



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

**Martin Peck's Bluebells at Ashridge - voted "Best in Show"**



## Editors' Notes

As I write, June is almost upon us and the beginnings of the Summer activities will soon be approaching. Hopefully the chilly weather of early May will be chased away by some summery sunshine.

I took part in the Photography exhibition in the Village Hall in May and was pleased to note that there were some 270 or more photos on show and all were very impressive. (see the report in later pages)

### **Technology comes to the village**

Actually, we already have technology to a degree, with faster internet these days but a certain cable company have had contractors installing their cables in our area. Unfortunately they have to work alongside some fairly aged technology (old telephone cabling), creating some challenges! It was a little chaotic during the installation in our road but, as Paul Cooper mentions in his Parish Council Report, it will give extra opportunities to those who may be interested in cable TV.



On the subject of television, my own opinion is that the addition of cable TV is not something I would want. I admit

that I find it impossible to find time to watch anything much on the TV! There are a few interesting programmes but a distinct lack of time in which to watch them! What would I do with more channels that I won't watch? I would always prefer to be out and about doing other things and my many hobbies and interests keep me from the television most evenings. However, computers, 'phones, tablets and TV are much more used today than ever before. They certainly have their uses to find things out but there is definitely something to be said for a little fresh air and sunshine.

For those who may not be aware, as of 1st May, Manshead School has become an Academy as part of the Diocese of St Albans Multi Academy Trust (DSAMAT). Having been involved with the school for a good few years, I would like to wish the staff, pupils and the Trust, much luck as they go forward in this new venture.

**The Book Club** continues to meet in the Frog and Rhubarb, usually on the last Tuesday of the month at 8pm. I am just reading Graham Norton's "Holding" (May's book) and I am enjoying it so far. Upcoming dates and books are as follows:-

27th June A Boy Made of Blocks by Keith Stuart. This has had some interesting reviews.

25th July The Dry by Jane Harper

22nd August - Book TBC

Like to read? If so, see you there.

*Alison Wilson*



**Make sure you have Village Day in your diary. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Simpkins will supply the music.

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

So 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 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY FROM 11 TO 4**

## **SEADA**

There are still some places free if you are a Senior Citizen and live in Slip End, Woodside or Pepperstock.

Saturday 24th June

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Closing date 11th June

## **Slip End Parish Council**

### **Annual Report 2017**

The year started with the Chairman, Ken Crossett, moving out of the area and therefore resigning from the Parish Council. Keith Holme also resigned his position on council this year. Both Councillors have been missed, as they made a significant contribution to the running of the Parish Council and many other areas of village life. We thank them both for their hard work over many years.

The vacant positions on the Parish Council have been taken by co-opted members Carol Beeton and Paul Shaw. We welcome Carol and Paul onto the Parish Council. During this year, I have been elected Chairman and Sarah Minnighan was elected Vice-Chair.

There has been little progress with the Traffic Calming Project this year due to delays with the Central Bedfordshire Council contractor being able to carry out the works. We are still waiting for phase two of the project to take place. This will include the replacement of the chicane in Markyate Road with a speed table, improved visibility at the Front Street/New Street junction and a speed table in Front Street. We have registered our displeasure at these continuing delays, as the works have been commissioned for safety reasons.

The Neighbourhood Plan is still progressing. The next stage of the process will be a referendum where residents will be able to vote yes or no to accepting the plan. If the plan receives a majority yes vote it will form the basis for planning decisions across the Parish for a considerable number of years. This will make development on land within the Parish, which is not identified in the plan, extremely unlikely. There are currently large developments under consideration within Luton Borough which will occupy land adjoining our boundary. The Council is keeping a watchful eye on the type of developments which will neighbour the Parish.

During the last growing season, the maintenance of grass verges and hedgerows within the Parish was unacceptable. This situation was a constant source of residents' complaints as they were forced to walk in roads to avoid the overgrowth. We complained to Central Bedfordshire Council about this throughout the summer. There has now been a change in contractor which we are assured will lead to a much more effective maintenance programme in the future.

