



**Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside
PARISH NEWS
July 2017**



Gardening Club Plant Sale

Editors' Notes

Make no mistake, the future of our village hangs on a thread.

Plans by Central Bedfordshire Council, and private firm Legal and General, could both transform Slip End forever.

The intimate community we know and love faces becoming a suburb of Luton, or even the development of its surrounding Green Belt fields, under proposals mooted by both of these organisations.

It's easy to sit back and think that nothing will come of either suggestion, but apathy is never the answer.

Instead, get involved and speak out now to ensure the status quo is maintained

and our much-loved village is preserved just the way it is for generations to come. If you want a reminder of what it is that makes Slip End so special, you only have to pop along to the Village Day in a week's time, a perfect showcase for everything great about where we live.

Reminder: There is no Parish News in August so the next issue will be September. Please have any items to the Editor for that issue (Alison) by 15th August.

(The cover photos show some of the Gardening Club Committee and the Plant Sale set up ready to go. Pictured below is the GNS stall at last year's Village Day.)





Make sure you have Village Day in your diary. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 8th July from 11 until 4 at the Playing Fields in Church Road.

This year we have a good selection of stalls, BBQ and bar, teas, coffee and cakes and the ice cream van, and our Grand Raffle with many great prizes.

Among the attractions are birds of prey, pony rides, steam train rides and bouncy castles. There will be a visit from the police and, emergencies permitting, the fire engine will be here again.

Barry will be your host for the day and Martin will supply the music.

In the arena will be dog agility, Slip End Village School choir and more.

Come for the day – for lunch, for afternoon tea and more besides.

We are looking for more people to help us on the day – if you can spare an hour or two or more please get in touch with Jill :0795 858 7595 –thank you!

VILLAGE DAY SATURDAY 8TH JULY FROM 11am TO 4pm



Should Slip End Parish become a suburb Of Luton?

A very important document has been published on the Central Bedfordshire Council website – The Draft Local Plan. This should not be confused with the Neighbourhood Plan that is being produced for Caddington and Slip End, it is a different document. It is a long term look at the whole of Central Bedfordshire.

It is essential that all residents read this because there are possible implications for all of us in the Parish. In particular, look at the map and find item number 5. You can then click on the link at the top of the page, called 'Town expansion options'.

Residents can submit comments online from 4th July 2017 for a period of six weeks. Alternatively, you can write to Central Beds Council at the address provided. There is a public drop-in session planned for somewhere in Caddington on 9th August, to be confirmed.

Here is the link:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/local-plan.aspx

What is a Local Plan?

A Local Plan is a plan for the future development of the local area, drawn up by the Local Planning Authority. It guides decisions on whether or not planning applications can be granted. More information can be found on these websites:

www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plans

www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plans--2

It is vitally important to protect our Parish from becoming a suburb of Luton. Your Parish Council is firmly opposed to development to the west of Luton and will be submitting its objections. Please make sure you submit your comments to support the Parish Council position and ensure that this development is not part of the final plan.



ALL OF THIS COULD SOON BE GONE...



Controversial plans to develop the Green Belt farmland opposite St Andrew's Church, and around to the right of the village at the back of Summer Street and onto Front Street (including the allotments) are set to go for public consultation.

The scheme was announced at a recent meeting in the Village Hall, and could see hundreds of homes on the site.

It is being proposed by national firm Legal and General, and being spearheaded by its Reading office.

Director Daniel Hayman of consultants Meeting Place Communications revealed to PN: "In response to the emerging Central Bedfordshire Local Plan, which plans development across the district up to 2035, Legal and General is promoting the potential of new residential development and open space on land to the north of Slip End between Front Street/Summer Street and the M1.

"At this stage, Legal and General is reviewing options for the land and wants to understand more about how local residents view the site, community needs and aspirations in light of the Neighbourhood Plan and the emerging need for more homes.

"They will be hosting an event to discuss early ideas further at the Peter Edwards Recreation Hall, to the rear of St Andrew's Church on Church Rd [on Wednesday July 19 between 3pm and 7pm](#). Come along and find out more."

The scheme has already proved unpopular, with one resident saying: "It would be a

travesty for this field to be used for anything other than Green Belt."

The National Planning Framework sets out the Government's policy on Green Belt land. It states: "The government attaches great importance to Green Belts. The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence." When it comes to actually building on Green Belt land, the guidelines are clear: "When considering any planning application, local planning authorities should ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm to the Green Belt. 'Very special circumstances' will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm, is clearly outweighed by other considerations."

