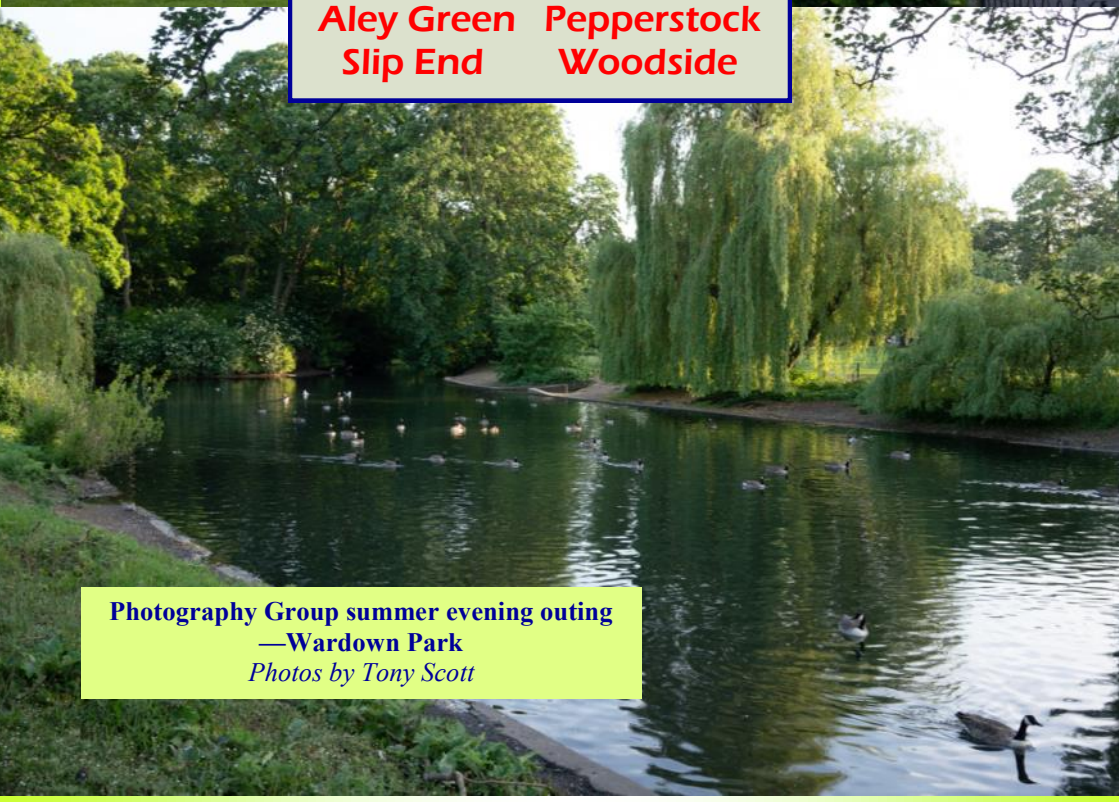


# Parish News

July & August  
2018



Aley Green   Pepperstock  
Slip End   Woodside



Photography Group summer evening outing  
—Wardown Park  
*Photos by Tony Scott*

## Editors' Notes

Greetings to all readers and the Editors wish you happy holidays as the summer break approaches for many of you and your families. Hopefully the weather will remember that it is Summer! Having just had a pleasant but cold and windy week away on a campsite near Scarborough, I remembered why so many people tend to head out of the UK. (...or perhaps they all go to the opposite end of the country to me!)

**My thanks, and many congratulations,** to Keith for his first issue last month. We both now have a short break until planning starts for the September issue in mid August.

Parish News would like to send condolences to our former editor Sue Briggs and her family on the loss of her husband Allan in June. I am sure many of our readers will join me in sending our good wishes to them at this difficult time.



This month, we feature a few activities which are happening over the next few months. Firstly we have **Village Day**. The team has been

working hard, so we hope that it will be another successful event. Various groups have outings planned and there are always plenty of places to visit in the local area.

**Where do you go when you want a pleasant day out without travelling too far?**

I have featured a few photos from some of my favourite places in the past. However, it depends if I am wanting countryside or culture! As an Ashridge Estate volunteer for the National Trust, I always enjoy a stroll in the woods or on Ivinghoe Beacon. I also like to visit Houses and gardens.

Thank you to Tony Scott, a fellow Photography Group member for his cover photos from Wardown Park (a good picnic and day out place for the children too). It is nice to feature some of the pictures taken at the club's evening outings.

