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PARISH NEWS
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Editors' Notes

Election fever is now over and we can enjoy watching TV or listening to radio without the endless debates over policies and how to vote.

However you may have voted, it is only right to congratulate those who were re-elected in our area. Richard Stay and Kevin Collins are still our representatives on Central Beds Council and Gavin Shuker has a further term as our local MP. Their contact details can be found at the back of the magazine, should you have any burning issues to raise with any of them.

On the subject of Councils... Included in this issue, on pages 4 and 5, is the Annual report from the Parish Council, as presented at their AGM. I think we should thank our Councillors for their hard work and the time they willingly give up for the residents of this Parish.

The photos on the front cover this month show some of the children from Slip End School helping out in the Garden at Woodside Home. A few more of the photos

are included here. There is more news from the Home elsewhere in the magazine.



Exam time is upon us for school, college and university students alike. Hopefully they will be prepared and thus successful. Good luck to all!

Look... no house! Spotted in Manor Road in Lower Woodside...





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're a relaxed bunch and there's drinks available!



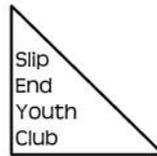
Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is still proving extremely successful, Carol Brennan our Area Coordinator is keeping our

Street Coordinators up to date with all the information available from the Police and NHW Head Quarters. Eyes and ears are important, if you'd like to join the NHW please contact Carol on 07979 402847 or carolbrennan74@outlook.com



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

have had more volunteers join them and are eager to keep up the help within the Parish. If you are 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!



Slip End Youth Club

The children enjoyed Pizza Night last month and in June they will be doing a Fathers Day craft night.

The Youth Club will be open on the following Wednesdays, 6pm to 7.30pm:

10th, 17th and 24th June
1st, 8th and 15th July



The Core Committee will be issuing the grant cheques after this month's meeting.

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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

Congratulations to The Gardening Club on their successful Plant Sale held last month at the Village Hall. I understand almost all plants were sold and you had to be there early to get the pick of the crop (pardon the pun) I popped along, it was a great event - well done!



Sarah Minnighan - CPG Chairman

Parish Council Annual Report

It is customary for the Chairman to give an annual report at the AGM. As the Council has now completed its four year term, I thought it would be worth extending the review to include what has been achieved during our term of office.

You may recall that in 2009 a Steering Group made up of Councillors and residents, under the Chairmanship of Rosemary Wickens, was set up to produce a Parish Plan. Following extensive consultation with residents, the steering Group published the Plan in 2011 with a view to all the actions being completed by 2016. Implementing the plan has been the main focus of the outgoing Council, so how did we get on and what has still to be completed by the incoming Council?

During 2009, the Parish Council set up the Community Projects Group, which is currently chaired by Cllr Sarah Minnighan. Both the Parish Council and the Community Projects Group have worked towards delivering the actions to resolve the issues residents were concerned about.

The list of action points is substantial, the full list and the progress made forms an appendix to this report, which can be seen attached to the minutes of the AGM at www.slipend.co.uk, paper copies can be obtained from the Clerk. However, for the purposes of the report I shall highlight some of the main points here.

By far the largest area of concern for residents was speeding vehicles and dangerous and inconsiderate parking. Various traffic calming features, parking restrictions and parking bays have been installed throughout the Parish. The first phase of the project is almost complete. Once experience has been had of the various features, the police will return to carry out a further speed survey so that we will have before and after results to compare.

One or two of the features attracted some controversy when they were first installed. These issues together with other views from residents and the results of the speed data will be reviewed to see if any further work is needed before the project is concluded.

Other achievements arising from the Parish Plan have been the setting up of the Good Neighbour Scheme, Youth Club and Neighbourhood Watch; delivery of the Parish Magazine free to every house in the Parish as residents wished to be kept informed of what is happening in the Parish; road drainage - we have worked closely with Central Beds Highways and the drainage problems around Grove Road and the bend in Upper Woodside have largely been resolved.

There was a need identified for additional housing, provision of cycle ways, maintenance of existing footpaths and the provision of new ones. To a great extent, all of these issues will be dealt with in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, on which we are jointly working with Caddington Parish Council under the joint steering group.

Issues which are ongoing: dog fouling, a more regular police presence, aircraft noise, fly tipping, and road flooding at the Woodside end of Mancroft Road.

