

# Parish News



The Gardening Club  
members have been  
busy!  
Plant sales and  
garden visits



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



**July & August  
2019**

## Editors' Notes

Firstly, an apology... Some of the contact details for the Parish Councillors, listed in last month's magazine, were not correct. Please note that ALL Parish Councillors now have a special email address through the new Parish Council Website mentioned last month. See the Information pages for the corrected contact details.

One of my interests is in Family and Local History. This month we have two pieces of local history for you. Firstly, a photo sent by a friend of Nikki West. Secondly, we heard from Phil Edwards, whose family once had a high profile in Slip End, thanks to his grandparents, George and Emily who raised no less than 12 children in the village. Phil's father was one of them and he grew up in a Slip End surrounded by uncles and aunties. George, a builder, played an important role in the building of the Village Hall and his son, Peter Edwards had the playing fields named in his honour as a result of the tireless work he put in to see them established.

Another of the 12 children, Ethel Ruckwood (formerly Edwards), wrote a memoir of her early years in the village before her death and he thought this might be of interest as a piece of Slip End history. Phil's grandfather moved to Slip End in 1900 so Ethel grew up in the first years of the last century. The family occupied two houses in Summer Street, no. 24 where Phil grew up and no. 85.

The whole memoir is too long for Parish News so I have selected some excerpts to include in this issue. I hope to arrange to pass on the complete text to be added to the history section of the village website.

May saw the Gardening Club Plant sale in the Village Hall. As I was on a ramble admiring countryside near Harlington, (including Bunyan's Oak—a really ancient tree) others have kindly provided photos of the day.

The end of May and the start of June were busy times for me and for my family. We travelled to Leeds where our younger son, Ian, now lives. We gathered with other family members and many guests, who travelled from as far as London and the south and Devon, in order to celebrate the Wedding of Ian to Amy Payne. Amy is an opera singer with Opera North.

The service was held in the beautiful and historic Methodist Chapel in Heptonstall, near Hebden Bridge and the reception in a marquee at a pub near Halifax. Our older son, Peter, was the Best Man. The music in the service was amazing (lots of professional musicians!) and overall we had a lovely day. *Alison Wilson*



*Brothers!*



*Parents*



*Two former  
Slip End  
residents—  
Charlotte and  
Edward Avern  
and Ed's wife  
Bea*



VILLAGE DAY is almost here and we are hoping for another successful and fun day that will bring many of the people in our villages together. We just need you to support the day now, to help local groups, charities and small businesses to raise money. All profits from the raffle, barbecue and bar go straight into the Community Projects Group so the money can be used for projects, improvements and to help local groups in our Parish.

Take a look at the Village Day leaflet delivered through your door or at one of the posters around the area and you will see that there is something for everyone to enjoy. Games, bouncy castles, the steam train, Teaching Talons animal display, Pepperstock Archers and, to challenge your strength, the Bungee Run sponsored by the Citroen Garage and one of Bell Classics cars to admire and a good selection of stalls. Plus, of course the bar, barbecue, teas and coffees on the patio or in the church and the ice cream van.

Events in the arena are:

11.30 :Punch and Judy

12.30: Rock Choir

1.30: Bounce

2.15: Irish Dancing

2.45: Punch and Judy

3.30: Raffle Draw



**VILLAGE DAY  
AT SLIP END PLAYING FIELDS**

Raffle tickets are now selling in the Social Club, Frog and Rhubarb, Rising Sun and the Plough and via some other clubs and groups in the village. Amazing prizes on offer – so make sure you get your tickets at £1 each from one of them or on the day. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MORE PEOPLE TO HELP US WITH THE EVENT. If you could help for an hour or so on Friday or on Saturday we could really use your help.

Contact us on 0795 858 7595 or 0781 0002 942 or via our email

[slipendvillageday.com](http://slipendvillageday.com) or via facebook.

*Thank you in advance from Tracey, Jill & Nikki*



# **St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Mornings**

**On Saturday Mornings  
10.00 am to noon  
at St Andrew's Church**



**Tea, coffee, conversation and good company**

**We will be holding the Community Coffee mornings on the last Saturday of the month. Upcoming dates include:-**

**27th July, 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and 26<sup>th</sup> Oct ...**

**Dates will appear in the diary page.**

**Drop in at any time All welcome**

**If you would like to bring along a table-top game like dominoes or cards please do**

**Contact us on 480391 if transport is a problem.**

## **Community Coffee update**

Our community coffee has now been running for three months and has been enjoyed by members of our community. Last month some of St Andrew's singers gave us a little entertainment while they rehearsed.

