

**Spring
flowers!**

**Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside**

**PARISH NEWS
March 2016**



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**Support your local playing field improvements
and the village football team - see page 3**

Editors' Notes

Following the comments made by Sue Briggs last month, I would like to thank her for her help and support over the last few years since I joined the team. She and I have shared the tasks and managed to edit alternate months, with slight changes from time to time to fit around holidays and other activities. One person could not manage the task alone and it is always good to have a "sounding board" to discuss whether items are appropriate or not. We have to be objective and include items and occasionally letters from residents whether we agree with the content or not! Sue has always contributed articles and photos from events that she has attended. It is hard for us to be at every event in the Parish so contributions from others are very welcome.

The magazine takes quite a number of hours to put together which is why we always ask for your contributions to be with us in good time. Early is always better than late, especially when space is at a premium. If you have an event to advertise, please try to give us plenty of notice.

Introducing our new volunteer editor

I would like to welcome our new editor. Matt Adams, as mentioned last month, has kindly volunteered to join the team. He will be editing the April issue (with a little help if needed.) He is married and has lived in Summer Street for three years. He and his wife have a three year old daughter who is



soon to attend Slip End School. He told us he wanted to get a little more involved in the community.

He works as the Editor of the Herts Advertiser, so has plenty of experience which will be helpful to us. No doubt it will be a bit different for him, using his skills in a voluntary capacity.

Alison Wilson

Thank you to Sue Briggs

I'm sure that everyone will have read with interest, the article that Sue Briggs wrote in the February edition of the PN. Sue very eloquently summed up her time as Co-Editor of the magazine. From the PN Committee's point of view she has been a constant loyal supporter and promoter of the magazine, for which we are truly thankful. A big heartfelt THANK YOU Sue for all you have done and we hope you will be able to enjoy the extra time you now have for caring for your family.

By the time everyone is able to read this the PN Committee will have held its AGM, but this will be after the deadline for producing the March edition. We will, therefore, include in the April edition, photos of the Committee's farewell to Sue at the AGM.

Alan Buttery

For the PN Committee



Village Football Club and

Playing Fields

Our village football team has been very successful over the last 6 seasons, gaining several promotions. In the last 2 seasons we have won both league and cup doubles in the South Beds Sunday league. This season we have continued our success despite moving up to the stronger North Home Counties league we are on course for an unprecedented treble.

The team is pictured on the cover of the magazine.

Last Sunday we reached the club's first County Cup final, to be played at Biggleswade Utd's ground on Sunday March 13th with a 2 pm ko. A coach will be departing from Slip End Social Club at midday. We are currently 6points clear at the top of the league having only lost 1 game all season.

Our aim is to introduce a youth team from the village which will be a natural progression into the senior side. Local teacher, Seb Prothero, has undertaken FA level 2 coaching awards and will run the team. Our main hold up is the very poor state of the field. We have only managed 1 home game since October due to the saturated surface.

We need to bring the surface to an acceptable and safe standard, to enable the young lads to progress. The field is regularly used, not just by the football club, but tennis, model plane flyers and archery as well as events such as village day, hall hires etc. We need your help

to enable the future of the club and the field. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Sarah Minnigan, who has been a tremendous help in this project.

Stephen Inns

Funds appeal

A letter has been sent to local businesses explaining that Slip End Playing Field Management Committee is working with the football club to set up the youth team and improve the grounds. They have had a professional groundsmen survey, outlining what needs to be done. However, to do the improvements they will need to raise funds.

The letter appeals for funding to help with the work needed to maintain the pitch to the level required.. Small and large amounts are very welcome and no doubt any ideas for fund raising would be welcome. Sadly, should insufficient funding be raised, the plans may have to be abandoned.

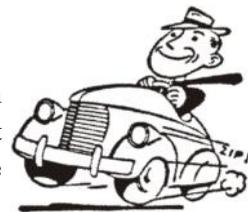
If you think you can help in any way or wish to make a donation, please contact Sarah Minnigan, the fund's Trustee (contact details p 34) or see:-

www.crowdfunding.justgiving.com/Stephen-inns2

Apologies.... We have experienced email problems this month. Following a change on the slipend.co.uk mail system, spam has reduced, however, some messages with document attachments have also not arrived. We are seeking help with this and hope it will be resolved quickly. Thanks, Editors

Traffic Calming Project Update

I am pleased to report, that the application for the Traffic Regulation Order in respect of two new speed tables in Markyate Road and Front Street was successful. The application was supported by both the Parish Council and our Ward Councillors.



