

A little nostalgia...

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept.
 15.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
 18. W.—Ember Day. Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.
 19. Th.—Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.
 20. F.—Ember Day. Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.
 21. S.—St. Matthew's. Ember Day. Holy Communion 9 a.m.
 22.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
 29.—St. Michael and All Angels.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING
 Holy Communion 7.45 and 8.30 a.m.
 Morning Service 11 a.m.
 Afternoon Service 3 p.m.
 Evensong 6.30 p.m.

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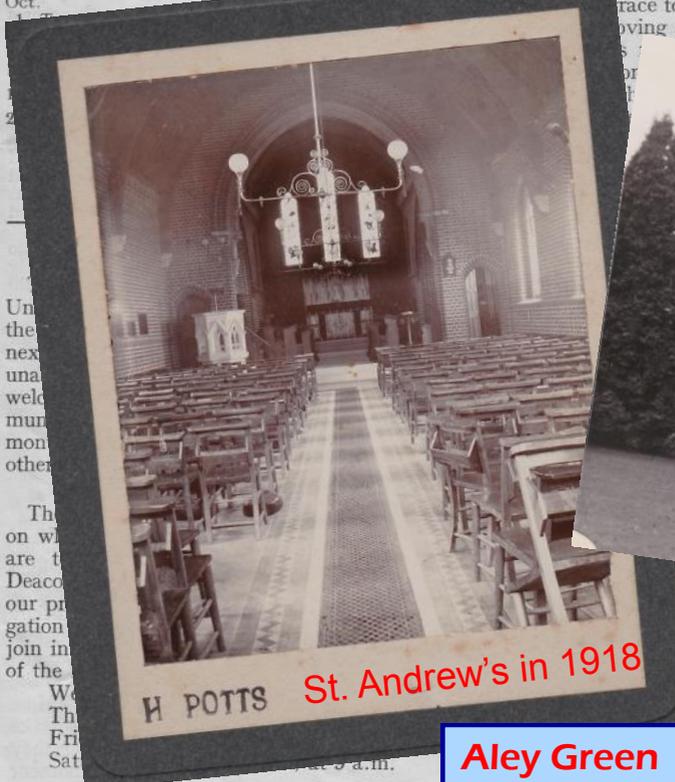
Parish News

April 2018

Our Pocket Pulpit

*"For His mercies still endure
Ever faithful, ever sure."*

...our Harvest Hymn, but
 do we seek to mark their constant truth?
 "Praise Him that He made the sun, the moon, the
 rain and hath bid the fruitful field yield crops for
 our harvest store, and for the richer Food (the
 Holy Communion) and in spite of every possible
 interruption due to war, laziness, sin and stupidity
 His mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.
 We can with perfect confidence put our trust in
 Him knowing that His free and loving gifts of
 and heavenly Food, of forgiveness of our
 sin and grace to do better—all these will continue,
 His loving kindness will continue to pour out
 His mercies upon us in this life and the
 life to come."



H POTTS St. Andrew's in 1918



Little change here

**Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside**

...ate in having heard at St. Andrew's
 brilliant preachers of the day, and
 well-known clergy of our own and
 dioceses. We should have still more,
 to pre-occupations of the present
 inviting people from a distance.
 ...s' in the
 everybody

Editors' Notes

As I write, we are almost half way through the month of March and there are small signs of Spring in my garden. The daffodils are trying to make an appearance despite the temperatures of -6C which we recorded a few weeks ago. We are told that Winter has still not quite gone but I am hopeful that it will improve before the Easter holiday at the end of the month.

I would like to say thanks to my co-editor Matt for his help in producing the magazine over the last year or so.

It is always good to have some good news, the television and newspapers seem to show us nothing but depressing reports of violence and trouble. A little kindness can go a long way, as can good manners and the chance to say thank you when people might have "gone the extra mile"!

On the subject of showing kindness, Parish News received an email from a local resident to say thank you to someone:-

Thank you to the litter clearer!

A kind gentleman has cleared all the litter along Pepsal End Lane.. We have no idea of his name but have been told that he has done this before. Those who live in that area are very grateful.

We are told that at least one of the local residents has managed to stop and

thank him and to say that what he was doing is greatly appreciated!

Slip End Book Club

Five of us braved the snow and cold to meet in February. The chosen book was "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman. We all greatly enjoyed the book and spent a little time discussing it over a welcome drink.

The story in this book follows on quite well from my editorial comments above in that one theme of the book is about how a few small acts of kindness can change a person's life. In this case, someone who is lonely and suffering finds friendship and some relief from her problems.

The book for March was chosen as "The Quality of Silence" Rosamund Lupton.

