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# **Parish News**

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## Editors' Notes

Welcome to another “mostly online” version of the Parish News. We are obviously unable to give you very many dates or lists of future events however we felt it was important to be able to tell people some of the good news stories from the recent weeks and pass on some information where we can.

Sadly, a few of our long standing residents have passed away recently. I am including information about Gordon Burton whose funeral took place at the end of March. Another well known resident, Tom Reid, passed away early in April. Tom and wife Doris (Dot) have featured in this magazine several times, most recently on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary a few years ago. We send our condolences to all Tom's family and friends.

**Good news** wise – Parish News received an email from a grateful resident, Lorraine Faulkner who said *“Can I just say a big 'Thank You' to The Good Neighbour Scheme. Especially Simon and Emma (and her sons) who have collected my prescriptions for me whilst I am in self-isolation. Thank you so much, your help is very much appreciated.”*

I am sure there are many others who have cause to thank other GNS helpers as well as neighbours and friends who are putting themselves out to ensure they are well provided for and looked after!. **THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!**

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

There are many instances of community spirit and examples of those putting themselves out for others. I can't mention everyone here but there are a few I have been asked to mention or who stand out.

With shopping at this time being difficult, especially for those stuck at home, I'd like to mention Paul Cooper and his volunteers (Hugo Neale, Jane Aston,



Wayne Kett & Gilles Bone) at the Frog & Rhubarb, who are valiantly sorting and packing retail orders for many families in the Parish. The fresh produce he is getting from his wholesaler is of excellent quality and is saving many from worrying (*photos left & top of next page*)



The Village shop provides for plenty of our needs and thank you to Anil Mittal and Mr King and their helpers for continuing to serve us in what is a difficult time for them as well.

We are lucky to have other local stores within reach, Harpers, Woodside Farm shop (open a few days in a week), Caddington Co-op (supporting the elderly and vulnerable)...

I was asked to mention village resident, Joan Duncombe, who is still producing frozen meals for the extremely vulnerable girls supported by the charity *Azalea*. Anyone who knows Joan may know that she put out a plea, via facebook, for extra ingredients in order to continue.



To entertain us all, we have had daily music on Front Street and music in Claydown Way with our resident DJ—music for all! Listen in your garden or on the drive and send requests by WhatsApp! We have had bears in windows (Goin' on a Bear Hunt), rainbows

and more.

For Easter, Clare Evans organised displays in windows. She has sent us a report on this and a number of photos. Apologies if we cannot include ALL the displays but, from what I saw, they were all amazing and those hunting the displays had a great time!



Everyone has been clapping and singing to say thanks to the NHS workers and to other Carers and Keyworkers. Well done to everyone, it shows the great respect we have for those risking their own safety every day!

There are several local Facebook and WhatsApp groups that have been set up for the village and for individual roads. These are proving helpful for keeping spirits up as well as providing services and asking for assistance. Well done! Let us hope that at the end of this we will have found we have more in common with our neighbours and have made new friends! It is good to put names to the faces of those we pass.

**The Parish Council** has not met formally due to the restrictions, The councillors can be contacted should you need to do so.

**In the first instance please contact the Clerk who will forward your query to the appropriate person:-**

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Remember that information may be found on the Parish Council Web site as well as the Community Facebook pages.

## **SLIP END VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—postponed until further notice**

### **Request for Historical Information**

Did you know that we have two Commonwealth Graves Commission War Graves in the churchyard at Slip End? We have recently had a little plaque added to the lychgate to indicate their presence.



The first grave, located near to the main door, is that of Sergeant J Norris who served in the 4th Bedfordshire Home Guard and died on 5th December 1943.

The second is located towards the rear of the church at the Chancel end of the building. It belongs to Trooper R W Allen (possibly Ronald?) of the Reconnaissance Corps who died on 13th November 1942 aged 31. Also marked on that grave is Violet Allen 1909-2000.

Are there people in the village who know anything about these two men who gave their lives for their country during the Second World War? It would be interesting to hear more about them. Or maybe you have the time and skills to do a little online investigation to learn more of their stories?

If you are able to cast a light on their biographies, then please contact Julie Taylor at [duncan.taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:duncan.taylor@btinternet.com). Many thanks.

*Julie Taylor, Reader at St Andrew's Woodside*

## Slip End Gardening Club

Planning for the Parish Open Gardens Day on Saturday 11th July had commenced. However, unfortunately due to the current Covid 19 virus, the Committee has regrettably decided that it is in the best interests of both those residents who had agreed to open their gardens and public visitors not to go ahead with the event this year.

The talk for June has now also been cancelled.



