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Belarus memories



Editors' Notes

Spring is almost here and haven't we been lucky with the weather so far? A mixture of items this month and lots going on as usual in the Parish. Hope you enjoy my photos from Belarus—what an experience it was, and one I shall never forget.

We have some sad news to tell you though as Katrina Doubleday, our advertising lady has decided she can no longer manage to dedicate so much time to running the Adverts Department for the Parish News, so has reluctantly stepped down. We would like to thank her for all the hard work she has done to bring the adverts/finances into such a good position. We will really miss you Katrina. We have, we think been lucky enough to find someone who can step into Katrina's shoes so more on that next month.

Dangerous Trees!

Mr & Mrs Wray from The Orchard, off Summer Street, had quite a scare whilst sitting down to tea with their grandchildren a few Sundays ago. Suddenly they heard a loud noise and a crash and the Walnut tree from the bottom of their garden had uprooted and fallen onto their roof hitting the fence and causing a lot of damage!

They had previously requested to have it removed but were told it had a preservation order on it! It was frightening to think their grandchildren and the dogs had been playing in the garden earlier, and a warning to others with large trees in their garden. Take care and if you think they are getting dangerous get some professional help to check the trees.

One good thing to come from it is that it will make their garden much lighter during the Spring and Summer months!

Editor



View from the upstairs bedroom



Views affecting their neighbours and side entrance



Thrift family celebrations

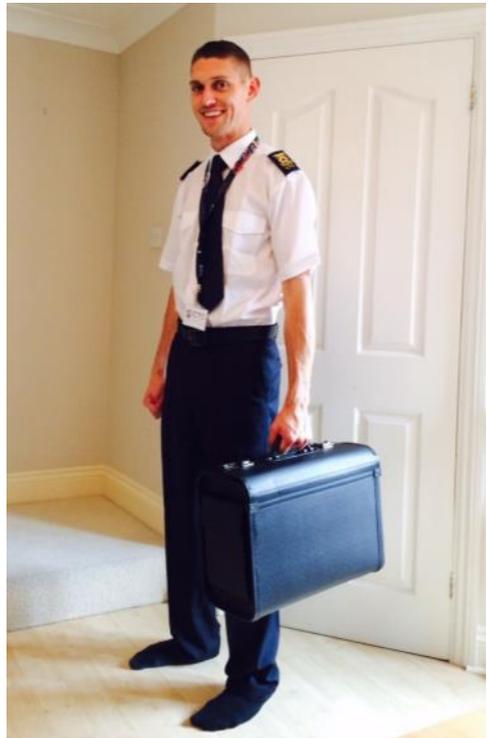


On 31st January the Thrift family held a triple celebration at Slip End Social Club. The party was to celebrate Joy's 80th, Edwin's 21st and Lawrence's departure to New Zealand for pilot training until the end of the year. Everyone had a great evening. Thank you to everybody for coming and for the gifts and cards.

Thanks to Lainy, Kevin, Babs and Pete Ray for arranging for the 3 celebration cakes, and to Sandra and Shirley for making them. The cakes were all individually iced for each person and looked wonderful. The evening was a great way to celebrate with friends and family.

Louise Thrift

Happy 21st Edwin, Happy 80th Joy, and good luck Lawrence with your future training in New Zealand from friends and family and the Parish News. (more information later)





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!

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



More volunteers have joined the scheme 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're not entitled!

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Facebook Page — find us, 'like' us and be kept up to date with information about the parish - ***Slip End Parish Community page.***

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

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 Brennan on 07979 402847 or carolbrennan74@outlook.com

CPG Grant Applications

One of main roles of the CPG is to allocate grants to non-profit groups and organisations within the Parish using the funds allocated from the Parish Council precept, subject to certain conditions. We have sent out the grant application packs to the various organisations, with criteria being somewhat stricter this year.

To remind those of you applying, your application must be returned to me by Friday 6th March 2015.

*The applications will be discussed by the CPG Core Committee this year at the March meeting which will be **Core Committee only.***



Therefore the next meeting of the CPG is Tuesday 14th April 2014 at the Social Club, 7.30pm, all welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my vice chairman Keith Holme for chairing the February meeting for me at very short notice!

