

**Aley Green  
Slip End**

**Pepperstock  
Woodside**

**November 2019**

**THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE FOR YOU!!  
WITH INFORMATION AND NEWS FROM YOU**

*delivered to the whole of the Parish*

*Good Neighbour Scheme  
Christmas Dinner  
Information*

*Luton Airport Consultation  
and LADACAN AGM report*

*November 11th  
Remembering those from our  
Armed Services  
You can attend services  
at local churches*



*Important update from the  
Allotment Committee*

*Harvest Celebrations  
at school and churches*



**Parish News**

## Editors' Notes

Greetings to all our readers. Firstly this month, I should like to thank my co-editor Keith. He valiantly tackled two issues in a row. When I would normally have been editing the October magazine, we were actually sunning ourselves in Spain. **The Committee would also like to wish Keith a belated happy 80th birthday! CONGRATULATIONS!**

We would like to remind you that the Parish News is a magazine for the whole community. The Parish Council and CPG kindly help with funding so that we can deliver about 950 copies to the whole of the Parish. The aim of our magazine is to provide news and information about all activities around the villages and places nearby.

Some of the village information and events are now being publicised on websites and social media. This is a great use of that avenue of communication. However, we must remember that our residents are of all ages and some prefer the written word! **We can only tell people about events if we know about them so send them in!!**

Imagine you are new to the area, wondering what there is to do here and nearby. There are endless possibilities.... *Alison Wilson*

Pubs      Football      Carpet Bowls      Bingo      Gardening  
Pilates      School      Pre-school      Friendship Club  
Churches      Community coffee mornings  
Social Club      Tennis      Book Club      Parish Council  
Photography Club      Village shop      Garage  
Coffee shop & Butchers / Deli      Brownies      Beavers  
Cubs      Scouts      Good Neighbour Scheme      Art  
Drama      Dance      WI      Line Dancing      Allotments  
..... and probably much more!

## **Slip End Parish Christmas Biscuits 2019**

Please bear in mind that to be eligible for your Christmas gift you need to have lived in the Parish for 5 years or more and have reached the age of 65. Only one tin is given per couple.

To help us keep the CPG list up to date, if you are newly qualified, please contact Simon Patterson on 01582 419 487 or email: [s.patterson@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:s.patterson@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk)

Many thanks.

*Community Projects Group*

## **TO ALL ALLOTMENT HOLDERS (Slip End Allotments)**

It is with regret that the Committee has to inform you that Luton Hoo Estate has served us with 12 months notice to quit the allotments.

We will, of course, be looking into all avenues open to us and would like to hear from any of you with comments as we intend to oppose this notification if possible.

Your views should be sent by email to [sandr.wicks@hotmail.com](mailto:sandr.wicks@hotmail.com) or to Mr M Plummer at 9 Markyate Road, Slip End LU1 4BU

Thanks for your support,

*Slip End Allotment Committee*

Rent and membership up to next September can still be paid  
at 9 Markyate Rd Slip End.

## **1st Woodside Brownies**

We would like to thank all those who came to our Coffee Evening.

£108 was raised on the night. Cakes were then taken to Slip End Garage, where a further £42 was raised, which gave us a final total of £150 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

## **Parish Council Update - October**

In addition to routine business the Council considered planning applications for the Demolition and rebuilding of a single storey side extension. There was no objection.

The retrospective application to retain outbuildings at 10 Crawley Close raised questions about the construction on Council owned property.

Allotment holders have received notice from the landowner, Luton Hoo Estate, to leave within 12 months. They intend to apply for development planning at some future date. They offered to give alternate pieces of land to existing holders.

The Council thought that some issues regarding Community Assets should be examined. The County Councillor agreed to look into this aspect.

A representative from Airparks attended to advise the Council that they were considering measures to control the use of their buses by holiday makers who used our streets as parking areas. Any scheme would be put forward for consideration as soon as possible and would probably include a set of tokens being given to residents in exchange for transport to the Airport. Outsiders would not be allowed on a vehicle without presenting a token. The representative agreed to talk with PN to ask for help in making any scheme known. This is to be welcomed by all those residents who find their roads and access ways blocked.

Consideration was given to using money from the Community Improvement Fund to provide defibrillator units in Pepperstock and Woodside.

Parking outside the School entrance was again causing considerable difficulties for residents nearby. A number of measures were

considered, but Councillors were aware that restrictions in one place might only move the problem further down each road. Money would be made available for the scheme when finally approved.

