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Slip End Woodside  
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## Editors' Notes

Welcome to the April issue and Happy Easter. Spring is definitely in the air so we hope you enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

Please may we remind you to note which Editor will be working on the next issue by looking at the back of the magazine, to ensure that any information you submit goes to the right place.

We had a lot of information to squeeze into this month's issue and hope you enjoy reading about people in the Parish and others supported by those in the Parish. Many local church members and others in the Parish are helping to raise funds for a little girl called Ava. (See the report from Sue Briggs) Various Social Club members have been supporting the boxer who also seems to be doing well. With the CPG update there are some details of how to avoid unwanted marketing calls and emails.

The Village Hall is looking good after the facelift to the outside for the benefit of the Playgroup. (See the article opposite)

We have the usual information pages and also an announcement from Harpers including an artist's impression of the new shop at Pepperstock. This shows the view from the rear. The road side of the building will appear the same as before, though cleaned up and tidy! I for one am looking forward to only having to travel a short distance to collect my orders and sample some of their events... and the coffee shop!

*Editor*

## Well done the Green Team!

*The Mayor of Dunstable (John Chatterley) was on hand at the Village Hall last month to present a certificate marking the completion of the 'Groundworks' project at the Village Hall. These disadvantaged youngsters have done a fine job which will provide lasting enjoyment for the Playgroup children and other users of the Village Hall.*



*Our cover photo this month features exhibitors at the photography exhibition*

*Below, artists & some of their pictures*



## PLAYGROUP

We hope that you have seen our new garden at the Village Hall, which has been sponsored by the Playgroup, the Big Lottery and the CPG. We are grateful to 'Groundworks' for all their hard work throughout!

*The project by 'Groundworks', one of Luton & Bedfordshire's Green Teams, drew to a close last month with a celebration event at the Village Hall, one of the sites the team has rejuvenated. Green Team landscaping and ground improvement projects provide disadvantaged young people with support, training and work experience to the benefit of local communities.*

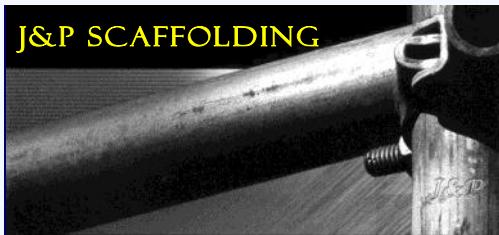
An outdoor play area is an Ofsted requirement and we appreciate help from the Village Hall to provide the space for this important facility.

The Playgroup has worked hard in order to raise £1500 and the remaining £7500 came from the charitable donations listed above. Now Spring sunshine is upon us, the children have already been out, enjoying the rejuvenated garden. They use the footpath for

their bikes and buggies. Later in the Spring the children will be planting flowers and vegetables in the allotment area.



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## Slip End Lower School



Celebrating World Book Day has become a traditional, annual event at Slip End Lower School; this year was no exception!



Everyone in the school, pupils and staff, dressed up as famous book characters for the day. Oliver Twist, Aslan the Lion, Fantastic Mr. Fox and Katie Morag, to name but a few, were all there; it was amazing to see the diverse range of children's literature represented. Thank you to everyone who provided costumes and helped to make the day so successful.

Promoting reading and instilling a love of books in children is very important to us at Slip End. As well as developing important life skills, reading also helps to develop imagination and creativity; there is nothing quite like curling up in an armchair and becoming lost in an adventure where, just for a moment, you can become the explorer, the mystery solver or experience life in another period in history.

We are lucky to have so many volunteers who regularly visit our school to hear children read but we are always on the lookout for more. If you would like to offer help with reading then please contact the school reception where we would be delighted to discuss this with you.

Happy reading!

*Amanda Howes , Head of School*





## Slip End & District Community Project Group

The Projects Group is here to be the voice and support for all the groups and associations in the Parish. We meet the second Tuesday of the month and welcome any resident of the Parish. You do not have to come along every time, but your ideas and views are important to us.

We had a very well attended March meeting at the Social Club which welcomed some new faces as well as the usual stalwarts! Our agenda as usual covered various groups and organisations within the Parish such as the Photography Group, Chatty Club, Brownies, SEADA, Bowls and Youth Club, but also there were concerns for Cold Calling and Rogue Traders so our article this month aims to provide some useful information for these topics including how you can have your personal details removed from marketing material campaigns and text message campaigns.

We also have some new '*No Cold Calling*' window signs available to our residents, please see the article for more information. The minutes of our meetings are available from the website [www.slipend.co.uk](http://www.slipend.co.uk). The next CPG meeting is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Social Club – everyone is welcome!

