

Parish News

June 2018



Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside

Editors' Notes



The Parish News benefits from a dual editorship enabling different styles and subjects to be included. Each editor believes different topics be important reflections of the village life we value so highly. We both endeavour to attain a high standard of interesting, non political and unbiased articles and reports.

*Your contributions are vital and I hope to be able to publish pieces about your life and activities. An example is the suggestion which Alison included in the last edition to interest other people in the hobbies which you enjoy so much. **If it is of interest to you it will certainly be of interest to others** and may attract them to become fellow participants.*

I know writing an article can be a daunting experience and we are both happy to come to your home to assist. What a pity it would be to fail

to show others that which you enjoy so much.

If you run any activities or clubs we are always there to publicise and report and maybe carry an article about your future programme.

We enjoy living in a village with so many friendly people and like to share your interests and ideas.



My wife, Jan and I moved into Pepperstock over 25 years ago and have been associated with many local groups. I served on the Parish Council and we have both been on the committee of The Good Neighbour Scheme and the local Residents Association. I am also treasurer to the Communities Project Group.

I look forward to receiving your contributions.

Keith Holme



Make sure you have Village Day in your diary. 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. If you would like to book a stall for yourself or for a group or club to fundraise please do give us a call on one of the numbers below or email us.

Among the many attractions are archery, donkey rides, steam train rides and bouncy castles.

In the arena will be a Rock Choir, kick boxing display, Irish dancing and a group of dancers from En Pointe plus a demonstration of Bounce, which is keep fit on trampolines, holding classes in Caddington.

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. More still to arrive so watch out for the full list, and for the tickets, which will go on sale in locally in June.

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

We are looking for more people to help us on the day – if you can spare an hour or two or more please get in touch with Jill on 0795 858 7595 or Tracey on 0781 000 2942 or alternatively email to slipendvillageday@yahoo.com

Thank you.

VILLAGE DAY SATURDAY 7TH JULY FROM 11 TO 4

Message from St Andrew's

Is He one or is He three?

Last week it was Trinity Sunday - the Sunday in the church calendar when we think about the fact that God shows himself to us in three ways. Many people have pointed out that the Bible doesn't use the word Trinity – this is indeed true but the Bible does talk a lot about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and as Christians we experience him in these three ways and each way is very precious.

It is good to know that God is over all – he is the creator God – above and beyond all kingdoms and powers. He doesn't impose his will on us for he has given us free will and has given the world into our hands to look after – however we know that one day his perfect just and gentle rule will be established.

Although God is Almighty and powerful he loves us like a Father – he doesn't stay aloof from all our troubles and difficulties but comes to us in his Son Jesus. Jesus is the perfect image of the Father – all the lovely things that we see Jesus do for people when we read the gospels shows us what the Father's love for us is like.

It is a very vulnerable love, though the crowds loved him and followed him others were threatened by his challenging teaching and it's implications and they came to hate him. Jesus died as a result of this hatred but at the same time he died because he chose to lay down his life for us – that we might know forgiveness. The most important thing we can ever do is to receive this forgiveness – by turning away from all that is wrong or selfish and believing that when he died Jesus took our sin upon himself that we might be free.

Then after Jesus death and resurrection he returned to the Father and sent His Holy Spirit to us so that the love of God would not be simply demonstrated to us but be within us. Just before he died Jesus said: If you love me you will obey what I command. I will not leave you as orphans - I will come to you. I will ask the Father and he will give you another counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him ... but you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (John 14v15-18) The Holy Spirit, the third person of the trinity brings God right into our hearts. He fills us with his life and his love from the inside out, he leads and us and guides us and helps us day by day.

We need each person of the trinity – each manifestation of the one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

May you be richly blessed in him,

Cathy

Dates for St Andrew's Church - June

Sunday 3rd: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Gift Day – The Grace of Giving
Sunday 10th: 10.30 am: Morning Praise – Messenger of the Gospel
Sunday 17th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Father's Day – Knowing God as Father
Tuesday 19th: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service
Sunday 24th: 10.30am: Family Service – God's grace at work in Paul

Little Stars for June

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 6th: Noah's Ark
Wed 13th: Samson
Weds 20th: David and Goliath
Weds 27rd: Daniel and the Lions



All change at the Village Hall!