There is a new Library in Dunstable (Leisure Centre by The Grove Theatre) which offers all the facilities of a modern library in the most pleasant surroundings and residents were encouraged to visit in the near future.

### **Crime (or No Crime )figures for September**

**Aley Green** Total – 0 **Pepperstock** Total – 0 **Woodside** Total – 0  
**Slip End**

Theft from a motor vehicle - 2

Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter - 1

Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery - 1

Total - 4

## **Future LuToN - Airport Consultation**

No doubt all homes have received the same leaflet through their doors recently. London Luton Airport Ltd is consulting about “expansion plans to make best use of the runway”. The consultation runs from 16th October to 16th December. To find out more and make your views known, have a look at the leaflet and attend one of the consultation events.

**There is an event at the Slip End Village Hall on Saturday 7th December from 11am—3pm.** There are other local events, should you be unable to make that one (Markyate, Luton, Dunstable and others)

The plans are also online ([www.futureluton.lal.org.uk](http://www.futureluton.lal.org.uk)) and on show at local libraries. **Parish News would like to encourage you to make the most of this opportunity!**

## Slip End Gardening Club

The final garden visit of the year was on Saturday 28th September to Waterend House, Wheathampstead, a Grade II listed building. It is a hidden garden of 4 acres set off the elegant Jacobean Manor House, surrounded by beautiful mature trees and herbaceous borders. There were steep grass slopes and fine views of the glorious countryside. A formal flint-walled garden, mature specimen trees, pond, formal vegetable garden, and access to a 7 acre Arboretum of close to 100 species of trees, planted in 1999.



Unfortunately the Guest Speaker for our September meeting could not make it therefore was booked for next year. The replacement Speaker, Chris Ward, gave a very interesting presentation "101 Things You Didn't Know About Garden Birds". It covered most of the common birds we see in our gardens. He advised that extraordinary new information was constantly being revealed about the everyday lives of Robins, Starlings, Sparrows, Tits and other familiar species. A couple of facts given were "65 wrens could fit into a standard bird nesting box" and "Blackbirds and Magpies find places to soak dry bread before eating."

*PN Gardening Correspondent*



# GARDENING CLUB

## Monday Nov 18th at 8pm

**Guest Speaker    Hugh Granger**  
**Can Plants Think?**



**Guests and Visitors £2.00**

8pm Village Hall  
New Members Welcome



## CAN YOU HELP THE PARISH NEWS?

Readers of our Parish News will be aware that Keith Holme joined our editorial team in early 2018. Since that time Keith has introduced a number of new ideas which hopefully you've enjoyed and feel have enhanced the quality of the magazine. In October this year Keith reached the wonderful age of **80** and we on the Committee would like to wish him a belated **Happy Birthday**. Keith feels that now is the time to withdraw slowly from the position of Joint Editor for the magazine and has indicated that he would like to step down around April/May 2020. This will be a sad loss to us on the Committee as we have enjoyed working with him over the last, almost two years, but we do respect the reason for his decision.

Consequently this will leave us with a vacancy to fill to enable us to continue to deliver a quality magazine to everyone within the Parish. If you recall we produce 10 issues each year and Alison and the other Joint Editor take it in turns, month on month, to edit and complete the production resulting in each Editor producing 5 issues each over the year.

Should you be interested in finding out more about the role and in joining our small team, please contact our other Joint Editor, Alison Wilson (tel. 01582 422191 or e-mail [parishnews@slipend.co.uk](mailto:parishnews@slipend.co.uk)) so that she can explain and expand on what is involved in the role.

*Alan Buttery, Chair of the Parish News Committee*



## Gardening Notes

It is very wet and windy at the moment, hopefully you were able to do some tidying up jobs in the garden before all the rain started, getting it ready for winter and have spared a thought for the wildlife and not been too ruthless!

Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days if you still have tomatoes ripening but close them in the afternoon to help keep in some heat. Alternatively, pick your tomatoes and bring them inside to ripen off. White fly can be a problem at this time of year so fumigate with a HCH smoke or spray to eradicate this problem.