For those new to the Parish, some context. Over many years there had been concerns about speeding and dangerous parking on corners. Through the consultations undertaken in producing the Parish Plan published in 2011, some of the concerns of residents were found to include speeding in Front Street and Markyate Road. These concerns also included the difficulties and dangers associated with driving out of New Street into Front Street, caused by vehicles parked on the corners. At the time a member of the Bedfordshire Roads Policing Team described the speeding problem in the Parish as being the, “worst of the worst in Bedfordshire”.

Proposals to resolve the problems were consulted on in the form of a two-day exhibition held in the Village Hall in January 2014. The proposals were accepted by those who attended and residents agreed to a £25,000 pa increase in the Parish part of the Council Tax over several years to pay for the measures. Phase 1 of the project has been completed with the help of the Rural Match Funding Scheme.

It is appreciated that traffic calming is not an exact science and to some extent an element of trial is needed. As such, residents’ views received by email and from responses to Traffic Calming Project Updates in the Parish News last year were considered. The combined feedback received from residents showed there were concerns with two features. The two speed tables and associated works are targeted at resolving those issues.

The new table in Markyate Road will replace the chicane feature. The concerns raised were the potential for accidents caused by bad driving and the positioning of the feature not being intuitive. Residents requested the replacement of the chicane by a table. Households in the vicinity have said they would welcome such a table.

The problems reported at the New Street/Front Street junction still relate to poor visibility for emerging vehicles of oncoming traffic from both directions and the speed of vehicles passing the junction. In the original plans of 2014 a table was proposed on the Pepperstock side of the junction. Although accepted at the time by residents, the table was not installed as those living close to it were concerned about noise. However, feedback has again highlighted the need for speeds to be reduced at the location.



The purpose of the new speed table is to reduce the speed of traffic to below 30 mph as it approaches the junction. However, experience has shown that this will be more effective if the table is positioned on the crossroads side of the junction.

To improve visibility, the build out on the crossroads side of the junction will be extended, and a painted white line H bar placed next to the build out on the other side. An H bar is a solid white line painted on the road which runs parallel to the kerb. At each end of the white line is a shorter white line which is at right angles to the main line. H bar markings are often used to keep the entrance to drives clear of parked vehicles. The extended build out and H bar features are designed to push parked vehicles further away from the junction. If it is subsequently found that drivers of parked vehicles ignore the H bar, consideration may be given to extending that build out as well.

It is anticipated that the visibility of drivers negotiating the junction in both roads will improve, owing to the wider angle of sight afforded by the extended build out and H Bar. The speed of traffic will be slower allowing drivers in both Front Street and those emerging from New Street more time to see each other and react.

Experience has also shown that speeds on the approach to a table on either side of the road will reduce as vehicles approach the table. If this is repeated, then there will be a slowing of traffic as it passes Old School Walk and some of the houses opposite the parking bay.



The white centre line that runs the entire length of Front Street will be removed. This will indicate to drivers that caution in passing oncoming vehicles is needed, since neither side will have implied priority, and should avoid potential lane ownership issues. It should also contribute to a general lowering of speeds.

In view of the difficulties raised by residents living opposite the parking bay regarding access to their properties when vehicles are parked, there will not be an extension to the existing parking bay. On the other hand, there are no proposals either for parking restrictions to be placed on that stretch of road.

At present I do not have a timetable for the works but it is likely that the speed tables will not be installed until the new financial year which begins on the 6th April. It is possible however, that some of the other work described may be completed before then.

I am not always informed in advance of dates for the installation of new features but if I do hear, I shall keep you up to date with time scales through Parish News.

Ken Crossett, Chairman

Dates for St Andrew's Church — March

Sun 6th: 10.30am: Family Service – Mothering Sunday – Unconditional Love (organ & singers)

Sun 13th: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Grace & Mercy

Tuesday 15th: 11.00am: Woodside Care Home service

Sun 20th: 8.30am: Said Communion

Sun 20th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Palm Sunday – Saved by Grace (band)

Mon 21st: 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the Family Room

Tues 22nd: 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the Family Room

Weds 23rd: 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the Family Room

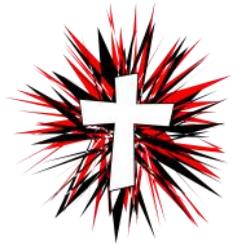
Thurs 24th: 7.30pm: Maundy Thursday Service

