

Boxes to make children smile



Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside

PARISH NEWS
December 2015

Autumn has gone. Winter and
Christmas are coming!



Editors' Notes

As this is the last issue of 2015, we would like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It seems as if the year has really flown by and there will be many, hopefully happy, memories of what everyone has done during the year.

Sadly, November has been a month full of challenges and disasters worldwide. Many of us will have been touched by the tragic events of terrorism that have occurred. A friend of mine has been involved in looking out for the many tourists who have been flying in to Luton from Egypt without luggage and may still be suffering from the uncertainty of how they would get home.

In the midst of all this, we took time to pause in silence to remember those who have given



their lives in other conflicts in the past, as Remembrance services took place in churches and schools.

Autumn colours this year have been quite spectacular in some places, though inevitably the best colourful displays are always where you cannot stop to photograph them! The wind and rain has now removed the leaves but they were a sight to see while there.

Please remember—we have no January issue so the next Parish news will arrive around the beginning of February!

Bin Collections

We contacted Central Beds Council to get the Christmas and New Year Waste collection dates. The dates that affect our Parish are below (and also in the list at the back of the magazine). The implication is that there is no change in the usual cycle of collections, just two date changes due to Bank Holidays.

Usual date	Revised date
Fri 25th Dec	Thurs 24th Dec
Fri 1 st Jan 2016	Sat 2nd Jan
Fri 8th Jan	No Change

The last garden waste collection will be on Fri 18th Dec. Hopefully there will be no changes to these dates we were given!





Slip End & District Community Projects Group (CPG)

After 6 years, the Community Projects Group closes following our December meeting.

Originally created as a platform for the various groups and organisations within the Parish and to implement the ideas and projects that were suggested under the Parish Plan from 2010 onwards, the CPG has done what it set out to do.

The last outstanding project is the refurbishment of the Crawley Playground; this will now be overseen by the Parish Council.



I would like, personally, to take this opportunity to thank folks who have supported me in my role as Chairman of the CPG over the last 5 years. Thank you for your support, camaraderie, mischief making and laughs, after the serious stuff of course!

The Core Committee over the years:

Keith Holme, Ken Crossett, Carol Brennan, Andy Prothero, Simon Patterson, Veronica Williams, David Kingston and Paul Cooper.



The Parishioners who turned out to more or less every meeting, come rain, hail or shine:

Derrick Worsley, Carol Patterson, Barbara Ray, Norman Homewood, Jan Holme, Mick Plummer, Gill Plummer, Brian Church, Shirley Knapton, Carolyn Martin, Carol Beeton, Rosemary Wickens, Gordon Burton, Pam King, Pete Smith. Apologies if I've missed anyone!

Also thank you to the following volunteers for delivering our Christmas biscuits this year:

Andy & Debbie Prothero, Simon & Carol Patterson, Lise & Molly Poultney, Rosemary Wickens, Carol Brennan, Pete Smith, Veronica Williams and Carolyn Martin. And my thanks to Paul Cooper at The Frog for sourcing the biscuits for us again. **And finally a huge Thank You to my partner Rob for all his support over the last 6 years.**



Our final meeting is on Tuesday 8th December 2015, there will be a short meeting followed by a buffet and drinks.



Merry Christmas to all our Parishioners, and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Sarah Minnighan



**Polar Explorers
St Andrew's Holiday Club**
 This year 60 children enjoyed the Polar Explorers Holiday Club, which was brilliant! They played games, did crafts, learned new songs and made lots of friends. Well done to all the helpers and leaders for a very successful two days. The church was transformed into the Artic Circle and looked very impressive. The snow machine welcomed everyone to the club with flurries of snow.



Brilliant Models (above) and ...snow machine to welcome the children

Paddy (and friend) and a Polar bear!!





Safety at Slip End School



Teaching children to be safe and how to respond in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations is one of our top priorities at Slip End. Our school curriculum provides children with the opportunity to learn about many aspects of safety including fire safety, home safety, road safety, personal safety including 'Stranger Danger', firework safety and E-safety.

Children in Year 4 recently visited Hazard Alley Safety centre in Milton Keynes - the first purpose-built interactive centre where children experience hazardous scenarios in perfect safety. During the day the children learnt what to do in the event of a fire at home including how to make a 999 call and how to respond in a variety of situations.

