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## PARISH NEWS

April 2015

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## Editors' Notes

In the last issue we mentioned that Katrina Doubleday, who has been coordinating the Adverts for the Parish News, has left the committee due to work commitments. Again, we would like to say thank you to her for her hard work and her time.

We have been fortunate to find a replacement fairly quickly which is good news.

Welcome to Jo Moss, *(right in the photo,*



*along with Katrina),* who lives in Brickhill South. We have spent

some time explaining the tasks and she will soon be getting to grips with the lists and invoices! Thank you Jo!

As it is the end of the financial year, all our current advertisers should soon be receiving (or may already have) renewal notices and invoices for the coming year.

I decided that the gloomy and cold weather means we need cheering up. Following a trip to Anglesey Abbey in Cambridge and a walk around the village I have gathered some spring flowers for this month's cover. Sadly the daffodils had not really begun to appear in great quantities when I was out with my camera, though I found some of the smaller variety in the box on the corner of Ross Way.

## Attempted Robbery at the Corner Shop

Some people may have seen in the local press and news that our corner shop in Slip End was the victim of an attempted robbery at the end of February.

Fortunately no-one was hurt and nothing taken due to the brave action of staff, who chased off the perpetrators. Well done to them! Anil Mittal has posted notices thanking them and the customers of the Rising Sun for their help. Similar offences took place in various areas of Luton.

According to the Community

Facebook pages arrests have since been made.



## St Andrew's Coffee Morning In aid of Luton Food Bank

**Saturday 18th April 2015  
10 am to noon**

**Tea , coffee, cake  
Plus crafts and activities for children**

An opportunity to find out more about the local Food Bank and to contribute to its work



## Village Hall

Lots of hard work was being done, on 18th March, in the grounds of the Hall to improve the outdoor facilities for the playgroup. Sue Briggs sent these photos to include.



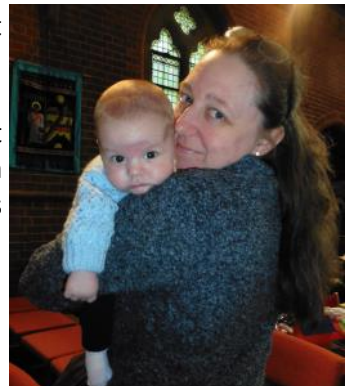
**Parish Council** Look out for a Parish Council update next month. We may also have some news from the sessions about the Neighbourhood Plan held on 20th / 21st March. Parish Council meetings in April and May will be on the second Monday due to Bank holidays.

## Mothering Sunday at St Andrew's

The children are shown with the baskets of flowers ready to be given out to Mums and others.



Baby James Stuart Eaglesham, born on the 31st December 2014 is the latest addition to St Andrew's Church family. His mum and dad, Stuart and Angela, were married at St Andrew's a few years ago.





## 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 on 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. Pop in, we are a relaxed bunch and there is drink available!



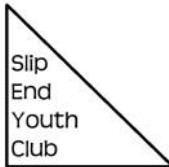
Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is still proving extremely successful. Carol Brennan, our Area Coordinator, is keeping our

Street Coordinators up to date with all the information available from the Police and NHW Head Quarters. Eyes and ears are important. If you would like to join the NHW please contact Carol on 07979 402847 or

[carolbrennan74@outlook.com](mailto:carolbrennan74@outlook.com)



**The Good Neighbour Scheme is going from strength to strength.**



### Slip End Youth Club

Starts up again this month. After a policy review, the club is only available to those children

More volunteers have joined the scheme and are eager to keep up the help within the Parish. If you're over 18 and need a hand with doctors appointments, prescriptions, lifts to hospital then give them a call. Please don't think that you are not entitled!

living in the Parishes of Slip End & Caddington, which includes Woodside, Aley Green & Pepperstock. Ultimately the club is funded by the CPG which in turn is funded by the Parish Council for the benefit of children living within the Parish and in Caddington - our partner Parish in the Neighbourhood Plan.

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The Youth Club will be open on:

15th, 22nd and 29th April  
6th, 13th and 20th May  
10th, 17th and 24th June  
1st, 8th and 15th July

***Slip End Parish Community page.***



The Parish **website** is a great source of information on clubs, groups, local news etc - check it

Theme nights will include bingo, Father's Day crafts, sports day and on opening night there will be an Easter Egg Hunt.

out at [www.slipend.co.uk](http://www.slipend.co.uk)

**Sarah Minnighan - CPG Chairman**

## Voice in a Million



Music holds a very special place in the Curriculum at Slip End with pupils having opportunities to learn to sing, play the recorder and ukulele and access peripatetic piano tuition.

