist and his first disciples were baptised to show that they were turning away from their old life and believed in him and had decided to follow him wholeheartedly.

This is still the understanding of baptism, and everyone who is baptised, or brings their child for baptism makes some important promises during the service. They make a public declaration of faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and they make solemn promises to follow Jesus as their Lord, and to play an active part in public worship.

In Bible times, often whole families became followers of Jesus, so adults and children were baptised together. The children were seen as full members of the new family of God, and so baptism was also appropriate for them. Still people of any age can be baptised when they come to faith, or are brought up in the faith by their parents. I have baptised many babies not yet one, and adults in their 70's and 80's, and everything in-between. At my last church we had a baptistery, a large baptismal pool where adults who had come to faith could be totally immersed in the water. This is a very moving experience and is very symbolic of what God is doing in the life of someone who comes for baptism.

The water of baptism symbolises a number of things. Just as water is used for washing, so the water of baptism signifies a spiritual cleansing. As God forgives us our sin, so the things that mar our lives are washed away, and we can have a new fresh start in life. As the candidate goes down under the water, this represents the dying to our old life. As we rise up out of the water we rise up to a new life, a life to be lived

with Jesus as Lord and Saviour, with his help and his guidance.

The water of baptism also brings new life. Just as water is necessary for natural life, so baptismal water signifies the Holy Spirit's power to give birth to a new spiritual life, and to refresh us in that ongoing life.

Going through the water also reminds us of how the Israelites crossed the Red sea when they were saved from slavery in Egypt. God promises to save us from the power of sin in our lives, a slavery to sin, and to give us the power to follow him in righteousness.

All of these things are real differences that God makes in our lives. I have found it a great joy in my ministry to see the differences God makes in lives as people come to him in faith. Baptism is an outward sign of these inward spiritual graces. They are not automatic, like something magic that happens to us, but they are received through faith, as we do our best to trust him and follow him in our lives. Baptism is a first step of obedience to his call, the first of a daily walk with him in which his grace is worked out in our lives. (continued on next page)



Our Easter Cross on Easter Sunday

We look forward to our baptisms in May. We hope to have a baptistery so that the adults who are being baptised will be able to be fully immersed in the promises and goodness of God, as they are immersed in the water.

We also have a bereavement service, during which there will be anointing and prayers for healing, to which everyone is welcome.

There is also advanced notice of a service and lunch at the beginning of June in celebration of the Queens Jubilee.

This is for the whole village and everyone is very welcome, to come to both or either part of our celebrations. It will be a street party type lunch at the Peter Edwards Hall, so it would be very helpful if you could let us know if you would like to come so we can then cater accordingly. (please see Parish News for more details)



Cathy



Easter flowers on display over Easter

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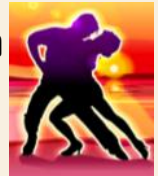


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Community Projects Group

Last month's meeting was largely routine business. Detailed minutes of all the CPG meetings can be

found on the website - www.slipend.co.uk

'Plans'

Questions have come up about two plans; the Parish Plan and the Neighbourhood plan and so the following notes are taken from the minutes in order to clarify. Coucillor Keith Holme is on the steering group for the Neighbourhood Plan and he explained the following:

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) involves communities and under the new Localism Bill gives those communities legal powers in terms of the use of land for housing, leisure and development to name a few. The Parish Plan (PP) doesn't have any legal powers.

There are grants available for the NP which Caddington & Slip End have been awarded between them and the idea is to get the communities to say what they want for their area and at the end of the time frame there is a referendum when the items requested are voted on. If the vote doesn't get through then it doesn't go ahead.

Caddington doesn't have a PP so they are please to be involved with us. Sarah Minnighan also advised that if there is no NP then the Government takes it as default that the community doesn't mind development etc. so it is vitally important that communities have their say. Keith confirmed that the NP Steering Group (NPSG) will be at Village Day and there are on-going ideas in the pipeline to encourage community participation in a fun way. Rosemary Wickens said there are concerns that the local community may confuse the NP with the PP and Keith agreed but said the steering group is aware of this. To assist understanding, Keith has created a power point

presentation about the NP. He commented further that, in part of Surrey an NP was developed which stated that they were against further developments in their area. Because of this, a planning application for further development was turned down. BUT if they hadn't had a NP the development would probably have gone ahead!

***The CPG meets monthly on the second Tuesday at the Social Club
Everyone welcome!***

The CPG meeting this month is on Tuesday May 8th (7.30 at the Social Club, New Street) which is our AGM. All residents are de-facto members and are welcome to attend this and any other CPG meeting.