In the next few weeks, we will be running Computing and E-safety workshops at school. The aim of these is to talk about our E-safety curriculum, how we can work to ensure that our children are kept safe when using the internet and the responsibilities we all have in helping to protect them.

Keeping our children safe however is also the responsibility of the whole community and once again we would like to remind everyone to avoid parking outside school. Illegal parking causes obstruction to the school site, hinders the view of pupils and other pedestrians crossing the road and is disrespectful to residents. The Slip End Village Hall car park is available for parking; this would not only relieve congestion but also add a few minutes healthy exercise to the start of the day. Traffic wardens do now visit Rossway and ticket illegally parked cars as necessary.

Finally, the school would like to thank the local police for their quick response after being called to the school recently. It is reassuring to know that we have dedicated team of professionals who will come to our aid swiftly when we need them.

As the daylight hours become shorter and the weather becomes damper and colder we wish everyone a safe and happy wintertime where we all do our best to keep ourselves and each other safe.

Slip End Village School

Gardening Tips

by Russell Sprout

It's nearly Christmas again and as usual I am still trying to figure out where the year has gone! Not helped by waiting for the summer which never happened. Global warming or not, we certainly don't get the four seasons like we used to. At the time of writing this I am fed up with the wet and windy weather which seems never ending and is making it difficult to do much in the garden to tidy it up for winter. If by the time you are reading this the rain has stopped, then continue digging vacant ground and finish tidying up beds and borders. Prepare a site for runner beans by digging a trench and fill with alternate layers of manure, compost and soil, when full cover with soil and mark out with something so you know where it is.

Prune climbing roses now, cutting away diseased or damaged growth and tie in any new shoots to their support. Prune older flowered side shoots back by two thirds of their length. Start to winter prune your Wisteria, cutting back summer side shoots to 2 or 3 buds. Leave the faded flower heads on your Hydrangeas until the spring, they will provide frost protection to the swelling buds further down the stems.



Damp leading to botrytis/mildew is the major problem in the greenhouse, so ventilate on dry days and reduce any watering to the absolute minimum. Lag outdoor taps and drain hoses and spray guns until dry to prevent frost damage. If we have heavy falls of snow this winter knock the snow off the branches of trees and shrubs to prevent them from breaking

under the weight of the snow. If you haven't done so already clean and lubricate mowers before putting away for the winter.

Remove fallen leaves from alpines and rockeries, fork over between plants with a hand fork and remove weeds. Sweet peas started under glass will require the tips pricking out above the second or third pair of leaves to encourage side shoots to develop before planting out in the spring. Examine dahlia tubers, if shrivelled, plunge in tepid water overnight and if any are starting to rot cut off damaged part and dust with flowers of sulphate. Spray fruit trees with a tar-oil winter wash this month or next to kill eggs of pests laid earlier in the year. Tar-oil can be sprayed on all fruit except strawberries. Keep a check for mice damage amongst stored fruit and vegetables and also amongst autumn sown peas and broad beans and take appropriate action.

Recycle as much waste as you can on the compost heap and burn any woody matter that won't break down, **but check carefully for hibernating hedgehogs before starting a bonfire.**



The seed catalogues are available now but remember, it is first come first served so get that order in as soon as possible. Remember when comparing a modern F1 hybrid against an older open pollinated type that the F1 will always mature in the same week, whereas the open pollinated varieties will crop over several weeks.

It's time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you in February.



Slip End Photography Group

November's visiting speaker was Keith Knight. He has visited before and had been invited back.

He showed photos from part of a 2 week Photography trip around National Parks in America. The first photos were taken in Yellowstone Park and they showed some lovely colours in the deposits left by the minerals in the hot springs. He spoke about the places and the pictures and it was a fascinating evening..

We are all looking forward to his return , when he will show us more pictures from the rest of the trip. It was a beautiful area to visit and the photos were amazing.

We finish December with a Christmas party and there is a programme of events being lined up for 2016.

