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Open Gardens

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Current members with the "oldest Brownie"



Busy Summer!



Encouraging the up and coming tennis players!



Editors' Notes

Welcome back after the busy Summer break. Cover pictures include photos from the Playing Fields Open Day, Open Gardens, Big Brownie Birthday Celebrations and a Photography Group outing to Pitstone Windmill... Now is the time when many will be returning to school, college and university or maybe taking on new challenges. Good luck to all.

This issue is a full one. There were many activities during the break, Playing Fields and Tennis Open Day, the Open Gardens, commemorative events for the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War on 4th August. On the subject of commemoration, I attended "*Lest We Forget*", a wartime review with music, at Dunstable Little Theatre in July. It was a story about people from a small rural village; how they were encouraged as a group of "Pals" to sign up, then what happened to them during the War and the impact on them and their families. It was a very moving and well presented production and a reminder of why we should "remember them".



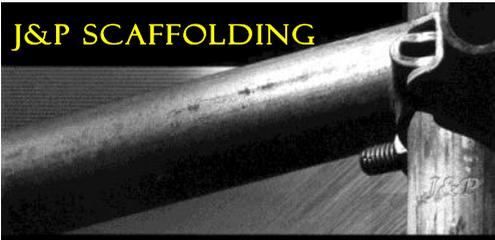
In Memoriam, an evening of music, poetry and reflection was held on 2nd August at St Andrew's Church. Poetry and music were often used to help people cope with their feelings about the conflict and the horror of war. Popular songs of the time rallied people and buoyed them up.



It was an excellent evening with a varied mix of instrumental music, a selection of war poetry, sing along songs and a number of humorous items from the "Wipers Times", a rather satirical newspaper produced by, and for, soldiers at the Front. Musical items were performed by the St Andrew's Singers and instrumentalists Hilary Barnes (piano), Sylvia Harland (violin), Iain Pullinger (flute) and Eileen Crapnell (flute). Some items were also arranged by Hilary. The readings and poems were performed by other church members. The whole evening was put together by Hilary and Chris Barnes and Chris was an excellent compere, explaining the background to the poets and composers. As part of the evening Chris spoke of the impact of the War on our Parish and how many households were affected by loss, injury or simply involvement of family members. We hope to use some of the research material found for this as part of our Remembrance tribute in November.

During the interval there were refreshments "of the era", including delicacies such as Marmite straws, fish paste sandwiches and rock cakes among other items, all deliciously prepared by Mary Barker and her team.

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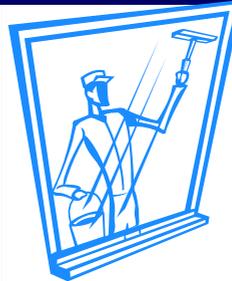
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Slip End & District Community Projects Group (CPG)

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 don't have to come along every month, but your ideas and views are important to us. Drop in, we are a relaxed bunch and there is drink available



The Good Neighbour Scheme

reported 43 jobs in July, some of these were for new clients so the scheme is becoming more well know and used. We have plenty of volunteers waiting to help, so please don't think that you're not entitled, give them a call! **07513 372 415**

Slip End Photography Group

meets every third Tuesday of the month officially at the Social Club in New Street, pop along and sign up if you are interested – new members are always very welcome. For more information on joining, call Norman Homewood on 01582 452851



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Find us, 'like' us and be kept up to date with information about the Parish - **Slip End Parish Community page.**

The Parish **website** is a great source of information on clubs, groups, local news etc - check it out at www.slipend.co.uk



On Wednesday 23rd July I popped along to the Village Hall to see our **Brownie** Pack head off on their commemorative walk to celebrate 100 years of the Brownies organisation. 'Wise Owl' Gill Plummer did a wonderful job organising the event - well done!

The Chatty Club meets at the Frog & Rhubarb every Tuesday 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! If you would like more information, call Paul Cooper on 01582 452722.



The Youth Club starts back again on Wednesday 10th September 2014., 6.00pm at

The Peter Edwards Hall. This quarter there is a Rounders Match, Party-In-The Field, Pancake Night and a Hallowe'en Special. Prices still £2 per child, flyers available on opening night.

And Finally...

A huge 'Congratulations' to three of our Parishioners.



Congratulations!

Firstly to **Mick & Gill Plummer** who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 3rd August 2014 - 50 years married, what an achievement!



And secondly, to **May King** who celebrated her 100th Birthday on Friday 15th August 2014. We hope you had a lovely party.

Sarah Minnighan - Chairman



Neighbourhood Watch

After a successful first meeting in June, Carol Brennan, our Area Coordinator, along with all our Street Coordinators, has been hard at work getting the word out to the residents of the Parish.

Your Parish has a scheme, join it! The more residents that join the better. It doesn't have to be time consuming, its about being aware of anything suspicious, reporting it where appropriate and trying to reduce crime.

We have Street Coordinators for most if not all roads in the Parish (Pepperstock runs its own separate scheme). Your Street Coordinator should have made themselves known to you by now but if you're not sure ask Carol.

If you do see something that makes you stop and think then you have a couple of options: You can contact Carol via email to report the problem at carolbrennan74@aol.com or you can email any member of the Parish Council (see opposite) and they can pass it on. **Or you can call the non-emergency Police number 101.**

If it looks wrong, it probably is wrong!



