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May 2013
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Editors' Notes

The 1st May looms and, fingers crossed, we hope the weather is beginning to get a little better, albeit a few months late! Lots of information in this month's Parish News for you to read, but still room for other local organisations to send in their reports of activities or special events. Brownies, cubs etc. football club, playgroup and even youth club where are you all, and what are you up to? See contact details at the end of the magazine. We hope to hear from you soon.

Glamour photo shoot on front cover

The front cover shows a photo taken at the Wilbury Hotel in Letchworth. This was where the Village Hall committee members had gone for their Christmas party—the photo was taken between 1962 to 65 and kindly loaned to the Parish News by Muriel Allsop.

Front row from left to right:-

Thelma Edwards, Mabel Lee, Muriel Allsop and Dean Edwards

Back Row from left to right:-

Bill Lea, Fred Quinton, John Horgan, Wally Allsop, Lionel Kramer and Reg Burton.

What a handsome bunch they all look and if anyone else has some memorable photos from 'the good old days' we will be only too pleased to include them in future issues. Contact details for Parish News at the back of the magazine. Thanks again Muriel.

Sue Briggs, Editor

May Day

In Britain, May day marked the end of the harsh winter months, welcomed the beginning of Summer, and optimistically looked forward to the bright and productive months. For our ancestors, largely in rural areas, it was a major annual festival and was celebrated throughout the country, especially on the first of May with music, dancing and games. Traditional May Day celebrations included dancing around may-poles and the appearance of 'hobby horses' and characters such as 'Robin Hood'. *(I remember fondly the days at Slip End School when the Maypole went up and my children danced around it. I wonder whatever happened to that Maypole and whether they could bring back the tradition? (*SE School)*

May Day Superstition

First thing in the morning on May 1st, young girls used to rush out into the garden to wash their faces in the May dew. There is an old tale that says that May dew has magic properties and that anyone who has washed their face in it will have a beautiful complexion all through the year. This dew was supposed to be able to remove freckles and also spots and pimples. *(I can just imagine all the young girls from the village rushing out for the early dew!!)*

Laughter — Doctors orders

A man in his late 50's went to the doctor for an annual check-up. He told the doctor 'my memory is terrible these days. I forget where I live, I forget where I've parked my car, and I go to the store and cannot remember what I want. When I finally reach the checkout I realise I have forgotten my wallet. It's driving me crazy doctor, what can I do?' The doctor thought for a moment and said 'Pay me in advance!'

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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 Church invites you to

Father's Day Cafe Church

On Sunday 16th June

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Parish Council Update

Last month I heard we had been successful in obtaining a grant of £70,000 from Central Beds Council to be spent on a pedestrian crossing in Church Road. It will be a zebra crossing positioned on a table. *(the mind boggles!)* There will also be features on either side of the crossing to warn approaching motorists.

This crossing was first suggested several years ago by a resident. The idea was put forward in the Parish Plan questionnaire and then featured as one of the main action points in the final document. It was raised again by residents in the Neighbourhood plan workshop last year.

Central Beds Cllr Ruth Gammons championed and fully supported the grant application as it passed through its various stages. The funds will become available in the financial year 2014/15 when it is hoped the work will be carried out. The crossing should enable safer access for pedestrians to

the playing fields, Church and Nursing Home. This crossing will be in addition to any traffic calming measures which the Parish may or may not proceed with.

As described in the November and December issues and to help us reach that decision, the police installed speed monitoring devices in six locations throughout the Parish during the week of 15th April.

The data will be passed to the Highways Department which has been commissioned to undertake a feasibility study and produce recommendations for traffic calming measures. This will feature in a public consultation which will take place in the form of an exhibition later in the year.

Central Beds Council has indicated that it will consider applications this year from Parishes undertaking such projects (for match funding}. I am waiting for further details of the scheme.

Ken Crossett, Chairman

LIFE

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Time: 8:00pm Tuesday 7th May 2013

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The Plan is being drawn together by a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – appointed by and reporting to the Caddington and Slip End Parish Councils. The results of the survey will help the Steering Group and will be available for discussion and further comment at public events in September 2013.