We skipped a month in June due to a wedding but return in July on 27th. We are also serving refreshments in the Church for Village Day on 6th July.



## SLIP END GARDENING CLUB

We held our biennial Plant Sale at the Village Hall on Sat 18th May and despite the weather and the competition from Markyate and Caddington Plant Sales, we had a very successful day. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. Thanks also go to the following local businesses who very kindly supported us by donating raffle prizes: **Slip End Garage; Slip End Social Club; The Frog & Rhubarb and The Plough, Woodside**, which were very much appreciated. The money raised will go towards the hire of the Village Hall, paying for Speakers to talk to us on garden related subjects several times a year, sponsorship of the flower beds in Crawley Close and the occasional coach outing. (See photos opposite)

The two garden visits in June were to Pirton Village (Hitchin) where 18 gardens were open and to Woburn Village where 18 gardens were also open. This was our second visit to Pirton and there were a large number of very interesting gardens both large and small. (See photos opposite) Report on Woburn Village next issue.

Future garden visits are given below:-

Sun. 14 Jul. NGS 102 Cambridge Rd St Albans

Sun. 21 Jul. NGS 11 Culver Road St Albans

Sun. 11 Aug NT Ascot House Gardens, Wing, L. Buzzard

*PN Gardening Correspondent*

## GARDENING CLUB

### Monday 15th July

#### Guest Speaker

Michael Brown - "The Language of Flowers"

8pm Village Hall

New Members Welcome    Guests & Visitors £2





*Tasty looking cakes also available*



*Garden Visits*





**Caddington WI** meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Baptist Church Hall in Caddington at 7:30pm There is usually a Speaker as well as a monthly competition. New members and visitors are always welcome. *Report from Linda Edwards on page 12*

## Slip End Allotments Association

Please note:- If you require an Allotment, please ring one of our committee members

Steve Wickens 01582 423622

or

Derrick Worlsey 01582 736892

### All about Planning

**Applications submitted since our last issue:-**

**Application CB/19/01576/Full**

Submitted 4/06/19

1 The Oaks, Slip End, LU1 4AB

Erection of two storey side extension

**Awaiting decision**



**Clearing up after the customers!  
Well done!**

Following items last month about litter picking, one resident sent us this photo



## Report on Parish Council Meeting 3rd June 2019

Cllr Minnighan took the Chair in the absence of Cllr Paul Cooper.

### **Playground Refurbishment.**

Cllr Minnighan said that she and Mr. Prothero will be meeting the contractor at the Playground tomorrow to discuss timings and any likely issues with the project. There may be an extra cost to clear the overgrown area to the rear of the playground.

It was agreed to get the Playground ROSPA inspected after installation.

### **Community Improvement Fund**

The Chair said that all the hanging baskets have now been installed and are looking lovely. Notes will be left on cars which have been parked under street lights containing a basket and thus may be subject to water drips.

The Chair thanked Mr. Prothero for all his hard work getting the project up and running and both his and Debbie Prothero's ongoing involvement in watering every basket on a regular basis.

### **Parking Issues**

A resident wished to complain about the amount of Airport Parking in Summer Street. He had recently moved in and said that it is getting out of hand now the summer has arrived. Even though he has off-road parking, holiday makers are parking in such a way that it is causing inconvenience accessing his driveway. He asked for the recent amendments to CBC regulations on parking in residential areas to be considered. He was interested to know the views of other residents of Summer St and other roads affected. The Chair said they had previously looked at Resident Parking Zones and costs involved. CBC seemed reluctant to enforce any restrictions.

We had previously asked residents for their views via the Parish News, but received little feedback and also at the time of the traffic calming proposals. The Resident said he would be happy to canvass residents of Summer street to see if they see it as a problem worth following up, and this was agreed.

Another resident asked what relationship we had with the parking companies, as originally they only picked up residents at the bus stop but now seem just to pick up anybody. A suggestion that they should only pick up within the Airparks boarding area had been rejected due to Health and Safety concerns. It was suggested that if a letter was written to the **Parish News** raising the matter again, seeking support the Editors would consider inclusion.

Cllr Collins said that there has been a delay in considering the three Care Home applications. This is now scheduled for July. The Local Plan is progressing well through week 1 of the Inspection stage, but there is a possibility that they may question the Appendix containing future growth projections and may dispute the housing numbers put forward. If CBC needs to include more housing numbers, then Bushwood may raise its head again.