There is one major item remaining from the plan which is the refurbishment of the playground next to the Village Hall. A small project team will be formed in the next few weeks to begin work on the project. There are five other action points, in addition to the playground that remain to be dealt with. The total number of action points identified by the plan was 26.

Outside the Parish Plan, the joint venture with Caddington Parish Council in operating our own gritter during the winter months continues. Advantage was taken of an initiative launched by Central Beds Council and Bedfordshire Fire Brigade which has enabled the Parish to obtain two defibrillators.

The Council's financial position remains strong and it continues to operate within budget. Indications are that the cost of the traffic calming project to the Parish will be much less than anticipated. Much of the work has been tied in by Highways to their existing road maintenance programme and the Council has been successful in obtaining grants of £132,000 from Central Bedfordshire Council, £2000 from Luton Borough Council and there is an application for a further £25000 grant with Central Bedfordshire Council waiting for a decision.

All the existing Councillors stood for election on the 7th May this year. There were no other nominations, so we have all been re-elected.

Ken Crossett

Chairman

Editor's Note: The names of the Parish Council members can be found at the back of the magazine. If you have any queries or need more information please contact them or look up extra details on the Parish website.

Operation Christmas Child Connect conference

I recently attended the above conference in Swanwick, near Derby and it was a great chance to hear some of the inspiring stories from the speakers who attended the weekend meeting. On the Friday evening we heard from an amazing young man called Alex Nsengimana who grew up in Rwanda. His mother died of HIV/AIDS while he was very young and then he experienced first-hand the horrors of the Rwandan genocide, losing many of his family members.

In 1994, Alex and his siblings were forced to run for their lives. They found refuge and safety at a local orphanage, a place they called home for the next several years and after one year Alex received a shoebox full of gifts for him to call his own, but most importantly he learned that someone in the world loved and cared for him. Soon after receiving his box, Alex joined the African Children's Choir and began touring in the United States. He recently completed his degree from a Bible college in Minnesota. Today he works full-time with OCC sharing the impact of a simple shoebox that changed his life.

In March 2013, Alex had the opportunity to return to Rwanda with Operation Christmas Child. Whilst there, he delivered shoebox gifts to children in the same orphanage he lived in years ago, when he received his own OCC shoebox.



It was a privilege to meet Alex and chat to him before he left Swanwick to travel to London as he was running the London Marathon on the Sunday!

A real inspirational young man and a true reminder of what the power of a simple gift can do.



It was great to meet up with some of my fellow travellers from the Belarus distribution in January and compare stories and photos.

We learned of some of the changes to the shoebox campaign and the hope for the future where we can bring more happiness to children in over 110 countries, which I hope you can all help with if possible.

Sue Briggs

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At Slip End we actively promote enrichment opportunities within our curriculum. We are passionate about incorporating significant events into our teaching and the children thoroughly embrace this learning which enhances their understanding tremendously.

Election 2015



As the country went to the polls so did we. Following a wonderful presentation by Mr Lewzey explaining the voting system, Years 3 & 4 were divided into groups to create their own election manifestos based on their ideas for making Slip End Lower School even better. Some wonderful ideas were proposed from a deeper and warmer swimming pool to being able to eat sweets whenever you liked! A nominated person from each party then gave a brief presentation of the manifesto ideas. The children were then able to vote for their favourite manifesto but unlike real politics you had to vote for someone else's. The whole process has given the children a real insight into democracy and the election process.

VE Day 70th Anniversary



Following the Election we were quickly moving on to the VE Day Commemorations. The children dressed up in red, white and blue and they spent the day learning about the



events of WWII which led to VE Day in 1945. Children were taught about Winston Churchill and listened to his famous announcement to the nation. They watched original footage from that day and were fascinated at seeing Queen Elizabeth II as a young princess on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. Children considered how it may have felt at that time and they wrote diary entries as if they were soldiers and had just heard the wonderful news. They had great ideas about what they may have looked forward to upon their return home which included having a big bath! They learnt about how everyone celebrated and this included learning 'We'll Meet Again' by Vera Lynn.

As always, please remember to visit our school website at:-

<http://www.slipend.beds.sch.uk/> where you will find more information about the life of our school.