*Alison Wilson*

**Hobbies!**  
**We would like to make the Hobbies Page a regular feature.**  
**Please send us items for inclusion or, if you prefer, talk to us about your hobby.**

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# Summer Tea Party

**Wednesday 11th JULY  
at the Village Hall  
from 2.30 to 4.00**

**Open to all over 18 if you live in  
Slip End, Pepperstock, Woodside or Aley Green**

## **Parish Council Leaps at Opportunity**

*At the Parish Council meeting in June, after seven years discussion, the Council swung its weight behind proposals to completely rebuild the Village Playground. The existing equipment, whilst meeting the required safety standards, has been used enthusiastically for many years and now needs replacing .*

Funding for this project, which is estimated to cost in excess of £50,000, is now available through the Community Improvement Fund and Councillors jumped at the chance to complete the last identified need for the Parish, set out in the Parish Plan 10 years ago.

The Chair, together with Cllr Minnighan and Mr Andy Prothero, had met to decide which companies would be best to quote for the supply and fitting of the chosen pieces. The selection process could take some months, but the Council has put its support behind the idea with the intention of overcoming any obstacles and opening next year. It is planned to have an exhibition, to show which items could be installed and to visit schools and activity groups for younger members of our community, asking for their ideas - which might be very different from any selection made by Councillors!



## **June Parish Council Meeting**

At this month's PC meeting, several planning applications were discussed for both domestic and commercial developments in the village. It was noticeable that, in most cases, these applications were on Green Belt land which was a concern voiced by Councillors. NB Planning information on page

The Neighbourhood Plan, reached its referendum stage at the end of June when residents were asked to say 'Yes' or 'No' to the scheme's proposals.

Following extensive discussions and public meetings, The Plan identified the needs of the Villages of Slip End and Caddington in housing, transport and job creation. It identified those pieces of land which owners had put forward as areas of possible development over the next 20 years. The reasoning is that further developments, satisfying only those identified needs, can take place only in agreed areas which are set out in the documents. It is a protection against unwanted developments and is now being adopted by many Councils.

Slip End and Caddington Councils were forerunners in developing such a Plan and therefore received Government funding to assist with the process and referendum. Councillor's recorded views are available on the official notice boards or from -The Clerk, Slip End PC



**We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 7th July from 11 until 4 at the Playing Fields in Church Road.**

There will be a good selection of stalls, BBQ and bar, tea, coffee and cakes and the ice cream van to tempt you.

**Among the many attractions are Pepperstock Archers, Surf Simulator, photo exhibition, donkey rides, steam train rides and bouncy castles.**

See flyer (pages 7 & 8) for Arena Timetable and other details

*There is also our Grand Raffle with many great prizes including a ride for two on the London Eye and a boat trip on the Thames, tickets for Woburn Safari Park, Woodside Farm and Willows Activity Farm in St Albans. Also vouchers from several local businesses including Charisma hairdressing and Caddington Spice.*

***We are still 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 on 0795 858 7595 or Tracey on 0781 000 2942 or alternatively email to [slipendvillageday@yahoo.com](mailto:slipendvillageday@yahoo.com) Thank you!***

## **Planning applications submitted within the Parish since May 2018**

Submitted 4/5/18: Application No. CB/18/01847/OUT

Land between 90 - 128 Front Street, Slip End

Outline permission for 24 dwellings.

Awaiting consideration

Submitted 15/5/18: Application No. CB/18/01972/FULL

49 Front Street, Slip End

Control infill extension and changes to front door and window.

Awaiting consideration

Submitted 16/5/18: Application No. CB/18/02027/FULL

Land adjacent to Ashridge, Pepsal End Lane, Peperstock

Erection of production facility and associated office and parking.

Awaiting consideration

To find out more about these or other planning applications see:

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning)

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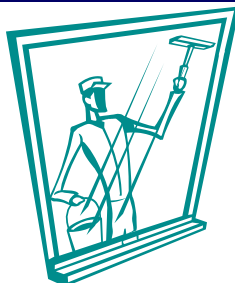
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# TIMETABLE

11:30 Rock Choir

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12:15 Kick Boxing - Kaisho Martial Arts

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12:45 Rock Choir

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13:30 Irish Dancing - Scoil Rinse Realta

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14:00 Kick Boxing - Kaisho Martial Arts

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14:30 Dance Display - On Pointe

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15:00 Bounce Caddington



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## **Bin Collections Consultation**

*Many residents will have seen the information about the bin collection consultation. This is now complete and the council met to discuss the results. The information below came from the council website and email circulars. They also commented that the old system is currently different in parts of the region that were inherited from different area councils. NOTE:- Nothing will change until Autumn 2019.*

### **Why make changes?**

We collect and dispose of waste from 118,000 homes across Central Bedfordshire at a cost of around £14 million a year. That amounts to around 7% of our budget, and 9% of your Council Tax, which makes it one of the largest areas of expenditure for us.