One of the few exceptions would be limited infilling in villages, and limited affordable housing for local community needs under policies set out in the Local Plan, so Legal and General would have a need to demonstrate this when applying for any development.

A newsletter with more information on the scheme will be sent by Legal and General to Slip End residents in early July and more information will be available on their website – www.slipendconsultation.co.uk

Photo credit: Sue Briggs



POP-UP CIRCUS COMES TO SCHOOL

Events which involve the whole school community coming together are always some of the most memorable and special times of the year.

This year, the Friends of Slip End Village School organised for a pop-up circus to visit Slip End.

It was a superb event with a talented trapeze artist and hula-hoop performer; hilarious clowns performing juggling and plate spinning tricks; a marvellous magician who left the audience wondering just, "How did he do it?"; face painting and a range of refreshment stalls which all

contributed to a wonderful atmosphere.

The school would like to thank FoSELS and the Slip End community for their efforts in helping to raise funds to provide additional resources for our pupils. The amount of time and effort that is put into the organisation of events such as these is immense and it is truly valued and appreciated by all of us.

If you would like to find out more information about the life of our school then please visit our school website at <http://www.slipend.beds.sch.uk/>

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Message from St Andrew's

Finding Hope in Disaster

We live in one of the safest countries of the world. Yet the terrible events of recent weeks, both the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London and then the awful suffering and loss of life in the tower block fire has deeply disturbed that sense of peace and security.

Yet there is hope: The Bible teaches two basic truths about humanity.

One is that we are marvellously made in the image of God. All humans have the capacity to be incredibly altruistic, putting the well-being of others before themselves.

We have seen this in the response of all sorts of ordinary people from different walks of life, different backgrounds whether they were homeless, taxi drivers, off duty emergency personnel, shop keepers - people responded with heroic bravery – with little thought for their own personal safety.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks many have refused to allow fear and hatred to divide our communities. The Bishop of Bedford attended a vigil that was held just a couple of miles away in Luton, he commented that, "Here people of all faiths and none came together to witness to those bonds of friendship and relationship that are the foundation of our resilience as a country - a sign of the strength of interfaith and community and the basis of a renewed commitment to work together for peace."

These things are a great source of hope and inspiration.

At the same time the Bible also speaks very honestly about extent to which we have strayed from that divine likeness and are capable of great evil. We have also seen this in recent weeks, and the pain and suffering that this causes. However even in this God does not leave us without hope, he comes to share in our sufferings in Jesus, he comforts us in our pain. When he died on the cross he took upon himself the evil of humanity and suffered the punishment that is due to it that we might be forgiven. On the cross God offered forgiveness freely to all people.

However, to receive this we have to turn towards him, and away from our evil – we have to fully renounce it to enter into God's love. There may well be terrorists in heaven, but if there are they will be fully repentant, they will have turned and begun to do all that they can to undo the hurt that they have caused. That, of course, is so for all of us - that we have to leave behind all our selfishness and hatred and unforgiveness to enter the Kingdom of God.

With God's help this is possible for everyone. What great hope there is in this! Each of us can be forgiven and give our lives to helping to overcome evil with good.

This may be in very small ways for us here in Slip End, but we can help build community – at the Village Day – at the community BBQ in the vicarage garden where all are welcome. By praying, by giving, by forgiving, by doing what we can in our everyday lives to build bridges rather than barriers between people.

Have a wonderful summer,
Cathy



Community BBQ Invitation

Children, Parents, Grandparents,
Carers

Singles, any age - all are welcome
to our Family BBQ in the

**St Andrew's Vicarage Garden
on Saturday September 2nd from
12-4pm.**

Games - Bouncy Castle – Great
Food

Please RSVP so that we can get
enough food.

