

Parish News

May 2019



Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside

Editors' Notes

I must open with an apology to some advertisers and correspondents for the gremlins which crept into the April edition. Some were of a technical origin which had a little unexpected and inappropriate help from me. Life is a learning curve and this is a lesson well learnt.

I hope you all enjoyed Easter doing that which is important to you.

As always this issue is full of reports from local groups with much this time about the younger members of our community.

The forthcoming Elections are for both Central Bedfordshire Council and also our Parish Council where nine candidates are standing for seven places.

Space limitations will only give me a small column to briefly report from the last Parish Council meeting.

My Co Editor, Alison, will be able to report more fully next time.

Keith Holme

Parish Council April 2019

The Owners of the Woodside Park Home Site had cleared land for what seems to be another entrance, but in the absence of a formal application there was little the Council could do. Other planning matters are listed on page 13.

Four contractors had been contacted to prepare offers for the Playground refurbishment. Three had responded and of these the Plan from Kompan was most suitable. It includes all the equipment, safety measures, fencing and seating. Council approved up to £140,000 for the project.

The hanging flower baskets would be ready for May or June, depending on the weather.

The overgrown vegetation in Half Moon Lane had still not been dealt with by Emma Kines at CBC. nor any response been received.

Work on a new website was progressing. Hacking seems to have been a major cause of disruption to various groups including the Parish News.

The AGM of the Community Projects Group will be held on 8th May at which time grant applications will be discussed.

Cllr. Stay was thanked for his help to the Parish over 21 years

Extract from PC Minutes

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SLIP END PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thursday 2nd May 2019 Polling Station is in
The Village Hall

BAIRD Steven	Independent	Existing PC Member
BEETON Carol	Independent	Existing PC Member
BRENNAN Carol Anne	Independent	Existing PC Member
COOPER Paul Anthony	Independent	Existing PC Member
HOOKER Trefor James	Say No to More Housing Development	
MINNIGHAN Sarah Louise	Independent	Existing PC Member
PATTERSON Simon Matthew	Independent	Existing PC Member
SHAW Paul Anthony	Independent	Existing PC Member
UTLEY Nick	Independent	

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COLLINS Kevin Mark	Conservative
LOWERY Ian Guy	Labour
PERRY Eddie	Conservative
SMITH Shirly Jean	Labour
WALLER John	Independent

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE

HOLIDAY FUN DAY

14TH APRIL 2019

These pictures need on words to describe the happiness on their faces!





St Andrew's Fun Day on Friday 12th April

Called '**Must Know Stories**', the day was based around four parables or stories that Jesus told to show what God is like using everyday images: a farmer sowing seeds, a shepherd looking for his sheep, two men building houses, and a wayward son who comes back to his loving father.

Alongside the stories we enjoyed songs, crafts and games. The children produced some lovely crafts, decorated plant pots and planted seeds in them and constructed birdhouses. The parachute games are always a favourite, but we also built (very wobbly) towers out of kneelers and searched for our lost sheep. (Many of the sheep which were donated by members of the church family will be finding their way into shoeboxes for OCC later in the year.) All of this built up quite a hunger so we were very glad of the gingerbread people at snack time!

Here is how the children summarised the day:

"Thank you so much for today. it was so much fun in the church. The Holiday club helps you learn and have fun at the same time.

I really enjoyed the craft activities and the parachute game with the kind helpers."

"The whole day was really good, I enjoyed all of it and it was really good fun."



The baptism of Lennox Dowdall took place on Sunday 14th April at St Andrews Church. There were many friends and family present who helped to celebrate with the family at the Church and later at home .

The photo shows Reverend Cathy Pullinger and the Dowdall family with Lennox and his sister Matilda.



GARDENING CLUB from PN Gardening Correspondent

The March meeting Guest Speaker was Felicity Brimblecombe, who gave a very interesting talk on Bedfordshire Gardens History. It covered gardens over the centuries and several of which are familiar to members, Luton Hoo, Wrest Park, Swiss Garden plus others.

Our first garden visit of the year was to Hatfield House, West Garden on Sat. 23 March. It was a beautiful spring afternoon. We enjoyed the spring bulbs in the lime walk, sundial garden and view of the famous Old Palace garden, childhood home of Queen Elizabeth I. The adjoining woodland garden is at its best in spring with masses of naturalised daffodils followed later by bluebells.