Holiday parking on the roads within the Parish has been raised with us as a concern over recent years. This behaviour causes inconvenience where parking is already in short supply. Unfortunately, if the vehicle is legally and safely parked

there is no action that can be taken. We considered the possibility of introducing a residents' permit scheme. This would involve a cost to each home in the Parish. The feedback we received indicated that the problem is not so severe that this charge would be acceptable. This issue will remain under review.

Over the coming months, Virgin Media will be installing their fibre optic system throughout the Parish. We look forward to the additional options this will offer residents.

The Budget was maintained throughout this year and we would like to thank the Clerk and Mrs Brennan for keeping us on track.

I would also like to thank the two Ward Councillors, Kevin Collins and Richard Stay for their hard work and support over the past year.

A special thank you goes to my fellow Councillors on the Parish Council for coping with the various personnel changes and making my transition to Chairman as painless as possible.

*Paul Cooper*

*Chairman,*

*Slip End Parish Council*

## **Slip End Village School**

FoSELS—the school PTA has sent us a poster which you will find in this issue. The school has been chosen as a Co-op local cause for the six months from now until October 2017. Whenever Members buy Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give 1% back to the school, a brilliant way to raise money with minimal effort. They are raising money for PE equipment. All you need to do to help us to raise money is:

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## Slip End Good Neighbour Scheme

The GNS held another well attended Tea Party just before Easter. Seasonal cakes and a cup tea were enjoyed by some forty residents, clients and volunteers, as they listened to Peter Smith and the Ukulele Orchestra.



The raffle raised over £100 which went into funds. The GNS Committee has decided to provide another event this year for residents, so those attending were asked for their preferences. As a result we shall be organising a sit down lunch at the Village Hall during the

Summer. Clients will be invited nearer to the time. Thank you to all who assisted in making the event a success.

The GNS Annual General Meeting was held on the 21st April at the Village Hall. The Scheme has had another successful year, providing support to some seventy nine residents, with a total of four hundred and eighty 'jobs' done. Some thirty nine volunteers, completed on average forty calls per month, typically providing either medical or non-medical related transport, befriending, simple household tasks, form filling and general assistance, to make life that little bit easier for our clients.

Please remember if you are a resident of Slip End, Pepperstock, Aley Green or Woodside, just call our manned Helpline on 07513 372 415, between the hours of 9am and 5pm for support and if you would like to become a volunteer or a phone holder, just contact myself, Simon, on 01582 419 487.

As always a big thank you to our Committee and all the dedicated volunteers who make the Scheme such a success!

*Simon Patterson*



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## Baptism at St Andrew's

On Sunday 14th May, St Andrew's Church welcomed Thomas and Faye of Summer Street, Slip End for the baptism of their son Tommy Hale. Many friends and family were present. Afterwards the family and their guests enjoyed a lovely afternoon at the Social Club together. The photos show Thomas and Faye with Tommy and also with older brother Cori and the four Godparents.



The Baptism took place in our annual "Celebrating our Children," service. We are glad to have the

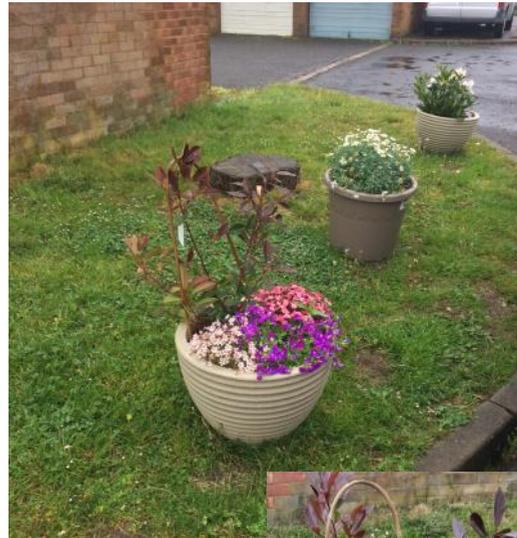
children who come along to St. Andrew's as part of our Church family. Each year we like to celebrate their presence in our midst and give them a little something to encourage them in their faith. This year we thought about how Parents, Grandparents, God parents and friends can pass along their faith to the children. We gave each child a prayer journal with ideas about

ways of praying about different things - a page for thanksgiving or to ask God to help us when we are worried or to ask him to help someone we know. We know several children who have begun to use these prayer journals already so hopefully they will help a little in their faith journey.

