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PARISH NEWS
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Signs of Autumn!





*Pictures from events around the Parish.
Farley Hill 50th Anniversary, Rising Sun
175th Anniversary, Aley Green Autumn
Fayre and the Airport information
displays in the Village Hall*



Why doesn't the Centrebus 231 bus service stop at the Front Street / Old School Walk junction?

Dave Streeton, the Operations Manager of Centrebus Ltd, in Dunstable, e-mailed to explain:

'This is an unmarked bus stop so there's no pole, flag or raised kerb for customers to board or alight at. This stop is not regularly used but there are a number of concession pass holders who do wish to board and alight here.

'The problem we incur is that from the junction of Front Street and Old School Walk to the verge there are usually cars parked on the kerb and this hinders a safe passage from the bus to the path and vice versa, and as the main customers that use this stop are elderly, it is a concern to Centrebus to let customers board or alight the bus here as the drop is increased and potential falls could occur.

'To ensure customer safety we have instructed staff to continue their journey to Pepperstock and alight passen on the other side of the road, which is usually clear.

'Centrebus has the welfare of its customers to consider and they would like to apologise for any inconvenience this might cause'.

You can access the Centrebus website at: <http://www.centrebus.info/Pages/default.aspx>



Our last outing for this year was to Eastbourne. Not so lucky this time as we did have rain but not heavy enough to worry us too much. As it was very heavy travelling down, I asked our driver, John, to take us up Beachy Head. It would have been nice but we were in mist, so not a lot to see! Never mind—better luck next time.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Dinner!

Pam King

Exciting Opportunity for Slip End Girl! WELL DONE AMY!!



An exciting opportunity has been offered to Amy Lester, aged 8, from St. Andrews Close, Slip End. She is to appear alongside the flamboyant Lily Savage aka Paul O'Grady who is playing Mrs Wishy Wahsy in the pantomime Aladdin at the 02 arena in London.

"Oh no she hasn't..... Oh yes she has!"

Amy, who attends Slip End Lower School, is currently rehearsing her jazz and tap routines as well as practising her singing skills. Amy was one of a number of girls who were encouraged, by dance teacher Tiffany Reed, to attend an audition in September.

Amy attends Tiffany Reed Dance School in Caddington and is now a member of the Bright Sparks Dance Academy in Croydon.

The performance "*Aladdin, a wish come true*", will run from 7th December 2012 – 5th January 2013. Amy is very excited about appearing on the same stage as her idol Katy Perry and also wants to know if the Queen will be coming to watch!

Karen Lester

CPG News for October

Youth Club

The Projects Group was very pleased with the turn out over the summer holidays when the youth club was run by Karen Bracey and her band of helpers. CPG is whole heartedly behind the youth helpers if they decide to run the youth club in 2013. Watch this space for information in the next edition for the possible launch date. In the meantime we'd like to wish Toby, Karen's son, a speedy recovery following his recent accident.

The Good Neighbour Scheme – that's what we're calling it too!



The meeting at the village hall on the 24th September was a great success, we have 30 volunteers now interested in joining our scheme.

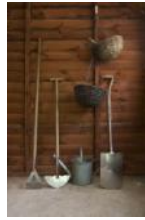
After much deliberation and suggestions, we have decided on our name! We're going to call it the Good Neighbour Scheme!

We had our first committee meeting on the 8th October and are delighted to announce that Simon Patterson is our Chairman, with his wife Carol our Secretary, and Carol Beeton is our treasurer. Our other committee members are now busy organising the important documents that such a scheme needs (volunteer packs, data protection agreements, terms of reference) and we will be announcing our next volunteers meeting shortly.

If you're interested in joining the scheme or want more information please look up the Good Neighbour Scheme page on the Slip End website – www.slipend.co.uk – you can find it under the Community Projects Group button.

Last Few Allotment Plots Available!

Derek Worsley confirmed that the subs for this year are in and he has been up to Luton Hoo and paid them at the estate office.