*Sarah Minnighan Chairman*

**No Cold Calling Zones** are designed to give a clear message to traders and other business callers that residents in the area do not wish to receive unsolicited calls.

Currently, it is not illegal for a trader to cold call. However, *No Cold Calling* signs, which are visible throughout Central Bedfordshire, act as a deterrent to unwanted callers and help to cut doorstep crime.

The CPG has '*No Cold Calling*' signs available for residents – if you or someone you know would like one please contact Sarah Minnighan on 07868 742 904 or [s.minnighan@btinternet.com](mailto:s.minnighan@btinternet.com)

### Dealing with Unwanted Callers

To report an unwanted doorstep caller, please call the bogus caller hotline on 08454 04 05 06.

**Rogue Traders** Typically, rogue traders may knock on the door offering to tarmac the drive or repair loose roof tiles in return for a small fee. In some cases, the work is unnecessary and victims may find that any work done is substandard and the price far higher than anticipated.

Although door-to-door canvassing is not illegal, we would always encourage people to think very carefully before agreeing to have any work done straight away and avoid handing over cash up front.

The "Cancellation of Contracts Made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work Regulations 2008" require all doorstep traders to provide consumers with a seven day cooling-off period in writing, provided the price is more than £35.

Consumers who request work to start before the cooling off period ends still have the right to cancel, but may be liable to pay reasonable costs for any work done.

The new regulations also make it against the law for aggressive practices to be used. These include the hard, pressurised selling tactics adopted by some doorstep traders who force customers to pay cash immediately for home repairs.

Businesses who do not comply with the new laws face a range of penalties from a written warning to, in the worst cases, criminal prosecution.

If you want to reduce the number of unwanted telephone sales calls, junk mail, junk faxes and SPAM (unsolicited email), register your personal details with the Telephone, Mail, Fax and Email preference services as follows:-

**To reduce/stop addressed direct marketing mail:-** Mailing Preference Service  
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**email:** optout@royalmail.co.uk

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**To reduce/stop unsolicited marketing emails** The Regulations require that Unsolicited Commercial E-mails (UCE) can only be sent to an individual with the prior consent of the addressee, but with an exemption for UCE where the addressee has already given his or her e-mail address direct to the sender in the context of the purchase of a product or service. This opt-in protection will apply to individual, but not corporate subscribers. The Regulations also state that regardless of who the UCE is sent to, it must contain valid sender and contact details. Complaints about apparent breaches of these regulations should be reported to the Information

Commissioner's Office (ICO) who can be contacted as follows:

**Tel:** 01625 845 700  
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There is also a non-statutory scheme that you can register with to not receive UCE - the EMPS (E-mail Preference Scheme) is operated by the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) in the United States. Note that the database is held in the US, and personal data is not, therefore, covered by UK Data Protection legislation. **Web:** [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)

#### **Other direct marketing issues**

If you have recently made a purchase by telephone mail order and think your personal details have been passed on from one company to another (without your permission) and as a result, the amount of unsolicited mail you are receiving has increased, then this is an issue covered by the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). Under DPA, if personal data is being disclosed to a third party for marketing purposes the individual concerned should have the opportunity to opt out. The Information Commissioner, who is responsible for administering and enforcing the legislation, recommends this as good practice. The Department for Constitutional Affairs has policy responsibility for the DPA.

**Email:** [fidp@dca.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:fidp@dca.gsi.gov.uk)

**Web:** [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

This information was obtained from the Central Bedfordshire Consumer web page. More useful information is available from <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-business/trading-standards/trading-standards-consumer-advice.aspx>

Citizens Advice Consumer Service: 08454 04 05 06     *NB There is more... but we couldn't include it all! The full article can be found on the Slip End Website (Ed)*

## Gardening Diary

At last the rain has stopped and the ground is beginning to dry out but at the time of writing it is still quite cold. Nevertheless the season begins and we can at least get on with jobs that need doing.

Still time to repair impoverished lawns this month, a light mowing followed by scarifying and then aerating to improve drainage. Over-seed any bad areas and rake in well, apply a spring fertiliser and level any bumps or hollows.

Complete pruning of roses as soon as possible and apply fertilizer at approximately a handful to the square yard, but leave a six inch circle around the actual plant itself, and hoe into the surface. After a good downpour mulch around the plants with a one inch layer of manure or bark chippings to hold moisture.

