

# Parish News

**April 2019**



Wrest Park Gardens

*Alison Wilson*

**Aley Green    Pepperstock**  
**Slip End      Woodside**

## Editors' Notes

*As I sit down to write these notes Members of Parliament have just completed a series of votes on the future of this country. Just what significance each of these three motions have and what legal strength they carry I no longer understand. Whichever way we voted in the referendum on EU membership I believe that there are many, like me, totally confused by what is happening now.*

*I often hear people of my generation speak of the past when they were dealing with whatever problems and opportunities they faced and then recall their fears for their grandchildren who are starting out in this new world. 'It was never like this' is often voiced. No, today is not like yesterday and I am sure my parents and grandparents looked at their developing world and had the same concerns as we do now.*

*In my Slip End history item it is clear from our records that life was difficult and at times very hard, but as always we found a way of coping. We, like them, will find things to smile at. In the end*

*matters are resolved and we seem to be in a better, if not perfect, place. There are still many who make tremendous sacrifices to come here and enjoy that which we take for granted, but which they have been denied.*

*I look out on my garden and see the spring plants staring back at me, encouraging me to be out with them. By the time you read this the clocks will have moved forward, the days are longer and, hopefully, we can say goodbye to Winter. The really important things go on as before.*

*There are many pages in this issue which advertise forthcoming events. They indicate what a vibrant community we live in and encourage us to become involved.*

*There will be an election for the positions of Parish Councillor on 2nd May. Details next time.*

*Alison, my Co-Editor and I thank all those who have contributed to this issue of Parish News and really value any future items or ideas for inclusion. As always we remain non-political and, hopefully, balanced in our presentation.*

*Keith Holme*

*Alison Wilson visited Wrest Park recently and took these lovely shots, together with the image on the cover page, as she went around. You may have seen the BBC Antiques Roadshow which came from there in March*



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## Parish Council Elections May 2nd 2019

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## Notes from St Andrew's

During Lent we have been looking at Jesus' death on the cross – the Bible teaches that we benefit in many ways through Jesus giving up his life for us. One of the things that he achieves is the victory of good over evil.

Shortly before he died Jesus said to his friends and followers: Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. (John 12v31)

“The world” in the Bible generally refers to the cultures and power structures of human society that are set against God's gentle, loving, kingdom ways.

Things like corruption, greed, cruelty, misuse of power, injustice, governmental structures that increase the inequalities, multinational companies that play the system to avoid proper taxation, deceit, slander and manipulation.

When Jesus handed himself over to be crucified – he gave himself up to these evil structures – he gave himself into the hands of people who, through fear or self-interest, were caught up in the evil of this world.

It looked as if evil had won the day. But in reality Jesus was in control - he was laying down his life for us.

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd - I lay down my life for my sheep – no one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own accord. (John 10)

Throughout the suffering of his passion and death he continued, to love and to forgive – to accomplish the calling he was born for – to achieve the salvation of the world.

Paul described the Cross in this way: Christ disarmed the powers and authorities and made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (From Colossians 2v15)

They did their worst – but love triumphed when Jesus rose again and released this victory into the world through those who followed him in his mission.

We do not yet see his salvation in full - but wherever a person receives his forgiveness, is filled with his love and lives in obedience to Gods ways. We see change - we see the prince of this world driven out – a bit at a time, one person or one situation at a time.

“God so loved the world that he gave his only son that who-ever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3v16

As we celebrate this Easter - this is what we celebrate. You are so welcome to come and join in this victory over evil.

Cathy Pullinger

# *Gardening Notes*

## *From Russell Sprout*

*April 2019*



At time of writing we are still getting a lot of wet and windy weather which is making it difficult to get out into the garden but, hopefully by the time you are reading this it will have dried up a bit.

Rhododendrons and azaleas can be transplanted if they need moving or complete the 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 cutting has a bud or shoot on it. Many border annuals can be sown directly into the soil this month to provide a good display of colour and help to suppress weeds. Carry on planting gladioli for a succession of flowers. 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. Divide any large clumps of herbaceous plants that are unsightly and replant the outer strongest shoots discarding the middle weaker ones.

