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PARISH NEWS
May 2015



Editors' Notes

Another busy month in Slip End Parish and I hope those who went along to the photographic exhibition enjoyed it as much as I did. There is a lot of talent around and hopefully they will make it an annual event. Perhaps other clubs/societies could find a way to advertise their talents so that the villagers can see what is on offer.

Brownies are holding an open evening, (see poster), for anyone who is interested in joining them, to go along and find out more.

Back by popular demand, Slip End School quiz. Contact fosels@slipend.co.uk for tickets, see poster.

What a shame the wonderful Village Day event has not continued (I keep being asked when the next one is). I know it is a lot of work but everyone seemed to enjoy them and it was a good way of meeting up with friends, raising funds, sharing ideas, eating and drinking and just having a great time.



Photo from 2010 and some of the Friendship Club members with their stall.

1st Woodside
Brownies
Open Evening at the
Village Hall
Wednesday May 6th
6.15 to 7.30pm
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see what we do.
Brownies are asked
to bring
a friend along



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Parish Council Update

The Council meeting on the 13th April was the last one for this Council before the election. Looking back, it is hard to believe that the term of office will soon be coming to an end on 7th May, as the time has gone by so quickly. All the current Councillors put themselves forward to serve again. There were no other nominations and so we will all serve for another term. The next meeting, 11th May will include the annual meeting of parishioners as well as that of the Council.

A further Neighbourhood Plan exhibition was held on the 20th and 21st March as a follow on to the consultation in 2013. You may recall that in the 2013 exhibition the list of sites submitted by land owners for consideration in the plan was displayed on maps. Residents were consulted on the criteria that should be applied to the sites which would then determine which ones should be included in the plan.



The most recent exhibition, again displayed all the sites that had been put forward and an indication was made showing as to how each site matched up to the criteria. Around 200

people attended the event and each was asked to complete a questionnaire. The leaflet delivered to every home advertising the consultation also gave details of a website where comments could be left.



This was an important step in the process of producing the plan. Once the consultation is complete and the results analysed, a draft plan will be prepared and the process will move on to the next stage when the draft plan will be submitted to the two Parish Councils for consideration. There will also be a further public consultation, any comments received will be considered and may be included in the final draft plan.

At the time of writing, further works in connection with the traffic calming project are underway and it may well be that by the time you receive this issue all the works included in the project will have been completed. This is much quicker than was anticipated at the outset and it looks as though it will be coming in at a cost less than the original estimates.

I haven't received the outcome yet of the match funding grant application for the current financial year in respect of the project. However, I understand the application has now reached the last stage in the consideration process.

Ken Crossett Chairman



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

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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**



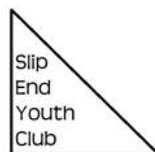
Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is still proving extremely successful, Carol Brennan, our Area

Coordinator is keeping our Street Coordinator's 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— carolbrennan74@outlook.com

Slip End Youth Club

Started up again last month. After a successful Easter Egg Hunt on opening night we've got a

Pizza Night this month, crafts, a couple of birthday celebrations and the annual water fight on closing night!



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

- 6th, 13th and 20th May
- 10th, 17th and 24th June
- 1st, 8th and 15th July



The Core Committee met in March to discuss the grant applications. The successful candidates have already been informed, and your cheques will be on the way to you next month once we have received the precept from Parish Council.

Sarah Minnighan - CPG Chairman

World Book Day



Promoting reading and creating a love of books in children is very important to us



at Slip End. Right from the moment children enter our Nursery they begin to develop their Phonic knowledge. As their skills develop, they learn to make predictions about what they think will happen next in a story, understand characters feelings and actions and learn to recite poetry. Reading also helps to develop imagination and enhance creativity.

Many of us have favourite books that we remember reading as a child that inspired us and led us to become lost in a world of fantasy and wonder. Every year pupils and staff look forward to celebrating this love of books by taking part in World Book Day and this year was no exception. The school came alive with an array of characters including: Mary Poppins, The Cat in the Hat, Robin Hood and Little Red Riding Hood. The costumes were wonderful and we would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day so successful and inspirational for our pupils.