There are 3 plots left on the allotments at the moment, if you are interested in having a plot, please contact Derek on 736 892.

Christmas Biscuits

The list of parishioners that qualify for our Christmas Gift has been thoroughly updated and we now have 210 people who qualify! They must be over 65 years of age and have lived in the parish for 5 years or more. Paul Cooper is busy sourcing the biscuits and Sarah will be issuing delivery lists to our CPG volunteers for delivery in December. If you qualify for a tin or you know a parishioner that qualifies and might not be on the list please contact Sarah on 07868 742 904 or e-mail her at:- s.minnighan@btinternet.com



The CPG meets the second Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Social Club – come along, we're a friendly bunch, the meeting is very informal and usually over in an hour. We have funds to spend on the Parish and we value your input! November's meeting is on the 13th.

*Sarah Minnighan
Chairman CPG*

1st Woodside Brownies

The Brownies would like to say thanks to those who supported the Coffee Evening in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care.

A total of £140 was raised.

Well done!





FoSELS Report

A belated welcome back to everyone after the Summer Holidays and into the Autumn Term!

The FoSELS team was very busy over the holidays, moving into our new storage area and getting prepared for all the events we have planned for the rest of the year.

The children took part in a Harvest Festival competition where they decorated vegetable people that were then used to decorate our Harvest produce that was distributed by the Church to the local community. The winning children received art themed prizes.

Date for your diary:- ON 1st DECEMBER 2.30pm until 5pm, FoSELS CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Once again we will be visited by Santa, have stalls galore, and many things for

the Children and Families to do! We hope to see plenty of you there.

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

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

Debbie Newsome, FoSELS Chair



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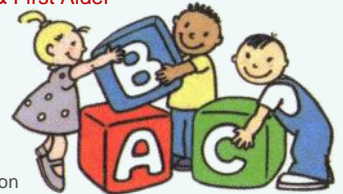
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Tennis Club Quiz Night

The Quiz Night held on Sat. 6th October was once again well supported by our 'regulars'. It was good to have some first timers too! The 10 Teams helped raise £260 for the Club funds.

Once again an interesting and varied quiz was prepared and presented by Peter Smith, ably assisted by his wife Margaret, who kept the scores. Thank you to them both. A welcome midway break supper of fish/chicken and chips went down very well. The Quiz was a very close run thing, with the Buttery Team "Deuce" eventually winning by two points from the Parry Team "New Balls Please". Their prize was a bottle of wine each. The new comers "Woodside Yokels" made a good effort, considering they were the smallest team and were given lottery tickets for the Saturday evening. Have not heard if they were more successful with the lottery? Thank you to everybody who supported the event, donated a raffle prize, or purchased raffle tickets. See you at the next Quiz.

Steve Lyons



The Winning Team

Editor's Column

Autumn has definitely arrived, with Harvest Festivals at Churches and Schools. Now, over the past few days I have noticed that the trees have really started to change colour. We have just been away for a weekend and found some glorious colours in the gardens of a couple of National Trust properties we visited in Devon and Somerset. I'm looking forward to a sunny day when I can walk through the woods at Ashridge and enjoy the colours there too.



The shops have their Christmas stock out—something which I find very annoying when there are still many weeks to go. They seem to put it out earlier each year! However we do have to plan ahead, especially when booking parties, dinners and trips away. See the pub pages and adverts for their Christmas food.