An important agenda item for the meeting is that Jane Payton is coming to talk to the CPG about the 'Caddington Care' scheme which has been operating there for some time. The CPG are hoping to implement a similar scheme in our Parish and we are keen to learn from Caddington's experience. This is in the nature of 'community self-help', where we keep eyes open to identify where and when help and assistance may be needed and provided to help our neighbours. Such a scheme forms part of our Parish Plan and the CPG is keen to implement a similar scheme in Slip End.

David Kingston

Village Day - Saturday 21st July

*11am to 4pm - Slip End Playing Fields
(behind St Andrews Church)*

*Live Music * DJ - Beer Tent * Cider Tent - *
Food Stalls * Bouncy Castles * Owl Display *
Zumba Demonstration * Cream Teas * Curry
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Stalls * Children's Entertainment*



Ist Woodside Brownies

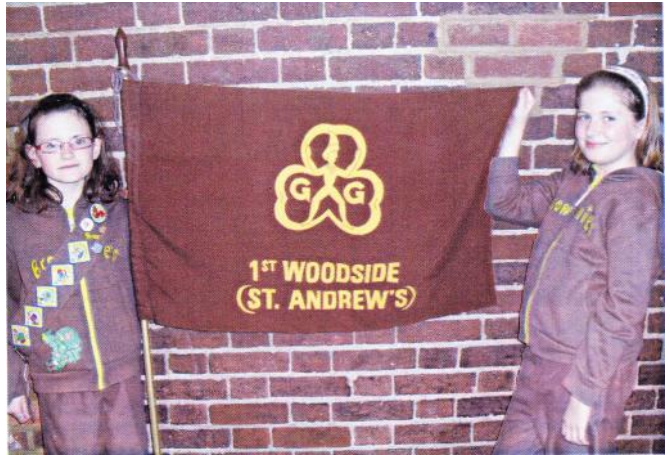
On Sunday April 1st, 15 of us went to the Grove Theatre to watch Humpty Dumpty and the Magic Egg which was performed by Bedfordshire Girl Guiding.

The Brownies will be doing their First Aid Badge in May so Mums and Dads watch out—you may get practised on!



We are proud to have in our Brownies, two girls who will be appearing on stage at the Grove Theatre Dunstable in Oliver which runs from 10 to 12th May. They are Amy Plummer and Lucy Stanfield, seen on the right. Phone 01582 602080 for tickets to watch this much loved musical of the young boy rising from the workhouse and striving to see the best in people.

Good luck to you both.



On Wednesday June 6th we will be inviting some Senior Citizens to a Royal Tea Party with Entertainment to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.



Gill Plummer, Brown Owl



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

www.slipend.co.uk

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

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Gardeners Special

Lawns will benefit from a light nitrogen feed at this time of year, it comes as liquid or granulated fertiliser and will give your lawn a lush green appearance. Make sure the blades are sharp on your mower and if the weather is dry leave about an inch of growth to stop the lawn from drying out and going brown.

Roses will come under attack and are best sprayed with a systemic insecticide which is absorbed by the plant and into the sap stream killing greenflies that feed on the sap. Alternatively spraying with soapy water will also get rid of greenfly but has to be done regularly.

Dahlias can be planted out from the third week of this month when we should be finished with frosts. Chrysanthemums can go in about the second week in May and stake tall varieties as you plant them. In the border, pompoms and Koreans should be planted 12-18 inches apart in each direction. As these grow they will bush out and fill in the gaps.

Hostas are in leaf now and will need some form of slug protection as they can devastate plants in a very short time. Gladioli need to be kept weed free and a good mulch 2" thick will retain the moisture as the plants depend on dampness at the roots to flower well.

As we have a hosepipe ban in force which will probably last all summer, I think it is a good time to think about using mulches wherever possible in the garden or vegetable plot. A mulch comes in many forms; well rotted manure, compost, grass cuttings, even stones around the base of plants will hold moisture, a layer of grit in the top of flower pots will reduce the amount of water evaporating and lessen the amount of water required to keep plants healthy.

Daffodils, tulips and hyacinths will need dead heading as they finish flowering and if they need to be removed to make way for other

plants replant them very close together out of the way and let them die back gradually.