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. There is 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. Re-plant any alpines which lack vigour, or which have been lifted slightly out of the ground. Dig the ground and apply a general fertilizer after lifting these plants.

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. Keep an eye on fruit trees and bushes as they start to blossom and take action against pests and diseases. Tomato plants can be planted in a cool greenhouse now and sow seeds 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.

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.



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.

*Slip End Gardening Club*

# **PLANT SALE**

**Bedding & Vegetable Plants**

**SATURDAY**

**18th May**

**11.00 - 14.00**

**Village Hall**

**Hanging Baskets**

**Perennials**

**Produce**

**Stalls**

**Refreshments**

**FREE ENTRY!**



## **GARDENING CLUB**

**Monday 15th July**

**Guest Speaker**

**Michael Brown**

**“The Language of Flowers”**

**8pm Village Hall**

**New Members Welcome**



# THE HOBBY PAGE

## Card Making

by Veronica Williams and Chris Hooker

Some hobbies are for our own pleasure and do not have any purpose outside the satisfaction of the participant. A pastime which gives both personal fulfilment and a practical, money saving benefit, must be worthy of a second glance.



These days we write fewer letters and use the internet as a our chosen method of communication supplemented by an ever widening range of prepared greeting cards which are not personal to the recipient.

Making your own greeting and message cards shows that you take an individual interest in the person, or group, to whom you are sending a message. This is a hobby which can take as much or as little time and finance as you wish, doesn't take you away from the family and might, eventually, have a financial benefit. You will find that some simple techniques using oil or acrylic paint bring instant added interest. As you see later, there are suppliers of paints, ready cut cards, envelopes with an unimaginable range of items available.

Card making does not need an investment arrangement with your bank! The finished article normally fall into two main types. It is possible to make new cards from ones your have received or purchased before and no longer think useful. Adding a picture or design to a piece of plain card, using your artistic abilities with brush or pen will be very rewarding. The other method again takes a plain card which is embellished by cutting some parts such as raised flowers or patterns and sticking these to new card. with a personal message inside This can be attractive and indicate your thoughtfulness. Some well placed pieces of ribbon or

foam , coloured sticky paper shapes and much more inexpensive material can be recovered from incoming cards before they are consigned to the waste bin. The web is a rich source of the many pieces available from suppliers , but nothing is quite as satisfying as browsing around stores such as *Range* and *Works*, both of which have large shops in our area. We spend many hours getting inspiration from the displays in these places. Nothing beats being able to see and feel. For the more advanced there are embossing and pattern making presses for home use together with cutters to produce items with a really professional appearance.

A suggested starter kit could include:

Pack of square cards and envelopes, double sided Sellotape (easier than glue sometimes) small pot PVC glue, small, good quality scissors, craft knife, self sealing cutting mat, to preserve your table, old birthday cards, "peel offs" words and designs and a METAL ruler. You will then look for "toppers" ( flowers, bows etc.) ribbons, foam pads to raise objects from the card and finally some coloured *permanent* pens

You will see that we have not spent any large sums of money so far. As you develop your skills and discover your particular talents some additional equipment may be needed. In another article it may be possible to indicate how we have found latent abilities that have added to the pleasure of making cards which we would be delighted to pass on.

It can be thought that the mention of a computer is something to turn some away. Access to, and the ability to use some programmes, is very useful, but by no means essential. Its advantages lie in the ability to find a source for supplies and to use as a printing aid on your cards.

This is a hobby which can take as much or as little time and finance as you wish. For help there are groups locally and both Veronica and Chris have offered to help you get started. Their telephone numbers can be obtained from 01582 414709.

There are many people making cards in Slip End and further comment and advice from them would be very welcome. We plan to have a second article in the future to put some different ideas and techniques forward as you progress.



