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Editor's Notes

Welcome to the February issue. It seems a long time since Christmas and New Year, however, this is the first magazine of 2014 so we wish you all the best.

This issue includes a few Christmas pictures to remind you of those events. Also there is a brief report from the Parish Council which we have waited to include, following the extra Council meeting held after the exhibitions in the Village Hall. I hope that many of you were able to attend on one of the days and see the options being suggested for dealing with the important issues of parking and speeding in the Parish.

National Parish Magazine Awards

Some good news... We entered a couple of issues of our magazine into the National Parish Magazine Awards for 2013.

We received an email from the organisers and are proud to announce that we were awarded 24th place out of a total of 710 entries, all of which were of a very high standard. The overall winner was the Ivybridge Magazine (Devon).

Cover Picture—Artwork

Our cover photo this month features a new Artwork at St Andrew's Church. More details can be found later in the magazine.

The photos show the art and Gayle Storey, who created the artwork, pictured

alongside the Bishop of Bedford and Reverend Cathy Pullinger of St Andrew's.

Letter to the Editor Returning to the subject of parking and cars, we received a letter from Richard Fuller, a Slip End resident, on the subject of what he describes as the "increasing level of vandalism" in Slip End. We include some extracts here.

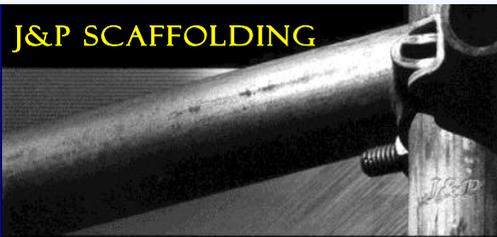
He says, "I have lived in the village for 12 years and during this time have had 3 cars; 2 have had wing mirrors smashed requiring replacements and all 3 have been 'keyed' several times. Mostly this has happened at the top end of Summer Street, close to the Frog & Rhubarb where I usually have to park due to the lack of space in Church Road where I live... I have lived in many places, including London, for several years and enjoy the safety and friendliness of Slip End but have never experienced so many acts of wanton vandalism as here in the village; are people bored, angry or just plain ignorant?"

He goes on to say that "the whole situation is becoming increasingly tiresome to say the least! Please, if anyone has any thoughts or solutions, let me know."

We are all aware that vandalism can be annoying and upsetting and expensive to put right. Please take extra care when passing parked cars in our crowded side streets and, if you are on the receiving end of vandalism, please report it. Hopefully this will help the authorities to find the perpetrators and reduce the occurrences.



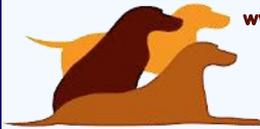
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Gardening Diary

With Christmas and the New Year now a distant memory it's time to turn our thoughts to the gardening year. With what has been such a wet and windy winter some of the first jobs will be to mend fences and repair sheds, etc but then you can move on to clearing away any dead plant material and keep on top of weeds as they start into growth. If you have a soil testing kit this is a good time to test to see if lime, nitrogen or potash is required to balance the soil. This is quite easy to do, you just follow the instructions that come with the kit, you do not have to be a scientist.

If the lawn has become wet and boggy with all the rain we have had, aerate with a fork to help drainage and scarify towards the end of the month to remove dead grass and thatch *if conditions are dry enough*.

Move dormant fuchsias, heliotropes and hydrangeas on to the greenhouse staging, if possible in a warm spot where a temperature of 10 degrees centigrade can be maintained. Spray the plants with water on sunny days, and give them increasing amounts of water as growth becomes active.



Check Dahlias in store, cut away any rotted sections of tubers and if they are shriveled plunge them into tepid water for 10-12 hours. Take cuttings of Chrysanthemums that have been over-wintered in the greenhouse or cold frame as soon as the new shoots are big enough. Stools that have been left in the ground will benefit from pushing a

fork into the ground around the plant to stop rotting and clear away any weeds or debris that have accumulated. Any alpine plants that have been loosened by frost should be firmed into place and weeded.

Early potatoes can be arranged in boxes or seed trays with the eyes uppermost in a light frost-free shed, greenhouse or cool bedroom to sprout into growth for an early crop. Early peas and broad beans can be planted in the soil towards the end of the month if it is dry. Shallots can also be planted this month and just cover them with soil to stop birds from pulling them out of the ground. If you plan to plant tomatoes in a cool greenhouse in April now is the time to sow seeds in a propagator or indoors on a windowsill and pot them on when they are about 2" high.