Fri 25th: 11am: Walk of Witness – meet outside the shop

Fri 25th: 11.45am: Activities for children in the family room

Fri 25th: 12 noon: Meditative Service - Good Friday (organ & singers)

Sun 27th: 10.30am: Easter Celebration Communion: He made us alive with him (all musicians & singers)



Little Stars for March

Weds 2nd: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Special Celebrations – St David's Day & Mothering Sunday

Weds 9th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Special Celebrations - St Patrick's Day

Weds 16th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Easter - Palm Sunday

Weds 23rd: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Easter - The Last Supper

Weds 30th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Easter - Jesus and Mary in the garden

Little Singing Stars meet Tuesday mornings at 10am prompt



Love for the Poor

On 9th February, Shrove Tuesday, we enjoyed a lovely Pancake Party at St Andrew's Church where Noel Nugent, a local chef, gave a wonderful cookery demonstration in which the children were invited to have a go at making pancakes. They were very keen to toss the pancakes; perhaps it's a good job the ceiling of the church is so high!



As you read this we are well into the period of Lent. If you have decided to give something up for Lent –for me, it is alcohol – I hope you are sticking to your resolve. For Christians it is an opportunity for reflection and drawing closer to God.

With the 40 days of Lent, we think about Jesus' sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Whereas Easter celebrates his resurrection, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. If you are doing the maths and there seem to be more than 40 days before Easter, that is because Sundays are not counted. They remain feast days.

As Cathy wrote last month, St Andrew's is taking a closer look at God's Grace this Lent, His underserved love for us. One of the

consequences of believing that God loves us despite all our faults is that we want to share that love with others. As John wrote "We love because he first loved us... And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." (I John 4:19,21)

There are a great many practical ways to show that love. People often say charity begins at home, and how true that is. We should, of course, be kind, considerate, patient, forbearing and forgiving to our nearest and dearest but charity does not have to end at home. We can be generous to those in our community too. One of the great things about living in Slip End is all the examples one sees of good neighbourly behaviour, both at an organised level like GNS and everyday kindnesses too.

Love for our brothers and sisters extends further still. Proverbs 29:7 says "The righteous care about justice for the poor" And in Deuteronomy 15 Moses explains .."there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the Lord your God is giving you.. He will richly bless you. If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites.. do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward them. Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land."

One way to show our love for the poor is to support fair trade. For many farmers and artisans fair trade represents their only viable route out of poverty. It empowers people and gives them access to a better wage and so to education, clean water and food security.

Traidcraft's mission is to fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help people in developing countries to transform their lives. Its vision is for a world freed from the scandal of poverty, where trade is just, and people and communities can flourish.

Traidcraft Coffee Morning



We will be holding a **Traidcraft Big Brew coffee morning on Saturday 12th March from 10.30 am to noon**, with our Traidcraft stall, as well as good company of course. Children are welcome. There will be activities for them.

Did you know that according to legend, Ethiopian shepherds first noticed the effects of caffeine when their goats appeared to dance after eating coffee berries? It comes from the Arabic word 'qahhwat al-bun' meaning 'wine of the bean'. It is grown in more than 50 countries in the world, with Central and South America producing approximately two thirds of the world's coffee supply. People in the UK drink approximately 70 million cups of coffee per day. Come and share one with us, or tea if you prefer.

Julie Taylor

(Traidcraft Representative at St. Andrew's)

Smalls For All

I am collecting used bras and new pants for a charity called Smalls For All. They forward the undies to Africa for women and girls who do not have underwear. In addition to hygiene and modesty issues, it also means that the girls are less vulnerable to sexual attacks and rape. Apparently females with underwear are perceived to have a father, brother or husband providing for them so are less at risk; a sad and terrible fact.

I am asking for any bras in any condition - they recycle the ones that they can't use, please also pass on any new knickers (or even buy a pair especially)

All donations to 43 Summer Street, Slip End, LU1 4BL. I have already sent off 108 bras and 20 pairs of pants that have been kindly donated by neighbours, friends and family.

Please see the Smalls For All website for further information.



