



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

Signs of Spring!



Editors' Notes

The year seems to be flying away and I feel that I have been almost too busy to stop and think. There is a lot going on in and around the Parish.

It is good to see when events are well supported and also good to have people around us who are willing to give up their time to organise events for others.

Over the next few months there are plenty of things to do and places to go as you will see from the articles and posters in this issue. We have opportunities to buy bargains, eat cakes, drink coffee and more besides with a car boot sale, coffee morning and several charity events coming up. The Photography Group is arranging its 4th Exhibition in the Village Hall in conjunction with Caddington Art Club. The Gardening Club has the plant Sale and then there will be Village Day.

As Teresa mentions on the following page, her Quiz night was a great success. It sold out so she promised to run a second event. Make sure you find out more if you missed out last time!

This issue includes a tribute to May King, written by a family friend, following her cremation and Memorial Service.

There are also photographs from the Induction Service where Cathy Pullinger became Vicar of St Andrew's as opposed to Priest-in-Charge.

Congratulations must also go to Karen, daughter of Susan Wiltshire, a long standing member of St Andrew's. Karen was married in February and we have been sent some lovely photos from her big day.

Life Online Having received a newsletter about accessing surgery information online, I was reflecting on how much of our lives now rely on the use of computers, smart phones and other clever devices.

It is amazing how much we can do via these devices. We now take for granted the easy way to pay bills and check our bank accounts. Many organisations ask you to complete official forms online. In fact, in some cases it is easier to do so. The inland Revenue, for example, advertises widely about completing tax returns online.

At a Book Club evening, I noted that most of our members read the books on a kindle or similar device. There are only occasionally printed copies, I for one prefer handling real books sometimes. Information tends to be available on websites, it is becoming increasing hard to find things out without an internet connection. Where we would have once headed to the library or a reference book, now we "Google it". There is nothing wrong with progress but we must remember that there are still people out there without the means or desire to "get online".

Alison Wilson

Africa Fundraising

St Trizah School, Nukuru, Kenya

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to the recent fundraising quiz which was held in the Social Club in Slip End. Thank you for donating and supporting me on my forthcoming trip to Nukuru, Kenya to work on community projects. I will be teaching and working with children in local schools, many of whom are orphans.

The evening was a great success with just over 100 people attending and seventeen teams taxing their brains for the evening. It was very cosy with some very nice fish & chips provided by SkyFry in Caddington. They did so well considering the number of people to feed, so a big Thank You to Fil and the team. An enormous Thank You to Lainey and Kevin for letting me host the event, Tracey for helping me to organise and to all bar staff who worked endlessly with the huge demand for drinks during the evening and who were still smiling at the end of the evening despite being rushed off their feet. A big Thank You too to Alistair, the Quiz master and the boys for helping with the scoring.

The evening raised an over all total of £850 towards the event, so a big Thank You to everyone. There was a raffle with good prizes which raised £300 towards the total and prizes for the first three teams.

I know many were disappointed as the tickets sold out quickly, so due to the success and popular demand I am intending to hold another Quiz. The planned date is 29th April depending on interest. Tickets can be purchased at the club or by contacting me on 07979 913937 . *Teresa Flaherty*

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Slip End Photography Club

Meetings in February included some evenings watching DVDs of photography tips.

One evening, the tips were followed up with a set of exercises for our photographers to try, making them think about the use of their cameras.

The February talk was by Andy Sands who is a keen wildlife photographer.

Andy's Macro shots of insects are spectacular.

Evenings coming up include:

21st March—Keith Knight "USA"

18th April—Derek George "Portraits"

16th May—Club AGM

All these evenings take place at Slip End Social Club starting at 8pm.



Photography and Art Exhibition

Slip End Photography Club & Caddington Art Club

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A Message from St Andrew's

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent and this year it falls on 1st March. Ash is a symbol for mourning and repentance and the Lenten period is one of sombre reflection for Christians in preparation for Easter. Lent lasts 40 days in remembrance of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness before he started his ministry. In the past, as I've tried to give up wine or chocolate or sometimes rather ambitiously both, I've been gnawing my arm and counting down the days only to realise that there are more than 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. That's because Sundays are not counted in the total, since Sundays are feast days not fast days.