On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015, our school choir took part in 'Voice in a Million' at Wembley Arena.

For months, Mrs. Poulton, who leads the choir, has been teaching the children a range of popular songs ready for the event in which hundreds of school choirs from around the country come together to enjoy musical performance.

The spectacular show was hosted by singers/vocal coaches Carrie and David Grant; singer Alisha Dixon also performed on stage.

Singing with thousands of other children from around the country was a wonderful opportunity and something our pupils are sure to remember forever. We are very proud of them and all they have achieved.

Please visit our school website at <http://www.slipend.beds.sch.uk/> where you will be able to watch a short video clip and enjoy seeing the children perform.

*Amanda Howes*  
*Head of School*

## Dates for St Andrew's Church—April 2015

Weds 1st: 7.30pm: Holy Week Service

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>: 7.30pm: Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>: 11am: Walk of Witness, meeting outside the shop

12 noon: Good Friday Service with Kidztime activities for children in family room (organ & singers)

Sun 5th: 10.30am: Easter Communion – He has risen (all musicians)

Sun 12th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – As the Father sent me (band)

Tues 14th: 11am: Caddington Hall care home service

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am: Morning Prayer

Fri 17th: 2pm: Woodside care home service

Sun 19th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Jo Robinson speaking of her Ministry in the Far East

Sun 26th: 8.30am: Said Communion – There is no other name

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise – There is no other name

### Little Stars for April

Weds 1st: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30am start: Little Stars: Jesus as our saviour – Easter Story

Weds 8th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Jesus as our companion – Road to Emmaus

Weds 15th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Jesus's promise – Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Weds 22nd: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Following Jesus – Queen's story

Weds 29th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Sharing Jesus – St George



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

## St Andrew's News

Why Good Friday is very good indeed!

It seems strange doesn't it that Good Friday is called Good Friday when we are remembering how someone died one of the most painful deaths imaginable. What makes it worse is that he was handed over to the authorities because of jealousy, he was found innocent by those authorities who nevertheless condemned him to death for political expediency. He was betrayed by one friend, denied by another, deserted by others, mocked and beaten and nailed to a cross. What can be good about that?

I had an Aunt who used to say to me – lots of people have died young – have been falsely accused – have suffered cruelty. What is so special about Jesus?

What makes this death so good, so special?

It's good because, despite how it appears, Jesus actually chose to die like this – he went to Jerusalem knowing that this is what awaited him – he laid down his life out of love for us. In my Bible reading this morning I read a passage in John's Gospel Chapter 10. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."

He chose to lay it down because that was the only way to bring us back to the loving heart of God. Our shortcomings, our idols, our failures, our independence and selfishness all separate us from God. Yet God loves us and

yearns for us to return to him. He set up a rescue plan to send his Son into the world – not to condemn the world but to save the world through him.

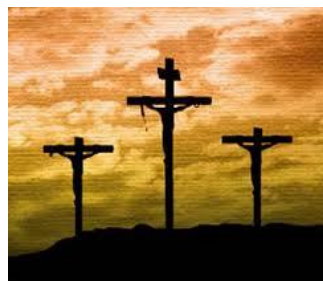
When Jesus died on the cross he took upon himself all the sins, the consequences of sin – the sufferings of this broken world. He could do this because he was fully God and yet fully human. In Jesus God took the consequences of our sins upon himself that we might be forgiven. When we begin to look to him, in faith, we find we come to know his forgiveness in our heart, we experience the love of our heavenly Father once again, the power to change and walk in his ways. It is faith that brings us into this experience.

It is very good indeed.

The day we remember what Jesus has done for us is very good indeed.

We mark it with our little walk around the village – reminding us that Jesus died for everyone. Our heavenly Father loves each and every individual in our parish. We then have a quiet service of meditation at 12noon, to which everyone is welcome. There is a session for the children in the family room during this so that parents and children can be included in this – the best of days.

Happy Good  
Friday and  
Happy Easter,  
Cathy Pullinger





## Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Roy and Pauline Todd, ex-residents of Claydown Way, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently with family and friends who enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at Elstow Bunyan Church and listening to a Male Voice quartet. Later in the evening the celebrations continued with a meal at the Dragon Chinese Restaurant in Bedford where a good time was had by all.

