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Slip End - Woodside

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Editor's Notes

The Speeding Results Are In



I thought Spring had arrived when we had a lovely warm and sunny May Bank Holiday. However, Winter seems to have returned for a while. I did take a trip

to Ashridge (NT) and see the carpet of bluebells, which have finally appeared, so maybe things will improve.

It was, however, a fine weekend for the **Gardening Club** and their plant sale. You will find some pictures and a brief report in this issue. Let us hope that the fine weather has been ordered for the Community Activities Day on 23rd June. It looks as if it will be a good time to find out about how to keep fit, active and entertained in the coming months. On the subject of fitness...Andrea has sent us an update about her Pilates Class which meets at the School on Wednesday evenings. For more information, call her on 07811343566 . More details next month.

Parish Council News This issue also contains the Annual Report from the Parish Council. It refers to the speeding report included on this page. Please read the report and if you have any questions, the contact details can be found at the back of the magazine, or you could always attend a Council meeting—dates on the diary page!

Diary Dates Please remember if you have any special events planned then let us know so we can put them on the diary page. It may possibly save a clash of events!

Some of the headline data from the recent speed survey has been received - the results are quite astonishing.

In Markyate Road for instance, 71% of the vehicles heading out of Slip End were travelling at speeds in excess of 35 mph. exactly, the same as in Church Road, heading away from the traffic lights. Front Street was a little better with 35% of vehicles travelling away from the crossroads at over 35mph.

The total number of vehicles speeding in both directions during the seven day survey were: Front Street 5654, Markyate Road 20368 and Church Road 21692.

I shall be receiving all the data from the Police towards the end of month and then quite a lot of analysis work will need to be undertaken. The additional data will also include details of the survey at locations in Pepperstock, Lower and Upper Woodside.

The full results will be displayed in an exhibition later this year along with the results of the feasibility study looking into the traffic calming measures that can be installed to slow traffic down to the speeds you tell us you want.

There is a question about traffic calming in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. Although the deadline for the return has passed, if you haven't already done so please send it in now. Let me know if you didn't receive a questionnaire or if you have lost it and I will try to arrange for another copy to be sent to you.

Ken Crossett, Parish Council Chairman

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Sunday 23rd June 2013

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Community Day at the Playing Fields 23rd June

Now is your chance to try some tennis or archery and find out about other activities/clubs in Slip End.

Stalls confirmed:-

Bowls Club

GNS (Good Neighbour Scheme)

Friendship Club

Slip End Camera Club

SEADA

Cubs & Beavers

Tennis Club

Slip End United

Youth Club

Pepperstock Archers

Zumba - demo at 3pm

**Refreshments
at St Andrew's
Church**



FREE ENTRY

St Andrew's Woodside

Open Sunday

Sunday 23rd June 2013

From 2 pm to 5 pm

Coinciding with the Playing Fields Open Day event we will be offering Cream Teas and refreshments in the Church



Including Traidcraft Stall, and free craft/colouring activities for young children
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A service of beautiful songs of worship.

Will your favourite hymn be included?

Perhaps you would like to forward a request for consideration

to Rev Cathy Pullinger

on 07425148046 or 725061



Slip End Parish Council Annual Report

This year the format of the annual report is different from previous years, since the detail of the Council's work is regularly reported in the Parish Magazine. This report summarises some of the major work which has been undertaken.

Much attention has been given to the implementation of the Parish Plan which was published two years ago. In response to residents wishes to be better informed, the Council, in conjunction with the Community Projects Group and the Parish News Committee has ensured the magazine is published and distributed free to every household in the Parish each month with the exception of January and August. Parish News is the primary source used by the Council to keep residents informed.

In addition, urgent messages are posted on the Parish website:- www.slipend.co.uk and Facebook under the Slip End Parish Community page. Residents may also use the Facebook pages to say what they think or raise concerns about issues in and around the Parish or ask for advice. Equally, residents are encouraged to write to the Parish News editor.

Something to remember though is that if a resident would like a response from the Council on a specific issue they should write to the Clerk or come to one of our meetings where there will be an opportunity for them to make their point. If a Councillor should make a comment on Facebook then this would be their personal opinion and the views expressed may not necessarily be those of the Council. Having said that, residents are, of course, always welcome to contact Councillors direct whenever they wish.

Another issue which featured in the Plan was a concern about traffic speeding through the Parish. Two articles were written towards the end of last year inviting residents who objected to an increase in Council Tax, to pay for traffic calming, to get in touch. A relatively small number of people did. However, it seemed the majority of residents were in favour. Based on some of the comments received, the Council decided to postpone the decision to increase the Council Tax until some further consultation had been carried out.

To help with this process the Police and Central Beds Highways Department have been commissioned to produce data to show the extent of the speeding problem and produce a feasibility study to detail the type of measures that can be taken to slow traffic. Central Bedfordshire Council recently introduced a match funding scheme open to those communities who are prepared to fund such schemes themselves, thereby halving the cost to us. Applications for this funding have to be submitted before 1st August.