Alison Wilson

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St Andrew's Church Dates for November 2012

Thurs 1st: 10am – 3.30pm: Holiday Club

Fri 2nd: 10am – 3.30pm: Holiday Club

Sun 4th: 10.30am: Informal Communion – A taste of holiday club “On your Marks”

Wed 7th: 10am: Little Stars: Remembrance – Activity: Making Poppies

Sun 11th: 8.30am Said Communion

Sun 11th: 10.30am Morning Praise – Remembrance Sunday (Organ & Singers)

Tues 13th: 2pm: Caddington Care Home Service

Wed 14th: 10am: Little Stars: Sarah & Abraham “God Answers Prayer” Activity: Praying Hands

Thurs 15th: 9.30 Morning Prayer (a short quiet service of liturgical prayer)

Fri 16th: 2pm Woodside Care Home Service

Sun 18th: 10.30am Holy Communion – Shoe Box Sunday “Showing We Care” (Organ)

Wed 21st: 10am: Little Stars: David & Goliath “God Enables” – Make a Giant!

Sun 25th: 10.30am: Morning Praise “Sent out to preach the Kingdom” (Band - The Promise)

Wed 28th: 10am: Little Stars: St. Andrew: Our Patronal Festival – Activity: Boats and fish.



Above—the Candidates at the Confirmation Service on Sunday 7th October including six from St Andrew's and two from St Hugh's, shown with Bishop Richard of Bedford.

Pastoral Group

See the information from Cathy Pullinger on the next page

Janet Buttery



Diane Casemore



Sue Briggs



Sylvia & Andrew Harland



News about St. Andrew's Pastoral Visiting Group

On October 21st during our morning service at St. Andrew's we launched our New Pastoral Visiting Group. There are seven people in the group, five ladies from the villages and one married couple. *(Their photos are shown on the previous page and below on this page)* In some ways the new group simply recognises the visiting and care that these members of the congregation already do, but it will also equip them to do more.

We are calling the group St. Andrew's PALS: Pastoral and Listening Support and we will be pleased to visit anyone who would like a visit whether they are ill, bereaved, under pressure whilst caring for others or due to a change in their circumstances, or simply lonely.

Over the last year members of the team have had several sessions of training covering topics such as: visiting and giving support to vulnerable adults; God's heart for the vulnerable; patterns of grief and helping the bereaved; listening and empathy, as well as in praying with others and for those we visit.

We know that not everyone will want prayer but we believe deeply that God loves everybody and that many people are glad when others pray for them, so we will gently offer this. However if anyone would rather we didn't mention prayer or faith we would, of course, respect this and will be very happy to continue to visit or support in any way we can. The theme of our commissioning service was loving unconditionally and that is what we will seek to do.

With the ministry that we are offering we found that we were not required to do CRB checks on the members of the team. To do this, people have to be in a more specific caring role or to be regularly giving lifts or handling other people's money. However we do have a vulnerable adults policy as part of our overall Safeguarding Policy and everyone on the team is trained in this and signed it.

Everyone in the group is well known in the church and meets our safeguarding person specification. This includes the following: over a long period they have consistently shown themselves to be caring individuals who are interested in people and are sensitive to the needs of others; they are people who will be good team players, are willing to follow the relevant church procedures and will be open to advice; they are known to be discreet, positive about how they speak of other people and are able to keep absolutely confidential things that are shared with them.

It is really good to be able to offer this service more widely in the community. As a part time priest, I am very limited in the visiting that I am able to do, so this will also help me. We will have a little leaflet that explains what we can offer and a contact number. If anyone would like a visit then we would first drop in a card with photos of the team and name of the visitor(s) so that the individual would know who to expect.

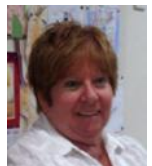
We are fully supportive of the Community Projects Group proposed Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) and several members of the church have already offered to be part of this. With the GNS offering more practical support and PALS offering more pastoral support I think that the two groups will complement each other very well. It may be that someone who has had visits from the PALS team also needs help with a specific job that the GNS can help with. Or conversely that someone who initially received practical help from the GNS would like more regular visiting or emotional support from PALS. I very much hope that we can work together like this for the good of the whole community.

God Bless, Cathy



Gill Downs

Teresa Willson



Farley Hill Methodists - 50th Anniversary Service



A busy exciting day began with a reunion of former Ministers, current older members and former members who came for the special service, some from long distances and there were lots of excited hugs as former members met up with each other.