Emma Peppiatt, Assistant Headteacher

Dates for St Andrew's Church—June 2015

Sun 7th: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Gift Day

Thurs 11th: 9.30am: Morning Prayer

Sun 14th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Growth in the Kingdom (organ & singers)

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

Fri 19th: 2pm: Woodside care home service

Sun 21st: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Jesus calms the storm (organ & singers)

Sun 28th: 8.30am: Said Communion – Jesus heals

Sun 28th: 10.30am: Family Service – Celebrating our children (band)

Little Stars for May



Weds 3rd: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30am start: Little Stars: Visit to Woodside Care Home, leaving to go together at 10.45am

Weds 10th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Bible Stories – Loaves and fishes

Weds 17th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Bible Stories – The Good Samaritan, and Father's Day

Weds 24th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Bible Stories – A little girl

Advance notice...

Weds 1st July: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Bible Stories – The lost sheep

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

A Message from St Andrew's

Cathy asked me to write this month's article for the Parish Magazine. She suggests that I first tell you a bit about me. I am Richard Palmer and a Reader at St. Andrew's. A Reader is someone who is licensed by the Diocese to preach and take some services in the Church of England. By profession, I have been a primary school head teacher, now retired. Currently I work part time for the University of Hertfordshire as a tutor.

My wife, Marion and I live in Harpenden (not the posh end!) and we have three grown up daughters and seven grandchildren (with one more on the way).

As a father and a Grandfather, my thoughts turned to Father's Day, this year on the 21st. June. The idea came from the United States. It is said that one, Sonora Dodd from Washington first came up with the idea after hearing a Mother's Day sermon in 1910 and wondered why fathers didn't have their own day too. Sonora and her siblings had been raised by their father as a single parent after their mother died in childbirth. Sonora began a campaign to have the day recognised.

Others say that a Grace Clayton from West Virginia came up with the idea following a mine explosion which killed more than 360 men. She argued that children in the town needed time to remember their fathers.

There are parts of the world where it is traditional for groups of men to go into the woods with a wagon full of beer, wines and meats (I must find out where!). Heavy drinking is common, and, according to

official statistics, traffic related accidents rise on this day!

Christians regard God as our Heavenly Father. Jesus refers to Him as "Our Father in heaven", in the Lord's Prayer. Yes, He is Almighty God, but He can also be your Heavenly Father. For those of you who are parents, especially of teenaged children, I am sure you can relate like me to the problems and heartaches children can cause, yet we still love them.

It is the same with our Heavenly Father. He loves us just as we are. His love is unconditional. He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus to die for each one of us that we might have life in all its fullness. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the assurance of eternal life as we put our trust and faith in Him.

Each one of us is unique in God's eyes. Each one of us is precious, just as our children are precious to us. God has no favourites. Some might find that difficult if your experiences of your father were not good ones. But God is different. He loves each one of us unconditionally and He wants us to know Him as our Heavenly Father and to walk with Him day by day.

May God bless you all,

Richard



An update from Caddington Surgery

Hello everyone and thank you for all the encouragement you give us in the Caddington surgery team.

We'd like to share our **Action plan for 2015-16** which was agreed after the recent patient input group meeting.

1)GP availability and booking appointments

We are in the process of recruiting another GP and will produce updated information on current GP sessions and appointment booking in paper form and for the website.

Trial of increased number of prebookable appointments:

In response to feedback that elderly patients needing to arrange lifts to the surgery with the good neighbour scheme were having difficulty pre-booking appointments, and informal feedback that there were other patients who would like to pre-book but did not find it easy to do so, we are trialling increasing the number of pre-bookable appointments for the next 3 months.

The patient group felt this was a good idea and offered ideas of how to publicise it well. We will evaluate it after 3 months.

2)Ensuring good access for people with mobility difficulties

Because two of our GP consulting rooms are upstairs this can create accessibility issues for some patients.

We want to improve the system to allow patients with mobility issues to be seen downstairs so we plan to:

- Identify when patients are making an appointment if they have mobility problems
- Note on individual's computer record if 'needs downstairs room'
- Improve information to patients on when GPs are working downstairs
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3) Increase online and text facilities

-to improve convenience for patients and reduce pressure on the telephone lines.

Online appointment booking continues to be successful and convenient for those who use it. We plan to introduce access to results via text soon and explore online access to results.