The next meeting will be on July 1st at 7.00pm

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**Caddington WI** First of all, our condolences go to the family of our ex-President, Sue Martin, who sadly passed away recently. Sue had been our President for the past ten years and was on many committees around the village. She was a hard working member of the community and will be greatly missed.

Our Speaker in June was Sally Seddon. 'Investing in a Fairer World' was her subject. Sally represented several Fairtrade charities around the world, to help raise money for very poor families. The families produce items for tourists to buy, to help them afford to feed their families and have a decent lifestyle. It is important we buy Fairtrade goods to help. Sally gave an interesting talk and we asked her many questions. Carol Jones made a cake and we all had to guess the flavour - Carol has got through to the next round of the Centenary Bake Off. The flavour was Parsnip and the cake very tasty. Our competition this month was "An Unusual Tin". This was won by Sallie Stonestreet with Joan Bean second and Valerie Dallinger third. Our Darts team is doing very well with winning their first two matches. They now practice at The Chequers in Caddington should you like to go along.

In July, we have one of our own members, Joan Bunyan, talking to us about "Life On The Farm". This should be very interesting as it is about her life when she was younger.

We are looking forward to an afternoon tea at Redbourn Golf Club in August. Also at our August Meeting, we have Nick Hill on "Independent Custody Visiting" in the County (Luton Police Station). The Group is organising a Fish and Chip Supper in Studham on 27th September and we have our Birthday Party which will include entertainment and supper. It is planned to go to Rochester Christmas Market in December. You can see we have some interesting things going on in our WI. *(see p8 for meeting information)* Linda Edwards

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## Gardening Notes

As I write this article I can't believe how cold the weather is for the time of year, hopefully by the time you are reading this it will have warmed up and we will all be enjoying some warm sunny weather.

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 dis-bud 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. Prune deciduous shrubs such as Jasmine and Philadelphus after flowering by removing spent flowers and weak shoots. Gladioli will not need staking for normal garden use but keep well watered and weed free. 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 Wallflowers 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 alpine plants 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.

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. 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. 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. 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. Keep pinching out the side shoots of tomato plants (except bush varieties) to get decent size fruits. 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.

You should now be enjoying the fruits of your labour as plenty of fresh vegetables, such as lettuce, carrots, beetroot, potatoes, cabbage and broad beans are large enough to harvest and the garden should be in full of colour as Mother Nature amazes us once again, so till next month, happy gardening.

***Russell Sprout***

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# **Aley Green Methodist Church**

## **Services and Diary Dates**

### **JULY**

**Friday 5th**

2.30pm ***'Take Time'***

Rev Jenny Spouge ~ Sizanani Home

**Sunday 7th**

10.30am Morning Service ~ Chris Fox

10.30am Sunday School

**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

**Monday 15th**

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship  
led by Jo Prowse

**Sunday 21st**

10.30am Morning Service Richard Armiger

10.30am Sunday School

**Wednesday 24th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of  
Action for Children

**Sunday 28th**

9.30am Morning Service ~ Geoff Best

**Tuesday 30th**

3.00pm Talk & Tea at Three  
Rev Nigel Bibbings

### **AUGUST**

**Sunday 4th**

9.30am Morning Service & Communion  
Rev Nigel Bibbings

**Saturday 10th**

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

**Sunday 11th**

9.30am Morning Service Local Arrangement

**Tuesday 13th**

10.00am ~ 12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am ~ 11.00am Little Lambs

**Sunday 18th**

9.30am Morning Service ~ Bob Squires

**Monday 19th**

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship  
led by Jo Prowse

**Sunday 25th**

9.30am Morning Service ~ John Enejo

**Wednesday 28th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening ~ World Vision

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A reminder that from Sunday 28th July our Summer services will be held at 9.30am

The May Coffee Evening raised £87 for Christian Aid, thank you to all who supported us. Do pop along to our July and August gatherings. We have lively chat over coffee and tea with cake and sausage rolls whilst raising funds for Action for Children and World Vision. Hopefully by then summer will have arrived and we will have warm sunny evenings.

At our *Take Time* on Friday 5th July we will be hearing about the Sizanani Home in South Africa. Light refreshment will be served.

The Little Lambs Club / play group continues through the school holidays. We look forward to seeing our Little Lambs possibly with their older siblings. All the usual activities and plenty of time for play after, while mums and nanas have a coffee and chat.