Coming soon — A Very Important Survey for the Neighbourhood Plan

During April, a very important survey form will be delivered to every household in the parishes of Slip End and Caddington.

PLEASE complete the survey (it should only take a few moments) and send it back in the FREEPOST envelope provided (no stamp needed) to arrive no later than

Monday 19th May.

The Steering Group know that many people filled in surveys for the Slip End Parish Plan but this survey is also really important too. Whether you are young or old, a new resident or long established in the community, your views are vital. All your answers will be completely anonymous and will be treated in the strictest confidence. This confidential questionnaire is a crucial part of the information gathering and consultation for the Caddington and Slip End Neighbourhood Plan, which also covers the surrounding hamlets.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a really exciting opportunity for everyone to play a part in deciding what needs to be done to protect the look and feel of our villages. Working in line with the wider structure plan for Central Bedfordshire, we need to ensure that we meet the needs of those who live and work here – now and for the next 15-20 years.

Manshead School Update

The school is consulting on a proposal to change its age range. The change would bring the school in line with the age range changes already in progress or in consultation by many schools in the Dunstable area

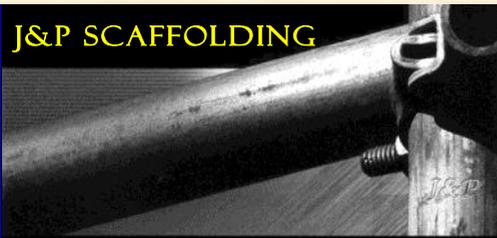
To find out more details you can read the consultation documents on the school website:- www.mansheadschoool.co.uk. Responses to this are being sought before 20th May.

Oliver! Just before Easter the school put on a production of the well known musical Oliver. It was a wonderful evening's entertainment. There were so many extremely talented young people taking part. I particularly liked the young man who played Fagin. He had never been in a school production before, despite studying drama, but he was amazing, even continuing "in role" during the bows at the end.

Alison Wilson



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April Lunch Club and St George go together very well and the sixth annual St George's day celebration lunch took place on Wednesday 10th. The diners enjoyed roast beef and all the trimmings followed by trifle. The toast 'St. George' was proposed by Ken Cameron (a Scot, whatever next) and the Grace said by Pastor Harry Sullivan of World Wide Church. Land of Hope and Glory got proceedings off to the usual start with Rule Britannia in between lunch and pudding. The celebration ended with a rousing rendering of Jerusalem.

On Saturday 20th FHM got their summer season off to a start with a return visit of the Luton Road Ensemble; very posh, they were a big hit last year and the event was due to be attended by The Mayor and Mayoress Councillor Syd Knight and Rose. The bouquet of flowers was presented by Holly Provis. The May lunch club comes a bit early, Wednesday May 8th being the second Wednesday and the menu is chicken followed by lemon sponge and custard. £3.50 (free raffle) all welcome.

FHM and World-wide continue their support of the Food Bank with a Food Bank weekend on May 11th and 12th Mrs Liz Stringer, the Food Bank Chair, is coming to the Service on Sunday 12th May to give a talk to members of Farley Hill Methodists and St John's Anglicans and to take away a large amount of tinned and packeted foodstuffs for the cause.

The new car park is now safely installed at FHM and it is much easier to walk on than the one now gone.

Ken Cameron
01582 456594 kenneth@xlnmail.co.uk

At St Andrew's we are currently busy creating story sacks for the young children at church.

The aim is for each sack to have a Bible story book, a small activity idea and a soft toy — all linked to a specific Bible story. The characters in the photo below I guess, are destined for the Noah's Ark bag, but as the Bible is full of wonderful stories and characters it is going to take the St Andrew's volunteers quite a while to produce a good range of soft toy characters. This is where all you PN readers and especially those who enjoy knitting or sewing could be involved! Would you like to create a toy or two?