Future books are as follows:-

24th April "The Underground Railroad" Colson Whitehead

22nd May "How to Stop Time" Matt Haig

26th June "The Marriage Pact" Michelle Richmond

24th July "The Essex Serpent" Sarah Parry

We usually meet on the last Tuesday of the month, unless that clashes with other dates. Anyone is welcome. We have a Facebook group (Slip End Book Club) so let us know if you wish to join it. Otherwise, please contact Parish News for more information.

CAN YOU HELP?

You may recall reading in the March edition of the Parish News that Matt Adams who has been Joint Editor of the magazine has had to step down because of work and family demands. The Parish News Committee would like to thank Matt for volunteering his services and for the contribution he has made to our local magazine and wish him well for the future.

Consequently, this does leave us with a vacancy to fill to enable us to continue to deliver a quality local magazine to everyone in the Parish. If you recall, we produce 10 issues each year and Alison and the other Joint Editor take it in turns, month on month, to edit and complete the production resulting in each Editor producing 5 issues each over the year.

Should you be interested in finding out more about the role and in joining our small team, please contact our other Joint Editor:

Alison Wilson Tel. 01582 422191 or e-mail
parishnews@slipend.co.uk so that she can explain and expand on
what is needed.

Alan Buttery, Chair of the Parish News Committee

SEADA

Our outing for Senior Citizens will be held on either 2nd or 9th June.

We are still planning where to go but hope to know by 2nd April on the occasion of the Car Boot Sale & Table Top Sale at the Village Hall.

If you wish to come on the outing your name will be taken at the sale.

To qualify, you must live in Slip End, Woodside or Pepperstock.

Gillian Plummer, Secretary

Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Rwanda

On the 1st February, I was privileged to be part of a small group from St Mellitus Theological College who travelled to Rwanda with Christian charity Tearfund to learn about the peace and reconciliation ministry that has taken place since the 1994 genocide. During 1994, 800,000 people were murdered in 100 days across Rwanda and two thirds of the population were displaced. Neighbour turned against neighbour with the aim of wiping out the Tutsi tribe, but any Hutu found hiding Tutsi's were murdered as well. We visited the genocide museum in Kigali and one of the most poignant rooms was the Children's Room, which showed pictures and gave the stories of some of the children killed during the genocide. It is impossible to understand how anyone could kill such beautiful, innocent children.

We also visited a Catholic Church where 10,000 Tutsi were brutally murdered. As I stood in that place, surrounded by the clothes of the dead and the machetes used to kill them, there was a heavy atmosphere of death and decay, desperately tragic and sad beyond words. In the mass grave behind the church 45,000 bodies, recovered during the aftermath of genocide, are buried. The scale of the killing is unimaginable.

Accompanying us on our visit was Pastor Antoine an Anglican priest in Rwanda, and a survivor of genocide. He explained that the only way we can ever hope to understand genocide is at the foot of the cross of Jesus,

and he also told us that the only way forward in Rwanda was found in Jesus' words on the cross, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). We were privileged to visit many churches and heard many stories of forgiveness. One man, who was a perpetrator of genocide, explained how he had sought forgiveness from his neighbour whose husband he killed. She took some time, but forgave him, and the amazing thing is that their children are now married! Everywhere we went there were stories of forgiveness on a scale that is both inspiring and humbling.

There is no doubt that for some the journey to forgiveness is a long one, but it has life changing consequences for good. Harbours bitterness is not good for our wellbeing and if there are people we can't forgive, or if we can't forgive ourselves, we can always bring that lack of forgiveness to the cross of Jesus. Jesus reconciled the world to God by dying on the cross, and through him we can forgive and in our forgiveness of others we grant both of us freedom.



With every blessing,
Lynne Sandle,
Priest in Training



Dates for St Andrew's Church - April

Sunday 1st: 10.30am: Easter Communion "Peace"

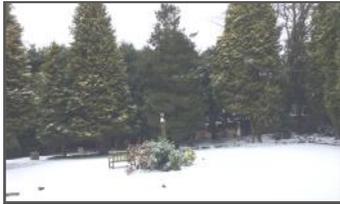
Sunday 8th: 10.30 am: Morning Praise "Unity" Followed by the Annual
Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 15th: 10.30am: Holy Communion "Forgiveness"

Sunday 22nd: 10.30am: Morning Praise "Healing"

Tuesday 24th: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service

Sunday 29th: 10.30am: Family Service "Guidance"



Snowy

St. Andrews



Little Stars for April

Every Wednesday parents, babies and preschool children gather in the family room at St. Andrew's for chat, a story, crafts and songs – all based round a simple Bible story or theme. All are welcome and we are very relaxed about timing if the morning doesn't pan out quite as expected. If you are new to the village or new to motherhood do come along, you will receive a warm welcome.