The Bedfordshire Police Choir, accompanied by organist Richard Heyes, sang an introit and an anthem. The service was lead by a number of ministers including the Reverend Julie Bradshaw and the Reverend Geoffrey Fletcher. Hymns and readings chosen included those used at the first service at the Church on 22nd September 1962.



The congregation listened to Reverend Geoffrey Fletcher as he recalled his early days at Farley Hill and other amusing anecdotes. Geoffrey admitted to being absolutely delighted to be asked to lead this service having started his life as a minister here.

The address was given by Reverend Lord Leslie Griffiths. He began by saying, "Standing here with the politicians on one side of me on the right and the clergy on my left. Therefore with a foot in each camp, I can begin my address."

Reverend Griffiths spoke on fellowship, friendship, neighbourliness forgiveness and generosity. A lengthy round of warm applause greeted the end of his sermon.

Readings and prayers were led by church members young and old. At the end of the service Reverend Julie Bradshaw thanked the Bedfordshire Police Choir, the organist, the



catering team, who had prepared a wonderful buffet, and Ken Cameron who had started planning the anniversary service and other events two years earlier.

Special guests included local MPs, several Councillors, the Mayor and Mayoress as well as other dignitaries and representatives from the local churches and community.

Above are some of the VIPs including Lord Leslie Griffiths, Lord & Lady McKenzie, the Mayor & Mayoress of Luton, and the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire.

*Ken Cameron
01582 456594 Kenneth@xlnmail.com*



The editors of Parish News were delighted to be among the guests invited to the celebrations. I enjoyed the service and the buffet served afterwards

was excellent. The catering team had definitely done their best for the occasion. The table was well decorated and the cake looked lovely. (...and tasted it too!) There was also a collection of photos on show taken through the years.

Alison Wilson

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The gritting will be done again this year, as and when the weather calls for it, our joint aim being to grit the side roads, closes, avenues and streets that would not be treated by Central Bedfordshire Council.

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WINNERS . . . Peter with the children from Slip End

Slip End Lower School , featured in The Sun newspaper on 29th September

I am sure that the children and staff from the school were quite proud to see their efforts in the garden recognised in the paper.

They entered a competition for schools and managed to grow the largest tuber (weighing in at 375g). The prize was a seed voucher. The photo also shows their greenhouse—made out of plastic bottles. Well done to them!



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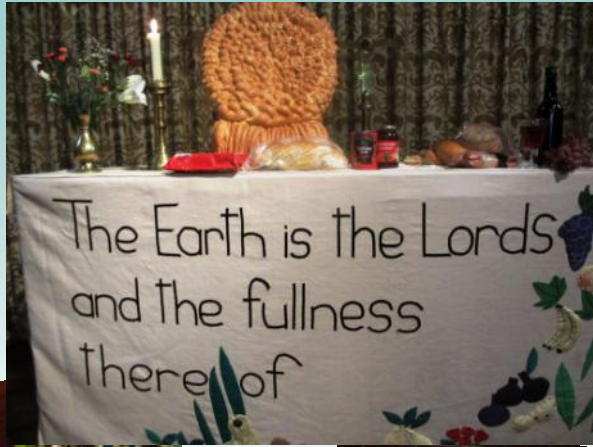
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Harvest Festival at St Andrews— September 2012





Harvest was a very colourful affair at St Andrew's Church with lots of produce given from the School who had their harvest on the Friday afternoon with Cathy, and more produce was given by the congregation at the Sunday service. Over 80 gifts were given to the elderly of the Parish besides gifts to Noah and Woodside Nursing Home. Some tins were also taken to the food bank at Leighton Buzzard to help those in need. The photos show the harvest decorations as well as some of the children with harvest gifts and during their Kidstime where they made pictures out of sweet corn and also made banana splits.