Nikki West



GARDENING CLUB

Monday 21st March

8pm

Village Hall

Guest Speaker

Michael Brown

"The Monastery Garden"

**New Members Welcome
Guests/Visitors £2 each**



Gardening Club

The Club AGM was held on Mon. 21 Jan. Chairperson Rosemary Wickens advised it had been another successful year with membership remaining steady. We again had some very good speakers and the garden visits made were both interesting and varied. The Club continues to sponsor the flower beds outside bungalows in Crawley Close. Carol Beeton presented the accounts which showed the Club was in a healthy financial position. The existing Committee was again re-elected en-bloc. After the AGM business was concluded, Valerie Church gave an interesting talk and presentation on her own garden, inspired by Speaker Geoff Hodges' "The 12 Month Garden – Colour All Year Round" at the March 2015 Gardening Club meeting. She showed and explained the various sections of her delightful walled garden with an emphasis on the use of very small spaces, and showing the advantages of diverse, flexible and original all year round planting both in the borders, and with the use of a large variety of potted plants. This was followed by Steve Lyons giving a photo presentation of gardens visited on holidays in both France and Italy. It included gardens



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in the
Loire
Valley,
Isola Bella,
Lake



Maggiore, Italy and the highlight was Monet's garden in Giverny, Normandy.

The first garden visit of the year was made on Sun. 14 Feb. to see the snowdrops at Benington Lordship, near Stevenage. The gardens are famous for the huge drifts of naturalised snowdrops that cover most of the moat and the grounds around the Norman castle and house. There is a collection of 250 rare snowdrop varieties. With the number of varieties increasing every year more room was needed, most of the named varieties are now growing as a labelled collection in the mature shrub borders of the Walled Garden. New borders are being created to allow further expansion and planted with winter interest plants such as Cornus and Helleborus.

The annual programme of garden visits is being prepared and will be ready late March.

Planning for the 2016 Open Gardens on Saturday 16th July has commenced. (See more details on next page)

PN Gardening Correspondent

OPEN GARDENS 2016

Slip End hosted its seventh Open Gardens' day in July 2014. This proved to be a popular event and was enjoyed by over 100 visitors. We are now planning for the 2016 event on **Saturday 16th July**. Put the date in your diary now!!

We are already looking for some new gardens, big or small and would emphasise that it is not a competition. Your garden does not have to be anything special; we just want you to be enthusiastic about it.



You would be surprised how many visitors pick up ideas and tips from most gardens.

If you live in the Parish and would be interested in opening your garden, please complete details

below and return by the end of March to:

Rosemary Wickens, 86 Front Street, Slip End or e-mail to

rosemary.wickens@mypostoffice.co.uk

I would like to 'open my garden' on Saturday 16th July

I would like more information:

Name

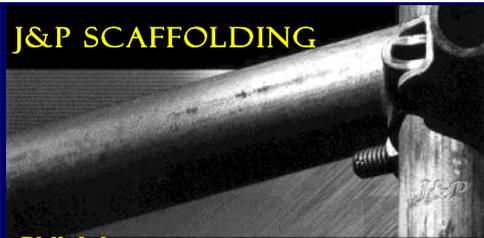
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Slip End Village Hall

Another successful year!

A big thank you to all the village residents and groups who make such good use of the Village Hall. The greater part of our lettings income throughout the year comes from your regular bookings. Bowls, Brownies, Slip End Playgroup, Slip End & District Association, the Parish Council and Friendship Club all use the Hall regularly. In addition other users such Ballroom Dancing, Line Dancing, the Stamp Fair, Children's parties all support the Hall.

This valuable village asset is managed by local people, who act as Trustees for the Slip End Village Hall Charity. The ownership of the Hall is vested in the Charity Commission Official Custodian. This means that ownership is protected on behalf of the Charity, which ultimately works for the benefit of residents. As Managing Trustees we have to ensure that the hall facilities are provided and maintained primarily for the benefit of local people. In addition the Hall is well used by outside and commercial groups, especially at the weekends.

Every year your bookings help us to cover our running costs and as we all know costs never go down! Any surplus of income over expenditure is used either to improve the building and its facilities or goes into a Building Reserve for future works. Halls across the country struggle both to make ends meet and keep their Hall up to a good standard for their users. In the last five years the Committee have spent approaching

£40,000 on improving the Hall! We have sourced this money not just from our own small reserves, but primarily with grants from bodies such as the Slip End Community Projects Group, Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation (Luton Airport Near Neighbours Fund) and Groundworks (BIG Lottery). So a big thank you to them also.

In our year financial year ended December 2015, we have spent money on getting the wooden floor sanded & resealed, installing vertical blinds, removing trees which threatened the structure and renewing all the guttering, soffits, fascias and downpipes. The guttering is now one continuous extruded length of aluminium! In all we spent £8,500 improving your Hall.