Pauline Smith married Roy Todd on 13th March 1965 at the Evangelical Church in Chingford. *(photo—right)*



## Pilates in Slip End

Residents of Slip End and surrounding villages working hard in their Pilates class at Slip End Lower School on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. *(photo below left)*

The class has been running in the village since 2004 when I first moved here. We are a very friendly bunch and always welcome newcomers to our group. Within the class we have standing exercises, which incorporate functional movements to help with balance, and a range of traditional Pilates mat based exercises to build strength and promote flexibility. The pace is slow and allows you to work at your own level and within the capability of your own body. If you are new to Pilates you can have a 1-1 in my home to help you get started. The first class is always free.

*Andrea Gregory*





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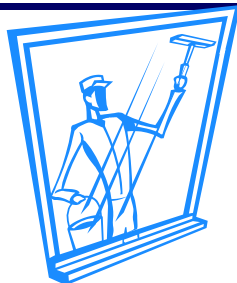
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## SLIP END GARDENING CLUB

The biennial Plant Sale is being held on Saturday 16 May, 11-3pm at the Village Hall. (see poster opposite)

Village Fund Raising Groups are invited to have a stall, excluding plants, at the event. Free of charge — donation only.

Contact Steve (414162) to book your stall.

We shall be having a “Second Hand Gardening Tool” stall. If you have any unwanted or surplus tools you could donate, please contact Steve (414162) and collection can be arranged.

Forthcoming garden visits under the National Gardens Scheme are given below.

**Sun. 12 Apr. Westend House.**  
Cheddington, Leighton Buzzard.

**Sun. 26 Apr. Huntsmoor.**  
Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead.

**Sun. 31 May Swiss Garden.** Old Warden, Biggleswade.

(Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

*PN Gardening Correspondent*

### Unwanted Bras Required

Once again I am collecting bras for ladies overseas who have had breast surgery.

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*Gillian Plummer*

## PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASSES

The beginners patchwork and quilting classes are now running so if you are interested in learning come along to the Methodist Church Hall, North Drift Way, Farley Hill, Luton. Classes will be from 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. The cost will be £10.50p. You can stay on until 4 p.m. to continue your own work if you want to. The next class is Thursday 16th April and then 21st May. You will be given tuition lessons on the basics together with other useful tips and hints towards making your own quilt. You need only a few sewing items to begin with. Even if you are not a beginner why not come and join us.

Bedfordshire Quilters Club meets the second Monday of every month at the Luton Indoor Bowls Club, Stopsley, Luton at 7.30 p.m. We have Speakers, Sewing Nights and other events.

Contact Karen Harrop on 01582 729192 for more information and to reserve a place at the Workshops.

Look forward to seeing you.

*Linda Edwards and Teresa Willson*



# **PLANT SALE**

**Bedding & Vegetable Plants**

**SATURDAY 16 MAY**

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## Caddington WI

At our February Meeting, Ian Hamilton gave us a talk called 'On the Spot'. Ian was a news reporter and journalist and outlined his career from the start as a reporter on a local newspaper progressing to reporting world news on the BBC. His talk was both humorous and thought provoking which had us all glued to our seats.

Enid Campbell won our Valentine Poem. She wrote it on a Scroll. Well done.

By the time you read this our Darts team will have played in the final at Stewartby. We wish all you ladies good luck!

We had a Group Meeting at Houghton Regis. Carol Jones gave us a demonstration on bread making together with chocolate goodies. Lots of tasters were handed round. It ended with a raffle with many chocolate prizes!

Sue Martin read our W.I. Magazine with us. This gives us dates and events for the future in the County. 27th April we have a Group Meeting, various dates to see the W.I. Baton which has been going around the country. Two very special dates, 2nd June a Tea/Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to commemorate the 100 Years of the W.I. and 4th June at the Royal Albert Hall for our AGM. This is being shown live at Bedford Cineworld if any W.I. ladies want to attend. This is a very special year for the W.I. as you can see.

Joan Bean is hosting our March Meeting with her Easter Decorations, report next month. 21st April is Annette Irwin speaking on The Life of my Russian Mother.

We meet at the Baptist Church Hall in Caddington starting at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Look forward to seeing you.

*Linda Edwards*



## Gardening Tips

*by Russell Sprout*

It's been quite a wet winter but the ground is beginning to dry out, although at the time of writing it is still quite cold. Nevertheless we should be able to get on with jobs that need doing.