**Text: 07425 148046 or email:
cathy@pullinger.net**

Dates for St Andrew's Church - July /August

July

Sunday 2nd: 10.30am: Informal Communion – “Front Line Commitment”

Sunday 9th: 8.30 am: Said Communion – “The reason for my hope”

Sunday 9th: 10.30am: Café Church & Baptism - “The reason for my hope” (band)

Sunday 16th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – “The Big Picture”

Tuesday 18th: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service

Summer series on the Parables of Jesus - there will be a story and activities for the children within the service during the Summer Holidays

Sunday 23rd: 10.30am: Morning Praise “Wheat and weeds” (organ & singers)

Sunday 30th: 10.30am: Morning Praise “Mustard seeds and yeast” (organ & singers)

August

Sunday 6th: 10.30am: Informal Communion “Pearls and buried treasure”

Sunday 13th: 10.30am: Morning Praise “The fishing net” (band)

Sunday 20th: 10.30am: Holy Communion “The unmerciful servant”

Sunday 27th: 10.30am: Morning Praise “The lost sheep”

Little Stars for July/August

Refreshments from 10.00 with a 10.30 start

July

Weds 5th: Parable – The Two Sons

Weds 12th: Parable – The Selfish Servant

Weds 19th: Parable – The Precious Pearl

Summer Break - From Wednesday 26th July we will be out and about for the summer, meeting other mums, carers and children at the following places at 10.30am

Weds 26th: Vicarage garden

August

Weds 2nd: Stockwood Park Discovery Centre

Weds 9th: Vicarage garden

Weds 16th: Slip End Playground, next to Village Hall

Weds 23rd: Stockwood Park Discovery Centre

Weds 30th: Slip End Playground, next to Village Hall



OUR FARMING YEAR

Angela Speirs of J Speirs & Son, Pepsal End Farm, provides a monthly insight into agricultural life

Our arable crops look at their best in June particularly after receiving the long awaited rain in late May. They look lush and green until one or two unwelcome weeds such as wild oats and brome begin to poke above the crop.

Wild oats have to be pulled out by hand if they are not too numerous as they are highly competitive and spread rapidly in subsequent crops. With harvest normally starting in late July the crops in June receive their final application of fungicide – an ear protectant spray, which aims to protect the grain should there be wet weather between now and harvest.

As the last of the previous year's wheat crop finally leaves our barn we begin to thoroughly clean the sheds in readiness for the 2017 harvest.

We also carry out some minor farm building and repair jobs in the window between now and the start of harvest. In the recent wind and rain we were re-concreting cracked

areas of the farmyard. Our farmyard ducks really appreciated the numerous extra ponds that appeared overnight!

We also service the combine harvesters and the equipment used for autumn cultivations which start immediately after harvest.

In the current warm spell we are making hay in large bales. This needs to be stored in the dry and we are hoping that the new Dutch barn to be built at Newlands Farm will be started very soon.

Our young Hereford bull Pepperstock Naughty Boy did well at both the Herts and Suffolk shows and was awarded reserve male Champion and reserve breed champion at both. He has a few more shows to attend this summer before he will be put back out to graze. As happy as our cattle are out at grass in the summer months unfortunately we have experienced some irresponsible hare coursing at night on the fields which frighten and scatter the cattle in all directions.



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Raffle and stalls

Plant Sale

Tea and cakes inside the hall



Gardening Club

I am pleased to report that the Gardening Club Plant Sale, held at the Village Hall on Saturday 20th May was a great success. It was a shame about the heavy shower which brought it to an abrupt end, but given the forecast it could have been worse.

The money raised goes towards hiring the village hall several times a year so that we can book speakers to come along and talk on various garden related topics, it subsidises our membership fee to keep it affordable to all, and we also sponsor the flower beds in Crawley Close each year to enhance the area for the residents, which tops up the amount allocated by the Parish Council.

We wish to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who either looked after or donated plants, or helped on the day; we couldn't do it without you.

Thanks also go to all the local businesses who generously donated a raffle prize: **Slip End Garage, Slip End Superstore, Frog & Rhubarb, Harpers, Rising Sun, Social Club, The Plough and other private individuals**, we do appreciate your support. We would also like to thank the people who came along to buy the plants, thank you one and all.

We had some bedding plants and tomato plants left over and these were taken to St Andrew's Church the following morning to sell and the few perennials left are being looked after and will be on sale at our stall on Village Day. Six tomato plants and two growbags were donated to Slip End Village School to encourage the next generation of gardeners.

I have one final thank you and that is to my fellow committee members for all their hard work and support, not just for the plant sale but all year round.

Rosemary Wickens
Chairperson

The last two garden visits were to The Manor House, Ayot St Lawrence and Steppingley Village Gardens. The Manor House was a 6-

acre garden set in a mature landscape around an Elizabethan Manor House. There was a one acre walled garden including glasshouses, fruit and vegetables, double herbaceous borders, rose and herb beds. In addition there were herbaceous perennial island beds, topiary specimens, and a parterre and temple pond garden which all surrounded the house.