Christmas Brain Teaser

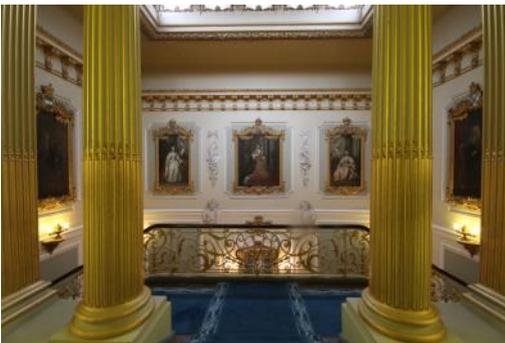
Christmas Carols

If SN = Silent Night

What are these?

1. JTTW
2. OIRDC
3. OCNACS
4. OCAYF
5. GKW
6. SATWS
7. ICUTMC
8. GRYMG
9. AFTROG
10. TFN

Answers on page 16



Photos from Wrest Park (location of a recent Gardening Club visit) taken during an English Heritage Photographic Workshop I attended in early November.

Alison Wilson



Dates for St Andrew's Church— December / January

December 2015

Sun 6th: 10.30am: Family Service – Christingle (band)

Sun 6th: 3pm: Bereavement Carol Service (organ & singers)

Sun 13th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – He has come and redeemed his people (organ & singers)

Sun 13th: 3.30pm: Family Carol Service (band)

Tues 15th: 10am: School Carol Concert (parents welcome)

Tues 15th: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service

Sun 20th: 10.30am: Nativity

Sun 20th: 6pm: Carols by Candlelight

Thurs 24th: 11.15pm Midnight Mass (organ)

Fri 25th: 10.30am: Christmas Praise

Sun 27th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – The boy Jesus at the temple (band)



January 2016

Sun 3rd: 10.30am: Family Service – The wise men

Sun 10th: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Seek the Lord

Sun 17th: 8.30am: Said Communion - Praise in prayer

Sun 17th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – God hears our prayers

Sun 24th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Being real in prayer

Sun 31st: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Patterns of prayer



Over the last three or four years I have added more pieces and more figures. This year I have added more houses, more figures, a boy making a snow angel (a moving model), children going down a slide and some street lamps, very effective in the darkness. I'm not sure where to display it this year. I'm not sure we have a surface big enough on which to display it! In my excitement I want to get it out of the loft well before Christmas but my other half insists that Christmas begins in the middle of December. I really do get quite excited about my Christmas village. It gives me great delight.

There is another home that gives me great delight. This is not so much a home than some accommodation, accommodation where a child was born over 2000 years ago. There is the danger that we sanitize the Nativity scene (yes I want one of those in my village too). If a child were to be born in such conditions today I am sure that Social Services would be involved. Yet this child was born to ensure a more glorious dwelling place for each one of us.

This child grew up to be an outstanding teacher, healer and rabbi. The very Son of God Himself. This young man ended His life on a cross but rose again in order that we might secure a wonderful dwelling place in Heaven with Him. Our dwelling place in Heaven will be far more

wonderful, far more exciting and far more glorious than my Christmas village.

What He asks of us is found in the words of that well known Christmas Carol:

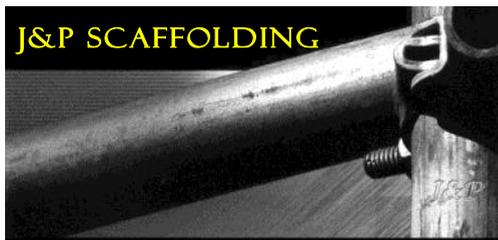
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him;
give him my heart.'

Once again we enter a season of commercialism, high spending and general merriment, often with little thought for what it's really all about. Perhaps it's good to have a period of relaxation and indulgence, but let's not forget that small baby born in abject poverty in lowly accommodation and remember the real excitement of Christmas.

Richard Palmer (Reader at St. Andrew's)



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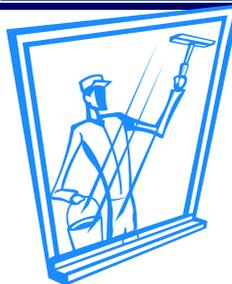
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Operation Christmas Child

By the time you read this the 2015 campaign will be over in the UK. Its been a busy time leading up to the last few weeks with presentations given at schools, churches, ladies groups and just spreading the word.