We would also like to thank FoSELS for arranging a sponsored Readathon which raised over £1000 for our school. This money will go towards updating our school library and providing books that will cater for the needs of our pupils as we move towards becoming a primary school in September.

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.

Amanda Howes, Head of School

Dates for St Andrew's Church—May 2015

Sun 3rd: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Wisdom for the General Election

Sun 10th: 10.30am: Cafe Church – The Lord's protective clothing (band)

Thurs 14th: 7.30pm: Ascension Day Service

Sun 17th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – The Ascension

Tues 19th: 11am: Caddington Hall care home service

Thurs 21st: 9.30am: Morning Prayer

Fri 22nd: 2pm: Woodside Care Home service

Sun 24th: 8.30am: Said Communion – Pentecost – When the Holy Spirit comes

Sun 24th: 10.30am: Morning Praise: Pentecost – When the Holy Spirit comes (band)



Sun 31st: 10.30am: Morning Praise
Father, Son & Holy Spirit
organ & singers)



Little Stars for May

Weds 6th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30am start: Who is Jesus?

Weds 13th: Details as above: The ever after story.

Weds 20th: Details as above: Story of Pentecost.

Weds 27th: Details as above: Jesus the Preacher.

Advance notice: Wednesday 3rd June – Visit to Woodside Care Home, leaving Church to go together at 10.45am.



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

St Andrew's News

Winston Churchill once said that democracy was the worst system of government in the world, apart from all the others that had been tried from time to time. The General Election this month gives us our major opportunity to exercise our democratic rights. This time it is more interesting than ever because the outcome of the vote is so unpredictable in almost every constituency.

How will you vote? It is not my place, nor the place of the church, to tell you who to vote for, but I'd like to make a few suggestions on how you make your decision. Firstly, when you cast your vote in the General Election, you are not voting for a Prime Minister or a party but for persons to represent you in Parliament or the Council. Secondly, it is important that those persons represent your values. Don't only look at their policies; they change as circumstances change. If we get a hung Parliament again, which looks likely, no party will be able to implement all its policies. Policies will be horse traded between parties, so there is no guarantee exactly whose policies will prevail.

In these circumstances, it's the values of the people you elect which matter most. What do you value? What outcomes do you want to see from whoever forms the next Government? In February this year, the bishops of the Church of England issued a 58 page letter to the people and parishes of England for the General Election. The letter encouraged voters to support candidates and policies which demonstrate the following key Christian values:

“Halting and reversing the accumulation of power and wealth in fewer and fewer hands, whether those of the State, corporations or individuals.

Involving people at a deeper level in the decisions that affect them most.

Recognising the distinctive communities, whether defined by geography, religion or culture, which make up the nation and enabling all to thrive and participate together.

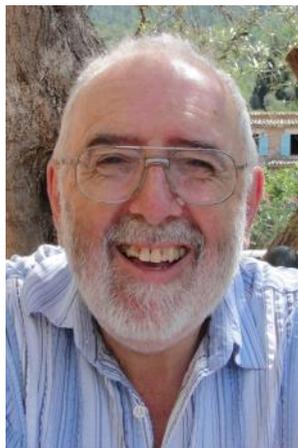
Treating the electorate as people with roots, commitments and traditions and addressing us all in terms of the common good and not just as self-interested consumers.

Demonstrating that the weak, the dependent, the sick, the aged and the vulnerable are persons of equal value to everybody else.

Offering the electorate a grown up debate about Britain's place in the world order and the possibilities and obligations that entails.”

I believe that the bishops' letter contains some excellent guidance on how all of us should cast our votes, which we should use wisely and prayerfully. After all, if we don't vote, we can't really complain afterwards about any decisions politicians make on our behalf.

Chris Barnes, Reader,



Easter at St Andrew's



Children on Good Friday with the Easter Garden, biscuits & wreath. Church with beautiful flowers

Dust off your racket and join the fun!!!



Get outdoors and try tennis for free this summer at the Great British Tennis Weekend on **Sunday 17 May 2-5pm**, at the Slip End Playing Field Church Road.