Refreshments from 10.00 with a 10.30 start

Weds 4th: Closed for Easter Break

Weds 11th: Closed for Easter Break

Weds 18th: Jesus is Risen

Weds 25th: Jesus Returns



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Slip End Photography Group Photography & Art Exhibition

Saturday 28th April
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12-4pm



Refreshments !

SLIP END VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 16th APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**All local residents, interested parties and representatives of Hall user groups
are invited to attend.**

We do need more committee members, so if you would like to know more about
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OUR FARMING YEAR

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

The “Beast from the East” made life on the farm very difficult in late February and early March with all the troughs of water for the cattle freezing hard and therefore thawing and watering up taking a considerable time each day. The freezing weather, coupled with the wind and snow blowing straight through the cattle buildings led to some very cold animals and conditions for them to be housed in. Our buildings are designed to let the wind through to keep cattle cool and prevent disease, such as pneumonia, at bay but sadly we did lose one calf in this bitter weather.

We cleared the snow from our lane to allow access for us to get to Newlands Farm to feed young stock but we are often amazed by people trying to use the lane as a short cut in inclement weather conditions and then requesting help when their journey is halted by snow and ice.

On the plus side, the frozen ground did allow us to put a little Nitrogen in the form of prilled fertiliser on the Oilseed rape crop when the ground was so hard.

Spring-like weather cannot come soon enough as we have Beans and Spring Malting Barley to sow when the tractors can begin to work on the fields once more as the ground dries out and warms a little. Currently the ground is too wet and machinery cannot travel on the sodden land. Some years have seen us turn cattle out to grass in late March but this seems a world away at present.

As I write my last article for our farming year, so the cycle begins again in the spring with more sowing, nurturing and then reaping at harvest time. We enjoy what we do here and hope that generations can follow in being guardians of the countryside and helping to provide produce that is needed.

Baptism at St Andrew’s

Milly Grace Burton was baptised on March 11th at St Andrews with many friends and family present. Young Milly spoke fondly and beautifully of how her Nana, Marion Kingston, helped her to decide to be baptised, before she sadly died. She had five godparents. (photo—right) The photo

(left) shows Milly with mum Emma and dad Anthony, with her Granddad, David Kingston and two of her Uncles.



Gardening Tips *by Russell Sprout*

It's been another wet winter, but hopefully by the time you are reading this the ground will be drying out, although at the time of writing it is still quite cold. Don't be too eager to sow your seeds, if the ground is too cold they won't germinate. Nevertheless we should be able to get on with some jobs that need doing.

Tomato plants can now be planted in a cool greenhouse and seeds sown indoors for outdoor tomatoes to plant out when danger of frosts has passed. Sow melons and cucumbers in a propagator, prick out as soon as they are large enough to handle. Keep an eye on fruit trees and bushes as they start to blossom and take action against pests and diseases. As early potatoes start to shoot from the middle of the month protect the leaves from frost either by drawing the soil over them or cover them with straw or newspaper. Check rhubarb and remove any seed heads as soon as they appear, cut them off as near to the base as possible, if left the plant will stop producing edible sticks, they will become dry and woody very quickly.

Plant onion sets in shallow drills and just cover the tops to stop birds pulling them out. Salad crops can be sown as soon as the soil is dry enough to work into a fine tilth but sow little and often, every 2-3 weeks so that you get a continuous supply of crops such as lettuce, radish, spring onion and beetroot and harvest as soon as they are large enough to eat, don't wait to get large woody ones. Carrots can be planted this month, main crop can be sown the middle of next month, sow seeds of late summer cauliflowers and wrinkled seeded varieties of peas which will be ready for picking in approximately 12 weeks. Sow winter cabbages for planting out in June and set out summer cabbages sown last month.

Mulch beds and borders when they have warmed up, after destroying weeds with a hoe and making sure ground is moist. Ensure tender plants are protected from frost. Divide any large clumps of herbaceous plants that are unsightly and replant the outer strongest shoots discarding the middle weaker ones. Rhododendrons and azaleas can be transplanted if they need moving or complete planting of any new bushes (water newly planted bushes if weather is dry). Remove dead heads of early flowering varieties. Dahlias started in boxes can be divided with a sharp knife, making sure that each cutting has a bud or shoot on it. Carry on planting gladioli for a succession of flowers.