We had a successful morning at St Andrew's Church on November 15th, which was Shoebox Sunday and the children all worked very hard, making up shoeboxes with some of the vast range of fillers we had collected. They also completed a form about themselves for the child who receives a box from the church, wrote a Christmas card and listened to the story of the Good Samaritan and shared photos of children I met in Belarus, so it was a very busy morning.

Here are just some of the boxes made up in the morning.



We have been involved in Operation Christmas Child at St Andrew's for twenty years now but every year is 'special' and as new children join they each bring their own ideas and feelings for the children the

boxes are going to. This year was no different and our children spoke warmly of who would be opening their boxes.

After the service Alan Buttery recruited Sam and Danielle to help load the boxes into the cage. Many thanks to everyone who did a box, a child somewhere will be very happy this Christmas time.

Sue Briggs



OCC Heathfield Community Centre

We have been very lucky once again to be able to use the centre at Caddington to process all the shoeboxes from the Luton area and some of the St Albans area. The Volunteers show up every working day so enthusiastic and it is a pleasure to see them all again and work alongside them. Thank you to everyone who has helped, be it covering boxes, checking boxes, keeping fillers stocked up, taping boxes and filling cartons ready for their long journey to the children who will receive them.



Just some of the volunteers involved and different duties performed below.



We had a visit from our area manager Emma Fawcett during the first week of opening and she was pleased to see everyone working happily. We have had some lovely boxes in from the schools, Churches and community.





New daytime Pilates class starting in January in Slip End.

**Venue: Peter Edwards Hall
Tuesday 12th January 9.30am**

I have run a successful class in the school for the last 11 years on a Wednesday evening. I have recently celebrated a 'big birthday' and love how Pilates has helped me to maintain a strong & supple body. Let me help you achieve this too!

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December 9th

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2.30 till 4.00



SLIP END GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

'What I learned from the Peruvians and Incas' was the title of the talk given by Sandra Lawes for our October meeting. Sandra showed slides and spoke very favourably about the country and its people - their dress and way of life. She was so surprised at the impressive countryside. The photos of Macu Picchu were amazing - such a huge city dated as far back as 532 AD. Sandra explained the history of Peru and she carries with her very fond memories of this trip to South America.

Carol Jones won the competition writing a 6 line Poem on Autumn. Enid Campbell came Second and Helen Turner Third.

Our ladies playing darts are still doing well and have lost one match so far - the two teams fought right to the end!

Members really enjoyed the Literary Lunch at Keysoe - lunch was good and the Speaker, Tony Jordan, is a Scriptwriter for many productions we were all familiar with. He kept us entertained and answered many of our questions later. This was the first Literary Lunch Caddington W.I. has attended and I'm sure we will be going to many more.

There was a good number of people attending the Remembrance Day Service and I laid the wreath for our W.I.

Dunstable Ladies Choir will be singing to us with their Christmas repertoire on the 8th December at the Baptist Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. The usual cakes and refreshments will be served. Do come along.

On Friday 11th December at Heathfield our Group is holding a Christmas Evening which will be fun. Get your Gladrags on ladies.

At our December Meeting we will be having a Christmas Social evening. Each member will bring along a plate of food for us to enjoy.

All Members of Caddington W.I. wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Future dates for your Diary

Tuesday 15th December - Christmas Social Evening

Tuesday 19th January 2016 - Memory Box with Luton Museum

Tuesday 16th February - Alpaca Experience with Sue Watkins

Linda Edwards

Puzzle Answers

1. Joy To The World
2. Once In Royal David's City
3. On Christmas Night All Christians Sing
4. O Come All Ye Faithful
5. Good King Wenceslas
6. See Amid The Winter's Snow
7. It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
8. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
9. Angels From The Realms Of Glory
10. The First Nowell

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SLIP END GARDENING CLUB

At our last meeting of the year on Monday 16 November, Andrew Sankey gave an interesting talk on "The Royal Botanical Gardens of Kew". The talk was followed by the annual social finger buffet provided by members along with drinks to finish off the year.

PN Gardening Correspondent



GARDENING CLUB

Monday 18th January

8pm (Village Hall)

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Followed by Members' photo presentations



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Staff Changes

Dr Kwok Shing- Kan continues working as a long term locum at the surgery; he has been with us for more than a year and is very popular with patients. Dr Sepai completes 19 years at the Surgery working alongside Dr Walter who continues working as a salaried Doctor each morning. We have an experienced Nurse, Patricia who started in September 2015. Amia, our Healthcare Assistant works alongside Patricia all day on a Tuesday.