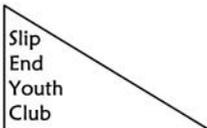
If you would like to help please get in touch with the church via PN or Mary at meebarker@talktalk.net, or just be creative and then deliver/drop your "make" at the church. A reminder - the soft toys will be used by the very young children so please bear this in mind when making the items. We would be grateful for any oddments of knitting wool—



animal colours if possible if anyone has any spare wool. *Many thanks, Mary Barker*



Slip End & District Community Projects Group



Our April meeting took place on the 9th, well attended as usual. We all signed a 'Get Well Soon' card for our core committee member, Ken Crossett, who has had an operation recently and as we understand is home and re-cuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery!

CPG is holding a Ukulele concert on Saturday 18th May 2013 at the Village Hall in collaboration with Peter Smith and his Saturday morning music school. There is a 'fish 'n' chip' or 'chicken 'n' chip' supper, bring your own drinks. Tickets are £8 per person and available from Carol Patterson on 01582 419 487. Due to village hall capacity there are a limited number of tickets – see the poster within this edition of the parish news for more information.

The Chatty Club meets at the Frog & Rhubarb every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. For more information call Paul Cooper on 01582 452722

Slip End Camera Club had its second successful meeting on 16th April at The Social Club, where they showcased member's photo's on 'texture'. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st May at the Social Club, new comers still more than welcome! For more information call Norman on 01582 452851

The Youth Club resumed again on 24th April after the Easter break with numbers of youngsters attending still reaching the high twenties. Now that the lighter nights are upon us the club may start and finish a little

later but the youth workers will let all the children and parents know if this is the case.

We are hoping to have a bowling trip organised to Dunstable and a visit by our local archery club, Pepperstock Archers, to give the children the opportunity to try archery – we will let you know when that will be. Entry is still only £1 per child per week, there is a tuck shop, and lots of things to do including Wii games, crafts, bingo and competitions.

**Sports Open Day – at the Playing Fields –
Sunday 23rd June 2013 – 2pm to 5pm
See poster in the Parish News &
the flyer for information**



The Good Neighbour Scheme launched last month and our 30 volunteers are eager to

take your calls to arrange assistance for you to get to the shops, doctors, hospital and other places.

This scheme is for anyone in the parish over 18. It's not aimed at a specific age range and could prove useful to anyone who may be lives alone and has a temporary injury, or anyone who cannot drive at the moment due to an accident. Likewise if you have a relative that 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're not available.

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.



Dropping off anyone at London Luton Airport? Beware – the drop off fee increased last month to £2 for 15 minutes



Neighbourhood Plan – There will be an envelope through your door this month, probably alongside the Parish News, with a questionnaire in it – please OPEN AND READ IT – it relates to the Parish, how it looks, how it could look and what parishioners want to see in the parish in terms of, amongst other things, development.

The May meeting is our AGM, when we have to vote for our Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Core Committee members for another year. If you are interested in standing for any of the posts available or would like to join the core committee please contact Sarah Minnighan before 10th May.

The meeting is on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7.30pm at the Social Club – everyone's welcome!

Sarah Minnighan, Chairman

The Chatty Club

is settling well into its new home at the Frog and Rhubarb. There is a regular core of about 10 people with others coming as and when they can. Paul is looking after us very well with delicious sandwiches together with chips and always something else like sausage or savouries followed by either a cake or more often one of the desserts from his regular menu and not forgetting as much tea or coffee as you can manage!

On Tuesday 9th April Paul ran a Quiz and there were 15 people including two ladies who came for the first time. We had a

really great time with plenty of laughter and groans when we heard the answers. Why



can you never remember at the time? The winning team got a £10 voucher each.

If you live in the village or surrounding area and are free on a Tuesday afternoon please come and join us, all are welcome and we could do with some more gentlemen to swell the ranks. Time 2pm to around 4pm.

Hoping to see some new faces. More news in the Pubs section.

Veronica Williams



In case you haven't spotted it—new signs for the corner shop went up recently. You certainly can't miss them!