Our Ecumenical Fellowship meetings also continue through the summer months, everyone welcome. Lively discussions in a warm friendly atmosphere.

On Tuesday 30th July at 3pm our minister Rev Nigel Bibbings will be telling us all about his recent sabbatical including his visit to the Sarenga hospital West Bengal India to work refurbishing the maternity wards. We will be tucking into a **full** Aley Green style Afternoon Tea after the talk, tickets are £5 and all proceeds will go to the Sarenga Hospital. (Tickets available from Ann (733668) and Lorna (412556))

We hope you all enjoy the holidays, whether at home or away.

May God Bless you Ann, Senior Steward

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

### **July**

July 7th: 10.30am: Informal Communion – You are given authority

July 14<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise – The Good Samaritan

July 16<sup>th</sup> : 11.00am: Woodside Care Home Service

July 21st: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Martha and Mary

July 28<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Teaching on Prayer

### **August**

Aug 4<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Informal Communion – The parable of the Rich Fool

Aug 11<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Do not be afraid little flock

Aug 18<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Truth divides

Aug 25<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Healing on the Sabbath

## **Little Stars for July & August**

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 term time we will meet on the following Wednesdays: 3rd, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July at St Andrews and then, during the Summer Holidays, there will be a programme of events and outings - see the information on the church lych gate notice board



## A message from St Andrew's

I first attended St Andrew's Church when my elder son was a baby (he's now 22!). As a young mum I struggled to attend regularly but did the Alpha course (for those exploring Christianity) when my second son came along and I wanted him baptised. I drifted away again due to the pressures of keeping all the plates spinning in my life and got to the point of feeling "not good enough" to come to church. I'm sure that God was metaphorically banging his head against the wall at that.

Fortunately he had Jan on his side, and she simply invited me back. It felt like I'd been given permission to come back to church and I didn't need to wait until I was "good enough". Things have moved on pretty far since then. Although I'm sure God still bangs his head against the wall at some of the dumb things I do, he has also sent an invitation of his own which is to be a lay minister and so, after three years of study, I am going to be licensed as a Reader on 7th July.

Someone sent me this piece below via face-book. It is a variation of a poem by Carol Wimmer which shows that you don't need to wait until you are "good enough" to come to church. Grace is what it's all about – the under-served love of God.

*Julie Taylor, About to be licensed Reader*

### ***I am a Christian***

*When I say that "I am Christian" I am not shouting that "I am clean living" I am whispering that "I was lost but now I am found and forgiven."*

*When I say that "I am Christian" I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.*

*When I say that "I am Christian" I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need his strength to carry on.*

*When I say that "I am Christian" I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting that I've failed and need God to clean my mess.*

*When I say that "I am Christian" I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.*

*When I say that "I am Christian" I still feel the sting of pain. I have my heartaches so I call upon His name.*

*When I say that "I am Christian" I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner that received God's good grace somehow!*



This photo was taken around 1963 or 1964. It shows residents of what is now The Grove, behind the Plough. Where there are now garages, there used to be a village green and the site had a shop (shown in the background) and behind that there was a building for baths and washing. The site was owned by Ned Brown who we think died in 1965 – apparently Ned used to organise social activities like this dressing up party.

The photo was given to me by Odette and Tricia Thomas who were small children at that time and lived there between 1963 and 1973 when they moved to Sundon Park (and then eventually back up North).

Their mum, Ethel Thomas is standing at the back – far left. Her husband, Gilbert Thomas, worked for Vauxhall, I think where Airparks is now.

In May 2019, Odette and Tricia came back to visit Slip End for the first time in over forty years. They had clear memories of the Village Hall and we also went in the Social Club which they remember being half the size and with a big cobbled yard. Odette remembered being at school with a girl whose Mum owned or worked in the Social Club around that time. They also remember a teacher at the school called Mr Phillips.

If any of you remember the Thomas family or recognise anyone in the photo, please get in contact with me so I can let Tricia and Odette know.