Mint can be propagated now by digging up the runners just below the surface, separate them from the main plant, cut into lengths of approximately 6" long and plant. Mint is best planted in a container to stop it spreading everywhere. Parsley can be sown outdoors if dry and not too cold for a first crop. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries close to the ground by the end of the month.

Why not think about taking an allotment there are some available, just ring the number in the Parish News and enjoy plenty of fresh vegetables throughout the year as well as keeping yourself fit and making new friends!



Russell Sprout



Slip End & District Community Projects Group

The Projects Group is here to be the voice and support for all of the groups and associations in the Parish. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month and welcome any resident of the Parish. There is no need to come along every time, but your ideas and views are important to us. Pop in, we are a relaxed bunch and there is a drink available! Happy New Year everyone!

The Chatty Club meets at the Frog and Rhubarb on Tuesdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. If you are over 55 you are more than welcome to come, and you don't have to be there every week, you can 'dip' in and out and buffet style food and hot drinks are available for £2.50! For more information, call Paul on 01582 452722.

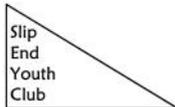


Slip End Camera Club (the photography group) is almost one year old and to celebrate the club is having an exhibition in conjunction with Caddington

Art Society. *(See the details on their poster)* Pop in and see what the club has been up to in its first year, get some tips or even sign up to join, new members are always welcome.

For more information on joining the club, call Norman Homewood on 01582 452851.

The **Youth Club** starts again on Wednesday 5th February. Dates for the club to run for the next quarter are: February 5th, 12th and 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th and April 2nd, 23rd and 30th. I met with the youth workers in January to organise the programme for



the club. There is a Valentine's Disco on the 12th, a "onesie" night, Mother's Day craft evening, pancake making for Shrove Tuesday and much more. If you would like more information pop along on the 5th and see Caroline Rizza or Lise Poultney. Subs have had to increase unfortunately, As from the 12th February its £2 entry per week per child, but that will now be the fee for every week regardless of the activity.

The pantomime trip went really well, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were very well behaved, our thanks to the youth workers who accompanied them and to Premier Connections Travel in Luton (www.premiercoachhire.co.uk) who did a great deal on the coach and were on time and reliable.

We welcome anyone new to the Parish to the youth club. The club is for 8 to 18 year olds, entry is £2 per child per week and there's a tuck shop. It is expected that the children present themselves politely, behave and treat other children and the youth workers with respect, so that the club is a pleasant environment for everyone.

The **Good Neighbour Scheme**

offered a full service over the Christmas period and is gaining momentum and praise each month! The scheme is for anyone within the Parish who is 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 is unable to drive at the moment due to an accident. Likewise, if you have a relative who lives in the Parish but you live further away it could prove to be the peace of mind you need that there is a group that can help when you are not available.



If you would like more information about the background, such as 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 look for the parish website for information and useful links:- www.slipend.co

Parents – Now that school is back, please remember that the Village Hall car park is open on school days for you to park in when you come to drop off and collect from school. This gives you the opportunity for a little exercise and hopefully reduces the growing congestion in and around the school location.



Finally, a thank you or two! A big thank you that I missed in the December Parish News to Paul Cooper, fellow Parish Councillor and Frog & Rhubarb landlord, for sourcing the Christmas biscuits again for us last year through his contact Gary at Holdsworth Foods.



My thanks also to the following businesses who made a financial contribution to the Biscuit Gift fund:

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All these businesses advertise in the Parish News – use them if you can!

Last year and into the early part of this year I received several Thank You e-mails and cards from residents delighted with their gift – it makes all the organising worthwhile to know that our residents still enjoy them!

Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately there have been several burglaries in the Parish over the Christmas and New Year period, as well as before then. We are considering setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Group for the Parish. It does not involve too much work, just your commitment to the group for a few hours a month for a meeting, but the recommendation is for a volunteer or two for each road within the Parish, as well as an overall coordinator and deputy.



If you would like to be involved please contact Sarah on 07868 742 904 or s.minnighan@btinternet.com by the end of February to register your interest.

The next CPG meeting is on Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 7.30pm at the Social Club. Everyone is welcome!

**Sarah Minnighan
Chairman**



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- if possible, remove your stereo and take it with you
- don't leave wallets and bank cards in the glove box – it's the first place a thief will look
- remove ignition keys and engage the steering lock – even in your own driveway
- fit lockable wheel nuts and fuel cap
- fit an anti-theft device and USE IT EVERY TIME YOU PARK
- double check you have locked your car properly



Charisma "in Wonderland"



in the photo) was The Pack Of Cards, I was The White Rabbit.