Keep an eye on the weather and be ready to cover potatoes if frost is forecast. Erect runner bean frames and plant seed from the second week of the month. Marrows, courgettes, squashes and pumpkins can be sown outdoors from the third week of the month. French beans can be sown from the second week, continue sowing lettuce, beetroot and carrots for a fresh supply of tender young vegetables. Sweet corn can be planted towards the end of the month 1½" deep and 18" in each direction, preferably in a square to aid pollination.

Make further sowings of herbs such as chervil, dill, fennel, hysop and parsley for culinary use. Take cuttings of mint by digging or pulling up runners and cut the runner into lengths leaving a shoot and root on each piece and replant. As it can be an invasive plant mint is best kept in check by planting in a bucket with the bottom cut off and sunk into the soil.

That's all for now, whether we get the expected drought or we have a wet summer, enjoy your garden.

Russell Sprout

Talking to plants—from Garden Wisdom by Bernard Schofield

It is surprising to learn just how many people today regularly talk to their plants, both indoors and in the garden. Gardeners in the Old World thought nothing of encouraging their plants along by an affectionate word or with a good reprimand if they refused to grow and produce the required flowers and fruit. Modern research has proved that plants do actually respond favourably to sound stimuli from either speech or music, which proves that both our ancestors and those of us who still indulge in the practice today were, and still are, not as stupid as might first appear.



London Luton Airport Proposed Expansion Plans – Update

There are now two proposed expansion plans for London Luton Airport. Luton Borough Council has employed G L Hearn to carry out its consultation process under the futureLu-ToN:Optimisation banner. This proposal would see passenger capacity increase from 10 million to 18 million per year. More information is available at www.futureluton.co.uk.

Further to the Public Meeting held on Friday 23rd March 2012 at Slip End Village Hall our Parish Council Chairman, Ken Crossett, has replied to Nick Jones of G L Hearn. Cllr Richard Stay has also replied and both letters can be viewed at www.slipend.co.uk

London Luton Airport Ltd (**LLAL**) is also running a consultation which proposes an increase in passenger numbers from 10 million to 16 million per year.

For those residents who would like to view more information from **LLAL**, there is a permanent display in the Onward Travel Centre (Public Arrivals Hall in the Terminal Building) at the Airport. Interested parties can openly view this material 24/7. For those who wish to consult with members of the Airport team face to face they have also outlined a number of dates when the exhibition will be staffed, details of which can be found at www.london-luton.co.uk/en/content/8/1175/masterplan-exhibition. Free Short Term car parking will be provided for members of communities only during the manned hours of the exhibition as per the timetable posted on our website. Visitors will only need to speak to one of the exhibition representatives to have their car park tickets validated.

A useful website to look at is **HALE** – Hertfordshire Against Luton Expansion - www.hale.uk.net

All correspondence received by our Parish Council can be viewed on the parish website.

If you have a noise complaint relating to aircraft at London Luton Airport you can submit a Noise Complaint Form by going to <http://www.london-luton.co.uk/en/noisecomplaint> or alternatively you can call 01582 395382. You must ensure you have the date and exact time that the noise occurred to hand when you call or e-mail.

Don't forget there's free internet connection available for all the community at The Frog & Rhubarb – pop in and get online!

Slip End Parish Council

Slip End United Football Club

is in the final of the North Home Counties Sunday Football League Challenge Cup!

I am pleased to tell you all that we managed to progress to the North Home Counties Sunday football league challenge cup final. After an epic semi final recently, after romping into what seemed an unassailable 3-0 lead at half time, our opponents came back to 3-3, the match then went to extra time and then penalties, our nerve held out and we won through 4-3. The final is to be held at Kent's Athletic club, Tenby Drive, Luton LU4 9BN on April 29th, kick off 11 am.

We wish the club lots of luck with the final and hope to have a report next month for you.

Steve Inns

Laughter

On a beautiful summer's day, two Irish tourists were driving through Wales, They stopped for lunch at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwylllantysiliogogoch and one of the tourists asked the waitress if she could settle an argument for them. Could she pronounce where they were, very, very slowly? The girl leaned over and said 'Burr....gurr....king.

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Betty Dyer was born on 31st May 1922 and lived in Slip End nearly all her life. She went to the old school in Front Street and learned to write in a sandbox, as there was no paper available! She was an accomplished pianist and gained many distinctions in her exams. During the war she worked for an engineering company at Whipsnade where she learned how to use micrometers and made parts for tanks.

In 1942 she met and married Tom but shortly afterwards he left with the Royal Signals Regiment for Italy and they were not re-united until after the war.