After many years of service to the Committee, Michael Plummer has stood down as Chair and is replaced by Jill Acton, whom I'm sure many will know. Michael will still remain on the committee, giving us the benefit of his knowledge. Doris Horgan has also stood down as she no longer lives in the village and is unable to attend meetings. Doris remembers lighting the two fires in the hall for the benefit of the children who attended classes in the hall, many, many years ago! Many thanks to you both for your years of service to the community. We have two new caretakers at the hall Tracey & Ollie Baker who live nearby. We wish them luck in continuing to provide a nice clean facility

The Treasurer reported the hall had had a successful financial year, bookings continue to increase, especially at the weekends with many children's parties, baby showers and anniversary events being booked. Costs as always are hard to keep up with, but the running of the hall manages to create a surplus each year, which is retained for improving our community building. Many of you many have noticed the nice new gates we have at the car park entrance.

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Secretary.

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Everyone likes good weather

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The advice is always there, but do we always believe that it will only happen to other people?

The crime figures this month show that thefts from cars and sheds are the easier targets for the

opportunist thief.

It can be a traumatic event when it happens to you so:

Don't leave anything in view in your car and lock it every time

Lock the shed, your insurance may not cover its contents

If you have a burglar alarm-use it!

The Slip End crime figures for May were:

CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES 2 THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE 2

INTERFERENCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE 2 COMMON ASSAULT 1

THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLES 1 THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE 1

Pub News

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The Chatty Club meets here every Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm
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Rising Sun

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Social Club

See the advert & our features for details

The Plough

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Poppy Walk for Honour 2018



What's this all about?

Calling families, dog walkers and rambles! Get walking and raise funds for The Royal British Legion, Bedfordshire's Poppy Walk for Honour, The Poppy Walk returns to commemorate the end of the First World War and to say thank you to the First World War generation- all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

***Come to Bedford Priory Country Park , Barkers Lane, Bedford MK41 9SH
on Sunday 12th August, 2018.***

Join the Poppy Walk Squad and be part of the fun!

We will be gathering at Visitor Centre at Priory Country Park Bedford from 11.00am to embark upon a choice of two routes, 2km, which is wheel chair and push chair friendly or 10km for those that really want to stretch their legs. Stroll around some of the areas most interesting sites.

As well as the walk there will be live music and activities with refreshments available at the Cloverdale Retreat-the Parks Café. A wonderful day out for the whole family to enjoy while raising funds for our wounded, injured, sick members of our Armed Forces and their families. Why not come and join us?

Enquires Regarding Poppy Walk for Honour contact: Michael Lewis Mob: 07768252906

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Another Successful Exhibition



The Slip End Photographic Club brought colour and memories of brighter days to its annual exhibition of member's work held on Saturday 28th April in the Village Hall. The 234 compositions on display covered the usual wide variety of interests which are held by these talented villagers.

The member offering the most admired image voted upon by visitors was Graham Ford for his entry 'Field Mouse in Apple Blossom'. Graham is a very keen amateur photographer and contributes to several local photographic clubs. He has our congratulations for such a wonderful, natural and poignant photograph

The strength and vitality of the Slip End Photographic Club which is seen at these exhibitions is a tribute to the initial confidence of Norman and Jean Homewood that their passion for photography could be passed to others.. They approached The Community Projects Group for initial funding which was given in order to promote a new village activity. The necessary basic equipment to enable members to receive tuition on camera use and picture selection was bought and members soon started to benefit from their regular meetings. The Committee continue to invite speakers to their meetings all of which encourage even higher levels of expertise .



Further information about meeting times is contained later in this publication.



Graham with his winning image 'Field Mouse in Apple Blossom'

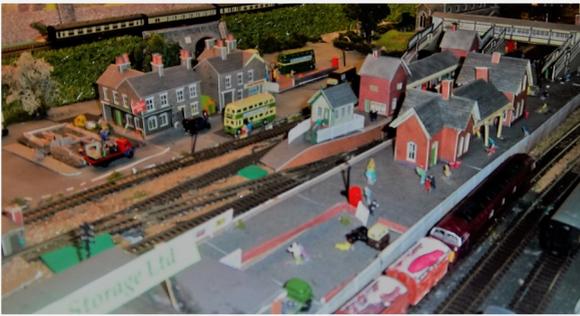


The focus of attention for some!



THE HOBBY PAGE

We hope to make this a regular feature and welcome any contributions. If your hobby or pastime interests you, it will interest us.



MODEL RAILWAYS

Returning to this engaging hobby just a few years ago after a 'sabbatical' of rather more than the permitted seven years, I was amazed at the improvements and range of items available to the average modeller. These were not just on the appearance of the models themselves but also the extent of improvement which now allow trains to run on the same tracks but in different directions and speeds. The introduction of computer controls which had just emerged when I was last involved, had evolved in unforeseen directions and with a simplicity which makes their combination in all our layouts quite possible. The results are exciting and bring a realism to our hobby never possible before.