Future garden visits are given below:

Sun. 5 May. NGS 4 George Street Clapham, Bedford

Sun. 9 Jun. Pirton Village (16 Gdns) Hitchin

Sat. 15 Jun. Woburn Village (12 Gardens)

Our Village Plant Sale is on Sat. 18 May 11.0 – 14.0 (Free Entry)

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



Guests and visitors welcome £2



Chiltern Flyers Model Club

The Model Aeroplane Club has a membership of about 15 and has flown at the Slip End Playing Fields from almost the opening day of the grounds, nearly 40 years ago.

We fly model aeroplanes that are connected to wires and controlled by a pilot holding a handle at the centre of a circle. These wires are normally 18-20 metres in length and allow the pilot to have full control of the model. The hand-made balsa wood construction models are designed to perform various aerial manoeuvres, for example round and square loops, wing-overs and triangles.

Control line model flying was developed during WW2 and has a main advantage in that it requires a relatively small area to participate. The pilot is in continual, physical control of the aeroplane and basic skill levels are not too difficult to learn. To compete at the highest level requires long hours of practise.

Our club includes flyers of all levels, from beginners to advanced, to members who compete in competitions all over the UK, Europe and the World. We also have a British Champion and those who regularly represent England at international level.

During the year we fly mainly on Thursday's, but also have two Sunday Competitions when participants from all over the country compete against each other, flying what we call a schedule, which is 24 set manoeuvres. These are marked by judges and contribute to an overall score total.

Our Competitions this year are all day on Sunday 30th June and Sunday 29th September, held at the Slip End Playing Field.

For more information about the club please contact:
Rex Landon - Club Chairman - Tel: 07826 831398

Ruby Wedding Congratulations!

Chris and Mary Barker celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary at the end of March by inviting friends and family to a special service at St Andrew's Church, followed by a selection of tasty refreshments.



Rev. Cathy Pullinger took the service and was assisted by Slip End's former Priest in Charge, Rev. Joy Daniel and by a retired minister from a church attended by Chris in the past. Music was provided by Liz Higgins as well as Cathy Minett-Smith, who sang a song chosen by Mary and Chris.

Chris asked me to mention some details about the service. It was not just a service of celebration but also a renewal of vows, showing their continuing love and commitment to each other. It aimed to have a central theme of their strong faith and love of Jesus. They chose to use the form of service from the Book of Common Prayer rather than a more modern equivalent. Chris told me that the choice of words was due to their poetry and reverence. Cathy spoke on their chosen text which was from the Song of Songs, which contains, among other subjects an number of passages about relationships and the wonder of love between a couple.

The service was moving and it was good to see their dedication to each other at this time of celebration.

Alison Wilson

Line Dancing No More...

Please Note that the regular Line Dancing on Wednesday morning at the Village Hall has now stopped. Unfortunately, numbers have declined due to illness and other reasons. Thus, the expense of the hall is no longer being met by the number of people still able to attend regularly. I for one shall miss these enjoyable and entertaining mornings.

I would like to say thank you to Val Reeves who has instructed us for a good few years (15 or more I believe!) She has been ably assisted with teas, coffees and admin by her Mum, Pam King and her sister Angela, as well as Jean Anderson who has stood in on days when Val was not available. Thank you to you all!

Alison Wilson

Raise the Flag!

Slip End School hasn't always been in Rossway. The first school in Slip End was built on Front Street in about 1876 (drawing below shows it in 1973) as a Board School and officially opened on 1st February 1877.



After a succession of Headmasters over the years eventually Mr Harding arrived. He brought with him a hand stitched linen Union Jack flag, 9ft long by 4ft wide, which he promptly hoisted up the flag pole for everyone to see, and on Empire Day the children were made to walk round the flag pole and salute the flag.

In the 1970's government and councils decided that Slip End needed a newer, more modern school and the current building was completed in 1976. In 1979 Front Street School was demolished, sadly brick by brick and then everything else that was left was burnt to the ground. Except the flag.