Rhododendrons and azaleas can be transplanted if they need moving or complete planting of any new bushes (water newly planted bushes if weather is dry). Remove dead heads of early flowering varieties. Divide any large clumps of herbaceous plants that are unsightly and replant the outer strongest shoots discarding the middle weaker ones. Dahlias started in boxes can be divided with a sharp knife, making sure that cutting has a bud or shoot on it. Carry on planting gladioli for a succession of flowers. Many border annuals can be sown directly into the soil this month to provide a good display of colour and help to suppress weeds. Carnations and pinks will benefit from an application of fertilizer to established plants. Border plants should be planted by the middle of the month, tall growing varieties can be staked with twiggy sticks pushed into the soil so that the stems can grow up through them. Sweet peas sown in the spring can be planted out as soon as they are growing strongly.

Re-plant any alpines which lack vigour, or which have been lifted slightly out of the

ground. Dig the ground and apply a general fertilizer after lifting these plants. Be careful not to damage self sown seedlings around any short-lived plants.

Plant onion sets in shallow drills and just cover the tops to stop birds pulling them out. Salad crops can be sown as soon as the soil is dry enough to work into a fine tilth but sow little and often, every 2-3 weeks so that you get a continuous supply of crops such as lettuce, radish, spring onion and beetroot and harvest as soon as they are large enough to eat, don't wait to get large woody ones. Carrots can be planted this month, main crop can be sown the middle of next month, sow seeds of late summer cauliflowers and wrinkled seeded varieties of peas which will be ready for picking in approximately 12 weeks. Sow winter cabbages for planting out in June and set out summer cabbages sown last month.

As early potatoes start to shoot from the middle of the month protect the leaves from frost either by drawing the soil over them or cover them with straw or newspaper. Check rhubarb and remove any seed heads as soon as they appear, cut them off as near to the base as possible, if left the plant will stop producing edible sticks, they will become dry and woody very quickly.

Tomato plants can be planted in a cool greenhouse now and sow seeds indoors for outdoor tomatoes to plant out when danger of frosts has passed. Sow melons and cucumbers in a propagator, prick out as soon as they are large enough to handle. Keep an eye on fruit trees and bushes as they start to blossom and take action against pests and diseases. Mulch beds and borders when they have warmed up, after destroying weeds with a hoe and making sure ground is moist. Ensure tender plants are protected from frost. Don't forget to contact the Gardening Club if you are thinking of opening your garden this time around and until next month "happy gardening".

*Russell Sprout*

## In Memoriam

A lifetime resident of Woodside, Molly Varani (nee Clark), passed away on the 21st



February 2014 aged 80, after a short battle with cancer. Molly was born in a cottage in Upper Woodside. She attended Slip End School, where she met and later married her childhood sweetheart, Harry Varani.

They moved to Lower Woodside in the mid-60's and raised their two children, Sally and Mark, who also attended Slip End School. Up until the last few years, Molly could be seen riding her bicycle to Slip End and Aley Green.

Molly's funeral at Aley Green Church was a celebration of life and living. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.



*Sally Varani-Jones & Mark Varani*



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## Dates for St Andrew's Church—April

**Sun 6th:** 10.30am: Informal Communion: Lent - “Blessed are the persecuted”

**Sun 13th:** 8.30am: Said Communion: Palm Sunday - Rejoicing

**Sun 13th:** 10.30am: Morning Praise: Palm Sunday – Rejoicing (organ & singers)

During Holy Week we will be following the Story of Jesus Passion, the events leading up to His death, from Matthew's Gospel

**Mon 14th:** 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the Family Room

**Tues 15th:** 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the Family Room

**Weds 16th:** 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the Family Room

**Thur 17th:** 7.30pm: Maundy Thursday Agape Communion and meal

**Fri 18th:** Good Friday

11am: Walk of witness around the village meeting at the shop

11.50am: Session for children begins in the Family Room (finishing at 1pm)

12 noon: Quiet Service of Reflection in Church (organ and singers)

**Sun 20th:** 10.30am: Easter Communion (All musicians)

**Tue 22nd:** 11am: Caddington Hall care home service

**Thur 24th:** 9.30am: Morning Prayer

**Fri 25th:** 2pm: Woodside care home service

**Sun 27th:** 10.30am: Morning Praise: St Georges Day

### Little Stars for April

Weds 2nd: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30am start: Saints and special occasions – Selfish Giant

Weds 9th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Saints and special occasions – Palm Sunday

Weds 16th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Saints and special occasions – Easter

Weds 23rd: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Saints and Special occasions – St George and Queen Elizabeth II

Weds 30th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start:: Bible Fun – God made me

**Little Singing Stars meet Tuesday mornings  
at 10am prompt**



## St Andrew's Update

Firstly thank you for your cards and messages of welcome – we are indeed safely installed into the Vicarage and gradually finding order amongst the chaos!