Check chrysanthemums left in the soil for water logging and insert a fork to it's full depth to aid drainage, stools taken in over winter should be kept moist but not wet. Gladioli corms can be cleaned up any time during the winter and discard any that are diseased and try to grow gladioli in a different position each year to stop dry rot, fusarium rot and botrytis. Continue to plant border carnations and pinks during mild spells and complete planting tulips and hyacinths as soon as possible. Check dahlia tubers for drying out and if they appear shrivelled soak them in tepid water for the night. Remove any parts of the tubers that start to rot with a sharp knife and dust them with flowers of sulphur.

Clear up any fallen leaves and add them to the compost heap, or use them to make your own leaf-mould, (but do check that they don't have black spot). Roses planted this month will get off to a good start but only plant them as deep as the old soil mark on the stem. Climbing and rambling roses need to be planted at least fifteen inches away from a wall to avoid lack of water to the roots. Lift tender plants like fuchsias, begonias and geraniums, and bring inside to over-winter if you haven't already done so.

If you have a pond finish preparing for winter by removing old leaves and thinning oxygenating plants. Leave foliage on marginal reeds and rushes as a protection against severe weather. Protect the pool against falling leaves by covering it with small-mesh netting. Overhaul pumps used for waterfalls and fountains, removing submersible types from the water and storing them in a dry place.

Blackcurrant bushes will require some of the old wood removing but leave as much new growth as possible, treat gooseberries in much the same way. If you are planting fruit trees, then prune back by about two-thirds of the young shoot straight afterwards. Prune blackberries, raspberries and loganberries cutting out all this year's fruiting shoots and tie in new ones and cut out any weak ones. Continue digging as ground becomes vacant and leave for the frosts to break down over the winter. Don't be too zealous, remember that wildlife need somewhere to overwinter and don't forget to check that bonfire for hedgehogs before you light it!

Sadly our allotments are under threat with Luton Hoo having given a twelve month notice to quit next September. We intend to fight it but unfortunately the land is worth more to them for building. Any help with the fight would be welcome, see separate article on how to contact the committee.

*Russell Sprout*

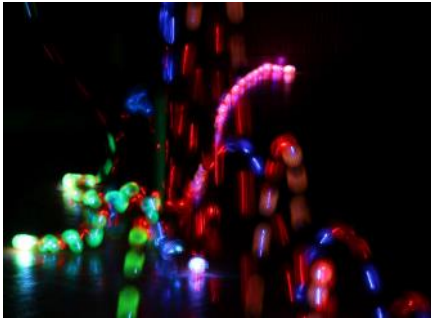


## Slip End Photography Group

The group has been busy again this last month. At the end of September the project was "Hands". I missed the evening due to being on holiday but found a brilliant statue in Tarragona (Spain) and sent my contribution by email. The project for the end of October was chosen as "Water".



In October we added an extra event with a visit from KUKU Media. Some members had been on a workshop where they were photographing



twirled burning wire wool which makes beautiful light trails and patterns. This was the plan for our event but the weather did not co-operate so they made patterns with coloured LED lights and bouncy light balls instead, which turned out quite effectively. Hopefully, we can try again another time.

The main October meeting was a critique evening. We had a visitor who has judged many photo competitions. Each member brought 3 prints to show and he commented on them giving tips as to how they



could be improved and what competition judges look for in a picture. Many of our members do not enter competitions, and treat our photography as a hobby. However, it made an interesting session and we all learnt a lot. On 19th November we have a talk by local photographer, Shirley Hollis. (7:30 start at the Heathfield Centre)

*Alison Wilson*

For more information contact Andy Prothero at:

[CountrygardensAP@outlook.com](mailto:CountrygardensAP@outlook.com)

## 20 Years of the Frog and Rhubarb

Parish News would like to congratulate Paul Cooper.

We have learnt that on 2nd November he will have been at the Frog and Rhubarb for 20 years. That is quite an achievement when so many pubs around the country have sadly closed! That is a great contribution to the community. Residents will also know that he has been a Parish Councillor for many years as well and is now the Chairman.

Well done Paul!

We hope to report more on this in the next issue.

### ALL ABOUT PLANNING

#### **Planning applications submitted within the Parish since September 2019**

**Application CB/19/02869/Full.** Submitted 4/9/2019

10 Crawley Close, Slip End, LU1 4BT

Retention of outbuilding for disabled use.

Awaiting decision

**Application CB/19/02546/Full.** Submitted 10/9/2019

51 Markyate Road, Slip End, LU1 4BU

Demolition and rebuilding of single storey side extension.

Awaiting decision

**Application CB/19/02890/GDPE.** Submitted 11/9/2019

Cobblers Gold, Mancroft Road, Aley Green, LU1 4DG

Ground floor rear extension.

