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Editor's Notes

Autumn has arrived! The leaves on the trees are beginning to change colour and the nights are drawing in. Don't forget the clocks will go back on October 27th then it will really hit us that the summer is over.

It was good to see there is still plenty of produce on the allotments (on the front cover) and they are reaping the rewards of the rain and late sunshine this year. Well done.

I have a very special thank you to make, as Parish News almost didn't go ahead this month. We were hit by one of the dreaded 'Trojan Horse' virus's that had somehow managed to infect the computer we use, even though we have very good protection. With the 'technical expert' Mervyn Wilson who normally deals with such issues away on a cruise, I called upon Tony Glynos (who advertises in this magazine on page 14) to see if he could assist. Luckily Tony was able to come along and clear all the nasty bugs with some special emergency computer files, although it took a good few hours to do so.

We do not know where the virus came from, it may have been on a rogue email or a website pertaining to be something else, so be warned they can appear from anywhere! If you do need assistance I have no hesitation in suggesting you contact Tony Glynos to help you. Thanks again Tony, you certainly saved the day for Parish News.

Sue, Editor



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I wonder why some people feel it is necessary to vandalise a plastic chair that has been left at the Woodside bus stop for passengers waiting for a bus? How sad to think that even a kind generous gesture can be abused. However, since taking the photo, more green chairs have been left enabling a good deed to



continue—let's hope these don't disappear or become vandalised. Thank you to whoever left the chairs, its good to know there are still some good folk about.

With the problems of the virus on the computer it has meant that several late items have now been included, as a few days of editing were missed. Those items did not have to wait until November. Hopefully this is a one-off and future items will be with us by the normal date of the 15th October for inclusion in the November magazine. Have a good month everyone and enjoy the late sun.



It was a very Happy Wedding day on Friday August 23rd for the familiar faces here. Laura Barker and Patrick Lyons were married at a delightful venue in Shingay-cum-Wendy near Royston. Seen above with parents Steve & Sue Lyons from Crawley Close and with their unusual wedding cake. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Lyons (junior) and every happiness to you.

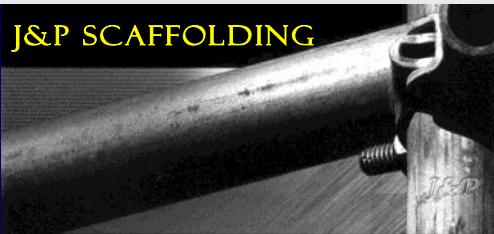
Wally Allsop

A very Happy Birthday to Wally who reached the grand old age of 93 on September 22nd.

Friends and family called round to celebrate with him on the day. Congratulations from Parish News and all his Slip End friends — only 7 to go Wally until you get the special one from the Queen!



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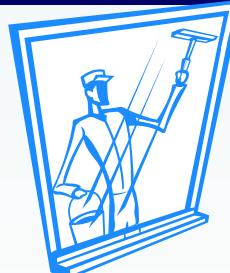
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Camera Club

Want to learn more about your camera? Want to learn how to compose a better picture? If so join us at our next meeting in friendly and informal surroundings over a drink or two at Slip End Social Club.

In September members were invited to bring their existing cameras along to discuss any issues they have in obtaining that 'perfect picture'.

The club meets once a month and whilst the weather has been good, we have been meeting on a weekly basis and heading out to the local countryside to put what we are learning into practice. So far the group has been to Pitstone Windmill and Rothamstead Park in Harpenden and more outings have been



planned for later in the year. All existing members will be happy to share any knowledge they have gained with you.

We were very happy to welcome our first guest speaker at our August meeting, Mr Keith Knight, LRPS (Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society) AFIAP (Artiste of the Federation

Internationale de l'Art Photographique) and ARPS (Associate of the Royal Photographic Society) - superseding the LRPS.

Keith kindly spent a couple of hours with us showing us how to compose beautiful landscape pictures. We have invited him to join us again in November to give us another talk to encourage us to get more use from our cameras.

If you want to know more about the club, call Norman Homewood on 01582 452851 and he will be happy to answer any questions.

Friendship Club

I would like to thank Pam King for all the hard work and effort put into organising the trips. She must have some influence with the Weather Gods as while at the destinations there was no rain, although plenty while we travelled.

Below is a photo of Pam's people at Bourton on the Water.

Thank you Pam from Roger Baker



The Friendship Club meets on Thursday afternoons at the Village Hall, for refreshments and Bingo. They have many outings during the year.

For information contact Pam King on 01582 452978

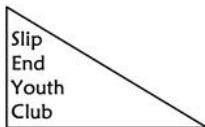


Slip End & District Community Projects Group

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 welcome any resident of the Parish. You don't have to come along every time, but your ideas and views are important to us. Pop in, we're a relaxed bunch and there is drink available!

The Chatty Club meets at the Frog & Rhubarb every Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm, see page 17. If you would like more details call Paul on 01582 452722

Slip End Camera Club is going strong. The club meets the third Tuesday of the month at The Social Club, new comers still more than welcome! The club has been on several outings and has more trips out planned. For more details call Norman Homewood on 01582 452851



The Youth Club started up again on Wednesday 11th September and the youth workers have a

feature night planned each month from now to December, entry for this is £2. Further details are available on the website www.slipend.co.uk under Associations and Children.