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- Secondhand smoke is dangerous for others
- Save money
- Smell fresher!

Are You a Carer?

At our recent Saturday morning flu clinics held in October 2015, we ran a carers workshop as well. During these sessions many of the patients we identified as carers did not look upon themselves as carers.

Caring for a family member, a friend or a neighbour is a mark of a healthy society, but we also recognize that much care can be exhausting both emotionally and relentless physical demands placed on carers.

If you care for a friend, neighbour or relative please ensure that we know at the surgery. Our trained 'Carers' Champion is **Maria McKenna** who will refer you for support and advice.

Caring can take its toll on health and carers are at a much higher risk of becoming ill; we continue offering you an annual health check and flu jab. For more information or to register as a carer speak to our reception team.

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates for December & January

Tuesday 1st

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 6th Advent 2

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest

11.00am Sunday School Communion

Tuesday 8th

10.00am/ - 12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 13th Advent 3

11.00am Morning Service - Mr Williams

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Thursday 17th

7.00pm Carols on the Green

Friday 18th ~ Sunday 20th

Nativity Festival

Friday 18th

2.30pm 'Take Time'

A Celebration of Christmas

Followed by refreshments

Saturday 19th

11.00am ~ 4.00pm Light Lunches and refreshments

Sunday 20th Advent 4

No morning service

2.00pm ~ 3.45pm Viewing tea/coffee

4.00pm Nativity service ~ Rev Phil Horner

Followed by refreshments

Monday 21st

7.00pm Fellowship Led by Mike Bull

Tuesday 22nd

7.30pm Carol Service

Collection for Action for Children

Friday 25th

9.30am Christmas Morning Service

Collection for NOAH Rev Phil Horner

Sunday 27th

No morning service

January 2016 Sunday 3rd

11.00am Morning Service

11.00am Sunday School

Sunday 10th

11.00am Morning Service- Shepherd Kombo

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Tuesday 12th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 17th

11.00am Morning Service - Mr Mead

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Monday 18th

7.30pm Fellowship Led by Mike Bull

Sunday 24th

11.00am Morning Service - Colin Quine

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Sunday 31st

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Phil Horner
Covenant Service

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

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Thank you to every one who came to our October Coffee Evening. We raised £60 for Keech Hospice Care.

We were able to send 48 shoe boxes to 'Links of Hope' and raised the £96 postage by kind donations.

Our Junior Mission for All Sunday was well attended and the pew envelopes resulted in £41 for the children's charity.

You are invited to join us over the Festive Season for a service or event. We will be pleased to see you at our Nativity Festival which commences with 'Take Time' A Celebration of Christmas, at 2.30pm on Friday 18th December followed by refreshments. Bacon rolls and light lunches will be served on the Saturday with the usual refreshments also available. The festival will conclude on Sunday 20th with our Nativity Service.

We would like to thank those of you who have supported our church through out 2015 and we hope you will continue to do so for many years to come.

We wish you all the joys of Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Let us **all** put Christ back into Christmas.

*Kind regards from Ann Meader and all at  
Aley Green Methodist Church*

# Advance Notice

## Flower Festival 2016 St Andrew's Church

The theme is "Celebrating our Community". We will be asking for contributions from local businesses and organisations.

The Flower festival will be open on Saturday 25th June from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday 26th June from 12 noon to 4 p.m. followed by a Songs of Praise from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

More details available nearer the time.

**Save the date!**



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## Spreading the word about Dementia - from Janet Crawley

It seems that although I am working in Redbourn we still have local people in our home from Slip End, Caddington, Markyate and Flamstead.

It has been a very busy fortnight sorting activities, making contacts with the Church and local community groups (Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Youth Club) and local pubs. I also will be asking some residents from the friendship club to join us at St Matthews for afternoon tea. Thank you to everyone who has helped me get wool, buttons and materials for my activities. I've used everything given to me .