We love to make our customers smile when they see who or what we have dressed up as this time.

Kay McIlroy



As usual, the staff at Charisma were in fancy dress for a few days leading up to Christmas. This year's theme was Alice In Wonderland: Charlotte was Alice, Livi was The Queen Of Hearts, Ella was The Cheshire Cat,; Sena (not

Aley Green Methodist Church has a lovely new wooden cross to go with the revamped decor, made by the husband of one of the congregation.



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Dates for St Andrew's Church—February

Sun 2nd: 10.30am: Informal Communion: "Rejoicing before the Lord" (band)
(traid-craft stall)

Sun 2nd: 3pm: Healing Service: "Jesus said 'I am willing'"

Sun 9th: 8.30am: Said Communion: "Hunger and thirst for righteousness"

Sun 9th: 10.30am: Morning Praise and Baptism: "Hunger and thirst for
righteousness" (organ & singers)

Sun 16th: 10.30am: Holy Communion: "Worship with Awe and Reverence"
(organ & singers)

Tue 18th: 11am: Caddington Hall care home service

Fri 21st: 2pm: Woodside care home service

Sun 23rd: 10.30am: Cafe Church: "Everyday worship" (band) (traid-craft stall)

Thur 27th: 9.30am: Morning Prayer: "Lent Season"

Little Stars for February

Weds 5th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30am start: Little Stars:
Share the hare

Weds 12th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars:
Saints and special occasions – Valentine's Day

Weds 19th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars:
Saints and special occasions – St Francis

Weds 26th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars:
Saints and special occasions – St David

Little Singing Stars meet Tuesday mornings at 10am prompt



News from St Andrew's

It has been a busy few months at St Andrew's with lots going on. We had the Christingle and Café Church service in December with the whole Church lit up with candles. The children all loved it and were able to hold their own candles.



We were treated to Lucy Sandle playing a special hymn during the service and she did very well. Keep up with the piano lessons Lucy and in ten years time you could be playing for all the service.



At our special service to bless the new Artwork with the Bishop of Bedford in January, young Jack Kelly played the snare drum for us during the song about the Little

Drummer Boy and managed to keep time beautifully.

Keep it up Jack—you and Lucy can be our musicians of the future.



On Christmas Day, Chris and Hilary Barnes had the congregation in fits of laughter as they acted out a short sketch about 'learning to fly'. We are amazed at where they manage to get their ideas from as every Christmas we are treated to a new hilarious short play in full costume.



Little Singing Stars

have stories and a snack and bubbles and then our "Goodbye Song".



Every week we have a routine we follow, starting with our "Hello Song", where we wave and say hello to each child using their name. Then we have action songs like Row the Boat and interactive rhymes, which the children and parents/carers love. It's a good excuse for a tickle or rough and tumble with your child. Then the children take turns to select a prop from the sack.

Things are going really well at LSS. The children are getting used to the routine and are joining in with the action songs. They even tidy up the mats at the end!

If you would like to come along and see what it's all about, then come along on Tuesdays in term time at 10am at St Andrew's Church.

Catherine Hazell



After that we get out the board with pictures that represent songs that the children can choose from. Then, everyone's favourite part, the instruments come out. A good excuse to make lots of noise! Then we



Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates

for February

Sunday 2nd

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

Tuesday 4th

- 7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 9th

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

Tuesday 11th

- 10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 16th

- 11.00am Morning Service - Hyacinth Taylor
11.00am Sunday School

Wednesday 19th

- 7.30pm Coffee Evening
for Leaders of Worship & Preachers Trust

Sunday 23rd

- 11.00am Morning Service - Colin Quine
11.00am Sunday School

Monday 24th

- 7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

What a busy time we had at Aley Green Methodist Church in December. We had the privilege of hosting the Ecumenical Advent service and then shared afternoon tea and chat. We did not have a collection but £25 was donated to LAMP for the Christmas Hampers by those attending.

The Brunch and Browse was well supported and we were able to send £156 to LAMP and £156 to NOAH, the two local charities supporting the homeless.

Our Nativity play this year was written by two of our youth group, Erin and Cara and performed by all our young people. An offering was taken for Keech Hospice Care and £93.45 was raised, the Christmas badges added a further £15.

The Candlelight Carol Service was made

even more special because our newly formed choir sang two items beautifully to an almost full church. The collection raised £179 for Action for Children.