Steppingley Village Gardens consisted of three very different gardens. Set within an acre Lindy Lea was a haven for wildlife with two water features, informal perennial planting, a variety of shrubs and mature trees. Townsend Farmhouse was a medium sized country garden with a tree lined driveway, herbaceous borders, flowering shrubs and courtyard. West Oak was an informal garden of approximately an acre. It consisted of lawns and shrubs with perennial planting including some mature trees. There was a herb garden, greenhouse, and vegetable garden with soft fruit, an orchard and chickens.

Forthcoming visits under the National Gardens Scheme are given below.:

Sunday 2 July - Mackerye End House, Harpenden.

Sunday 30 July - Bedford Road, Sandy.

Sunday 20 August - 22 Hall Park Gate, Berkhamsted.

PN Gardening Correspondent

GARDENING CLUB

MONDAY

July 17

John Day of the RSPB

8pm

(Village Hall)



**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME**



Guests/Visitors £2 each

Slip End Photography Group

The Club held its AGM on 18th May and there were a good number of members present including a few new members. There were reports on the year and elections of committee members.

Awards were given out. Roger Baker and Ivan Keightley received awards for showing great improvements in their photography, evident in their lovely photos on show at the exhibition. Visitors to the exhibition were asked to vote on their favourite pictures. The winner of the "Best in Show" was Martin Peck for his photo of Bluebells at Ashridge (*below*)



All members were congratulated on an excellent exhibition at the Village Hall. Since then, members were invited to include 2 pictures each in a display at All Saints Church in Caddington during the weekend of 20th & 21st May.

The Club is planning some trips out during the summer evenings in order to find interesting locations for photography. One planned visit is to the British Wildlife Centre in Surrey. There you can take pictures of creatures like otters and red squirrels in their habitat without wires and cages around them.

The aim for the programme is to try to have an arranged event (by members) on the first Tuesday in the month. The talks and more formal evenings will be on the third Tuesday. Trips out will probably be arranged around these days or members will meet for a chat.

More information from Norman Homewood, Club Chairman on 452851.



and the runner up was Andy Prothero for a beautiful sunset picture. Well done to all!



Ivan, Martin Andy and Roger with their trophies.

May brought us a screen, video and pictures of the Special Olympics Team. We had not heard of this group before so were interested to see what it was all about. It is a group of young people who have intellectual disabilities, sometimes physical, and the object is to help them get into sporting activities. By training together they make friends and gain confidence and trust in each other. This specific group was from St Albans.

It takes several years to prepare for the Olympics. We were introduced to Matt Dodds who told his story Journey to Gold.

Matt lives in St Albans - he was so excited as he had won a Gold Medal in Los Angeles at the World Games. His inspiration came from his uncle who coached him in his favourite sport, football, and his Gold Medal was passed round for us all to see. He scored in the semi-final against Ireland and took a penalty and scored a goal. Matt also received the St Albans Sports Award.

All sorts of sport are played by Special Olympics - from gymnastics to basketball and football. Matt goes round to schools and colleges telling them about his life and encouraging other young people to take part in sports.

One thing he is looking forward to is

going to Sheffield this year plus the Abu Dhabi Olympics in 2019. He was a very inspiring young man.

Our competition for the month was Something Red, White and Blue and was won by Rita Weber with Brenda Currie second and Carol Jones in third place.

Our AGM was held at this meeting and the Treasurer, Secretary and President gave their reports. The existing committee stands for the current year. A big thank you to our members for helping out at meetings - you help the evenings run smoothly. Some matches have been won by our darts team who meet regularly. If you would like to join them please get in touch as new members are always welcome.

Two resolutions have been chosen by us; Loneliness in the Elderly and Young and Plastic Soup. Our representative this year is from Studham. Will let you know the final result. Trips to Cotswold Farm, Wimbledon and Stratford upon Avon are being planned for the future, and also an afternoon tea at Woburn.

The presentation of the Rose Bowl was won by Joanne Sherwood with Rita Weber in second place and Carol Jones third. Well done ladies.

A reminder to you that we are going to meet on the first Tuesday of each month commencing in July. Please make a note in your diary.