Our current bin collection contracts are coming to an end in the Autumn 2019, so it's the ideal opportunity to review the service to explore options to increase efficiency and value for money; maximise the use of technology; and increase levels of recycling.

### **Consultation results**

Over 15,000 people took part in the consultation on possible changes to bin collections and the council has listened to their views.

Nearly everyone (94%) said they thought it was important that everyone is helped to recycle more. So, when the new bin collection contract starts in the Autumn next year, the council will introduce these new services to help people recycle as much as possible:

- weekly food waste collections for everyone
- a choice of wheelie bin or reusable bags for fortnightly garden waste collections and
- potential kerbside glass collections for all

Charging for garden waste was the least popular option for residents so the council has discarded this idea.

After listening to residents' concerns about three-weekly black bin collections, the council is not proposing to introduce this service at this point but may look to introduce this in the longer term when residents have been supported to recycle as much as possible, so reducing waste in their black bin, making three-weekly collection more manageable.

## ***Metal Detecting***

Some of you may have seen the recent BBC comedy, *Detectorists* and the words “nerds” and “anoraks” might come to mind. Well that is me, a detectorist.

Metal detecting is a fantastic hobby, and unearthing ancient history can, for many of us, become an obsession. For me it is an overwhelming desire to retrieve our past, there is always the chance you may unearth a truly unique item. Some of my finds can be seen at the end of this short article.

I started in this hobby about 25 years ago after buying my father-in-law a metal detector for Christmas. We started detecting the local open spaces, unaware at the time that we needed to gain permission. We soon learnt better when we joined the local detecting club, the Herts & District Metal Detecting Society. I am currently the Secretary of the club which was founded in 1978. We are a club with a full membership of 130 and we meet once a month in Borehamwood. We also hold weekly digs mainly in north east Hertfordshire although we would like to gain permissions more locally, (see below).

Apart from the chance to explore the history of the land I also enjoy the advantages offered by the countryside, being out in the fresh air and plenty of exercise wandering the fields. There is also the chance to see the wildlife such as foxes; hares and sometimes a small herd of deer may make themselves known.

As we search on farmland we rely heavily on the goodwill of farmers and landowners to grant us permission. As a responsible detectorist, **I do not detect** where I haven't gained prior permission. Following on from this, if there are any local farmers or landowners who may be interested in having myself or the club detecting on their land then please get in contact. My numbers are 01582 482634 and mobile 07930 958058. Email – [malcolmbeagle@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmbeagle@gmail.com)

Out of interest, as a club we pay £10 per member on each visit. This goes directly to the farmer or if preferred to a nominated charity. We report our finds of archaeological interest to the Portable Antiquities Scheme which is set up by the British Museum. We also have a very good relationship with the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans. All club members carry Public Liability Insurance of £10,000,000 set up by the hobby's National Council for Metal Detecting.

As you can see from the photos below our finds are varied and can come from hundreds of years ago. Of course, it isn't all lovely ancient coins and artefacts that are found but lots of

farm detritus. Lots of buttons, bits of lead and horse furniture such as buckles. We do clear all metal found from the land and will search for specific items that may have been lost on the farm.  
*Malcolm Beagle*



Hoard of Bronze Age Axe-  
 Heads and broken implements.  
 (Treasure Case Acquired by  
 Welwyn Museum)



Post-Medieval Silver Pin Treasure  
 Case Acquired by Redbourn  
 Village Museum



Bronze-Age Spear  
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Medieval Silver Hammered  
 Penny



Roman Silver Denarius of Tiberius  
 (Known in the Bible as the  
 Tribute Penny)



Medieval Ear  
 Scoop



Roman Copper-Alloy Fibula Brooch  
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Papal Bulla of Pope Boniface IX 1389-1404  
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## Allan Briggs

22nd April 1954 to 13th June 2018

Allan was born at The Gables Nursing home in Aylesbury to Tom and Betty Briggs. Tom worked in his fathers Public House, The Bull's Head in Aston Clinton and Betty was a hairdresser with her own village hairdressers. It wasn't long before Tom and Betty moved into The Bull's Head, taking over its Management and living on site with both grandparents. In 1959, Allan was joined by his only sister, Jane.

Pub life meant that Allan's parents worked everyday and family time was rare with holidays spent playing cricket or with his cousins, Fred and Phyllis.