Many border annuals can be sown directly into the soil this month to provide a good display of colour and help to suppress weeds. Carnations and pinks will benefit from an application of fertilizer to established plants, border plants should be planted by the middle of the month, tall growing varieties can be staked with twiggy sticks pushed into the soil so that the stems can grow up through them. Sweet peas sown in the spring can be planted out as soon as they are growing strongly.

Complete pruning of roses as soon as possible and apply fertilizer at approximately a handful to the square yard, but leave a six inch circle around the actual plant itself, and hoe into the surface. After a good downpour mulch around the plants with a one inch layer of manure or bark chippings to hold moisture. Still time to repair impoverished lawns this month, a light mowing followed by scarifying and then aerate to improve drainage. Over-seed any bad areas and rake in well, apply a spring fertiliser and level any bumps or hollows.

CHANGES TO BIN COLLECTIONS CONSULTATION

Central Bedfordshire Council is consulting on some options for changes to bin collections in Central Bedfordshire that could impact on all residents in the Parish. The Council's bin collection contract comes to an end in 2019. This gives the Council an opportunity to review the current service and bring about changes which would harmonise the collections and recycling across the whole authority as well as looking at efficiencies in the new contract arrangements.

The main options being looked at that would affect us are:-

- * A weekly food collection. Residents would be provided with a sealable food waste caddy which would be collected weekly so avoiding food waste going into the domestic waste bin. The food waste would be used in the production of biogas and biofertilisers.
- * Collection of domestic waste (black bin) every three weeks in place of fortnightly collections.
- * A fortnightly collection of garden waste (green bin) for which there would be a charge of approximately £40 per annum.
- * Residents to continue to put recycling into their recycling wheelie bin (orange bin) except for paper and card which would be put into a separate box (which would be provided by the local authority).

Waste services remaining unchanged

- * Separate collection of small electrical items, batteries, textiles and large bulky item collections.
- * Clinical waste collections will continue to be collected weekly.

The four Household Waste Recycling Centres (tidy tip) will continue to open 7 days a week in Ampthill, Leighton Buzzard, Biggleswade, Dunstable/Thorn Turn.

The consultation will close on 20th April 2018 and if any changes are approved they are likely to be brought in during the autumn of 2019. If, therefore, you would like to find out more information and make your on-line response please go to Central Bedfordshire website using the following link:

<http://centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/Council/consultations/overview.aspx>



Anyone for Tennis????



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

It is a small friendly club with approx. 80 members. Current costs for new members are: Juniors £15 (Those in full time education) Adults £30 and Family £50.

Club members have priority in the use of courts, except when either matches are to be played or coaching taking place.

Club night is on Wednesday evenings from 7pm, and Sunday mornings, to which all members are welcome. Coaching is provided by our LTA coach, Sally Parry. Seniors Tuesday evenings 6.30-7.30pm. Juniors on Fridays, Members £4 and Non Members £5 per session. Beginners 5-6pm and Intermediates 6-7pm. Ladies and private coaching is also available. Give Sally a call (413501)

We enter a Men's Doubles Team in the South Beds League.

Any enquiries about the club can be made by telephone or e-mail to:

Peter Smith, Chairman (733253) peter.smith813g@gmail.com
Steve Lyons, Treasurer (414162) SteveSueLyons@aol.com

Teddy Bears wanted!

Teddy Bear Tombola

organized by the staff at Woodside Nursing Home

9th of July at Slip End Village Day!

Any unwanted Teddy Bears are welcome!

Please contact Gill on 01582423646.

The funds raised will go towards providing activities in the home.

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary Dates for April

Sunday 1st Easter Day

10.30am Morning Service -

Elisabeth Bibbings

10.30am Sunday School

Sunday 8th

10.30am Morning Service -

Shepherd Kombo

10.30am Sunday School

Tuesday 10th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am - 11.00am Little Lambs

Saturday 14th

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 15th

10.30am Morning Service -

Communion Rev Wallace Edwards

10.30am Sunday School

Monday 16th

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship

led by Jo Prowse

Sunday 22nd

10.30am Morning Service - Ian Horsler

10.30am Sunday School

Wednesday 25th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of N.O.A.H

Sunday 29th

9.30am Morning Service Rev Nigel Bibbings

Sadly we had to cancel the February Coffee Evening due to the snow, other casualties were choir practice, our Barnfield Lunch Bunch and the RAGS walk on the Saturday. The Ecumenical Women's World Day of Prayer was postponed for two weeks. Whilst the snow looked white and bright it did rather grind our church events to a halt for 5 days. However we were able to hold Sunday services and Ecumenical Lent Fellowship meetings as usual.