The problem which faces so many who are contemplating a start— yes, where can we put it to avoid constant moving from floor to box and back again? With the expansion in the range of the smaller scales this is now resolved . No more negotiation with the family who also want the space.

The layout in the photos with this article will fit onto a base only the size of a standard household domestic door. There is a wealth of material available in all

forms in print, or downloadable to your computer. It all makes starting or returning to this hobby much easier than was the case previously. It will lead to a greater sense of achievement at an early stage and encouragement to continue.

I wonder how many hobbies require a knowledge of electronics, painting, carpentry, soldering and above all allowing your imagination to run free. Inevitably you are unlikely to have a mastery of all these, but what a sense of achievement when you do!

Whether you prefer to join a club or to work alone this hobby caters for both. Clubs locally offer good advice as you start and there are a number of well produced and helpful publications available. My advice would be to talk to a railway modeller first and then decide what would be best for you. They are a talkative lot and eager to help.



If you would like more information please email or contact us at PN for a fact sheet and other information to help you decide whether to investigate further.

Next Time. Metal Detecting

Both these pictures are mentioned in one of the articles



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With every successive year the events held at *The Slip End Social Club* have raised more funds for this incredibly important help for those with physical and mental injuries during military service. This year they have planned a full day of varied activities and entertainment for all the family. Please make a big effort to attend, to join in the fun and so help those recovering from injury.

If you cannot be there you can still donate either cash or a credit card payment to Lesley Horn at the .Social Club or arrange using her mobile phone 07787 590370 or directly to Help for Heroes on 01980 844200 . They accept *PayPal*





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Gardening Club

Two garden visits have been made, to Seredi, Letchworth Garden City and Pie Corner, Bedmond.

The Serendi garden was a tulips and spring exuberance balanced by strong design throughout the garden. A large mirror reflected the bulbs, acers, pots and topiary and roses climbed 5 pillars. There were magnolias, wallflowers, clematis and a montana assailing an old pear tree. All this was quietly contrasted by the knot and gravel area.

(See photos top right)

Pie Corner was a garden designed to complement the modern classical house. Formal areas near the house, with views down the valley, included lawns and a pool. The garden became more informal towards the woodland edge. A dry garden lead through a new meadow planting to the vegetable garden. Blossom, bulbs, wild garlic and bluebells were enjoyed.

Future Garden visit details are
Sun 10 June. Pirton Village, nr Hitchin
(12 Gardens)

Sun 24 June. Brookmans Ave,
Brookmans Park, Hatfield

Sun 1 July. Wingrave Village
Aylesbury (10 Gardens)

Sun 22 July Aspley Guise Village (10
Gardens)

Planning for the Parish Open Gardens
Day on Saturday 14th July continues.

(See poster opposite)

We still require some more gardens to make up numbers. Residents willing to open their garden are requested to get in contact, please.

PN Gardening Correspondent

Slip End Village School

It's been another busy few months at Slip End Village School.

Just before Easter, the children in Year 6 visited the Woodside care home, sang them songs and spent time chatting with them, which was very much enjoyed by the residents and the children.

Our wonderful Friends of Slip End Village School have also been as busy as ever raising money for school funds. We will shortly be opening our refurbished Early Years play area which is looking very exciting and we are sure the children will have a wonderful time with their new slide, water wall and reading corner! They also funded a day visit from local author, Lou Treleaven. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading collection of her stories, learning about the writing journey and the opportunity to get a signed copy of one of her stories.

Coming up we have our school exchange where children from a school in Germany will be visiting us, followed a couple of weeks later by our children visiting them in Germany. This is a wonderful opportunity for all the children to experience life in another country and we hope it will be a fruitful experience for all.

June will continue to be a very busy month with Sports Day, class trips and a Year 6 visit to Staffordshire Kingswood Centre, an outdoor adventure centre which promises to be great fun for the children – and staff!

Helen Brind
Head of School





***Helen Brind who has been
Head of Slip End village School
since September 2017***

Caddington WI



All existing Committee members agreed to remain in office at our May AGM. Other members were prepared to help out at meetings. Sally Ball will be our new County Chairman.