Thanks, *Nikki West, 43 Summer Street, Slip End*

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They wanted to see their new house. They soon found it – the first one in a row of cottages. It was near a baker’s establishment, and at first they did not like it. “It will, perhaps” said mother “be better inside”... One of their neighbours to be came in with a pot of tea and some little cakes. “Poor things. You must be tired”. She told them of what amenities there were in the village. A butcher came out from the town, and a grocer once a fortnight. Several farms around also provided milk, butter, fresh eggs and poultry, pork in season. The villagers mostly worked on the farms and the women went to their farmers’ wives to housekeep. There were three pubs, one at each corner. A Methodist chapel, a new church, not yet quite finished. A large house, occupied by the Squire, Sir John Sambrook Crawley, who had the church built, and who was the owner of most of the farms.

...As time went on we got acclimatised and I was taken to the small school. One thing it contained I have never seen or heard of anywhere else – the babies’ class was made of steps that went up to the ceiling. The youngest had the first row, and the elder children went higher up according to age. It was taken away before I left the small children’s part, but I do remember it very well.... I do remember how pleased we were with it because our teachers did not want to go up and down when we needed correction. We could do all sorts of tricks when we sat above the teachers, for they could not reach us in time.

The village was not a nice one, oblong with no pretty front gardens as other country places...All the gardens were at the back enclosed in four streets of small cottages. We got used to it in time, because if the place was ugly, the country lanes were lovely, and there were woods full of larch and spinneys full of primroses and bluebells not so very far away. ... One unused pit was a great favourite... It was my delight to run up and down the steep sides. I would climb the old trees, swing on a loose piece of fence, and it was the place for rare summer flowers and the blackberries were the best for miles around.



We had to go to church three times on Sunday, we never missed a Christmas treat or an outing. A long way sitting in a brake drawn by three strong horses. Attendance was very good just beforehand and some children's names appeared on two or three lists giving them one or two treats before they were spotted. At the summer treat we usually had a large tent because of the unpredictable weather, but the thing I remember most is the Squire and one or two of the farmers throwing sweets on the grass and we scrambled for them, ran races, sang our school songs and ran about like mad things.

We liked best the days when we went to Stockwood, the home of the Squire. There we were given the run of the lovely park and garden with the exception of the kitchen garden with its delectable fruits. Not that we minded that, as we always came home with large bags of fruit, apples, creamy-white gooseberries, strawberries and red and white currents. Sometimes if the season was a good one we had grapes. Bags of fruit also went to the ones that were sick. Sometimes I think the old times were best – but we were young and in love with life and ourselves. Two daughters belonged to the Squire, and they always chose us as partners in the games and competitions. They instigated an Easter treat – hiding eggs everywhere in the garden for us to find. We liked that...

My father was a very amiable man – he liked people and got on well with most of them. He was always pleased to get help and would generously return a favour. He loved the little church and always did the small repair jobs in which my father was helped by his sons. While working on consecrated ground he would never allow singing or whistling... He filled his land up with a large workshop, bought several loads of timber cheap, and there not being room enough he bought up the old tin church which was on the point of tumbling down, but would give shelter to most of the materials he bought second-hand and used them in the rebuilding of his work. When a boy, he had learned carving and several small pieces were about the house, the best one being a fireplace surrounding the kitchen fire.

Now there was interesting news. A zoo of wild animals was to be built not far away at Whipsnade, a tiny village not far from Dunstable, up on high ground.. It was mainly for sick animals from the London Zoo. The air was fresh, but very cold. A few popular animals were kept because it became a great attraction and it was always full of people.

...On May Day the village was early astir, dozens of gardens gave up flowers. White frocks were put on with many injunctions to sit still now you are ready and don't get your frock dirty. Everything was satisfactory. The sun shone, the flag flew beautifully on top of the flag pole... Then... After a few months went by we were astonished to hear that war had been declared with Germany. There was a terrible to-do in our village. Half the men were reservists and were called up at once. Mothers and children cried and others waited outside for their telegrams. Next day we were surrounded by an army of soldiers taking a breath from marching...soon everyone was making tea and snacks and little cakes for them....

## Slip End Photography Group

Andy Sands (Macro photographer) was our speaker on 18th June. At the end of May we had an evening showing photographs from the latest project– landscapes. Members showed a good selection of recent and other photos. At the same time we looked at some of the results of a successful evening of portrait photography. One member had brought her daughter and nephew along as models for the evening and they were very patient and did a great job.

At our next more formal meeting on 16th July we hope to have one of our members bringing his Field Mice along to be photographed. This evening should take place at the Playing Fields, assuming the weather is suitable.. We hope to round off the summer with an evening's Travelogue Picture show in September (Tues 17th). The aim is for members to select a small number of photos to show what they have been photographing over the "Summer". We then hope to have an invited visitor to help us with a "Critique evening" in October. Other future dates include projects and/or possible outings on 2nd July and 6th August (details to be arranged) Should the weather be inclement on those days then we may choose to go out on the Tuesdays in between.