Allan became a member of the Pub's Darts team and regularly represented the pub in local competitions. About the same time Allan joined the local cricket club, Buckland and

Aston Clinton, taking to the position of wicketkeeper

like a veteran.

Most weekday evenings Allan

would be found mowing

or rolling the pitch, marking out the lines, as well as playing cricket

home or away most weekends.

During his time there he became

Captain, a post he held for many years

running a successful club and later he became President. Allan did not enjoy

school except for the sport but completed



his schooling days at John Collet in Wendover before joining the local electricians, Sharps at 16 as an apprentice, where he stayed until his poor health forced him to retire early.

Allan was very sociable and liked spending time with his friends or quieter times watching John Wayne films on the TV. It was at one of the Crickets club's famous BBQ's in 1993 that Allan met Sue and a new chapter of his life began. *(by Jane, his sister)*

He soon became part of the family and Daniel, Scott and Amelia accepted him into their lives, which I was very grateful for, as it could not have been easy to replace their dad who died when they were very young.

Allan loved all sports, was a huge WASPS rugby fan, a Luton Town supporter and a keen golfer. He continued to play cricket and keep the Ground to a good standard.



We were married in June 2006 and it was a wonderful day surrounded by many friends and family, including our first grandson Thomas. Later we were lucky enough to have Lucy, Evie, Elizabeth and finally Teddy. Allan loved them all and was always so happy to see them. What a proud granddad he was and how much they loved him.

We had some very happy times travelling abroad, even visiting Australia when Amelia was living there on a gap year. He made many true friends in Slip End and, until his illness, we would have weekends away and days out, holidays with the grandchildren, visits to lovely Norfolk and watching the Tall Ships in Woolwich, with Allan having a trip on one of them for his Birthday last year.

In 2012 Allan developed chronic lung disease and was forced to give up his one and only job as an electrician. He could never understand why people had so many jobs in one lifetime and had been happy staying with the same company all his working life. He bore his illness with great bravery, trying everything to keep the condition from getting any worse. He joined the gym at Lewsey and made many friends there and was greatly helped by the Respiratory Team from the Luton & Dunstable hospital to try and keep him as healthy as possible. He exercised as much as possible and continued

to drive his beloved BMW until last year.

In 2016 he walked Amelia down the aisle on her wedding day to James and he could not have been prouder. We will always treasure

moments like that and the love he had for his family, especially the grandchildren.

We will really miss him for his kindness, thoughtfulness, his funny ways at times, and for just being Allan (or Double L as he was often called). Rest in Peace dearest Allan—we will never forget you and we are glad we had you as part of our family for as long as we did.



*By Sue Briggs and family*

## **Woodside Care Home Open Day**

**Church Road, Slip End**

**Saturday 14th July**

**2pm-6pm**

**Please come and join us for:-**

**Tombola, Raffle, Hook a duck,**

**Guess the weight of the cake**

**We have entertainment with “The Reflections”  
also Karaoke, refreshments and more...**

**All money raised goes to the  
Woodside Residents Activity Funds**

## Dates for St Andrew's Church - July & August

July Sunday 1st: We are supporting Lynne at her Ordination Service at the Abbey at 11.15am, followed by a bring and share lunch at St Andrew's

Sunday 8th: 10.30 am: Morning Praise – Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice

Sunday 15th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Modelling Godly Character

Tuesday 17th: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service

Sunday 22nd:10.30am: Family Service -The Sermon on the Mount “Salt & Light”

Sunday 29th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – The Sermon on the Mount “Keeping the Law”

August:- Sunday 5th: 10.30am: Informal Communion – The Sermon on the Mount “Dealing with Anger”

Sunday 12th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – The Sermon on the Mount “Overcoming evil with love & generosity”

Sunday 19th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – The Sermon on the Mount “Love for enemies”

Sunday 26th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – The Sermon on the Mount “Where your treasure is”

## Little Stars for July & August

Every Wednesday parents, carers, grandparents, 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

**July** Weds 4th: Jonah and the whale  
Weds 11th: The Good Samaritan  
Weds 18th: The Prodigal Son

**SUMMER BREAK** – Mums, carers, tots and siblings are invited to meet up for informal gatherings at 10.30 am at the following locations:-

**July** Weds 25th: The Vicarage Garden

**August** Weds 1st: Stockwood Park - Discovery Centre Cafe  
Weds 8th: Slip End Village Play Park  
Weds 15th: The Vicarage Garden  
Weds 22nd: Stockwood Park – Discovery Centre Cafe  
Weds 29th: Wardown Park Museum



## Message from St Andrew's

Here's a confession: my guilty pleasure is reading "Hello" magazine at the hairdressers, peering into celebrity lives with horror and fascination. Our culture seems obsessed with lifestyle, following online influencers (??), watching makeover shows and reality TV, not to mention magazines on health and fitness, fashion and "style".