Our Christmas Cake Raffle was won by Mike Grevill and resulted in £77 for Methodist Homes for the Aged. The church Christmas card was signed by lots of people and a donation of £50 was sent to the Bible Society. Elizabeth made and sold 103 knitted Christmas tree decorations containing sweets and "smellies", another £103 for LAMP. Erin a member of our junior church raised £45 for Child Bereavement UK by potting and selling hyacinth bulbs. They are now in bloom and are filling our rooms with their fragrance.

What a joy to welcome so many people to our Christmas morning service. A fantastic collection of £172 was taken for NOAH.

We would like to thank everyone who came to our church and supported all the services and events, We hope you will continue to visit us in 2014, look out for our posters or on our notice board to find out what is going on.

***If we celebrate the years behind us
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Anon

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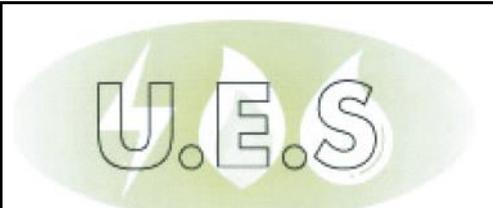


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Slip End Gardening Club

The Club AGM has been rearranged to Mon 17 Feb starting at 7.45pm, to be followed by a presentation from Committee Member, Ruth Hutchings. The date for the 2014 Open Gardens is Saturday 12 July. More details next month. *PN Gardening Correspondent*

Friendship Club

Members needed! Are you looking for an afternoon out making new friends?

The Friendship Club seems to be losing members and sometimes only has about 14 people at the meetings in the Village Hall on Thursdays.

Perhaps there are people out there who have never been to a Friendship meeting and would like to go along and make new friends. The club organises outings, which are very popular but they do need to get more people to attend the weekly meetings in order to be able to continue with the coach outings. If anyone is interested please contact Pam King on 01582 452978.

SLIP END GARDENING CLUB AGM

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“The Ascension of Prayer” Artwork at St Andrew’s

We have got off to an exciting start to the year at St. Andrew’s with a new piece of art work, a visit from the bishop of Bedford and a party in the Frog and Rhubarb.

The artwork was designed and created by Gayle Storey, a member of the congregation, who is also a Central Bedfordshire College Art Lecturer. I had invited her to create something that would enhance the vestry in its new focus as a prayer room. Her inspired creation involved the skills and abilities of many in the local community.

It all started last Lent when, during a cafe Church in February, all the members of the congregation had a chance to make a ceramic cross, other friends and colleagues of Gayle added to these until there were 112 individually crafted crosses.

Central Bedfordshire College kindly gave permission for the crosses to be fired in their kilns. These have been mounted on a wooden frame, Tony Willson made a pine wood prototype so that Gayle could experiment with the placing of the crosses. Then professional wood craftsmen from Kensworth Saw Mills fashioned the final hard wood frame. Members of the congregation helped to attach it to the wall in the prayer room. The inspiration and core skill came from Gayle but it came about through the work of the whole community.



Each cross represents an individual’s prayer, yet placed together there is a sense of a single movement of prayer reaching upwards and outwards – very symbolic of our prayers going up and reaching out to touch others in need. The cross is a wonderful symbol of prayer. We pray with confidence because of the cross on which Jesus gave his life so freely out of his love for us.



The “Ascension of Prayer” was blessed by the Rt. Revd. Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford on Sunday January 5th 2014 during the Epiphany Communion Service. Bishop Richard blessed the work and also prayed that the prayers in the prayer room may bless more people and that there may be a further release of creative gifts at St. Andrew’s. Watch this space in 2014 when

we will be focusing on worship. Creative gifts have always been used in worship throughout the history of the church.

One of the blessings of 2013 was that many of our prayers for healing have been answered, sometimes instantaneously and dramatically. We offer prayers for healing in the prayer room during communion services. We are also holding two special Healing services on Sunday 2nd February at 3pm in the afternoon and again on Sunday 4th May. Do come along and receive anointing for healing for yourself or for others.



It was a very happy, positive, family and community start to the new year.

To complete our Epiphany celebrations we had a party at the Frog and Rhubarb where Paul and his team looked after us very well. Bishop Richard bravely took questions from the floor in a “Grill the Bishop” session. The questions ranged from “his favourite sermon joke” to questions about Heaven and Syrian refugees and what he had hoped to be when he grew up.