Climbing Kilimanjaro was an interesting talk with slides given by Mel Davis. She had climbed previously and knew what was involved in preparation. She had a lot of training to do over several months which involved walking tens of miles and climbing at altitude to get used to the conditions. Clothes were important due to the different temperatures day and night. All the equipment, including tents and cooking equipment was carried by a team of very strong Sherpas. Social Time was a Letter Jumble. We had to make as many words as possible **from 'Mel Davis Kilimanjaro'**. Carol Jones won with Anna Bartlett second and Judith Husbands **third**. Thanks go to Carol for organising.

The Rose Bowl presentation was carried out by Sue Martin. Well done to Carol Jones for being in First place and Joanne Sherwood in Second and Brenda Stones Third. They all received Vouchers for their effort.

On St. Georges Day we helped in the kitchen with refreshments with a wide variety of cakes to choose from. A really good day with music and dancing - all for Keech Hospice.

For our meeting in June we have a fish and chip supper with memorabilia from our Seaside Days. Speaker on 5th June will be Ann Ledger on the History of the British Seaside. and in July we have a Wine Tasting evening and Coach trip to Ely.

In July Philip Street will be talking about the British Telephone Operator.

Do join us - we meet at the Baptist Church Hall at 7.30 pm on the First Tuesday of each month.

Linda Edwards

Diary Dates: Tues 5th June - Fish & Chip Supper and the History
of the British Seaside
Tues 3rd July - The British Telephone Operator
Tues 7th August - The History of Pinewood Studios

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

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

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

display next year. If left in large clumps the flowers will be small and of poor quality.

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

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



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Good Neighbour Scheme

Simon welcomed everyone to the AGM for the GNS ,which unbelievably is now five years old!

The Scheme is part of a network of thirty eight similar Good Neighbour Groups in Central Beds, all giving help and support to local residents provided by their fellow residents.

The number of requests for assistance in 2018 doubled the 2017 total! In a typical month we do some eighty jobs for clients, nearly a thousand a year. The Scheme continues to flourish and provide essential help when required.

All this activity is carried out by about twenty active volunteers, supported by a bank of eight phone holders, who take requests from clients and match them to an available volunteer. These volunteer resources are becoming very stretched in trying to provide essential services, such as transportation to and from medical appointments and prescription collection. This is in addition to our befriending service, the odd bit of dog walking, garden maintenance and friendly help with letter writing or form filling. The scheme is steered by a committee who meet monthly to address issues as they arise, ensuring

smooth day to day running and organise social events for clients.

In 2017/18 we held four 'T' parties with up sixty residents attending, assisted by our team of helpers, cake makers, tea pourers and washer uppers! Easter bonnets, old fashioned board games and Christmas sing-along's were the order of the day. The raffles always helped to cover the costs on the day. A special thanks to Peter Smith and his Ukele players providing entertainment. You may have seen our magnificent tombola stall at Village Day. Some two hundred prizes helped to raise £300 for our funds. Brilliant and we'll see you again this July.

So, a big thank to all our volunteers, phone holders, committee members and supporters for their contribution throughout the year. We try to make life a little easier for our clients, when family and friends aren't available.

We really do need some more help so if you would like to get involved in some way, either as a volunteer or if you require some assistance with daily life, please call either the Helpline 07513 372 415 (manned 9am to 5pm daily) or email me on smp1511@sky.com.

Thank you. Simon Patterson Chair

Lily & Dave Ackrill

It is with great sadness that I report the loss of Lily and Dave Ackrill, formerly of the Rising Sun who both sadly died this week—Dave on Tuesday 8th May and Lily on the 9th May. They had both been diagnosed with cancer last Summer but bore their illnesses with true grit and determination. They were a remarkable couple loved by many and we never expected them to leave this world so abruptly, without a proper chance to say farewell.

everyone a chance to dress up in their finery and taste Lily's delicious traditional Scottish meals.

Lily was instrumental in setting up the Chatty Club for Over 55's which still continues today in The Frog & Rhubarb. Wonderful afternoons meeting up with friends over numerous cups of tea or coffee and delicious food, plus a raffle and on some occasions a speaker.

Lily and Dave left Slip End in 2013 moving to Uxbridge where her son Jonathan and family lived. Lily worked managing a pub called The Crown.



Lily and Dave moved to Slip End from West London in February 2008 and set about involving themselves wholeheartedly in village life. Charity fund-raising for many different organisations, local causes, quiz nights, music and special theme nights not forgetting the wonderful Burns Night suppers which gave

They were married in 2014 and I had never seen them looking happier.

It was a wonderful day with family and friends. And as usual Lily supplied a feast fit for a King (she could never do small amounts).