Awaiting decision

For further information or to comment on applications visit

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## ***SLIP END GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME***

Following the success of our Christmas Day dinner in 2018, the Good Neighbour Scheme is pleased to announce that we will again be providing lunch on Christmas Day in 2019



We invite our clients and anyone in the Parish who may be alone this Christmas to contact

**Simon Patterson on 01582 419 487**

**to express an interest in joining us in the Slip End Village Hall**

You can also email me on  
[s.patterson@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:s.patterson@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk)



# Slip End Village School

It has certainly been a busy and exciting start to our new school year. We have already been out in the local community as part of our recent Harvest Festival, where we supported St. Andrew's Church with their collection and delivery around the village.

Lots of new learning opportunities have been planned for the year ahead and we are looking forward to sharing these with our community in the months to come.

Once again we have welcomed new faces to our school including families and staff. Everyone has settled well into routines and school life. Our Year 6 children have already spent a week in Norfolk preparing them for the year ahead and making strong friendships with our federated school in Caddington. These vital relationships are paramount to ensuring a smooth transition to Secondary school.

We look forward to sharing much more of our learning with you over the coming academic year.

Helen Brind,  
Head of  
School





## LADACAN UPDATE

*Peter Motson, Chairman of the Brickhill and Downlands Residents Association (BADRA), has submitted this report to the Parish News, having attended the AGM of LADACAN as our local representative on 24th September.*

*(Note: we have edited his report a little in order to fit it in these pages but have left in as many facts and views as possible so you can draw your own conclusions on the matter.)*

### **LADACAN—Luton & Dunstable Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise**

This association exists:

- 1) To represent, as fairly as possible, the interests of people and communities adversely affected by the noise from Luton Airport.
- 2) To press the owners and operators of the airport to minimise and mitigate aircraft noise and the environmental impact in the local area, and to observe all necessary safety precautions.
- 3) To continue to oppose any further expansion of Luton Airport, to work with government, regulatory authorities, local councils and other campaign groups as appropriate to further the above objects.

At the AGM, the meeting was addressed by three Officers of the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN). This is a non-statutory body set up by the Department of Transport at the start of 2019. They intend to follow a programme of activity based on the government's 2017 airspace policy consultation response through engagement with communities, the aviation industry and other bodies in the aviation sector.

As I am sure you will all know, the airport is owned by Luton Borough Council and managed by a subsidiary - London **Luton Airport** Limited (LLAL), a public airport company which owns the airport infrastructure and of which all the shares belong to **Luton** Borough Council. The Council is also the Planning Authority, a definite conflict of interest in my opinion, and have given themselves permission to continue to expand and to rake in ever more money! However, with the last expansion application, there was a Planning Condition, known as Condition 10, which imposed regulation on the number of passengers using the airport and the associated noise limits.

However, the airport has breached these conditions well ahead of the intended dates, with around double the stated limit of eighteen million passengers eleven years earlier than originally planned, and with no consequent reduction in the promised level of day and night noise. In fact, rather the opposite with more flights and more noise.

LLAL has now applied for retrospective Planning Permission to match the actual growth. The application has so far been turned down twice, because of inadequate information supplied with each application, and is now set to re-apply. But the application has been called in to a Government Minister because the authorities are at last beginning to understand the level of local opposition to expansion and condition breaches!

**You can join** LADACAN for an initial single membership fee of £10 and can then join them in making comments and complaints where necessary. The website is [www.ladacan.org](http://www.ladacan.org)

If you want to complain about a specific flight, or in general, just click on <https://travisltn.topsonic.aero/> then click on the little green symbol at the top of the page, OR telephone 01582 395382.

The airport does register complaints, but many complaints from one person they only count as one complaint, so we need as many individuals as possible to complain when we are woken or cannot watch our TV because of a lower flying and noisier than permitted jet. "Just 20 people were behind 72% of complaints, while almost half of all complaints (6,700) came from the same five residents in Harpenden, an airport spokesman said in 2018". Complaints rose from 441 in 2015, to 1,024 in 2016 and 1,485 in 2017 and campaigners said they had "not seen any changes" in noise reduction.

Luton Airport has been named the worst in the UK for the third year in a row in a 2018 passenger satisfaction survey and is now the UK's fifth-busiest airport in terms of people using it. The number **of noise complaints** made to the airport has increased by more than 800% and topped 15,000 in three years. But figures from **London Luton Airport** in March 2018 show it issued penalties **of** only £8,700 to operators for breach of noise limits!