If you would like to come and see the new artwork or spend time in the prayer room, the church is open on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings during Little Singing Stars and Little Stars and Cathy is usually in church on Wednesdays and Thursdays, though it is best to ring and check first.

Every blessing for 2014,

Cathy Pullinger

Luton Hoo was visited, together with a tour of the House. A breakfast/brunch was served and everyone had a good morning out.

We all brought plated food to our December meeting and gifts were exchanged. Carol Jones prepared mulled wine and also helped with the music and a little sing song. The funniest thing was a whistling game for which Stephanie gave out crackers which had musical crowns for us to put on. She then tried to conduct us, blowing whistles to familiar tunes. This created a lot of fun and laughter - I think everyone enjoyed the fun. The prize for the prettiest wrapped parcel went to Lee Ellicock - well done.

Our darts team won 3-2 at the last match and is ready to start practising again soon.

January's meeting was a slide show and talk about Old Warden Swiss Garden, with the competition being a "Garden Photograph".

 Thanks go to Christine Allsop who has set up some information about the WI on Facebook. (Slip End Community Page).

Our Committee is busy planning next years programme - watch this space! We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at Caddington Baptist Church Hall.

Linda Edwards

Future Meeting Dates:-

- 18th February Boccia (In House)
- 18th March What's that Smell with Maggie Lines
- 15th April Let your Eyes help your Ears with Molly Berry

To keep you up to date, we had Diane Bell from the National Trust speaking to us on "Festive Fun" last November (seems ages ago now!) Diane showed us slides and gave a talk on the history of the subject including why the Sun has been so important to people since the beginning of time. We all need heat and light to survive. Years and years ago notice was taken of the winter solstice in that when it was getting lighter and things started to grow, people grew healthier. There were explanations of happenings around the world. Things which we just take for granted were very important then. We were brought up to date with the penny stamp, which the Victorians brought in, why the postmen wore red and many more stories. Our competition of a Christmas tree decoration was won by Lou Cobb.

On 10th December we were entertained by the Dunstable Ladies Choir. Once again it was an outstanding performance and the musical director, Richard Heyes, had us all singing along to the carols. Later we had our usual cakes (these always go down well with a cuppa) and a raffle. Thanks go to the choir for such an excellent evening and we look forward to the next one.

At our Christmas group meeting, some of us sat down on stage for a Teddy Bears' picnic. Our other groups also performed songs and poems. Thanks to the ladies who joined in.



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We are looking forward to you joining us as this year the Brownies celebrate their 100th Birthday!

The Big Brownie Birthday

Girl Guiding UK's website says that the Brownie section is now 100 years old and they are marking it by holding "The Big Brownie Birthday". This celebration brings exciting opportunities and events to the nearly a quarter of a million Brownies in the UK. It involves activity badges, days out and other exciting experiences.

Local man beats 120 contestants to become Chef Manager of the Year.

Christopher Plummer was born in Slip End and attended Slip End School. *His family is still in the village and known to many. I expect they can give more details if you ask. Congratulations are clearly in order.*

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We are going from strength to strength and currently working together to present our first photography exhibition to be held on 22nd February 2014 at the Village Hall in Slip End from 1pm to 4pm. Please come along, enjoy a cup of tea and take a look at some of our work. Look out for our posters around the village (and in the magazine).

Our next meeting is 18th February, 8pm at Slip End Social Club. The theme for this meeting will be "Know your camera". If you were lucky enough to get a new camera for Christmas or want to dust the cobwebs off your old one, come along with your

camera and get lots of tips and hints and ideas of how to compose a fantastic image. We have members with all types of cameras; compact digital to Digital SLRs. If you have any questions, we will try and help you.

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Firstly we would like to wish all of our customers a very Happy New Year!

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“Movember”, the month formerly known as November, is when brave and selfless men around the world grow a moustache, all to raise awareness and funds for men's health - specifically prostate and testicular cancer. Doug, the landlord, took part and grew a great moustache, and raised £100 for the charity Prostate Cancer UK .

A group of 16 regulars had a day out at Towcester Horse racing. They all had a great day out and a few even came back with a win. They enjoyed a buffet of two different types of curry, rice, French bread and cheese & biscuits to help them warm themselves after a long day out.

Christmas day was a full house here at The Plough. Those who had booked to celebrate Christmas here with their family and friends left some really nice comments on how great the food was and what a great afternoon they all had, and will be back again soon.