The Parish Plan highlighted the need for a pedestrian crossing to be installed in Church Road; this work will be carried out next year, funded by a £70000 grant from the Chiltern Local Transport Plan. Another grant of £7500 has been obtained to finance a professional

study to look at parking problems in Slip End. This is mainly to tackle the problem of Airport travellers using our streets to avoid parking charges.

The Community Projects Group has been involved in implementing the Parish Plan. The Plan showed the main concerns of people were; being able to get to Hospital, Doctor, Dentist and Chiropodist appointments, difficulty in getting to a chemist. To resolve these concerns the Projects Group spent a long time setting up the Good Neighbour Scheme which opened its doors at the beginning of March. This is a separate organisation under the Projects Group umbrella which is run by its own committee led by Cllr Patterson.

The Group has also given its full support and provided some funding to help with the formation of a new photographic club, Slip End Snappers, which was the inspiration of Norman Homewood who leads the club.

Following the disappointment last summer caused by the cancellation of Village Day due to bad weather, Pete Smith came up with an idea in one of the Project Group meetings. His idea was for there to be several social and entertainment events throughout the year. Pete felt this would help keep the great community spirit going that previous Village Days generated and raise some funds for the Group. More importantly, his idea is about the community having fun together.

Two events have been organised already, the Community Activities Day at the Playing Field on Sunday 23 June and the successful Ukulele Concert held on 18th May.

The Community Projects Group led by its Chairman Cllr Sarah Minnighan meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Social Club and is open to all residents. On average 25 to 30 residents attend and they know they don't have to come to every meeting and can be involved as much or as little as they want to be. Every resident is welcome to attend.

The Community Projects Group was delegated the responsibility of looking after the more social aspects of Parish life, supporting existing community groups, including the Halls, and setting up new ones. It has also been delegated the responsibility of making grants to those organisations and providing a small gift to our senior residents at Christmas.

The Group is part funded by the Parish Council to the extent of £9600 per annum plus any income generated by fund raising activities. It has an organising Core Committee to oversee and plan its activities. This committee comprises five Councillors including Cllr Carol Brennan who acts as Treasurer and who is a Chartered Accountant. Two residents, Andy Prothero and David Kingston, also sit on the committee.

The real decision making is carried out by the residents who attend. Therefore, it is the residents who decide what grants should be made and to whom, and what activities the Projects Group should undertake. Through the Core Committee and monthly reports from the group, made at Council meetings, the Council maintains scrutiny.

You may recall the decision to form the Community Projects Group and the Parish Plan Steering Group were made at a Public Meeting in 2009 which was arranged by the Parish Council. As you can see much has been achieved. To those of us running the Parish Council the job involves much more than keeping the place tidy or chasing Central Beds Council departments to fix the street lights or fill the pot holes. It is also about making the Parish the sort of place we want it to be. In the Parish Plan you told us what you wanted and as you can see we are well on the way, working our way through the list. This may only be little Slip End but we can all make a difference for ourselves and our community.

Another opportunity has arisen for us to do just that, the difference this time is that the results can be written into law. It is called the Neighbourhood Plan. Members of the Council and some local residents have been working on this for some time and need input from you just as we did with the Parish Plan. If you haven't already completed and returned the questionnaire you received last month then please do so now. The deadline has passed but I am sure some late questionnaires can be accommodated.

To anyone who is sceptical and is of the view that nothing we do locally can influence things, I would refer to what we have done as outlined above and say, "We were told we couldn't have a gritter to make travel on our side streets easier. We negotiated a completely new and unique insurance policy and pioneered legal agreements to let us do that. We were asked to send a representative to the Department for Communities and Local Government to tell them what we had been doing and give our views on the Localism Bill".

We are achieving what you asked us to do with the Parish Plan; we can do it again with the Neighbourhood Plan. Please take advantage of the questionnaire and be involved in the consultation events that will take place in the coming months to tell us what you want to see in the broader area over the next fifteen years or so.

Ken Crossett, Chairman

HIGH WINDS! - A strange sign!

This was spotted on a walk around the area near Long Marston and the Canal. Nearby was a lovely old Church Tower.



Tribute to Doris Strong

Dorie (as many knew her) was a major part of St Andrew's church family, having been married to Bob Strong, ex Church Warden and treasurer. She was born on the 5th June 1921 in Marylebone, the first of 4 sisters to Robert and Silve Weller. She attended the St Marylebone School and started her first job in the accounts department at C&A's. When war broke out Dorie dodged the 'air-raids' by sleeping in the underground stations and played her part in the 'ATS' (Auxiliary Territorial Service) receiving a medal. She was recognised recently for her contribution to the war effort attending the World War II Veterans Day Service at Westminster Abbey with the Queen.

Dorie was very active in the Church and through the St Pauls, Portman Square and All Souls, Langham Place Church group 'the Campaigners' met her husband 'Bob'. Bob and Dorie were married on 29th September 1952. They lived in a flat at the top of Marylebone High Street. They moved to Luton to buy their first house in 1956 and joined St Andrews'. Their daughters Val and Angela were born. Around that time they purchased their first car – a Ford Anglia.