Keep safe.

*PN Gardening Correspondent*



## Thank you!

The residents of Woodside Residential Care Home would like to thank residents of Caddington, Slip End and the surrounding area for sending in letters, pictures and cards to show them that they are thinking of them at this difficult time.

It must be difficult for residents and their families not being able to see each other at the moment, so it is good for them to know that somebody is thinking about them!

*Thanks to Care Home staff for the photos showing residents enjoying the first card and picture from the local community*





**Easter Displays** With Covid 19 taking its toll on us all, an Easter Egg window hunt was held in the village from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

Whilst on their daily walk, children with their parents, couples and individuals walked around the village looking for 30 numbered eggs in residents windows. It was great fun and helped a lot of parents with ideas to entertain the children over the Easter weekend. Everyone kept to the government rules of staying 2 metres apart and included it as part of their daily exercise.

Thank you to all the residents who took part in the Easter Window Egg Hunt.

We had 30 windows, all 54 children that entered the hunt voted for their favourite windows and received a certificate for completing it.

Here are the results for best dressed windows - Congratulations

1st Place – Corey and Tommy Hale @ 51 Summer Street (*images below*)

2nd Place - Jane and Hugo @ Mignonette Bridal

3rd Place Joint winners - Alex Callow @ 96 Markyate Road

and Mr and Mrs Long @ 86 Markyate Road

Well done to all as it certainly brightened up the village at a very difficult time. Thank you again for being safe.. It was great fun to organise, and I look forward to organising a few more things for the village. *Clare Evans, 1 Rossway*



*1st Place display & winners*





2nd place display

Right—joint 3rd place displays



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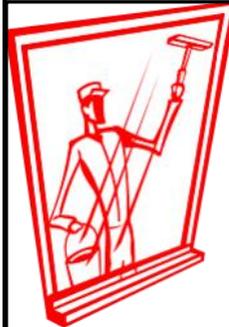
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## Gardening Notes

*from Russell Sprout*

Hope this finds you all keeping safe and well at this difficult time. One thing is for sure, no excuse for not having the time to get out in that garden! If you need compost or plants, then ring Bridge Valley Nursery at New Mill End and they will deliver (for free) and you will be helping to keep a local small business afloat. They are very helpful and will observe the distancing rules when delivering. You can pay by card over the phone or he was accepting cash on delivery, but I don't know if that still applies.

Daffodils, tulips and hyacinths will need dead heading as they finish flowering and if they need to be removed to make way for other plants replant them very close together out of the way and let them die back gradually.

Dahlias can be planted out from the third week of this month when we should be finished with frosts.

Chrysanthemums can go in about the second week in May and stake tall varieties as you plant them. Hostas are in leaf now and will need some form of slug protection as they can devastate plants in a very short time. Be aware that slug pellets can be dangerous to other animals and don't scatter them where dogs or cats may try to eat them. There are several alternatives to slug pellets, you could try crumbled egg shells, the slugs get stuck to them and don't like it, a small bowl containing beer which they drink and then can't get out again, you can also use bran flakes (not the breakfast variety) which again they stick to and will avoid for that reason.

Roses will come under attack and are best sprayed with a systemic insecticide which is absorbed by the plant and into the sap stream killing greenflies that feed on the sap. Alternatively spraying with soapy water will also get rid of greenfly but has to be done on a regular basis. Check for black spot or mildew and spray if necessary. Remove rolled up leaves containing tortrix caterpillar or sawfly grub and destroy (but don't put them in the compost heap). Gladioli need to be kept weed free and a good mulch 2 inches thick will keep the moisture as the plants depend on dampness at the roots to flower well. If you have any alpiners trim those which have flowered to prevent seeding and prolong flowering period.

Lawns will benefit from a light nitrogen feed at this time of year, it comes as liquid or granulated fertiliser and will give your lawn a lush green appearance. Make sure the blades are sharp on your mower and if the weather is dry leave about an inch of growth to stop the lawn from drying out and going brown.

A layer of grit in the top of flower pots will reduce the amount of water evaporating and lessen the amount of water required to keep plants healthy. Cut off dead flower heads and thin out weak shoots from shrubs that have finished flowering. Remove dead wood and thin shoots to keep old forsythias shapely.

Erect runner bean frames and plant seed from the second week of the month. Marrows, courgettes, squashes and pumpkins can be sown outdoors from the third week of the month. French beans can be sown from the second week, continue sowing lettuce, beetroot and carrots for a fresh supply of tender young vegetables. Sweet corn can be planted towards the end of the month 1 ½ inches deep and 18 inches in each direction, preferably in a square to aid pollination.