A great place to learn and meet fellow players

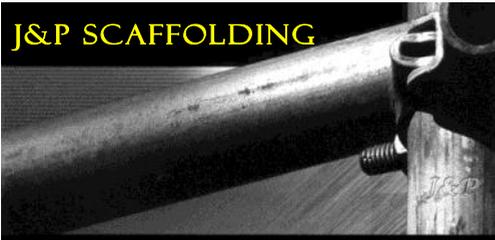
Rackets and balls will be provided and absolutely anyone can get involved.

Whether you've never picked up a racket before or are a seasoned regular – there is no excuse not to come down. All ability levels are welcome.

In addition there will also be the opportunity to try table tennis indoors, again free and equipment provided.

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SLIP END GARDENING CLUB

At our March meeting the returning speaker was Geoff Hodges, who gave an interesting and amusing talk on "The 12 Month Garden-Colour All Year Round". The talk covered evergreen and deciduous shrubs, perennial and annual plants. Members were certainly given ideas for their gardens. In addition he kindly donated several prizes for our raffle.

The April garden visit under the National Gardens Scheme was to Westend House, Cheddinton near Leighton Buzzard. It was a 2 acre restored garden, extended and developed during the last 10 years featuring herbaceous and shrub borders, a formal rose garden, wild flowers, natural pond, and an ornamental vegetable garden. In addition there were wood sculptures created from old tree stumps and an orchard also an adjoining paddock with rare breed hens, sheep and pigs. See photos opposite.

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

Village Fund Raising Groups are invited to have a stall, excluding plants, at the event. Donation only Contact Steve (414162) to book your stall.

We shall be having a "Second Hand Gardening Tool" stall. If you have any unwanted or surplus tools you could

donate, please contact Steve (414162) and collection can be arranged.

Forthcoming garden visits under the National Gardens Scheme are below.

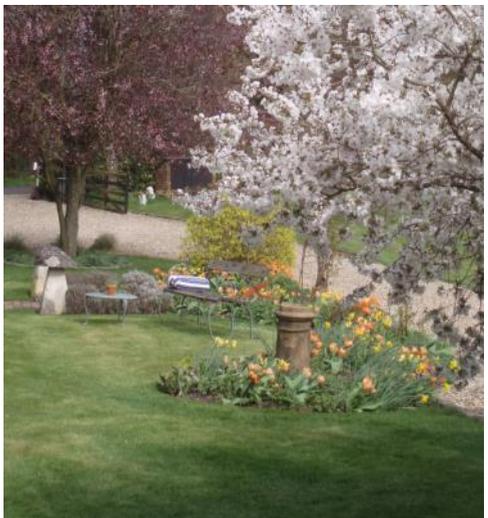
Sun. 31 May Swiss Garden. Old Warden, Biggleswade.

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.

PN Gardening Correspondent



PLANT SALE

Bedding & Vegetable Plants

SATURDAY 16 MAY



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March was an in-house evening with Joan Bean preparing Cup Cakes. Joan gave us all sorts of accessories to enable us to decorate two cakes each. We had fun and made some very interesting patterns on our cakes. I looked around and all our members were eating them once decorated!

Our competition was an Easter Bunny. Jean Shipp was the winner with Carol Jones and Sue Taylor second and third. Our Darts team narrowly missed being in the final two and ended up coming third. Well done ladies.

Sue Martin is going to represent us at the Royal Albert Hall and Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. She is looking forward to these events. St. Georges Day Event in the Village will be a good day. The W.I. is doing the teas, coffees and refreshments. We shall all have a lovely day. In May we have our AGM together with a talk by Ruth Gill on Family History.

There are invitations to birthday parties, a group meeting and other events for the future too. We meet at the Baptist Church Hall, Dunstable Road on the third Tuesday in each month commencing at 7.30 p.m. Look forward to seeing you.

Linda Edwards

PATCHWORK & QUILTING

If you are interested in learning how to do patchwork and quilting we have classes once a month. from 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Venue: Methodist Church Hall, North Drift Way, Farley Hill, Luton Cost is £10.50p. Stay on until 4 p.m. if you would like to which will enable you to continue your work. We are a friendly bunch of ladies. Classes are on Thursday 21st May and June 18th. You will be given tuition lessons on the basics together with other useful tips and hints towards making your own quilt. You need only a few sewing items to begin with. Even if you are not a beginner why not come come and join us.