Slip End Parish Council

The Parish Council meets the first Monday in the month (except in August and Bank Holidays when it is a week later) at the Village Hall at 7.00pm. More information can be found on the website www.slipend.co.uk.



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Crime Statistics for July

- Violence against the Person - 1
- Robbery - 0
- Domestic Burglary - 1
- Burglary Other - 1
- Vehicle Crime - 3
- Other Theft - 3
- Criminal Damage - 0
- Drugs - 0
- Other Notifiable Offences - 0
- Total - 9



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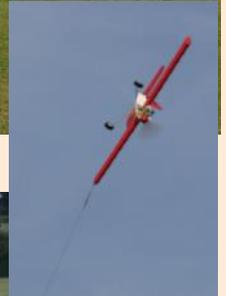
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Playing Fields Open Day

It was a little disappointing to see how few people made it to the Playing fields in June. Visitors who did attend were able to try out a game of tennis (see Luke and Henry on the cover picture), have a go at Archery, watch the Chiltern Flyers' model aeroplanes and admire the photography group's pictures on display as well as find out about other local activities (GNS, Youth Club and more). Lovely teas were served in the Church and there was a tombola in aid of Operation Christmas Child.



Wally Allsop

WALTER HENRY ALLSOP

21st September 1920 – 16th July 2014



Many of you will have known Wally – a wonderful character who served the village of Slip End faithfully for many years. He enjoyed a full and healthy life, surrounded by the love of family and many friends and it was a befitting tribute to him that so many attended his funeral on 29th July, some even standing outside to listen.

Wally grew up in a farming community with one brother and four sisters and loved to reminisce about these early days of his life. When he became old enough, he loved to go the village dance on a Saturday night where he developed great dancing skills. It was here in Suffolk too, where he was introduced to his passion of cycle racing.

He volunteered for the RAF at the outbreak of WW2. His dad had always been a welcome influence on him and had advised him to volunteer before being called up, to be assured of a place in the RAF. During the war Wally

served in many places including Iceland, the Azores, Ireland and many airfields in the UK. Wally worked on the bomber aircraft and had enormous admiration and respect for the bomber crews (and in particular, the rear gunners) many of whom never returned. Years after, he frequently spoke of their courage.

After the war he came to Luton and joined a local Joinery company, Long Brothers in Mill Street, as a carpenter/joiner apprentice. He lived in digs during this period and continued his dancing, eventually teaching dancing at the Mecca Ballroom in London. It was Wally's love of dancing that introduced him to Muriel. He would go to the regular dance nights at the British Legion Hall in Leagrave Road and it was on one such evening that Muriel 'clocked' Wally. It was the turn for the ladies to ask a man to dance and Muriel saw her chance and ran to overtake her friend who was heading for Wally also, thus winning the most momentous race of her life and her first dance with Wally!

Suffolk boy met Luton girl and love grew. They were married in Luton on 5th June 1948 and there began the 'Allsop Dynasty' we have today. In their early days, Wally bought a tandem bike which they rode together - Muriel, leading from behind, which she has been doing ever since! They regularly rode the tandem from Luton to Lakenheath to visit Wally's family.

In the early days, whilst working on a house in Old Bedford Road he met Mrs Primett who recognised his integrity and carpentry skills and offered Wally a loan so he could develop his business - Wally started what is now a great family building business. At first calling his business 'Allprime Woodworks' but after repaying Mrs Primett her loan, he changed the name to what we all know today.

Wally & Muriel's entrepreneurial skills soon developed and they left Farley Hill to move to Cambridge Street in the Park Town area of Luton where Muriel ran their corner shop and Wally bought a workshop next door. and opened a hardware store which they ran for several years, alongside bringing up their four young children.

Work aside, Wally was a wonderful family man too. Many happy years were spent together as a family, on picnics with extended families, camping holidays and having days out watching motorbike racing & scrambling. All the children today still speak of those very happy childhood holidays, especially in Wells, Norfolk.

Wally fulfilled his wish to live in a village again with fields around him in 1960 when the family moved to Slip End and loved his life here and soon became involved in village life. He served on the committee of the Slip End Village Hall as Treasurer for over 40 years. Along with Muriel, he was a mainstay at all the Village Hall dances - being the first on the floor at the start of the evening and last off...

He carried out many repairs at St Andrew's Church and in early 1970, on the advice of the vicar, Dennis Cooper, Wally put in a quote for building the new Vicarage. Wally was at first reluctant - it was a big step up from what he was doing, but encouraged by Dennis, he successfully won the work to build the Vicarage which subsequently led to him building new Vicarages in surrounding villages, including Caddington and Kensworth.

The year of 1970 was a milestone for Wally and Muriel for another reason too, as a new baby boy arrived bringing much joy - and surprise - to their now 'complete' family of one girl and four boys. As the family business grew, with Stuart, John, Robert and Gillian's husband Dick now on the payroll, Wally became a respected member of the Building Industry community. Architects would turn to Wally for advice in solving any building challenges. He was invited by the National Federation of Builders to become a judge for the Craftsmanship Annual Award, a task he was extremely proud to do.

From the late 1970s till just a few years ago, Wally was an active Luton Town Supporter, winning Supporter of the Year in 1987. He enthusiastically followed Luton Town's fortunes up and down the country with his sons and friends and became one of the Town's sponsors and for many years had a box in the stadium. It was very fitting that David Pleat was at his funeral to read the wonderful Eulogy of Wally.