They moved to Berkhamsted in 2015 and after a short while Lily managed the Bistro in the town and later was asked to cook at The George in the High Street. She did some of her special theme nights and also Sunday lunches, both a great success. When they both became ill last year they moved to Finchley where Adriana, Lily's daughter was able to look after them.

Lily and Dave visited Slip End this March on Lily's birthday and some of us were lucky enough to meet up at Harpers and share a meal and a chat with them. Despite their illnesses both Lily and Dave seemed happy and were making plans for this year, sadly it was not to be.

Parish News sends its deep condolences to Lily and Dave's families, especially Adriana her daughter, partner Nico and grandchildren Isaiah and Morganne; also to son Jonathan and his wife Charlotte and their five children.

It was a privilege to have known Lily and Dave who were a remarkable couple and will be greatly missed by all who knew them. Adriana is creating a remembrance book about her Mum and Dave so that the grandchildren, especially the smaller ones can read about their extraordinary grandparents in years to come.



Farewell to Lily and Dave in 2013



Some people come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never ever the same'

Rest in Peace dear friends

By Sue Briggs

Slip End PC Annual Meeting

14/05/2018

Central Bedfordshire Report

Richard Stay Kevin Collins

Many of the issues and opportunities that face the Parish have been consistent over a number of years & remain relevant areas for focus during the next year. Doing what we can to ensure that Slip End remains a village, but is able to thrive and grow in the right places remains our biggest challenge.

The Central Beds Local Plan is a complex process and the latest iteration has now been submitted for Examination. CBC have committed to an early review of the Local Plan.

Luton has restated its aspiration to develop West of Luton, but the CBC position is that we have agreed to work together to help meet Luton's unmet housing need, but it is not for Luton to tell CBC where that housing will go. If a further challenge from Luton at the Local Plan Examination is sustained then new significantly higher housing numbers for Central Bedfordshire would inevitably apply and the 7000+ dwellings notionally in the CBC Local Plan to meet Luton's unmet need would probably be needed to meet CBC's own requirements.

We are very pleased to see the local Neighbourhood Plan pass through Examination and it will be put to Referendum in the summer of 2018.

The Neighbourhood Plan is the most current planning document locally & therefore the most relevant in planning policy.

Fly-tipping remains a major issue within the whole area & it is a blight on our Parish. Some successes through the courts do make a difference, but continued vigilance is essential. The Caddington Woods development at Chaul End is now being populated and extra bus stops have already been added in to Caddington routes. It is hoped, as more houses are occupied that the bus network will expand out to places such as Slip End.

Lastly we would want to thank the Parish Council for all the work that they have done for the village and it's hamlets throughout the year.

Slip End Parish Council Annual Report 2018

At the beginning of the year, the second phase of the traffic calming project was completed. The chicane in Markyate Road was replaced with a speed table and the build outs in Front Street were altered to improve visibility when exiting New Street. Also in Front Street, a speed table was installed and the centre line was removed to reduce speeds. Following an article in Parish News asking for feedback on the traffic calming project, we commissioned a speed survey in Lower Woodside Road. We are currently investigating the most appropriate way tackle speeding in this location.

The Parish Council is holding a significant amount of money in the traffic calming reserve. The project so far has been delivered at a significantly lower cost than initially envisaged and is nearing completion. The Parish Council has reduced the amount of money it raises for

this project through council tax and envisages that further reductions should be achievable in future years.

The money from the Traffic Calming reserve has now been moved into a new Parish Improvement Fund. This fund will be used to enable projects that will provide significant enhancements within the Parish including any future traffic calming works. If any residents have suggestions for projects that could be undertaken, please contact the Council.

Development areas identified within the Central Bedfordshire Draft Local Plan included a substantial amount of land around Slip End and Caddington. This would effectively join our Parish to Luton. The Parish Council, in cooperation with Caddington Parish Council, commissioned an external consultant to advise us on the best way to formally challenge this part of the plan. Using this expertise, we submitted extremely strong and valid arguments against this option. The proposals to develop this land have now been removed from the Local Plan.

Legal and General Insurance conducted a public consultation about developing the land between Summer Street and the M1. The feedback from residents was very clear that this proposal was in no way supported by the Parish. The Caddington and Slip End Neighbourhood Plan has now moved forward to the inspection stage. There will be a referendum in 2018 where residents can vote for or against the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council remains wholly committed to maintaining the green belt between our Parish and Luton. The Neighbourhood plan will provide us with another tool to help achieve this goal.