Linda Edwards

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary dates for July & August

Sunday 2nd July

10.30am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest
10.30am Sunday School Communion

Tuesday 4th

7.30pm Bible Study led by Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 9th

10.30am Morning Service - Michael Adams
10.30am Sunday School

Tuesday 11th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'
10.30am - 11.00am Little Lambs

Sunday 16th

10.30am Morning Service-Rev Nigel Bibbings
10.30am Sunday School

Monday 17th

7.30pm Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Sunday 23rd

9.30am Lorraine Law (Action for Children)
Wednesday 26th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of Action for Children

Sunday 30th

9.30am Morning Service - John Enejo

Sunday 6th August

9.30am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest
Communion

Tuesday 8th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'
10.30am - 11.00am Little Lambs

Sunday 13th

9.30am Morning Service - Liz Higgens

Sunday 20th

9.30am Morning Service - Peter Baker

Wednesday 23rd

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of World Vision

Sunday 27th

9.30am Morning Service - Rev Nigel Bibbings

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christian Aid fundraising in May; the raffle raised £46, Pew Envelopes £38 and £177 at the Coffee Evening.

At our Take Time meeting on 9th June, we had two representatives from the Samaritans to talk to us about the charity.

They have volunteers on duty to take phone calls 24-7 to talk to people in distress often on the edge of suicide and in great need of help. Refreshment and chat were enjoyed after the meeting.

A collection was taken and £130 was raised for the Luton branch of the Samaritans.

Our choir performed 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' (an amateur church production by arrangement with the Really Useful Group Limited) It was a wonderful way to celebrate Trinity Sunday. We had a packed church and we even had to put chairs in the porch! It really was a 'full house'.

The Bible story was told in words and music and after the performance 81 people enjoyed a free full afternoon tea provided by the choir and church members.

We packed people into the upper and lower school rooms and had an overflow table in the church. £387 was taken in the collection for church funds. A 'really amazing' afternoon.

The church will hold Sunday services at the earlier time of 9.30am from 23rd July to the end of August.

Apart from that change it will be business as usual through the next couple of months with all our regular activities and of course our Cakes and Company and Little Lambs on the second Tuesday of each month and monthly Coffee Evenings for our charities.

Do take a walk or drive down to Aley Green and join us for a cuppa and a chat. Enjoy your summer.

Look at the trees and what do you see?

The beauty of God.

Look at the flowers and what do you see?

The beauty of God.

Look at the sky and what do you see?
The beauty of God.

Yours in Christ Ann Meader - Senior Steward

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jason Cunningham latest

It now seems almost certain that Jason will not be stepping back into the ring until September to defend the Commonwealth title which he won so well at Bethnal Green in April.

He had hoped to find a slot on another London bill in July but no spaces were available so he has to wait two more months, partly because there are usually no fights taking place during the month of August.

September it has to be, probably again in London and another 12 rounder at the Featherweight limit of 9 stones.

Following his last great display we have to be confident of a successful defence which we can all look forward to.

As some of you know this writer is

moving away from sunny Slip End to the usually cooler climes of South Yorkshire. However, for the time being at least, I will be continuing with a monthly progress report on Jason's career, together with details of forthcoming fights, ticket prices etc.

My new mobile number is 07899 326795 so if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All of us in the Jason camp and his supporters are sure that the months to come can bring many victories, so don't miss out, just come along and watch him fight. Simply stated he has the talent to make it to the very top and your encouragement will help him climb the ladder to get there.

Tony Strong

St Andrew's Church Sports Day

**There will be a games and sports day for children from school years 1 to 6,
at the Slip End playing field**

on Wed 30th August from 10.30am - 1.30pm

There will be races, team games, individual challenges and parachute games.

This is a free event with drinks provided, but children should bring their own picnic lunch.

Please book your child's place by emailing cdkelly@yahoo.co.uk with your child's name, age and contact details.

Gardening Tips *by Russell Sprout*

By the time you are reading this I hope the weather will have warmed up and we will all be enjoying some warm sunny weather, as well as the fruits of our labour, be it a beautiful flower garden or lots of lovely vegetables to eat.

Prune deciduous shrubs such as jasmine and philadelphus after flowering by removing spent flowers and weak shoots. Deadhead roses on a regular basis to encourage a second flush in the autumn and keep an eye out for greenfly, black spot, mildew and rust.