It had always been important to Wally to employ local lads from school and bring them on through the apprenticeship schemes. A policy still carried on today. Many are still working for Allsops while others have gone on to become successful in their own right. Wally never really retired and up to his final days regularly discussed with his sons how work was going and was always delighted when he knew there was plenty in the pipeline. Up until recent years he was a regular visitor on the Allsop sites. At times, he would despair of seeing nails and screws lying around on the floor or the untidy state of a van. He said he always judged a tradesman by his toolbox and, coming from the old school of Master Builder in a collar and tie, he held on to his own very exacting standards which he passed on to his sons and many others.

In Wally's final years, he was blessed with having Muriel to care for him, which she tirelessly did until the end. He loved sitting in his favourite armchair by the window overlooking his garden and fishpond, and watching all sports and music on his large TV. He was happy chatting away to anyone and everyone, and of course, being blessed with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who all, without exception, loved his company, the house was always filled with laughter and chat on which he thrived. Wally's greatest gift was being a wonderful Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad to all the children in his life. He was full of fun and always laughing - his

sound of laughter we are missing already. Wally was surrounded with the love of a big family, 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was blessed to have his beloved wife of 66 years, his children and all his grandchildren around his bedside when he peacefully passed away. With him were Muriel, Gillian, Stuart, John, Robert and Ian and all his Grandchildren: Simon, Sally, Daniel, Nicola, Richard, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, David, James, Luke, Ricky, Sean and Molly

Wally leaves a wonderful legacy of love, generosity and humour to all his family. He touched everyone's life in so many ways and his memory will live on in each and every one of them. A much loved family man whom this village will greatly miss.

*Those we love remain with us for
love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade
because a loved one's gone.*

*Those we love can never be more
than a thought apart,
for as long as there is*

*memory,
they'll live on in
the heart.*



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

During the summer, as well as the usual Thursday afternoons, the Friendship Club has been out on several outings which have included Southend and Poole and also Windsor.

Windsor was a new location this year and turned out very well. The weather was wonderful and the journey was pleasant as the coach used the "pretty" route. On arrival

people went their separate ways, some going to the town and the castle while others headed towards the river and took the opportunity to have a leisurely cruise.. There was plenty to do to suit all tastes.

After getting back on the coach John, our driver, took us to just outside Slough to a fish restaurant where we were treated to some excellent fish and chips plus the welcome cup of tea or coffee! A delightful day out. Still to come are trips to Bognor and Clacton.

Pam King

Wedding congratulations

Jon and Becky Barker were married on the sunny afternoon of Saturday 28th June at St. Mary's Church in Redbourn.

Many Parish residents will know Jonathan who used to live with his family in Crawley Close in Slip End. He works as a Salesman at Slip End Garage and has been involved in many village and community activities over the years including Beavers, Cubs, school and church. His parents Chris and Mary still live in Crawley Close.



Dates for St Andrew's Church—September

Sun 7th: 10.30am: Cafe Church with Communion: "Communion as fellowship"

Sun 14th: 10.30am: Morning Praise: Asa's journey of faith (Band)
4pm: Ecumenical Harvest Service

Tue 16th: 11am: Caddington Hall care home service

Fri 19th: 2pm: Woodside care home service

Sun 21st: 10.30am: Holy Communion "The Prayer of humble access"
(Organ & singers)

Thurs 25th: 9.30am: Morning Praise

Sun 28th: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Harvest – provision through tithing the first fruits" (Band)

Little Stars for September

Weds 3rd: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30am start:
Little Stars: New Beginnings - Creation

Weds 10th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start:
Little Stars: New Beginnings - Noah

Weds 17th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start:
Little Stars: New Beginnings - Nehemiah

Weds 24th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start:
Little Stars: Harvest

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

St Andrew's Church

World War 1 Commemoration The service on Sunday 3rd August was “In commemoration of the beginning of the First World War”. There was a short presentation of the impact of WW1 on the community of Slip End (showing the number of houses in the area at that time). A lament was played on the bagpipes by Alex Peters of Woodside. The names of those who fell were read out and one of the children, Luke Smith, laid a small bouquet of single blooms of white and pink flowers and sprigs of rosemary at the Memorial. Local Parish Councillors attended



and Simon Patterson did a reading. There were stories of courage read by Cathy and a short film clip. It was a very moving service in remembrance of all those who gave their lives

for this country.

Piper Alex Peters also played his pipes as part of Wally Allsop's funeral service, which was held at St Andrew's.

Baptism Abigail Janice Parslow was baptised on 27th July at St Andrew's Church with many friends and family present. Andy, Rachel and Samuel then shared their day with all their guests at The Peter Edwards Hall after the ceremony on a lovely summers day.

Wedding Joanne Bullen and Roger Tyler from Claydown Way in Slip End were married at St Andrew's Church on 2nd August. They were ably assisted by their baby son Toby.



Slip End Gardening Club

It has been a pretty busy summer since the last report, the highlight being the seventh biennial Parish Open Gardens Day on Sat 12th July. This proved to be the most successful Open Gardens Day to date, making a profit of just over £1000. The profit included receipts from refreshment/produce sales, raffle and various other stalls at open gardens. Once again we had very good weather and over 150 people visited the ten Open Gardens, which contributed to a very successful day. The funds raised will help to pay for future Guest Speakers at meetings and their travelling expenses. In addition the Gardening Club is continuing sponsorship of the Crawley Close flower beds, in front of the bungalows. It was good to have four new gardens out of the ten which opened, which made for a most enjoyable and interesting day for all visitors.