If you would like to know more about how the Hall runs please come to our Annual General Meeting. *See notice opposite.*

If you would like to get involved in the running of the Hall, as a committee member please let the secretary know. New blood is always needed.

If you would like to book the Hall contact Gill Plummer on 01582 723 109.

Thank you.
Simon Patterson - Honorary Secretary
on behalf of the VH Committee.

Please contact me on: 01582 419 487 or
smp1511@sky.com

Good Neighbour Scheme

For the Parish of Aley Green, Pepperstock, Slip End, & Woodside



NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 18TH MARCH, 7.30 PM

AT SLIP END VILLAGE HALL

All residents are invited to attend the above.

Please contact the Secretary, in writing, if you wish to propose any resolutions, make any recommendations or have any matter considered as AOB.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE OR FIND OUT WHAT IS INVOLVED, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY. WE URGENTLY NEED MORE MEMBERS.

Carol Patterson, Secretary,

6A, The Grove, Woodside, LU1 4LR tel: 01582 419 487, email: smp1511@sky.com

SLIP END VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Reg. Charity No. 300011

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE OF
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2016,
AT 7.30 PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

All local residents, interested parties and representatives of Hall user groups are invited to attend. We do need more committee members, so if you would like to know more about the role please contact the secretary below.

Agendas are displayed on local notice boards or are available from the Secretary. Residents are invited to propose resolutions in writing to the Secretary make recommendations or have any matter considered as AOB. Proposed resolutions should be sent to the Secretary by noon, 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. Details will be given, once proposed resolutions are received. A revised agenda will be issued 7 days prior to the AGM.

Simon Patterson Secretary

6A, The Grove, Woodside, LU1 4LR

tel:01582 419487 email smp1511@sky.com

Chinese Dance Workshop



Learning about other cultures helps children to appreciate the rich diversity of our world and helps them understand the similarities and differences between us.

Recently, the children in Year 1 and 2 took part in a Chinese dance workshop where they learnt about Chinese New Year and the traditional dances of China.

The children were taught to dance with fans and also learnt the Dragon dance which they performed wearing brightly coloured dragon costumes to a captivated audience.

Dance is a key part of the National Curriculum for PE along with Games, Athletics, Gymnastics and Swimming. All of our pupils participate in a minimum of 2 hours of PE a week and learn about the importance of exercise and looking after our bodies.

Our pupils are also currently participating in the 'Road to Rio' Olympic 2016 challenge where we are encouraging them to virtually travel the distance to Rio by being active in PE lessons and out of school activities.

Each class's activities are being logged on the 'Road to Rio' website to determine which class has travelled the furthest by the end of the summer term, bringing some inter-class competition to our school! Our aim is that all our pupils develop a healthy love of fitness and exercise that will stay with them for life.

Slip End Village School

Are you handy with a saw, a screwdriver or a paint brush?

Are you interested in being involved behind the scenes in a small local theatre?

The Dunstable Rep Theatre Club, an excellent local amateur group, needs more help building sets. The sets are designed by different people and built by a team of volunteers. As the build progresses, so the actors can rehearse on the developing set over about 5-6 weeks. (see examples below, *The Hollow* and the attic from *The Diary of Anne Frank*)

The team meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you could spare an evening or so and would like to know more please contact Parish News and we will pass on your details.



Slip End Photography Group



At the February main meeting, we had a talk from Andy Sands. This was a return visit, following an excellent talk last year. Last time he showed us photos of wasps, bees and various bugs.

Andy is a keen Wildlife photographer and also owns a camera shop in London. If you have been to the British Wildlife Photography exhibition at Stockwood Park, you may have seen one of his photos which was Highly Commended.

This time he showed us two completely different selections of photos. The first was Birds. He talked about each photo giving details about the bird and how he took the picture. This involves a lot of waiting around for “that perfect moment”, often in unpleasant places inside a small hide in remote parts of Scotland or Wales.. Several of us agreed that we would not have the patience or dedication!

Many members were particularly taken with the photos of Kingfishers near the River Ver. They were simply stunning.

The second set of photos were taken in Autumn and Winter of various Fungi that grow in woods and meadowland. Some of them were very unusual shapes and colours. At least they don't move so the only issue is getting the right light. Next month is all about Photoshop and in the mean time there will be a few Members' evenings.