Bedfordshire Quilters Club meets the Second Monday of every month at the Luton Indoor Bowls Club, Stopsley, Luton at 7.30 p.m. We have Speakers, sewing Nights and other events. Contact Karen Harrop on 01582 729192 for more information.

Linda Edwards & Teresa Willson

Friendship Club

On the 19th March the Friendship Club went along to the Frog & Rhubarb to celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Club.



Viv Porter was also there (below) with Pam King celebrating her 90th birthday and she was at the Club when it first started. A very good time was had by all.



Paul once again did them all proud.

The beautiful cake was donated by Mrs Stevens.



Pam King

Gardening Tips

by Russell Sprout

flowered to prevent seeding and prolong flowering period.

I am writing this on one of the first warm sunny days we have had, hopefully by the time you are reading this we will be well into spring.

Daffodils, tulips and hyacinths will need dead heading as they finish flowering and if they need to be removed to make way for other plants replant them very close together out of the way and let them die back gradually. Dahlias can be planted out from the third week of this month when we should be finished with frosts.

Chrysanthemums can go in about the second week in May and stake tall varieties as you plant them. In the border pompoms and Koreans should be planted 12-18 inches apart in each direction, as these grow they will bush out and fill in the gaps. Hostas are in leaf now and will need some form of slug protection as they can devastate plants in a very short time. Be aware that slug pellets can be dangerous to other animals and don't scatter them where dogs or cats may try to eat them. There are several alternatives to slug pellets, you could try crumbled egg shells, the slugs get stuck to them and don't like it, a small bowl containing beer which they drink and then can't get out again, you can also use bran flakes (not the breakfast variety) which again they stick to and will avoid for that reason.

Roses will come under attack and are best sprayed with a systemic insecticide which is absorbed by the plant and into the sap stream killing greenflies that feed on the sap. Alternatively spraying with soapy water will also get rid of greenfly but has to be done on a regular basis. Check for black spot or mildew and spray if necessary. Remove rolled up leaves containing tortrix caterpillar or sawfly grub and destroy (but don't put them in the compost heap). Gladioli need to be kept weed free and a good mulch 2 inches thick will keep the moisture as the plants depend on dampness at the roots to flower well. If you have any alpiners trim those which have

Make further sowings of herbs such as chervil, dill, fennel, hyssop and parsley for culinary use. Keep an eye on the weather and be ready to cover potatoes if frost is forecast. Erect runner bean frames and plant seed from the second week of the month. Marrows, courgettes, squashes and pumpkins can be sown outdoors from the third week of the month. French beans can be sown from the second week, continue sowing lettuce, beetroot and carrots for a fresh supply of tender young vegetables. Sweet corn can be planted towards the end of the month 1 ½ inches deep and 18 inches in each direction, preferably in a square to aid pollination.

Lawns will benefit from a light nitrogen feed at this time of year; it comes as liquid or granulated fertiliser and will give your lawn a lush green appearance. Make sure the blades are sharp on your mower and if the weather is dry leave about an inch of growth to stop the lawn from drying out and going brown. If planning a new lawn cultivate now, leave rough for the summer and sow in the autumn.

A layer of grit in the top of flower pots will reduce the amount of water evaporating and lessen the amount of water required to keep plants healthy. Cut off dead flower heads and thin out weak shoots from shrubs that have finished flowering. Remove dead wood and thin shoots to keep old forsythias shapely.

If you haven't bought your bedding plants yet, then get along to the Gardening Club Plant Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th May and bag a bargain.



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“The Diary of Anne Frank” at Dunstable Rep

Following a successful production of Agatha Christie’s whodunit “The Hollow” in March, the Little Theatre is presenting The Diary of Anne Frank starting on Wednesday 13th May.

This gripping drama is an adaption for the stage of the familiar story of Anne Frank, her family and their friends the Van Daans. As a Jewish family living in Holland during the Second World War, they suffered persecution and went into hiding in an attic in Amsterdam for three years. The performance promises to be an emotional evening.