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## Flowers!

Parish News has received a couple of photos showing these lovely planters which can be found in St Andrew's Close alongside the garages. They were clearly appreciated by those passing by!



They do an excellent job of persuading people not to park on the grass and add a lovely splash of colour to the area.



# Dates for St Andrew's Church - June

Sunday 4th: 10.30am: Family Service – Pentecost “Equipped with peace and forgiveness”

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Trinity “Equipped with God's presence”

Sunday 18th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Father's Day “Front line community” (organ & singers)

Tuesday 20th: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service

Sunday 25th: 10.30am: Morning Praise “Confident in our identity” (band)



*A little of “God's Glorious Creation”!  
(Ed)*



## Little Stars for June

**Refreshments from 10.00 with a 10.30 start**

Weds 7th: Good news

Weds 14th: Paul and Silas

Weds 21st: John's vision

Weds 28th: The Parable of the Little Gate



# OUR FARMING YEAR

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

April has been a very dry month with only 2mm of rain and our spring sown crops are getting desperate for a good soaking as some seeds have not yet germinated. In April all our crops receive a fungicide spray to prevent disease such as yellow rust which in dry weather is commonly found in wheat. When you see the crop sprayer passing the allotments or possibly your garden, it is most commonly a fungicide that is being sprayed which is quite harmless and very rarely a weed killer as the majority of weed killers are applied as a residual spray when the seed is sown and before the crop emerges.

Grass harvest started in earnest in early May. We cut and preserve surplus grass which is made into silage to be fed over winter to our cattle. The grass is mown then dried by the sun to around 40% dry matter then baled into square bales weighing around 800kg.

These bales are wrapped with four layers of plastic which form an air tight seal so the contents are preserved by anaerobic fermentation. If we are successful the cows find this preserved forage delicious.

In May we start to train a few cattle to walk on a halter in order to show them at agricultural shows through the summer months. We are showing cattle to demonstrate that we are producing an animal that is a correct breed specimen and hopefully the best in the show ring. Training cattle is a time consuming activity and much patience is needed to get the animal to walk confidently and not to shy or stubbornly refuse to move with a man leading it at the head. The Herefords we are showing this year are two heifers and a young bull called Pepperstock Naughty Boy!

## Congratulations!

**Linda Allnutt** was presented with an award for 30 years service to Scouting at the St George's Day Parade in Dunstable.



Linda was the Beaver Leader in Slip End when my own children joined the movement some years ago and is still running the Colony,

which is now part of Caddington group and Dunstable District.

**Paddy Higgens**, a member of 1st Luton Sea Scouts, was awarded the Silver Acorn—which is a special Merit Award in the Scout Association. He was invited to the Windsor Parade to receive it but was unfortunately unable to attend.

Many congratulations to both of them for their dedication to Scouting!



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## Slip End Community Projects Group

One of the functions of the CPG is to invite local groups to apply for funding every spring. These funds are given by the Parish Council in order to assist and develop our village groups, which so many residents enjoy.

In addition, these funds contribute to the maintenance of vital community assets, such as the Peter Edwards Playing Fields and Hall together with the Village Hall.

The CPG Core Committee has a fairly rigorous process for evaluating the benefit of each grant application and these are then considered for the approval of residents at the Annual General Meeting.

One of the great successes of 2016 was the re-emergence of our Village Day. CPG looks forward to supporting the Committee members as they organise another Village Day on the 8th July at the Peter Edwards Playing Fields, Slip End.

Last year's event was a great success and raised over £2,500 which, together the proceeds from Santa's Sleigh at Christmas, went towards assisting local groups and charities. Thank you Jill, Tracey and friends.

*Simon Patterson*

*Chair*

## 1st Woodside Brownies

Wednesday 10th May was an emotional evening for us. It was when Sandra Lee Dell, our Brown Owl, was giving up her position owing to health reasons. She has, however, said that she will help out any time she can.

She was presented with cards and gifts.



Her place will be taken by Debbie Farmer who has had over 30 years in Guiding. She will be helped by Zoe Plummer and myself.