That's all for this month, keep safe and well everyone.

*Russell Sprout*

## Thomas Reid—28 April 1924 to 06 April 2020



Tom was born on 28th April 1924 and sadly passed away on 06 April 2020, aged 95, after a short spell in hospital.

Tom was a good husband to me, father to Cynthia and Robert, grandfather to Nicola, Michelle, Tom and Vicki (who lovingly called him Grandad No-No!!), and great-grandfather to Ashlei, Cameron, Caitlin, Esme and Arthur. We celebrated 73 years of marriage last November and, apart from a few difficult times, we made many happy memories, including having some amazing holidays and cruises. While living in Slip End we loved to attend

regular village hall dances and events.

I met Tom in 1941 when I was around 19 years old and went to work in munitions at Commer Cars, Biscot Road, Luton. Tom was around 18 and already working there as a Setter, which was a highly skilled job for his age. He always looked smart in a white shirt and tie. During the war we were both in the factory on the day that the 'flying bomb' dropped on the canteen but neither of us was hurt, thank goodness.



Tom was a fine figure of a man, a fighter, resilient, resourceful and respected by all who were fortunate enough to know him. He was quite a reserved man, unless with family and friends, and he would never say two words when one would do!! Over the years he always faced any worries and problems with a quick wit, and if ever I was worried about something he would put my mind at rest and make sure everything was alright for me. He never held a grudge and 10 minutes after an argument all was forgotten and we were back to normal.

One particular argument, which I remember with a smile, was in the late 1950s while I was washing the net curtains in a bowl in the kitchen. During a row I threw a dish cloth at Tom but he didn't say a word, he just walked over, picked up the wet curtains out of the bowl and dumped them on my head, then walked away. On that occasion a man of NO words!!

After a long working day Tom liked nothing more than to get dressed up and go to the Working Men's Club for a pint with his friends. I remember one time when Tom had to go into hospital for an operation; the day he was discharged he got washed, shaved and dressed up and went to the Club as usual. My sister was staying with us at the time and she couldn't believe it!!

In his spare time Tom loved to play darts and in the mid fifties, long before we moved to Slip End, he made the local news as the Luton Darts Champion.

Tom also loved gardening; he kept an immaculate green lawn, and spent hours in his greenhouses growing flowers and vegetables. In the summer he would display the most stunning hanging baskets and pots which were legendary. And he would regularly make hanging baskets for others.

At times Tom could surprise us all. The biggest surprise was when he took early retirement in 1979, after 40 years at Commer Cars (including many take overs) and he decided to move to Slip End and take on the village Paper Shop at 14 Church Road!!! It was hard work and while he didn't like having to get up early he really enjoyed running the shop for 10 years. We finally gave up the shop when it became too much for me. Neither of us wanted to leave the village and we were lucky enough to move to a bungalow in Markyate Road where we have lived ever since.



Although Tom was taken suddenly, he had a long and distinguished life and career and I am grateful to have shared my life with him for over 75 years. I will treasure forever the many precious memories we made together. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to pass on their condolences at this sad time ... it means so much to me and my family.

*Doris Reid.*

*Tom's Funeral was on 24th April and villagers stood at their gates and lined Markyate Rd (safely distanced), to honour him, as the funeral car passed by.*



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## May Quiz



1. On what day is Star Wars Day celebrated annually?
2. Who became the first Mayor of London in May 2000?
3. In May 1945 William Joyce was captured and charged with treason for English language wartime broadcasts on German Radio. By what name is he better known?
4. Winston Churchill was appointed Prime Minister on 10th May 1940. Whom did he succeed?
5. Who was the author of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, convicted of gross indecency with another male person in May 1895?
6. What is the date of Ascension Day in 2020?
7. The Giro d'Italia cycling race normally takes place in May. Which Belgian cyclist has won the race a record-equalling 5 times?
8. JM Barrie, born 9 May 1860, left the money that he made from *Peter Pan* to which organisation?
9. Which two actors (both with May birthdays) starred with Dorothy Lamour in the "Road to..." comedy films?
10. What is the name of the HE Bates novel (and subsequent TV series) featuring the Larkin family?
11. The last time the UK won the Eurovision Song Contest was 3rd May 1997. What was the name of the group?
12. On 6th May 1954, who was the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes?

*Answers to the quiz can be found on the diary page at the end of the magazine*



## **Obituary for Gordon Burton 3/11/1935 to 27/2/2020**

Gordon was Slip End through and through. He lived in Church Road as a child with siblings Jennifer, Anne, Maureen, Geoffrey and David, before moving to Summer Street. He did venture away for time as a schoolboy with his much-loved grandmother Ethel in Spaldwick and later for national service with the REME, both of which supplied him with happy memories which remained fresh in his mind.