I shall tell you a little about what I understand about Dementia and how it is so important to keep the brain active with activities. Dementia is the umbrella under which Alzheimer's disease and Vascular Dementia fall. It is known that the brain starts to shrink with Dementia and depending where it shrinks, different modes are taken away:- with some it's mobility, some it's speech, some coordination. As we get older we need to keep our mental side healthy, doing crosswords, jigsaws, word searches anything that exercises the grey matter. We need to eat well including vegetables and oily fish in the diet; we only need 60grams or 2ozs of meat a day to get our protein. We need to get in the sunlight for vitamin A, especially in later years it's important to go for a walk in the fresh air, so we can help ourselves to some extent.

Relaxing listening to music is good to keep our mood up and helps us to calm and peace. There are many new types of Dementia rearing their ugly heads. One is called posterior cortical atrophy or Bensons Syndrome with degenerative effects on the back of the brain, causing loss of sight not memory and causes lack of coordination. You can't tie a shoelace or put a foot into a shoe but with this you are still aware of everything .

I am fund raising for Dementia for St Matthews by putting a hamper in the Rising Sun. I hope people will buy raffle tickets to help Dementia residents have an outing as we all need a bit of fun .

Thankyou, Janet Crawley, St Matthews Care Home specialising in Dementia, Redbourn

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*And I wait.... I see a minuscule movement in the eye, deep within its darkness a tiny spark a recognition of a vague twitch from a corner of a dry mouth*

*Then the eyes begin to register slowly but the conception of me is confused yet you can hear my voice and its familiar sound*

*I touch your hand gently and stroke your face and I become one with the safeness you feel, I kiss your forehead that wonderful feeling of love makes you feel special and you smile For those few minutes I'm with you and the loneliness breaks down and you hold my hand so tightly*

*You cannot speak but that doesn't matter I know how you are feeling and love doesn't need speech .*

*After a few minutes your smile diminishes you slide back into the advanced dementia state , where you wander I can not follow my dear mother of mine.*



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## **Bedfordshire Police launches Operation Fidelity – a commitment to tackling burglary**

An innovative new Bedfordshire Police plan to tackle burglary has been launched under the name Operation Fidelity – demonstrating the force’s commitment to protecting people. As the winter season approaches, the force is embarking on its busiest time of year for domestic break-ins.

Though dwelling burglary is already down by more than a quarter (26.4 per cent) in the financial year to date compared with the same period in 2014, communities will now benefit from a more cohesive, forcewide approach to dealing with offences. Long-term hotspots, short-term spikes and key offending patterns will be identified in order to inform a rounded response, which will involve a variety of overt and covert tactics and inputs from across the force, from intelligence to community patrols.

Operation Fidelity follows a structured plan with dedicated leads for four main strands: Prepare, Protect, Prevent and Pursue. Protection and prevention work will be targeted in areas identified as vulnerable, while prepare and pursue efforts will focus on identifying possible offenders, improving their curfew compliance and encouraging voluntary tag uptake.

Improvements will also be made across the force to increase the forensic data obtained from detainees in custody, for example footwear impressions, to link offenders to burglaries committed around the county.

Detective Chief Inspector Juliette Everett, leading the operation, said: “Key to the success of this innovative new plan is working together within the force, with our partners and indeed with the public to tackle burglary.

“It’s not enough for us to say that burglary has gone down by a quarter over the last year – we are about to enter the winter season in which burglary often becomes more prevalent and we owe it to potential and repeat victims to improve the way our work on this crime is managed and evaluated. As the name Operation Fidelity suggests, we are utterly committed to driving down burglary in Bedfordshire – making it a safer place for residents to live, and a harsher place for criminals to operate.”

Key to the success of the plan will be working together with residents, partners, local authorities and community volunteer schemes including Neighbourhood Watch, who will all have vital roles to play in helping bring down burglary in Bedfordshire.

Follow @bedspolice on Twitter and like our Facebook page to get the latest Operation Fidelity news and crime prevention advice.

Burglars may take advantage of shorter daylight hours to operate, but there are simple steps you can take to protect your home at night, and during the day when it may be unoccupied.