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## Crime Statistics for February 2019

### *The Good the Bad (and ugly?)*

#### **Iley Green, Pepperstock and Woodside**

**Total – 0**

#### **Slip End**

- Theft from a motor vehicle – 2
- Other criminal damage to a dwelling  
(Under £5,000) – 2
- Interference with a motor vehicle – 1
- Theft of a motor vehicle – 1
- Theft if not classified elsewhere – 1
- Attempted - Theft from a vehicle – 1
- Other criminal damage to a dwelling  
(Under £5,000) – 1

***Sending letters etc with intent to cause  
distress or anxiety – 1***

**Total 10**

#### **Caddington**

- Having possession of a controlled drug -  
Class B – Cannabis – 3
- Sexual – 2
- Threats to destroy /damage property – 2***
- Other criminal damage to a dwelling  
(Under £5,000) – 2
- Theft if not classified elsewhere – 1
- Burglary - Residential – Dwelling – 1
- Threats to kill – 1
- Assault no Injury - Common assault 1
- Theft from a motor vehicle – 1
- Unauthorised taking of motor vehicle – 1
- Harassment - people in fear of violence – 1
- Assault occasioning (ABH) – 1
- Having possession of a controlled drug -  
Class A – Other – 1
- Sec 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence  
– 1
- Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under  
£5,000) – 1

**Total - 20**

A resident has expressed frustration when unable to park near his home when places are taken by some homeowners having a commercial vehicle as well as their private car using the limited parking spots..

# Photography Group

## Annual Exhibition

At Slip End Village Hall

Saturday 27th April

from 12:00 to 4:00

**Entrance free**

**Refreshments**





# "Little Lambs"

## Aley Green Methodist Church



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Photo of mum and dad Kris and Lydia Watson

On 3rd March we welcomed the family of Benjamin Watson to St Andrew's Church for his Baptism. Kris used to live in the village and attended Slip End School and his parents Sheila and Alan still live in Summer Street. They had many friends present and after the service they celebrated together at Slip End Village Hall.



Benjamin and big sister Isabel

**SLIP END VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
Reg. charity 300011

**HEREBY GIVE NOTICE OF  
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2019  
AT 7.30 PM 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 the role, please contact the Secretary whose address is below.

Agendas are displayed on local display boards or are available from the Secretary

Residents are invited to propose resolutions in writing to the Secretary, make recommendations or have any matter considered as AOB. Proposed resolutions should be sent to the Secretary by noon, 14 days before the date of the meeting. Details will be given once proposed resolutions are received. A revised agenda will be published 7 days prior to the AGM

Simon Patterson, Secretary. 6a The Grove, Woodside, LU1 4LR. Tel. 01582 419487 email [smp1511@sky.com](mailto:smp1511@sky.com)

13th March 2019



## NEWLANDS PARK

### To Be or Not?

### **What and Where is Newlands Park?**

The 40-acre site at junction 10 of the M1 is one of the most prominent development sites in the UK, and was acquired by Luton2020 Developments in 2015. The development team say that “The Newlands Park development proposal offers the opportunity to create a gateway to Luton which will enhance perceptions, bring in new business, complement the town centre and create over 4,000 new jobs”. The core elements of the plan include up to 42,000 m<sup>2</sup> of high-spec offices, up to 37,000 m<sup>2</sup> of retail trading space –‘anchored’ by a quality department store to complement and enhance existing retail in Luton– plus up to 16,000 m<sup>2</sup> of leisure floor space and a 350-bed hotel.

Newlands Park is south of Stockwood Park Golf Centre which is an Area of Local Landscape Importance as well as a court wildlife site.

The land is currently owned by Luton Football Club who will be using money from the sale of this land to construct a new 23000 seat stadium in Power Court.

Although planning approval has been given work on site will have to wait to see if the project is “called-in” by the Secretary of State or whether it has to go to a Judicial Review.