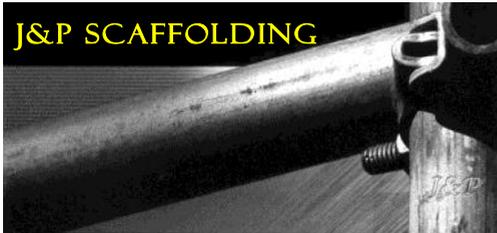
We want to keep improving our service and are open to ideas and suggestions (there is a suggestions box in the surgery).

Do look at the website www.caddingtonsurgery.co.uk for clear information on different ways to book appointments, which will also be available in paper form.

Enjoy the summer!

Dr Tara Verity, on behalf of the Caddington Surgery team

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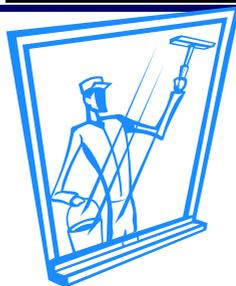
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SLIP END GARDENING CLUB

The early May garden visit under the National Gardens Scheme was to "Huntsmoor" nr Bovington.



There was a large house with three areas of garden leading to open fields. It included a rose garden, rhododendron border, arboretum, Koi pond, nature pond, shrub and herbaceous borders, also a 'cave', and lots of places to sit. (See photos)



The biennial Plant Sale was held at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th May, report and photos on the next pages.



Forthcoming garden visits under the National Gardens Scheme are given below:-

Sun. 14 Jun. Great Brickhill Gardens, Milton Keynes. (Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

On **Sat. 18 July**, a visit is planned to Capel Manor, Enfield, for Mr Fothergill's Sweet Pea Competition.

Sun. 16 Aug. Wrest Park, Silsoe. English Heritage members free. Adults £9. Conc. £8.10. (Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

PN Gardening Correspondent

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Plant Sale

I am pleased to report a successful Plant Sale, which we held at the Village Hall for the first time and because of this we were able to incorporate some local groups who also need to fund raise and trust they had a good day too. Looking around everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and Carol's home-made cakes were extremely popular. When setting up in the morning we were worried that we had overdone the plants but thanks to everyone's support we had a sell-out which was amazing.



We need to say a big Thank You to everyone who either grew or looked after plants for us, we couldn't do it without you; to all the local businesses who were generous enough to donate a raffle prize; Slip End Garage, Slip End Superstore,

Frog & Rhubarb, Harpers, Rising Sun, Slip End Pet Store, Social Club, The Plough, and not least to all the people who came along to buy the plants, thank you one and all.

Rosemary Wickens

Chairperson

(more photos overleaf)



Left— Selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the many prizes



Plant fair visitors had plenty of community stalls to visit , as well as the raffle and tea and cakes!



...and this was all that was left in the end!

Didn't they do well!

Gardening Tips

by Russell Sprout

We haven't had such a wet spring as last year but the high winds haven't been very pleasant and have caused some damage to fences and greenhouses in particular, let's hope we don't get any more during the summer!

Any early herbaceous plants that are starting to fade, cut back to approximately three inches, this will encourage a fresh crop of foliage and possibly a second flowering. Dahlias and chrysanthemums can either be stopped (pinching out the top bud) to produce bushy growth, or disbudded (pinching out the side buds) if large showy blooms are required. This should be done by the middle of the month for best results, again a good mulch around the roots will prevent plants drying out. Syringe Sweet Peas with a mist-like spray of water in dry weather.

The weather this month is usually hot and little rain, so to prevent the lawn from drying out too much lift the mower blades and leave the box off when mowing as the clippings will help to retain moisture (but don't use lawn mowings if you have treated the lawn with a weedkiller). When the ground is soft after a shower spike the lawn so that moisture can penetrate down to the roots and keep the lawn looking green.

Border carnations and pinks will require support to stop them looking unruly. Early in the month cut the grassy leaves off irises near to the soil level as the rhizomes need to be baked by the sun to produce good flowers. Primroses and primulas can be dug up and divided after a shower and replanted straight away this month to produce a good display next year. If left in large clumps the flowers will be small and of poor quality.

Hoe around rose bushes and remove any suckers from the root stock and mulch to

preserve moisture. If you require long stem roses for cutting, then remove the side buds by pinching them out when small and leave the top bud, this will produce a bigger and better quality bloom.

If you have alpines, continue weeding and hoeing. Trim dead flowers from aubrietias and saxifrages to prevent seeding, and clip other plants to keep them tidy. Water plants in dry weather, preferably using a fine mist in the evening.