The whole matter of aircraft routing and noise is dependent on the use of airspace in Southern England, and this is complicated by aircraft leaving and arriving at Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and Luton, and also in the case of Luton by the Dunstable Gliding Club. This limits the rate of aircraft climb from Luton because of overflying aircraft from other airports, and consequently the noise which they make. A faster rate of climb also uses more fuel and wears out engines faster.

Obviously, we have conflicting interests. The Council wants more income by increasing the number of aircraft using the airport (and has incentivised the airlines with lower landing charges), the airlines want to maximise their aircraft use and minimise their expenses on fuel and wear and tear on aircraft, and people living in the overflowed area want fewer aircraft and less noise and pollution. All these would seem to be incompatible.

The airlines were supposed to have introduced more Neo jets (New Engine Options) which make less noise, but have in fact now started using Boeing 777 aircraft, wide bodied, larger, and noisier, as well as continuing to use the older and noisier aircraft. Another breach of planning rules! The attitude of the Council, the Airport and the Airlines is not helpful.

There might be a small glimmer of hope for the future in the current concern for Climate Change. It could be that the Government will have to take a more serious interest in aviation pollution in order to comply with zero emission targets.

Air travel is one of the largest polluters of the atmosphere. Without as many customers, the aircraft would not fly and there would be less pollution and noise!

**I would like to urge you to attend one of the airport consultation events in order to let the Airport & Council know your views.**

**Peter Motson, Chairman. Brickhill and Downlands Residents Association.**



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# Quiz Night

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Cash prizes to be won

## Dunstable Rotary Club

*Parish News receives regular email information from the Rotary Club in Dunstable, a group which raises huge sums for charity. I know that, in the past, some local residents have been part of this group in Luton or Dunstable. We thought readers may like to know about their anniversary celebrations this year.*

On the 12th October 1944, The Rotary Club of Dunstable was conceived under the guidance of its mother club The Rotary Club of Luton presided over by Rtn. Horace Darby, their President.

The provisional formation committee comprised 9 members and the first meeting actually took place at the Saracens Hotel, Dunstable on 15th August 1944. Over the coming months 19 more men joined the club until the inaugural meeting in October 1944. 75 years on, a special luncheon was held on 13th October 2019 at The Woburn Hotel where 72 members and guests celebrated this Anniversary.

Various guests represented 4 Rotary clubs, the Inner Wheel Club of Dunstable and the District Governor, Mary Whitehead was in attendance. She presented the club with a Certificate recognising the 75 years of service given to the community by the Rotary Club and congratulated the Club on all its achievements over this period.

If you are interested in knowing more about Rotary, and especially our club, please contact our secretary on 01525 220312, thankyou.

*Chris Smith*

# St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



**Saturday 30th November**  
**10.00 am to noon at St Andrew's Church**  
**Tea, coffee, conversation and good company**

**This will be the final Community Coffee of 2019**

**Mince pies      Help decorate the Christmas tree**

**Drop in at any time. All welcome.**

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

## **Dates for St Andrew's Church - November**

Sun 3rd: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Zacchaeus & Shoebox Sunday

Sun 10th: 10.30am: Remembrance Sunday – Armour of God

Sun 17th: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Destruction of the Temple

Sun 17th: 4pm: Afternoon Service – Daniel in the Lion's Den

Tues 19th: 11am – Woodside Care Home service

Sun 24th: 10.30am: Morning Praise – Christ the King

## **Little Stars for November**

Every Wednesday parents, carers, 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 November we will meet on the following Wednesdays:-

**6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's**

# HARPERS

## *Christmas Food & Wine Fair*

There will be an array of Christmas Food & Wine to try, with a few new products as well as the seasonal favourites



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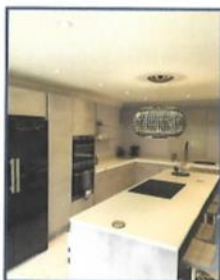


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**Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December**  
(weather permitting)

Between 6 pm and 8 pm making an appearance in a road near you with his elves and helpers. Further details will appear in the December copy of this magazine and on posters around the village.

We do need helpers so if you feel you could walk with us one evening, for some or all of the way, please call Mrs Claus on 0795 858 7595 and volunteer to be one of Santa's helpers.