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## Local and Parish elections - Thursday, 2 May 2019

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## Dates for St Andrew's Church - April

April 7<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Jesus restores our friendship with God

April 14<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise with baptism – Palm Sunday

April 15<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm: Holy Week evening service with Bishop Richard at St. Thomas, Stopsley LU2 7UL

April 16<sup>th</sup>: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service

April 16<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm: Holy Week evening service

April 17<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm: Holy Week evening service

April 18<sup>th</sup>: 7.00pm: Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Agape (last supper meal and service)

April 19<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am: Good Friday Morning Prayer at St Andrew's and then joining with CTC walk of witness starting at Aley Green at 10.30am

April 21<sup>st</sup>: 10.30am: Celebration Communion – Easter Day

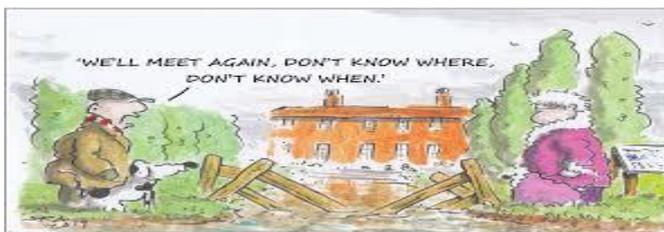
April 28<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise followed by the Annual General Parochial Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter

**Nikki West wishes to give all who donated a BIG thankyou!**

**Just a quick update that the latest box of bras and pants was posted off today and included 150 bras and 35 (new) pants - ladies and children's.**

**This brings the total donated by people in Caddington, Slip End and Markyate to 3562 items since we started 3 years ago!!**

***Many thanks      Nikki West***



## Thanks very much Don!

Since 2001 Don Burford has been walking the field footpaths and bridleways in and around the parish and reporting his findings to the Parish Council each month ahead of our meeting. He submitted his 170th and final footpath report at the end of February. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Don for his input over the last 18 years and thank him for his time and efforts. There is now a vacancy which has to be filled. If there are any residents out there who enjoy a good walk on a monthly basis and would like to take on the role of 'chief walker' the chairman has details of the areas to walk and the Parish Council would like to hear from you. Please email Peter the clerk at [clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk).

### 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. We serve refreshments from 10am and the session starts at 10.30am.

**In April we will meet on the following Wednesdays: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

## Just time to stop for a drink!

But firstly,

I appreciate a letter from *John Cooper* of Crawley Close who wrote to *Parish News* enclosing some copies of documents about the sale and rent of cottages in Pepsal End Lane in 1893. Described as ‘near the Primitive Chapel, Slip End, one document offers a cottage for sale from which an **annual income of no less than £29 15s** was achievable! (£29.45) Offering two rooms downstairs and two bedrooms together with outside facilities including washhouse, closet and ash pit. Included in a large garden there was a soft water tank. Perhaps better value was an offer of five cottages in Stopley, three brick and slated cottages in Slip End and another in Luton all for £65.00! Those were the days! As we move on I am reminded of a recording made by Peter Sellars who is perhaps best remembered as Chief Inspector Cleausau in the Pink Panther films.

It takes the form of an American Travelogue for someone visiting the London Borough of Balham. To misquote Sellers:

*“Slip End, Gateway to the North! As we leave the verdant hills of Pepperstock we reach Front St. with its vibrant traders and their hand painted signs. Soon we reach Coronation Gardens, some three feet above the surrounding land and marvel at the ever-changing light display. Red, Red and amber, green and then back to red.”*

However do not rush down Front St without stopping to look at the sites of the beer-houses which offered ale in addition to the public houses which still trade in the Village. The records at the time are a little unclear, but the Shepherd’s Crook in the 1915 records show that the present numbers 37 and 37a were its location and that The Sheep Shearers was at number 49. However, a resident at number 13 believes that the cellar and access grate outside indicate the possibility of it being at that part of the street. Perhaps the locations of these ‘pubs’ gave rise to ‘Garden Hopping’ in which the gamesters would enter someone’s back garden in New St. and by running through every back garden, eventually reach Church St.

If you were unlucky to catch a string of tin cans, dogs, goats or the inevitable lavatory bucket hole you would be ostracised for the rest of the evening. No doubt the work making bricks was exhausting in the seventeen sites in Caddington and three more in Woodside and Slip End. The Woodside Brick and Tile Works was located on the site of the present Grove in Woodside Mobile Home Park. It had disappeared from maps by 1925

. Two other major brickworks and a brick kiln were shown on old maps. Brick Kiln Three Acres also known as Brick Kiln Field was found on the Grove site. Rossway was the site of a brickfield known as Old Clay Pits before being levelled for housing.