The construction team has been busy

creating a multi level set to portray an attic, while the cast has been busy rehearsing.



I visited the actual house and attic, now a museum, during a visit to Amsterdam with a group of school children. That too was a moving experience and helped me to understand more about how difficult it was for them to live in those cramped conditions for so long.

Alison Wilson

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Luke Carey, Photographer

Hello there, my name is Luke Carey and I am a local photographer looking to give some tips and insight over the next few months. Firstly, a little bit about me. I live in Slip End, having moved here with my wife in 2012. For the past five years I have worked in the corporate world, producing plans for stores across the country. However with my background and education firmly rooted in photography I recently took the plunge and left to pursue my passion on a full time basis.

I have photographed events and weddings in addition to my day job over the last few years. My work has been exhibited in London and Oxford and I have written for a national magazine and fashion website.

Whilst I enjoy covering events I also love to get out there and photograph landscapes as the environment changes over the seasons, particularly wildlife where possible.

As for the first (mini) instalment of tips – we should start with pointing out we are well into Spring, and approaching Summer!

Timing – Getting up and out early and photography can be very rewarding. If you can find some natural space you are likely to find interesting opportunities; from mist rising to small animals feeding – the lighting can also provide an pleasing backdrop. If you do go out with the intention of capturing small animals or birds, I'd recommend using a large zoom lens (100-300mm) to get as close to these as possible. If you have a lens or camera with image stabilisation built in, this will also be useful where light is low.

HDR (High Dynamic Range) – This type of photography is popular in property adverts but in evening sunsets it can also give a pleasing effect. It is where you shoot 3 or

more images at different exposures and combining them, creates a well-balanced shot where the lights, darks and midtones are perfectly balanced.

Location - There are lots of places to photograph locally, a favourite location personally at the moment is Pitstone Windmill, there are opportunities to get different viewpoints on the windmill itself, and the surroundings. It's a great place to get some family pictures and the best time is in the 'twilight hour' - just after sunset, but before nightfall, but it's great any time of day. Additionally, Heartwood Forest has a lot to offer, especially with the bluebells coming out and grounds to explore.

If you would like to chat more or meet contact hello@lukecareyphotography.com



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Slip End Photography Group



The Group held an exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st March in conjunction with Caddington Art Club. Seventeen of the Group's members exhibited a number of photographs. There was also a display of photos from a "visiting photographer",



Peter Ford. There were 246 pictures on display according to one of the members who spent a little time counting them!



Caddington Art Club was invited to join the group and exhibit a selection of artwork. Eleven artists had work on show and there was a range of media, mostly watercolour but also a few oil paintings as well as some using other media.

The photographs and the artwork were of many different subjects including landscape, portraits, wildlife and flowers and showed that we have many very talented people in the Parish and surrounding area.



Refreshments were available throughout the afternoon, including some delicious home made cakes. Some cup cakes were made specially for us, decorated with little cameras!

If you wish to know more about the photography group, please contact Norman Homewood on 01582 452851. Lorna Kalisz from Caddington organises the Art Club.





Yvonne Newton with one of her paintings (centre)





Nora Ellen Flitton



I recently attended the Service of Celebration at Markyate Methodist Chapel for the life of Nora Ellen Flitton who was born on the 28th May 1916 and sadly passed away on the 12th March 2015. It was a very moving occasion with special tributes from her grandson Matthew and great granddaughter Paige; including favourite songs with many friends and family present.



For those that knew Nora she was a remarkable lady and some may remember that the Parish News featured her on the occasion of her 90th birthday. At the time she was still living opposite the family garage, where she spent such a lot of her life. When Nora had a bad fall about 8 years ago and broke both her wrists she went for respite care at St Matthews Care Home in Redbourn where she soon settled in and became part of the family there. She made friends with other residents and enjoyed the regular quizzes, was always very well dressed and continued to have her hair done and take communion whilst living there.

Nora was very much the heart and soul of Slip End Garage and always wanted to know what was going on. She was a great help when it first opened in 1939 doing all the paperwork, filing, serving the petrol and charging the batteries up for the cars.