St Andrew's Church Dates for May

Weds 1st: 10am: Little Stars "Special Names – A bold woman"

Sun 5th: 10.30am: Informal Communion: The Joy of prayer

Sun 5th: 3.00pm: Healing Service: Jesus have mercy

Weds 8th: 10am: Little Stars "Special Names" the Disciples

Thurs 9th: 8.00pm Ascension Communion: He blessed them

Sun 12th: 8.30am: Said Communion: Clothed with Power

Sun 12th: 10.30am: Morning Praise & Baptism: Clothed with Power (band)

Weds 15th: 10am: Little Stars "Pentecost"

Sun 19th: 10.30am: "Pentecost Communion" Everyone who asks receives
(All musicians)

Tues 21st: 11am: Caddington Care Home Service

Weds 22nd: 10am: Little Stars "Books and writing"

Fri 24th: 2pm: Woodside Care Home Service

Sun 26th: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Trinity Sunday" (Singers)



Easter Cross at Church



Easter Garden by the children



On Good Friday the children took part in a craft class making an Easter garden with tomb, a wreath showing Holy Week. and also did some great colouring and made their own lunches.

See photos



St Andrew's Church

Celebrating the Birthday of the Church

When Jesus died the hopes of his followers were dashed. It seemed like the end. When he rose again and appeared to them they were personally overjoyed. However they were still afraid of the Jewish authorities, for if they had had Jesus killed they could also have them killed. After Jesus left them to return to his Father in heaven they spent their time behind locked doors, waiting and wondering and praying.

Jesus had told them to wait, he had promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. They could not know how this would come or what it would be like or what difference it would make, but one morning they found out, and it transformed their lives.

It was early in the morning, nine o'clock in the morning, they were all together in one place in Jerusalem where Jesus had told them to stay. Suddenly there was the sound of a mighty wind, a powerful wind that filled the whole house and then each one felt a heat – there was something like a flame resting on the head of everyone there. A personal touch of God burning up their fears and filling them with boldness.

They were each filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Holy Spirit enabled them to. Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims at the time because it was the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Jews from all over the Roman empire would have travelled to Jerusalem and the town would have been packed. The houses at that time were built straight on the streets and there would have been no double-glazing, no glass. The streets would have been crowded with the pilgrims and they could hear what was being said, maybe they could hear the sound of the rushing wind too.

Anyway whatever they heard caught their attention and a crowd gathered. The amazing thing was that they could hear the disciples speaking in their own languages. They understood what was being said and could hear the wonders of God being declared. They could see that they were Galileans, uneducated men, and they were amazed and perplexed about how they could be speaking all these different languages. It would have been a bit like people from Slip End during the medieval ages

all suddenly speaking African dialects, European and less well known Asian languages.

Peter is a changed man, he stands up and speaks to the crowd explaining about Jesus death and resurrection. Three thousand people accept his message and were baptised that very day. This is the day on which the church was born, and we will be celebrating this birthday on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.



We will be remembering how God first

poured out his Holy Spirit on his disciples and thinking about how he still pours out his Holy Spirit on his followers today. It is not always as dramatic, sometimes there is simply the knowledge that God loves you, that he has forgiven you and calls you to follow him. Very often lives are transformed, and there is a new freedom and power to be the very best person you can be.



We have found that many people experience this outpouring of the Holy Spirit when they join an Alpha course. If you would like to find out more we will be holding an Alpha Social on Tuesday 8th May in the family room at St. Andrew's. This does not commit you to anything more, but does give you an opportunity to find out a bit about the course and meet some people who have experienced it and found it helpful. Do come along if you are interested, we will be so glad to meet you.

Have a wonderful Spring, Cathy

From the Friendship Book

Spring

Suddenly the world is radiant
 'neath a sky of blue
People smiling secretly as if dreams
 all come true
Green country hedgerows blossom forth
 in lacey pink and while,
Awakening every heart to gladness,
 breathing new delight.

Yes, suddenly its Spring again, earth
 holds its breath with joy,
In every heart there's magic that
 nothing can destroy
The ghost of Winter hides his face and
 quietly slips away
Trailing his cloak of sadness in the
 shades of yesterday



Friendly Thoughts

Can you spare a moment?
Have you time to care?
Comfort for one who's lonely,
Someone's sorrow share?

Friendly thoughts are priceless
In this world today,
Spread a little kindness
As you pass this way.

Francis Gay

The Unlock Walk—2013

This year the London Unlock Walk visited the Royal Borough of Greenwich. More details next month but it was an interesting day and helped raise money for Unlock's work in deprived urban areas across the UK. St Andrew's Church and friends were amongst the many people who walked the 7 + miles.