During Lent this year we have been looking at the Beatitudes, perhaps the most famous religious teaching in the world. You can find them in the Bible in chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel. It says that Jesus sat down amongst the crowds that were following him, the disciples came to him and he taught them saying:

<sup>3</sup> ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> ‘Blessed are you when people insult you,  
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil  
against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be  
glad, because great is your reward in heaven,  
for in the same way they persecuted the  
prophets who were before you.

I wonder what you would include if you were asked to give a list of the attitudes or experiences that would make you “blessed.” I suspect many of us would think of very different things from Jesus. However this is the list that Jesus gave to the crowds, and countless individuals down the ages have found, that when they lay aside their own list

of values, their recipe for a “blessed” life and start to follow Jesus they are in fact very blessed by God.

Jesus himself embodies many of these. He was “poor in spirit,” he left his riches in heaven to come and live in poverty amongst the ordinary folk of the backward little village of Nazareth. He “mourned” for the people he saw who were far from God; he wept over Jerusalem because it’s people would not come to him for salvation. He was “merciful,” always accepting and forgiving those who came to him in repentance and faith. He was a “peace maker”, bringing those troubled souls into relationship with God and restoring peace in their hearts.



He was “meek,” when he was falsely accused, arrested, insulted, tortured and sentenced to crucifixion. He did not seek to defend himself, to protect himself but yielded to the will of his Father to lay down his life for us all. When he was “persecuted” he trusted in the reward of his Father in heaven.

He was “pure in heart” always wholeheartedly following God and loving those around him, even his fiercest opponents could not find him guilty of any sin. Maybe the only beatitude that he didn’t embody was the “hungering and thirsting” for righteousness. For he lived in a way that was perfectly right in all that he did and as a result of this was able to reconcile us, in our sinfulness, to a holy God, when he died for us on the cross.

It is my prayer that you will be “Blessed” through Jesus words and his work for you on the cross. Everyone is very welcome to come to any of the Easter services at St. Andrew’s whether you are a regular attendee or have never been along before.

Have a Blessed Easter,  
*Cathy*



## **Slip End Gardening Club**

The Club AGM was held on Mon. 17 Feb. Chairperson Rosemary Wickens paid tribute to Valerie Church and Joan Duncombe who organised a Plant Sale in aid of the church roof fund in 2000. This was followed by a Village Open Gardens Day in 2002. As these events proved very popular, a Committee was formed and the events continued alternate years to date. In 2009 Joan suggested a Gardening Club be formed and over the past 4 years, it has gone from strength to strength. They have both now decided to stand down from the Committee. Rosemary requested members join with her in thanking them for all their hard work over many years. She advised the Committee had agreed to make them "Life Members" of the Club, in view of their past commitment. Steve Lyons then presented them both with flowers as a token of thanks for their hard work over the last 14 years. After the AGM business was concluded, Committee member Ruth Hutchings gave an interesting presentation on her occupation "Interior Landscaping". Planning for the 2014 Open Gardens on Saturday 12 July has commenced. (See more details on page opposite)

Forthcoming garden visits are given below.

**Sun. 27 Apr.** - NGS 324 Naughton Way  
Sth, Letchworth

**Sun. 4 May.** - NGS 8 Kingcroft Road,  
Harpenden

**Sun.18 May.** - NGS 43 Mardley Hill.  
Welwyn  
(Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

In addition to the foregoing, on Sun.11 May, there is the annual Ashridge Plant Sale, by the monument, Ringshall HP4 1LX from 11.0 – 4.0pm.

*PN Gardening Correspondent*

## **GARDENING CLUB**

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“Wrest Park”**



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## **Crime Statistics for February 2014**

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Other Theft - 0  
Criminal Damage - 1  
Drugs - 1  
Total – 3

Vehicle Crime – 1 Theft from Motor vehicle-Front Street Slip End – Wing Mirror stolen from vehicle

Criminal Damage – 1 reported offence – St Andrews Close Slip End – Vehicle scratched a number of times

Drugs – 1 reported offence – Luton Road Slip End – Vehicle stopped with 3 males in after being followed from Luton and male found with 6 bags of cannabis.

ASB – 2 reported offences – both abandoned vehicles, one in Front Street Slip End and one in Half Moon Lane Pepperstock.