Wallflowers and Sweet Williams can be sown in their flowering positions at the end of the month for flowering in the spring. If fruit trees such as apple and pear are loaded with fruit, thinning out will improve the size of the fruit, but do this in stages as some fruit trees will limit the crops they carry naturally by dropping some of the fruit. Strawberries will produce runners this month so if you wish to increase your stock or replace any old unproductive plants stake the runner in the ground until it roots. This can be done simply by placing a stone over the runner, unwanted runners should be removed.

Carry on planting seeds for a succession of crops such as lettuce, radish, carrots and beetroot and pick when young for best flavour. Continue digging new potatoes, as the ground becomes vacant this can be used for leeks. Plant out Brussels sprouts, winter cabbages, purple and white sprouting in their final positions this month. Marrows and tomatoes are safe to be planted outside now. Towards the end of the month leeks can be planted six inches apart in rows twelve inches apart by making a hole with a dibber and drop the plant in, water in with a can to wash the soil around the roots, do not fill the hole with soil and do not firm in as this will impede growth. If you have fruit trees watch out for pests.

That's all for now, so until next month, happy gardening.

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Woodside Friends

Firstly, there is an apology from Janet Crawley to Phil Johnson of J AND P SCAFFOLDING, his surname is not Doubleday as quoted previously.

The raised beds have thriving plants in them and the residents are already enjoying watching the plants grow. Phil and Andy Prothero made the raised beds and we are very grateful to them both.

We are making a scarecrow scene in the garden and it is surprising how much effort from all of us including the residents went into making Mr Woodside . To make the scarecrow, one of the families provided the cross stake and then we had donations for his hat, scarf, pillowcase head, shirt, jeans and wellies Our next venture is to make Mrs Woodside. I have already got her stockings and dress and a lovely hat. The Speirs family donated bales of straw.

Sunflowers have been planted by the residents and we are having a competition for who grows the tallest one. All good fun. Our fairy garden and gnome garden is beginning to look magical and our first plants, hostas, are appearing .



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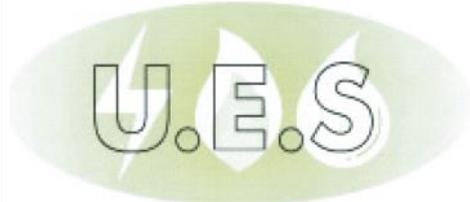


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We had a very good talk by Annette Irwin speaking about her Mother's life in Russia. Born in 1906, in Kiev, Ukraine she then went to live in Russia. Annette's family lived and worked quite happily together among other ethnic groups, Jewish, Muslims and Christian, but this all changed once the Tzars from Russia came along. They killed a lot of people before survivors were forced to flee to the forests where they had to live. The story was very sad and we listened to the details. We cannot imagine the poverty and aggression they went through. The family eventually got to Russia, bearing in mind there were no trains or modern transport or supplies, and were up against a language barrier as they did not understand Russian. They even had to change their name. Annette went into great detail about the family.

Eventually they came to England having wanted to go to America but one of the family was ill so America would not take them. They settled in the East End of London and then in 1940 came to Luton. It was only because Annette's son got on well with his grandmother that he learned Russian and has spent many years studying the area his family came from and finding out the family history. A book was published by Annette's sister, Ethel, which is now a keepsake for the family. Her mother never ever spoke about her life to anyone. The forest is now a National Park.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire was enjoyed by Members. The handover of the '100 year Centenary Baton' was attended by Sue

Martin. This has now gone to Hertfordshire having travelled all around the country via other W.I.'s.

The village event for St. George's Day was a great success and the cakes and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to our Ladies who made cakes and helped out on the day - you did a good job.

We have our Annual Meeting in May and Ruth Gill will be talking about Family History. Our June meeting will be Peter Madden speaking about Police Dogs and Handling.

We meet at the Baptist Church Hall, Dunstable Road on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.30 p.m. Come and join us - even for the friendship, tea and cake.

Linda Edwards

PATCHWORK & QUILTING CLASSES

We are still holding classes for quilting. These will be on June 18th, July 16th and August 20th. Start at 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Cost £10.50p. You can stay until 4 p.m. to finish your work and meet other members.

Venue: Methodist Church Hall, North Drift Way, Farley Hill, Luton. For further information phone Karen on 01582 729192

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The Annual Unlock walk in London

As usual a group from St Andrew's joined the Unlock walk in London.