Derrick Worsley rescued it from the flag pole before it met its demise, and kept it safe at home until earlier this year when he showed it to me.

I suggested to the other committee members of the Community Projects Group (CPG) that we should preserve this bit of parish history for generations

to come and they agreed to have it framed.

Thanks to Andy Prothero we managed to get the flag safely to Artscape in Harpenden to have it framed and then on to the Village Hall (by strapping it to the roof rack of his van!) where Derrick and his wife Josie were able to see it in all its glory before it is put up on display. At 9ft x 4ft it's a big job!

Thanks to Derrick & Josie Worsley for showing me the flag, Andy Prothero for the transport, The Village Hall



Committee for agreeing to have it installed, Artscape for framing the flag and Ben Sear for putting the flag up on the wall.

Sarah Minnighan

Gardening Notes

As I write this at last we are promised some warm and sunny weather, I hope it will last long enough for you to be reading this. Whatever the weather there is plenty to do in the garden.

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.

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. Hoe around rose bushes and remove any suckers from the root stock, mulch to preserve moisture. 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. If you have alpines, continue weeding and hoeing. Trim dead flowers from aubrietias 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.

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 and as the ground becomes vacant this can be used for leeks which can be planted towards the end of the month. Plant 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 marrows and tomatoes are safe to be planted outside now. Plant out Brussels sprouts, winter cabbages, purple and white sprouting broccoli in their final positions this month.

*Russell Sprout
Gardening
Correspondent.*



St Andrew's Church—Baptisms for cousins Ted England and Evie Cowell

What a wonderful day on Sunday 24th March when two of my grandchildren were baptised at St Andrew's Church. It was a wonderful service with lots of family and friends present to celebrate with the two families. Evie did a reading and the musicians sang a special song for them at the end of the service.



Ted with mum Amelia and dad James.



Evie with mum Orawan and dad Scott and godparents Rung and Rob Tomley,



There was a special element in the service as I had some Holy Water that I collected from the River Jordan in Israel when I had been on a Pilgrimage there in 2000 (and had no grandchildren at that stage). The water had been frozen ever since my trip with my sister and St Michaels School of Garston. In my diary written then I wrote 'the water was freezing but we were allowed to take some samples. A truly wonderful place'.



By Sue Briggs



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

ALL ABOUT PLANNING

Planning applications submitted within the Parish since March 2019

Application CB/19/00760/Full Submitted 8/3/19

Land adjacent to No. 66 Woodside Road, Woodside, LU1 4DQ

Demolition of existing stables and outbuildings and erection of one new detached dwelling. Out for Consultation

Application CB/19/03205/FULL Submitted 29/3/19

Coblers Gold, Mancroft Road, Aley Green, LU1 4LJ

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement four bedroom dwelling. Out for Consultation

Update on Newlands Park development adjacent to Junction 10 of the M1

In our April magazine we reported that Luton Borough Council had given approval to the development at Newlands Park. Since that time the Secretary of State has been considering whether or not to "Call in" the proposal for further scrutiny. It has now been confirmed that he will not be "Calling in" the proposal and therefore the final stage is to await to see if there is a challenge raised which will require a Judicial Review.

We will keep you posted as matters progress.



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SLIP END March Crime Report

Theft from a motor vehicle – 7

Theft if not classified elsewhere – 2

Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000) – 1

Attempted Burglary - Residential – Dwelling – 1

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Dates for St Andrew's Church - May

May 5th: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Peter receives his call again

May 12th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – with baptism

May 19th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – A virtuous circle of generosity

May 21st 11.00am Woodside Care Home

May 26th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Jesus returns to the Father



SLIP END BOWL CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Quiz Night at Slip End Social Club on 23rd March in aid of Slip End Bowls Club, a total of **£662.50** was raised.

Remember, if you would like to try indoor bowls, give it a go at Slip End Village Hall, Tuesday evenings at 8pm.

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Little Stars for May

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**In May we will meet on the following Wednesdays: 1st,8th 15th 22nd
 and 29th**



I recently met Cllr. Richard Stay following his decision not to stand for re-election to Central Bedfordshire Council this year. Some extracts follow.

Keith Holme Co-Editor

Ed. *Richard, Thank you for agreeing to meet and discuss your 21 years as the representative for this area on various Councils.*

What was the moment when you decided to enter the world of public service?