*(information from Beds. Police)*

## OPEN GARDENS 2014

Slip End hosted its sixth Open Gardens' day in July 2012. Once again, this proved to be a very popular event and was enjoyed by over 100 visitors. We are now planning for the 2014 event on **Saturday 12 July**. Put the date in your diary now!!

We are already looking for some new gardens, big or small and would emphasise that it is not a competition. Your garden does not have to be anything special; we just want you to be enthusiastic about it.



You would be surprised how many visitors pick up ideas and tips from most gardens.

If you live in the Parish and would be interested in opening your garden, please complete details below and return by the end of April to: Rosemary Wickens, 86 Front Street, Slip End or e-mail to

[rosemary.wickens@mymailbox.co.uk](mailto:rosemary.wickens@mymailbox.co.uk)

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## Services and Diary dates for April

### **Sunday 6th**

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

### **Monday 7th**

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Group Week 5

Led by Mike Bull

### **Tuesday 8th**

10.00am/12.00noon 'Cakes & Company'

### **Sunday 13th**

#### **Palm Sunday**

11.00am Morning Service - Bob Squires  
11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

### **Tuesday 15th**

7.30pm 'Jerusalem Joy' a Cantata for Easter  
In aid of the Mount Vernon Scanner Appeal

### **Friday 18th**

#### **Good Friday Walk of Witness**

10.30am Start at Aley Green Church

### **Sunday 20th**

#### **Easter Day**

11.00am Morning Service - Colin Quine  
11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

### **Wednesday 23rd**

7.30p Coffee Evening  
In aid of Keech Hospice Care

### **Sunday 26th**

#### **Easter 2**

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Phil Horner  
11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

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Our first two Coffee Evenings of the year raised £58 for Action for Children (January) and £93 for Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (February).

We would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to all the village and circuit friends who

came along on Shrove Tuesday to support our 'Pancakes & Company'. It was wonderful to see so many folk tucking into bacon rolls, pancakes etc. With the raffle, stalls, cake and preserve sales a grand total of £400 was raised for LAMP (Luton Accommodation and Move on Project). You may remember that in December 2013 we collected tinned and packet foods for the LAMP Christmas Hampers, people really enjoyed doing this so it was decided to support the young people food bank throughout 2014. We have had a fantastic response to this, in January we sent 49 items, in February 70 packet and tinned foods together with £20.00 in cash. As I write this just ten days into March, the table already holds some 80 items. People have entered into the spirit of helping some of Luton's young people.

Our very first Women's World Day of Prayer service was held on 7th March and was well attended by members of all the local churches. The collection taken raised £150 for Christian charities.

The Ecumenical Lent Course led by Mike Bull had 21 people gather for the first session. Entitled 'Built on the Rocks' there was much discussion and participation as we count down to Good Friday and Easter Day.

Our choir will be singing 'Jerusalem Joy' during Holy Week, on Tuesday 15th April, followed by light refreshments. Some of you will know that I was treated for cancer of the tonsils at Mount Vernon Hospital last year, as a church we have decided to raise some money for the Mount Vernon Head & Neck Scanner Appeal. There will be a collection and a Grand Raffle. Do come along and join us the music is lively and I'm sure you will be singing some of the songs as you go home!

*You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'careful' you find yourselves cared for'* Matthew 5v7

Yours in His name

Ann Meader

## Appeal for Ava and Great Ormond Street Hospital



Caddington residents have been raising funds in aid of a special Heart and Lung ECMO machine for Great Ormond Street Hospital for a little girl called Ava Mear who lives in Caddington with her family.

There have been some magnificent cakes for auction recently which has raised hundreds of pounds towards the fund, some selling for over £100 each. Some of the local girls dressed up as Super Heroes stopping cars by the Green and asking willing shoppers to



boost the money in their buckets and they collected over £1,010 that day alone., a great effort. There will be more chances to help towards the ECMO appeal which already stands at nearly £9000 with more fundraising ideas and events being organised.

If you would like to read about Ava and help towards the machine visit Just-Giving page at [justgiving.com/avas-ecmo-challenge](https://www.justgiving.com/avas-ecmo-challenge)

A very brave little girl and well done to the Caddington community and everyone involved in buying this very special machine.

Sue Briggs



She suffered heart failure several times in January and was finally helped by an ECMO machine, which allows the body to recover and deal with infection whilst it looks after the pumping and oxygenating of the blood.

The family decided to start a fundraising drive to buy a new machine for the hospital as there are only 20 of these machines in the UK. Their friends, family and people of Caddington have joined in with the appeal. to raise £80,000, the cost of a machine.