Gardener's Special

Complete laying any turf this month when the weather permits, continue aeration of established lawns to aid drainage, check mowers after the final cut this month. Roses planted this month will get off to a good start but only plant them as deep as the old soil mark on the stem. Climbing and rambling roses need to be planted at least fifteen inches away from a wall to avoid lack of water to the roots.

Check dahlia tubers for drying out and if they appear shrivelled, soak them in tepid water for the night. Remove any parts of the tubers that start to rot, with a sharp knife, and dust them with flowers of sulphur. Check chrysanthemums left in the soil for water-logging and insert a fork to its full depth to aid drainage, stools taken in over winter should be kept moist but not wet.

Gladioli corms can be cleaned up any time during the winter and discard any that are diseased. Try to grow gladioli in a different position each year to stop dry rot, fusarium rot and botrytis. Continue to plant border carnations and pinks during mild spells and complete planting tulips and hyacinths as soon as possible.



Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days but close it in the afternoon to help keep in some heat.

White fly can be a problem at this time of year so fumigate with HCH smoke or spray to eradicate this problem.

If you are planting fruit trees, then prune back by about two thirds of the young shoot straight afterwards. Prune blackberries, raspberries and loganberries, cutting out all this year's fruiting shoots and tie in new ones and cut out any weak ones. Blackcurrant

bushes will require some of the old wood removing but leave as much new growth as possible, treat gooseberries in much the same way.

Sow broad beans for an early crop in a sheltered position with a variety called 'Aquadulce' or use a dwarf variety under cloches. Continue digging ground as it becomes vacant and lift tender plants like fuchsias, begonias and geraniums. Clear up any fallen leaves and add them to the compost heap.

Russell Sprout



Operation Christmas Child



Christmas is looming and it's getting nearer to our shoebox campaign. We have been busy covering empty shoeboxes at St Andrew's in readiness for them to be filled with gifts, gloves, hats, stationery, flannel and soap, and of course the obligatory cuddly toy. The children who receive these gifts usually have nothing or very little, a far cry from our children here who receive many gifts for Christmas. If you can, please join the campaign and make up a shoebox for a boy or a girl aged 2 - 4, 5 - 9 or 10 - 14. Leaflets are available at St Andrew's or Little Stars or contact Parish News and you will be given instructions and suggestions for filling the boxes. If you are on the Internet go to their website:

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/

and take a look at the video - from One Community to Another.

Shoobox Sunday is November 18th where we will be blessing our boxes, if you do have any please bring them along to St Andrew's Church, you are most welcome. 'Give a child a Love in a Box'

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Benita Meswania married Hitesh Patel on Saturday 21st July 2012 at The Grove in Watford. It was a colourful affair with the registry ceremony in the morning, a traditional Hindu wedding in the day and then evening celebrations. The couple were blessed with sunshine and the beautiful surroundings of The Grove's grounds.

Many of you will know Benita, who has spent all her years growing up in Claydown Way with her proud parents Madhu and Mick Meswania who are still in the village.

Benita sent photos to the editors, showing some of the different outfits she wore for the 3 occasions. We thought they were lovely! Ed



Dominic Phillips (from Elaine Gardens in Woodside) married Jo Higgins of Markyate on Saturday 13th October at Luton Hoo with 100 guests present. They had their reception in a marquee at Woodside with many friends and family.



Many congratulations and good wishes to both couples!



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Quiz Night at the Social Club raising money for Oracle Cancer Trust

After initially wondering if anyone would show for the quiz, we had a great response, with no spare tables available. There was a lively and knowledgeable atmosphere in the club, and as the rounds progressed under the guidance of quizmaster John Rackley, some teams were forging ahead!

At half time, homemade chilli and cheese ploughmans were served, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. After the break the quiz continued, and by the end the leading teams were very close! Pam's Posse emerging as winners. Apologies to "The Committee", for our mistake in the marking, you did come second! A cash prize was offered but they chose for the money to remain in the charity pot, thank you.