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## Slip End Book Club

If you like to read and would enjoy joining with others to choose and read something different occasionally, we meet at the Frog and Rhubarb pub at 8:30pm usually on the last Tuesday of the month, though this varies at times due to school holidays etc. We are not all available every time but try to read the books anyway, if we can. I find that sometimes the books are not those I would normally read which broadens my range of reading matter.

Books for the next few months are as follows:

30th July Wendy Mitchell "Somebody I used to know"

27th August Heather Morris "The Tattooist of Auschwitz"

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*Alison Wilson*

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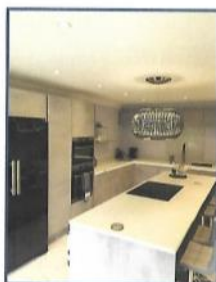
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We need some younger people to join our committee. If you are interested, then please call Barbara on 01582 414796 or Gillian on 01582 723109 or see Shirley or Michael.

This year we took the Senior Citizens to Hastings. The weather was kind to us but the wind was very blowy. We had a nice ride there and back thanks to Alan, our driver.

*Gillian Plummer*

*Secretary, SEADA*

## **Boxing—Jason Cunningham**

Titles Jason holds are as follows:-

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*Note:*

*A number of members of the Social Club support Jason and travel regularly to watch his fights. We wish Jason much luck.*

# Slip End Village School

At Slip End Village School we were very proud of our children during their recent assessments. They remained calm and determined at all times and we are looking forward to celebrating their achievements later in the term. The assessment period is a very busy time in school and the staff, pupils and parents all worked hard together to ensure everyone was supported. Every child showed great resilience.

Last half term came to a muddy end for our Year 6 pupils who enjoyed their residential trip to Norfolk. The children visited Aylmerton Field Study Centre for a whole week. Their time was filled with an exhausting list of energetic activities including: team building, driving boats, orienteering, coastal walks, swimming and of course the wonderful mud flats experience at the end of Blakeney Point. Although the week was full of laughter and smiles the children learned a great deal, from longshore drift to identifying precious stones along the coastline. We truly value these experiences and the wonderful knowledge and skills developed by the children.

Helen Brind

Head of School



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### **Crime Statistics for May 2019**

#### **Aley Green**

Total – 0

#### **Pepperstock**

Total – 0

#### **Slip End**

Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling – 2

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

Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery – 1

Theft if not classified elsewhere – 1

Theft of a motor vehicle – 1

Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH) – 1

Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000) – 1

**Total - 8**

#### **Woodside**

Total – 0

#### **Caddington**

Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery – 3

Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling – 2

Sec 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence – 1

Arson not endangering life – 1

Threats to kill – 1

Burglary - Residential – Dwelling – 1

Robbery (Personal) (Indictable) – 1

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

Breach of non-molestation order - 1

Theft if not classified elsewhere – 1

Theft of a motor vehicle – 1

Dangerous Driving – 1

Unlawful importation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971-

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## July

- Mon 1st Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 2nd Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Tues 2nd Photography Club—possible Outing or meet at Social Club  
Sat 6th VILLAGE DAY 2019 11am — 4pm  
Mon 15th Gardening Club Speaker Village Hall 8pm  
Tues 16th Photography Group Practical Session—Field Mice (Playing Fields—TBC)

## August

No Parish Council Meeting this month

- Tues 6th Photography Club—possible Outing or meet at Social Club  
Tues 6th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Tues 20th Photography Group—Outing (Details TBC)  
Tues 27th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8:30pm  
Sat 31st Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church 10-12

## September

- Mon 2nd** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
**Tues 3rd** Photography Club—possible project meet at Social Club 8pm  
**Tues 3rd** Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
**Mon 16th** Gardening Club Speaker Village Hall 8pm  
**Tues 17th** Photography Group - Travelogue Picture Show Heathfield Centre 7:30pm  
Fri 20th FoSELS Film Night at the school (see poster, more details next issue)  
**Fri 27th** Harvest Supper Village Hall 7 for 7:30pm  
**Sat 28th** Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church 10-12

## October

- Mon 8th Parish Council Meeting  
Fri 25th Half Term Children's Fun Day "More Must Know Stories" at St. Andrew's  
Sat 26th Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church 10-12

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