Still time to repair impoverished lawns this month, a light mowing followed by scarifying and then aerate 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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

Don't rush out and buy your bedding plants too early, why not go along to the Gardening Club Plant Sale on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at the Village Hall first, they usually have a nice selection and you will be helping a local group.

## Slip End Photography Group.



We have a meeting night on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Slip End Social Club. There is a programme of events—talks and outings arranged for these evenings. These dates will be included in the diary in the magazine.

So far there has been a talk from a Press Photographer. He showed some lovely shots of visits by the Queen and other Royal family members and celebrities to Aylesbury, where he was based. He told the stories behind the pictures too. March's talk was about Tips for Landscape Photography.

Forthcoming events include a Members' Night and AGM on 21st April and a talk on Macro Photography by Malcolm Hawkins. On the Tuesdays in between the main meetings, many members gather for a chat, with DVDs of tips to watch and other ideas.

During the summer months there are planned outings to enable us to take photos and share tips with each other.

Anyone who has any type of camera and wants to know more about using it is welcome. There is no need to be an expert. You only need to be interested in photography!

An exhibition was held on 21st March at the Village Hall along with Caddington Art Club. We will be a full report on this in the next issue though one example picture is included here.

Please contact Norman Homewood on 01582 452851 if you would like more details about the club.



### Spring Tea Party – everyone welcome

**The Good Neighbour Scheme  
is holding a "tea party"  
on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
at the Village Hall  
(2.30pm to 4pm)**



Please do join us for tea/ coffee & cakes plus a raffle.

The scheme is for everyone over the age of eighteen in their time of need, so come along and meet some of the volunteers together with some of our satisfied "customers".

We do need to have a rough idea of how many to cater for, so please contact Carol Brennan (405597) or Rosemary Wickens (423622) if you would like to come along.

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## **Woodside Home News**

### **from Janet Crawley**

The Spring is finally on its way. We had a lovely morning with the Little Stars from the Church last week . Cathy played the guitar. It is so good to see the young ones with the seniors and both are alert to one another, so lovely to see. We look forward to seeing them again .

It is so good that Slip End as a village and community is trying to help us at the home. Phil Doubleday who has the scaffolding business has made us 3 wheelchair height raised beds. They really are splendid. We can't wait to fill them and for the able residents to be able to dig or plant . We are appealing for some topsoil, woodchip, hardcore or left over paving stones. If anyone has any in the village let me know.

The residents enjoyed a cookery session last week. We made fairy cakes, they all had a mix of the bowl and enjoyed decorating and of course eating them when baked. Baking a cake by mixing a whisk in a bowl is, for a mum, a bit like riding a bike and the dementia ladies nearly all remember how to do this. It is a real joy to see when a person that has suffered dementia achieves any small thing whether it be undoing a button or toggle , whisking in a bowl , planting a bulb, stroking a cat or dog , looking at the children singing , holding a hand. These things we take for granted. For someone with dementia it is a form of communicating, still showing people that it is about what they can do NOT ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN'T. Can you imagine for just one day what it is like to be unable to communicate by speech, what it is like to not properly recognise where you are ,or be so confused in your mind that you do not understand who that person is that has come to visit you even if it is your

daughter and son? These people live with this daily and i will say that many of them have fought for our country and have been good citizens in society . It is right that we should care and love these people for the people they are helping them as best we can with the best we can give through love and understanding. We need to give them back joy in any form we can . A sensory garden is one joy we intend to give them . A Sensory Garden that gives joy through the senses they still have , taste, smell, touch, sound, sight will be a delight to them .

## **Woodside Friends**

This is a new Group established in the village and committed to helping the residents with dementia. We are at present at the beginning of our quest. we need to raise approximately £4,000 to complete the garden As we all know, things are not cheap and we will do most of the work through volunteers and try to get as much as possible through donation. We need to provide a wheelchair safe path. This garden will provide a haven for our residents , but we will also be asking the groups in the village to join us at events and arranged days. The groups include the Little Stars, Slip End School , the Youth Club , the Friendship Club , SEADA, the Chatty Club and all will be welcome. We have a design for the garden done by an expert and some people from the Gardening Club will help too. It will be slow progress but we are going to fund raise and will be doing an afternoon tea and a stall tombola at the Gardening Club's event at the Village Hall on the 16th May. We are doing a Car Boot Sale at the Village Hall on the 15th August , so get these dates down and come and support us . Thank you all for your continued support .