After national service he returned to Slip End and worked at Vauxhall, the Gas Works and Commers before joining Renault Trucks. On an evening walk in Harpenden he met a young girl called Ita. They married in February 1960, a partnership that would last for 60 years.



Gordon and Ita settled into married life, moving to Front Street which has been their home ever since. They had two sons Peter and Michael. As a family they enjoyed many holidays in Devon, Wales and trips to Italy. Ita remembers worrying about how Gordon would cope with Italian food on his first trip to meet the in-laws but she need not have worried as after a first meal of pigs' trotters with cabbage he never looked back with his love of homemade Italian cuisine. He also developed an interest in wine-making and every September a new delivery of grapes heralded the start of his annual wine-making.

Peter and Michael remember Saturday nights out with Dad when they were treated to a soft drink and a packet of crisps in the car whilst he enjoyed a quiet pint in a country pub. (No dogs or kids allowed in pubs in those days!) In recent years this was a drink in the Rising Sun, or the Social Club where Gordon was a member, and they were finally allowed in.

Gordon was a member of the Slip End Allotment Association; his passion was for vegetables with no room for silly flowers! He provided

the family with an abundance of produce and was proud to win several competitions. Within the family his sage stuffing was renowned: Ita never let on that it was mostly her work and let the annual adulation go to Gordon.

A footballer with Robin Hood's football team in his youth, Gordon was later an avid rugby fan, enjoying visits to Twickenham to watch the annual Army Navy Babcock Trophy. The family joke that he nearly had his own Six Nations with Italian wife Ita; Frances, his Irish daughter-in-law; grandson Alex's Welsh loyalty and his own Scottish heritage reinforced by granddaughter Amber. Only the French connection was missing. He also loved dancing, his energy and ability seeing him still on the dancefloor at the end of the evening. He also had a love of karaoke and will be remembered for his renditions of My Way and the Righteous Brothers' Unchained Melody.

Family life was precious to Gordon and of course he was precious to his family. He felt profound pride in all his grandchildren: Oliver, Joe, Ben, Lewis and Natalie, and great grandchildren Lily, Riley, Louis and Ally.

The family write *"You may be gone but you will always be with us as a precious and much-loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, and we thank you for all the love you give us unconditionally."*



### **SCOUTING is still open at home!**



If your children are members of Beavers, Cubs or Scouts there are plenty of activities to find to do at home. Many groups are encouraging their young people to do badges at home and in some cases post pictures on facebook pages. Parish News was told that our local Scouts have been doing Weather Watching, Cloud and Animation Badges. Well Done! Also look for "Scouts Online" and "The Great Indoors"...

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## A Message from St Andrew's

When the risen Jesus first appeared to his disciples they were feeling afraid and hiding in a locked room! Sound a bit familiar? He came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

The first disciples were afraid that, just as Jesus had been arrested and put to death – so might they. Many of us will be afraid – of sickness and death – for ourselves and our loved ones, of going through this final journey or the journey of grief alone and without comfort.

The first disciples were also disappointed – all their hopes for an exciting future seemed to be dashed. For many of us there are major disappointments to deal with, not being able to see family and friends, not being able to make progress with study and qualifications, with work whether in paid employment or a charitable endeavour. With troubling forecasts about the impact of all this on the economy many hopes will be dashed just now.

Jesus knew how his disciples would be feeling about his unexpected death and so he came to them – repeatedly and helped them, he gave them peace, he restored their hope, and gave them a new direction for their lives.

Jesus – being a saviour - tends to come to us when we need a saviour. Many of us will be feeling the need of some help just now!

I would encourage you ask him to come. I would encourage you to try and put yourself into a position of receiving. Over the last few weeks Jesus has come to me and helped me – through friends, through a passage in the Bible, in an answer to a prayer, in attending to his creation, through services on television or the radio, through resources on the internet, through smiles and rainbows of neighbours. Let's be on the look out for his resurrection presence with us.

I don't think there are easy or quick solutions to the disruption and difficulties of our present situation, but a touch of peace, a glimpse of hope, from a saviour who loves us, can change the experience of the day, the week and the month. Day by day as he comes to us again and again.

Jesus had a new and unexpected future for his disciples – they were to be witnesses to his resurrection. It wasn't an easy future and he told them to wait, and keep waiting until he empowered them for the task by sending his Holy Spirit. We are in a waiting time right now. As we wait let us pray – not only for help for the present but for salvation and hope for the future.