Tie young stems of dahlias to their supports with soft string or raffia and if large blooms are required then disbud the lower buds to get long stems for cutting and arranging in a vase.

Chrysanthemums can be treated the same way, but spray varieties should be left, although stake and tie-in shoots to avoid wind damage.

Early this month sow sweet williams and wallflowers for colour in the spring. Gladioli will not need staking for normal garden use but keep well watered and weed free.

Iris can be divided and replanted this month and cut the top half of the leaves off to avoid wind damage.

July is the month when lilies are at their best and unless you want to save the seed they should be deadheaded as the flowers fade, water carnations and pinks if the weather is dry.

Rock gardens will look somewhat drab from now until the autumn but best to keep the weeds down to prevent the alpines from being overwhelmed, so keep weeding and trimming alpines and water if necessary.

Mounded or carpeting plants not showing new growth should have soil mixture and fertiliser worked into them. Patio containers and hanging baskets will require watering at least once a day and deadhead to keep them looking their best.

In the greenhouse tomatoes and

cucumbers should be bearing fruit; a liquid fertiliser should be applied every seven to 10 days to encourage the fruits to ripen. Blackcurrants can be pruned after fruiting, cutting out the old wood, tie in new shoots of blackberries and loganberries but keep them separate from the fruiting shoots. Summer fruiting raspberries can be cut down as the fruiting canes are finished, but leave the new shoots because they will bear next year's crop. Tidy up the strawberry bed when the fruits are finished. If the weather is hot and dry and there isn't a hosepipe ban, then water the lawn regularly, aerate by spiking with a fork as this will help the water penetrate well below the surface where it's needed to keep it looking green.

Complete planting of leeks this month as well as late Brussels sprouts, winter cabbage and spring broccoli, also plant swedes by the middle of the month. Keep pinching out the side shoots of tomato plants (except bush varieties) to get decent size fruits.

In the herb garden make further sowings of chervil, dill and parsley and remember to harvest just before they come into full bloom if you are going to dry them for future use.



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Also on 20th May we had Tricia Richardson's birthday for which we supplied Buck's Fizz and chicken and chips.

On 4th June we had Ashley Charman's birthday in the marquee/garden for which they supplied their own buffet.

Then on 8th June we had 25 people from the friendship club which usually hold their activities at the Village Hall but the General Election was on that day.

Now the weather has picked up it's the perfect time to go out for a meal and

beverage so come and relax in our garden. Our marquee is now up.

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By having a stall at the events Please contact Alan Tarsey on 01582 872673

By attending the events

By becoming a member of The Rotary Club and helping worthwhile causes in the community.

More information can be obtained from Roger Sharp on 01582 606405.

Prize Bull

Well done Felix (McDaid of 90 Front Street) for winning a First with his Aberdeen Angus bull "My Prize" at the Herts Show in May. He is pictured with young handler Will.

The Crossetts

Having visited Lorraine and Ken Crossett recently, *writes Katie McIlroy*, I would like to



share with you a picture of their garden. Many of you will know how their garden in Slip End was tended to the minimum, due to lack of time mostly. Since they have retired to Spalding, they have been working continually, in between the many visits from family and friends(!), in their garden. They have acquired a greenhouse-now full of tomato plants, cucumber plants, strawberries etc. in one part of the garden is set out neatly in rows of potatoes, carrots, onions, and greens. Ken has built a compost bin, and is about to build a picket fence to keep Isla the dog off the delicate plants. Their trees have solar lights hanging from them-very pretty in the evening when sitting on the patio.





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July

- Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
- Tues 4th Caddington WI, Baptist Church Hall, 7:30pm
- Sat 8th Village Day on Playing Fields
- Mon 17th Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm
- Tues 18th Photography Club Out Door Portraits venue TBA
- Wed 19th Consultation on fields homes plan, 3-7pm, Peter Edwards Hall.
- Tues 25th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm

August

- Tues 1st Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm
No Parish Council Meeting in August
- Tues 15th Photography Club Andy Sands "Macro" Social Club 8pm
- Tues 22nd Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm

September

- Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
- Tues 5th Caddington WI birthday evening, Baptist Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Tues 19th Photography Club Naomi Saul Social Club 8pm
- Fri 29th Harvest Supper, Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm



Bin collections

- Black bin and Glass Friday 14th & 28th July, 11th & 25th August
- Orange bin / Garden 7th, 21st July 4th & 18th August, 1st Sept



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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