September 25th – Inflatables Night , October 23rd – Halloween Night, November 27th – Christmas Craft Night , December 4th – Last Club until January – Disco Ball December 13th – Panto Night.

We have secured 36 children's tickets to see Dick Whittington at The Grove Theatre, Dunstable with coach travel there and back for £15 per ticket. If you are interested please speak to Caroline Rizza on 07852 192 747. Tickets are first come, first served, so get in quickly!

We welcome children who are new to the Parish to the youth club. The club is for 8 to 18 year olds, entry is only £1 per child per week and there is a tuck shop. It is expected that the children present themselves politely, behave and treat other children and also the youth workers with respect, so that the club is a pleasant environment for everyone. I would like to thank Del Stanbrook for his help in picking up the newly purchased snooker table for us from Hemel Hempstead, my Peugeot just was not big enough!

The Good Neighbour Scheme is continuing to provide a welcome service to our residents. We had a lovely letter from a resident last month thanking the committee and volunteers for their much needed help which is great! Feedback is always welcome.



The scheme is for anyone within the Parish who's over 18 and needs assistance. 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 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 is a group that can help when you are not available.

If you would like to know more about the learning experience. We look forward to background information, like volunteering or fundraising please email the chairman, Simon Patterson, on smp@amida.fsworld.co.uk

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 meetings, entertainment, crime information, photos from days gone by, and much more. Also, for those of you not 'on' Facebook don't forget about the Parish website: www.slipend.co.uk for information and useful links

Now that the children are back at school we would like to remind parents that the Village Hall Management Committee is delighted to offer the Car Park for parents to park in when they drop off and collect their children from school on weekdays. This will hopefully encourage the short walk to school and reduce the congestion in and around the school location.

(Editor—unfortunately this does not seem to be working at the moment and cars are still parking dangerously along the Markyate Road and in Rossway—please use the Village Hall car park that has kindly been offered before there is a bad accident)

The Ukulele Lessons at the school are going very well; Peter Smith told us that the school has purchased 8 more ukuleles so that the whole class in Year 4 can enjoy the



Christmas is fast approaching and again this year the CPG will be giving a box of biscuits to those residents within our Parish who are over 65 years of age and have lived here for more than 5 years. If you qualify or you know someone who qualifies and think you or they might not be on the list please get in touch with me as soon as possible with the details. The list will be finalised by the 4th November 2013. Don't be shy!

The next CPG meeting is on Tuesday 8th October 2013 at 7.30pm at the Social Club – everyone is welcome!

Sarah Minnighan, Chairman

Finally, it is good to see Sarah is fully committed to her role as Chairman, and can be seen below trying out 'Toys for all Ages' at Saltex—hope you enjoyed yourself Sarah!



Gardening Diary

Autumn came in with a bang, one day sunbathing weather and the next we were reaching for our winter woollies! Here's hoping this winter will not be as long as the last one, we did at least get a summer in between this time.

If you are planning a new lawn this month is ideal for laying turf as they have time to settle and take root before winter. Start at one corner and use a plank to kneel on and move forward over the laid turf staggering them like laying bricks and fill in any gaps or depressions with fine soil.

When chrysanthemums have finished flowering cut down to six inches, label and lift them, then either plant them in the greenhouse, border, or cold frame or plant in boxes of peat and store in the greenhouse or take cuttings in the spring. Gladioli corms should be lifted and dried out for a couple of weeks and then cleaned and stored for next season. Sow sweet peas in pots and place in the cold frame or greenhouse, water sparingly to avoid rotting, protect from slugs and mice (so plant extra ones to replace any losses). Dahlias will need cutting down when blackened by frost to about six inches above the soil, then lift and store upside down for approximately a week to allow the sap in the stems to dry out. Place in shallow boxes and just cover with damp peat and store in a frost free shed or greenhouse and check regularly through the winter. Complete planting of flowering bulbs such as tulips and hyacinths.

Prepare sites for trees and shrubs of all kinds to be planted at the end of the month and during November, such as hedges, evergreens, fruit trees and bushes. Cut out canes of blackberries and loganberries that

have fruited and tie in the new shoots that will carry next year's crop. Complete planting of strawberry runners and tidy up established beds. Clean and fumigate the greenhouse to remove pests and keep disease free, wash flower pots in disinfectant if you are to reuse them.