A small amount of building work has been seen around the Parish most noticeably at Prebendal Farm on Grove Road and at the chapel in Pepperstock. A developer has presented plans for two further developments. The first is for a Retirement Village at the border of Slip End on Markyate Road. The proposal would provide three types of accommodation - independent living, assisted living, and full care. The development would also provide additional employment opportunities within the Parish. The other development is for shared ownership starter homes on the caravan storage facility in Half Moon Lane. The developers have kindly agreed to fund the c£80,000 cost of redeveloping Crawley playground if the plans come to fruition.

The budget was maintained this year and we would like to thank the Clerk and Cllr Brennan for keeping us on track. I would also like to thank the Ward Councillors, Kevin Collins and Richard Stay for their support over the past year. A special thank you goes to my fellow Councillors for all their support and advice throughout the year.

Paul Cooper, Chair Slip End Parish Council.

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A correspondent has written to bring our attention to the condition of roads in the Parish. He believes Half Moon Lane is probably one of the worst, particularly after the last repairs some months ago. We are all aware of the difficulties nationally of funding road repairs but he feels that attention to safety is vital. Is he right in nominating this stretch? If you think there more dangerous examples let us know and we will make the appropriate authority aware. parishnews@slipend.co.uk

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. 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 meets 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:

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Steve Lyons, Treasurer (414162) SteveSueLyons@aol.com

1st WOODSIDE BROWNIES

Our girls have now completed their Booklovers Badge and we ended by having each one dressed as a character they had enjoyed reading from one of the books.

The winner was our youngest Brownie, Delsey, who came as Moana

Some of the girls will be having a sleepover at Woodcraft and are very excited about it.



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Friday 1st

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Sunday 3rd

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Rev Nigel Bibbings

Saturday 9th

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning Service ~

Shepherd Kombo

10.30am Sunday School

Tuesday 12th

10.00am ~ 12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am ~ 11.00am Little Lambs

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Service ~ Geoff Best

10.30am Sunday School

Monday 18th

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship

led by Jo Prowse

Sunday 24th

10.30am Circuit Service on Dunstable
Downs

No Service at Aley Green

Wednesday 27th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of

Methodist Homes for the Aged

Saturday 30th

Art Exhibition at Heathfield

Aley Green Preserve Stall

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Our Lent Smartie tubes raised £160.00 and donations received resulted in a grand total of £238.02 for Water Aid. The April Coffee Evening was its usual lively affair with lots of chatter, chuckles and coffee. £65.00 was raised for Keech Hospice Care. This

months Coffee Evening is on Wednesday 27th for Methodist Homes, do join us.

We would like to thank the Caddington Recreation Club and the village committee for inviting us to have a stall at the St. Georges Day event. We ran a Teddy Bears Picnic (a prize every time) and raised £100.00 towards the running of our church. Our Coffee Morning held at the Cricketers, by kind permission of landlord Dave Smith, on 4th May was very well supported by village folk and raised £131.00 for East Anglia Air Ambulance and £131.00 for Aley Green Church funds. Our thanks to Jayne and Denise whose bar duties included making copious cups of tea and coffee. It was lovely to welcome so many people, one lady was celebrating her birthday so we all joined in singing 'Happy Birthday' and she blew out a candle in a cup cake. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

We invite you to 'Take Time' on Friday 1st June, when Deidre, one of our members will be taking about the Kenya Street Kids Project. There will be a collection for the charity and you are invited to stay for refreshments after.

Team AG ran the refreshment Hut at the Allotments Plant Sale and in return we were invited to have a preserve stall, our thanks to the Allotment Committee. We will be selling our preserves at the Art Exhibition at the Heathfield Centre on Saturday 30th June, come along and restock jams, chutney and marmalades, after viewing the works of art.

There will be no service at our church on Sunday 24th June, we are all invited to open air worship on Dunstable Downs from 10.30am. Look for the posters around the village with full details.

Enjoy this beautiful sunny weather.

God's Blessings~

Ann Meader ~ Senior Steward

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**June**

- Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 5th Caddington WI Talk Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Sun 10th Gardening Club—garden visit  
Tues 19th Photography Group (Talk / AV show) Slip End Social Club 8pm  
Fri 22nd Quiz night in aid of Oracle Cancer Trust Slip End Social Club 8pm  
Sat 23rd Help For Heroes Charity Day.. Slip End Social Club 2pm  
Sun 24th Gardening Club—garden visit  
Tues 26th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm

**July**

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

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