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## SLIP END PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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Slip End Photography Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came out to support us at our first exhibition. I can now safely say that most of us were a little nervous as to whether we would get visitors and I am happy to report that we were not disappointed! Even the sun came out to support Slip End Photography Group! It was good to listen to all the comments made on the day and again to the continued support from the residents of the village.



We have taken your comments on board and have now been invited to re-exhibit at the Peter Edwards Hall on 22nd June 2014.

The exhibition will now include some

of our new work and we look forward to welcoming you again.

We exhibited in excess of 100 pictures, ranging from swans and dogs to Highland cattle and river scenes at our first exhibition and I am very proud of the hard work and enthusiasm from all our





members. I hope that our display gave everyone an idea of what can be achieved with your camera and a little bit of knowledge. I would like to also say thank you to Andy Prothero for compiling an excellent selection of the late Dave Brown's photographic work, it was a pleasure to see such talented photography and we are grateful to his family for allowing us to showcase this. His skill has given us all some inspiration in our new forthcoming photographic projects. We hope you also enjoyed the opportunity to take a look at the works of the Caddington Art Society and I appreciate all the hard work from their team, especially Lorna Kalisz and Hilary Mead for agreeing to exhibit the work of their group with us and we hope we can do this again in the near future. There is such amazing talent in our two villages!

Slip End Photography Group meets every Tuesday at 8pm at the Slip End Social Club. Please call Norman Homewood on 01582 452851.



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# Brownies

## 1st Woodside Brownies

On Wednesday 30th April, we will hold an open evening. We invite girls between the ages of 6 1/2 and 10 years old to join us for the evening. Different activities will take place. The Brownies will bring along a friend as part of the 100 years of Brownies Birthday Party.

We meet at the Village Hall on Wednesdays (from 6pm to 7:30pm (term time only).

## Wise Owl

## SEADA

Our annual outing for Senior Citizens will take place on Sat 7th June. To join us you must live in Slip End, Woodside or Pepperstock. (the Parish). Names will be taken at the Car Boot / Table Top Sale on Easter Saturday.

This must be done in person. Names can not be taken for other people. If you can't do this then please call 01582 723109 after 22nd April and leave your name and telephone number..

## LADIES PLEASE NOTE...WANTED!

Gill Plummer has asked us to tell readers that she is collecting unwanted (clean) bras for charity. These are collected and sent overseas for women suffering from breast cancer or who have had breast surgery. Contact Gill on 01582 723109

## Anyone for Tennis ????

Slip End Tennis Club was formed in 1987 and is affiliated to the Beds Lawn Tennis Association. It is sited at Slip End Playing Fields, Church Road, Slip End and has two hard courts with floodlights. It is a small friendly club with approx. 100 members. Membership costs are: Juniors £20 (Those in full time education) Adults £35 and Family £60 (There is a reduction for early payment by 30 April)

Club members have priority in the use of courts, except when either matches are to be played or coaching is taking place. Club night is on Monday evenings and Adult night on Wednesday evenings both from 7pm, to which all members are welcome. Junior coaching will be provided by our LTA coach, Sally Parry on Fridays after Easter, Members £4 and Non Members £5 per session. Beginners 5-6pm and Intermediates 6-7pm. Senior coaching is on Tuesdays from 6.30-7.30pm. Ladies and private coaching is also available. Give Sally a call (413501)

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

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

Peter Smith, Chairman (733253)  
[peter.smith813@tesco.net](mailto:peter.smith813@tesco.net)

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(Information from Central Bedfordshire Council received via our Parish Council.)

A survey will soon be dropping on the door mats of hundreds of adult social care customers in Central Bedfordshire. The Council is sending the survey to around 1,000 local people who use services like home care, meals on wheels and day centres or who have received equipment or adaptations to help them live independently in their own homes.

The national survey asks customers for their views on the social care and support they receive, on how easy it is to find information or access advice and on the overall impact that the services they received have had on their quality of life. The short survey should not take too long to complete and all the answers will be treated as confidential. The results of the survey will be sent to the Department of Health and used by Central Bedfordshire Council to help improve services.

Cllr Carole Hegley, Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing, said: "Making sure that our customers are happy with the range and quality of social care services they receive really matters to us, so we'd like to get as many responses as possible to this survey. Any feedback we get will be really important in helping us improve and shape our services now and in the future."