Plant out spring cabbages early this month, cut and store any remaining marrows. Lift beetroot, twist off tops and store for winter use. Clear the ground of crops as they finish and dig over as the weather permits incorporating manure where needed and leave the ground rough for the frost to break down over the winter. Vegetable prices are set to rise sharply this winter, so try taking an allotment now for next year's crop, it's good exercise and will save you money, the phone number is in the Parish News so make that call. *Russell Sprout*



SLIP END GARDENING CLUB

**Monday
18th November
8.00pm Village Hall**

**Guest Speaker -
Lorraine Law
Plot to Pot**

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Guests/Visitors £2 each**

Slip End Gardening Club

On the 1st September eight members of the Club paid a visit to Frithsden Vineyard. It was a beautiful day and we spent quite a while walking through the vineyard, looking at the different varieties of grapes being grown and admiring the abundant crop being produced this year. This was followed by a wine tasting session with an explanation from the grower of the varieties grown and the wines produced. Most of us then indulged ourselves in a cream tea! After a visit to the small but well stocked shop we made our way home. An interesting and very well worth while visit. The vineyard is open to visitors most Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays but check first. (*Photo below*)



The September meeting speaker was Dr Steve Dowbiggin. He gave an interesting presentation on the history of Capel Manor, Enfield, horticultural college, grounds and gardens. Capel Manor is a beautiful 30 acre estate, first established in the late 13th century. It provides a colourful and scented oasis surrounding a Georgian Manor House and Victorian Stables. There are 60 gardens to explore, including prize winning themed gardens, some of which you may recognise as previous RHS Chelsea Flower

Show winners, as well as front and back model and historical gardens. Well worth a visit to enjoy the stunning scenery and take home some ideas for your own garden. The final garden visit this year is below.

Sun. 20 Oct. - Digsowell Rd, Welwyn Garden
City Entry £3.50 Teas
(Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

Gardening Correspondent



1st Woodside Brownies

It is with sadness that I have made the decision to end my role as the main leader for the Woodside (St Andrew's) Brownie unit, which will take effect from the end of this Autumn term. I have enjoyed running the unit for the last three years but as my work and family commitments have increased, I cannot give as much time to running the unit as I have done in the past.

I would be willing to help, when I can, if someone else would be willing to take over the role of running the unit.

If anyone is interested, please drop in after Brownies on a Wednesday evening at the Village Hall or ring 01582 723109. Unfortunately, if no new leader can be found, the unit will close at the end of December and the Brownies will be offered places at other units who have spaces to take them.

Paula Fowler

Dates for St Andrew's Church in October

Sun 6th: 10.30am: Informal Communion – The Practice of Silence (Traid-craft stall)

Sun 13th:10.30am: Morning Praise & Baptism – The Practice of Guidance (singers) and Operation Christmas Child

Sun 20th: 9am: Holy Communion with music – The cost of following Jesus

Sun 20th: 11am: Partnership Confirmation Service at St Hugh's – Bishop Richard

Tues 22nd: 11am: Caddington Hall Care Home Service

Fri 25th: 2pm: Woodside Care Home Service

Sun 27th: 8.30am: Said Communion

Sun 27th:10.30am: Morning Praise & Baptism – Bible Sunday (band) (Traid-craft)

and...

Thursday 31st October & Friday 1st November - Holiday Club



Little Stars for October



Weds 2nd: Refreshments from 10am with
a 10.30 start:

Animal tales from the Bible – the mouse's tale

Weds 9th: Refreshments from 10am with a
10.30 start: Bible stories with actions - Noah

Weds 16th: Refreshments from 10am with a
10.30 start: Bible stories with actions - Joseph

Weds 23rd: Refreshments from 10am with a
10.30 start: Bible stories with actions – Moses

Weds 30th: Refreshments from 10am with a
10.30 start: Holiday Club Preview and the
story of Daniel.

Little Singing Stars meet Tuesday mornings at 10

We welcomed Bella Marie Webb for Baptism with her mum Kerry-Ann and dad James on 25th August. Kerry-Ann used to live in Pepperstock and had been baptised at St Andrew's many years ago.

Children at Church

I love it that St. Andrew's is a church where children feel welcomed and at home.

We are very pleased that we are able to host the new **Little Singing Stars** group for Toddlers and Babies meeting on Tuesday mornings. (Please refer to the advert last month for more details.) This is a sister group to our on-going **Little Stars** group for parents, carers, Grandparents and their preschool children, meeting on Wednesday mornings, where we have simple Bible stories, a linked craft, songs, birthday candles and a couple of little prayers. Everyone is very welcome to come to both or either group.

As a church our particular 'raison d'être' is to help people, whatever age, into a relationship with God. One of the things that gives me most pleasure in my ministry is seeing people discover the reality of the love of God in their lives – of hearing about answered prayer and the difference that he makes. Most of our youth activities give some opportunity for young people to hear a bit more about God and how to enjoy a relationship with him.

Earlier in the year we begun a monthly **youth group** on Friday Evenings for young people between the ages of 11 and 17. Each evening we have food like pizza or hot dogs, we play various games or other fun activities. There is the opportunity to share so that the young people can support each other in prayer, and finally there is time to talk about a topic. We have shared about things like: Our hopes and fears for the new year and how to know that God is with us in them all. We had an evening

looking at Fairtrade and where our food comes from and a Christian response to climate change, and one focused on the young Christian surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her left arm in a tiger shark attack, when she was just thirteen. We have been meeting in the homes of the young people whose parents are able to host us. Some of the children who come to this are not linked with St. Andrew's in any other way so it is very much open to anyone who might be interested.