Sarah Minnighan - CPG Chairman

Lawrence Thrift



Many local people may remember Lawrence, he and his family live in Summer street. Lawrence attended Slip End school, Streetfield Middle School and Manshead Upper. He spent many years working part time at Woodside eggs during holidays and weekends, before going off to Edge Hill university where he achieved a first class honours degree in modern foreign languages and a teaching degree. Lawrence then taught at Pirton Hill School in Luton and then went to Broughton school in Aylesbury.

Lawrence always dreamed of being a pilot, not content to let his dream just be a dream he started to apply to airline companies, and in March 2014 he applied to Flybe after reading they were going to offer some assisted places. There were over 2000 applicants for only 5 places. After many interviews and entrance exams, to everyone's amazement Lawrence was offered a sponsorship of £40,000 towards his training and a job when qualified. In July he started at CTC Aviation as a cadet pilot and after passing all his ground school exams he has now left for New Zealand, where he will be taught to fly the planes, and increase his flying hours.

Lawrence will be there until the end of the year when he will return to England to do his flight ratings. His family and friends are all very happy he is able to fulfil his dream and wish him good luck. Well done Lawrence.



*The FLYBE training cadets and Lawrence
(spelling out FLYBE)*

PATCHWORK & QUILTING CLASSES

The beginner's 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. The cost will be £10.50 and you can stay until 4p.m. to continue your own work if you would like to. The next class is Thursday 19th March. You will be given tuition on the basics together with other useful tips and hints towards making your own quilt. You need only a few sewing items to start with. Even if you are not a beginner why not come and join us.

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

Linda Edwards and Teresa Willson

Dates for St Andrew's Church—March 2015

Sun 1st: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Take up your cross

Sun 8th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Zeal for God's house (organ & singers)

Thurs 12th: 9.30am: Morning Prayer

Sun 15th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Mothering Sunday



Tues 17th: 11am: Caddington Hall care home service

Fri 20th: 2pm: Woodside care home service

Sun 22nd: 8.30am: Said Communion – A single grain of wheat

Sun 22nd: 10.30am: Morning Praise – A single grain of wheat (band)

Sun 29th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Palm Sunday (organ & singers)



Mon 30th: 7.30pm: Holy Week service

Tues 31st: 7.30pm: Holy Week service

Little Stars for March

Weds 4th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30am start:

Little Stars: : Little Stars will then visit Woodside Care Home at about 10.45. and sing lots of their favourite songs with the residents! - we had such a lovely time at Christmas we are delighted to be able to visit again.

Please join us.

Weds 11th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start:

Little Stars: Parenting – Jesus as a teenager

Weds 18th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start:

Little Stars: Parenting – Jesus as a young man

Weds 25th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start:

Little Stars: Parenting – Jesus as a friend



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

St Andrew's News

In the Church Calendar we are now in Lent, a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, we replicate Jesus withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. During Lent we also recall the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. At St Andrew's we emphasise Lent as an opportunity for drawing closer to God. We may give something up – in order to spend more time in prayer or Bible Reading. Some of us use the “Live the challenge” daily bible verse which is available from www.livethechallenge.co.uk. It gives us a little encouragement for an encounter with God in the midst of a busy day. Our St. Andrew's Climate Justice group has also asked people to consider a carbon fast.



Julie writes, “ The aim is to reduce our individual carbon footprint by choosing from a list of actions that will change our lifestyle during Lent. We have identified 40 different actions (reflecting the 40 days in the wilderness) which people could consider taking. Here are a few examples:

- If you can, then walk, cycle or take the bus. If not, consolidate trips to reduce car usage.

- If you're cold add an extra layer of clothes instead of switching on the heating.
- Search charity shops instead of buying new. Cherish the old and go for the vintage look!
- Switch off at the wall instead of leaving on stand-by.
- Turn your heating down to 17°C.
- Get rid of junk mail by signing up to the mail preference service.
- Reduce food waste by menu planning and by using leftovers. (Ideas on Love Food Hate Waste website)
- Stick to the speed limit – it uses less petrol.

You'll notice that a lot of these also serve as cost-savers so that is a win: win to use business jargon. The reason that this matters to us as Christians is that we believe that humans have unique responsibility for the well-being of creation (Gen 1:26, 2:15). We are to care for the earth because it is a gift, the product of God's love. Continuing to pollute the atmosphere when we know the dangers goes against what we know of God's ways and God's will. We are failing to love not only the earth, but our neighbours and future generations.