People gained ideas for their own gardens, also got to know/make friends with other people in the village. The Committee wishes to thank those who supported the event, opened their gardens, people who helped them on the day also those who helped man the various stalls. To round off the day, a BBQ was hosted in the evening by Steve & Rosemary Wickens, for the people who opened their gardens, helpers and Committee. The Committee and those who opened their gardens had the opportunity to see the other "open gardens" on the following Mon. and Tues. evenings.

The June Garden visit was to The Manor House, Barton-Le-Clay. This garden was

beautifully landscaped during the 1930's and much interest was created by the picturesque stream, which included a series of waterfalls. Colourful streamside planting included an abundance of arum lilies. There was a sunken garden with lily pond and a magnificent wisteria at the rear of house.

A report on
Capel
Manor
Gardens,
Enfield on
3rd Aug



will be in the next issue.

Future garden visits are given below:-

Sun.14 Sep. - NGS Dragons Glen. Clophill,
(Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

Sun. 19 Oct. - NGS Acer Corner. Wendover,
(Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

PN Gardening Correspondent

GARDENING CLUB

**Monday 15th Sept
8.00pm Village Hall**

Guest Speaker

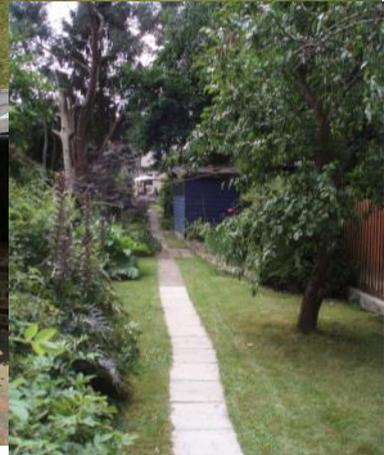
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The gardens had lots of visitors during the day... but many of our photos were taken in the evening light



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Parish Council Notes

WI ladies making boxes at June's meeting

Traffic Calming Update

The statutory consultation period, in respect of all the Traffic Regulation Orders, needed for the various road features and parking restrictions finished a few weeks ago. There were no objections from residents to any of the proposals and so all the features were approved. There were suggestions from some residents that in two locations parking restrictions should be extended slightly. These suggestions are likely to be taken up, subject to further consultations with those who live in the immediate vicinity.

By the time you read this the meeting with various Central Bedfordshire Highways Officers, Ward and Parish Councillors will have taken place on the 29th August. This meeting is to agree the works which are to be included in the first phase.

The extent of the work will, of course, depend on the cost, however, it is hoped that we have sufficient funds to include most if not all the features in Church and Markyate Roads, the yellow lines and parking bays throughout the Parish and implementation of the new 40 mph speed limits in Upper Woodside and Pepperstock.

In the October issue I will let you know what was agreed during the meeting. I am hoping that work will begin in the Autumn, however, I should be able to give a better indication of that in the next issue.

Ken Crossett Chairman



Jason Cunninham

embarks on the toughest fight of his career when he challenges Martin Ward for



the Commonwealth Bantamweight Title at Doncaster Dome on 6th September. Ward, from Durham has an impressive record of 18 out of 21 wins and has World Ranking. The match will be over twelve three minute rounds, the longest Jason has ever fought. Both are training intensively and Jason is confident of acquitting himself well.

Tickets are available at £65 for ringside seats with meal and waitress service and £35 for standard seats. Boxing commences at 6:30pm and there will be 8-10 fights scheduled with Jason's at about 9pm. We hope to take a minibus from the Slip End Social Club. To attend and join the record number of fans from South Beds, contact Pete Ray on 414796 or myself, Tony Strong, on 07739 295228. *(also see note on pub pages)*

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Chatty Club Outing

As a change from our usual venue at the Frog and Rhubarb 15 ladies and one gentleman met up at Harpers at Pepperstock for a Vintage Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 5th August 2014.

All the tables were laid with lovely bone china cups, saucers and plate, and we had three tier cake stands that contained an assortment of sandwiches and sausage roll slices. This was followed by fruit and plain scones with jam and clotted cream and then to finish off little sponge cakes and fruit cake. This was all washed down with as much tea or coffee as you wanted.

Everybody seemed to have a very good time with plenty of chatting as usual and it was a

lovely change and the staff looked after us very well.

Paul had nothing to worry about, we were back with him the week after!

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Gardening



Could have done with a bit more rain in June/July for the garden, nevertheless it came in time for the runner beans which is the important thing! The weather is never going to be perfect for everything and the courgettes like it hot and dry so they did very well this year. Now as summer fades into autumn and the days start to shorten early morning frosts are likely towards the end of the month, so beware.

If you have grown large type dahlias or chrysanthemums it would be a good idea to stake them to stop the wind breaking them and if cutting for the vase do it when the blooms are well opened. If you intend to take cuttings from the root stock of chrysanthemums it is a good idea to label them whilst you can tell what colours they are, or like me you will forget and have to go for pot luck next year! Gladioli corms should be left in the ground to mature until next month, although the tops may turn brown.