Once a year we have a **holiday club**, and that is coming up at the end of the October Half Term. (The booking form is in the Parish News.) This is designed for children from reception through to year six, though we do take slightly younger children sometimes if space permits. This is a very lively – fun packed couple of days, with songs, games crafts, jokes, puppets, stories and opportunities in small groups to think through what we are learning together. This year the church will be transformed into a space station – a **Space Academy!** We will be thinking about one of God's heroes – Daniel who was taken into exile to Babylon; it was so different from his experience of life in Israel that it was almost like being on another planet! He gets into many adventures and we see how God was with him throughout.

Last year we had half a dozen teenage helpers, who were invaluable – so every age enjoyed it together.

Once again everyone is welcome – please do contact one of the people on the booking form if you have any questions. Have a good Autumn, *Cathy*



Parish Council Notes

Over the last few months we have spoken largely about the speeding problem and the ridiculous speeds some drivers travel at in our Parish. However, as many residents are aware we also have a parking problem.

The problem is caused by those who park close to road junctions, in such a manner, that they obstruct the view of drivers emerging from side roads onto a relatively major road. This type of parking is not just inconsiderate but down right dangerous and has caused collisions.

The feasibility study currently being undertaken by Highways will also look at this problem as well as the speeding issue. From conversations with Highways solutions may include fixed parking bays, yellow lines and road features to prevent parking. These options will be included in the exhibition, which will present the outcome of the study.

In the meantime, if your vision at a corner is obstructed by a parked vehicle or if the worst happens and you are involved in a collision you may contact the police. If you are prepared to sign a statement my understanding is the police are duty bound to pursue the matter. If you have to leave the scene before police attend, a photograph, details of the offending vehicle and ideally a witness may be advisable.

For those living in Crawley Close, Rossway, St Andrews and parts of Front Street where there are grass verges, a request if I may. As we progress through autumn the grass verges are becoming soft and susceptible to

damage from vehicles parking on them. All our roads are wide enough for a car or van to be parked at the kerbside and leave enough room for a vehicle to pass on the other side of the road. The request therefore, is to residents in these locations to park their vehicles on the road and encourage both visitors and delivery drivers to do the same.

Unfortunately, neither Central Beds Highways or the Parish Council has funds to repair the verge outside your house should it become “churned” by vehicles.

I am sorry if this all seems a bit directive: in mitigation it is a reaction to the strength of feeling shown in some of the complaints received at this end. I think we all need to be aware of those who suffer through our actions and be prepared to help resolve the problems, personally.

Ken Crossett, Chairman



Autumn Starlings

Today I woke to a lovely sound
The beat of wings was all around
Swooping, darting in flight
I gazed in gladness and delight.
There where the Autumn sun hung low,
Alighting, swiftly on tiptoe
Frolicking, frisking, full of glee
A flutter of birds in the elder tree.
The leaves were shining all aglow,
The boughs were swaying to and fro
On laden branches, berries sweet
Shook to the touch of tiny feet,
In that jostling jamboree
Of starlings in the elder tree.
God gave me flowers the Summer through
The autumn fruit I give to you.

By Eileen Melrose

Thank you for helping James

A big “Thank You” from John and Wendy Barton of Markyate Road for all the generous donations in support of their four year old grandson James Dodd.



James has a rare and life-limiting illness called Mitochondrial Disease for which there is currently no cure.

Family and friends formed a cycle team called “The Stupid Peddlars” and have now completed two London to Brighton charity cycle rides which so far have raised an incredible £8000 for The Lily Foundation a charity which provides support and funds research into the little known disease.



James’s story and the Stupid Peddlars fund raising efforts recently earned special mention as finalists at the Pride in Dacorum Awards evening.

Further fund raising events are planned, if you would like to donate please go to www.justgiving.com/stupidpeddlars
More information on Mitochondrial Disease can be found at www.lilyfoundation.org.uk
Alternatively please contact John and Wendy on 01582 416115.

Manshead School Update



The school is pleased to announce that it has now become an 11-19 secondary school. Manshead and several other schools in the Dunstable and Houghton Regis area applied to change their age ranges and permission was granted during the summer break. Information letters about the changes are being sent to parents by Central Bedfordshire Council.

The first group of Year 7 pupils will be admitted in September 2014. This will give exciting new opportunities to families in the area. It means that children can settle into the school earlier and have time to prepare themselves for choices for GCSE and further study. There will be separate open evenings for both year 7 and year 9 this year.

For more information about the school please phone or you can visit the website www.mansheadschool.co.uk There you will find information, dates, newsletters and photos as well as the school prospectus.

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Farley Hill Methodist Church

It was flowers, flowers all the way at the eighth anniversary of the lunch club at FHM on 11th September. The celebrations began with a Toast in fruit punch 'The Club' proposed by Lord Bill McKenzie was followed by a prayer of thanks giving by Reverend Julie Bradshaw and the Grace by Pastor Harry Sullivan. A full house then enjoyed a grand roast lunch. 'Shine Jesus Shine' and a 'Daisy Daisy' routine by Margaret Gibbon and Ken Cameron was performed before the sweet of apple pie and custard.