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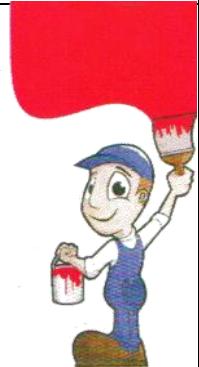
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As you read this a group of Pupils, Parents and Staff will



be in France as part of the World War 1 researched as much as we could about him. commemorative celebrations. This trip has been arranged to give a real feel to what took place and to allow our pupils to learn more about the events which happened 100 years ago. As part of the trip, research was carried out about those from our local community who were involved. The following reports are written by pupils and staff who took part in the research day.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of January

We all met up in the Science lab and discussed what we were going to do. Then we set off to Collings Wells Hall and we learnt that the hall was named after a brave man who fought in WW1 but passed away in the war and achieved a medal.

Then we went to All Saint's Church and saw the war memorial. Then we talked about a man that worked in an Ammunition Factory and a bomb exploded and he didn't make it out alive!

Next we went back to school and had lunch. Then we picked a World War 1 soldier and

Then we all went home. We are all looking forward to the visit to the Somme in April.

By Robyn, Cade, Adam and Ben (Class 4F)

Our WW1 research day was a great success. The children were very keen to learn about the soldiers who fought and died in the battles of WW1, in particular those that happened around the Somme.

Reading the soldiers' names on the memorial and visiting the places where they lived is beginning to put it all into perspective. We feel it will become even more important when we visit the battlefields on the Somme and the resting places of the Caddington WW1 heroes.

Many thanks to the Caddhist group who have helped so much in providing information for our trip and the research day.

Miss Field and Mr Kingham



## Caddington WI

Boccia (an indoor bowling game and a regular event with us) was played by members at our February meeting. Teams of red and blue were picked and after a lot of concentration and fun the blues won by one point! It was a very closely fought game.

Our competition this month was to see how many items you could fit into a matchbox beginning with 'B'. Judith Husbands managed 65! Well done.

Our darts team is playing in the final so we wish them good luck. Final results next month.

We have many events to look forward to including our Spring Group Meeting, being hosted in Caddington., a trip to Woburn Abbey and Gardens and one to Oxford to include afternoon tea, a Shoe Sale and an International Evening.

For our March meeting we had Maggie Lines a holistic therapist talking on "What's That Smell". Maggie introduced herself with some jokes and had us all standing up doing relaxation exercises which set the tone for the evening. Maggie was a well trained lady in all sorts of holistic therapies and we really enjoyed the evening. She told us about the different oils, their uses and, their benefits. Samples were tried by us too. The "Most Attractive Perfume Bottle" for the competition was won by Sue Taylor.

As you can see we have wide and varied programme of events. Do come along to one

of our meetings. We are a friendly bunch of ladies. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Baptist Church Hall, Luton Road, Caddington starting at 7.30 p.m. See the future dates below.

*Linda Edwards*

15th April Let your Eyes be your Ears with Molly Berry

20th May Our Annual Meeting together with Dot Wigg (an excellent speaker)

17th June TBA

## Dunstable Rep Theatre Club

The latest play at the Little Theatre had the audiences laughing out loud. The farce "Out of Order" written by Ray Cooney definitely made an entertaining evening out.

Government Minister Richard Willey has booked himself into a hotel along with the Opposition Leader's attractive secretary. Things do not exactly go to plan, when they find a dead body stuck in the window of their suite. Richard calls for the help of his PPS, George Pigden, having first hidden the body in a cupboard. Inevitably, the situation becomes more complicated by the minute with the arrival of various hotel staff, one irate husband, Richard's wife and others. To make matters worse the "dead body" wakes up and chaos ensues!

*Alison Wilson*



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makes the garden even more welcoming.

We would like to wish John-Jo Fitzpatrick a very Happy Birthday! Also a Happy 40th Birthday to Stephen Harbud!!

We are now open from 10am for breakfast and all other meals. We have everyday roasts with a choice of lamb, beef, chicken or nut roast (V) all served with vegetables, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding. There is an over 60's menu available Monday to Friday 12-2pm and happy hour menu Tuesday to Friday 5pm-7pm

The staff at The Plough enjoyed their yearly staff outing. We went to Milton Keynes for a few games of bowling, meal & cocktails at T.G.I Fridays and then on to see Wicked the Musical at Milton Keynes Theatre. We all had a good time and it was nice to catch up with everyone.

There is still time to book your table for Easter weekend 18th April to 21st April. All parties and special occasions catered for- Birthdays, Weddings, Christenings, Funerals etc. The venue is free! The marquee is available during the summer months. For more information

please call 01582 720923 and ask for Doug or Melissa.

Bored on a Monday afternoon? Why not pop in for a game of Bingo? Eyes down at 3pm, everyone welcome.