Our March Cakes & Company was well supported with lots of chat and chuckles

along with copious cups of coffee and tea, meanwhile our Little Lambs Club had their meeting in the upper schoolroom. Mums and Tots listened to the story of the Last Supper, when Jesus and his friends met and ate special food together. The children then iced and decorated biscuits and ate them together as Jesus and His friends did. As you can imagine there were lots of little sticky fingers to wash after!

Do join us for our Prayer Breakfast held once a month on a Saturday at 8am. We start with freshly brewed coffee and hot croissants and then Liz Higgins leads us into prayer time. If you are unable to join us but would like us to pray for you or a loved one, do let us know.

We were invited to do a 'Plot to Pot' talk at Edlesborough WI, we told them all about our allotments and the produce and fruits we grow to make into our various preserves. Some of the ladies were tempted to sample and then buy some jars. We are looking forward to having a preserve stall at the St. George's Day celebrations at the Caddington Recreation Club, which are being held on Saturday 14th April 2pm - 5pm.

The Easter Morning service on 1st April will be led by Elisabeth Bibbings, join us to hear the wonderful story of the resurrection and join in the singing of the beautiful Easter hymns.

April's Coffee Evening on 25th April is in aid of Keech Hospice Care, why not pop along, it should still be light at 7.30pm. Your first cuppa cost 50p then it's free refills until home time. As always there will be cakes and preserves on sale and we usually have a raffle. Did you know that it costs the Hospice over £5.7 million each year to care for patients and their families and around 70% of their funding is donated by supporters and community?

There is always a warm welcome waiting for you at Aley Green - hope to see you there.

Ann Meader ~ Senior Steward

Community Projects Group

One of the functions of the CPG is to encourage, support and assist the development of local groups and organisations in Slip End, Pepperstock, Aley Green and Woodside. Some of the recent successful projects have included the growth in popularity of the Camera Club, the support given by residents to Village Day and the happy children's faces, as Santa's Sleigh makes its way round the village.

We are now inviting applications for funding from village groups and organisations which are 'not for profit' and whose aims are beneficial for the local community.

As well as the groups, which we support every year, we would also like to encourage anyone who might have a new project, to have a chat with myself or a committee member. Funds from the CPG could well assist this group to get off the ground and be of lasting benefit to the community.

The CPG is funded by an Annual Grant from your Parish Council. We do ask that groups aim to become self sustaining, after assistance at start up, as we do not have limitless funds. Evidence of a viable brief project outline is required.

Grant applications, for either new or existing groups are now available on request, if you haven't received one already.

Cut off date for submission is 27th April 2018. The CPG Core Committee will then consider each application and its decisions announced at the AGM in May. Payment to successful applicants is made in June.

Best wishes,

Simon Patterson, Chair

Fair Trade Big Brew



Lots of biscuits and cakes and good company—in St Andrew's Vicarage, raising £110 for Traidcraft Exchange.

Margaret Howes can be seen with her very successful craft stall which included some excellent Easter gifts.



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Gardening Club

Late in February, members travelled to Anglesey Abbey (Nat. Trust) near Cambridge to see the "Snowdrops". Anglesey Abbey has one of the finest snowdrop collections in the country with over 300 varieties of the delicate white flowers, including 20 varieties that had been discovered there. (Photos of snowdrops and scarlet willow and red-barked dogwood, which dazzled with orange and red respectively, are opposite.)

The annual programme of garden visits has been prepared. The first visit under the National Gardens Scheme was made to the Manor & Giffa Houses, Barton in late March, report next month.

Planning for the Parish Open Gardens Day on Saturday 14th July has commenced. (See poster opposite)

Residents willing to open their garden are requested to please get in contact.

PN Gardening Correspondent



GARDENING CLUB

**Monday 16th July
(8pm Village Hall)**

**Guest speaker
Geoff Hodges
"Easy Gardening -
Low maintenance
gardens"**



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



Interested in Gardening??

Slip End Gardening Club was formed in 2009. It is a small friendly club which meets 5 times a year, on Monday evenings, at the Village Hall. Talks are given by Guest Speakers on garden related topics. The Club organises the Village Open Gardens Day, and Plant Sale at Village Hall in alternate years. New Members are welcome, cost £5per annum For more information please contact:- Rosemary Wickens 01582 423622

OPEN GARDENS 2018

Slip End hosted its eighth Open Gardens' day in July 2016. This proved to be a popular event and was enjoyed by over 100 visitors. We are now planning for the 2018 event on **Saturday 14th July**. Put the date in your diary now!!