Of course the idea behind Lent is not to fixate on when you can next have a Mars bar and a glass of Pinot Grigio; the fasting or giving up of luxuries is meant to be a form of penance. Some Christians also add in a spiritual discipline such as a daily Bible reading.

At St Andrew's we will be following the Diocese Lent course looking at what life looks like when we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us with generosity, joy, imagination and courage. (More information is available at:

www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/lent-course-2017.)

I've seen the Lenten disciplines described as:

Justice to God through prayer

Justice to self through fasting

Justice to others through giving to charity.

One of the ways that St Andrew's is looking to support charities is to hold a Big Brew coffee morning, raising money for Traidcraft during fair-trade fortnight. Traidcraft believes in the power of trade to bring hope to millions who are trapped in poverty. They work to create a world freed from the scandal of poverty where trade is just and communities can flourish.

You don't need to be a Christian to give up something for Lent. You might just be attracted to using it to motivate a change in lifestyle and get the health benefits of avoiding the biscuit barrel for a while. In the same way you don't have to be a fully paid up church-goer to come along and support the Big Brew on 11th March. That said, you might need a lot of willpower to resist the cakes on offer!



*Julie
Taylor
Reader-
in -
Training*

Dates for St Andrew's Church - March

Wednesday 1st: 7.30pm: Ash Wednesday

Sunday 5th: 10.30am: Informal Communion "To live your love with generosity"

Sunday 12th: 10.30am: Morning Praise "To live your love with joy" (band)

Sunday 19th: 10.30am: Holy Communion "To live your love with courage"

Tuesday 21st: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service

Sunday 26th: 8.30am: Said Communion "To live your love with imagination"

Sunday 26th: 10.30am: Cafe Church with continental breakfast – Mothering Sunday "To live your love with imagination" (piano)

Little Stars for March

Refreshments from 10.00 with a 10.30 start

Weds 1st: Temple Tax – Money in a fish

Weds 8th: Parables – The Good Samaritan

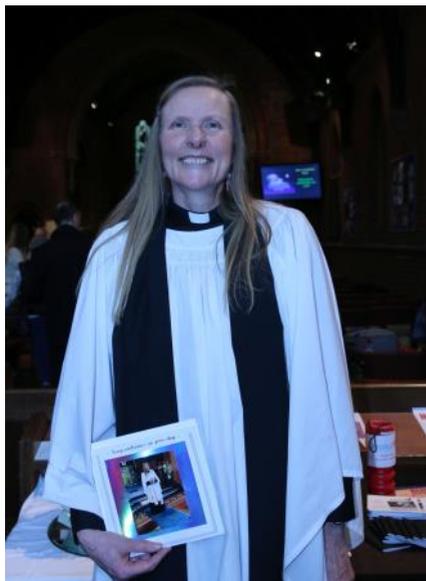
Weds 15th: Parables – The Prodigal Son

Weds 22nd: Jesus rides a Donkey – The True King

Weds 29th: Passover – Washing the Disciples' Feet



Reverend Cathy Pullinger now actually the Vicar of St Andrew's Church Woodside.



She is shown here with Archdeacon Paul Hughes (left) and Canon Chancellor Mark Oakley from St Paul's Cathedral who officiated at the service.



Also present at the service, on 23rd January, was Eileen Crapnell, who came to say farewell to the many Church members who have known her. She has moved away in order to be nearer to her family in Bedford. Her son Tim was with her.

She was presented with an orchid and a card. Liz Higgins spoke of the number of activities in which Eileen has been involved over the years. These included various musical groups—Orchestra and the singing group “Themes”. Some of the former Themes members are shown below.





Please join us at St Andrew's Church
on Saturday 11th March 2017
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

For a **BIG BREW** coffee morning

Raising money for Traidcraft
as part of Fair-trade Fortnight

As well as tea, coffee and cake, we'll have
our fair-trade stall, and of course plenty of
good company.

Hope to see you there

Explore Easter Holiday Fun Day

At St Andrew's

Thursday 6th April 2017 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 pm



For children Year 1 to Year 6 - Free of charge – bring a packed lunch
We will explore the Easter story from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection through
stories, songs, games and crafts

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Changes at your local household waste recycling centre

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Household waste recycling centre

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Household Waste

Several local residents have told Parish News about the notice shown here.