The special votes of thanks was given by Ken to the five cooks and helpers who were there with him on day one and are still there. Margaret Woolston, Tina Sullivan, Margaret Gibbon, Julie Robas and Iris Boucher were each presented with a bouquet of flowers by John Hawley, Harry Sullivan, Lord Bill McKenzie and Michael Henley. Flowers were also presented to the cooks of the day Gill Jardine and Tina Hayton

who have been with the club for four years. Sheila Lathwell who plays the piano on special event days was also thanked and went home with flowers. A splendid day ended with some lusty singing of 'Jerusalem'.

The October Lunch on 9th has an early start 12noon for 12.30 Those excellent ladies of 'That's Entertainment' are giving a concert of old style music from 2pm. Non-members are welcome to the concert £3 but non-members wishing lunch should book with Ken Cameron on 07852424628. The annual Macmillan Coffee and jumble sale takes place at FHM North Drift Way on Saturday 12th October.

All those attending the above or any event or service at FHM are invited to bring contributions of dry or tinned food for the food bank organised by World Wide Church and Farley Hill Methodists.

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This year at "Space Academy" the challenge is to find out how Daniel faced up to his new adventures. For Daniel it was almost like going to another planet!! Come and join the fun and learn how you can train to "Boldly Go". There will be all the usual games, crafts, puppets, fun and enjoyment that have been part of our previous holiday clubs. The team looks forward to welcoming your child/children!



Book early to avoid disappointment.

Holiday club is most suited to children from Reception to Year 6, but others are welcome—if the numbers allow. We would also wish to advise you that this year we would appreciate a minimum donation of £10 per child - but this covers BOTH days. For more details contact either Lynne Sandle (723029), Jill Saunders (452539) or Mary Barker (738435). However, further details and consent forms will be distributed by Lynne on receipt of the registration form. Feel free to photocopy this form and complete one form per child thank you. Completed forms can be dropped at Jill Saunders house near the back gate of the school or given to Lynne Sandle or Karen Smith, whom you may know as they are both parents of children at the School.

Space Academy registration form

<i>Child's full name:</i>	<i>Sex: M/F</i>
<i>Date of birth:</i>	<i>School:</i>
<i>Please register my child for the holiday club</i>	
<i>Parent's/Guardian's signature:</i>	
<i>Parent's/Guardian's full name</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Phone number:</i>
<i>I give my permission for our details to be entered on the Church data base</i>	
<i>I give my permission for my child to appear on group photographs</i>	
<i>please state if your child is allergic to anything</i>	
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Chatty Club

On Tuesday, 23 July, 14 members from Chatty Club set off in several cars for the short drive to Luton Hoo Walled Garden.



which was virtually next-door - hence the central heating. On finishing the tour we made our way back to the Frog and had our usual afternoon tea, sandwiches and cake. Boy were we ready for our cup of tea/coffee. A great afternoon. Thank you to Jason and of course to Paul who arranged it for us.

Chatty Club met every Tuesday over the summer months. As well as the Luton Hoo outing Paul organised a famous faces quiz for us. We also thoroughly enjoy the afternoons where Paul lays on some different food for us. We were treated to a wonderful barbecue - burgers, sausages,

belly pork and chicken along with plenty of salads and roasted new potatoes. (*the photos were in September's issue*) As well as tea

and coffee we were treated to some buckets of Pimms to share – a great little surprise. After filling up on the barbecue, we all still found room for our Cornetto. The following month, we enjoyed a huge range of Tapas. There were around twelve different dishes for us to share including mackerel pate, chorizo spaghetti, garlic mushrooms and chicken Kofta. On this afternoon our little treat was a refreshing glass of Bucks Fizz.

In September there was a light exercise demonstration.

We meet every Tuesday at 2pm in the Frog & Rhubarb and anyone over 55 is welcome. We usually enjoy a lovely range of sandwiches, savouries and cake with as much tea and coffee as you like. It is only £2.50 per person even when we have the special food days. Hope to see you there.

A note from the Surgery....

This time of year brings changes for many of us: many children have started school, complete with shiny shoes and uniform. Perhaps for the rest of us there may be new hobbies, plans or projects at home or work. At the surgery in Caddington you may have noticed some changes and we thought you might like to know a little more about them... Two longstanding GPs are moving on: Dr Elliott (leaves at the end of September) and Dr Kuku (leaves mid-October). We will all miss them greatly but wish them well in their future ventures. If you would like to send a message to them, do write one at reception (by early October if at all possible).

We are pleased to be welcoming two new GPs to the team: Dr Deepa Chaudhury (who started in the summer) and Dr David Turner, starting on 1st October. We are sure you will enjoy getting to know them. There are a few other changes too

Early appointments for working patients: to help our working patients and children who need to go onto school, from early October the first three morning appointments will be pre-bookable. If medical emergencies arise then these may be given priority. You can book same-day appointments after 9am.