Before Nora and Albert were married, she would walk from Markyate to help at the garage and when they married on 14th November 1942 and then had the boys, Nora would still push the pram up the hills and collect the paperwork from the garage to work on whilst Geoff and Dennis were asleep. Finally, in 1954 when they moved into the bungalow on Markyate Road Nora was able to forgo the long walks up and down the "double dips". The garage continued to expand and a large workshop was added in 1962 on the land at the back of Claydown Way. Sadly, Albert died in 1973 and plans for further expansion were put on hold for a while. Nora always believed she would meet her Albert again in the future so did not fear the end, but did have a long wait until they were together again.

Nora continued to be very much a part of the garage and often drivers, mechanics and garage staff would call by to see her and enjoy some of the wonderful baking that Nora was renowned for. She would spend hours baking for the Church fetes and family and her mince pies became part of the Citroen garage Christmas's.



Nora had 4 grandchildren of whom she was extremely proud; Matthew, Nicola and Andrew (above with their beloved nana) and Steve. She also had 4 great grandchildren, Paige, Madison, Lucas and

finally Max who was born the day before Nora died, but she was aware he had been born and very pleased to hear all was well. Nora lived a full and happy life and was greatly loved as shown in the wonderful tributes that Matthew and Paige made at the Celebration of her life. Matthew reminded us of all that she had lived through, from horse drawn carts to the greatest advances in technology, and yet even at the age of 98 she never lost the quiet strength she had always had. His childhood memories of Nora were wonderful, especially the time when ripped jeans were all the fashion and Nora, finding grandson Steve's jeans decided to get out her sewing box and patch up the jeans! Paige recalled the steely determination of her great nana and visiting her in St Matthew's and will miss her greatly and the stories she used to tell from the past. She spoke eloquently of a wonderful lady who I was also privileged to have known.



Nora will be greatly missed but her wonderful legacy lives on through her family and she will never be forgotten.

Sue Briggs

A tribute read by Paige says it all

Don't grieve for Nan, for now she's free
 Nan's following the path God has laid
 you see
 She took his hand when she heard him call
 Nan turned her back and left us all.
 She could not stay another day
 To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 Nan found that peace at the close of day.
 If her parting has left a void
 then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
 Oh yes, these things Nan too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow
 Nan wishes you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 Her life's been full, she savoured much
 Good friends, good times, a loved
 ones touch.
 Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
 God gave Nan wings and let her fly free.

The Service of Celebration, taken by Mrs Gillian Ivey and Rev Linda Woollacott did just that, and celebrated the life of an extraordinary lady and included some of Nora's favourite songs; Lord of the Dance, Give me joy in my Heart and finally, One more step along the World I go -,

*'You are older than the world can be
 You are younger than the life in me;
 Ever old and ever new,
 Keep me travelling along with you:
 and it's from the old I travel to the new;
 Keep me travelling along with you'.*



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Take Time to have a chat, a cuppa & a cake'

Friday 1st

New Meeting - Take Time

2.30pm Speaker Rev Ruth Bottoms

Sunday 3rd

Easter 5

11.00am Morning Service- Rev Bob Forrest

11.00am Sunday School Communion

Tuesday 5th

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 10th

Easter 6

Christian Aid Week

11.00am Morning Service - Jean Forrest

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Tuesday 12th

10.00am/12.30pm 'Cakes & Company'
Brunch & Browse for Christian Aid

Sunday 17th

Easter 7

11.00am Morning Service - Heather Kombo

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

4.00pm Ecumenical Service at All Saints

Monday 18th

7.30pm Fellowship Led by Mike Bull

Sunday 24th

Pentecost

11.00am Morning Service - John Enejo

11.00am Sunday School & Youth Group

Wednesday 27th

7.30pm Coffee Evening
In aid of Church Improvement Funds

Sunday 31st

Trinity Sunday

No service at Aley Green

Circuit services at Trinity, Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Methodist Churches

Our guest speaker will be Rev Ruth Bottoms, who will be telling us about her work as chaplain to the London Mission Day Centre for the Homeless. There will be an offering to cover expenses and a donation to the charity. Do join us for complimentary tea coffee and cakes after. Everyone is welcome, please let us know if transport is required.