In the past years, we have been able to take our rubbish to the Tip at Eaton Green Road near the airport, which is actually nearer than any of the waste sites in Central Beds. However, they have clearly had problems with too many "out of town" people using the site.

As far as we are aware, our nearest Central Beds centre is in French's Avenue in Dunstable. See:- www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste/tidy-tip

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APOLOGIES!

St Andrew's Drama Workshop Postponed

Unfortunately, the planned event for February half term had to be postponed for health and safety reasons. The ancient oil heating boiler failed and was condemned. Although the Church hired temporary heaters, it was decided that it would be safer to move the workshop to a later date. This will probably be the Spring half term.



Look out for information in a later issue of the magazine.

1st Woodside Brownies



We still have a few spaces at Brownies. We had two new girls join this term but spaces are still available.

We are open in term times on a Wednesday from 6pm to 7:30pm. P

lease drop in to see us or ring Wise Owl on 01582 723109.



Save the date....
Easter Tea Party

Wednesday afternoon
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SEADA Car Boot and Table Top Sale Slip End Village Hall Easter Monday 17th April 11am—2pm

Names for the Annual Outing for Senior Citizens will be taken on Easter Monday. The outing, this year, will take place on Saturday 24th June.

Destination to be arranged.

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

Friday 3rd

7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer
Ecumenical Service at All Saints Caddington
Sunday 5th

10.30am Morning Service - Rev Bob
Forrest

Sunday School Communion

Tuesday 7th

7.30pm Bible Study led by Rev Bob
Forrest

Sunday 12th

10.30am Morning Service - Jean Forrest
Sunday School

Monday 13th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship W1
Led by Jo Prowse

Tuesday 14th

10.00am-12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am-11.00am 'Little Lambs'

Sunday 19th

10.30am Morning Service - Peter Baker
Sunday School

Monday 20th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship W2
Led by Jo Prowse

Sunday 26th

10.30am Morning Service - Rev Nigel
Bibbings Sunday School

Monday 27th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship W3
Led by Jo Prowse

Wednesday 29th

7.30pm Coffee Evening

In aid of Junior Mission for All

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We worshiped in January as churches together for Christian unity at St Thomas' church and joined our Baptist friends in a welcome service for their new minister. We look forward to gathering at All Saints to celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer. Our preserve team has been busy restocking after three Pot to Plot talks in January. Do come and have a look at our range of jams,

jellies, marmalades and chutneys, we have lots to choose from, treat yourself or a friend. At our 'Take Time' meeting on February 10th we had a speakers from Healthwatch who told us about their work in Luton and Central Bedfordshire. They are an independent organisation acting on behalf of all consumers, looking into complaints and concerns raised by the public about hospitals, nursing homes, doctors surgeries and dentists in the area. They challenge those in power to design and deliver better health and social care services. They like to highlight what works well but are not afraid to point out when things have gone wrong. A most informative talk. We enjoyed sausage rolls, scones and cakes with plenty of tea, coffee and chat after. An offering was taken and £61 was raised towards the work they do helping young people to learn how to cook cheap but nutritious meals.

Our February Cakes & Company fell on Valentines day, so we ate cakes decorated with hearts and all had a valentine card telling us that 'Jesus loves us'. The Little Lambs club heard about Jesus' love for little children Mark10: v13-16 and made valentine cards.

If you have a baby or toddler do come to our Little Lambs Club on the second Tuesday monthly, 10.30am - 11am followed by play time. No charge and free tea, coffee and juice.

The Ecumenical Lent course, led by Jo Prowse begins on Monday 13th March at 7.30pm. We will be following a course called 'The Things He Carried' by Stephen Cottrell. A study to stimulate thought, provoke discussion and create space for contemplation. Everyone welcome week by week or on an occasional basis.

The Coffee Evening this month is in aid of Junior Mission for All and will be hosted by our young people and the Youth Workers

As always a warm welcome awaits you at Aley Green, hope to see you soon. God Bless you, from Team AG. *Ann Meader*

# **PLANT SALE**

**Bedding & Vegetable Plants**

**SATURDAY 20th MAY**

**11am – 3pm**

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## Slip End Gardening Club

### Interested in Gardening or Visiting Gardens?

The Gardening Club is a small friendly Club and was formed in 2009. Five meetings a year are held at the Village Hall on Monday evenings at 8pm. We normally have a Guest Speaker at meetings, giving a talk on either gardening or gardening matters. The Club organises the Village Open Gardens and Plant Sale on alternate years. In addition 9-10 visits are made to gardens, which open under the National Gardens Scheme, during the period March to September each year. Anybody interested in joining or coming along to the next meeting on Monday 20th March, please contact Rosemary Wickens 01582 423622.