Believe it or not, the Sermon on the Mount, which we are looking at over the summer at St Andrew's, is Jesus' advice on lifestyle. Here are some of the topics:

How to have an influence on society

How to deal with anger

How to avoid sexual sin

How to live and act with integrity

How to respond to evil people

How to stop worrying and start living

How to build a secure future

You can see that it is Jesus' radical challenge to the way we live. The Sermon on the Mount sets high standards, but it isn't intended as a rule book, more a way to explore what matters in life.

The Sermon on the Mount starts with the Beatitudes, "blessed are..." Think of it as "Be attitudes" with Jesus answering the question "what sort of people should we be?" There are eight "blesseds" about the kind of character we should have, four about our relationship with God and four about our relationship with other people. One of these is "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew ch5 v9) That provides a link to another summer activity: Remembrance100.

In 1918 King George V and Queen Mary asked that 4 August, as the fourth anniversary of the declaration of war, should be observed as a National Day of Prayer. One hundred days later World War I ended. On 4 August 2018 we will be joining churches across the country for 100 days of prayer because there is still a need for peace and reconciliation in today's world. This is called Remembrance 100. Every day there will be prayers and actions for peace.

More information at [www.remembrance100.co.uk](http://www.remembrance100.co.uk)

*Julie Taylor Reader in Training*



# Gardening Club

The Committee was very disappointed to have to cancel this year's Open Gardens Day on 14th July. They were unable, to gain enough support to go ahead, despite considerable effort, and possibly because of the poor weather earlier in the year. Thank you to the 3 residents who had agreed to open their gardens. We intend to try again in 2020.

Two garden visits were made in June, the first to Pirton Village, a very pleasant location, nr Hitchin. We were amazed that "27" gardens opened and it was difficult to get round them all during the afternoon. The gardens ranged from small gardens to acre gardens, the Vicarage, Primary School, cottage gardens, and a farm garden with rides on a model railway. (See photos)

A report on the Brookmans Ave, Brookmans Park garden will be in the next issue.

*PN Gardening Correspondent*



Future Garden visit details are listed here:-

Sun 1 July Wingrave Village Aylesbury (10+ Gardens)

Sun 22 July Aspley Guise Village (10+ Gardens)

Sun 19 Aug. Chapel Road, Breachwood Green

## GARDENING CLUB

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## Caddington WI



The “History of the British Seaside” was the talk by our speaker Ann Ledger. To complement this we all came along with seaside items, sunhats, tankini tops and wrap-arounds etc. Tables were laid with newspaper and a fish & chip supper was provided, which everyone tucked into. The main theme of our speaker was nostalgia bringing up pastimes and the decline of the British holiday. Ann gave us information and shared slides of deckchairs, donkeys, sandcastles, seaside rock, piers, saucy postcards and boarding houses. She finished her talk with some pictures of her family enjoying seaside holidays. To complete the seaside theme, we all had vanilla ice-cream cones.

The competition was to bring a Seaside Souvenir. Valerie Bartlett, Joan Bunyan and Brenda Currie were our winners.

We are looking forward to our day out to Ely in July.

Do join us - we meet at the Baptist Church Hall in Caddington on the First Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. There is always a cuppa and cakes for you.

*Linda Edwards*

Diary Dates:	Tues 3rd July	Games Evening
	Tues 7th August	The History of Pinewood Studios
	Tues 4th September	Birthday Meeting

# Aley Green Methodist Church

## JULY

## Wednesday 29th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of

World Vision

### Sunday 1st

10.30am Morning Service Fiona Arscott-Smith

10.30am Sunday School

### Saturday 7th

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

### Sunday 8th

10.30am Morning Service ~ Ivor Mitchelmore

10.30am Sunday School

### Tuesday 10th

10.00am ~ 12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am ~ 11.00am Little Lambs

### Sunday 15th

10.30am Morning Service Elisabeth Bibbings

10.30am Sunday School

### Monday 16th

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship

led by Jo Prowse

### Sunday 22nd

10.30am Morning Service ~ Steve Rogers

10.30am Sunday School

### Wednesday 25th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of

Action for Children

### Sunday 29th

9.30am Morning Service with Communion

~ Rev Nigel Bibbings

## AUGUST

### Sunday 5th

9.30am Morning Service ~ Colin Quine

### Saturday 11th

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

### Sunday 12th

9.30am Morning Service ~ John Enejo

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### Sunday 19th

9.30am Morning Service ~ Hyacinth Taylor

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### Sunday 26th

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God's Blessings from all at Aley Green  
Methodist Church ~ Ann Meader

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Our May Coffee Evening for Christian Aid was well attended by our village churches, circuit friends and supporters. We had stalls, tombola and a raffle as well as the usual sale of cakes, preserves and books and raised £126.50. Thanks to all who supported us.