Parish Council Update

Poor communities are mostly innocent of any role in causing climate change and yet they feel the consequences of our actions. Loving our neighbour requires us to reduce our consumption of energy.

Hope in God motivates us to take action that can lead to transformation.”

In the meantime we are enjoying God’s wonderful creation with the first signs of Spring breaking through. There are the shoots of snowdrops and daffodils pushing through, catkins in the hedgerow and the joy of brighter mornings and evenings at last. Throughout Lent we are preparing for the New Life we Celebrate at Easter,

Have a blessed Lent , Cathy

Photography and Art Exhibition

Slip End Photography Group
is holding an exhibition of
members’ work



at Slip End Village Hall
on Saturday 21st March
12:00 noon — 4:00pm

Including Caddington Art Club

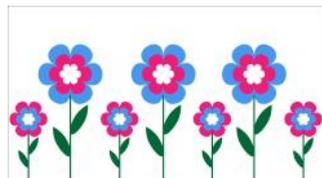
Tea, coffee and cakes available

Following the item in last month’s PN, I would like to clarify the position concerning the increase in the Parish part of the Council Tax which will be due from April. The total amount which the Parish Council is collecting can be looked on as being in two parts: the main part is the amount needed for the day to day running of the Parish and the second part is for the traffic calming project.

Over the coming year Councillors are expecting running costs to increase and so we are asking for an increase of 2% to meet these increased costs. We are not however, looking to increase the second part which is the additional £25,000 per year we are raising in respect of the traffic calming project. When you receive your combined Council Tax bill, you will see Central Beds can only show one amount for the Parish part of the Council Tax and will record an overall increase of 1% over the total amount.

The purpose of this note, therefore, is to confirm that it is only the running costs part of the Parish Council tax which is being increased.

Ken Crossett, Chairman



Queens Park Bedford Faith Walk



*Guru Nanak
Gurdwara*



*Westborne Road
Mosque*



All Saints Parish Church

The children from Year 3 & 4 visited Bedford to take part in a faith walk. The three faith communities have places of worship within three hundred metres of each other and allow the children to have first-hand experience of each one. They were all warmly welcomed to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Westborne Road Mosque and All Saints Parish Church, spending an hour at each of the special buildings.

The children participated in learning about the three special places and why they are special to the people who visit them. They also learnt about how all three participate together in sporting and community combined activities.

The children listened to music at the Gurdwara and learnt about the 'teachers', they heard part of the call to prayer in the Mosque and learnt about how and when praying takes place. They were allowed to investigate all parts of the Church, the altar, the lectern and the pulpit although not the water in the font!

There was great discussion during the trip of how each one was similar to and different from each other. The children also played detective looking for different things in each of the buildings that were visited. There was also time for the children to reflect on their own special place and people who are special to them. They also used their senses when in each of the buildings thinking about what they could see, hear, smell, touch and how it made them feel. A great day was had by all, and all the children and adults were invited to return at any time to any of the special places we visited.

By the pupils in Year 3

News from CVS



What can save nearly 1000 kilowatt hours of electricity in two weeks?

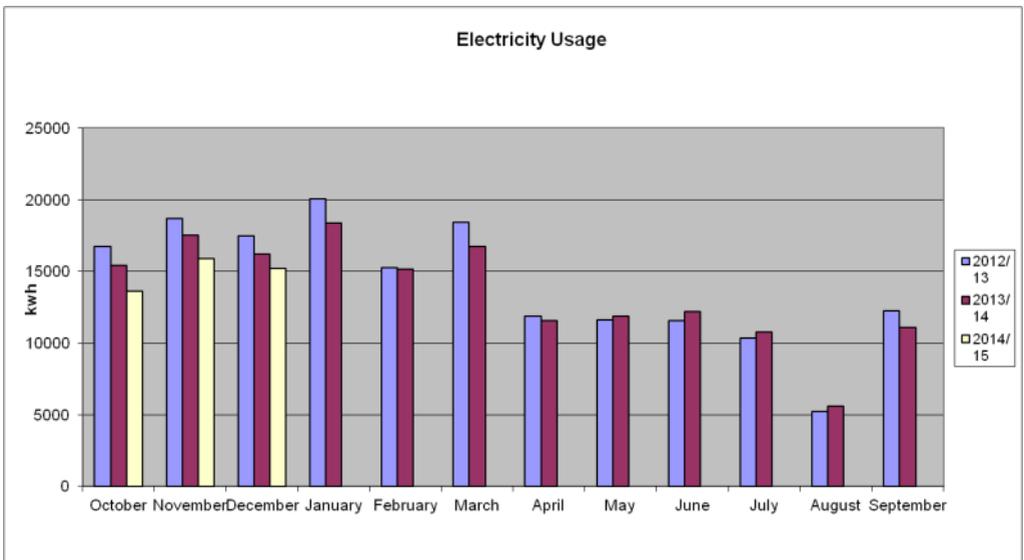
As you might know, Caddington Village School is an eco school. During the last two weeks of January, we have been doing a 'Switch-off Fortnight' campaign. We have organised this for the last three years, but only this year has The Eco Team decided to really challenge ourselves (and the rest of the school), – by doing it at the coldest time of the year.