Bob was working, money was 'tight', but he wanted to give the girls 'an education' and decided that they should see something of the world. Most years the family would set off on 'an adventure'. One such trip was overland to help some missionaries in Morocco. This was a huge undertaking with one small car, 2 small children and 'supplies'. Another adventure was a trip to Istanbul and yet another involved delivering bibles to a country where the people hadn't seen many bibles before!

The family also went to Rome (to the Vatican) and had an audience with the Pope and were 'all blessed'. Sadly that afternoon the car door fell off! Dorie enjoyed these adventures (some more than others).

Dorie was happy when Angela married Nigel

(at St Andrew's) and she loved her grandchildren Hannah and Lizzie very much and was so very proud of them and their varied achievements. Bob sadly passed away in 1986, but Dorie continued her links with St Andrew's.

Dorie had excellent health into her late 80's, and had wonderful neighbours Ann and John to support her, and her true friend Eileen who has helped Dorie through some dramas. Dorie was supported by dedicated Carers, without whom she would not have been able to keep her independence, living in the same house for 57 years which held many happy memories for her.

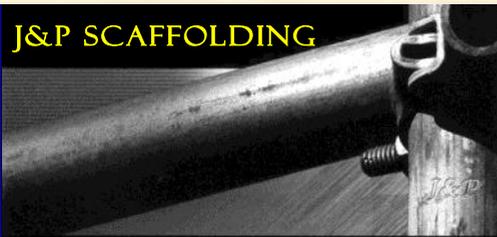
Dorie had many good friends at St Andrew's and was happy to join them in worship every Sunday. Her friends at the Church gave her support and ensured she had transport each week. 2 years ago Dorie enjoyed sharing her 90th Birthday celebrations with everyone in her extended Church family. Only in 2011 did she spend time in hospital and again recently for just a few days. Dorie had great faith that there was 'a greater plan'

This is a difficult time for the family, but we can celebrate a life well lived. There is a lot more to be said about this dear lady – but it will be said on days to come when we remember her in our hearts.

Rest in peace, dear Dorie



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St Andrew's Church invites you to

Father's Day Cafe Church

On Sunday 16th June

Featuring Simon Murray
of Christians in Sport

Discussing how God improved his game.
Cooked breakfast served from 10.15 a.m.



Cakes and company at Aley Green Methodist Church (with bacon butties) raised £375 for Christian Aid! Well done all!



Below:- Aley Green with building work in progress and completed in grand style .





Slip End & District Community Projects Group

Our May meeting was our AGM, where we voted in our Core Committee for another year. Sarah Minnighan remains Chairman, Keith Holme is Vice Chair, Carol Brennan is set to do another year as Treasurer, and Andy Prothero, Ken Crossett, David Kingston and Simon Patterson are the remaining members of the Core Committee.

The Projects Group is here to be the voice and support for all the groups and associations in the parish, we meet every second Tuesday and we're open to any resident in the parish. You don't have to come along every time, but your ideas and views are important to us. Come along, we're a relaxed group and there is drink available!

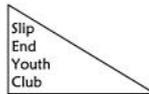
The Ukulele concert on Saturday 18th May at the Village Hall was great fun! We were thoroughly entertained by Pete Smith and his Saturday morning Music School Orchestra, and Markyate Fish & Chip Shop did a splendid job with the food. Thanks to Andy Prothero for organising the food, to Carol Patterson for selling the tickets, to Veronica Williams, Carol Brennan, David Kingston, Bob & Carol Payne for helping to set up the hall, and to Pete Smith and the orchestra for a great evening!

Pete Smith has also been giving Ukulele lessons to the pupils at Slip End Lower School, and the CPG contributed financially to help the school purchase enough ukuleles to enable the children to take them home to practise on. We look forward to hearing them!

The Chatty Club meets at the Frog & Rhubarb every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Paul served up a traditional English lunch for St. Georges Day with sausage, mash and peas, dessert, tea and coffee all for £2.50. If you are over 55 you are more than welcome to come, and you don't have to be there every week, you can 'dip' in and out! If you would like more information you can call Paul on 01582 452722

Slip End Camera Club had its third successful meeting on 21st

May at the Social Club, where they showcased members photos on 'water'. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June at the Social Club, newcomers still more than welcome! For more information call Norman Homewood on 01582 452851



The **Youth Club** is going really well, with between 25 and 30 youngsters attending each week on average. The volunteer youth workers (Caroline Rizza, Lise Poultney, Ursula Lavis and Karen Bracey) work really hard to keep the club interesting for the youngsters, thank you ladies!

Pepperstock Archers came along on 15th May to show the everyone what archery is all about, and give some of them the chance to have a go – 28 children took part, some having two or three goes. The weather was sunny which was important and everyone all said how much they enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Lee Prebble and the other members from Pepperstock Archers for providing this opportunity.

Entry is still only £1 per child per week, there's a tuck shop, and lots of things to do including wii games, crafts, bingo and competitions.