- Use your lights at home – keep them on a timer when you are out so it looks like someone is home
- Make sure all doors on your house and vehicle are securely locked at all times. If you have a UPVC door at home, make sure it is double locked
- Keep all valuables and keys safely out of sight from windows, both in your home and car
- Never leave garages or sheds unlocked – not only can valuable tools be appealing to thieves, they can also be used to force entry to your home
- Don't hide your keys under a doormat or in a flowerpot – it's the first place a would-be offender will look
- Ask a friend to keep an eye on your house when you go away, and do the same for neighbours by remaining alert to suspicious activity in your street
- If you spot someone behaving suspiciously, contact police immediately
- Don't forget to security mark your property and register it on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

Bedfordshire Police takes all reports of crime seriously. Call 101 to report an incident, or 999 if a crime is in progress. You can also give information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

*To contact our local Neighbourhood Watch team, contact Carol Brennan on 07979 402847 or [Carolbrennan74@outlook.com](mailto:Carolbrennan74@outlook.com)*

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## Slip End Social Club

As a club we are still very grateful of the amount of support and charity our members showed on our "Deb's day". We managed to raise a huge £4300 for the Keech Hospice.

Thankyou again to every one who came along. Here are some pictures from the day:-



December Entertainment:-

The Children's party is on the 20th December 5-7pm, hope you all have bought your tickets for a great afternoon.

- Christmas Eve - Jump 'n' Jive Disco
- Boxing Day - Rogers Disco
- New Year's Eve - Lazy Dayz

### Christmas opening times

- Christmas Eve - Thursday 24th 12-3pm and 7-11pm
- Christmas Day - Friday 25th 12-2pm

- Boxing Day - Saturday 26th 12-12
  - Sunday 27th 12-11pm
  - Bank holiday Monday 28th 12-11pm
  - Tuesday 29th 12-3 7-11pm
  - Wednesday 30th 12-3 7-11pm
  - New Year's Eve Thursday 31st 12-3 7-1
  - New Year's Day 1st January 2016 12-11pm (renew your membership from this date)
  - Saturday 2nd January 12-12
  - Sunday 3rd January 12-11pm
  - From Monday 4th back to normal opening times 4pm till 11 weekdays
- We hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and a lovely New Year from Kev, Lainy, all the staff and the Committee.

## The Plough

This month has been a very busy one here at The Plough. We would like to start by saying farewell to Melissa. After 11 and a half years Melissa has moved onwards and upwards in a new career move. All of us here at The Plough wish her all the best for the future. We would like to welcome Jonie who will be taking Melissa's place.

On 24th October we had a guest entertainer, 'Melvis'. This was a great evening which everyone enjoyed. On 25th October we had a Karaoke party and applause is due to all the customers and staff who took part and sang. We would like to take the time to thank everyone who joined us that weekend.

Don't forget if you are still looking for somewhere to eat over the Christmas season why not pop in and check out The Plough. Our Menus are not only for Christmas parties but

also for Christmas Day. We have already got some Christmas parties and Christmas Day dinners booked. It is going to be a very merry atmosphere. You wouldn't want to miss it.

Don't forget if you are planning a very special occasion, we do have a marquee which is available in the summer months. We already have some bookings for weddings and birthdays.

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## The Rising Sun



It was a very 'spooky' Hallowe'en at the Rising Sun



Thank you to everybody who dressed up in fabulous costumes and decorated pumpkins to support our 'Hallowe'en' family fun day. It was a great day of spine chilling fun! The children enjoyed Hallowe'en party games and treats during the day and Live music entertainment was provided in the evening by the rock group 'Banned', which was followed by a disco. There were also supernatural illusions performed by the 'Grim Reaper' ..... or was it Magic Paul? ??

Congratulations to our competition winners:

'Best Hallowe'en costume' \_ Bradley Sayers and Bella Ryan

'Best decorated pumpkin' – Molly Poultney and Holly McLardy

We are holding our annual *Christmas Fun Day* for all the family on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

December 2015. Please come along and join in the festive fun.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 we will again be hosting our annual 'Burns Night' supper. It is a very special event in our annual calendar and tickets are always in demand. The celebration is kept in very traditional style with poetry, toasts, Scotch whisky and of course the Haggis! Please contact us for further information and for bookings.

Come in every Friday from 9.00pm, have a drink with friends and enjoy the **FREE** 'Juke Box'. Every Sunday between 12pm and 4pm "Find the Joker" and have the chance to win a cash prize ..... check the board for current prize fund!!!! There is also **FREE** 'Pool' every Sunday between 5pm – 7pm. On Wednesday and Friday between 5pm -7pm "Throw the Dice" .... roll an even double and the landlord pays!!!