A visit was made to Anglesey Abbey (Nat. Trust) near Cambridge in late February to see the snowdrops. Report and photos next month.

The annual programme of garden visits is being prepared and will be ready mid March. Planning for the Village Plant Sale on Saturday 20 May has commenced.

*PN Gardening Correspondent*



## GARDENING CLUB

**MONDAY 20th March**

**Geoff Hodges**

**“Scented Plants and the Scented Garden”**

**8pm**

**(Village Hall)**



**NEW MEMBERS**

**WELCOME**

**Guests/Visitors £2 each**

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## **May Elizabeth Keens 1914-2016 – Laughter, her ideal companion**

Mabel was the daughter of Harry Keens and his wife Mary Dyer. Mabel was born at the row of cottages in Woodside, next to The Plough. During her childhood there she was run over by the wheel of a horse & cart leaving her with the internal injuries which made it impossible for her to have her own family. This was to have consequences for myself. Soon after her grandfather was to build a row of houses in Slip End where Mabel's parents were able to move.



When Mabel was nine years old her father, Harry Keens was killed in 1923 in Church Road by a car knocking him off his bicycle just up from the family home. Mabel was first on the scene of the accident. The car had been driven by the son of the Crawley family of Stockwood Park. They were the Conservative representatives for that part of Bedfordshire. This set her views for the rest of her life and never once was she able to vote for their party. We were able to have many laughs later in life over her Daily Mirror and my own choice of the Daily Mail. Nevertheless we remained friends for all of her life. This made Mary Keens a widow and she must have found the going hard with her family of nine children. But she succeeded in bringing them all up and they loved her until the day each one died.

Mabel went to work in Luton when she was 14 years old, for a manufacturer of hats. Whilst there Mabel made a friend with a girl of the same age from Maulden who came to Luton with many other girls each day from her nearest train station at Flitwick. Many stories have been told of the two of them during their working years in the hat industry, in their latter years they have been told so many times that we can recall them ourselves. Her younger sister Hilda also worked with them both and could relate her own recollections, not necessarily those of her sister.

The girl from Maulden, was Winifred Burgoine and after her marriage became Winifred Nichols. The second child to be born to her was myself in 1943 and I and my sisters grew up knowing Mabel as Auntie May

I realised that World War Two had made a lasting impression on both May and Hilda, as it had on everyone else who can remember those years, they could recall most of their days during that time. Luton factories were turned over to the making of munitions and it became May & her sister's job to polish the inside of shell casings before the explosives were added. May became expert at this and was promoted to inspect the work that other girls were doing. She also went to Woolwich Arsenal to carry out the same work. In more recent years she was invited to speak to schoolchildren about her time in the bomb factory.

In 1947 May was asked by a local lad named George King to marry him and the two of them made my parents, together with my sister and me, most welcome at their flat in Guildford Street, Luton. The first floor flat was above a jeweller's shop and occupied by George's brother, Frank.

They were also made welcome to Win's home in Clophill, a village twelve miles north of Luton, when May and George visited. They were usually invited for Sunday dinner, a meal which we now call lunch.

My father was asked to improve the property by building a WC which he was able to do in his spare time. All spoil from the works together with junk from the house 'went down the well'. Mary Keens continued to live at Church Road, Slip End with her youngest daughter, who remained unmarried, until the death of Mary in 1970 or thereabouts. After she died Hilda asked May and George to live with her. They all moved in to the house and a few years later I was asked to improve the property further with the addition of a bathroom and kitchen facilities. This I did.