Why so many brickworks? 60 in Bedfordshire producing 'greys' and 'plums' from the local clay which contained a higher than normal degree of iron oxide giving a plum or purplish colour. An excellent quality brick came from the clay containing lime which resulted in a silver grey finish seen in many Luton houses. The removal of the Brick Tax helped to increase the production after 1850.

*The brick tax was a property tax introduced in Great Britain in 1784, during the reign of King George III, to help pay for the wars in the American Colonies. Bricks were initially taxed at 12.5p per thousand. To mitigate the effects of the tax, manufacturers began to increase the size of their bricks. Many buildings by Joseph Wilkes in Measham, Leicestershire, used larger bricks known as Wilkes' gobs'. In 1801 the government responded by limiting the dimensions of a brick and doubling the tax on large bricks.. The level of tax was raised regularly, until its peak of 27.5p per thousand bricks in 1805.*



Just thinking about the back breaking work of brick making makes one thirsty! It starts with the digging of clay by hand and then removing all stones before mixing with water and putting the wet clay into moulds. These were dusted to prevent sticking before being taken to the kilns for firing. If rain came there was a rush to cover the moulds with wood panels.

To overcome their undoubted need for refreshment there were the beer houses mentioned before and several public houses. The oldest was The Harrow in Woodside, established over 200 years ago and now a private residence, The Half Moon in Pepperstock, now Harpers dates from the 19th century, The Plough in Woodside, burnt down in 1897 and then rebuilt, The Rising Sun (or Star) also known as Minnighans, and the Royal Exchange, now the Frog and Rhubarb. The Red Lion, The Spade and The British Workman all are now closed.

I am indebted to early editions of Parish News for much of the background material. Keith Holme



We are having our Easter Party in

The Village Hall on Wednesday

17th April 2.30 to 4.00pm

All residents of Slip End, Pepperstock,  
Aley Green and Woodside over 18 are welcome

**You are invited to**

## **Must Know Stories**

**Holiday Fun Day**

**at St Andrew's Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 pm**

**For children Year 1 to Year 6**

stories, songs, games crafts and fun

the theme of stories Jesus told.

**Parents : If you would like your child(ren) to come please contact Julie Taylor  
for a registration form on 07841 482119 or email  
[duncan.taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:duncan.taylor@btinternet.com) as booking is essential for planning purposes.**

**Free of charge – bring a packed lunch**

## Slip End Photography Group

The photo project for the end of February was “From a low angle” and a number of members brought along photos showing different interpretations of the theme. They included low viewpoint shots of flowers and pictures of tall trees or buildings taken by pointing the camera upwards among other ideas.



**We are now being challenged to find or take pictures of “Food”.**

If you want to see some of our work, please drop in to the Slip End Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. You will be able to see selections of photos taken by our members as well as art by members of the Caddington Art Club. We can even provide refreshment in the form of tea, coffee or squash and cake.

The current programme of events and activities is as follows:-

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April 8pm AGM

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April 12-4pm Annual Exhibition at Slip End Village Hall  
(also featuring Caddington Art Club)

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May to be confirmed

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June 8pm Picture Show & Talk by Andy Sands

These evenings will be at the Heathfield Centre in Hyde Road Caddington and we will gather from about 7:30pm onwards. Otherwise if you want to join us, a number of us can usually be found at the Slip End Social Club on the weeks in between.

**For information contact Andy Prothero [cuntrygardensAP@outlook.com](mailto:cuntrygardensAP@outlook.com) or  
Martin Peck01582581914 or 07771934560**

## Pitch Perfect!

**Congratulations to Steve & Carl Inns of Slip End United who recently came third in the Bedfordshire FA Groundsman of the Year 2019 competition.**



Steve & Carl were nominated anonymously for the award and after several site visits from the organisers of the competition they were highly commended for the excellent work carried out at the pitch located behind St Andrews Church in Church Road.