The **Good Neighbour Scheme**



will feature at the Activity Day later in the month, this gives people a chance to meet the organisers and ask any questions, and also gets the GNS 'out there' in the parish. There might be people who still don't know what we do and how we do it!

This scheme is for anyone within the parish who is over 18. It is not aimed at a specific age range and could prove useful to anyone who maybe lives alone and has broken a leg or arm, or anyone who can't drive at the moment due to an accident. Likewise, if you have a relative who lives in the parish but you live further away it could prove to be the peace of mind you need that there a group that can help when you are not available.

**The dedicated GNS contact number is
07513 372 415**



Don't forget about the Slip End Parish Community Page of Facebook – find us, like us and be kept up to date with dates for meetings, entertainment, crime information, old photos from days gone by, and much more.

If you have got any photos from the parish going back to any decade that you would be happy for us to publish on the Facebook page then please e-mail frog-rhubarb@indigo-tiger.com.

Activities Open Day – at the Playing Fields

Sunday 23rd June 2013 – 2pm to 5pm
Zumba! – Archery – Football – Tennis – Cubs & Beavers – Youth Club
Good Neighbour Scheme – Friendship Club – SEADA – Refreshments
Keep an eye out for the leaflet through your door!

Slip End Gardening Club Plant Sale

Congratulations to the Gardening Club for a fantastic show at the plant sale on Saturday 18th May. There was a fantastic selection of plants, shrubs, indoor plants, vegetables, fruit, preserves and refreshments on offer. I managed to get there at opening time and the place was packed! I hope it proved a fruitful sale for everyone and I'm already looking forward to the next one!

If you would like more information on the Gardening Club, check out the page on the website:

<http://www.slipend.co.uk/> under Associations.

The next CPG meeting is Tuesday 11th June 2013 at 7.30pm at the Social Club – everyone's welcome.

Sarah Minnighan, Chairman



St Andrew's Church Dates for June

Sun 2nd: 10.30am: Informal Communion: His sheep hear His voice

Sun 9th: 10.30am: Morning Praise & Baptism: Growing in Wisdom and Favour (band)

Sun 16th: 8.30am: Said Communion

Sun 16th: 10.30am: Cafe Church - Father's Day

Tues 18th: 11am: Caddington Care Home

Fri 21st: 2pm: Woodside Care Home

Sun 23rd: 10.30am: Holy Communion – If we confess our sins

Sun 23rd: 5pm Songs of Praise

Sun 30th: 10.30am: Morning Praise and baptism "the practise of meditation" (band)

Weds 5th: 10am: Little Stars "Special Names" Kings

Weds 12th: 10am: Little Stars "Tribes of Israel"

Weds 19th: 10am: Little Stars "Jesus teaching Beatitudes"

Weds 26th: 10am: Little Stars "Saints"

Little Stars meets every Wednesday in the church/family room . We welcome all pre-school children and their carers. It is a Bible based session of story, activity/make and singing plus birthday celebrations.



We serve coffee, tea etc from about 10 and aim to start the session about 10 30am - the session lasts about 1hr. (Ending in time for people to leave to fetch other children from morning nursery)

We even operate during school holidays and welcome the older children also (though all children are accepted on the basis that the parents remain responsible for all their children)

See dates above

Worshipping at St. Andrew's.

We often have visitors at our church services at St. Andrew's and usually they say how different it is from what they expect, how warmly they have been welcomed, how many children there are, how joyful the services are. So I thought I would share a bit about the variety of styles of worship, and the different times we hold services that enable as many as possible to come along and join in. The following services are held at 10.30am on Sunday mornings.

Our "**Holy Communion**" is a traditional service, where we use the Communion Table at the east end of the Church and kneel at the rail to receive. The organ together with a small choir, called the St Andrew's Singers, leads our hymns and sung worship, and some of the words of the service are also sung. During this service the children have

their own activities in the family room, but join us for communion. This is a quieter more reflective service.

During our "Informal Communion" the children stay in throughout and our communion is led from a communion table in front of the chancel steps. There are songs and a little talk and activities specially for the children. Our worship is led by piano, flute and violin.

Twice a month we have "Morning Praise." This is a flexible service giving us more time for teaching and family celebration, we usually hold



are usually led by our band. The children join us for part of the service during which there will be a children's focus specially for them before they go to the family room for their "Kidztime."

"Cafe Church" is our most "alternative" form of worship, where we usually eat together for breakfast or lunch and sit round little tables.



This enables us to look together at a specific topic, and to explore this in a variety of ways, like crafts and quizzes. There is always lots for the children to do in these services and our next

Cafe Church is on Father's Day, June 16th when we will start with a cooked breakfast..

All the words of our 10.30am services are on Power Point so you don't have to find your way round lots of service books.

Not everyone is free on a Sunday morning so we also hold:

A monthly small quiet "Said Communion" at 8.30am.

A monthly quiet service of Morning Prayer at 9.30am on Thursday mornings.