Coming Up:

|                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2015  | Live Music 'Von Trapps' (Punk & Rock) |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 | Live Music 'Banned' (Rock)            |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 | Christmas Family Fun Day              |
| Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 | Live Music '360' (Soul & 70's)        |
| New Year's Eve                     | Themed Party 'Tarts & Vicars'         |

We cater for all special occasions, large or small. For more information about bookings and forthcoming events, please call (01582) 721212 or pop in for a friendly chat. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year! *Ann & Adrian.*

These photos were sent to us this month by Roger Baker, a member of the Slip End Photography Group. He told us that the Slip End Beaver Colony were the winners of the County Kite building and



flying competition held earlier in the year. This is the first time that Slip End has ever won this... well done!

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### **Slip End Photography Group**

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Pop along and sign up if you are interested – new members are always very welcome.

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## Jason Cunningham update

*From Tony Strong*

Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena was the venue for Jason's eagerly awaited tilt at the British Flyweight title on Saturday 17th October.

Given that his opponent, Khalid Yafai, had an excellent record of many wins by stoppage, this was always going to be a tough ask for Jason. Nevertheless, support for him was both strong and expectant as he stepped into the ring to face twelve three minute rounds.

From the opening bell, Yafai tended to crowd Jason and seemed determined to give him little room to manoeuvre as a series of close encounters began. Despite considerable advantage in height and reach, our man was beginning to find the going hard, especially as the shorter Yafai kept right on top of him, deploying a mix of short fast punches propped up by innumerable holds, none of which seemed to bother the referee.

Jason always stood his ground well but Yafai's plan began to pay off from early on and by the end of the fifth round the points were stacking up in his favour. In round six, Jason was briefly on the floor. He claimed it to be a slip but the official adjudged it to be a punch and commenced a count. At the half way point, Jason's defence was rock solid but Yafai continued to be the aggressor, scoring most of the points with his short sharp punches and generally controlling matters. By the end of the final round, Yafai was announced the winner by a

comfortable margin but Jason can be proud of himself as he had gone the distance with a much more experienced practitioner.

There is no doubt that he will have learned a lot from this bout but what will the future bring? Perhaps a move upwards, possibly to Bantamweight, may be on the agenda. Whatever is decided, you can bet our "Doncaster Destroyer" will be back in business quite soon and carried to greater heights.



*Boxes on their way and a sample of what one box contains*





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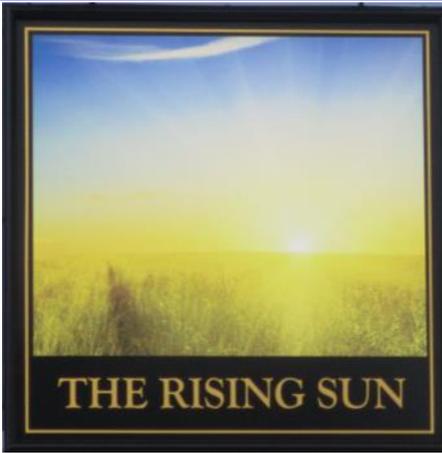
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Tues 8th Final CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm

Wed 9th GNS Christmas Tea Party Village Hall 2:30 -4:pm

Tues 15th Photography Group Christmas Party (by ticket) Social Club

Tues 15th Caddington WI Christmas Social Evening Baptist Hall 7:30pm

Sun 20th Children's Christmas party Social Club 5-7pm - Contact Club for tickets

Sun 20th Christmas Fun Day Rising Sun

Christmas and New Year events at our local pubs and club

See pub pages, adverts or contact the pubs for details

## January

Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

Mon 18th Gardening Club Meeting – to include AGM Village Hall 8pm

Tues 19th Photography Group Meeting Social Club

Tues 19th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm

Sat 23rd Burns Night Celebration - Rising Sun

### Future dates for your diary

25 & Flower Festival St Andrew's Church (More details later)

26th Jun

### Bin collections

Black bin and Glass Friday 4th,18th Dec

Sat 2nd , Fri 15th, 29th Jan

Orange bin Friday 11th Thurs 24th Dec Fri 8th, 22nd Jan



### Don't forget to advertise your events here!

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