Ways you can help us help you:

- Streamlining; we aim to keep appointments available for when you really need them and avoid making you come to surgery when it is not essential. If you feel able to share more information with reception they can suggest if a particular issue is best dealt with by a message, a telephone consultation, or an appointment with a nurse or doctor.



If you know you need a Blood Pressure check, please use the “POD” machine in the waiting room. This will record a reading which goes straight on to our computer system. No appointment needed, just pop in when it suits you. If you do two or three readings at different times, you may be able to have your blood pressure medication review by the GP in a telephone consultation.



If you have an **urgent problem** please try to contact the surgery as early as possible during the morning so that we can deal with it that day. Non urgent queries will be dealt with over the next few days.

Thank you

We appreciate your support and patience during this time of transition. We want to maintain our high standards and see if we can become even better. We value your part in that. Thank you for all the ways you help us serve you well.

*Dr Tara Verity (on behalf of the
Caddington Surgery team)
www.caddingtonsurgery.co.uk*



Neighbourhood Plan

for Caddington & Slip End

The Next Step

Public consultation event

Make sure you make a note of the dates and go along in October and find out more about the results, and what the future holds for Slip End and for Caddington residents

Heathfield Centre, Caddington

Friday 18 October 4.00pm – 8.00pm

Saturday 19 October 10.00am – 5.00pm

Come and see:

- Why we need a Neighbourhood Plan
- What has happened so far
- The information we have collected
- What sites in Caddington and Slip End are being considered for new housing?
- What happens next?

*Come and see the exhibition,
ask questions and give your views.*

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It was interesting to go along to the exhibition at the Village Hall and see the sites that are being considered for development. Richard Stay and many of the councillors were on hand to answer questions. Some of the overall summary indicated that living in a village was important and development needs should reflect the local population. Buses would be used if more frequent and more routes. There is strong support for calming road measures.



Hidden Talents in Slip End and Caddington

My, what a lot of clever ladies we have here and in Caddington. Margaret Smith from Pepperstock, who attends the Line Dancing Classes in the village is a keen seamstress and bought her latest quilt to show the class.



Another great example below is from Josie Marley of Caddington who attends the craft classes on a Monday

afternoon in the village. She seems to be able to turn her hand to many different crafts and won first prize at the Caddington Village show for her beautiful quilt.



And yet another quilter who started sewing classes in the last few years is Teresa Willson from Caddington who can be seen above with her quilt getting it ready for a display.

Well done all you quilting ladies—perhaps you should start a class of your own?



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It was good to see Jill Acton hard at it painting the fence surrounding the playgroup garden — well done Jill, you are doing a great job!

Have you seen the new decoration inside the hall, it looks very striking, see photos in the next column. The line dancers were very impressed!



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Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates for October

Tuesday 1st

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 6th

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest

11.00am Sunday School Communion

Tuesday 8th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Saturday 12th

10.30am - 2.00pm Brunch & Browse

Sunday 13th

11.00am Junior Mission for All

Family service led by Jo Prowse

Monday 14th

7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

Sunday 20th

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Phil Horner

11.00am Sunday School

Wednesday 23rd

7.30pm Coffee Evening In aid of
Keech Hospice Care

(Phoenix Cars will be on sale)

Sunday 27th

British Summer Time ends.

11.00am Morning Service - Peter Baker

11.00am Sunday School

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Our monthly Coffee Evening in August raised £76.25 for World Vision and the pew envelopes added a further £46 A table top sale outside my home resulted in £60 for The Methodist Relief & Development Fund.

September is always a busy month at Aley Green Church. Our Harvest Festival Family Service was well attended and the auction of produce on the Monday realised the wonderful total of £177.70 for Water Aid. Some of the tinned food was put aside ready for the LAMP Christmas Hampers.

Once again we took part in the Churches Heritage Trust 'Bike & Hike'. Erin Smith,

one of our Junior Church members, cycled over 30 miles and visited 26 churches, well done Erin, surely a record! She is now collecting her sponsor money and we hope it will be a fantastic result. We were pleased to welcome a group of walkers from All Saints who had a little rest and a drink before they set off again. The RAGS walking group walked from Aley Green to St Andrews Slip End, on to All Saints Caddington, passing St Thomas' Catholic Church and back to Aley Green. Lunch was served as they returned, rather damp and muddy, warming soup followed by pie and mash or lasagne and hot apple pie or trifle to finish. The meal prepared and served by Lorna & Alan raised £55 for the Churches Heritage Trust. On the same day we had two stalls at the Village Show. The show was, as always, very well run and supported by the villagers in spite of the weather not being too good. Our preserve stall raised £125.84 for Methodist Homes for the Aged, our hamper raffle for Macmillan Cancer Care, £121. Eileen Crump was the lucky winner with Rita Timms claiming 2nd prize. Thank you to all who supported us.