## HARVEST SUPPER

Our Harvest Celebrations began in the traditional way with a Harvest Supper, held at the Village Hall on Friday 27 September. Thank you to all those who donated delicious food and helped serve it on the night.

Entertainment was again provided by “Reflections” a talented guitar duo supported by their wives as backing singers. One of the guitarists was married at St Andrew’s Church 40 years ago and the other had his 21st birthday at the Village Hall!



Everyone enjoyed singing along and tapping their feet in appreciation of



the excellent musicians. A good time was had by all. Sadly this was the last occasion they will be able to perform as they are retiring.





## HARVEST GIFTS

Thank you to the children of our school and members of the St. Andrew's congregation who donated gifts of produce, which was used on Saturday morning to decorate the Church for the Harvest Thanksgiving service.



Flowers provided by the Flower Team were also used to decorate the church for the Harvest celebration.



Thank you also to those who packed and delivered over a hundred individual gifts on Monday morning to people living in the Parish, including a box of "goodies" for the residents of Woodside Care Home.

A special thank you to Year 6 Children and staff of Slip End School, who took time out to assist the Volunteers, in distributing the

gifts. We were fortunate to be able to donate produce to the Luton Foodbank, N.O.A.H. and Azalea, three Charities supported by the Church.

*Sue Lyons & Jan Buttery*

*Photos– Sue Briggs*



Barrie Hyde gave an informative talk with slides of Record Albums and Covers. Record Covers go back to 1847 when a Phonograph was invented, this collected sounds. Barrie's talk told us about the way records and albums have developed until the present time. There have been a lot of changes. We all recognised a lot of the Covers from our youth - what a surprise! Our competition of a Record Cover was won by Rita Weber with Joanne Sherwood second and Valerie Dallinger third.

The Group Social at Studham was very successful with fish and chips and a quiz later. Caddington won the quiz and we were each given a Yorkie Bar.

Carol Jones will be laying the Poppy Wreath for us on Remembrance Sunday, on 10th November.

Our Darts team has lost a couple of matches but still doing well.

We had a talk on St. Petersburg and Moscow at Wilstead. This was very informative.

Rochester in Kent is a visit we shall be making in December to visit the Christmas Market. Dunstable Choir will be singing for us on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £4 - it should be a good evening with the usual refreshments and raffle. We look forward to you joining us.

Our Christmas lunch this year will be at the Horse & Jockey on December 11th.

A big THANK YOU to the Bellringers in our local Church who rang for us on our 100th Centenary of the W.I.

In November we have Maggie Taylor talking about the Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary. We will also have a table with hand knitted hats, scarves and soft toys for you to buy. Kay from Charisma will be there and any income from sales will go to Caddington Care. At our Christmas Meeting we have our own entertainment plus supper brought along by our members plus our usual Christmas post box for cards. We each bring a wrapped up gift and swap them about enabling each member to go home with a gift.

In January 2020 Adam Smith will be speaking on Georgian Food and Dining.

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### Services and Diary Dates

#### NOVEMBER

##### **Sunday 3rd**

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10.30am Sunday School

##### **Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday**

We join with the other village churches at  
All Saints for the Service of Remembrance

##### **Tuesday 12th**

10.00am ~ 12.00pm Cakes & Company

Coffee Morning

##### **Saturday 16th**

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

##### **Sunday 17th**

10.30am Morning Service & Communion

Rev Nigel Bibbings

10.30am Sunday School

##### **Monday 18th**

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship

led by Jo Prowse

##### **Sunday 24th No service at Aley Green**

We will share worship with our friends at  
Kensworth Methodist Church at 10.30am

##### **Wednesday 27th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of

Leaders of Worship & Preachers Trust

##### **Saturday 30th 10.30am ~ 1.30pm**

**Bacon Butty Christmas Bazaar**

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Our September Coffee Morning for Water Aid raised £43.20. We were few in number but enjoyed chatting together over cakes and coffee.

We had a lovely Harvest Festival service led by Geoff Best. Our gifts of tinned and packet foods was donated to the Salvation Army. We had 109 items.

A reminder that we will be at All Saints on Remembrance Sunday ~ 10th November, no service at Aley Green.