Occasional afternoon and evening services. We have now held two healing services at 3pm, a Songs of Praise on Open Church Sunday which is coming up on June 23rd (We are holding it at 5pm this year so that it doesn't clash with the Playing Fields Community day) and a range of carol services in December.

In addition we also have a simple little service for Mums, Babies and Toddlers, called "Little Stars" on Wednesday mornings in the family room. We have action songs, a story, activities and some little prayers that the children can join in with. There are also drinks and plenty of time to chat.

At the other end of the spectrum we take monthly services in the Care Homes on Friday afternoons at Woodside and Tuesday mornings at Caddington Hall and everyone is welcome to these, not just residents and staff.

All the details of these services are always advertised in the Parish News, and on the website www.church.slipend.co.uk and everyone is always very welcome.

Best wishes, *Cathy Pullinger*

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Services and Diary dates for June

Sunday 2nd

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

Tuesday 4th

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 9th

11.00am Morning Service - Mr Bob Gray
11.00am Sunday School

Monday 10th

7.00pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

Tuesday 11th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 16th

11.00am Morning Service - Mr Geoff Bocutt
11.00am Sunday School

Sunday 23rd

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

Wednesday 26th

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

Sunday 30th

11.00am Morning Service Rev Neil Drayton
11.00am Sunday School



Our April Coffee Evening was a friendly, lively time with people catching up on news over free coffee and tea and sampling the yummy sausage rolls cakes and scones with our own jam. We held a raffle and all the money raised (£64.50) went to Keech Hospice Care.

We are coming to the end of the work to the worship area, vestry and hallway and there is a fresh new look to the communion area. Do call in and have a look, you will be made most welcome. Spring cleaning has also been

high on the agenda and our church and school. rooms have benefitted from steam cleaning of floors and surfaces, dusting and polishing, nicely laundered curtains and covers and some new cushion covers.

Our Church allotments at Caddington Leisure Gardens are looking very good, with plenty of blossom on the fruit trees and seedlings popping through. We hope for a good harvest this year, everything grown is used in our homemade jams jellies, pickles and chutneys. Selling our preserves at our various events through the year help us to raise money for our charities and our own church improvements. There is a good selection available all year round in our lower school room and they make an ideal gift for friends and family. They are always on sale at our Coffee Evening and Cakes & Company.

Our Sunday School children have been very busy over the weeks and their colourful work is displayed around the lower school room walls. The 2X2 club enjoy lively monthly meetings with games, quizzes and challenges with a Christian theme and the tuck shop remains very popular!

We invite you to join us for a service, study, fellowship, coffee morning or evening. Coffee and tea are always free, Company priceless!

Yours in Christ, *Ann Meader*



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Midnight Hike

Three local ladies completed a ten mile midnight walk on 11th May in aid of the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home Charity. Christine Francis from Prebendal Drive, Angie Vaughan from Woodside and Fiona Bloomfield from The Oaks put their best feet forward and walked the ten miles around St Albans to raise funds for this amazing charity.

The money raised by them will go to help towards the £6.5 million annual running costs of the hospice (of which just 15% is funded by the NHS). "The charity recently helped our friend Louise and her family during a very difficult time and, after she lost an amazing husband, we wanted to walk with Louise to acknowledge the help and advice

the Hospice has given and continues to give Louise after he passed away".

Fortunately, the forecast rainfall stayed away long enough for everyone to complete the walk completely dry! We would all like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us .

Well done ladies!



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Unlock Walk

The 30th Unlock London walk took place on Saturday 20th April. What can be more enjoyable on a lovely, warm, bright Spring day, than taking part in the annual Unlock London Walk, visiting the sights and churches around Eltham in south London?



I was joined by 5 local friends for this amazing day. We arrived in Eltham by 9am and first visited the church opposite the memorial slab laid in remembrance of the murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence.

Our route then took us through the Progress Estate built in 1915. Each house was built to be slightly different from the rest and this has led to there being some very interesting properties. While some reflect a Norwegian look others remind you of Kentish properties, the latter not so surprising as this area was originally part of Kent!

After a couple more churches we arrived at the busy shopping area around Eltham station (only built in 1988) then immediately turned into an amazing peaceful park and gardens called “The Pleasaunce” within these grounds used to stand the home of the famous children’s author E Nesbit who wrote, among other things, “The Railway Children”, not that the railway would have been stopping quite as near as it does now!!

Then nearby in contrast to some of the very traditional and ornate church buildings the local Pentecostal church meets in a converted Clothing factory! If anything they were the most open about the needs of the community they serve. Prayer for the community was especially important as they

arrange frequent prayer walks around the local area.

We continued through a less affluent area of housing before turning down a narrow lane with posher housing! and leading us towards the Royal Palace of Eltham. Unfortunately the Palace was not open to the public so we walked on and along King John’s walk – hard to imagine you are in London when the vista was of open fields with a stunning view across to the centre of London.



The next section again reminded us of the reason for the walk and that is to see how the churches reach out to serve their local communities and how the workers from Unlock can help and encourage them.