Christian Aid week falls in May so our Cakes and Company on Tuesday 12th May will be in aid of the charity. We will be serving Bacon Rolls, Sausage Rolls, Scones with jam & cream, Toasted Muffins and cakes. There will be preserves, cake and bric -a- brac stalls, books and a raffle. Why not come along and treat yourself to something to eat and pick up a bargain or two, all while raising money for Christian Aid.

The 'Shepherd King' concert in Holy Week was very moving and greatly enjoyed as was the wonderful supper afterwards. £308 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care in memory of our dear friend Barbara Horton who was a member of our church for 45 years.

Our young people have been very busy hosting our monthly coffee evening raising £140 for Junior Mission for All. The Youth Group meal on Friday 10th April was well supported. The young people worked very hard and served a lovely meal, raising £211.75 for a charity supporting heart problems in children.

The offering taken at the Ecumenical Women's World Day of Prayer totalled £132.30 and a raffle at the March Cakes & Company £36.00 for Keech Hospice Care.

We do hope you will be able to join us on Friday 1st May at 2.30pm for our first *'Take Time'* meeting;

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Ann Meader



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Woodside Home News

from Janet Crawley

This is our PAT dog Harvey he comes to the Home every Thursday, he loves the residents and loves treats also. Zoe is his trainer and she comes along too. Harvey is well loved at the home and all the residents like to pat him and give him a stroke.



We all had a lovely afternoon at the Vicarage daffodil Easter tea party. The table that Cathy and her helpers had worked hard to complete looked lovely. The table had a branch with Easter eggs hanging from it as the centre piece, lovely daffodil napkins and the best china cups adorned the table. We had delicious mini cakes on cake stands to accompany our cups of tea. Cathy and helpers all make us so welcome. Cathy's new grand-daughter had cuddles from us all and her other granddaughter behaved impeccably, being only two years old, handed bunnies with chocolate inside to each resident before they went home. They all had a nice snooze when they got back to the Home. One resident said it was a wonderful afternoon but the crowning glory was being able to cuddle a baby again, she never dreamt she would be able to do that again.

On Easter Day some residents were collected to go to church and they all enjoyed a chocolate Easter egg that the home provided, and a knitted lacy chicken with a chocolate egg inside, made by Eileen Crawley.

They all love chocolate and these were given out by the nurse Sarah Stevens, and a large "Easter bunny" who lives locally! All the residents enjoyed the chocolate.



Anyone for Tennis ?



Slip End Tennis Club was formed in 1987 and is affiliated to the Beds Lawn Tennis Association. It is sited at Slip End Playing Fields, Church Road, Slip End and has two hard courts with floodlights.

It is a small friendly club with approx. 75 members. Membership costs are: Juniors £20 (Those in full time education) Adults £35 and Family £60 (There is a reduction for early payment of subs)

Club members have priority in the use of courts, except when matches are to be played. Club night is on Monday evenings and Adult night on Wednesday evenings both from 7pm, to which all members are welcome. Junior coaching is provided by our LTA coach, Sally Parry on Fridays, Members £4 and Non Members £5 per session. Beginners 5-6pm and Intermediates 6-7pm. Ladies and private coaching is also available. Give Sally a call (413501)

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Firstly I would like to share with you all, the tree in the pub garden. It's a lovely sight to see that Spring has sprung and that Summer is on its way.



We would like to wish some of our regular customers Steven Harbud (Boggy), John-Joe Fitzpatrick, Shandy John, Doug and Caroline Hay, Dean Bermingham and Arthur Adams a Very Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to Kevin Francis who won the Stan Clark trophy and also the Astrid Castell Memorial Darts Trophy in house Team Darts.

Friends and family came to celebrate the life of Roy Albert Smith who passed away recently. Roy lived in Pepperstock. They enjoyed a meat buffet with selection of canapés. They shared many memories of Roy. Our thoughts are with the family at this sad time.

We had a double sitting for Mothering Sunday in the restaurant. They all celebrated with their families.

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Bingo night is on Wednesdays all members and new members are welcome - eyes down at 8pm - also a raffle every other week. See below for May events.