This year was the 32nd walk and styled as “a tribute” to Peter Hall a former Bishop of Woolwich in London who over many years wrote the notes that accompany the hand drawn maps of the routes. He sadly passed away in December 2013.

It was suggested that the 2015 walk went through part of his “patch” as Bishop.

For this walk we had a change from the usual circular design and had what the organizers called a “long thin walk” with the option of using the 47 bus as an alternative to walking all the time.



However those of us from St Andrew's who “did” the walk started at one end and walked the entire length - a mere 7 miles! I think there may have been a voice expressing

“It seemed longer” but we divert from the main purpose of the walk which was to visit various churches and Christian centres along the way. As we walk we try to discover how the various places minister to those around and to their congregations. There were 7 churches to visit and at each there were visual displays and folk very happy to tell us all about their work and to offer a tasty selection of refreshments.

We started in Bermondsey, wandered through Southwark Park and then passed the Rotherhithe tunnel. We stopped at a Norwegian Church which was initially set up here because of the then close proximity to the old docks. The walk then continued along a National cycle route – I think the idea was that the excellent signage would stop one getting lost! We like our little detours en-route off route!! The (official) route now took us through a new housing estate where we could climb up Stave Hill - man made but still with amazing views across London. Back down and through Russia Dock Wood and alongside the Thames, here after we had visited the Surrey Docks city farm we had views across the river to Greenwich. Then at Pepys Park we turned away from the river and on into Deptford.

The last part of the walk then took us across Hilly Fields (past a former home of the late



Bishop) and down to Ladywell, before ending the walk near Lewisham Hospital.

Crime Statistics for April 2015



To add even more interest to the walk and to keep us focused on the various areas we were passing through, there was the usual quiz to do - 20 questions relating to the everyday things around us. One question asked, “Why should this square remind you of the date of next year’s Unlock walk?” *

In Lewisham we picked up the necessary transport we needed to embark on our journey home. The ride back into London emphasised just how long the walk was! We were so thankful that the weather had been kind to us, the people most helpful and welcoming and the scenery generally a pleasant surprise. Well I suppose that rather depends on what you expect London to look like down the side streets and across numerous green spaces!

* Next year’s walk takes place on St George’s day 23rd April! We would love more folk to join us on this wonderful day out. Why not make a note of the date in your diary now.

In the meantime further information about Unlock can be found on their web-site @ unlock-urban.org.uk

Violence with Injury – 0
Violence without Injury – 0
Robbery – 0
Burglary Dwelling – 1
Burglary Non Dwelling – 0
Vehicle Offences – 1
Bicycle Theft – 0
Other Theft – 1
Criminal Damage – 0
Possession of Drugs – 0
Public Order – 0

Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society – 1
Anti-Social Behaviour - 2
Total – 6

Burglary Dwelling – 7/4/15 Markyate Road access gained to back garden and rear window forced open messy search conducted and various items taken.

Vehicle Offences - 22/04/15 Summer Street- Theft of motor vehicle while parked on residential street

Other Theft - 12/04/15 Summer Street items attempted to be stolen from outside a property but picked up by camera and left without items

Miscellaneous Crime against Society - Obscene publication. No further details

Anti-Social Behaviour - Claydown Way - 2 males cold calling in no cold calling zone for a solar panel company

Church Road - call from taxi driver whose passenger refusing to pay fare. Male left location no need for police attendance

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates for June

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/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 14th

11.00am Morning Service - Peter Baker

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Monday 15th

7.30pm Fellowship Led by Mike Bull

Sunday 21st

Summer begins ~ Father's Day

11.00am Morning Service - John Enejo

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Wednesday 24th

7.30pm Coffee Evening

In aid of Methodist Homes for the Aged

Sunday 28th

11.00am Sunday School Anniversary

led by Jo Prowse Sunday School

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Young People

Aley Green's Lent project this year was to fill our Smartie tubes with money (after eating the Smarties of course!) for Water Aid.

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The Sunday School and Youth Group collected £47. for a charity supporting children with cardiac problems. The Easter Offering envelopes for Women's Network

Projects raised £41.50.

The Sunday School and youth group planted a beautiful Easter Garden, it was a lovely addition to our Easter Worship.