On Saturday 30th November we invite you to come along to our 'Bacon Butty Christmas Fayre' 10.30am ~ 1.30pm. There will be stalls, Christmas gifts, cakes, a Raffle plus our large range of preserves, ideal Christmas gifts. In the kitchen we will be serving Bacon Butties, Fried Egg Rolls, Soup, Jacket Potatoes, Sausage Rolls, Scones and Cakes. There will be live Christmas music by Pat Batchelor. All proceeds will go to the upkeep of our church.

Sadly we have lost our Little Lambs!! They have all grown and are now at Nursery and Pre-School. Mums and Carers with babies and pre-school children are welcome to pop along to our Cakes and Company Coffee Morning on the second Tuesday monthly. There is a safe play area in our Upper Schoolroom with plenty of toys and comfy chairs for Mums and Nanas to sit with coffee and to chat together.

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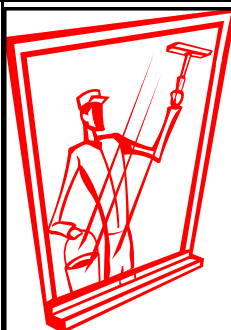
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## Boxing update

Jason Cunningham is supported by members of the Slip End Social Club

On Friday 4th October, at the Doncaster Dome, Jason won every round in a 6 round contest against Newcastle's Adam Hutchinson. Well done to him. Unfortunately the scheduled championship fight didn't happen due to Jason's original opponent pulling out at the last minute. Regardless, it was another dominant victory for Jason who is expecting to be made mandatory challenger for the British Commonwealth Super bantamweight title. Should everything go to plan, the fight would be certain to be on television at the end of the year or early 2020.

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*Autumn  
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## **A message from St Andrew's, Woodside**

### **Autumn Leaves and winter blessings**

Following on from Julie's thoughts in the October Parish News about seasons being a part of both the natural world and human life – I have been thinking about this latter part of autumn when we move from the fruitfulness of harvest to the beauty of autumn leaves. It's as if nature is having a final fling with colour before the quieter more subtle hues of winter.

It is one of those precious gifts from God that we can find beauty and experience joy in this natural phenomenon – the fun of crunching dry leaves underfoot or having a leaf fight – or simply marvelling at the brilliant colours. Of course, from nature's point of view something very practical but equally God given is going on. As the days shorten and the temperature falls chemical changes occur in the leaves - they stop producing nutrients and instead they start collecting the rubbish, the chemicals that the tree



needs to get rid of. The tree is hunkering down - retreating into itself ready for the cold and winter storms. A leafless tree will be able to withstand snow and strong winds much more successfully than a tree full of leaf.

In our lives there are times for growth and reaching out but also times of loss and stripping back to the bare essentials. This can be extremely painful, we can feel exposed and vulnerable, with the relative loss of abundance, hope and life. However just as nature protects the tree through this



autumn leaf fall, and prepares for the new season of growth in the spring, so God can be doing good things in our lives at these difficult times.

We can become more aware of the fundamentals, the trunk and branches as it were of our lives. For me these include the promises of God; the experience of his presence with me; the love of friends and family, the opportunities to show kindness. In wintry seasons we can grow in these things, in character, in eternal timeless treasures.

There is a different sort of beauty and blessing in winter seasons, less striking perhaps - not so in your face, but valuable never the less. A beauty we have to search for and seek out but in this seeking we can grow in different ways that just wouldn't have happened if life was always full and busy. We can become aware of a beauty and worth that would have simply passed us by in more verdant busy times.



I pray that we will be able to enjoy God's gift of vivid autumn colours but also find beauty and benefit in the pastel shades of winter – both in the world around us and in these seasons of our lives.

*Cathy Pullinger*

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Tues 5th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Sun 17th Afternoon Service St Andrw's Church 4pm  
Mon 18th Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm  
Tues 19th Photography Group Guest Speaker Heathfield Centre 7:30pm  
Sat 30th Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's 10—noon  
Sat 30th Bacon Butty Christmas Bazaar—Aley Green Church 10:30—1pm

## December

- Mon 2nd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Sat 7th AIRPORT CONSULTATION EVENT Village Hall 11am—3pm  
Tues 10th WI - Dunstable Ladiss Choir  
Thurs 12th} (6-8pm) Santa will hopefully be visiting roads  
& Fri 13th} in Slip End and area - see poster for information  
Sat 14th Quiz Night Slip End Social Club  
Wed 25th GNS Christmas Lunch — see poster for information

**Please remember there is no magazine in January so if you have any events to publicise, try to let us know before the deadline for the December issue. Thank you!**

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