The '*Take Time*' meeting on June 1st was most interesting, our member Deidre Smith told us about her trip to Kenya with Mission Direct to help the Kenya Street Kids by building homes, nothing like ours!!! Making paths and decorating dormitories. We were shown slides of the conditions they 'live' in often scavenging waste heaps along side cattle for food. There was a retiring offering and £161.10 was collected for the charity. We enjoyed cakes, scones and lots of tea and coffee afterwards.

Looking forward, we will be having a preserve stall at the Art Club Exhibition on Saturday 30th June at the Heathfield Centre and at the Slip End Village Day on Saturday 7th July.

It's business as usual through the summer months with Cakes & Company and Little Lambs on the second Tuesday monthly. Why not bring your little ones along for Little Lambs Club, 10.30am, stories, singing, crafts and play (no charge and a safe play area).

The July Coffee evening on the 29th is for Action for Children and in August we are supporting World Vision.

Do note that our summer services start at 9.30am and usually last for just 45 minutes.

For those going away we hope you have a good holiday and for those of us who *holiday at home*, enjoy the summer sun shine.

God's Blessings from all at Aley Green Methodist Church ~ Ann Meader

## Gardening Tips *by Russell Sprout*

After a prolonged cold and very wet spring we have at last had some warm sunny weather, albeit in short bursts, let's hope by the time you are reading this it will have settled into a lovely summer.

Deadhead roses on a regular basis to encourage a second flush in the autumn and keep an eye out for greenfly, black spot, mildew and rust. Tie young stems of dahlias to their supports with soft string or raffia and if large blooms are required then disbud the lower buds to get long stems for cutting and arranging in a vase. Chrysanthemums can be treated the same way, but spray varieties should be left, although stake and tie-in shoots to avoid wind damage. Gladioli will not need staking for normal garden use but keep well watered and weed free.



Prune deciduous shrubs such as Jasmine and Philadelphus after flowering by removing spent flowers and weak shoots. Irises can be divided and replanted this month and cut the top half of the leaves off to avoid wind damage. July is the month when lilies are at their best and unless you want to save the seed they should be deadheaded as the flowers fade, water carnations and pinks if the weather is dry. Early this month sow Sweet Williams and Wall Flowers for colour in the spring. Rock gardens will look somewhat drab from now until the autumn but best to keep the weeds down to prevent the alpine plants from being overwhelmed, so keep

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

Summer fruiting raspberries can be cut down as the fruiting canes are finished, but leave the new shoots because they will bear next year's crop. Tidy up the strawberry bed when the fruits are finished.



Blackcurrants can be pruned after fruiting, cutting out the old wood, tie in new shoots of blackberries and loganberries but keep them separate from the fruiting shoots. In the greenhouse tomatoes and cucumbers should be bearing fruit; a liquid fertiliser should be applied every 7-10 days to encourage the fruits to ripen. Keep pinching out the side shoots of tomato plants (except bush varieties) to get decent size fruits.

Complete planting of leeks this month as well as late Brussels sprouts, winter cabbage and spring broccoli, also plant swedes by the middle of the month. In the herb garden make further sowings of Chervil, Dill and Parsley and remember to harvest just before they come into full bloom if you are going to dry them for future use.

If the weather is hot and dry and there isn't a hosepipe ban, then water the lawn regularly, aerate by spiking with a fork as this will help the water penetrate well below the surface where it's needed to keep it looking green.

## Harpers 60th Anniversary Celebrations

As a Harpers customer for over 30 years, since moving to Slip End, I was pleased when they moved from Studham to Pepperstock. The converted Half Moon premises are super and I continue to enjoy my shopping experience.



I dropped in to sample some Prosecco and nibbles and took the opportunity to congratulate Peter and Sally and chat to Judy as well as to get a few photos of staff and customers (myself included) from the Parish and surrounding areas enjoying the occasion.



# BITS AND PIECES

## Social Club News and Dates

We are well into the year now and some memberships are still here from January to renew. Any member of staff or committee can help with this. Only £3/£1 to re-join.