May and George continued to bring laughter and fun into the Nichols household. Who can forget 'the hat game' or 'feather in the blanket' where the object was to blow a feather away from yourself. George blew his false teeth into the blanket and we were beside ourselves with laughter. The children were horrified at first. They went on holiday each year with my parents. They laughed all the time and I know that May was able to bring out the best of the droll humour of Tom Nichols. Sometime after my own children left home we took them both along with my mother and then Hilda on many holidays. I don't have the humour that Tom had and I now know that it was May who was the instigator of fun. We visited places such as Dorset, the beach at Bridport, Newquay and Blackpool Sands, Devon until my own mother's death in 2004. George passed away that year six months later when he was 94. Just before then I remember him telling me that he 'didn't expect to live to this great age'.

We continued to take Auntie May and Hilda on holiday with us two each year visiting Poole and Ferndown, until we went to a self catering cottage in the New Forest in 2007. By then we realised that the two ladies were becoming too old and a long trip was not good for them. We continued to visit them at home in Slip End, usually taking them both for a pub lunch, often to The Horse & Jockey and then to Dunstable Downs. They loved it there and after Hilda's passing at 98 we continued with Auntie May only. On one visit, as she was most forgetful, I thought that we didn't need to go to the Downs this time but in driving past the junction, May soon spoke up 'ain't we going up the Downs today then', so I had to turn the car around.

I believe that she will be remembered for the fun and laughter that she instigated wherever she went. May will be missed by all who knew her.

*Paul Nichols 2017*

A cold but sunny day as I write this, preferable to the rain and blanket cloud forecast as the week goes on.

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. Dahlias and chrysanthemums over-wintered in the greenhouse will have shoots on them by now and cuttings can be taken when they are approximately 3 inches long. Sweet peas which were sown in autumn and over-wintered in pots or bought from a nursery will need to be planted out as soon as the weather permits. They make an effective display when grown in clumps and supported with pea sticks or a cylinder of netting. 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.

Early potatoes can be planted from the middle of the month 9-12 inches deep and 14 inches apart, but as they shoot above ground they will need to be protected from frost. Main crop Brussels sprouts can be sown early in the month in drills ½ inch deep for planting out

at the end of April. Parsnips can also go in as soon as the soil is dry in drills ½ inch deep and 15 inches apart, if you sow 3 seeds at 6 inch spacings this will make it a lot easier when it comes to thinning out.

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.

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.

**Date for your Diary:-** The Gardening Club will be holding its Plant Sale at the village hall on Saturday 20th May, so don't rush out to buy your bedding plants, before you see what they have to offer.

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**Caddington WI**

We started off the year with a fun evening. Carole Jones gave a demonstration of how to use chocolate. She used chocolate bits - four different flavors - and made various shapes using moulds. Carole explained the different type of moulds making it easier to remove the cooled and set chocolate. Tasters were passed round. From lollipops to sweets, all very attractive and yummy. We had many questions for Carole and a big thank you for such an entertaining evening. A chocolate item was our competition this month. This was won by Brenda Currie, 2nd Joanne Sherwood and 3rd Linda Edwards.

Later in the evening we held a Bag Raffle which raised some money for *Denman*.

Our darts team is in the final again. This will be held in March. Good Luck ladies.

Sue Martin read the Resolutions for 2017 and we voted with a show of hands.

We are listening to Adam Henson one

afternoon in March and have a day trip to London to see the Chelsea Pensioners Hospital. There is Speakers Day and an International Day too.

You are welcome to join us. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at the Baptist Church Hall.

*Linda Edwards*

Tuesday 21st March - Members Night

Tuesday 18th April - Natural History Photography with Alan Goodyear



**Slip End Book Club**  
**8pm @ The Frog and Rhubarb on the dates below**

| Title            | Author              | Book Club Date            |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Why Did You Lie? | Yrsa Sigurdardottir | 28 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Conclave         | Robert Harris       | 21 <sup>st</sup> March    |
| The Muse         | Jessie Burton       | 25 <sup>th</sup> April    |
| Holding          | Graham Norton       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> May      |

**For more information or to join our Facebook Group, please contact [infoatedo@aol.com](mailto:infoatedo@aol.com) (Janice)**

## Wedding Congratulations

On the 4<sup>th</sup> February, Karen Wiltshire, who was born and grew up in Slip End, was married to Phil Pugh at their Parish Church of St. James, Barkham. She was given away by her brother Richard, who still lives in Summer Street. Richard's wife Becky, Karen's cousin Jenny and Phil's niece Bex were beautiful bridesmaids.



After a cold wet start to February, the sun shone for them as family, friends and church members joined them for a wonderful marriage service.