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## Services and Diary dates for April

### **Friday 3rd**

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

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### **Sunday 5th**

#### **Easter Sunday**

11.00am Morning Service- Shepherd Kombo

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

### **Tuesday 7th**

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

### **Friday 10th**

6.45pm Evening Meal for Charity  
Hosted by the Youth Group

### **Sunday 12th**

#### **Easter 2**

11.00am Morning Service - Peter Baker

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

### **Tuesday 14th**

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

### **Sunday 19th**

#### **Easter 3**

#### **Local Preachers Sunday**

11.00am Morning Service - Martin Wallis

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

### **Monday 20th**

7.30pm Fellowship Led by Mike Bull

### **Sunday 26th**

#### **Easter 4**

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Phil Horner

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

### **Wednesday 29th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening  
In aid of Keech Hospice Care

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The Churches Together 'Women's World Day of Prayer' brought worshipers from all five village churches (including seven men). Members from each church took part in the service and prepared a tasty supper for us all to share after.

As I write this, our choir is busy rehearsing for The Shepherd King. The Youth Group is planning an evening meal, raising funds for a charity supporting heart problems in the young. The Ecumenical Lent Fellowship is studying and work has started in earnest on our two and three quarter allotments. We also have a Plot to Pot talk booked in Boxmoor.

If you have never been to our church at Aley Green you are invited to do so, why not join us for a service or event. Our Cakes & Company has proved very popular, almost a full house in March! Drinks are free but you can treat yourself to a warm sausage roll and a cake. We have shelves of books to choose from and of course a good range of home made jams, jellies, chutneys, marmalades and piccalilli. You will be given a warm Aley Green welcome.

We hope to see lots of people for the Ecumenical Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at Aley Green at 10.30am. The walk takes us up Tipple Hill Lane to St Thomas' in Manor Road, then on to All Saints and finally across the road to the Baptist church, where we will enjoy a welcome cuppa and a hot cross bun. You can join us at any point, lifts from church to church will be available.


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Such love, weeps for the shame I know;  
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profits go into the Benevolent Fund. The next Fair is on Bank Holiday Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and is open to the public between 10am and 4pm. Admission is a modest £2 per person.

How can you help?

By having a stall at the event. Please contact Alan Tarsey on 01582 872673

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# Pub Pages



## Slip End Social Club

April is here Easter and Spring too! We at the Slip End Social Club have been busy organising the rest of the year with parties, entertainment, charity events for you all to join in and enjoy.

Important event Friday 24th April in aid of Keech Hospice "Gerry and the Attricks" also special guest "Melvis" fish/chicken and chip supper. (See poster overleaf for details) Ask behind the bar for information and to purchase your ticket..

Our teams are all in full flow and doing well! We have on Monday dominoes, Tuesdays is our pool night and Thursdays our darts and crib teams play. Pool is also free Monday to Friday from 4pm to 11pm.

Bingo night is on Wednesdays all members and new members all welcome - eyes down at 8pm - also a raffle every other week

We also have a Golf Society that would always welcome new members. They play every month full details are found on the golf board or speak to Darryn Webb for more information.

The entertainment is booked for the year a poster can be found in every bar but dates for your diaries all on Saturdays evenings;

4th April - Scallywags disco  
11th April - Jump N Jive disco  
9th May - Jump N Jive disco  
Friday 22nd May - One step beyond - Madness tribute

6th June - Rob Miller (solo vocalist)  
27th June - Lazy Dayz (very entertaining duo vocalist)  
25th July - Caribbean night and BBQ with Casino Royal steel band  
22nd August - Jump N Jive  
26th September - Backbeat  
31st October - Halloween Disco - Scalliwags  
28th November - Wilsons rock and roll (TBC)  
Xmas eve - Jump N Jive Disco  
Boxing Night - TBC  
New Years Eve - Lazy Dayz

To all our members: parties and gatherings are all welcome, if available. Just come in and talk to Lainy or staff behind the bar for information or call 01582 415804.

If you still need to renew your membership, cards are ready behind the bar. A bright orange card for 2015 only £3 18+ £1 retired and free for our over 80s members.