*Gill Plummer, Wise Owl (45 years service)*

### **BROWNIES OPEN EVENING**

**Village Hall**

**Wednesday 28th June**

**6pm—7:30pm**

**For girls from 7-10 years**

**Why not come along and see what we do!**

## Gardening Club

The biennial Plant Sale was held on Saturday 20 May, at the Village Hall. (Report next month)

The first programmed visit of the Club year was made to Chesham Bois House. The 3 acre Plantswoman's garden surrounded the Georgian house on all 4 sides There were primroses, daffodils and hellebore borders also a small ornamental canal, walled garden, old orchard with wildlife pond, and handsome trees to which topiary has been applied. There also was a former bowling green over 300 years old with a magnificent sycamore that provided an interesting diversion. (See photos)

Forthcoming visits under the National Gardens Scheme are given below.

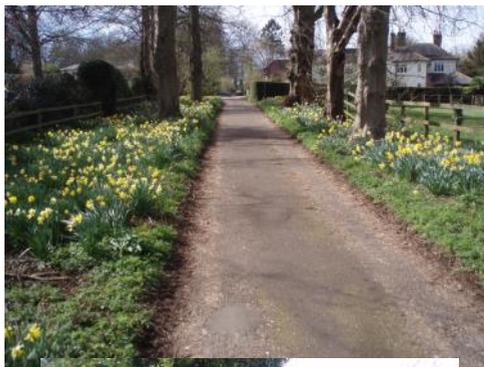
Sun. 4 June Steppingley Village Gardens.

Tue. 27 June Church Green Road, Bletchley.

Sun. 2 July Mackerye End House, Harpenden.

Sun. 30 July Bedford Road, Sandy.

*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 organised an exhibition of work, along with members of the Caddington Art Club. It was held on 6th May and the Village Hall was full of beautiful photos. There were apparently 275 photos contributed by 23 of the club members, some of whom are pictured here.

Two boards of photos were dedicated to the memory of one of our founder



One member had brought his collection of old and new cameras to



members, Chris Wright, who died recently. This tribute was a combination of Chris's pictures (including his favourite "fish eye" effect) and a few of Chris himself.

As before there was a selection of cakes, some home made and a stalwart team making teas and coffees for members and visitors.



display. The collection attracted quite a lot of interest.

There were some lovely paintings by members of the Caddington Art Club. (Two of them agreed to pose for me.)

I am sure that those who visited the exhibition would agree that there are clearly a number of talented people in the Parish and surrounding areas.

If you are interested in joining the club then please contact Norman Homewood, whose number is in the back of the magazine. Otherwise, come along and meet us at the Slip End Social Club on a Tuesday evening. The main talks and more formal meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of the month but many members meet in between to share tips and other activities.

One of the recent activities was about making panoramic pictures by “stitching” multiple shots together. This is done using computer software. A few examples were on show including a huge canvas print of a woodland view (by Andy Prothero). Unfortunately, this was a bit large for me to photograph it in position!



Alan Goodger, a local photographer of wildlife, gave us an insight into his life and his hobby. He had some wonderful slides of birds and animals. He mentioned his sighting of so many species of birds. He has spent several hours watching a family of otters. The photos had such clarity and detail. Alan gets up very early in the morning and sets up his digital camera ready to get the best shots and spends hours waiting for his reward. It was a real eye opening talk with interesting photographs.

Later we had a quiz on famous buildings. A Novelty Key Ring was our competition for this month which was won by Valerie Dallinger with Valerie Bartlett second and Jean Turner third.

Our Darts team is practising ready for this season's games.

There are Outings planned for this summer:- to Stratford-Upon-Avon, Sandringham and Adam Henson's Rare Breeds Farm, plus Wine Tasting. Treasure Hunt, Who Wants to be a Millionaire and Lady Denman Cup Competition.

We shall be having our usual Meeting on June 20th. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE that our meetings will be held on the FIRST TUESDAY in each month with effect from July 4th - Same venue Baptist Church Hall, Luton Road, Caddington at 7.30 p.m. Look forward to you joining us.