Steve and Carl took on the responsibility of the pitch maintenance and surrounding field for Slip End 3 years ago, and through their engagement with the FA's Pitch Improvement Programme, with financial help from Slip End Parish Council and a fountain of knowledge from Barry Hutchings and Andy Prothero, the pitch, field drainage and surface condition has vastly improved the playing surface.

This season they haven't had to cancel any games through the condition of the pitch not being good enough and they are looking forward to continuing the hard work to keep the pitch in the excellent condition it is now.

Through the Beds FA Competition Steve & Carl have both won a place on an upcoming Institute Of Groundsmanship (IOG) qualification to further support the great work they've done so far.

For more information on the competition please go to [www.bedfordshirefa.com/news/2019/feb/21/groundsman-of-the-year-2019](http://www.bedfordshirefa.com/news/2019/feb/21/groundsman-of-the-year-2019)



Photo shows Steve (5th from left) and Carl (2nd from right) with the members of the FA Groundsman Competition.



# Slip End Village School

March always brings an annual treat to Slip End Village School when we celebrate World Book Day and this year was no different. Our whole school community came together and paid homage to their favourite characters from a diverse collection of literature. This year there was a variety of shop bought and home-made costumes that wowed us all.

We had several learning activities throughout the day linked to authors and stories. The teachers swapped for one session and shared a story with a different class which was very exciting for all. The children also enjoyed time together in their house teams where their captains led learning activities. Our helpful volunteers were given the tough task of judging the best dressed awards – an incredibly hard job due to the impressive effort made by parents, children and staff.

The children also brought in books to school that they no longer wanted and donated them to a book swap. During assembly all the books were displayed on our stage and throughout the morning children could come and take a book. It was a wonderful way of recommending and sharing stories.

Recently FoSELS donated money to our school to replenish our books both in our reading scheme and in the school library. Just this week boxes of books have arrived and are being prepared for the shelves! We are truly grateful for this donation and the wonderful reading resources it has provided for the children.

Helen Brind  
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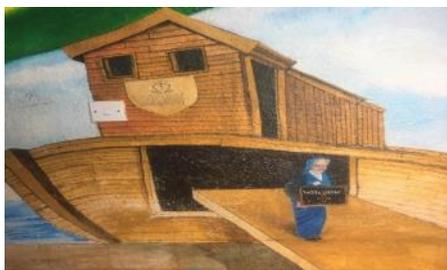
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## NOAH Enterprise Welfare Centre *by Sue Briggs*

A few weeks ago a few friends and I from St Andrew's Church visited the homeless shelter in Luton called NOAH. It had been started approximately 30 years ago as a kind of soup kitchen by an inspiring nun called Sister Eileen in the same place as now (Park Street, Luton). We were shown around the premises by one of the staff members, Annette, who has worked there for 13 years and is very committed to the work of helping the homeless.



and games to encourage everyone to communicate.

Visitors to NOAH can get breakfast and/or dinner at the Park Street premises and if they are in receipt of social payments they are asked to contribute a small amount for their meals. They serve an average of 70 dinners per day. There is a resettlement coordinator to help with job applications and housing problems. They can also offer different courses at their academy and are able to use the old University building to put people up for up to four weeks who have no funding or jobs. Their regular clients are mainly Eastern Europeans who cannot get work. They end up sleeping rough and then get hooked on drugs and end up with addiction issues. NOAH works with clients to try and help them and if all fails try to get the money to fly them home.