## The Social Club

March was a busy month in the social club calendar, as well as our Keech Hospice Care fundraising evening, which was a great success and raised £630, we also helped two Slip End residents celebrate big birthdays,, Stephen "Boggy" Harbud celebrated his 40th with friends and family on 22nd February and Tish Peters turned 50 on the 8th March. Many happy returns to you both.

Just to remind everyone of upcoming events, during April on the 19th we have a "jump and jive" disco so all come along and have a dance.

On Saturday 24th May we have an Abba/ Carpenters tribute act from 8pm onwards. Our yearly entertainment poster is up so pop in and have a look what's going on through the year.

As well as our entertainments evenings, the club also has resident teams for ladies darts and dominoes (Mondays) pool (Tuesdays) Bingo with all cash prizes and a fortnightly raffle (Wednesday) crib and dart teams (Thursdays). We also have a golf society which is happy to welcome any new members. They play a game every month and have a golfing holiday once a year. For further details contact Darryn Webb. We also offer free pool Monday to Friday for all our members.

On March 1st the Social Club held a fund raising evening in aid of Keech Hospice once again. Gerry and the Attricks were there to entertain everyone with their music which went down very well.



There was also a raffle in aid of the Hospice and some excellent prizes were awarded to the lucky winners.

Barbara Ray accepted the prizes for the people who bought tickets at the Social Club Bingo night after selling over £50 worth of tickets to them .

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## **Slip End Social Club supports**

### **Jason Cunningham**

Jason's English Bantamweight Title fight against Central Area Crown holder Scott Gladwin in Doncaster on 8th March provided a riveting and exciting battle for the noisy and responsive capacity crowd.

Jason had promised that this contest would be a statement of intent as far as he was concerned and he bore a mean and hungry look as he emerged from his corner with all guns blazing.

Gladwin looked nervous from the beginning and was soon on the canvas following a left hander. Throughout the next rounds Cunningham pursued his opponent relentlessly showing a range of punches that were proving unstoppable. Gladwin then retired. He had been brave and tried, in vain, to avoid the onslaught.

This was Jason's finest performance in the ring to date and one which issued a warning to all future challengers. Simply a talented young man on the way to the top of his chosen sport.

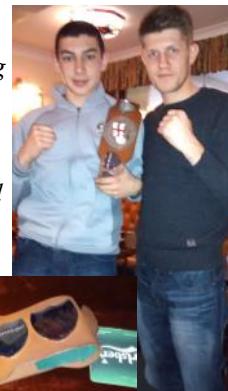
Come along with us and watch his progress on Saturday 10th May at Doncaster Dome when he defends his newly won English title against a yet to be named opponent.

Please call Pete Ray for tickets on 01582 414796 or myself on 07739 295228. Standard seats cost £35. Ringside seats including meal are £60. Both afford excellent viewing.

Will will be running transport from the Slip End Social Club and this time the fight will be scheduled in the middle of the card. We are very lucky to have a young man of Jason's talent and ability to support. As his sponsor I am confident that he will provide us with much to cheer about so please join us there.

*Tony Strong*

*Jason visited the Slip  
End Social Club to  
show off his trophy and  
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**DIARY - If you would like your events included  
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**APRIL**

- Mon 7th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 8th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm  
Tues 15th Caddington WI Let your Eyes help your Ears with Molly Berry 7:30pm  
Sat 19th Jump & Jive Disco Slip End Social Club  
Sat 19th SEADA Car Boot & Table Top Sale Village Hall 10am–1pm

**MAY**

- 7th Harpers new shop opens Half Moon site Pepperstock  
Mon 12th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 13th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm  
Fri 16th Quiz Slip End Social Club (More details next month)  
Tues 20th Caddington WI Annual Meeting 7:30 pm  
Sat 24th Abba / Carpenters Tribute Act Slip End Social Club 8pm

**JUNE**

- Tues 17th Caddington WI 7:30pm  
Sun 22nd Playing Fields Open Day 2-5pm details to be confirmed

**JULY**

- Sat 12th Parish Open Gardens Day 11-5pm  
Mon 21st Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm

**SEPT**

- Mon 15th Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm  
**Remember to let us know about any local WW1 memories or  
memorabilia so we can include it later in the year**

**Wheelie Bins:- Black Bins & glass:** Put out on Friday 11th, 25th April

**Green and Orange Bins:** Put out on Friday 4th, 18th April, 2nd May



**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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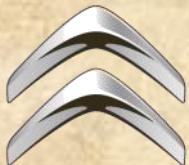
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