Dot Nelson from Elaine Gardens arranged a Christmas Party Meal for 33 people on the 4th January and chose a 3 course Christmas dinner. Dot has arranged a group annual meal out every year, for the last ten years. They chose us for this year's event. They said they

enjoyed the night out and they all said what good food and what a great evening they all had.

We would like to wish Fiona Woods, a long time customer, a Happy 50th Birthday. She celebrated with friends and family with a Birthday party here at the Plough. It seemed that they all had a wonderful time celebrating her birthday with a DJ and her own buffet . Happy Birthday Fiona!

Got a Birthday or special occasion coming up this year? Why not have it at The Plough? Venue is FREE! We also have a marquee available to hire at a very reasonable cost during the summer months. For more information please call 01582 720239 and ask for Doug or Melissa or email us at doug.hay@btconnect.com

With recent press with regards to the Food Hygiene Ratings in Luton and Bedfordshire, We are pleased to announce that The Plough has been awarded 5 Stars as usual . You can find all the ratings at www.food.gov.uk

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Mothers' Day is on Sunday 30th March. Make sure you get your booking in as early as possible to get your first choice time. There is always a great atmosphere at the Frog and the pub is always fully booked on this day.

If you have an up coming celebration, get in touch with Paul at the Frog. The pub can offer a range of buffets, barbecues or sit down meals to suit every pocket. They can also arrange decorations and entertainment and there is never a hire charge.

The Rising Sun

There was a 60's and 70's Karaoke and fancy dress night to celebrate New Year's Eve. The entrance fee was to bring something that would have been at a Buffet in the 60's or 70's and bring it in Tupperware for the table.

Everyone made an effort and all had a great time.

On Saturday 25th January the pub held a Burns Night evening—hopefully we can have more details next month.

There are various events being held over the next month:-

Sat 1st Feb Karaoke with Jema 8pm

Sat 8th Feb Disco with Martin 8pm

Friday 14th Feb "Mr and Mrs Quiz" 8pm with a prize of Dinner for 2

Sat 15th Feb Live Music *First Time Lucky*

Sat 22nd Feb Live Music *Sons of the Late Colonel*

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Tuesday - Quiz Night

Wednesday—Football

Thursday—Darts

Friday—Free Juke box from 8pm

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The Social Club hosts meetings for several clubs and groups in the Parish. See their advert for information.

A Note from Caddington Surgery

As we get more into the New Year we tend to think about what lies ahead and where to focus our efforts...even if we didn't make resolutions in time for Jan 1st!

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As for the team at the surgery you will have noticed many changes and we are truly grateful for your patience with the various transitions. We are looking forward to welcoming our new nurse Jo Banaghan and new GP's Doctor Andrew Hart, Doctor Zoe Houston and Doctor Jackie Bishop in February. Our resolution is to work to make the transitions as smooth as possible so please bear with us!

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Dr Tara Verity on behalf of the Caddington Surgery team

December 2013 Crime Statistics for Slip End Parish

Violence against the Person – 4

Domestic Burglary - 1

Burglary Other - 0

Vehicle Crime - 0

Other Theft - 0

Criminal Damage - 0

Drugs - 0

Total - 5

ASB – No antisocial behaviour reported in December.

Domestic Burglary: Claydown Way – Rear door smashed and TV taken along with miscellaneous currency and Cigars

Violence against the person: Ross Way - Public order. Markyate Road – Common Assault. Ross Way- Common Assault. Ross Way – ABH (Assault)

Theft: Mobile Phone Stolen at Party at unknown location

The Parish Council is sent regular updates by the Police about reported crime in the area. We intend to publish these in the magazine if there is space to do so. We would like to encourage people to take care of their property and premises and be watchful of any strangers who look as if they have no reason for being in your area.

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In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing publications and services which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury. Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may even be a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group. For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

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Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

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

Fri 14th Valentines Day—meals at our local pubs BOOK EARLY!

Sat 15th Live Music at the Rising Sun

Mon 17th Gardening Club AGM followed by Speaker presentation. Village Hall 7.45pm

Tues 18th Slip End Photography Group Slip End Social Club 8pm

Tues 18th Boccia at Caddington W.I. Baptist Church Hall 7.30pm

Sat 22nd Live Music at the Rising Sun

MAR

Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

Tues 4th Pancake Party St. Andrew's Church 5pm - 7:30pm

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

Tues 18th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30 pm

Sun 30th Mothering Sunday—BOOK EARLY for lunches at the pubs

APRIL

Mon 7th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

Tues 8th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm

Tues 15th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm

JULY

Sat 12th Parish Open Gardens Day 11-5pm

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



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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