Although these days the area can seem more pleasant than in the days of the old sky rise estates the underlying problems associated with poverty still exist. Without exception

each church supports the local food bank. The churches generally have varied activities catering for all age ranges. Detailed information sheets were available from all of the 7 churches we visited along our 7 ½ mile amble! The most touching is that despite the obvious poverty of some churches they were all most generous in their provision of refreshments for their walking visitors!

To aid our observations, a short quiz was available and along the route we should have been able to find the answers!! We particularly enjoyed the question about being close to John Bunyan's birthplace and had guessed what we might find! (A road not surprisingly called Elstow Close!)



Next year's walk will take place on Saturday 3rd May. We highly recommend it as an amazing day out, fun for the family too. You are never too young or too old! As some of our church walkers prove, St Andrews' has had a group at nearly all of the walks, so do join us on walk no 31!

Mary Barker



A recent service at St Andrew's to 'Celebrate our children'. It was lovely to see so many of them in church and all were able to choose a book and bookmark. We had puppet time followed by children's activity songs. Some of the children had great fun after the busy service looking for the wind down the air-vent!



Robert and Andrea Kempson with Olivia at the baptism of their son Ben on May 12th. Many friends and family joined them at St Andrew's on this special occasion, followed by a reception at the Social Club.

Welcome to St Andrew's Ben.



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Gardening Club

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Sun. 21 July - NGS Beeson End Gardens

Harpenden Entry £5 Teas

Sun. 11 Aug. – NGS Flaxbourne Farm, Apsley Guise Entry £5 Teas

(Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

The biennial Parish Plant Sale was held on Saturday 18th May at the Old Bakery, 2 Summer Street. (The weather thankfully kept dry) Once again the event was very popular and successful, making over £700 profit. It was well supported, both with locals and people from surrounding villages and towns. There was a good variety of bedding



plants, perennials, vegetable plants, hanging baskets, also produce for sale.



Many thanks to Gardening Club members and others who donated plants and “helpers” who contributed to the success of the sale, both prior to and on the day of sale. Many thanks also to local businesses, Slip End Garage, Frog & Rhubarb, and Village Store, plus other “locals” who donated raffle prizes. The profits from the Sale will be used to pay for Speakers at Gardening Club meetings also the continued annual sponsorship of plants for the Crawley Close Garden, in front of bungalows. Finally a special thank you to Brian & Valerie Church for the use of their very attractive courtyard premises for the sale.

PN Gardening Correspondent

See some of the photos (cover & here)



Gardeners' Special

As I write this we are having some lovely warm sunny weather, I just hope it doesn't turn out to be our Summer! Over the last couple of years we have had a nice spell in either April or May and it's gone downhill after that, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it doesn't happen again this year!

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

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

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

Wallflowers and Sweet Williams can be sown in their flowering positions at the end

of the month for flowering in the Spring. If fruit trees such as apple and pear are loaded with fruit, thinning out will improve the size of the fruit, but do this in stages as some fruit will limit the crops they carry naturally by dropping some of the fruit. Strawberries will produce runners this month so if you wish to increase your stock or replace any old unproductive plants stake the runner in the ground until it roots. This can be done simply by placing a stone over the runner, unwanted runners should be removed.

The weather this month is usually hot and little rain, so to prevent the lawn from drying out too much lift the mower blades and leave the box off when mowing as the clippings will help to retain moisture (but don't use lawn mowings if you have treated the lawn with a weedkiller). When the ground is soft after a shower, spike the lawn so that moisture can penetrate down to the roots and keep the lawn looking green.

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

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

So until next month, happy gardening!

Russell Sprout



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It's hard to believe that we are already in June, where has this academic year gone? We hope that you enjoyed our first ever Maypole dancing event on May 1st. The sun shone, the children were excited and the Village Green was full of supporters, which was fantastic to see. If you missed this event, then come along to the Summer Fete on Saturday 29th June between 10-3 when some pupils will be performing again.



Exam season is now over and report writing is well under way. There is a definite buzz of excitement around school as pupils prepare for various trips to take place. Year 3 and 4 are off to our German partner school, whilst Year 6 are eagerly awaiting their SATs' reward trip to the Warner Bro's "Harry Potter" studios.

Some Year 7 and 8 pupils recently took part in the Chaulington consultations, representing the school and young people in general at some of the public meetings. These pupils were keen to express their views and be able to have their say in the future of the former

General Motors site. The planning company was very impressed with the ideas which came from Year 8 and we hope to be further involved in the "Chaulington" process.

This Summer will see some major improvements taking place within school. Thanks in part to the tremendous fund raising activities of our PTA, the "Friends of Caddington Village School", the school can undertake a complete refurbishment of the school changing rooms. In addition, our Site Team will be completing refurbishment of the reception area and other smaller areas of the school during the Summer so the school is ship shape and ready for the new school year.

"Space Academy"

The 2013 Autumn half term holiday club is due to be held on Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November at St Andrew's Church.

Full details will appear in the September Parish news but for now be sure to book the dates, so that your children can enjoy two fantastic fun filled days!