Their children arrived in 1947 and 1948, Phil and Linda. Phil was born without an ankle



bone and Betty spent many hours manipulating and exercising his ankle which must have paid off because he became the fastest schoolboy sprinter in Luton and also signed a contract with Luton F.C.

Betty moved to Caddington in 1950 but soon moved back to Slip End in 1959 and was then working in the hat trade in Luton. She was one of the first people to attend the weekly Bingo sessions in Slip End which were started up by her brother Ron and Sid Cook.

She supported any fundraising events and the knitting needles were always clicking as she produced animals, dolls and clothes and baked cakes for sale at local fetes. She sat on many committees and was also a trustee for the Grace Cook Foundation.

Tom died in 1992 but with her usual determination and her good friend and neighbour Joyce she continued with Keep Fit, Bingo, Women's Institute, dances and the Friendship Club.

Betty also had five grandchildren and three great grandchildren and adored them all.

**She will be sorely missed by her friends
and family. Rest in Peace dear Betty**

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep,
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the Diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle Autumn rain*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die*

by Mary Elizabeth Frye



Slip End - this side of infinity?

Following local mutterings about 'Infinity' recently, PN asked the question last month: 'does anyone have any idea of what the new green box is about, outside our Village Hall?'

After tireless PN investigation, it appears that few people know when 'Infinity', BT's new high speed broadband wonder, will come on line here. BT admitted to 'having nothing planned', at least as far as it is prepared to admit. However, PN's reporter chatted to members of the 'Outreach' team recently, as they were busy working on the new green box by the Village Hall. Information was that the opto-cable from the Exchange in far-off Luton was in place here and that the Team was busy connecting up our 'copper' wired, local network. When asked when we might expect to see bandwidth and reliability improvements which Infinity should bring, the response was, 'weeks not months'.

Good news for those of us who have been increasingly subject to decreasing data rates and increasing drop-out occurrences whilst paying through the nose for the existing lousy service! PN's advice is not to hold your breath, rather live in hope.

David Kingston



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The Quiz Night at the Social Club, organised by Alistair Evers raised £146 – a big thank you to the Social Club and Alistair.

We have a few events planned, as follows:

For those of you who have never heard of us, FoSELS (Friends of Slip End Lower School), is a registered charity, and is made up of volunteers (mostly parents), who carry out fundraising events and activities to support our lovely Village School.

We have been very busy since our last entry, and a shift around of members with Debbie Newsome (me!), taking over as the FoSELS Chair. Unfortunately Naomi Negus had to step down as Chair due to personal circumstances. Thankfully she will carry on and help out within the team! Naomi was responsible for running many successful fundraising events – and a big ‘Thank You’, to her from everyone for her tireless commitment and efforts!

Due to funds raised some of the things we have been able help with are:

An allocation of funds, per child, to each class to purchase items for specific projects

A voucher was given to each child to go towards their 2011 school trip thus saving parents £5 per child.

Each child had a personalised keyring and Chocolate Santa Lolly for Christmas.

Easter Surprise – the Easter Bunny was able to visit the School and fill up each child’s handmade Easter basket with personalised wooden egg cups and mini eggs – the children were delighted!!

With help from the Race Night at the Frog and Rhubarb and a Grant given from the CPG, FoSELS has been able to purchase a Summer House for Nursery/ Reception. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to extend their learning space and fulfils an improvement suggestion further to the School’s Outstanding OFSTED Report. A big Thank You to The Frog and Rhubarb and the CPG

• **SUMMER FAYRE 2012 – 23rd June.**
Entertainment for the whole family:- BBQ, Stalls, Raffle, Balloon Race, Pimms Tent

• **TREASURE HUNT – 15th July**
A fantastic, well organised and fun day for the family – Tickets will be on sale soon, so watch this space

• **VILLAGE DAY 2012 – 21st July.**
FoSELS will be hosting a stall at the Village Day , so come along and see us

• **PSYCHIC NIGHT** – Date to be confirmed – possibly during the Summer Holidays at another venue – WATCH THIS SPACE

• **PAMPER EVENT** – Date to be confirmed, possibly in October – another event to keep your eyes open for

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who may be able to assist our team in the future, and any ideas are always welcome. If you would like to be a volunteer, sponsor, member of FoSELS, or if you have a business and are looking to promote yourself and think we may be able to work together – feel free to contact Debbie Newsome on 0789 603 7853.