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



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

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

Please return by the end of April to:

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

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I would like to 'open my garden' on Saturday 14th July

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News in brief

Friendship Club

After many years involved in and also running the Friendship Club, Pam King has stepped down from the organising role. Over the last 16 years or so she has planned and run many activities and trips and been instrumental in involving members in other village events. Many people must be very grateful to her for her time and dedication!

The new Secretary, Susan Ball, has sent us updated contact details:- Tel. 01582 271471 and email:

slipendfriendshipclub@gmail.com

Janet Crawley

For Women's History Month during February, local photographer, Penny Bird, invited residents in Harpenden to nominate and vote for inspirational, selfless women from the area who give their all to the town community, but who are seldom recognised for their wonderful contributions. There was a good collection of nominations.

Janet Crawley, (of Slip End) a part-time Lifestyle and Engagement Lead at St Matthews Care Home in Redbourn, received almost a quarter of the votes. Well done Janet!

February 2018 Crime Stats

Burglary Residential (Garage/Shed/
Vacant Property/Communal) – 3

Other miscellaneous thefts not classified elsewhere – 1

Harassment (PFHA Section 2) – 1

Criminal Damage – Other property (not buildings) – 1

Theft of a Motor Vehicle – 1

Criminal Damage – To vehicles – 1

Domestic Dispute/Incident – 1

Total - 9

Boxer Update—Jason Cunningham

On 25th February, at the Victoria Warehouse in Manchester the fight was featured on Sky Sports. It was a 10 round contest for the British Eliminator Featherweight Title against Jordan Gill.

Jason was very confident going into this fight as Jordan had not gone beyond 6 rounds. The boxers were evenly matched. Jordan started to tire in the 8th round. In round 10 Jason was on top but just couldn't manage a knock out. Unfortunately he lost on points.

Jason's next fight is on 27th April at the Ice Arena in Sheffield.

PLEASE NOTE:-

We have recently found a couple of contact details on our information pages that are out of date. If you run a club / group please check the number and let us know, so our readers are not inconvenienced.

THANKS!



Luton Hoo Walled Garden

The season starts at the Luton Hoo Estate Walled Garden with a Spring Open Day on Wednesday April 4th from 1030-1300 with free children's activities and historic garden tours.

“Open Wednesdays” begin on May 2nd and continue until September 26th, from 1030-1600 and historic garden tours are included in the £5 entry fee which goes towards the revival fund. In addition a tour of the Victorian farm buildings may be available. The garden is open from 1030-1600 Produce from the garden will be on



sale including Luton Hoo honey as well as plants. Refreshments will be available including light lunches from our cafe in the Shooting Lodge which is accessed via our picturesque woodland walk. Spring is a great time to visit when the rhododendrons are in full bloom.



One of our greatest assets is our 135-strong volunteer force which includes conservationists, researchers, children's activity leaders as well as gardeners and Open Wednesdays are an opportunity to show our progress to visitors when our volunteers are at work.

The Estate, which is a separate entity to the hotel, is hosting our second Open Farm Sunday event on June 10th after an extremely successful one last year. Entry is free and will be open from 1100-1500 with tractor trailer rides, children's activities and farm and historic garden tours.

Talks and tours for groups are also available please see our website www.lutonhooestate.co.uk email office@lutonhooestate.co.uk phone 01582 721443 for more information as well as details of all our activities and events. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Don't forget access is via the A1081 between Luton and Harpenden West Hyde Rd / Newmill End turning. Postcode LU1 4LE - there is no entrance to or from the hotel.

Missing Dog

(We had hoped to get this item into the March issue but timing conspired against us! Many residents will have seen the appeals for help and later updates on facebook. Ed.)

As some of you may know, our dog Harry went missing from Markyate Road on the 12th of January. We tried desperately to find him and many local people helped.



We set up a Go Fund Me account to raise funds in case we needed a reward. We said at the time that if we didn't need it we would donate it to The Dogs Trust. A small charity called Harvey's Army set up a Facebook page called Hunt for Harry and organised a co-ordinated search to look for him on the 20th of January. The weather was very

unpleasant that day but we know lots of people turned out to help search. Unfortunately Harry's body was found close to home by a local dog walker who knew him. He appeared to have been hit by a vehicle and thrown down a bank away from the road.

We wanted you all to know that so far we have raised £1125 and will be posting a cheque off to The Dogs Trust for £850. We will keep the Go Fund Me account open as we would like to donate the remainder to Harvey's Army as they were instrumental in helping us to find Harry and lay him to rest. If you would like to know more about Harvey's Army you can find out at:-

www.harveysarmy.com and if you can spare a few pennies, then please look for the Go Fund Me website and search 'Hunt for Harry' to donate.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way and also those people who gave us gifts, cards and flowers. He was much loved and we are sad without him but we want you to know that your kindness has helped.