Our first 'Take Time' meeting was a great success, we welcomed friends from other churches and the local villages. Our speaker was the Reverend Ruth Bottoms, Chaplain to the Social Work services with the West London Mission. She told us about her work at the day centre and the residential care home for men with alcohol dependence, a hostel for men who have left prison and two 'Big House' supported accommodation for ex-servicemen. Ruth plainly loves her work and cares greatly for her 'clients' and colleagues alike. By being at the West London Mission she represents 'God with us' and embodies the WLM commitment to promote transformation and wholeness in body, mind and spirit. A collection was taken and we were able to send £140.00 to the charity. The afternoon was rounded off with refreshments and a good old natter. Look out for details of our next meeting when Sue Briggs will tell us about her trip to Belarus to deliver Christmas shoeboxes.

The April Coffee Evening was well supported and raised £70 for Keech Hospice Care. Why not join us for our monthly coffee evenings. Tea and coffee are free and you can treat yourself to a sausage roll or cake, there is always plenty of chat and laughter. Books chutneys, jams & marmalades are on sale and profits go to our charity of the month.

We do hope you will find time to call in and join us at an event or service and studies. Pick up a newsletter, you will find full details of all our activities, walks, lunches, outings, fellowship and bible studies. A warm Aley Green welcome awaits.

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Woodside Home News

from Janet Crawley

I am sure everyone will be keen to hear how the sensory garden is getting on. It is coming along slowly.

This week one of the residents, who is a keen gardener, braved the windy weather to help prune back roses and also lavender bushes we have been given. I watched him carefully as he quickly worked showing me the buds and how to cut the woody bits back. He has enjoyed it and as he worked he rubbed the mint and lavender leaves. He can take nothing by mouth now so he does not have the tastes of foods but every now and again would stop to smell. He then said the smell of the plants were wonderful, he did not want to go in and he was telling the night staff what a wonderful time he had in the garden.

The raised beds that Phil Johnson and Andy Prothero made for us are being used. I was able to sit Percy on a chair, then as he carried on round the bed to prune, move his chair with him. He told me how to plant when to water and when to stamp the earth down. We continued and finished with red hot pokers, lilies, lavender, an old English rose, dahlias and cosmos chocolate flowers. It was great as he could reach to the middle of the bed and use the wooden sides to steady himself, he never stopped smiling he has a real passion for gardening. We are getting near to finishing the fairy

and gnome rockery and have started the farmyard scene, we have a lot of work to do but it will be worth every minute of hard work for each resident to give a smile or chuckle.

In May, to commemorate VE Day the Home welcomed various senior groups from the village for afternoon tea. There was a raffle and tombola and lots of fun had by all.





Steam day at Stockwood Park. Donations were taken for rides. Otherwise the event was free! There were families out and about enjoying the day.



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We send our sympathies to Terry Smith and family on the passing of his mother Betty Smith. Betty lived in Farley Hill for very many years after moving from Scotland and she was a lovely little lady whom everyone loved dearly. After her funeral, family and friends came back to the Plough for a buffet to celebrate her life and share the many fond memories they have of Betty. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

Our thoughts are also with the family of Gill Arnold on the loss of her husband, Kevin. Friends and family joined to remember Kevin at The Plough, they all enjoyed a finger buffet and talked about the wonderful times they had with Kevin.

We recently wished Richard Wyres a speedy recovery after a small operation on his foot. Richard is on a slow recovery and he is doing well but he couldn't get out and about for a few months without the use of a wheelchair. The Plough made a donation and got him a nice shiny new wheelchair so he can get out and about for some fresh air. We do hope to see him about soon.

We would like to wish one of our bar staff Tia Kinard a Happy 21st Birthday. Tia is away at University studying Law and with exams coming up this month she hasn't had chance to celebrate yet. Tia is having a 21st Birthday Party here at The Plough in the marquee next month. We look forward to celebrating with her.