Eco representatives from every class checked their rooms to make sure their classmates and teachers were switching off anything not needed. By the end of the fortnight, the results have been fascinating, bearing in mind that this year was a lot colder than last.

In the first week we reduced our usage from 4337 to 3888 kwh. In the second week, we did even better, despite the cold, and reduced usage from 4462 to 3919 kwh.

As you can see in the graph, we are working hard to reduce our electricity consumption. For the rest of 2015 we aim to continue this pattern in energy saving. What can save nearly 1000 kwh of power? A whole school working together to turn off lights, computers and appliances when they are not needed... You can try it at home too!

Lucy Treleaven and Clare Gower, Eco Team representatives.



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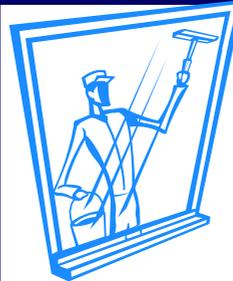
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SLIP END GARDENING CLUB

The Club held its AGM on Monday 19 January and the existing Committee members were re-elected en-bloc as there were no other nominations. Rosemary Wickens, Chairperson, reported it had been another successful year. The Village Open Gardens Day in July was a great success, and we had interesting Speakers and topics at meetings also visits under the National Gardens Scheme were enjoyed by an increasing number of members. Treasurer Carolyn Beeton reported the Club was in a healthy financial position. The AGM was followed by photos and presentations by three members.

Enid Kendall's presentation was on the development of her garden in Kensworth, following her move from Slip End several years ago. Veronique Cziborra gave a presentation on The Ephrussi Villa and Gardens on the French Riviera. Steve Lyons photos were from visits to Chelsea Flower Shows, Harlow Carr RHS Garden, Harrogate and BBC Gardener's World Live at the NEC Birmingham. The three presentations were all enjoyed by members. Special thanks went to Keith Holme for using his laptop and projector to show the photos. Excellent photos of Exbury Gardens, Southampton, Batsford Arboretum, Cotswolds, Stourhead Gardens Wiltshire and Kew Gardens Orchid Festival provided by Alison Wilson were also shown. Members made their first visit of the year on Sun. 8 Feb to Walkern Hall Gardens, nr Stevenage to

see the snowdrops. Walkern Hall Garden is essentially a winter woodland garden.



Set in 8 acres, the carpet of snowdrops and aconites is a constant source of wonder in February.



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

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

GARDENING CLUB
Monday 16th March
8pm Village Hall

Speaker: Geoff Hodges

**The 12 Month Garden -
Colour All Year Round**



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Guests/Visitors £2 each

Gardening Tips

by Russell Sprout

So far we haven't had such a bad winter, although it has been a bit soggy underfoot at times. Let's hope we have had the worst of the really cold weather and can look forward to getting in the garden.

If you have any large clumps of snowdrops they can be dug up and split into small bunches and replanted straight away, but this should only be done about every fifth year.

Gladioli corms can be planted later this month and if sown over the next 6 weeks will give a longer flowering season. Sow between 4-6 inches deep and you will avoid the need of staking them. Sweet peas which were sown in autumn and over-wintered in pots or bought from a Nursery will need to be planted out as soon as the weather permits. They make an effective display when grown in clumps and supported with pea sticks or a cylinder of netting. Dahlias and chrysanthemums over-wintered in the greenhouse will have shoots on them by now and cuttings can be taken when they are approximately 3 inches long.