The wedding reception was held at St. Crispin's School, Wokingham, where the congregation of Christchurch meet. The school hall was transformed by friends from St. James and

Christchurch congregations and looked fantastic. The evening's entertainment was a barn dance, which had everybody up and dancing.

May God continue to bless them in their future together!

*Parish News would like to wish them much happiness! Karen's dress came from "Mignonette" and Susan Wiltshire and sister Joyce made the Bridesmaids dresses.*



*Can you spot some local residents and members of St Andrew's in these photos?*



## Online Access to Doctors' Surgeries

Parish News received an item (extract below) about online services from Markyate Surgery. As our residents are registered at a number of different local Doctors, we thought we'd remind you that their surgeries too will offer online services. If you contact your surgery I am sure they will be able to advise you.

### Caddington Surgery

The Caddington surgery website offers information about the Practice. You can also book appointments, order repeat prescriptions and view records. You will need to talk to the Receptionists to arrange online access. ID will be required. Call 01582 725673 or see website [www.caddingtonurgery.co.uk](http://www.caddingtonurgery.co.uk)

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## The Plough

Firstly, we would like to wish everyone belated New Year greetings and hope all went well. Secondly, we apologise for the lack of entries to this magazine as we have had new employees and we have been a little bit busy, (no excuses I know). We would like to announce the passing of Mr Tony Ayers who was a good customer for many years, and Ellen Coles both from Woodside Home Park. Both were cremated on the 28th of February and their wakes held at the Plough Bar & Restaurant. We would also like to say that a new menu has been introduced and is now available with most traditional meals and Roasts both on Sunday and weekdays alike. Pick up a discount card for the main menu. As you may know, we do an over sixties menu which can be used at lunchtime during the week. We are still using the internal venue free for parties including wakes, birthdays, weddings and any other functions. We will be erecting the marquee in the summer months also for parties etc.

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## Slip End Social Club

It's been a busy few months with birthday celebrations and entertainment nights and Teresa's quiz night. It's great to see so many members are already supporting the social club in 2017. We would like to remind you that the social club is a members only club but we are happy to see new members join from only £4 every year. To our existing members: please renew your membership card from any member of staff. Thankyou to every one who has already done so.

## Entertainment dates

25th March - Gerry and the Attricks

This is our annual Keech charity night at £7 per head for fish and chips. All members and family welcome.

22nd April - Help for Heroes fund raising Day which is our St George's pool/ dart/ cribbage and domino competition. £1 per entry (see the poster over the page)

20th May - a favourite duo of the clubs Lazy Dayz

Future events .... A race night in aid of Slip End Village School date TBC. We still have free pool Monday to Friday. For 2017 our "happy hour" is continuing for £2 per 'pump' pint 4-7 Monday to Friday for our members.

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**March**

- Mon 6th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Sat 11th Big Brew Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church 10—12  
Mon 20th Gardening Club "Scented Plants & Gardens " Village Hall 8pm  
Tues 21st Photography Group Talk "USA" Social Club 8pm  
Tues 21st Caddington WI (Members Night) Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Tues 21st Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm

**April**

- Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Thurs 6th "Explore Easter" Holiday Fun Day St. Andrew's Church 10am-3pm  
Wed 12th GNS Easter Tea Party Village Hall 2:30—4 pm  
Tues 18th Photography Group Talk "Portraits" Social Club 8pm  
Tues 18th Caddington WI "Natural History Photography" Baptist Hall 7:30pm  
Sat 22nd Help For Heroes Charity Day Social Club from 2pm  
Tues 25th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm  
Sat 29th Quiz and Chips Slip End Social Club 7:30pm

**May**

- Sat 6th Photo group Exhibition Village Hall More details soon  
Mon 8th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 16th Photography Group AGM Social Club 8pm  
20th Gardening Club Plant Sale Village Hall 11am—3pm  
20th & Art, craft & photography weekend at All Saints Church Caddington  
21st includes work by members of our Parish more details later  
Tues 23rd Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm  
**TBA** St Andrew's Drama Workshop—during half Term week

**July**

- Sat 8th Village Day Playing Fields  
Mon 20th Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm

**Bin collections**

Black bin and Glass Friday 10th,24th March

Orange bin / garden Friday 3rd, 17th & 31st 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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