We do hope to see you at Aley Green over the next few weeks at a Service, Bible Study or Fellowship. As usual we will be holding our Coffee Evening and Cakes & Company. Our Brunch and Browse on Saturday 12th October is a date to note. Pop down and treat yourself to a bacon buttie, home made soup or jacket potato. There will also be home made cakes, preserves bric-a-brac, toys and tombola with a prize every time. All money raised will go to our church improvement fund.



*May the Lord bless you with heaven's
blessings as well as with human joys. Ps.128*

*From all at Aley Green Methodist Church
Ann Meader*

Caddington WI

We had a very interesting speaker in August who spoke on 'The Role of a Funeral Director.' Malcolm Jones, was really entertaining. He now works for himself in Bedford having learned his trade during his formative years working for a large company. Our members were very interested to know all the "ins and outs" of what being a funeral director actually incurs. Malcolm explained as many details as he could from the moment of death to the funeral. In fact, he thought our members asked many unusual questions. There was a lot of banter between him and our members and the evening went well. This invited our members to tell their own anecdotes about funerals which raised a few eyebrows! We were all surprised at the different types of substances the coffins were made of, all sorts of handles, and the future of burials in view of the vast amount of people needing burying. We all learned a lot about the 'system'. Malcolm, himself, offered a very personal service to his customers which we all found very comforting.

Tea and Coffee were served very late as we kept Malcolm busy with questions. No social time but an enjoyable evening.

Competition of a Holiday Souvenir was won by Sue Martin with Christine Allsop second and Sue Taylor third.

A visit to Althorpe Park, House and Gardens was another good day out for us. We joined Totternhoe W.I. for this trip. The family still live in the House which was pristine. The Stable Block is now a Cafe and we sat in the stalls for refreshments which were very nice. Diana's exhibits were tastefully shown including a collection of ballet shoes, school uniform and reports and a letter

home 'to daddy'. Childhood toys included a teddy bear. A video was shown of Diana from baby to teenager. Diana's Wedding Dress including her exquisite jewellery were on show together with her wedding shoes which were elaborately decorated. Later we went to the Lake to see the Memorial to Diana. This was very peaceful and refreshing. In all we had a good trip! Our Darts team are practising regularly and doing very well.

We had our Birthday Party in September where the competition was a table decoration. Our Guest Speaker is Zena Dickenson speaking on Luton Hoo. There is a Group meeting in October being held at Studham, and also we have A Load of Old Rubbish with Michelle Marley. The competition will be 'Something Recycled'. I am sure you can find something to bring along.

Do join us one evening. We meet at the Baptist Church Hall, Dunstable Road at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Linda Edwards

Laughter

A salesman told this story. A table, on order for months, had just arrived, and he phoned up the customer to let her know. A small boy answered. He sounded about three or four. "Is there anyone else I can speak to, sonny?" the salesman asked patiently, after a few minutes unsuccessful conversation. "There's my sister," the voice at the other end piped. "Good said the man. "Would you put her on please?" There was a long silence. Then the little boy's breathless voice came on the line again. "I can't lift her out of the playpen."





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The Rising Sun



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A message from Ann, Landlady

'We are closing on the 23rd September for just over 3 weeks for renovation (as you will know by now) and if all goes well our Opening Night will be Wednesday 16th October. We would like to invite all the village to join us on that opening night for a drink and nibbles, but mostly to see the new-look Rising Sun. Thank you again for all your support'

Ann and Adrian.



Day 1 with signs removed!

We look forward to the renovated Rising Sun with its new amenities and signs

The Frog & Rhubarb

It is time to start planning your Christmas festivities and the Frog & Rhubarb has its menus ready for both Christmas parties and Christmas day. They are available from the pub or from the internet at www.frogandrhubarb.co.uk. To make your celebration extra special why not book for one of the pubs party nights when there will be a five-course meal and DJ for an extremely reasonable price. These are taking place on the 6th, 7th, 14th and 21st of December.

The Frog also runs a meal deal on Sunday – Thursday evenings where you can enjoy two courses for under a tenner.



Chatty club enjoying Tapas at the Frog

Over the summer the Frog & Rhubarb has achieved a highly recommended award from Trip advisor for the second year running. This award is given to very few establishments throughout the world and is based on reviews by diners. The pub also retained its five star hygiene rating awarded by the Food Standards Agency and Environmental Health. This is the highest rating that can be achieved and reflects the systems and cleanliness at a food business.

Congratulations to the pub on these two great achievements.

Jason Cunningham

was in action again on September 14th when he fought at Rotherham Magna Arena on a ten fight bill televised by Channel 5.



We first featured Jason in the July edition of Parish News when Tony Strong, who drinks at the Social Club, shared his story and expectations with us.

Jason's opponent was Kyle King, a Welsh boxer who has been restructuring his career following a change of manager and trainer. The four round contest saw him starting strongly and totally controlling the first two rounds when he threw a wide range of punches to keep his opponent constantly at bay. Jason continued the domination in the third round in which his adversary soaked up more punishment. The final round was slightly closer, although Jason was never really threatened and ran out a comfortable point's winner cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of supporters, including a group who had travelled up from Slip End and Luton.