Plant roses early in the month and prune established plants during a frost free period, cutting out all dead wood and any branches crisscrossing to open up and shape the bush to a bowl shape. Don't be afraid of cutting a rose back too far as they benefit from a really good reduction of the previous year's growth to produce strong new shoots.

Lawns will need some attention after the rigours of winter. New lawns need a final raking of ground dug in the autumn to a fine tilth for sowing seed. Established lawns will benefit from a good scarifying with a lawn

rake or an electric scarifier to remove dead grass, moss and thatch. Any worn areas can be reseeded and any sunken areas levelled and seeded to bring it back to a good condition for the year ahead. The first time you cut don't cut too short, lower the blades over the next few mowings. Trim and straighten edges angling the cut slightly away from you to avoid it crumbling away.

Early potatoes can be planted from the middle of the month 9-12 inches deep and 14 inches apart, but as they shoot above ground they will need to be protected from frost. Main crop Brussels sprouts can be sown early in the month in drills ½ inch deep for planting out at the end of April. Parsnips can also go in as soon as the soil is dry in drills ½ inch deep and 15 inches apart, if you sow 3 seeds at 6 inch spacing's this will make it a lot easier when it comes to thinning out.

Tomatoes sown last month under heat will need pricking out now or they will become weak and spindly. Finish pruning established fruit trees and bushes as soon as possible in the month.

Leeks can be sown this month for transplanting in June and summer spinach sown this month will be ready in May/June. Sow early rounded peas and broad beans until mid month. Onion sets can be planted towards the end of the month or early next month, but shallots should be planted as soon as possible if not already done.

The Gardening Club is having its Plant Sale on Saturday 16th May, a new venue this time, it will be held at the village hall 11am - 3pm, so make a note and go along to buy your bedding plants, perennials and vegetables and you can enjoy a cup of tea and a chat while you are there! See you next month.

Russell Sprout

HARPERS FINE food & wine SOCIETY

We hope you will soon visit us and enjoy a morning coffee, a lunch or an afternoon tea with us.

Have you been to one of our popular Taste & Try Open Days yet? You will be very welcome to visit us at our Tasting Days in our Oak Function Room, Harpers Food, Pepperstock, Beds LU1 4LL

Book now for Mother's Day Vintage Afternoon 15th March 2—4pm and we also have teas running from 12 to 14th March. Sandwiches, savouries, scones and cakes with unlimited tea or coffee. Contact Debbie below to book or for more information.



Why not keep up to date via our email newsletter with all our Events, High Teas and Voucher Offers.

Just email debbie@harpersfood.co.uk with email update in the subject field and we will do the rest.

Caddington W.I. Editorial

Our evening in January turned out to be a good one even though our speaker let us down at the last minute. We had a beetle drive. It all started off quite calm and towards the end a lot of laughter as dice were being thrown fast across the tables (and rolling onto the floor) with speed to become the winner! We then had a raffle with a difference. Five chairs were put out each with a raffle prize under each one. Raffle tickets were called out and the lady with that number took the seat of whichever prize she would like. Well, we certainly saw a different side to our ladies who were almost pushing each other to get to their prize! Our competition of the Most Glamorous gloves was won by Enid Campbell with Rita Weber second and Sue Taylor third. A really good evening and thanks to everyone for joining in.

We have the Shoe Sale again in March, and Who Wants to be a Millionaire in April. A Group Meeting, The W.I. Baton, Spring Federation Meeting and a Flower Festival too.

Our Darts team is still waiting to hear if it is in the final so we wish them luck. They are practising ready for this.

We meet at the Baptist Church Hall in Caddington at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month if you would like to join us. You would be most welcome.

Linda Edwards

Baker's Dozen



A well known local resident was recently doing an early 'spring clean' and tidy up for Lent. Not entirely surprisingly, she unearthed a total of 13 pairs of old spectacles!



1st Kicks School of Soccer comes to Slip End!