## Entertainment

Recently we held a charity evening for the Oracale Cancer Trust. As well as our annual Help for Heroes charity day

## Future dates :-

7th July- Village Day Afternoon / Evening Country music & BBQ

29 September- Lady Ska Dust & Pat

27th October- Scalliwags Halloween Disco (prize for best dressed)

24th November- Lazy Dayz

24th December- Lady Ska Dust & Pat

## SEADA

A nice day and an enjoyable journey took 35 people on a day trip to Eastbourne.

When we arrived, everyone did what they wanted to for the day as most were Senior Citizens.

We organise a free trip every year for them. As money is running out, this may be the last time we do it. (We also had

12 people who did not turn up on the day!)

BINGO is held on every other Thursday at the Village Hall from 8pm. This helps with the cost of the trips, though we are not getting the support now that we used to do

## 1st Woodside Brownies

The Brownies who attended the Sleepover had an enjoyable time.

Neil, a Firefighter from Markyate, came to talk to us one week and we will visit the Fire Station in July.

We shall have a stall at the Village Day in July. Toys and books welcome.

We still have places available for girls to join the Brownie Pack in September

Please ring Wise Owl on 01582 723109 for details.



*An extra photo from the Harpers 60th Celebrations – cards & flowers*

## Chatty Club News

Margaret Elms, from Woodside's Park Homes, moved to Potten End several weeks ago. As she did not have time to say "Goodbye" to her many friends, her daughters arranged an afternoon tea at Harpers, Pepperstock, on Sunday 3rd June.

It was a delightful Get Together on a bright and sunny day. Maggie, as she is known by her friends, looked very well and we all wished her happiness in her new home.

Many thanks to her daughters Bernadette and Lydia for a lovely afternoon.



*The photo shows Steve greeting Maggie.*

## St Andrew's Church Information and Congratulations

Lynne Sandle, local resident and member of St. Andrew's, has been training for the Ministry. She is being ordained at St Albans Abbey on 1st July followed by a farewell lunch at the Church. Many Congratulations!



The family will then be leaving St Andrew's and moving to Turvey, near Bedford where she has been given her own Parish and vicarage. We wish them every happiness and the family will be sorely missed. They have been a huge part of the Church Family since they arrived in Slip End many years ago. *(photo—Nick, Henry, Lucy & Lynne)*

Nick has been Church Warden for many years for which we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all the work and help he has given to the Church and its family.

Steve Baird has now taken over for which we are all very grateful.





*(Parish News has been asked to publish this information, actually a short summary of a longer document. It was considered that, as the magazine is distributed to all homes in the Parish, it was an ideal way to pass the information on to relevant parties. Please contact Peter to comment. Ed.)*

## **Park Home Commission Issues**

There are nearly 200 mobile homes in the Parish, a quarter of all residences, and the current licensing agreements allow Mobile Site Owners to charge up to 10% of the sales value upon transfer of ownership. This charge has been challenged by many throughout the UK but the Government has chosen to ignore these representations in pending changes to the legislation. Progress in Wales has been more encouraging to mobile home owners and the following indicates how you, as a mobile home owner, might choose to assist.

**Copy from speech by Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing & Regeneration**

### **STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

*"It is my intention to reduce the commission rate to a new maximum level of 5%. This will be done by reducing the commission rate by one percentage point each year over a period of five years. The regulations to achieve this will be subject to the scrutiny of this Assembly by the affirmative procedure. I will bring forward regulations at the earliest opportunity in the New Year."*

It is clear that the current commission rate impacts significantly on people who own a park home. For some, the loss of significant equity from the sale of their homes is becoming a barrier to being able to sell and move on to alternative accommodation or accommodation which is more suitable for them. Commission may also be deterring potential buyers from purchasing a park home as they worry about the implications of losing 10% of its value if they need to sell in the future.

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**If you want to see the 10% Commission charge changed in England - please forward this information to your constituency MP with your comments and ask him/to bring pressure to bear on the HOUSING MINISTER.**

**Send it to: [office@gavinshuker.org](mailto:office@gavinshuker.org)**

Please do this as soon as you can as the review of the Mobile Homes Act will be announced this year - even though they have previously chosen to disregard your wishes and not include the 10% Commission Charge

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Scams are becoming more sophisticated and often use social engineering to prey on people. This means that many more of us could be vulnerable to falling victim to a scam attempt, yet we still don't talk about scams enough.

It's estimated that only 5-15% of all scams are actually reported, yet it is thought £10.9 billion is lost each year to scams and fraud.

Whether a victim or not, reporting and sharing a scam experience may help prevent others from falling victim and also help authorities to raise awareness and tackle these crimes.