## The Frog & Rhubarb

If you haven't visited the Frog & Rhubarb in the past few months, you won't have seen their amazing new look. The whole pub has been brought up to date with a brighter décor using a refreshing yet relaxing colour scheme. The dining room provides a really warm and





premium wines for those special occasions. You can now also enjoy a choice of cocktails either at the bar or with dinner. The 'Wild Frog' has proved immensely popular while the cocktail of the week is always a huge hit. There is always a choice of real ale including a guest beer and the pub has maintained its Cask Marque accreditation for the quality of its beers.

relaxing ambience with huge light shades and floral wallpaper. The bar has a beautiful new slate floor and an inviting striped carpet while maintaining its comfort and cosiness.



Feedback from customers has maintained the Frog & Rhubarb in the top ten restaurants on Tripadvisor. This ranking is based on independent reviews by diners at over 240 restaurants in the Luton area.

Whether it's a freshly ground coffee, a pint, a cocktail, a snack or an amazing meal you are looking for, the Frog & Rhubarb is the place to visit. It is so good to see constant innovation and improvement within the Parish

## The Rising Sun

Sunday 3rd Easter egg hunt, Call into the pub for details

Saturday 10th live music with Deaf Shepherd

Wednesday 18th Cook off, If interested call into pub for details

23rd St Georges Day Music all day, Free bangers and mash

25th Disco with Martin

We had a baby shower last January for one of my daughters. We all had a great afternoon and I now have a lovely new granddaughter named Cora

The winner off the March cook off was Martin Simpkins

The menu has been updated to include some exciting new dishes including



garlic & herb butterfly prawns, traditional Italian meatballs and a continental meat sharing board. There is still a great range of pub classics including the Frog's amazing freshly baked suet crust pies. A great new addition to the menu is the ever-changing chef's specials. There you can find fresh fish, risotto, pies, pasta, special burgers and much more.

We mustn't forget the changes that have happened with the drinks either. The wine list has been updated and offers a range of ten house wines as well as a superb choice of



career resumed with an 8 round international contest against a competent young Hungarian, Csaba Kovacs.

From the opening bell onwards, Cunningham took the fight to Kovacs, who though durable, found himself on the receiving end most of the time.

Kovacs had visited Britain before and tasted success, but not this evening as a very determined Cunningham kept him pinned down. Round by round he displayed a vast array of power punches, giving the Eastern European precious little room or time to manoeuvre. To give the visitor his due, he was certainly game and had his moments,. By the seventh round Jason had sensed he could now finish the job and began raining attacks on Kovacs from every angle imaginable.

In the eighth and final round it was strictly one way traffic with his opponent seemingly unable to move off the ropes beside his corner. Somehow he managed to hold on and the referee's scorecard showed our man's superiority as the 80-72 points score was announced, showing Jason had won every round.

Next comes a battle for the tasty Commonwealth Title, when on 2nd May at the same Doncaster venue, Jason faces the experienced Kenyan, Nick Otieno, an adversary who has notched up 28 wins from 37 fights, including 12 Knockout victories.

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**Tony Strong**

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We had a great St Patrick's Day. Everyone enjoyed the bacon and cabbage and the "Didlie I" music was

going most of the day and the Guinness was flowing

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## The Plough

News from the Plough next month. See the website and advert for details of events and activities.

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## Jason Cunningham Update

*(Jason is supported by several Social Club members and local residents)* On Saturday 28th February Jason Cunningham's boxing



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4th Car Boot Sale Village Hall SEADA  
Sun 12th Garden club—Westend House Cheddington (meet 1.30pm Rising Sun car park)  
Mon 13th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tue 14th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm  
Tues 21st Caddington W.I. Baptist Church Hall, Caddington 7.30pm  
Tues 21st Photography Group Members Night & AGM Social Club 8pm  
Sun 26th St George's Fun Day Heathfield Community Centre, Caddington  
Sun 26th Garden club—Huntsmoor Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead.  
(meet 1.30pm Rising Sun car park)

**May**

- Wed 6th Brownies Open Day 6.15 to 7.30pm Village Hall  
Mon 11th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 12th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm  
Sat 16th Village Plant Sale Village Hall from 11am to 3pm  
Tues 19th Photography Group Talk "Macro Photography" Slip End Social Club 8pm  
Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall Caddington 7:30pm  
Sun 31st Garden club—Swiss Garden. Old Warden, Biggleswade  
(meet 1.30pm Rising Sun car park)

**June**

- Tues 16th Photography Group Outing (Aldbury Village) 7pm  
Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall Caddington 7:30pm

**Aug**

- 15th Woodside Friends—Car boot Sale details TBC

**Bin collections for April**

Black bin and Glass Friday 10th & 24th April

Recycling bins Friday 3rd, 17th April & 1st 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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