Alison Wilson

SEADA

**Car Boot and
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Slip End Village Hall
and Grounds**

**Easter Monday
28th March
From 10am**

For a stall please ring
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Slip End—Pepperstock—Woodside

Senior Citizens Outing

Saturday 4th June

Destination still to be arranged

Names will be taken on Thursday 31st March from 3:30—4:00pm at the Village Hall or after that date please ring Gillian on 01582 723109, giving your name and telephone number.

I am still collecting bras for women overseas who have had breast surgery.

Ring 01582 723109 for collection.

Gillian Plummer





1st Woodside Brownies

During March the Brownies will be learning about World Culture. Four ladies have agreed to come and talk to us.

For more information about Brownies please contact Wise Owl, Gillian Plummer on 01582 723109.

Vintage cars out and about

The Parish Council Clerk passed on this information to the Parish News. In case you would like to see some Vintage and other cars taking part in an event, the Falcon Motor

Club is planning to run its March Hare Classic Trial, on Sunday 13th March. The start and finish will be at the Chequers Inn St. Albans Road, Redbourn. There will be up to 50 entrants driving cars ranging in age from the 1920's to recent times. The first car will be leaving at 0830.

The route approaches Slip End from Front Street and leaves on the B4540 to join the A5. Cars will be in the area from approximately 11.20 to 13.20.

See www.falconmotorclub.com

Have your camera handy and you might catch us a picture for the next issue of the magazine!





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- Home visits
- Flowers
- Custom wills

Aley Green Methodist Church **Services and Diary dates for March**

Friday 4th March

Women's World Day of Prayer

7.30pm Ecumenical Service

Sunday 6th

Mothering Sunday Lent 4

10.30am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest

10.30am Sunday School Communion

Monday 7th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship Wk 4
Led by Mike Bull

Tuesday 8th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Sunday 13th

Lent 5

10.30am Morning Service -

10.30am Sunday School & Youth Group

Monday 14th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship Wk 5
Led by Mike Bull

Sunday 20th

Palm Sunday Lent 6

10.30am Morning Service -Rev Phil Horner

10.30am Sunday School & Youth Group

Monday 21st

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship Wk 6
Led by Mike Bull

Wednesday 23rd

7.30pm Coffee Evening
In aid of Junior Mission for All.

Friday 25th

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Starting from Aley Green at 10.30am

Sunday 27th

Easter Day

10.30am Morning Service - Shepherd Kombo

10.30am Sunday School & Youth Group

Tuesday 29th

7.30pm A Celebration of Easter

The January Coffee Evening raised £75 for

Action for Children, a good start to the year. We held our first of four 'Take Time' meetings on 29th January when Maureen Carr, Coordinator of Hospice at Home was the speaker. Maureen told us of the practical, social and emotional support that the volunteers give to their clients. It is a free service so we were pleased to raise £120 for the charity.

Our now annual 'Pancakes & Company' on Shrove Tuesday was well supported and lots of bacon rolls and pancakes were consumed. With food, stalls and raffle we raised over £400 for our church re-pointing fund. Thank you to all those who supported us.

We will be hosting the Ecumenical service to celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March. This year's service is written by the Christian women of Cuba. Do join us, everyone welcome.

Our Lent Fellowships continues until Easter, each study is individual so you can join in at any time.

The Good Friday Walk of Witness will begin at Aley Green Church at 10.30am, moving on to the other village churches in turn. We will have refreshments at the Baptist Church the final church of the pilgrimage.

Aley Green Church Choir under the leadership of Liz Higgens, invites you to a 'Celebration of Easter' in words and music on Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm. There will be a collection for our nominated charity, and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Cakes & Company is on the second Tuesday of the month and we look forward to welcoming young and old. The youngest visitor at Pancakes & Company was just a matter of weeks old and the eldest.. well perhaps better not say!!!

Our monthly Coffee Evening on Wednesday 23rd will be hosted by the Junior Church, raising funds for Junior Mission for All.

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The Little Princess Trust

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skills free-of-charge).

To date, she has raised more than £2,200 for The Little Princess Trust - that's enough to allow them to fund the purchase of at least six specialised wigs (they cost around £350 each). Her donated hair will be blended with hair from others to create another wig - we sent off seven plaits, each measuring 30cm (12"). We are absolutely amazed by the generosity of all those who have sponsored Imogen - some of them total strangers - and

would like to take the opportunity, in this article, to thank them all very much indeed.

The fundraising page will remain open for a while yet, just in case anyone else wants to donate:-

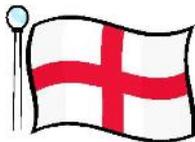
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so some help with the heavy lifting will be appreciated!