*Linda Edwards*

**Diary Dates:**

20th June Midshires Search & Rescue Organisation with Elaine Murphy

4th July My Brushes with Fame, Royalty & Fortune with Jenny Moody

1st August L & D Hospital/British Heart Foundation with Pam Brown

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## Aley Green Methodist Church

### Services and Diary Dates

#### for June

#### **Sunday 4th**

10.30am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest

10.30am Sunday School Communion

#### **Tuesday 6th**

**7.00pm** Bible Study led by Rev Bob Forrest

#### **Sunday 11th**

#### **No Morning Service**

5.00pm Joseph and the Amazing  
Technicolor Dreamcoat

Followed by Afternoon Tea

#### **Tuesday 13th**

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am - 11.00am Little Lambs

#### **Sunday 18th**

10.30am Morning Service - Ben Williams

10.30am Sunday School

#### **Monday 19th**

7.30pm Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

#### **Sunday 25th**

11.00am Circuit Open-air Service  
Dunstable Downs Rev. Nigel Bibbings

#### **Wednesday 28th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening  
In aid of Methodist Homes for the Aged

#### **Sunday 2nd July**

10.30am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest

10.30am Sunday School Communion



Our Coffee Evening for A Rocha was well supported and we raised almost £60 for the charity.

We are expanding our 'flock' of Little Lambs, there were thirteen babies and toddlers at the meeting during Cakes & Company last month. It is lovely to get to know the little ones as they attend month by month. They have fun with activities relating to bible stories and usually go home clutching something they have made. Do come along and join us if you have pre school children, it is a very relaxed atmosphere and the grown ups get time to chat to each other.

Please note the earlier time for Rev Bob's Bible Study this month, this is to allow time for choir practice after the study.

You will see from our diary dates that there will not be a service on Sunday 11th June, we will instead be meeting at 5pm for the Aley Green Church Choir's performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. Afternoon Tea will be served afterwards and an offering for church funds will be taken.

Our Coffee Evening this month will be for Methodist Homes for the Aged, This is a wonderful charity who build complexes with accommodation for independent living and run care and nursing homes and not just for Methodists!

The following comes to mind when mentioning care homes, sadly not all establishments are the calibre of MHA.

#### *Put the Elderly in Prison*

*We should put the elderly in prison because;*

*They will get a shower every day.*

*Video surveillance in case of problems,*

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*Computers, TV, gym, doctors on site,*

*And free medication if needed.*

*Put criminals in care homes*

*And they will get*

*Cold meals, lights out at 7pm,*

*Two showers a week, live in a smaller room*

*And pay rent at £2,000.00 a month!!!*

*Isn't it sad that we treat prisoners better than the elderly?*

Our Ecumenical Fellowship meetings are back to normal following the Lent Course, do come along, Jo who plans and leads the sessions makes it easy for us to follow and understand. 7.15pm for coffee 7.30pm start on Monday 19th June.

Gods Blessing to you all from Team AG

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## **Gardening Tips** *by Russell Sprout*

As I write this it is at last turning warm and sunny, I hope it will last long enough for you to be reading this. We must be due a nice summer this year surely! Whatever the weather there is plenty to do in the garden,

When the ground is soft after a shower spike the lawn so that moisture can penetrate down to the roots and keep the lawn looking green. Hoe around rose bushes and remove any suckers from the root stock and mulch to preserve moisture. If you require long stem roses for cutting, then remove the side buds by pinching them out when small and leave the top bud, this will produce a bigger and better quality bloom. If you have alpinas, continue weeding and hoeing. Trim dead flowers from aubretias and saxifrages to prevent seeding, and clip other plants to keep them tidy. Water plants in dry weather, preferably using a fine mist in the evening.

Any early herbaceous plants that are starting to fade, cut back to approximately three inches, this will encourage a fresh crop of foliage and possibly a second flowering. Dahlias and chrysanthemums can either be stopped (pinching out the top bud) to produce bushy growth, or disbudded (pinching out the side buds) if large showy blooms are required. This should be done by the middle of the month for best results, again a good mulch around the roots will prevent plants drying out. Syringe Sweet Peas with a mist-like spray of water in dry weather. Border carnations and pinks will require support to stop them looking unruly. Early in the month cut the grassy leaves off irises near to the soil level as the rhizomes need to be baked

by the sun to produce good flowers. Primroses and primulas can be dug up and divided after a shower and replanted straight away this month to produce a good display next year. If left in large clumps the flowers will be small and of poor quality.