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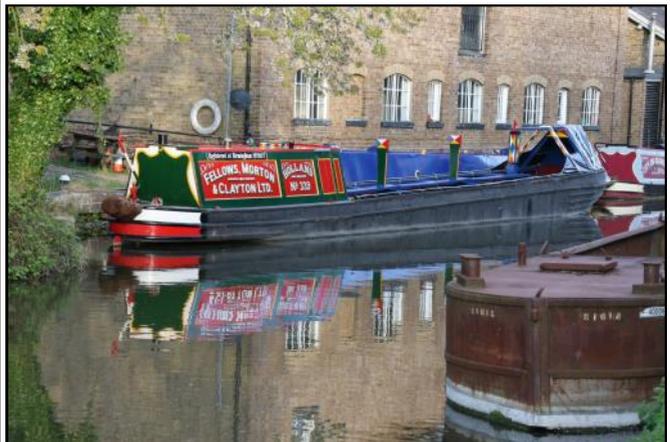
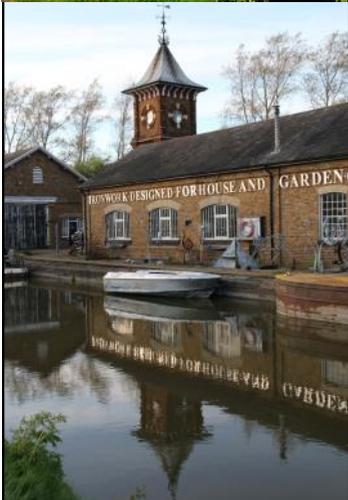


Slip End Photography Group

The group held its AGM in April at the Social Club and also discussed various aspects of the future programme and trips out. There were some changes to the members of the committee however, Norman Homewood remains as Chairman and contact point for anyone who wishes to find out more about the group. He can be contacted on 01582 452851. The meeting concluded with a tasty buffet for the members to enjoy.

There will be one main meeting a month, some being talks from visiting speakers. These are held on the third Tuesday of

the month. In the summer it is hoped to make use of light evenings during the weeks in between these main dates, heading out to places of interest to take some photos. There will be other evenings in between to have a look at the pictures taken. Hints and tips can always be gathered from the more experienced photographers. In the winter the group may meet less frequently as some members prefer not to go out on the darker evenings. At the end of April there was an outing to the Canal at Bulbourne. Future plans include an outing to Aldbury Village, which is very picturesque.





As you read this many of our pupils will be facing new challenges and pushing themselves beyond their own limits.

Years 7 and 8 are going to Blue Peris in North Wales where they will experience new adventures from Gorge walking to abseiling. Year 6, having worked so hard to complete their SATs, are going to Yorkshire to challenge themselves with rope courses, leaps of faith and team building exercises. Year 4 pupils from both Caddington and Slip End will be preparing to visit our partner school in Germany. For many of these pupils it will be the first time they have flown and been away from home. We are constantly amazed at how our young people push themselves out of their comfort zones and return from these trips being stronger, more resilient and somehow more grown up. It really is one of the highlights of teaching, seeing the children out of school conquering fears and having real pride in what they have achieved.

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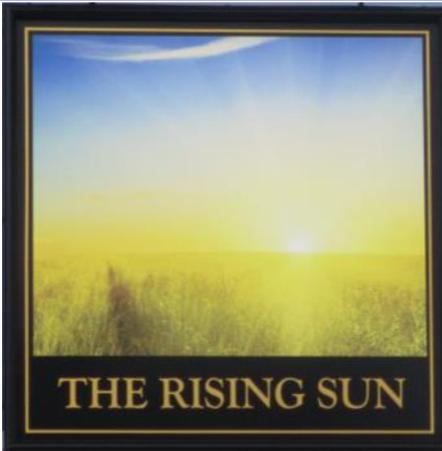
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- Mon 1st Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Tues 8th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Sun 14th Gardening club—Great Brickhill Gardens (meet 1.30pm Rising Sun car park)
Tues 16th Photography Group Outing (Aldbury Village) 7pm (weather dependent)
Tues 16th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall Caddington 7:30pm

July

- Mon 6th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Tues 14th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Sat 18th Gardening Club—Visit to Capel Manor, Enfield, for Mr Fothergill's
Sweet Pea Competition
Mon 20th Gardening Club Meeting - Speaker - "Dig for Victory" Village Hall 8pm
Tues 21st Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall Caddington 7:30pm
Tues 21st Photography Group trip out

August

- 15th Woodside Friends—Car boot Sale details TBC
16th Gardening Club Visit to Wrest Park Silsoe (meet 1:30pm Rising Sun car park)
Tues 18th Photography Group Mystery Guest Speaker - Social Club 8pm
21-23 Flamstead Scarecrow Festival

Sept

- Fri 25th Advance notice - Annual Harvest Supper Village Hall Details next month

Bin collections for June

- Black bin and Glass Friday 5th & 19th June
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