Debbie Newsome

Laughter

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Someone had written a note and placed it next to the apples. It read “Take only one, God is watching”. Moving through the line to the other end of the table was a large plate of chocolate cookies. One little boy wrote his own note and put it next to the cookies. It read “Take all you want, God is busy watching the apples.”

BONFIRES

Parish News recently received a letter from a resident of Rossway in Slip End concerning the subject of garden bonfires.

He writes...

“ I am writing in the hope you could you could remind all residents of Slip End, that now the evenings are getting longer and warmer, the majority of us would like to enjoy our gardens or at least get some fresh air into our houses.” He goes on to say that... “it seems that as soon the weather is good enough to enjoy our garden it is ruined by someone who cannot wait to set light to as much garden rubbish as possible, while the rest of us have to close all our doors and windows.” He also expresses concern that fires should not be lit too close to his garden fence.

I admit to enjoying an occasion when I can sit around a fire in the evening, though I am usually doing this on a Cub or Scout camp site! We'd love to do the same in our own garden but have to remember that others may have washing on the line or open windows.

I am sure that our letter writer is not the only person to suffer from the problems of smoke from bonfires.

Please consider your neighbours when burning any garden rubbish and remember to do it safely and away from any property that may catch fire.

Alison Wilson



Friendship Club

On the 22nd March we had our 47th birthday and to celebrate we went to the Frog & Rhubarb for lunch. Paul really did us proud with no complaints from the 27 members there. More details in the Pubs page but many thanks to Paul and his staff for a lovely time.



If there is anyone in the Parish who would like to join us, we meet at the Village Hall on Thursdays from 2 to 3.30pm where we enjoy some games of Bingo along with tea and biscuits. £10 will cover a years membership. One of the oldest members Viv Porter started at the club 47 years ago when she went along with her mum to make the tea, and she is still doing it today! The club also subsidises trips to various places including garden nurseries and the seaside.

On April 16th we went on our first outing of the year calling at Ashridge to look in the shop and then on to Worlds End Nurseries in Wendover which had a lovely new restaurant and everyone who was there enjoyed it.

Pam King

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates for May

Sunday 6th

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

Tuesday 8th

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

Saturday 12th

- 10.00am/2.00pm Caddington Allotment Sale

Sunday 13th

- 11.00am Morning Service Fiona Arscott-Smith
11.00am Sunday School

Wednesday 16th

- 7.30pm Coffee Evening
In aid of Christian Aid

Saturday 19th

- 7.30pm Ecumenical Quiz for Christian Aid
in The Baptist Church Hall

Sunday 20th

- 11.00am Morning Service - Mr Colin Quine
11.00am Sunday School

Monday 21st

- 7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

Sunday 27th

- 11.00am Morning Service - Mrs Liz Higgins
11.00am Sunday School
3.00pm Ecumenical Service at the
Baptist Church

There was good support for the Ecumenical Good Friday Walk of Witness which started at Aley Green and moved on to St Thomas' Roman Catholic Church, then to All Saints Anglican Church and finally to The Baptist Church. The walkers took turns to carry the cross into each of the Churches, where we had a reading, prayers and a hymn. We ended the 'pilgrimage' with tea, coffee and hot cross buns in the Baptist Church hall.

A BIG thank you to everyone who came to our Brunch & Browse in March. It was good to welcome so many village friends to our Church. A fantastic £818.00 was raised for the Luton and Dunstable Hospital's Neonatal Unit, caring for premature and sick babies. This means that we have surpassed our target for one of our charities of the year. We now need to raise £500.00 for Hospice at Home Volunteers (Dunstable). Here's hoping the Spring Fayre went well!

Our Cakes & Company is always held on the second Tuesday monthly, which falls on May 8th. Drinks and refills are free, company priceless!. You can buy books, homemade cakes, pastries and preserves. There is a safe play area for the little ones, so why not pop in, you will be given a warm welcome.

On Saturday 12th May from 10am to 2pm our Church will be helping to run the refreshment hut at the Caddington Allotment Plant Sale, we look forward to seeing you for a cake & cuppa after you have bought your plants.

We don't have to be facing a personal tragedy to make our relations our number one priority. No project, no deadline, no clean kitchen is as important as the quality of our relationships

(Taken from Random Acts of Kindness)

God bless you from all at Aley Green
Methodist Church.

Ann Meader



Gardening Club

The next visit is given below.

Sun. 13 May. - The Old Vicarage, Westoning.
Entry £5 including light refreshments.

(Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

Preparations are well in hand for the Parish
Open Gardens Day on Saturday 30th June.