They are able to provide hot showers for men and women and also have a small laundry facility which can be used by visitors which is a great help. Charlotte works there helping the many Eastern Europeans who cannot speak English and also helps others with completing forms, CV's and PC help. She organises special classes with quizzes



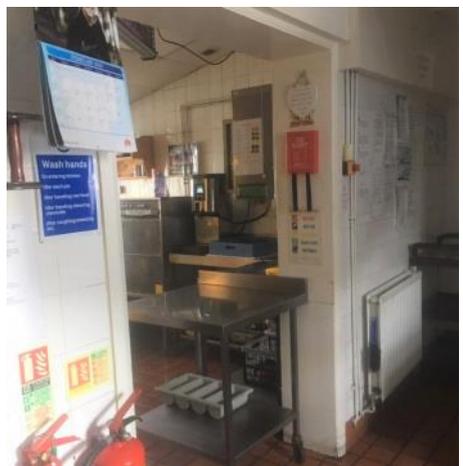
They have a doctor who visits NOAH once or twice a week and also a dentist weekly. Every six months a unit comes from London and they are able to collect many homeless with chest problems etc from the hostels. They come with chest physicians and nurses who give flu vaccines and test for TB and HIV. If anyone shows signs of TB they are able to help get them treatment. In January they diagnosed eight cases.

They also have an outreach team which goes out on the streets along with night time support. A very worthwhile charity who are always very grateful for donations of good clothing, bedding, toiletries, food etc. If you can help please take any donations to NOAH in Park Street. They are also happy to give tours for anyone interested to see for yourself the good work that is carried out by the Noah staff and many volunteers. For further details [www.noahenterprise.org](http://www.noahenterprise.org) - Offering hope and support to people struggling against homelessness and exclusion.

We were able to take along a large pile of t-shirts for the homeless and thanked Annette for taking the time to tell us all



about the work they are involved in  
*Poster in their entrance hall — very apt.*



*Kitchen at NOAH*

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**Which package to choose?** For most people, one of the free packages should be adequate. However, if you do a lot of work on your PC or laptop a lot of online transactions, you might decide to invest in a paid-for version of the package. The difference generally is that the paid-for versions have extra features which, in theory, should increase your safety level and make it less likely that the hackers can get in.

The most popular free package is AVG Free, probably followed by Avast Free. Ironically they are both now owned by the same company! Either would be a good option.

The main downside of the free packages is they have nag screens which pop up every so often suggesting you are at risk of x y or z unless you install an extra feature which then leads to subscribing to the paid-for version. These popups generally cannot be turned off, that's the price of freedom!

Of the traditional paid-for packages, the most well know are **Norton** and **McAfee**. They are often installed as a 6 month trial when you buy a new PC. Of the two, Norton is generally considered better in terms of level of protection, McAfee has a rather patchy record. **If you decide you would rather have a free package such as AVG, make sure you uninstall Norton/McAfee first. Having two installed security packages is a recipe for disaster as they will fight each other and may reduce your PC to a quivering wreck.**

Whatever you decide, make sure your package has the latest updates installed, the updates generally are issued at least once a day, and sometimes more often. In theory the updates get installed automatically, but it is always good to check. If you open your security package it should show you the status and whether any action is required. Be careful with the free packages as some of the 'warnings' may just lead you to subscribing to the paid-for version.

Finally, make sure Windows Update is up to date, as many of the updates are issued to plug security holes in Windows.

*Thank you Tony –Ed*

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

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## Slip End Book Club

The book which we were reading for March was *The Woman in the Window* by AJ Finn (about an agoraphobic person who witnesses a crime...

Other books chosen for the next couple of months are books on the Richard and Judy Book list:-

30th April *Uncommon Type* by Tom Hanks (a selection of short stories with a theme tying them together)

21st May *Dear Mrs Bird* by AJ Pearce

We usually meet on the **last Tuesday of the month** but avoid half term and other holidays where possible. If you love to read, feel free to join us on one of those days at the **Frog and Rhubarb at about 8:30pm.**

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*Thank you. Sue Briggs*

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**April**

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W4

led by Jo Prowse

**Sunday 7th**

10.30am Morning Service ~ Lorna  
Martin

10.30am Sunday School

**Monday 8th**

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship  
W5

led by Jo Prowse

**Tuesday 9th**

10.00am ~ 12.00pm 'Cakes &  
Company'