Laughter

Why does a penguin carry a fish in its beak?

Because it doesn't have any pockets

Why did the crab go to jail?

Because it kept pinching!

When does 'B' come after 'U'?

When you take some of its honey

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Gardeners Special

As I am writing this we still have the cold easterly wind that has plagued us for several weeks, so it is nice to be thinking about warmer weather and being able to get out in the garden without being bundled up with scarves and thick coats. I don't think I will be the only one hoping for a better summer than last year after such a long winter!

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 on a regular basis. Check for black spot or mildew and spray if necessary. Remove rolled up leaves containing tortrix caterpillar or sawfly grub and destroy (but don't put them in the compost heap).

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. Dahlias can be planted out from the third week of this month when we should be finished with frosts.

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. If planning a new lawn cultivate now, leave rough for the summer and sow in the autumn.

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 inches thick will keep the moisture as the plants depend on dampness at the roots to flower well. If you have any alpines trim those which have flowered to prevent seeding and prolong flowering period.

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.

Cut off dead flower heads and thin out weak shoots from shrubs that have finished flowering. Remove dead wood and thin shoots to keep old forsythias shapely.

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 they can be an invasive plant they are best kept in check by planting in a bucket with the bottom cut off and sunk into the soil.

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 inches deep and 18 inches in each direction, preferably in a square to aid pollination.

That's all for now, happy gardening.

Russell Sprout

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Gardening Club

Planning continues for the 2013 Village Plant Sale, to be held on **Saturday 18 May.**

Forthcoming garden visits are below.

Sun. 19 May - NGS 43 Mardley Hill Welwyn Entry £3 Teas

Sun. 30 Jun. - NGS Mackerye End Harpenden Entry £5 Teas

Sun. 21 July - NGS Beeson End Gardens Harpenden Entry £5 Teas

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Gardening Correspondent



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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. 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. Junior coaching is provided by our LTA coach, Sally Parry on Fridays, Members £4 and Non Members £5 per session. Beginners 5-6pm and Intermediates 6-7pm. Ladies and private coaching is also available. Give Sally a call (413501)

We enter a Men's Doubles Team in the South Beds League and also in the Winter Indoor League..

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

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Dunstable Rep

This local Little Theatre has a production of "The Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman from Friday 10th – Sat 18th May. This is a more serious play following on from the last couple of comedies. The cast includes Matt Flitton among others and a group of 14 children (in 2 teams of 7). Rehearsals are looking interesting so far. The set has been designed by Cameron Hay (son of Doug & Caroline



from the Plough) and I understand that the work formed part of the practical work for his Graphics A Level. Well done Cameron, I am looking forward to seeing the finished set.

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Caddington WI

Some of our members have visited Ashridge House to see Food Glorious Food being broadcast for TV. The whole building was full of W.I. Ladies testing the recipes. If any of you saw the programme you may have recognised someone locally you know!

March brought us Duncan Willcox from Knowles Benning, Solicitors. Duncan works in their Bedford Branch and came to speak to us about Family Law & Poetry. Duncan told us about his work with very interesting subjects but complicated to deal with as they are so varied. He gave us several anecdotes covering his work. He was Duty Solicitor for the local Police and often had to deal with offenders until 3 a.m. (not too pleasant I should think). Family Law covers anything from divorce to child arrangement orders, involving the welfare of people and their families. The Legal Aid laws are changing, creating more business.

To take his mind off his work and as a hobby, Duncan writes poetry. He started in 2003 and is still writing today – in fact he wrote poems for some of our own members as he managed to find out some details about them from their friends! One for our W.I. tonight:

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Picking off those doubles,
If you hadn't drunk them,
Would you have had less trouble?

Second place was very good,
but Keiran says you should have won,
now he's got to sell his pub,
which is not entirely fun.

But enjoy your special cake,
Winners next year can be your plan,
And if you need a male darts groupie,
Look no further – I'm your man.