RS You may well remember the Kolerdome and the threat many believed this development of a massive sports facility at Junction 10 of the M1 would bring to the area. There was much talk and I decided that I had to try to do something to stop it. This meant standing for a local Council which in this case was the County Council. I was elected and from there on it has been a very varied period of trying to doing my best to help the locality.

.Ed. Was there any family history of such involvement?

RS Not at all . In fact I believe that I am the only elected politician in the UK who saw service in the Foreign Legion! Should I explain? After sitting the entrance exam for Sandhurst, I was delayed a year and went off abroad for a year, I visited many places including Afghanistan, Pakistan and Hong Hong. I also found myself in Marseilles and met some British Legionnaires, and I decided that the lifestyle and experiences of these guys was just what I wanted. So I signed up and spent the next five years in a very exciting environment, before deciding to come home and start a proper career in business.

Ed. As you know Parish News is non-political but your association with the Conservative party is well known, Why did you decide to stand under its banner when seeking election?

RS I have always had strong political beliefs which are broadly in line with Tory objectives, and fortunately for me the area for which I sought election generally votes Conservative. As an Independent I would almost certainly not have been elected.

Ed. You were elected to The County Council along with Philip Penman RS Yes, the local structure then was different. Until 2009 we had a two tier structure, with Bedfordshire County Council and South Beds District with different responsibilities. After the political map was redrawn in 2009 Central Bedfordshire Council came into being, replacing Mid and S Bedfordshire Councils and the County Council. The Parish Council of Caddington & Slip End served this area until the division of the two in 2001.

Ed. Can we talk about your work in the County Council? I understand that you became Deputy Leader.

RS. Having been elected to the Council you may also serve in the Cabinet with specific responsibilities. During my terms of office I have been tasked at different times with management of Resources, Finance and External Affairs and as Deputy Leader at both the County and Central Bedfordshire Councils.



Ed. As you look back over this unusually long period of public service some events or situations must give you feelings of achievement and on the other hand some you might like to forget. Which ones would you select?

RS. I have a particular affinity for Slip End and aside from living in the Parish, I am proud to be standing down and leaving a thriving and vibrant Parish, much as it was when I was first elected. As an example - working as a team to improve any place is a long-term project, but I think Pepperstock is a good example of where we have made a difference. It no longer has a run-down chapel and a derelict pub on the corner of Half Moon Lane, the park home site is much improved, the standard of roads, whilst still needing attention, is better and huge improvements in the condition of the Timberlands Traveller site has been a significant success.

However, much more has been done to preserve the 'village' style of life which is sought by so many. There have been many threats. The ever present threat of Bushwood is a very real threat. This proposal to build 5000 homes effectively joining Luton to Slip End and Caddington is something I have felt very passionate about and I hope I have been able to make a contribution to stopping this development thus far. Agreement on the Neighbourhood Plan has been one of most effective tools to combat indiscriminate development, but it took 7 years to deliver. Going back to 2011 I suggested that the two Parish Councils should start to prepare a Plan when this process was first announced by the Government. We became one of the first in the country to initiate a plan and those taking it forward have done a great job.

Ed. There was a time when your personal safety was at risk which must leave unpleasant memories.

RS Timberlands Traveller site had been mismanaged for many years. It was causing grief to local residents. Many felt that they were running the gauntlet whenever passing. Some strong action had to be taken, but with the number of pitches available to Travellers and their ability to muster legal support, closure seemed impossible. Careful monitoring and control of non-payment of pitch fees allowed us to eventually close the site. A huge grant was achieved and work on the improvement of the site started. It is now a trouble free area, travellers living closely with residents.

There were some very difficult episodes whilst we operated this policy. I have been run off the road, and attacked by the occupants of the car, but off the scale have been a number incidents where firearms were discharged at our home. We also had the bomb squad in attendance twice, when viable explosive devices were delivered to the house.

Ed. And finally?

RS Slip End has a strong community spirit and I look back on my time as a representative of the Parish with pride, it has been both a privilege to serve and a pleasure to, where I can, get things that need doing done. I still live in the Parish and I look forward to keeping those who are elected in May, on their toes.