Keep dead-heading roses, cuttings can be taken now, about 12" long, remove all the thorns and trim top and bottom leaving just the upper pair of leaves and insert into the soil so that the lowest leaf is just above the soil, these will take about a year to root and be ready to transplant. As annuals start to fade remove them so that spring bedding plants can be planted towards the end of the month, such as wallflowers, polyanthus, forget-me-nots and Sweet Williams. Bulbs such as daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and crocuses can also be planted at the same time. New growth on climbers should be tied in to stop them from getting damaged by the wind, but make ties loose enough to allow for the thickening of the stems as they develop.

Clip hedges of any new growth for the last time and remove any weeds and burn or compost them. You can plant a new hedge from mid-September to mid-October. Give your lawn a bit of TLC by scarifying or use a lawn rake to remove dead and matted debris to let air and

water into the soil and let the nitrifying bacteria in the soil do it's job. Reseed any worn patches and apply an autumn fertiliser to promote a lush growth. Towards the end of the month alpinas can be replanted and this month is a good time to make a rockery. Make sure it is free draining and will not become too wet, as the plants will rot, so make sure there is plenty of rubble as a base and finer rubble as a top layer.

Harvest soft fruit as it ripens and when they have finished fruiting cut out all the old wood and tie in the new shoots. Spring cabbages can be planted out towards the end of the month, plant close together in the rows and as they get going in the spring pull every other one out and use as leaf greens and leave the others to mature and heart up. Apples and pears can be stored if you cannot use them all right now, but make sure the stalk is attached to the fruit (otherwise they will not store well) and the fruit has no blemishes. Wrap them individually in paper and place in a cool, dark, dry place such as a shed, but watch out for mice or they will eat them before you do! Check once a week for any that need discarding or using. Remove any shading from greenhouses as the plants will require more light and the sun starts to lose its fierce heat.

Potatoes should now be harvested, pick a dry day and leave newly dug potatoes on the ground to dry off for an hour or so, then pack away for use during the winter. Do not store any potatoes that have been attacked by slugs or ones that have been hit by the fork as they will not keep. Store in a cool dry place and as dark as possible to stop them going green. They will need checking during the winter to sort out any that are rotting and discard these as they will affect the other healthy ones.

Not enough room in your garden to grow all the things you would like to, then why not take on an allotment? There are plots available and now is a good time to take one on and get it ready for next season. If you are interested then contact Derrick Worsley 736892 or Steve Wickens 423622.

Russell Sproul

Congratulations !

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Gillian
and
Michael
Plummer
In 2014...



... and 1964.



(I love this photo, found in the album they lent me. 50 years

on, the smiles are definitely the same! Ed)

Gillian and Michael Plummer celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 3rd August. 50 years ago this was Bank Holiday Monday. They were married at St Andrew's Church and the reception was at the Village Hall, where they are now Chairperson, Booking secretary and caretakers!



They were both born in the village and attended the local school and Pepperstock Baptist Chapel. They had three children, Paula, Neil (who sadly died at 15 months) and Christopher. They now have four grandchildren, Zoe, Courtney, Sean and Amy, who are always wanting to be transported to or from somewhere in the 'so called' "Grandad's Taxi". Michael enjoys his bowls, Gillian helps at Slip End School and after 42 years is still involved with Brownies.

They spent their anniversary with their family at Weston-Super-Mare where they spent their honeymoon.

Best wishes to them both. Clearly keeping busy is a recipe for happiness!

**The Brownies are organising
a Tea / Coffee Evening
in aid of
Macmillan Cancer Support
on
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Brownie 100 Year Celebrations



Brownies or Brownies themselves, though not in this Parish. The Brownies dressed in a selection of uniforms from over the years, supplied by the Bedfordshire archives

May King, who was the “oldest Brownie” and guest of honour, cut the cake. Gill pointed out that May would shortly be celebrating her 100th Birthday as well. Gill thanked everyone for coming and also thanked Sarah Minnighan, who arranged the road closures, along with others who assisted with the parade.

Gill Plummer, known as Wise Owl, has been involved with the 1st Woodside Brownies for 42 of the 100 years! At one point there were two Brownie packs. Pictured with Gill are Jeanne Wain (a County Commissioner), Barbara Ray (a former Leader) and Mary Meacham (Gill’s first District Commissioner).

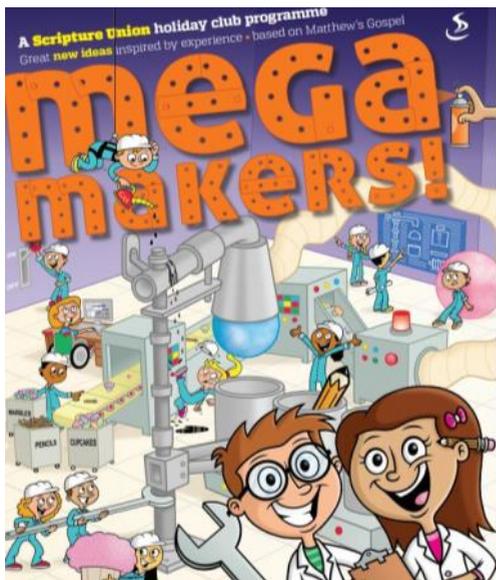
Girlguiding UK is celebrating the Big Brownie Birthday (100years) around the country in many ways with camps, activities and parties. Gill Plummer organised a parade around the village followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Current and former Brownies were invited to join in and bring a candle, to make 100 of them. Other friends joined in, many of whom were either parents of former



Well done to Gill for organising this event and for giving up her time and energy for all the many girls involved over the past years. Grateful thanks must also go to all the other helpers and the current Leaders, Paula, Debbie, Sandra and Young Leaders, Zoe and Courtney.