Wallflowers and Sweet Williams can be sown in their flowering positions at the end of the month for flowering in the spring. If fruit trees such as apple and pear are loaded with fruit, thinning out will improve the size of the fruit, but do this in stages as some fruit will limit the crops they carry naturally by dropping some of the fruit. Don't forget to watch out for pests and diseases. Strawberries will produce runners this month so if you wish to increase your stock or replace any old unproductive plants stake the runner in the ground until it roots. This can be done simply by placing a stone over the runner, unwanted runners should be removed.

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

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*Maureen and Edna—80 years young!*

## Pub News

### The Plough

The evenings are now lighter, longer and a time to go out for a meal or beverage.

The marquee will be up by the end of May for any parties or events.

We will also be the local pickup point for the Herald and Post free paper as from the week commencing the 29th of May.

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### Social Club

On Friday 23rd June, 7.30pm there will be a charity quiz night at the social club. The money raised will be donated to The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, and Oracle Cancer Trust. Many research projects are funded by both of these charities, which is vital in moving forward in the treatment and care of patients affected by cancer.

£5 per person, teams of up to 6. For more info please contact Katrina 07753 168443 [hatsbydoo@btinternet.com](mailto:hatsbydoo@btinternet.com).

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## Markyate Surgery

*This message from Dr Tehmton Sepai of Markyate Surgery was received in May. He asked us to include it in the next magazine in order to thank those residents who have been patients at the surgery recently or in the past.*

It has been a great privilege to have supported and advised patients at Markyate Surgery over the past two decades. The time has come to move on. I am retiring from the NHS, but intend to continue practising in St Albans in private practice, conventional and complementary homoeopathic medicine.

The kindness expressed by so many well-wishers over the years, and more recently, on the eve of my departure is truly overwhelming. My gratitude, a very heart felt thank you to you all who have expressed such kind good thoughts over the years, you will never be forgotten.

Wishing you happiness, good health always,  
*Tehmton Sepai*

*Flowers at Greenwich Park*



## Tall Ships



In April we made a trip to Greenwich and the Park to meet up with family and found that the Tall Ships Festival was taking place there and at Woolwich. Several other local residents were also there that day.

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## Jason Cunningham

Following his outstanding display at Bethnal Green on Saturday April 8, Jason has taken his family for a well-deserved holiday in Spain. He was back mid-May to return to training for his next fight, likely to take place in mid-summer, probably in July.

He was well-pleased with the highly complimentary write-up he received in Boxing News, whose correspondent, while mentioning the split points decision of the three judges (who scored the contest 116-113 and 115-113 both for Cunningham, and 115-113 for Jones), clearly stated it was his view that Jason's opponent had only won three of the 12 rounds fought.

The decision awarded Jason the Commonwealth Featherweight title, previously he had won this title at Bantamweight.

All of us watching at the arena thought the contest represented probably Jason's best-ever performance. He was confident and had almost complete control of the ring with a display of fancy footwork forever keeping

him clear in most situations where his opponent's hopes were continually being dashed.

It was in fact a great night for all of Jason's supporters there. He always looked sharp and sanguine, his speed and deftness avoiding most threats, and he was equally mean and masterful.

Towards the end, both boxers suffered a clash of heads and Jason strained his left hand, a repeat of an injury sustained in his last fight forcing him to concentrate on right hand-only attacks.

We are now all looking forward to Jason's next encounter, which could possibly be in London again. Should this happen we all hope that as many of you as possible will board a train to town to see him at his brilliant best. He has never looked fitter or more dangerous. This summer can see him moving onwards and upwards, simply said he is ready, willing and able and his future has never looked more positive.

*Tony Strong*

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**June**

- Fri 2nd St Andrew's Drama Workshop  
Mon 5th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
  
Sun 11th "Joseph & his Technicolour Dreamcoat" Aley Green Church 5pm  
Tues 20th Photography Club "Live Owls"  
Fri 23rd Charity Quiz Night Slip End Social Club (see poster p 24)  
Sat 24th SEADA Outing  
Tues 27th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm  
Wed 28th Brownies Open Evening Village Hall 6-7:30pm

**July**

- Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 4th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Sat 8th Village Day Playing Fields  
Mon 17th Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm  
Tues 18th Photography Club Out Door Portraits venue TBA  
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

**REMEMBER**  
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**Bin collections**

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**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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