1st Kicks School of Soccer is a soccer specific physical play programme for children from 18 months to school age. Aimed at giving children their very first start with the ball, 1st Kicks School of Soccer uses soccer or football as our medium and of course a child attending will greatly develop their skills in this area. However 1st Kicks School of Soccer is about a great deal more than just developing a child's affinity and control with the ball, it is about giving them a well-rounded start in their physical, social and educational development and developing the 'whole child'. Attending 1st Kicks School of Soccer classes has enormous benefits for young children, some of which are listed below:

- o Improvement of balance and co-ordination, as well as posture
- o Development of cognitive skills
- o Increased self confidence
- o Improved social skills
- o Enhanced muscle and bone development
- o More body awareness and understanding of the benefits of exercise

The benefits of taking part in 1st Kicks School of Soccer go far beyond just the physical and research shows that 1st Kicks School of Soccer children who are physically active from a young age are more likely to concentrate better in the classroom.

Add this to 1st Kicks School of Soccer focus on educational and social development as well as physical and soccer specific skills and you can see that 1st Kicks School of Soccer really does give a great start to children. 1st Kicks School of Soccer sessions feature full participation and the emphasis is always on fun and structured play and development throughout.

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Community Defibrillator Seminar

7:00pm Friday 13th March

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

SLIP END VILLAGE HALL

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency

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Write the date in your diary now - it will benefit all and could help save a life!

Parish Defibrillators Installed!



The Community Heartbeat Trust, a registered charity which focuses on providing life saving defibrillation services to local communities recently offered various villages and parishes an opportunity to acquire a AED Defibrillator for free, and we're delighted to announce that Slip End Parish Council was successful with its application...twice!



We now have an AED Defibrillator installed at The Peter Edwards Hall and the Village Hall. The only costs to the Parish was the installation and training.

What is an AED? Its an automated external defibrillator or AED portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

How do we access it? Each cabinet has a vandal proof code lock. In the event of the AED being required, the code to operate the lock is given to the person making the call when they contact the ambulance service on 999. Both defibrillators are registered with the ambulance service and the caller will be directed to the nearest one based on postcode location.

And the rate of survival? With CPR alone its 5% but with defibrillation its 50% but it is dependent upon time. The quicker the intervention, the better the outcome. Recent evidence suggests that public access defibrillation is almost 10x more effective in saving lives than just CPR schemes alone. This is nothing to do with skills of the responders, but simply a factor of time to the patient. To give a good outcome, medical help still needs to be present at the patient within 4-5 minutes.

We're hoping, through the Slip End & District Community Projects Group, to purchase two more defibrillators to site at Woodside and Pepperstock. Training has been given to various persons involved with our community but the AED does give an electronic voice prompt when it's first opened.

For more information please check out the Community Heartbeat Trust website:
<http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/index.php>

OCC SHOEBOX DISTRIBUTION TO BELARUS



Victory Square with group



Dasha from Rehab Centre



Lana told me It was the best day of her life!



Valerie from the Art School, Derevnoe



Little girl from the Kindergarten



Happy children all around





Vanya from the Blind School



Family from Wolozin - Leeza, Artyom & Zhenya loved their boxes as had no Xmas gifts



Zazzia & his geometry set



Two photos from the Abandoned baby home, in Borosov



Ruslav with his torch

Preev yet (Russian Hello) Many of you will know I have been involved with Operation Christmas Child, the shoebox appeal for many years. I was always happy just to be part of it, and know that the boxes were bringing joy to children who were affected by war, difficult family positions, ill health or very poor. With the help of family, friends and St Andrew's Church I finally arrived in Belarus on a cold day in January, after meeting the team I would be travelling around with at Heathrow. It turned out to be one of the most wonderful (yet at times sad) experiences of my life. The team was from all over the UK, Wales and even the Isle of Man, and we were led by Roger Fenton, an experienced team leader. The team is pictured at Victory Square in Minsk on our first morning. We travelled many kilometres visiting 15 different venues; Sanatorium, Schools, Children's Hospital, Churches, Blind School, Home for Abandoned Babies (so sad) and several Social Shelters where children are taken from their parents who cannot cope, through drugs or drink or illness. The children were all wonderful and we received such warm welcomes wherever we went. These photos show just some of the amazing children we met—one young girl (see opposite page) told me 'This is the best day of my life!' How can you put that into words, but it shows how happy a simple shoebox can make a child.

My visit to Belarus



The Jewish Ghetto (the Hole where there is no echo) where Jews were taken and shot.