St Andrew's Slip End Autumn Half Term Holiday Club October 30th / 31st

Holiday club is most suited to children from Reception to Year 4, but others are welcome—if the numbers allow. There are all the usual activities and more! We would also wish to advise you that this year we would appreciate a minimum donation of £10 per child - but this is for 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 on receipt of the registration form.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

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<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>Yes/No</i>
<i>I give my permission for my child to appear on group photographs</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>please state if your child is allergic to anything</i>	
<i>please state if your child has a sensitivity to flashing lights</i>	<i>Yes/No/ Unsure</i>

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates

September

Tuesday 2nd

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 7th

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest

11.00am Sunday School Communion

Tuesday 9th

10.00am-12.00noon 'Cakes & Company'

Saturday 13th

10.30am Churches Heritage Trust

Walk & Lunch

2.30pm Caddington Village Show

Aley Green Church Preserve Stall and
Hamper Raffle

Sunday 14th

No morning service or Sunday School

4.00pm Ecumenical Harvest Festival Service

St Andrews, Woodside

Monday 15th

7.30pm Fellowship Meeting

Led by Mike Bull

Sunday 21st

Harvest Festival Family Service

11.00am Morning Service - Ben Williams

Monday 22nd

7.30pm Auction of Harvest produce for

Water Aid

Wednesday 24th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of

Methodist Relief & Development Fund

Friday 26th

Macmillan

3.00pm Cake Stall & Tombola

outside Caddington Village School

6.30pm Coffee Evening

Sunday 28th

11.00am Morning Service - Martin Wallis

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

On Sunday 29th June our young people performed 'Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo' (with a little help from some members of our choir). The Rev Jenny Spouge gave the address and praised the children for such good performances. An offering was taken for Junior Mission for All and raised £86.

Throughout July and August we were able to welcome lots of friends and visitors to our services and events, the earlier start of 9.30am didn't put people off!

Our fundraising in June was for Methodist Homes for the Age. The Coffee Evening raised £67, pew envelopes £22 and cake and preserve sales £33. The July Coffee Evening made £80 with the pew envelopes adding a further £40.70 for Action for Children.

September is always a busy month for us at Aley Green Church. The produce is coming in thick and fast from our 2.5 allotments and will need to be turned into Jams, Jellies, Chutney and of course our very popular Piccalilli. The preserve team will be putting in hours of work with preparing cooking bottling and labelling. A full range of our preserves will be on sale at the Village Show raising funds for Methodist Homes. Do come along and treat yourself to a jar or two.

Our young people will be running the Macmillan Coffee Evening this month with games and tombola plus all the usual goodies. Do come along and join in the fun and help them to raise money for this very worthy cause.

Earlier in the day there will be a cake stall and tombola outside Caddington Village School from 3.00pm.



We look forward to seeing you at our services and events through the month.

God Bless from all at Aley Green.

Ann

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Hilda Keens

Hilda was born in Upper Woodside in 1917 and baptised Gertrude (though she has always been known as Hilda), in the Baptist Chapel at Woodside. She had 7 sisters and 2 brothers and had a happy childhood, Her sister



May remembers her as "Happy as a Lark." She went to Slip End School and was always lively, always busy and very active and no trouble at all.

When she left school she worked in the Hat trade, as so many did from this area. She and May used to rush across Church Road just in time to catch the bus. She loved dancing, in fact was dance mad, and went to dances in Harpenden and London. She and May would get the last bus back to London Road and walk home together. She also went to see ice hockey matches and would then go on the ice after the match, skating as long as the ice lasted.

She never married but she liked a man's company and liked dancing with them, but she never wanted to be married, she was content as she was.

The family lived in Church Road since the 1920's – sadly her Dad was killed in a bicycle accident in the village in 1928 by a motorist at the cross roads. Hilda remained living with her Mum and in fact, lived there for the rest of her life. May joined her to help look after her Mum and Hilda and May have shared the home together for something like 50 years.

She was involved in the war work for Brown and Greens and at the Woolwich Arsenal, May remembered the work of making

bombs out of iron as really dirty work. It was probably the only time Hilda worked outside the environs of the village. For most of her life though she continued to work in the hat trade for Waterman and Bakers, sometimes working in the factory and sometimes doing piece work at home. She was also a good gardener and used to like growing her own vegetables. However, she never liked cooking them and luckily May was the one who did the cooking.

Hilda was described as, happy though strong willed, and if she didn't want to do something, she didn't. As Hilda got older she enjoyed the Friendship Club and Wednesday nights at the Social Club playing Bingo.

She had a fall in December and spent Christmas in Hospital, then was looked after at Woodside Residential home.

Hilda was a very integral part of the village, and rarely apart from May. They were often out and about and opened the first Village Day together. They were often at the Harvest Suppers in the Village Hall where they would join in with the communal singing. Hilda was well loved and will be greatly missed. It seems sad that she will miss her sister May's big birthday at the Social Club when she reaches 100 years, but Hilda did reach 97, a great achievement by any standards.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear*





Photography Group

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Do you fancy getting to know more about your camera? Do you want to learn more about technique and how to achieve an interesting photograph? Get out your camera and bring it along to Slip End Photography Group. It really doesn't matter what type of camera you own, "skinny rib", bridge style or DSLR, one of our members will try and help



you with any questions you may have.