If you would like a table on the day to sell your lovely wares please contact us.

We need prizes for the Tombola so if you have anything we would welcome it.

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What a winter we have had this year, it was so mild up to Christmas it didn't feel like the festive season at all! It has certainly confused all the plants, as I write this my miniature daffodils in a butt are in full bloom and will be well over at the time they should have been flowering. I expect those of you reading this will be feeling a bit frustrated with all the wet weather because it has meant that getting those tidying up jobs done has been impossible. Being a gardener is never dull, you never know what mother nature is going to throw at you.

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.

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. 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. Dahlias and chrysanthemums overwintered in the greenhouse will have shoots on them by now and cuttings can be taken when they are approximately 3 inches long. Sweet peas which were sown in autumn and overwintered in pots or brought 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.

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 Brussel sprouts can be sown early in the month in drills ½ inch deep for planting out at the end of April. Parsips 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 spacings this will make it a lot easier when it comes to thinning out.

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.

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. 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.



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Burns Supper Rising Sun 23rd January

A most enjoyable evening with a good number of people attending. Willie Brooks, Chairman, welcomed everyone (seen below with Adrian Coates) and the Selkirk Grace was led by Keith Lane.

*Some hae meat and canna eat
And some hae nane that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae the LORD be thankit.*

The haggis was piped in and addressed by Paul Brooks before the meal.

Some of the visitors attending the Burns Supper



The Burns supper was plentiful and very tasty with soup; haggis, neeps and tatties; roast beef and trimmings and finally whisky trifle or Cloutie dumpling, followed by coffee and homemade shortbread.

Katrina Doubleday performed a very interesting recital about money and dedicated her talk to Brian Church (seen below with Katrina and her money sample!).



There was an interesting recital by Leslie Drysdale and Kevin Stevens.



Calum Drysdale performed the toast to the “Lassies” and Kate Brooks humorously replied.

Well done to the staff at the Rising Sun, and even though Ann tried to hide, she did a very good job especially with the amount of people there.

After the final address by Willie everyone stood for Auld Lang Syne. A good night for all present.

By Sue Briggs

Coffee Joke Corner

Customer: This coffee tastes like dirt.

Barista: That's not surprising, it was just ground this morning.

Did you hear about the woman who insisted it was a man's job to make the coffee in the morning?

She showed him the Bible where it said Hebrews!

(Thanks to Julie Taylor)





Pub Pages



Slip End Social Club

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and is having a good start to 2016.

Our "happy hour" is still continuing so all members are welcome to come in for a pint for £2, Monday to Friday 4pm-7pm.

To our existing members if you haven't renewed your membership, please come in and ask a member of staff or committee.

Below is the entertainment for the the next few months. All welcome.

26th March — Rob Miller

30th April — Jake & his Old Man

28th May — Melvis

NB we have dates up to October and will include them in future diary listings.

Telephone: 01582 415804 or see Facebook page for more information

The Rising Sun

Sat 5th Mar karaoke (early start for kids)

Thurs 17th Mar Free bacon and cabbage and Irish music all day

(for St Patrick's Day)

23rd Cook Off—pop into the pub for details or check our new look Facebook page for details

Sat 26th Live Music with Banned

Sunday 27th Easter Egg hunt, starts @1pm. The person with the most eggs gets a prize. There will also be a raffle.

January and February were very busy month at the Rising Sun, with birthdays both young and old.

We had a great Burns night, A big thank you to Willie Brooks for all the organising he does to make this a very special night.

Everyone at the Rising Sun would like to extend their sympathy to Debbie and James Stanfield on the recent loss of Debbie's father and to her family at this sad time.
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To start 2016 off one of our members, Rita Weber, called at the Luton Museum and collected two Memory Boxes from the 1950's. She was surprised how big and heavy they were. All the items in the boxes were laid out so that our Members could see them and talk about their memories of the items. I would not be surprised if some of our members still have some items in their cupboards!!! Music was played on a CD from the 1950's. The boxes had items of clothing, magazines and a pair of men's shoes with thick soles and many more things. Thanks go to Rita for organizing these boxes. Luton Museum have Memory Boxes for each decade and can be borrowed for organisations to see them.

In February we have Sue Watkins speaking on Alpaca Experience. The Competition is the Jazziest Pair of Socks!

March we have our Members Night, This gives the Committee an evening off as the Members run the evening. Joan Bunyan is in charge! In April Bedfordshire Verse with Frank Batt. Look forward to seeing you.