Such a sad place. The figures are a memorial to all those who were killed in WW2

WW11 Memorial at Khatyn, in memory of nearly 3 million Jews that died during the war. 186 villages were destroyed in all.



Hope Baptist Church where 25,000 boxes were delivered from the UK for the children of Belarus. They are stored beneath the Church and a leadership team decides where all the boxes will be distributed.

With Amanda Dervley, from Stanton Rd Church, at the memorial on a very cold day!



Abandoned Babies Home in Borisov built by Samaritans Purse - sad memories from there.

Sue Briggs, Editor

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Total – 3

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Theft from Motor Vehicle – Number plates stolen off a vehicle in Summer Street.
Criminal Damage - Gate damaged at a local riding school.

SEADA

Our outing for Senior Citizens living in Slip End Woodside and Pepperstock will be on Saturday June 6th

Names will be taken at the Car Boot Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday April 4th, Names will only be taken in person on that day, or ring Gillian on 01582 723109, before the end of April.

1st Woodside Brownies

We shall be holding an Open Evening on Wednesday May 6th from 6.15 to 7.30pm at the Village Hall so that any girls interested in joining can come and see what we do.



The girls already in Brownies will be asked to bring a friend.

Wise Owl

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A swallow winging on its way;
A rose in bloom, a cherry tree,
A shore's liaison with the sea;
A lazy river winding by
On which reflections catch the eye
I like to look at things each day,
Its all a Theme Park in a way.
The only difference seems to be,
In Nature's park, admission's free.



Thank you from Angel



Hi, my name is Angel as many as you know I have a condition called Cystic Fibrosis which is a genetic illness that causes my lungs to become clogged up with the sticky mucus.

On 24th August 2014 the Rising Sun held a charity fun day in aid of the condition and not only raised awareness but an amazing sum of money totalling £3000. This enabled

Ann & Adrian to buy two nebulisers, one of these I have benefited from and the rest of the money is going towards community nurses equipment. I would just like to say that I'm really grateful for everyone's support and especially to the Landlord himself for having his hair shaved off!

Thank you, *Angel Garner*

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Sunday 1st Lent 2

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

Monday 2nd

- 7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship
Week 2 'Waiting for Jesus' led by Mike Bull

Friday 6th

- 7.30pm Churches Together
Women's World Day of Prayer
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Sunday 8th Lent 3

- 11.00am Morning Service - Martin Herring
11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Monday 9th

- 7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship
Week 3 'Faith in Jesus' led by Mike Bull

Tuesday 10th

- 10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 15th Lent 4

Mothering Sunday

- 11.00am Morning Service Greg Obong-Oshotse
11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Monday 16th

- 7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship
Week 4 'Obeying Jesus' Led by Mike Bull

Sunday 22nd Lent 5

- 11.00am Morning Service Rev Andy Melvin
11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Monday 23rd

- 7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship
Week 5 'Being Named by Jesus' Led by Mike

Wednesday 25th

- 7.30pm Coffee Evening
In aid of Junior Missions for All

Sunday 29th Palm Sunday

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

Monday 30th

- 7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship
Week 6 'Obedience and Jesus'
Led by Mike



Tuesday 31st

7.30pm The Shepherd King

- Concert by The Aley Green Church Choir
Led by Liz Higgens
(Followed by refreshments)

We have had a quiet but good start to 2015. Our January Coffee Evening raised £53.70 for Action for Children. Cakes & Company in January and February were well attended and raised money for our church improvement fund. 'Pancakes & Company' in aid of LAMP raised an amazing £440.00. Thank you to all our friends and supporters who help us to help LAMP. We used well over two gallons of batter mix, I'm not sure how many pancakes that equates to, we lost count and forty eight bacon rolls were consumed. The bric-a-brac, raffle and Tombola did brisk business and we sold out of cakes and sausage rolls!

Lent 2015 Mike Bull is leading our Ecumenical Lent Studies entitled '*Transformed by the Presence of Jesus*' You are invited to join us at 7.30pm on Monday evenings in our lower schoolroom

The Lent Smartie tubes have been given out for us to enjoy the sweets before filling the tubes with money for our Lent project, 'Water Aid'. Our young folk are filling their tubes for a charity for cardiac problems in children. In Holy Week on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm our choir will be performing 'The Shepherd King', There will be a collection and a raffle and all money raised will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care in memory of Barbara Horton, a member of our church for over forty five years. Do join us for this lovely musical performance, and for refreshments afterwards.