During the summer

months, we meet on a Tuesday at 7pm and use the warm summer evenings to get out and about with our cameras and learn to take better pictures and whilst the weather has been good, we have been out and about

snapping in various places ranging from the beautiful Pitstone Windmill, Bulbourne Canal, Tring Reservoirs and Wheathampstead Village. Our members have been so enthusiastic and judging from the standard of pictures seen so far, their technique and creativity has improved immensely.



When the weather is not so good, we meet at

Slip End Social Club and often have guest speakers or watch an instruction DVD to enhance our skills and knowledge. Over the past few months, the Slip End Photography Group has been producing a calendar for 2015. This will contain photographs taken by our members in and around our Parish. The date section will have space to write important dates and reminders. These calendars will be available from mid November at a reasonable price. Please help support our group and purchase our calendar. For further information please call Norman Homewood on 01582 452851




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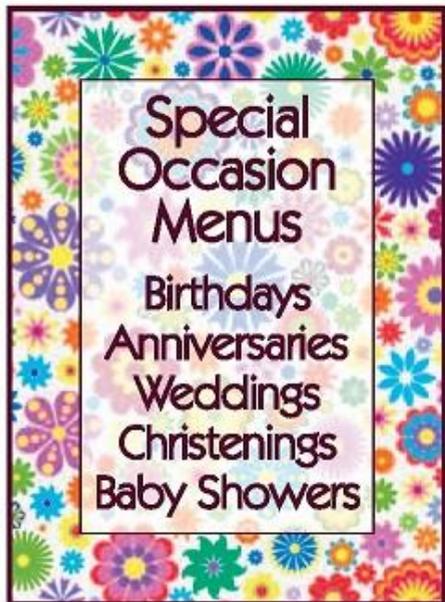


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The Rising Sun

Some dates for you:-

September 6th live music with Vontraps

September 13th live music with 360

September 20th back by popular demand, Sons of the Late Connell

September 27th live music with The Little Chinos

We have a number of birthdays in the village this month, so there will be a few birthday bashes going on. We also have another Hen party after the great success of that of Natalie Wise. A great night was had by all. Even if a few tried to put a dampener on the night, it was still a great success.

By the time this issue is out we will have had our fund raising bank holiday weekend so we will let you all know how it goes in the next issue. Look out for photos of Adrian with loads of hair and then none!

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The Plough

There is a free BBQ in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity September 13th, from 3pm. Everyone welcome!

The Christmas Menu is now available, bookings are from December the 1st to 23rd December for Lunch & Evening Parties. On Christmas Day Lunch is a 3 course meal. (see advert for details)

With the nice warm summer we have been busy in the garden with the marquee. We had Baby Rose Marie's Christening. Mum and Dad arranged a BBQ for all the family and friends. They all enjoyed their day and Baby Rose Marie looked very cute in her outfit.

Ben and Rebecca Brown held Summer's birthday in the marquee, Summer had all her friends running around playing birthday games and they all enjoyed the food and cake.

Rachel Catin and Brice Martin had their second wedding here at the Plough. They both live in America, and have been married for two years but as Rachel's parents and family were not there for the first wedding they arranged a blessing and a reception for when they came over for their holiday.



They had their wedding blessed at St Andrew's in Slip End, then came back to the beautiful dressed marquee at the Plough. Rachel looked stunning in her dress.



Everyone who joined in the celebrations enjoyed the day and all wish the happy couple a very happy future together.

We would like to wish both our Domino and Darts Teams the best of luck for the new season ahead.

Bingo every Monday at 3pm. Everyone welcome! Roasts are available every day.

The Social Club

Celebrations took place at the Social Club on Friday 15th August to help May King celebrate her 100th birthday.



Parish News sends her many congratulations!



Tony Strong reports that all supporters from the Social Club and the area will be greeted personally by Jason Cunningham if they are attending his next fight on 6th September. Jason also thanks everyone in advance for their encouragement and support.

“A Walk down the Ridgeway”

Claire & Mark Sutton

This account, received during the summer break, appears in an edited format, due to lack of space. Ed.

I was out walking with my mum, Doris, her dog and my mother-in-law's dog in Badgerdell Woods, Chaul End. Mum was reflecting on the time she had walked part of the South West Coastal path some 10 years earlier. She said that something she had always wanted to do was to walk the Ridgeway path. A few phone calls and internet searches later... my three brothers, my sister and brother-in-law and I all felt we should mark her upcoming 80th birthday with something memorable! ...walking the 87 mile Ridgeway path with her and the dog in June! Finding accommodation to host Tilly, the dog, was the most difficult bit but the the National Trails website people came up trumps.

Our party decided it was best to travel out to near Swindon and walk our way back towards Ivinghoe Beacon rather than the other way round. Assembling the family from the South West corner of England, the Isle of Man and more locally Woodside, Aley Green and Caddington went remarkably smoothly. The first day's walk was the shortest but there were still some tired feet and bodies as we headed into the village of Ogbourn St George for our first overnight stay. The inn was the kind of familiar village pub you see all over the country.... By the end of the night we were happily chatting with the locals...