Central Bedfordshire Council has been focusing on different groups of people who are most targeted or vulnerable to scams and interestingly their research into the 'life-established' age group (40's–60's) showed that:

- people aged between 41-60 are the most affected by scams, as they may be more settled and have

access to financial assets

- a third (34%) of all victims of scams are aged between 41-60 years old
- although they may be targeted by a wide range of scams, reports show they are most vulnerable to investment fraud, phishing and other banking scams, property scams and pension liberation scams
- victims of cyber-crime are also more likely to be aged between 41-60 years old – the average loss to cyber-crime has recently increased from £166 to £270
- women aged 50-64 are most at risk of 'subscription trap' scams offering health and beauty-related products, such as slimming pills or skin creams

Whether a victim or not, reporting and sharing a scam experience may help prevent others from falling victim and also help authorities to raise awareness and tackle these crimes.

If you ever suspect a scam, please tell your family, friends and neighbours all about it.

You can also report a suspected scam to Citizens Advice Consumer Service by calling **03454 04 05 06**.

There's more information on the Central Bedfordshire Council website at:- [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams/bescam-aware.aspx](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams/bescam-aware.aspx)

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## **Luton Hoo Walled Garden**

The Luton Hoo Estate's Open Wednesdays started at the beginning of May. Rhododendrons are a speciality early in the season as they line the path of the woodland pathway through the Capability Brown designed Flower Garden Wood to the Shooting Lodge, our setting for the café.

All the usual attractions are available: the back sheds including the head gardeners' office, labourers' mess and the potting shed with the World War II graffiti can be viewed (the Land Army were trained here). There is an exhibition about the garden in the 20th Century in the Foreman's Mess. Have a chat with our volunteer gardeners and conservationists who will be out in full strength on Wednesdays.

The renovation is still ongoing – don't expect to see a Chelsea show garden – and our guides will explain how the project began and the interesting history of the garden. See our progress in the eleven years since the garden was first re-cultivated.

The garden is open every Wednesday until the end of September from 1030-1600. The entrance cost is £5. There are Children's Summer Workshops available on Thursday mornings from July 26th to August 30th. Sessions must be pre-booked and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Further information from: 01582 721443,  
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## **Crime Stats for April & May**

### **April**

Domestic Dispute – 1  
Attempted Burglary Residential – 3  
Other Miscellaneous Thefts – 1

### **May**

Theft from a Motor Vehicle – 3  
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## Slip End Photography Group

The Group held its AGM at Slip End Social Club in May. At present, the committee remains the same as before with a selection of residents and others from nearby.

The aim is to continue with the regular talks or more formal meetings at the Social Club on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. On other weeks there will be opportunities to look at DVDs or at photos taken, using the big screen. We also intend to have a monthly photo project for those who would like to have a go. The first subject was chosen as “Self Portrait”.

At the AGM Graham Ford was presented with the shield to celebrate the fact that his picture was the “favourite” at the Exhibition in April.

We are trying to go on a few outings during summer evenings (weather permitting) A number of people went to Wardown Park on a sunny evening and took some good pictures there. Two of Tony Scott's photos can be found on the cover this month. I have also included here, another of Tony's (below) and one by Pete Chalkley (right).



*(It is good to have an alternative source of photos for the cover as we do not always get pictures sent in that are suitable. Ed.)*



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

**July**

- Sun 1st Gardening Club Garden Visit  
Mon 2nd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 3rd Caddington WI Games Evening Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Sat 7th Village Day Playing Fields & Peter Edwards Hall 11am—4pm  
Wed 11th GNS Summer Tea Party Village Hall 2:30—4pm  
Sat 14th APOLOGIES Village Open Gardens **EVENT CANCELLED**  
Mon 16th Gardening Club Guest Speaker, Village Hall, 8pm  
Tues 17th Photography Group (Talk /picture show) Slip End Social Club 8pm  
Sun 22nd Gardening Club Garden Visit  
Tues 24th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm

August Holidays! Sunshine has been booked!  
No Parish Council meeting this month

- Tues 7th W.I. The History of Pinewood Studios  
Sun 12th Bedford Poppy Walk  
Sun 19th Gardening Club Garden Visit  
Tues 21st Photography Club Talk Slip End Social Club 8pm

**September**

- Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 4th Caddington WI Birthday Meeting Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
29th Slip End Social Club—Entertainment

**Bin collections**

**Black bin and Glass** - Friday 13, 27 July, 10, 24 August

**Orange & Green bins**- Friday 6, 20 July, 3, 17, 31 August



**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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