PN Gardening Correspondent

Gardening Club Meeting

Monday July 16th 8pm

Village Hall

Guest speaker Kathy Brown on

Creative Container Gardening

New members welcome

Guests/visitors £2 each

Anyone for Tennis ????

Slip End Tennis Club was formed in 1987 and is affiliated to the Beds Lawn Tennis Association. It is sited at Slip End Playing Fields, Church Road, Slip End and has two hard courts with floodlights.

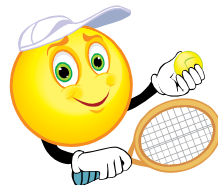


It is a small friendly club with approx. 50 members. Membership costs are: Juniors £15 (Those in full time education) Adults £30 and Family £50 (There is a reduction for early payment of subs)

Club members have priority in the use of courts, except when matches are to be played. Club night is on Monday evenings and Adult night on Wednesday evenings both from 7pm, to which all members are welcome. Junior coaching commenced 23 April and is provided by our LTA coach, Sally Parry on Fridays, £5 per session. Beginners 5-6pm and

Intermediates 6-7pm. Private coaching is also available. Give Sally a call (413501)

We enter a Men's
Doubles Team in the
South Beds League.



Any enquiries about the club can be made by telephone or e-mail to:

Peter Smith, Chairman (733253)

peter.smith813@tesco.net

Steve Lyons, Treasurer (414162)

SteveSueLyons@aol.com

Police and crime commissioners

On 15 November 2012, for the first time ever, there will be an Election at the Village Hall for the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner who will be accountable for how crime is tackled in their police areas.

The role of the Police and crime commissioner

Police and crime commissioners (PCCs) will aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their force area.

To provide stronger and more transparent accountability of the police, PCCs will hold chief constables and the force to account; effectively making the police answerable to the communities they serve.

PCCs will ensure community needs are met as effectively as possible, and will improve local relationships through building confidence and restoring trust. They will also work in partnership across a range of agencies at local and national level to ensure there is a unified approach to preventing and reducing crime.

PCCs will not be expected to run the police. The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Farley Hill Methodist Church

There was a good turn out at the Farley Churches annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday 6th April this year led by World Wide Church of God Pastor Harry Sullivan. The procession began at St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church after prayers by Fr. Mirak. A short service was held in the shopping precinct beginning with the hymn 'There is a Green Hill Far away' followed by a reading by Luton South M.P. Gavin Shuker who read from Mark 15: 25 - 34, 37-39.

Harry Sullivan gave the address and Clive Richardson, St Johns, led the prayers and final hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'. The party retired to the Methodist Church joining those who were unable to 'do' the walk, for refreshments and fellowship.

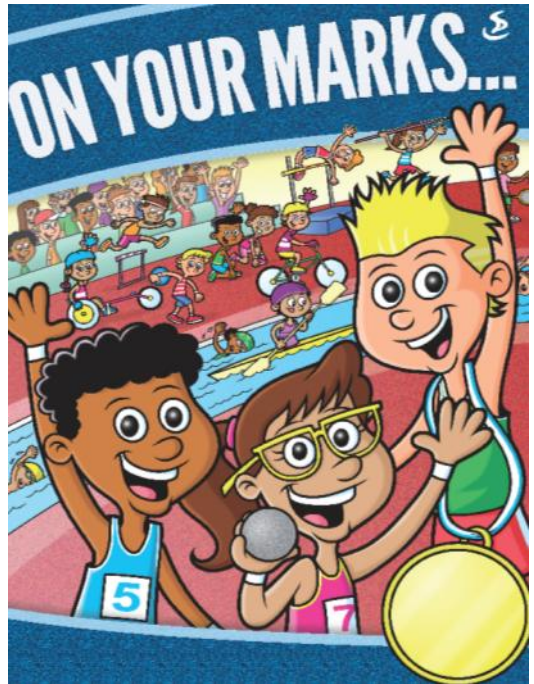
FHM's first anniversary social function the Fish & Chip Team Quiz was a great success enjoyed by the six teams who entered. The Luton Politicians, led by Luton North M.P. Kelvin Hopkins just managed to scrape past Strathmore Methodists by three points in a 120 question quiz. Lady Diane McKenzie presented the Gold Cup. Gavin Shuker, Lord Bill McKenzie, Francis Steer, Pete Bradshaw and Oliver Martins made up the rest of the team.

The Circuit Staff (3) St Johns Anglicans (4) Farley Hill Methodists (5) and World Wide (6) also competed.