On day 2... we settled down in a field after a couple of hours walking near what, on first

glance, looked like a pill box perched in a commanding position high up on a hill. On closer inspection we mused if it was an old gun emplacement protecting Swindon and the surrounding area, it was certainly a location that had great line of sight for miles in a great arc across a wide green valley. Its former purpose, perhaps at the Country's greatest hour of need, was now mellowed by the pretty wild flowers, moths, butterflies and birds that adorned the lovely hill. The second night's stay was at the White Horse at Woolstone. The pub, named fittingly after the iconic 3000 year old white horse carved into the hill at Uffington, had many photos of this ancient monument... The following day we walked onto the area where the white horse was carved and the skill taken to make it became apparent. It wasn't a flat green canvas where one could stand at one end of this great picture imaging how it might look from the distance. The surface went up and down over small hills and bumps where only a small section of the carving could be seen at any one time, maybe part of a leg or a neck.

The highlight of the walk, for me, came later that day upon entering the Iron age hill fort known as Segsbury castle. Just a few yards off the Ridgeway track a small notice indicated the land owner had only recently in 2012 granted access to the general public. We climbed the steep outer rampart of the hill fort and were greeted by a flat circle of land awash with tall daisies swaying in the gentle breeze.

Day 4 took us into some quite different scenery, large light lilac fields full of

purposely farmed poppies stood tall under the searing June heat whilst swathes of the more familiar red poppies broke the ranks of the by now yellowing cereal crops. We crossed the River Thames at Streatley and Goring and wandered along the river... Day 5 we walked along the impressive ancient defensive earthworks known as Grims Ditch formed out of chalk, it went on for several miles... Mum was thrilled by the offer pinned to the outside of the church in Nuffield...The church, somewhat reminiscent of Caddington's, encouraged thirsty walkers to help themselves to a well earned cup of tea to be made in the church in exchange for a donation to the roof fund. Day 6 the climb into the Chilterns began and the views from the top of wide open chalk downland interspersed with wonderful woods began to have the more familiar feeling of home. . Day 7 took us past Chequers, the Prime Minister's country retreat and by the end of the day our target Ivinghoe Beacon was finally in sight. On day 8 we climbed the final ascent of the Beacon to the end of the walk. Tired limbs, aching feet and sore everything else but a very warm feeling of having shared such a wonderful experience on the eve of Mum's 80th year.

Travelling the Ridgeway we met many walkers, runners, cyclist and horse riders going in the opposite

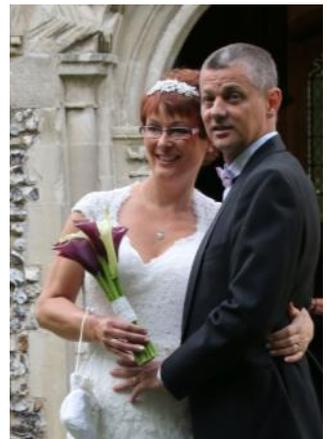


direction. There was also an impressive array of volunteers maintaining the signs, clipping back the hedges and generally making things better for us.

It has always been a standing quip that when ever we come home from some picturesque corner of the UK, upon entering Woodside we always say "Oh this is a nice village" The truth is, that the Parishes of Caddington and Slip End really are blessed with some wonderful scenery, walks, cafes and pubs along with a myriad of local people organising things that we can all take pleasure from. We might not have the prestige or stunning views of the 5,000 year old Ridgeway trail but we are fortunate to have some really quite beautiful scenery on our doorstep. I do hope that the planned Heritage Trail mentioned in the Neighbourhood Planning Leaflet received recently will help more people to appreciate what a great place this is to live.

Wedding congratulations

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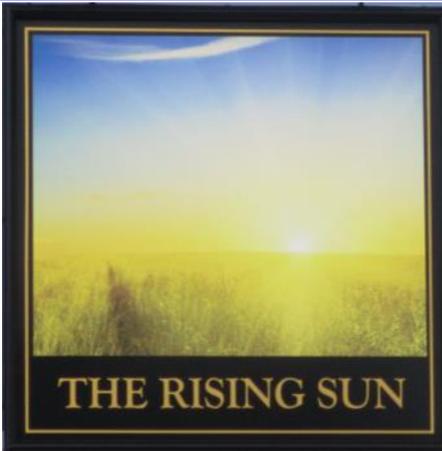
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Wed 10th Youth Club restarts this evening
Sat 13th Caddington Village Show Heathfield Community Centre pm
Sun 14th Garden Club visit Meet Rising Sun Car Park 1:30pm
Mon 15th Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm
Wed 24th Brownies' Tea & Coffee Evening in aid of Macmillan Village Hall 6pm
Fri 26th Harvest Supper Village Hall 7:00 for 7:30pm
Macmillan Cake Stall Caddington School 3pm
Macmillan Coffee Evening Aley Green Church 6:30pm

OCT

- Mon 6th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Tues 14th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Sun 19th Garden Club visit Meet Rising Sun Car Park 1:30pm
30/31 Holiday Club St Andrew's Church (see poster and registration form)

NOV

- Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Tues 11th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Mon 17th Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm
Sat 29th Craft Fayre Village Hall



Wheelie Bins:- Black Bins & glass: Put out on Friday 12th, 26th Sept

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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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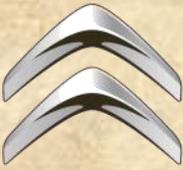
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