Jason's next assignment will be the big one when he bids for the English Super Flyweight Crown for which he tackles ex kick boxer Northampton's Nathan Reeve. This contest will take place before the end of the year on a date and venue to be decided.



Jason personally thanked all the locals who were there and we both look forward to the forthcoming title battle at which we very much hope we will see another dedicated group of fans from South Bedfordshire in attendance, especially friends from the Social Club Slip End.

Tony Strong

Humour

I have a little Satnav; it sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend; it tells you where you are
I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones; my Satnav is my wife
It gives me full instructions especially how to drive
"It's 50k per hour" it says, "You're doing 55"

It tells me when to stop and start and when
to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever safe to overtake.
It tells me when a light is red, and when it
goes to green
It seems to know instinctively just when to intervene
It lists the vehicles just in front and all those in the rear
And taking this into account it stipulates my gear

I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car, it still
gives me advice.
It fills me up with counselling; each journey's
pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?
Ah well you see, it cleans the house and makes sure
I am properly fed.

It washes all my shirts and things and keeps
me warm in bed
Despite all these advantages and my tendency to scoff
I do wish that once in a while I could turn
the damned thing off





Not long to go now before the start of the 2013 campaign and already the volunteers are busy

collecting and sorting items for their shoeboxes, as well as fillers for the boxes that may need a few extra items in them.

Did you manage to catch the stories in the Luton News recently? Nothing brings a needy child more joy than a shoebox filled with little gifts.' There was also 'Laura's story.' - one of our volunteers who went to Belarus earlier this year to give out boxes from the UK. She told them, "The young people are all so grateful for everything. There's none of the 'I want' you find with children here." And she recounted the heart-warming story of the little boy who gave his precious box to a child who didn't have one. The OCC team quickly found him an extra. Contact PN for details or if any local companies would like to donate funds that would be great.

The Practice of Celebration

There were special celebrations at St Andrew's Church on the 22nd September when Rev Cathy Pullinger celebrated twenty years of Ministry, a wonderful achievement. We also said farewell to Sally Gray who is leaving St Andrew's after 10 years plus with us, to join a church nearer her home. How grand they both look in their hats. Good luck Sally and congratulations to Cathy.



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We are now well and truly into the flow of the new Academic year. As always we have had a busy start to the year. Much building work took place over the summer and if you

haven't seen it we now have a lovely new Reception area and the new changing rooms are well on the way to being completed. The school has supported the Village Show where I hope you will agree the bunting from the different community groups looked as varied and colourful as ever. Our year 3 classes ran their Eco stall, supporting the Eco representatives at school.

During September we supported Jeans for Genes day raising money to help those with genetic disorders and also dressed up with an Italian theme to join in with the European Day of Languages which is always celebrated at the end of September. As you read this, November may seem a little while away, however the annual Fireworks display run by our brilliant "Friends of Caddington Village School" will



be taking place on November 8th at the school. Keep an eye out for the wonderful posters designed by the children and ticket details.

Ibiza

I can feel the hot sand tickling my feet, like a feather duster. Waves are crashing loudly, with happy children trying to jump over them like they are hurdles. As you get taken away by the pure fresh air, you can taste the sea salt partying in your mouth.

I look down and see children happily building sandcastles with brightly coloured buckets and spades. Then the sea drags me in with its hypnotic powers of joy.

Written by Samuel Jeffries.

This story was one of many winners from Caddington Village School who had their stories published into a book. The competition was to write "Around the World in 80 words." We are so fortunate to have so many talented writers!

Caddington School admin

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OCT

- Mon 7th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7:00pm
Tues 8th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Sat 12th Brunch & Browse at Aley Green 10.30 to 2pm
Tues 15th Caddington WI "A load of old Rubbish" Baptist Hall 7:30pm
Wed 16th Rising Sun to re-open (if renovations completed)
Fri 18th Public consultation—Neighbourhood plan at Heathfield Centre 4 til 8
Sat 19th Public consultation—Neighbourhood plan at Heathfield Centre 10 til 5
Sun 20th Gardening Club Visit—Meet Rising Sun Car Park 1:30pm
Wed 30th NO Youth Club—half term

Thur 31st Space Academy Holiday Club St Andrew's Church
& Fri 1st

NOV

- Fri 1st Space Academy Holiday Club St Andrew's Church
Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Wed 6th Youth Club restarts
Tues 12th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Mon 18th Photographer at Playgroup 10—1
Mon 18th Gardening Club -Visiting Speaker Village Hall 8pm
Tues 19th Caddington WI "Festive Fun" Baptist Hall 7:30pm
Sun 24th Craft Fayre in aid of Keech Hospice at Village Hall.

DEC

- Mon 2nd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Wed 4th Final Youth Club of term
Tues 17th WI Christmas Social Evening Baptist Hall 7.30pm



Wheelie Bins:- Black Bins & glass: Put out on Friday 11th, 25th October
Green and Orange Bins: Put out on Friday 4th, 18th October.
1st November



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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Slip End Parish Community is now on

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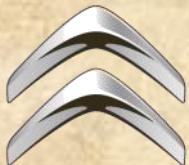
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