As our Darts Team came second in their tournament we celebrated our evening with a cake in the shape of a Dart Board. Congratulations go again to Lou Cobb, Joan Bean and Sue Taylor

We have a few trips to look forward to. One you might like to join us with is the National Arboretum. The date is the 22nd May. The trip includes coach and tickets for the train which goes round – you can hop and stop if you want to – and a cream tea. Please contact Sue on 01582 735705 if you want to join us. An outing to Ashridge House for afternoon cream tea and a gathering of our group is also planned for August. Some of our members are going to a 70's/ 80's night.. Our group meeting was at Totternhoe with Houghton Regis preparing teas etc. Our speaker was Richard Furnival-Jones who was excellent. He had worked in Harrods for 40 years in the Food Hall and gave us some really interesting stories about the pomp and circumstance about Harrods – a lot about the personalities of the customers and what goes on behind closed doors. Richard's bespoke jacket was so well made and fitted, it made the event very tasteful.

We have our Annual Meeting in May where a committee is formed to run for the next year. Woburn Country Foods will be there. Our competition will be Your Favourite Recipe.

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It was a busy night at the Social Club when they held a Rock 'n' Roll evening with Gerry & the Attricks, in aid of Keech Hospice Care. Carole Young, one of the organisers (seen holding the large teddy in the 1st photo) and wife to one of the musicians, compered the evening which made £1050 for this worthy cause. Carole is a dedicated Hospice Volunteer and has been raising funds for them for 12 years. She also has a market stall every Thursday morning in aid of the hospice at Amptill (Waitrose car park) where she sells good quality bric-a-brac, toys, books, games etc. If you have anything that you might like to donate to this excellent cause please contact Carole on 01582 413042. For more information on Keech Hospice <http://www.keech.org.uk/>

Some of the lucky raffle winners



The Plough

Firstly we would like to send our congratulations to Cameron Hay, the licensee's son, on receiving an award from the National Operatic & Dramatic Association for Best Youth Performer in the East Region District 2012 for his performances for Toddington ADS as Demetrius in a Midsummer Night's Dream and as Wyndham Brandon in Rope. (see also Dunstable Rep article, obviously a talented young man) Well Done Cameron.



We would like to send our thoughts to the family of Joan Stein from Farley Hill who sadly passed away. Her family and friends gathered here at the Plough after the funeral for a buffet. Joan was a lovely lady who always wore a smile. She and her daughter would often come for lunch

Lots of prizes as you can see!



and if the sun was out she would happily sit in the garden, and enjoy the nice weather. She always enjoyed her time here and always said what a lovely place it is.

The Captains Cup for the Dominoes was held here on Monday the 15th April. The final will be played at Slip End Social Club on June the 10th.

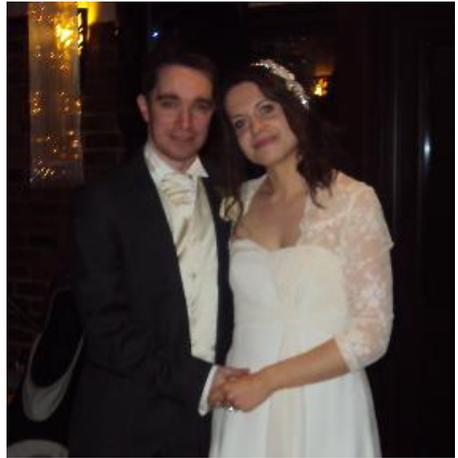
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The Frog and Rhubarb

Huge congratulations to Matilda Dowdall on her Christening at St Andrew's Church. Following the service, proud parents Chris and Janine joined friends and family at the Frog. The afternoon was enjoyed by all with a fantastic buffet and a few drinks to celebrate.



Will & Crystal Boston of Summer Street tied the knot a few weeks ago. After a ceremony in Eaton Bray it was back to their house for a hog roast. After 'pigging out' everyone headed to the Frog for live music. After plenty of Dancing to build up an appetite, they all tucked in to a



There have been two 60th birthdays celebrated at the Frog & Rhubarb in past month. Kath Cooper celebrated with a Robbie Williams tribute act and disco. Guests danced the night away to the greatest hits of one of the country's top



artists and enjoyed a fish & chip supper. A week later, Christine Thompson celebrated her milestone birthday with live music provided by 'Banned' and a disco playing hits from the past five decades. (see over) The team at the Frog also laid on some free nibbles to help the festivities along.