The Lunch Club had its usual celebration of St George at the April lunch. Much lusty singing and flag waving ensued and it will much the same on Wednesday 9th May with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration lunch which will have a British theme with songs and readings from the four home nations.

On Saturday 19th May the Grand Anniversary open house social will take place at 7pm with a Service of Thanksgiving followed at 7.30pm with refreshments entertainment and fellowship. Admission is free, donations welcomed.

*Ken Cameron 07852424628
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Don't miss it, write it on your calendar now

Coming soon ! Our next exciting holiday club here at St Andrews Church.

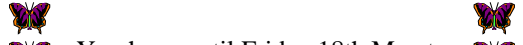
See the September Parish magazine for booking forms and full details.

We will again hold the club during the Schools Autumn Half Term Holiday.

So don't go on holiday on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd November !!



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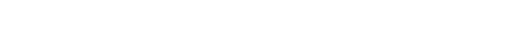
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Pub Pages



Frog and Rhubarb

The annual **Charity Egg Hunt** on Saturday 7 April raised much-needed funds for the School and Playgroup. As always the event was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. The children followed clues around the village to discover a secret code word which they used to claim their Free Easter Egg and Free Lunch at the Frog.

have the hassles of parking in town when this facility is available on our doorstep?

The **Friendship Club Birthday Party** to celebrate 47 years of the club was held at the Frog & Rhubarb. Members of the club enjoyed a delicious three-course meal provided by Paul and his team. Congratulations on this impressive milestone and the best of luck for the next 47!



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

The Frog's regular **£2.50 Drinks Party Night** in April was a massive success. With free entry the evening was a busy one. There was also a disco, which ensured everyone had a fantastic night of fun and dancing.

Forthcoming Events @ The Frog

Many of you will have noticed how smart the outside of the Frog & Rhubarb is looking with a coat of paint, new planting, and new signage. Paul's continued investment has again improved the look of both the pub and the parish. Well done on a great job!

There is a **Live Music** night at the Frog & Rhubarb on Saturday 26 May. The entertainment is being provided by 'Banned' who many of you will remember from their performances at Village Day. This promises to be an amazing night. Make sure you are there by 9pm so that you don't miss any of the fun.

Cashback is available at the Frog to anyone buying drink or food. The facility is provided free of charge and you can get up to £100 per transaction. Why pay for getting your cash or

There is going to be a **Jubilee Tea Party** at the Frog on Thursday 31 May at 2pm. There will be a huge selection of savoury and sweet treats along with a fun jubilee quiz. Tickets are available until the 25 May and are priced at £6 or just £3 for over 60's. Pop along to the pub to see the full menu for the afternoon and get your tickets.

Elvis Rivers makes his return to the village on Saturday 14th July. This is always a popular night with the entertainment starting at 9pm and going on until late. Why not make a night of it with a delicious meal in the pub's dining area before enjoying both the music of the king of rock and roll and other more recent hits.

Up to date information on events and offers can be found on the pubs website



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Rising Sun

Lily celebrated her 50th birthday in March and invited friends from the village and Chatty Club members along to the pub to help celebrate with her. Some of the club members can be seen below with a beautiful floral gift that was given to her.

Food was delicious as usual and a great time was had by all, with Victoria Strange supplying the music.



Lily's new granddaughter Lily Grace was also at the party with dad Jonathan.



It was good to see Fred and Grace Bodkin back at the Chatty Club recently. Fred had been ill since before Christmas and everyone was very pleased to see them both back again at the Tuesday Club. It must have been Fred's lucky



day as he won the raffle and received a bottle of Chianti! Well done Fred.

There was a quiz evening organised by Rosemary and Steve Wickens on General Knowledge which proved to be great fun. Refreshments were served by Lily and prizes were awarded to the winning team. Shame more people didn't come, you missed a good evening.





*Winning team led by Liz & Paddy Higgins,
well done to you all*

Elvis is alive and well and coming to Slip End on Saturday 2nd June. Music night – all welcome.

Retro tea party 1950's & 60's on 3rd June. Fancy dress (Retro) Admission (to include food of the day) by ticket available from the Rising Sun during May.

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More good reasons to visit us:-

Mayday Bank Holiday 7th May

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

Staff from The Plough, enjoyed a trip out to London in style with a stretch Range Rover.

We went for dinner and then to see Ghost the Musical at Piccadilly Theatre. We all enjoyed ourselves and had a wonderful time.