9th May - Jump N Jive disco

Friday 22nd May - One step beyond - Madness tribute

To all our members: parties and gatherings are all welcome, if available. Just come in and talk to Lainy or staff. Call 01582 415804

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EATING IN THE UK IN THE 50's

Pasta had not been invented.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.

A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter.

Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of our dinner.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something only poor people ate

Oil was for lubricating, fat for cooking!

Tea was made in a teapot using



tea leaves and never green.

Coffee was Camp, and came in a bottle.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Only Heinz made beans.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Indian restaurants were only found in India.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real

one.

Water came out of the tap, if some-one had suggested bottling it and charging high prices for it they would have become a laughing stock.



The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties was elbows!

Humour



A salesman in a furniture shop phoned his customer to let her know her new table had arrived. A small boy answered the phone, he sounded about three or four. "Is there anyone else I can speak to please?" said the man. The little boy answered, "There's my sister," he said. "Good," said the salesman. "Would you put her on please?" There was a long silence. Then the little boy's breathless voice came on the phone again. "I can't lift her out of the playpen."

Slip End Parish Crime Statistics for March 2015

Robbery – 1
Vehicle Offences – 1
Criminal Damage – 1
Anti-Social Behaviour - 2
Total – 5

- Attempt Robbery of business property - 2 offenders entered convenience store on the 2nd with a kitchen knife. Offenders left without any items. Offenders were later arrested and charged for the offence.
- Vehicle Offences- on the 29th in The Orchard a front bumper was removed from vehicle
- Criminal Damage - damage caused to vehicle while stored in Airparks
- Old School Walk- neighbour dispute no further details given
- St Andrews Close- Group of teenagers play fighting banging heads on cars. No damage caused nobody in the area when police arrived.

Roadworks in Front Street to help ease traffic into the main road.



Goodbye George



George, fondly known as Georgie Pie of Summer Street passed away at his home, Pie Corner, named after him, on Thursday 16th April aged 17½ years. Our beloved little angel known by many in the village will be always loved and missed greatly. Goodbye our Georgie Pie x

Andrew & Joanne (Mummy & Daddy)

For those that have lost loved pets the following may be of comfort.

No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich *by Louis Sabin*

Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened *by Anatole France.*

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog" *by George Graham.*

I guess you don't really own a dog, you rent them, and you have to be thankful that you had a long lease *by Joe Garagiola*

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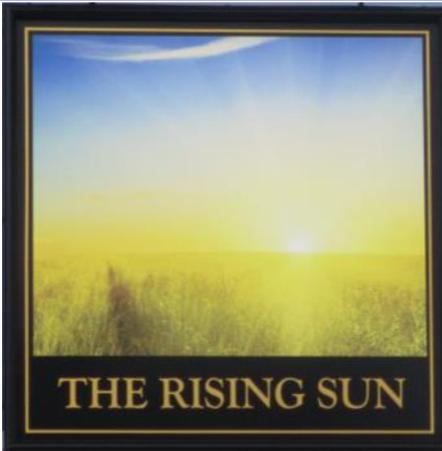
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- Wed 6th *Brownies Open Evening 6.15 to 7.30pm Village Hall*
- Thurs 7th *General Election—Voting at Village Hall from 7am to 10pm*
- Sat 9th *VE Day Commemoration tea party Woodside Home*
- Mon 11th *Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm*
- Tues 12th *CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm*
- Sat 16th *Village Plant Sale Village Hall from 11am to 3pm*
- Sun 17th *Great British Tennis Weekend—Playing Fields from 2 to 5pm*
- Tues 19th *Photography Group Talk "Macro Photography" Slip End Social Club 8pm*
- Tues 19th *Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall Caddington 7:30pm*
- Fri 29th,
30/31 *Harpers Food Fair—11.30 to 2.30pm*
- Sun 31st *Garden club—Swiss Garden. Old Warden, Biggleswade
(meet 1.30pm Rising Sun car park)*



June

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

July

- Sat 18th *Garden Club—Visit to Capel Manor, Enfield, for Mr Fothergill's
Sweet Pea Competition*

Aug

- 15th *Woodside Friends—Car boot Sale details TBC*

Bin collections for May

- Black bin and Glass Friday 8th & 22nd May
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