Linda Edwards

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15th March - Members Night

19th April - Bedfordshire Verse with Frank Batt

17th May - Annual Meeting

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Thank You from Operation Christmas Child!

(Extract from a message received by Sue Briggs from Operation Christmas Child)

Thank you for sending a shoebox gift with Operation Christmas Child. Once more children in need, all over the globe, experienced the joy of a simple shoebox gift and the hope that comes with knowing they are loved and not forgotten.

This year shoeboxes from the UK were sent to Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Central Asia, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Macedonia, the Middle East, Romania, Serbia, Swaziland, Ukraine and Zambia.

Together you packed an amazing 900,008 shoeboxes, meaning hundreds of thousands of children received a gift to remember.

18,575 of these shoeboxes were sent to refugee children passing through camps in Macedonia.

Our local partners recounted stories from an immigration camp where displaced children received some Christmas joy in the form of a simple shoebox gift. This was maybe the only moment of happiness since they left their homes.



Parish News received a request to include this in our next issue.....

CAP - Christians Against Poverty Money Management Course - 12th/19th and 26th May 2016

Many of us are now facing credit and store card statements following the extra costs of the past Christmas as well as perhaps having to face the forthcoming costs of school trips, new uniforms, trying to arrange and pay for a family holiday or even worse having to face up to how to cope with perhaps a loss of a job, or reduction in our income.

The CAP course has been designed to provide a great money management and planning resource to help us deal with the financial issues that can easily arise over this period and for the months afterwards as the debts and credit cards are paid off and unexpected bills arrive. It should provide totally confidential help to those who are struggling to cope with their finances, their savings and budgeting and to provide simple resources to take away the stresses and strains that managing our money can bring, especially during these challenging times that we are living in. The course is now recognised as being one of the most effective resources in money management throughout the UK and has an amazing track record of enabling people to retake control of their finances and their lives.

Our previous course provided those who attended with a number of very successful solutions to their own issues. It is limited to

a maximum of 8 delegates so please book as soon as possible to secure a place.

The Course will take place on three consecutive Thursday evenings - 12th, 19th and 26th May, starting with refreshments at 7.15pm through to approximately 9.30pm at Markyate Baptist Church Hall, Buckwood Road, Markyate.

The course is carried out in a totally confidential manner and attendees can say as much or as little as they feel appropriate and we have found that this aspect of the course brings the most reassurance to those considering joining. It is free of charge and all course materials will be also provided free of charge.

If you feel that your finances are heading towards spiralling out of control and that you honestly could do with some help and support, then please consider signing up for our next course and if you would like to have a confidential chat about the course before signing up, please contact us.

The course leaders have been trained and accredited by the National Christians Against Poverty team and it is our hope and prayer that the new course will bring help and guidance to as many as possible.

Please contact Alan Poole on:-

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MARCH

- Mon 7th Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7pm
- Sat 12th Traid craft "Big Brew"
- Mon 14th Village Hall AGM Village Hall 7:30pm
- 15th Photographic Group — Photoshop by Jane. Social Club 8pm
- 15th Women's Institute Members Night Baptist Church 7.30pm
- 17th St Patrick's Day celebrations - Rising Sun all day
- Fri 18th Good Neighbour Scheme AGM Village Hall 7:30pm
- 21st Gardening Club Village Hall with Guest Speaker 8pm
- 26th** Entertainment—"Rob Miller" at Slip End Social Club
Live Music "Banned" Rising Sun
- 27th** Easter Egg Hunt Rising Sun 1pm

APRIL

- 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
- 12th Photographic Group — Digital Projection by Naomi Sael. Social Club 8pm
- 19th Caddington WI—Bedfordshire Verse Baptist Church 7:30pm
- Sun 24th St George's Fun Day Heathfield Centre, Caddington 11am—4 pm
- 30th** Entertainment "Jake & his Old Man" at Slip End Social Club

Future dates for your diary

JULY

- 9th **Village Day at The Playing Fields**
- 16th **Parish Open Gardens Day 11-5pm**
- 18th Gardening Club Village Hall with Guest Speaker 8pm

Bin collections

- Black bin and Glass Friday 11th & 25th March
- Orange bin / garden Friday 4th & 18th March



Don't forget to advertise your events here!

Please contact us with details of events to add to our diary so that everyone in the community can read about what is on in the Parish and hopefully avoid any clash of dates for events!



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