On the night £700 was raised for the Oracle Cancer Trust, which is the head and neck unit of the Royal Marsden hospital in London. The money will go towards researching the best treatment for head and neck cancer patients, and investing in the best technology possible.

We would like to thank the following people who all contributed in making the evening a great success; Matt Freeman, for all the artwork. John Rackley, quizmaster. Sarah Minnighan and Mandy for greatly assisting on the evening, Kev and Lainy and all at the club for making everyone welcome, all who donated raffle prizes, Jelley's Meats of

Harpenden, and everyone who participated and supported this fun evening!



Thank you, from Katrina and Phil, we are very happy to forward the cheque to the charity.
Katrina Doubleday

Caddington WI

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN Our Darts team is doing very well and starting to win matches, this is boosting their morale too. Well done ladies. They practise twice each week now, so if you want to join them do come along.

Members are looking forward to our group meeting and their trip to London to see the lights and, of course, take in a meal. Sue Martin will represent Caddington WI next June for the AGM which is being held in Cardiff in 2013.

We have our October meeting to look forward to when our competition will be the Spookiest Mask and we will be playing a Halloween game. Our speaker will be Vivien Barratt who is a victim of the thalidomide drug - we have heard she is a very good speaker so it should be interesting. For our November meeting we have Jeff Stray giving us a demonstration of Christmas Flowers. The competition will be a 'Home made Christmas decoration'. Good luck ladies!

Don't forget we met at the Baptist Church Hall on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7.30 p.m. Do join us for an interesting and fun evening. *Linda Edwards*

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Social Club

The club hosted a successful charity Quiz Night in September—see the separate report from Katrina. A further event is being planned for December. More details will be available later.

Plough

With Christmas fast approaching we have our menus out. The Christmas party menu is available from 1st December to 23rd December with a choice of a two or a three course meal, Christmas Day Lunch is a three course meal and mince pies and coffee to finish. *See advert for prices and more details.* Everyday roasts served Monday to Saturday & Sundays. Booking is advisable.



With the Darts & Domino season starting we wish both of our teams the very best of luck! And let's bring some more trophies home this season.

We have been awarded with a 5 Star Hygiene Rating by Central Bedfordshire Council and we have just received our certificate.

In August we said goodbye to one of our dart team members and one of our bingo girls. Astrid was one of the loveliest ladies we ever meet. She always wore a smile. Everyone here misses her dearly. Our thoughts are with the family, and Astrid remains in our thoughts.

We send our condolences to the family of Mr Phillips, who sadly passed away. Friends & Family came from near and far to celebrate his life. Also our thoughts are with the family of Ron Fairland who's mother passed away at the age of 84 years.

We would like to wish Kevin Francis a very Happy 50th Birthday!! Hope you and your friends & family have a great time in Spain celebrating.

Gail from Stopsley had a christening for her daughter in the Marquee for 100 people. They all enjoyed our barbeque and all had a wonderful afternoon. Miss Johnson also had a 40th Birthday Party in the Marquee, with up to 80 guests. They supplied their own DJ and buffet. All the guests had a fantastic evening. We cater for all parties and special occasions, VENUE FREE!! For more information please ask for Doug or Melissa on 01582 720923

Bored on a Monday afternoon?? Why not pop in and have a game of bingo! Every Monday, Eyes Down at 3pm, everyone welcome.

Rising Sun

The photos were taken during the weekend of celebrations for the 175th anniversary of the pub and shows the staff on duty preparing for their busy shift (from the left Christel, Louise, and Emma alongside Dave and Lily).

The beer festival proved very successful with different types of real ale and cider available at reasonable rates. Visitors came from near and





far to join in the fun of the festival and live bands on both evenings.

Thanks to Kevin and Lainey and all at the Club for raising £240 towards Lily's chosen charity (Cystic Fibrosis).