Caddington W. I.

We had the most interesting evening with one of our members, Valerie Dallinger. Valerie went on a spiritual trip to Israel and gave a fascinating talk together with slides on the temples, churches and areas she visited. She walked the Ten Stations which Jesus walked with the Cross to Calvary, swam in the Dead Sea, visited The Mount Church, an Orphanage and many other places of history. Later, we tasted Israeli food which Valerie had prepared with Israeli music in the background. Our competition of a Cross was won by Joanne Sherwood with Second Valerie Dallinger and Third Joan Bunyan.

Our Darts team has done so well all season being top of the League. The Ladies came Second in the final - we want to praise them for working hard to reach the top. Roll on next season!

We hosted a Group Meeting in Caddington in early April. This was an extremely successful evening with a talk giving an insight into Buckingham Palace during the early 1900's spoken by Jenny Stow who had stories from some of the girls employed in Service there at that time. Their working hours were from 5 a.m. until bedtime. Thanks goes to Valerie Dallinger for preparing the supper together with her helpers.

Dave Slivers gave a talk on 'Making Crime Pay' He writes crime thrillers and brought along some of his books for us to buy, he even signed them. He also gave an insight into his career and how he became a writer. He first wrote a novel at age 6. He has always been interested in books and has a fascinating and inquisitive mind for making up stories. He was a civil servant for 40 years and retired in 2009 to write crime thrillers. A fascinating evening. Jenny Stewart gave us a synopsis of a thriller she had read. We later tasted a cake made by Carol Jones for the W.I. Bakers Trophy. Very nice. We wish you good luck with your entry, Carol. Our competition of An Unusual Key was won by Carol Jones with Linda Edwards Second and Joanne Sherwood Third.

The International Committee met to discuss the ACWW. Val Purton went to Denman College for a Flower Arranging weekend. She thoroughly enjoyed the teaching and displays plus the social side of meeting new friends and the wonderful food provided. Our Valerie Dallinger together with Bushmead W.I. is going through to the final of the The Bedfordshire Quiz. Our W.I. will be making the refreshments at the St. Georges Day event in the village - will be a good event.

NEXT MEETING 7th MAY ANNUAL MEETING. Look forward to seeing you. Sally Seddon will be coming in June talking about Investing in a Fairer World.

Parish News

St Andrew's Column

May 2019

Baptism is our beginning of a journey with God

St Andrew's has been privileged to conduct a number of baptisms over the last few months. Baptism is our beginning not our arrival. It marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives. It is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring our faith. The church welcomes the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. The service paints vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian journey. There is the sign of the cross, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Then there is the symbolic use of water. In the service we are reminded of the importance of water in the history of God's people. The water

represents cleansing from sin. (The word baptism derives from the Greek word for washing.) It also signifies the new life won for us when Jesus rose from the dead.

There is a lighted candle, representing the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptised walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

The mission statement for St Andrew's begins "We are here as God's family..." and part of the baptism service involves welcoming the new Christian into our family with these joyful words. "We welcome you into the fellowship of the Faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you."

Whether you are well on the way, have meandered off the track, have stalled, or are still deciding whether you want to set out we would love to welcome you to journey with us.

Julie Taylor – Reader in training

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Slip End
VILLAGE SCHOOL

Slip End Village School

Our school was a wash of bright colours recently when we celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi. In the morning a parent shared the story of Holi with the whole school and told us of the traditions and how they celebrate this festival. Throughout the day children learnt about the Hindu festival in their classes. They heard how this is the festival of spring and new beginnings. It is also known as the Festival of Colour.

We finished our day with a colour run. The children followed a course around the school field which included colour burst stations where other children and staff showered them in coloured powder. We even managed to persuade some parents and siblings to join in. The children left school with enthusiasm and a love of their learning.

Helen Brind

Head of School



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9.30am Morning Service ~ Rev Nigel
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Sunday 12th

No service at Aley Green

4.00pm Ecumenical Service for
Christian Aid ~ Caddington Baptist Ch.