David, Wendy and Caitlin Gourlay



Sad daffodils—they thought Spring had come but not quite!

Historical Parish Magazine

A little dose of nostalgia!

The photos and scan on the cover of this issue were given to the Parish News by Karen Casoria who is a member of the Edwards family. Thank you Karen — they are fascinating!

The Church monthly magazine (dated September 1940) was the precursor to our own more modern magazine.

I was rather taken by a couple of items. One is reproduced here. I fear that some of the questions (and even the answers) are still relevant today. Peace is a hard won state, which as we know, through more recent history, is not one that lasts forever everywhere!

Another amusing item was about the necessary repairs to be done to the organ. The funds required amounted to £50 (a fair sum then). They were pleased to report the progress so far as being about £30 and the fund raising from two Whist Drives and individual donations were listed. The most unusual donation was from "Master Brian—aged 3" who had donated the princely sum of sixpence! Well done to him.

Some of the other items included a poem about the Yew Tree and an instalment of a mystery story to entertain the readers, along with regular updates

WHAT SHALL I DO AFTER THE WAR?

The Vicar has been asked, by a prominent firm of publishers, to write a book on the above subject. How long the war will last, and what will be the state of affairs afterwards are questions which it would take a wise man to answer, but if we do not think, now, of the problems of the Age-after-the-War, we shall be caught unprepared, as we were at the end of 1918.

Many questions cannot be answered until the Peace, but we do know this—the years which will follow will not be in the least like the years which have passed since the 1914-18 War was brought to an end. We earnestly hope and believe that the uneasy years of constant rumours and threats of war, the flagrant aggressions against small nations, the bludgeoning of neutrals and the constant rearmament, will be things of the past, but we trust, just as sincerely, that the magnificent energy, self-sacrifice and enthusiasm shown for the war effort will be fostered, maintained and continued in Peace. "Men shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks" was one ancient prophecy, and what shall we do, in peace-time with our modern weapons, the tank, the aeroplane and the battleship?

Before we can answer these questions, we had better have a stock-taking. What will have been destroyed by the war? What will remain intact afterwards? Then we shall know what we have, what we can look forward to, and what we shall have to rebuild.

about Church business and useful contact details.

Like we do, the Editor was appealing for interesting local news items to include. The Editor at that time was actually the Vicar of the Parish—the Reverend GE Quinton. The paper was 4 pages in length so hopefully the extra task was not too taxing alongside his Parish duties as well as his new task (above) of writing a book!

After all, they do say....If you want something doing—ask a busy person!

Safety in and around your home

Parish News has recently received some information concerning safety around the home, which we were asked to include in our pages.

Note:- As with any of the adverts we include in our pages, we cannot necessarily make a personal recommendation for the registers mentioned here.

Many residents will have been pestered by sales and other nuisance calls at times, as well as unsolicited requests to provide services.

Please remember to look carefully at any offers received via post, phone or email before giving away any personal details. If in doubt, tell them nothing!

Registering Appliances

One local resident passed on details of a scheme to register your appliances. This is meant to ensure your safety in the case of any necessary recalls. The register is provided by AMDEA—The Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances.

The leaflet suggests registering your domestic appliances (bought over the last 12 years) There is then one easy way that manufacturers can contact you if a safety repair is needed.

To do this, go to:-

www.registermyappliance.org

UK Power Networks Priority Services Register

If you rely on the supply of power in your home for medical or other urgent reasons then it could be an idea to look into this. You can add your details to the Priority Services Register. It doesn't mean that the power would be restored more quickly, however, it does mean you may get additional help and support.

The information online states that:- By joining the register, you will receive:

- a welcome pack with helpful tips and advice about how to prepare for a power outage
- a special priority phone number that you can call if you do have a power cut
- regular text message or phone updates during a power cut to let you know when we hope to have your power back on
- if you agree, we can ask the British Red Cross to visit your home for extra help and support.

Sign up criteria:-

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- Elderly customers
- A nursing or residential home

See:- www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/help-and-advice/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/priority-service-register



More nostalgia!

We were sent this 30 year old newspaper cutting, from Easter 1988, by Andy Prothero from Woodside.

We wonder how many faces can be recognised!

The Harrow pub in the background, of course, no longer exists as it was converted into a house a few years ago.

Andy has also given us two other photos taken inside the pub at the same event.

• Marathon men . . . the team in high spirits after finishing their charity effort.

Marathon effort for cancer unit

BY GEOFF COX

CAROL CAIN vowed to help other cancer sufferers when her mother died following a four-year battle against the disease.