Thursday and Friday Special—

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Christmas menus are now available. The Festive party menu, available between 15th

November and 28th December offers a choice of 2 courses (starter & main or main & dessert) or 3 courses at different prices. *See advert or contact the pub for more details of the menu and prices and to make a reservation.*



Frog and Rhubarb

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

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

2 Course special offer—Sunday through Thursday from 5pm until 10pm. There is a huge choice of dishes to choose from and for those with a really big appetite, there is the option to have 3 courses.

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

Forthcoming Events @ The Frog

Christmas may still seem a long way away but now is the best time to start planning your festivities. Get your date booked soon as space is filling up fast. The team at the Frog has put together a premier Christmas party menu - *see advert for prices*. Menus are available at



www.frogandrhubarb.co.uk or from the pub.

You can be guaranteed the very best quality food prepared by the pub's team of chefs on Christmas Day. The five course gala dinner has an amazing choice of dishes including the traditional favourites. Let the whole family have a relaxing day while someone else does all the work. Space is very limited so book soon! *See advert for prices or contact the pub for more details.*

The Charity Race Night will take place on Saturday 17 November from 8pm. The Frog & Rhubarb is hoping to beat last years amazing total of over £400 that was donated to the school. This year all the money raised will be donated to support those living with Cystic Fibrosis. Bets will be £1 each and you can back as many or as few horses as you like. The prizes are all cash and include a £60 tricast fund. There will be eight races throughout the evening and the betting is really simple. If you are a novice, staff will be on hand to help you out with any questions so don't be afraid to pop along and join the fun from 8pm.

Look out next month for details of Christmas Eve and New Years Eve celebrations at the Frog. Up to date information on events and offers can be found on the pub's website www.frogandrhubarb.co.uk

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Proposals to Resolve The Speeding Problem

The Background: For many years the Parish Council has tried to resolve the speeding issue by applying pressure on both the Police and Central Bedfordshire Highways. The assistance we have received has been very limited because both organisations target resources to reduce the number of collisions that result in fatalities or life changing injuries. Fortunately, over the years there have been very few here.

Never the less, Police statistics show around a third of the vehicles using our roads are travelling at speeds in excess of 35 mph. In the Parish Plan, residents highlighted speeding as a major concern and the issue continues to be raised frequently by residents.

Over the years, various measures have been looked into, we have even paid for additional police enforcement. Previously, we had been told traffic calming was not an option because of the nature of our roads and the traffic that uses them. Persistence recently established that is not actually the case, but we will have to pay for it ourselves.

The Solution: is to install a number of traffic calming cushions, also known as table tops, at various locations which will slow down traffic and also act as ad hoc crossings. Similar to the cushions in St Peter Street, St Albans.

Lee Baldry an ex Slip Ender, and Deputy Head of Highways, is meeting us to discuss the locations we have in mind: the junctions in Church Road with the lane to the playing field and Church, and Summer Street, the crossroads, Claydown Way, Rossway and another towards the entrance to the village. In Front Street, the junctions of New Street, Crawley Close and one, possibly two, heading towards the cross roads. In lower Woodside, calming at Mancroft Road improvements to the Manor Road junction and cushions from there towards the Harrow.

Consideration will also be given to making Summer Street one way from Church Road to Front Street.

Lee will be asked to begin work on the Church Road cushion at the lane as we have the money to pay for it. This is a good place to begin as it will make access to the playing field and Church safer as well as slowing traffic down entering the village.

How much is it all going to cost us? This first cushion in Church Road will be around £15000, to put that in perspective, the Council's income this year is £40000.

In view of the strength of feeling residents have expressed for us to sort out the problem, it is time now for us all to bite the bullet. The Parish Council needs to raise an additional £25000 next year and every year after that until the job is done.

This means that someone living in a Band D house will be asked to pay an increase of approximately £33 per year or £3.30 per month for those who pay monthly. Most houses are in band A so they will pay much less. It is understood that while £3.30 may not sound very much, it is another £3.30 on top of another £3.30 and so on in these difficult times when incomes are being stretched.