10.30am ~ 11.00am Little Lambs

**Saturday 13th**

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

**Sunday 14th**

10.30am Morning Service ~  
Elisabeth Bibbings

10.30am Sunday School

**Friday 19th Good Friday Walk of  
Witness** 10.30am start at Aley Green

**Sunday 21st Easter Day**

10.30am Morning Service ~ Geoff  
Best

10.30am Sunday School

**Wednesday 24th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening ~ Mission  
Direct

**Sunday 28th**

10.30am Morning Service ~ Roger  
Owers

10.30am Sunday School

Communion

**Sunday 5th May**

9.30am Morning Service ~ Rev Nigel  
Bibbings

We were pleased to share in the World Day of Prayer service on 1st March at St Thomas' Catholic Church, organised by representatives from the five village churches under the leadership of Joyce Archibald. The service written by the women of Slovenia entitled 'Come - Everything is Ready' was very moving, with beautiful music and hymns. We were pleased that some members of All Saints Choir were able to lead the singing, and even sang a chorus in Slovene. Thank you to Joyce for her guidance, to Deidre who made the beautiful banner and to all who supported and attended the service. The offering totalled £219.40. We look forward to the 2020 service *Rise! Take Your Mat & Walk* written by the women of Zimbabwe. Our Ecumenical Lent Fellowship got off to a good start with 11 people attending, do join us for the last two studies as we approach Easter. The Good Friday Walk of Witness starts at Aley Green with a short worship and a hymn and then we walk to St. Thomas', on to the Village Green, All Saints and finally the Baptist church. Our usual Hot Cross Buns and Coffee after the last worship.

Cont...

We were pleased to welcome a new 'Little Lamb' in March. The Little Lambs Club (for pre school children,) meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 10.30am for story time, singing, activities and fun. Then it's playtime for the Little Lambs and coffee time for mums and nanas. No charge ~ do join us.

As is our practise at Aley Green Methodist Church we raise money for Water Aid at Easter. Over the years we have issued Smartie Tubes to be emptied of sweets and filled with money for the charity. This year we have used our new 'Cash Sacks' for the first time. Our dear friend, the late Jill Rumney made us lots of draw string bags for collecting the cash

for our charities, no Smarties this year but some Rose's chocolates instead.

Our February Coffee Evening for Leaders of Worship & Preachers Trust raised £50.50. The April Coffee Evening will be raising funds for Mission Direct.

Our Minister Rev Nigel Bibbings has been on Sabbatical for three months, spending some time in West Bengal at the Sarenga hospital maternity unit ,tiling and upgrading the ward. We look forward to his return to Aley Green on 5th May.

May the Lord bless and keep you in His love.

Ann Meader ~ Senior Steward

## **Parish Council Meeting March 2019**

The March meeting was a routine occasion with time given to the planning applications submitted. The proposed development of Newlands Park, covered elsewhere in this issue, was of particular interest. It is uncertain if the proposed site will proceed and will probably need Government review.

Preliminary consideration of the steps necessary to conduct a **Parish Council Election, to be held on May 2nd,**

for which there are many nominations .

Names of the candidates and confirmed voting venue will appear next time.

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

- Mon 1st Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 2nd Caddington WI—Guest Speaker Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Tue 9th WI Group Meeting at Caddington - Baptist Hall 7:30pm  
Fri 12th Holiday Fun Day—St Andrew's Church 11—3  
Tues 16th Photography Group—AGM — Heathfield Centre 8pm  
Wed 17th GNS Easter Party Village Hall 2:30—4pm  
Fri 26th COPD Day -British Lung Foundation- 4 The Oaks 11 am  
Sat 27th Photography Group Exhibition—Village Hall 12 — 4  
Sat 27th Community Coffee morning St Andrew's Church 10— 12

## **May**

- Thurs 2nd** Election Parish Council  
Tues 7th Caddington WI Annual Meeting Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Mon 13th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Sat 18th Gardening Club - PLANT SALE—Village Hall 11-2  
Mon 20th Village Hall AGM  
Sat 25th Community Coffee morning St Andrew's Church 10 - 12

## **June**

- Tue 18th Photography Group—Picture Show and Talk-Andy Sands

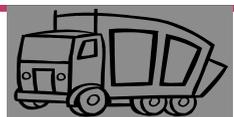
## **July**

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