If you have a celebration coming up, pop in and speak to Paul about the many different types of event the pub can offer. Remember there is never a hire charge. On 14th May Chatty Club will be running a Beetle Drive. If you are not sure what a Beetle Drive is, come along and find out all about this traditional parlour game. On 28th May the group is having a Fish & Chip lunch and the price will still be £2.50 with tea and coffee included. If you want to go along on the 28th, let Paul know by the Friday before (452722). Check Parish News each month to see what other special events are planned.

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Services and Diary dates for May

Sunday 5th Easter 6

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

Tuesday 7th

- 7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Christian Aid Week

Sunday 12th Easter 7

- 11.00am Morning Service - Mr Tony Head
11.00am Sunday School

Monday 13th

- 7.00pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

Tuesday 14th

- 10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'
for Christian Aid With Bacon Butties,
Bric- a- brac & more....

Sunday 19th

Pentecost ~ Whit Sunday

- 11.00am Morning Service Lesley Hopwood
11.00am Sunday School
4.00pm Ecumenical Service for Pentecost
at Aley Green followed by Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 22nd

- 7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of
Church Improvement Fund

Sunday 26th

Trinity Sunday

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



Our March Coffee Evening was run by our Sunday School and their teachers to raise money for the Children's Charity Junior Mission for All (JMA). They did a fantastic job of running the tombola and selling cakes and raised a wonderful £113.10.

Our Lent & Easter charities raised £120.00 for LAMP from Easter cards & knitted chicks with crème eggs. The Adult Smartie

tubes for Water Aid totalled £218.00. Money is still coming in for the Easter Offering for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund and the Children's Smartie tubes for Christian Aid.

The Ecumenical Lent Fellowship led by Mike Bull was a great success with record numbers of people attending from all four village churches. As is the custom we have a supper to round off the course. Twenty two of us gathered the week after Easter bringing with us an array of lovely things to eat. As you can imagine it was a veritable banquet with quiches, sandwiches, pates, salmon mousse, cheeses, pork pies, sausage rolls and some lovely sweets to finish off with. We hope to see a good number at our next Fellowship meeting on Monday 13th May.

We were rather short staffed at 'Cakes & Company' with holidays and other commitments but our members rallied round and we managed to raise £90 for Church funds and kept the tea and coffee flowing.

Do come along and support our Bacon Buttie & Cakes & Company coffee morning on Tuesday 14th May for Christian Aid. There will be home made cakes and preserves for sale plus books, bric-a-brac and a raffle. Join us for a cuppa and pick up a bargain or two, have a natter and help us raise funds for a very good cause.

Our May Coffee Evening will be for our Church Improvement fund. I'm sure you will see a big difference in our worship area, work is almost finished, so we hope to be back to normal soon. Our next challenge will be organising the re-pointing of the building!

Yours in Christ,

Ann Meader and assistant scribe Lorna



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

MAY

Mon 13th Parish Council Meeting & Annual Meeting Village Hall 7:00pm

Tues 14th CPG AGM Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm

Sat 18th Gardening Club Plant Sale Old Bakery, 2 Summer Street 11-3

Sat 18th Ukulele Concert Village Hall 7:30pm

*Tues 21st Caddington WI Annual Meeting Baptist Hall 7.30pm Woburn Country Foods
Camera Club at Social Club 7.30pm*

JUNE

Sun 5th Healing Service at St Andrew's from 3.00pm

*Sat 8th SEADA outing—(contact Gillian Plummer 723109 for information)
Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7:00pm*

Tues 11th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm

*Tues 18th Caddington WI Baptist Hall 7:30pm (Off the beaten track in China)
Camera Club at Social Club 7.30pm*

*Sun 23rd Playing Fields Open Day (including community stalls) From 2-5pm
Songs of Praise at St Andrew's Church from 5.00pm*

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

AUG

No Parish Council meeting in August

SEPT

27th Harvest Supper—Village Hall details TBC



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