Tuesday 14th

10.00am ~ 12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am ~ 11.00am Little Lambs

Friday 17th

2.30pm 'Take Time' Rev Jenny Spouge
The Sizanani Home

Sunday 19th

No service at Aley Green

10.30am Morning Service at Kensworth
Methodist Church

Monday 20th

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship. Jo Prowse

Saturday 25th

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 26th

10.30am Morning Service ~ John Enejo

10.30am Sunday School

Wednesday 29th

7.30pm Coffee Evening ~ Christian Aid

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Our Coffee Evening in March raised over £50.00 for A Rocha UK. Do come along and try our monthly Coffee Evenings, lots of chat, and laughter, bottomless coffee and tea, savoury and sweet eats. Books and preserves on sale.

We took part in the Heathfield Friends Quiz coming second by just one point! Well done Team AG and a big thank you to the Heathfield Friends for organising a great evening,

Grace Minett-Smith one of young folk organised a Talent Show at Aley Green in early April. We had a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, singers, a dancer, a choir

an excellent pianist and a recitation of the Owl and the Pussycat! Our panel of four judges added to the fun in true 'Strictly' style. We enjoyed scrummy cakes and tea while the results were worked out. The overall winner was Cathy, much to Grace's embarrassment! The event raised £145.00 for Water Aid.

Our Cakes & Company and Little Lambs Club fell in the school holiday so we were very pleased to welcome 11 children and their parents/Nanas to Little Lambs. Downstairs we heard lots of bumps, thumps, noise and laughter and even some singing ~ how lovely!

We are looking forward to welcoming our minister Rev. Nigel Bibbings back, following his sabbatical. He will be leading our service on 5th May at the earlier time of 9.30am. Nigel spent some time in West Bengal, India at the Christian Hospital, working to upgrade the maternity ward. I'm sure Nigel will be telling us all about his trip and experiences at a 'Take Time' later in the year~ watch this space.

This month's 'Take Time' Reverend Jenny Spouge will be telling us all about the Sizanani Home, in South Africa. It was founded in 1993 as a residential facility for children and young adults with moderate ~ profound intellectual and physical disabilities. They care for 66 children and young people aged 4-34. Many have severe to profound disabilities and require 24 hour care. Do join us on Friday 17th, there will be a collection for the charity and there will be refreshments afterwards.

**Christian Aid Week 12th ~ 18th May:**

There is an ecumenical service on Sunday 12th May at Caddington Baptist Church at 4pm. Join with the Churches Together for worship followed by refreshments. Our Christian Aid Coffee Evening will be held on Wednesday 29th, our usual mix of coffee, chat and company, May the Lord bless you. Ann Meader ~ Senior Steward

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We meet again on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. (No June meeting)

Drop in at any time. All welcome. Contact us on 480391 if  
transport is a problem.

If you'd like to bring along a table-top game like dominoes  
or cards please do.

We ARE offering teas and coffees on 6<sup>th</sup> July as part of  
Village Day).

This is 22 month old Ted who loves the  
chance to catch up on his drawings at the  
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**Is Village Day in your diary and on your calendar ? We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 attractions are Archery, Talking Talons, Steam Train rides and Bouncy Castles. For the arena will have booked a Rock Choir, Irish dancing Bounce and Punch and Judy shows. Something for everyone to enjoy.

There is also our Grand Raffle with many great prizes including, so far, Willows Activity Farm and Mead Open Farm vouchers, shopping vouchers from London Luton Airport and go-kart racing voucher and meal vouchers . More still to arrive so watch out for the full list, and for the tickets, which will go on sale locally in June.

So support your local groups and businesses and 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](mailto:slipendvillageday@yahoo.com) Thank you.

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## **May**

- Thurs 2nd Election Parish and Central Beds Councils  
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  
Sun 19th Pop Up Circus Slip End School 1.00pm  
Mon 20th Village Hall AGM  
Thur 23rd Brownies Open Day 7.00pm  
Sat 25th Community Coffee morning St Andrew's Church 10 - 12

## **June**

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

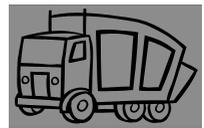
## **July**

- Sat 6th **VILLAGE DAY 2019 11am — 4pm**

Future community Coffee morning dates at St Andrew's Church  
31st Aug, 28th Sep, 26th Oct 10 - 12

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