Mum Doris Bates was only 54 when she died in 1980 after intensive treatment at a hospital in Oxfordshire.

Carol, of The Grove, Woodside, near Luton, felt so strongly that there should be a cancer unit in a hospital nearer home that she decided to do something about it.

So she and her husband, Ian, organised a 24-hour darts marathon at their local pub, The Harrow at Woodside, at the weekend. The event, which took nine months to plan, raised an estimated £3,000 to help towards the cost of a cancer unit at Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

Carol, 39, said this week: "My mother suffered for four years and everyone you speak to knows, someone who has cancer or has lost a relative or friend because of it.

"Most cancer victims in this area have to go all the way to Mount Vernon Hospital for treatment, but

it is hoped to open a unit at the Luton and Dunstable in 1990. I don't know how much the project will cost, but I was determined to do something to help."

A total of 14 players took part in the marathon, which started at noon on Saturday. They clocked up a total score of 465,200, with John Ratcliffe, who plays for The Harrow's A team, achieving four maximum 180s.

Carol added: "We are still collecting the sponsorship money, but we are confident of beating our target of £3,000. We had a lot of support from local businesses.

"The landlord and landlady of The Harrow provided refreshments throughout and one of the players turned up with fried breakfasts on Sunday morning. The marathon was timed to end at opening time on Sunday and, believe it or not, we carried on playing darts for the next couple of hours!

"We did a marathon for MENCAP two years ago and hopefully there will be another one next year. These events take a lot of preparation and hard work, but it's worth it in the end."



Charity events like this one are activities that have been organised for many different causes over the years. Some of the activities are feats of endurance, others are concerts or meals, some activities are silly or amusing!

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Social Club

It was a good night at the Social Club on 3rd March, with Gerry and the Attricks, in aid of Keech Hospice. The band played well. There was a great atmosphere, with chicken / fish and chips and a raffle.



theWI Caddington WI

INSPIRING WOMEN March was Members Night. The meeting was run by the members giving the committee a night off! Carol Jones was President with her committee Sallie Stonestreet, Rita Weber, Anna Bartlett and Joanne Sherwood, Lou Cobb and Sue Taylor. We had a good evening with them playing a game called Call My Bluff. - two teams, Caddington Arrows and Caddington Cuties. The words for the teams to describe were very obscure and it was extremely difficult for the teams let alone the members watching to find who was bluffing. Words like bahar, obol, valonia and slype were used. The Caddington Arrows won 16-6 Carol did an excellent job as quizmaster and the teams were handed prizes of a small trophy and a gift. Refreshments were served by Sue Martin and Chris Allen . A quiz followed - identify types of biscuits from photos - not many of

us got these wrong! "A Mysterious Object" was our competition. This was won by Carol Jones with Brenda Currie second and Valerie Bartlett third.

The Final of the Darts League is played in March - good luck ladies.

Several of our ladies had an Indian meal and a get together. We have a Group Meeting with the Pearl Lady, Frances Benton, speaking again which is always an interesting evening. There are several other outings, a literary lunch and other talks all during March which I will report on later.

Linda Edwards

Dates for your diary:

3rd April Blood Runners and Baby Milk for Premature Babies by John McConobie

1st May Annual Meeting plus talk by Mel Davis Climbing up Kilimanjaro

5th June History of the British Seaside with Ann Ledger



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Diary - If you would like your events included, please contact the Editor

April

- Tues 3rd Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm
- Wed 4th Luton Hoo Walled Garden Open Day
- Mon 9th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
- Mon 16th Village Hall Management Committee AGM Village Hall 7:30pm
- Tues 17th Photography Group (Talk) Slip End Social Club 8pm
- Tues 24th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm
- Sat 28th Photography Group Photography and Art Exhibition - Village Hall

May

- Tues 1st Caddington WI (including AGM) Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm
- Wed 2nd Luton Hoo Walled Garden "Open Wednesdays" (until September)
- Mon 14th Parish Council Meeting (monthly meeting and AGM) Village Hall 7pm
- Tues 15th Photography Group (AGM) Slip End Social Club 8pm
- Tues 22nd Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm

June

- Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
- Tues 5th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm
- Tues 19th Photography Group (Talk) Slip End Social Club 8pm
- Tues 26th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm

July

- 7th July Village Day More details soon - save the date!
- Sat 14th Village Open Gardens Day 11am–5pm
- Mon 16th Gardening Club Guest Speaker, Village Hall, 8pm
- Tues 24th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm



Bin collections

Black bin and Glass - Friday 6th & 20th April, 4th May

Orange & Green bins- Friday 13th & 27th April



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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