In recognition of this, Councillors, who all live in the Parish and will themselves be affected by the increase, have agreed that if the proposals go ahead, they will forego the allowance paid to them each year.

In some ways this announcement is being made a little prematurely but it is to give residents the opportunity to tell us what they think as we prepare next year's budget. Our contact details are in this magazine and you are welcome to attend both the December and January Council meetings to tell us what you think first hand.

No work will be commissioned until the views of those living in the vicinity of a cushion have been obtained. Equally, the proposals for Summer Street will not be put forward unless the support of those in the street, The Oaks and The Orchard has been obtained.

Ken Crossett, Parish Council Chairman

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates for November

Sunday 4th

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

Tuesday 6th

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 11th

Aley Green Church closed
We join the Remembrance Service at All Saints

Tuesday 13th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 18th

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

Wednesday 21st

7.30pm Coffee Evening In aid of
Leaders of Worship & Preachers Trust
A selection of hand made jewellery on sale

Sunday 25th

11.00am Morning Service - Michael Adams
11.00am Sunday School

Monday 26th

7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Caddington Village Show Committee for allowing us to have a stall at the show in September for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised £95.80. This started the ball rolling for The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday September 28th. Our coffee morning was held at Ann & Paul's home in Manor Road (Thank you both) and in the afternoon we had a tombola and cake stall

outside the Village School. In the evening the Sunday School children and the 2 by 2 Club hosted a coffee evening with stalls and games. Several of our church members took cakes into their work places to sell and this year we were pleased to add Charisma and the Cutting Crew to our team, they sold cakes and sausage rolls throughout the day for us, thank you ladies. When all the money was collected, a grand total of £1,250.00 was sent to Macmillan. Thank you to everyone for their support, what a great result. The winners of our competition to name the boat ("Robin's Fleet") were Erin & Grace Smith who won Winnie the Pooh, Piglet and Eeyore. Pat Isger was the winner of the very large chocolate cake made by Yvonne Tomlin.

Our Autumn Fayre on 13th October was enjoyed by many church members, their families and our friends in the village. £657.55 was raised towards our fund to remove the asbestos from the premises. (Only £2,342.45 to find)

Please do come along to one of our Services Fellowships or Bible Studies, or pop in for a cuppa and a chat at Cakes & Company or Coffee Evening. You can stock up on your winter reading, our bookshelves have something for everyone. We also have lots of jigsaw puzzles to while away the dark evenings. Our Christmas marmalades and chutneys are on our preserve shelves along with the new season piccalilli and an assortment of jams and jellies. They all make yummy Christmas gifts and we are happy to gift wrap them.

A forward December date for your diaries, Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th we will be holding our Charitree Festival entitled 'O Come All Ye Faithful' The Children's Nativity play will be at the close of the festival at 4pm on the Sunday.

God bless you all from Aley Green Methodist Church  
*Ann Meader*

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

### **November**

- Thurs 1st St Andrew's Holiday Club*  
*Fri 2nd St Andrew's Holiday Club*  
*Mon 5th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm*  
*Tues 13th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*  
*Sat 17th Charity Race Night Frog & Rhubarb 8pm*  
*Mon 19th Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm*  
*Tues 20th Caddington WI Baptist Hall 7:30pm*

*Christmas Party Menus available at the local pubs—November / December*

### **December**

- Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm*  
*Tues 11th CPG meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*  
*Fri 14th Quiz Night Slip End Social Club*  
*14th- 16th Charitree Festival Aley Green Methodist Church*  
*Tues 18th Caddington WI Baptist Hall 7.30pm*

### **January**

- Mon 7th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm*  
*Mon 23rd Gardening Club AGM Village Hall 8pm*



**Don't forget to advertise your events here!**

Please contact us with details of events to add to our diary so that everyone in the community can read about what is on in the Parish and hopefully avoid any clash of dates for events!



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