Our thought's were with the family of Bud Abbott, who sadly passed away at 88 years old. His family and friends celebrated his life at The Plough. He lived in Woodside Park Homes for 24 years. He will be sadly missed.

We would like to wish Bob and Mary from Caddington a very Happy Diamond Wedding



Anniversary. Their friends and family came from all over the country to celebrate here. They all had a wonderful time. Even the Queen sent her best wishes to them both.





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*Perhaps you'd like to look out your best hat
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Women's Institute

On Members Night in March we had a games night. The minutes for 2010 were read by Helen who was President for the evening. Games were set up on tables and we were put into pairs, winning points for each game. A lot of concentration with hands and eyes was needed. A lot of fun for us all - maybe even a bit of cheating! Our competition was a home made Easter Card. Lee, Joan and Christine were the winners. Well done ladies. Sue Martin gave the Vote of Thanks to the Committee for organizing such a good evening for us all.

A full coach of us went to see the Olympic Village in London. A great day out.....it was amazing to think this Village has been built from scratch and we saw the plans for the buildings after the Event. Morning coffee was served at a Toby Inn in Snaresbrook where we all returned later for a carvery lunch. Our plates were all full to the brim. Back to the coach with more sightseeing then over the Thames via the Woolwich Ferry to the Royal Arsenal where we had tea and coffee - some enjoyed something a little stronger! City Tours provided us with very interesting details of the whole Village so thanks to them. A big thank you to Sue Martin for organizing this day out - enjoyed by everyone.



Our April Meeting was hosted by Gillian Ashwell who gave a very interesting talk on beads and beadwork. Beads from all over the world were passed round - the textures and colours were intriguing. Gillian brought along a good selection of jewellery - from tiny, tiny beads all joined together with patterns - very attractive.

From two small looms Gillian showed us how to weave patterns. I gave the Vote of Thanks. We were then allowed to look more closely at the jewellery on the table.

Our competition of a Bead Necklace was won by Stephanie Horn with Joyce Parker and Joan Bean 2nd and 3rd. Joyce also won the prize for the number of 'Little Gems' in the jar.

Some of our Members are going to Totternhoe for our Spring Group Meeting. On 25th May some of our members are going to an Old Time Music Hall evening. Rita Weber has completed our 2012-13 Programme which looks very interesting. We were represented at the Twinning Association Quiz and Millionaires evening and both were very enjoyable. Dunstable Group is having an outing to the Cotswolds on 7th August visiting Burford, Broadway and Bourton on the Water. A trip to the Poppy Factory with Totternhoe W.I. is on 8th August. Our Darts Team are getting ready for the next season - with matches being arranged - if you would like to join in please contact us.

We have our Annual Meeting in May when a new Committee will be elected. If you would like to join us please come along and let one of our existing committee know. Any help offered is always appreciated. Our Speaker this night will be talking about Teas and giving us a Tasting of Teas. The competition is An Unusual Teacup. Look forward to seeing you. We meet on the third Tuesday in each month at the Baptist Church Hall starting at 7.30p.m.

Linda Edwards

Diary Dates: 15th May
12th June
19th June
17th July



Some views taken on the allotments
April 2012, with new shoots
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May

- Mon 7th Car Boot Sale—Rising Sun Car Park - 11—3pm*
Tues 8th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Sat 12th Caddington Allotments sale 10 to 2
Sun 13th Gardening Club visit to Westoning
Tues 15th Women's Institute meeting Baptist Hall Caddington - 7:30pm
Sun 20th St Andrew's Bereavement Service 6pm
Tues 22nd Care Home Service at Caddington Hall 2pm
Fri 25th Care Home Service at Woodside 2pm
Sat 26th Banned - Live Music Night - Frog & Rhubarb
Thurs 31st Jubilee Quiz & Tea Party at Frog & Rhubarb 2pm

June

- Sat 2nd Elvis — Music Night —Rising Sun*
Sun 3rd St Andrew's Trinity Sunday Special Morning Praise 10.30 / Community Lunch 12noon
12th Retro Tea Party—Jubilee Celebrations— Rising Sun
CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Baptist Hall Caddington—Dunstable Ladies Choir 7:30pm
19th Women's Institute meeting Baptist Hall Caddington - 7:30pm
23rd School Summer Fayre
Sat 30th Parish Open Gardens Day

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

August

September

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

October

- Tues 9th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*
Mon 17th Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm

November

- Tues 13th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*
Mon 19th Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm

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