Caddington WI

At our April meeting Jean Cheshire gave an interesting talk on her family's stay at Bletchley Park. Her father was in the Royal Navy based at Portsmouth and went to the Park between 1940-1950 to work. She was brought up in the Park but no-one ever spoke about the nature of the actual work being done there. How they kept the secret of the code breaking we will never know. Thousands of people were employed and it must have been quite a huge job finding accommodation for them. Most were billeted in local villages. Jean showed us a wall hanging of a Patchwork Quilt together with applique which several of the ladies had made including herself and her sister. It is a brilliant piece of work and worth seeing if you visit.

Trips have been arranged to visit the Arboretum and Ashridge House together with a cream tea. The 70's and 80's night was a great night out with an enjoyable supper. Our Darts Team is already busy practising for its future matches. We have our Annual Meeting in May and Woburn Country Foods will be cooking tasters for us to try, so on with the apron and gloves!

COME AND JOIN US for a Celebration of the Coronation on Tuesday 11th June between 3 and 5 p.m. at the Baptist Hall where we will be serving teas, cakes and scones. There will also be a raffle. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you - free admission - just come for a cuppa and a chat!

For our June Meeting we have Jenny Goff giving us a talk called Off the Beaten Track in China and the Competition will be The Prettiest Rose. At our meeting in July, Judy Oliver will be presenting Colourful Personalities which is an intriguing subject.

We meet on the Third Tuesday of each month at the Baptist Hall, Caddington at 7.30 p.m. - do join us. *Linda Edwards*

Slip End United finished off a fine season with a comprehensive 7-1 victory over 4th placed Barrel Magnum to clinch runners up in Division 3 North Home Counties Sunday Football League and in doing so achieved 104 league goals from 22 games. Every one of the out-field players has scored during the season, when Craig Wall's thumping header, deep into stoppage time, sealed the game.



After a steady start Rory Nagle rounded the keeper to tap home after 20 minutes, quickly followed by goals from Chris Homer and another from Rory Nagle. The second half began with Slip End dominating and despite some wasteful finishing, they extended their lead through a Cam Nagle header, followed by a sweet bicycle kick volley from 15 yards from Carl Inns. An 'on-form' Rory Nagle completed a hat trick and in doing so became Slip End's top scorer, with 34 goals in his first season. Scenes of jubilation were greeted when Craig Wall headed home Carl Inns' cross to make it 7 as Barrel Magnum could only muster one late reply.

Slip End United then looked forward to the final of the 'Ted Zipfel Trophy' against Thetford Rovers at Carrow Road, home of Premier League club Norwich City on 25th May 2013. With thanks to Dennis Flitton for his generous donation for the trip to Carrow Road.



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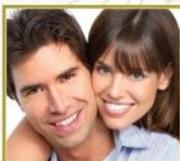
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Pub Pages



The Frog and Rhubarb

All at the Chatty Club Beetle Drive had great fun. This traditional parlour game brought out the competitive streak in people with the winner receiving a nice box of Thornton's chocolates. Many thanks to Kath and Enid for arranging and running the afternoon. To celebrate St. Georges Day, the club enjoyed a lunch of bangers, mash, peas, gravy and Yorkshire pudding washed down with plenty of teas and coffee. *(see photo below)* Many thanks to Paul for the excellent food and for providing it at a good price.



Martin Deacon from Bedfordshire Archives & Records Service is doing a talk for the Chatty Club on 18th June. The theme of the presentation is Bedfordshire Home Front in WW2. The talk investigates aspects of the home front including agriculture, ARP, bombings and evacuees. It would be great to see some new faces, so why not come along to what promises to be a very interesting and informative afternoon. The following Tuesday (25th June) there will be a barbecue with a selection of different meats and plenty of salads and side dishes. The price will still be

the same with tea and coffee included but if you want to go along you need to let Paul know by the Friday before (452722).

Chatty Club meets at the Frog & Rhubarb every Tuesday at 2pm. The group is open to everyone in the parish over 55, so pop along with friends or to make some new ones. You don't have to go every week so it can be an occasional social. There are sandwiches, savouries and cake with as much tea and coffee as you can drink, all for a very small sum! Check the Parish News each month to find out what special events the club have planned.

Sue Turner of Woodside celebrated her birthday at the Frog & Rhubarb last month.. *(She is seen in the photo below, celebrating with her daughters)*



It was a great evening of fun and dancing with friends and family. There were some great nibbles provided free of charge by the pub and Diddy DJ provided the soundtrack to the evening.

Make sure you go along to the Frog & Rhubarb to try their new menu. In addition to pub classics there is a great range of tapas and Mediterranean flavours. The value is also unbeatable with a special offer price for two courses on Sunday to Thursday evenings. The pub also offers takeaway food at very reasonable prices including freshly beer battered haddock and chips .

If the sun ever arrives this year, make sure you take advantage of the beautiful courtyard garden at the Frog. It is a real suntrap and a great place for a nice meal or leisurely drink. If you are thinking of having a party this summer, why not have a barbecue at the Frog & Rhubarb? The pub can provide a selection of different menu options and best of all you don't have to do the clearing up.