We are very pleased to have our minister Rev Phil Horner back with us following his cancer treatment. Our prayers were answered and he has been given the all clear but still needs to rest and fully recover.

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Woodside Nursing Home—*from Janet Crawley*

Christmas is fading into the background but the Home is as busy as ever. We have new residents coming into the Home called Leslie. Paddy and Francis. They are all settled in . We have a therapy dog that will be joining us every Thursday afternoon, his name is Harvey and he is a black and white cross spaniel collie. He has passed his training and therefore wears his qualifying jacket in yellow with PAT Therapy Dog across it. It was Harvey's first working day with us and he was soon getting to know each resident. These dogs are specially trained to help dementia persons. They are trained to help exercise the person, by either walking them or throwing a ball from a chair for them to retrieve. They are also sensitive to agitation in a person and will help calm the person by nudging a hand to get them to stroke them . Below you can see Maureen with a new sensory blanket it has a zip on it, a pocket with a beany animal to go in to. It has silk, bright coloured squares, it has buttons and toggles and a buckle to do up and undo. It has beads to feel and some crocheted teddy bears and flowers in cotton. It appeals to the senses and the bright colours help distinguish shapes and give an activity to a person with dementia. Judy Fleckney also came to see us with the cats which the residents really look forward to, they miss their pets and cuddling the cats is a lovely feeling.





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The haggis and neeps, roast beef, whisky trifle to name but a few of the courses were excellent and enjoyed by all, and with the whisky flowing it was a Burns Supper to be remembered.



Brian & Val Church and Sue Lyons waiting for the 1st course.



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Firstly I would like to apologise to Lynda Wyres, as I forgot to mention her birthday in last's months magazine. Happy 65th Birthday Lynda!!

We send our get well wishes to Richard Wyres. Hope to see you soon after your hospital spell.

We would like to send our sympathies with the family of Dorothy Reid who lived behind the Harrow Pub in Woodside for many years. Her family and friends joined to remember her here at the Plough.

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the late Lee Sexton 38 from Farley Hill. Lee passed away suddenly on 30th December 2014. His family and friends came back to the Plough for a buffet and to remember Lee and share many fond memories they have.

Jessie Charman had her baby shower here on the 1st February. She is due to have a baby boy in a few weeks time. Her friends and family played games and brought gifts for the baby .

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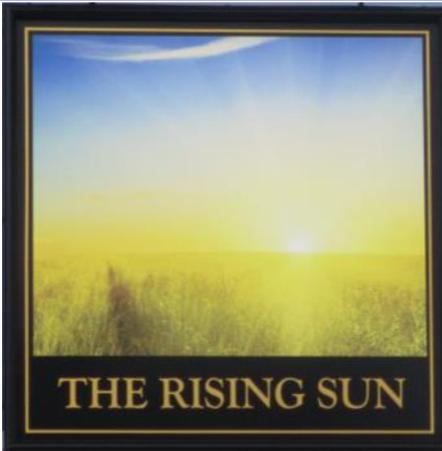
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- Mon 2nd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Tue 10th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm Core Committee only
Fri 13th Community Defibrillator Seminar 7.00pm Slip End Village Hall.
Sun 15th Mothering Sunday Look out for special Church Services and for Meal offers
Mon 16th Garden Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm
Tue 17th Caddington WI (Easter Decorations) Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm
Thur 19th Patchwork Class Methodist Hall Farley Hill 10.30am
Sat 21st Photography Club Exhibition Village Hall 12noon-4pm

April

- Sat 4th Car Boot Sale Village Hall SEADA
Mon 6th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Sun 12th Garden club—Westend House Cheddington (meet 1.30pm Rising Sun car park)
Tue 14th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Tues 21st Caddington W.I. Baptist Church Hall, Caddington 7.30pm

- 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
Sat 16th Village Plant Sale Village Hall from 11am to 3pm
Sun 31st Garden club—Swiss Garden. Old Warden, Biggleswade
(meet 1.30pm Rising Sun car park)

Bin collections for March

Black bin and Glass Friday 13th and 27th March

Recycling bins Friday 6th and 20th March



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