Hopefully we will have more news from the **Social Club** and **The Plough** next month.

In last month's notes from The Plough, Cameron Hay was congratulated on his drama achievements. He also recently designed the set for the play "The Children's Hour" at the Dunstable Little Theatre.



The set (part of his A level Graphics work at Manshead School) was made to create two rooms, used in different Acts. One of the sets (*shown here*) drew spontaneous applause from the audience on the night I saw the play. Well done Cameron.



Matt Flitton was also part of the cast and gave an excellent performance in an unusually serious role. (He often seems to like comedy roles!) Well done to him too!



Former local pub, The Harrow is shown here undergoing some demolition prior to becoming (we believe) a private house.



Police and Crime Commissioner for the area, Olly Martins, introduced himself and his Police & Crime Plan to Parish Councils. One issue raised was the importance of communication to keep parishioners and councils updated, hence the article here.

He started with views on Police budgets and potential cuts and continues as below.

“... Bedfordshire Police is a rurally funded force that faces some distinctly metropolitan challenges.....including that of how to keep our communities safe on a budget?

The answer is that we need to forge a closer and stronger partnership between our local communities and their police and all recognise the police cannot, and never have been able, to fight crime on their own. Wherever we live in the county we all have a duty to support the police if we want our communities to be safe, whether this means passing on information about criminal activity, being prepared to support the local Neighbourhood Watch, Street Watch and Speed Watch scheme or, for the most committed, volunteering as a Special Constable so that each community has a visible policing presence.

There must be a genuine partnership, so Bedfordshire Police will work hard to value the support communities and volunteers give. Whereas in the past such close partnership has always been desirable, in the future it is clear that it will be essential, which is why this is such a priority for me as your Police and Crime Commissioner.”



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Farley Hill Methodists

Members and friends enjoyed a splendid lunch of chicken in a tasty sauce, veg and new potatoes followed by lemon sponge and custard at the May meeting on the 8th. May. Julie Robas and Tina Sullivan were the cooks of the day.

The Foodbank weekend 11th/12th May was a huge success and was combined with a Christian Aid week service led by Rev. Julie Bradshaw. Maureen Drummond from Food Bank gave a talk to Farley Methodists and St John's Anglicans and answered many questions. Maureen took away a number of boxes and bin bags filled with food donated the previous day by both Churches and members of World Wide Church of God.

Saturday 8th June sees another buffet variety show promoted jointly by FHM and World Wide Church. The evening begins with the buffet and chatter from 7pm and around 8pm the show begins. 'The Entertainers' will entertain.

Admission £3.00 and £2.00 concession (best value in the county)

Wednesday June 12th the Lunch Club will enjoy cottage pie and vegetables followed by fruit jelly and cream. The cost is £3.50 with a free raffle ticket.

Saturday June 22nd 2pm is the date of the annual Three Churches Garden Party (FHM, St Johns and World Wide Church).

There will be many stalls, face painting, a BBQ, teas, cakes, games competitions, bouncy castle and it is hoped a brass band on the lawn from 3 to 3.30.

Good weather has been ordered BUT if not then the stalls will be in the hall and the band in the church.

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Tennis Club



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

It is a small friendly club with approx. 75 members. Membership costs are: Juniors £20 (Those in full time education) Adults £35 and Family £60 (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.

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

JUNE

- Sat 8th SEADA outing—(contact Gillian Plummer 723109 for information)
- Mon 10th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7:00pm
- Tues 11th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Caddington WI Coronation Celebration Baptist Hall 3-5pm
- Tues 18th Caddington Hall Service 11am Everyone welcome
Caddington WI Baptist Hall 7:30pm (Off the beaten track in China)
Camera Club at Social Club 7.30pm
- Fri 21st Woodside Home Service 2pm Everyone welcome
- Sun 23rd Playing Fields Open Day (including community stalls) From 2—5pm
Songs of Praise at St Andrew's Church from 5.00pm
- Sat 29th Caddington School Summer Fete and Football Tournament
- Sun 30th Gardening Club Visit - meet 1:30pm Rising Sun car park

JULY

- Mon 1st Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7:00pm
- Tues 9th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
- Mon 15th Gardening Club—Visiting Speaker Village Hall 8pm
- Tues 16th Camera Club at Social Club 7.30pm
Caddington WI Baptist Hall 7:30pm

AUG

No Parish Council meeting in August

SEPT

- 16th Gardening Club -Visiting Speaker Willage Hall 8pm
- 27th Harvest Supper—Village Hall details TBC

31st Oct
& 1st Nov Space Academy Holiday Club St Andrew's Church



Wheele Bins:- Black Bins & glass: Put out on Friday 7th, 21st June
Green and Orange Bins: Put out on Friday 14th, 28th June



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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St Andrew's Church

Rev. Cathy Pullinger 725061 or
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Aley Green Methodist Church

Minister: **Rev Philip Horner**

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Darts League 425323

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Slip End Parish Community is now on



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