For many of us, especially younger people, there may be a very different future awaiting us, there are likely to be considerable challenges ahead. Let us pray that God would equip us, and open up new opportunities and give us all that we will need to rebuild our society.

With prayers,

*Cathy*

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[www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code)

Some walkers have commented that paths have been ploughed or planted over. These will hopefully be reported and any issues rectified. The Parish Council has a volunteer who regularly walks local rights of way to check them. Should you find a “missing” path in the area, contact the Clerk who can pass on relevant information.

This item below was received by a concerned local resident:-

*Over the last few weeks, as the UK is currently on lockdown and many residents are using the time to go out and get some fresh air, there is a problem arising with people trespassing on private farm land. A friend owns one of the local farms and is seeing an increasing amount of people trespassing onto his land. People are climbing over gates, squeezing through gaps etc to gain access and walk straight onto his crop fields and woodland. I have seen this happen to other farms too while out walking my dog. People literally walk straight through the middle of a crop field!*

*Not only is this a very disrespectful thing to do, but it has bigger implications than people realise, as follows:*

*On a lot of farms, professional shooters pay to go on legal shoots; if someone has trespassed onto farmland or through woodland and are not supposed to be there, the shooter or landowner will not know they are there. For obvious reasons this poses a big danger to everyone involved.*

*Walking through a field is damaging to the crop and therefore adversely affects the farmer's income. Crops are sprayed with chemicals and fertiliser; if people walk through them, they could potentially get whichever chemical/fertiliser has been used onto their clothes, their dogs, and so on, and will then bring these chemicals into their homes.*

*Trespassing is actionable in a court should the landowner decide to press charges.*

*I am sure that most people would not like people they don't know taking a stroll through their back garden, and therefore should respect landowners and their land. Villagers need to stick to marked Public Footpaths when walking, there are plenty of them to choose from.*

## Message from the Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) Committee

On behalf of your fellow residents thank you so much for all your contributions in the current situation. Many of our existing volunteers have had to self-isolate and so are not available to do errands for our clients, however, thank you to our new volunteers for coming forward. We now have 15 of you, so that is really appreciated.

Our advert in the Parish News could not go out in print, so the only way of advertising our continued services was via posters round the village or on social media.

Fortunately the younger, more media savvy residents spotted this on Facebook and have come forward as volunteers. We did consider leafleting the village but again events have overtaken us.

We are now back up to full strength and coping well with requests for support.

Our services now are either medication collection from the pharmacy in Caddington (they are really thankful for what you do) or shopping purchases and delivery to the home.

In addition we have started a phone support service whereby clients are allocated to a volunteer and then called regularly. These conversations are essential to combat the isolation felt by many, especially single elderly residents. At the same time we can find out if food or otherwise is required.

There have been rumours around the village that GNS is no longer doing shopping runs. This is completely untrue. We strive to source medication, essential supplies, and phone our residents as always. Especially with the help of the new volunteers.

The good news is that because of the errands we run, new volunteers do not need to be DBS checked. Once I have given out the basic information about how we operate, found out the availability of the volunteer and usually met them, they are then ready to start helping.

The delivery process seems to be working ok at present. Volunteers are funding the small amount of basic shopping and then being reimbursed by the client at the doorstep on production of a receipt.

If the client does not have sufficient cash, then the committee will reimburse the volunteer from our funds. I have suggested that to avoid handling cash at the door, the volunteer takes one of those plastic take away pots for the client to put the money in. If you have latex gloves all the better.

If there are any issues with the payment process or anything else for that matter, please let me know.

Sourcing the food can be an issue but so far, the Caddington Co-op seems to be able to provide the basics, there is another Co-op at Farley Hill in the square or we have our own corner shop. The Frog & Rhubarb pub is also providing fresh fruit, veg, and meat at wholesale prices. *(twice a week pre-ordered & on some weekends. Contact retail@frogandrhubarb.co.uk - Ed.)*

There is also the farm shop down at Woodside Animal Farm, which I have not investigated yet. *(open 10—2 Tues, Thurs and Sat —Ed)*

In terms of requests for help we receive about four a day or twenty + per week, which is significantly up on normal (this is counting all jobs as one). So our phone holders are kept really busy. Thank you to them for maintaining this vital connection with villagers.

Looking at the bigger picture for Bedfordshire, most communities are seeing a huge surge in both new volunteers and of course with requests for help, as people increasingly self-isolate. Thankfully, reported numbers of those with the virus in Beds is exceptionally low compared, with other areas. Local hot spots are Luton and Bedford.

Stay safe.

Simon Patterson & the Committee. Tel: 01582 419 487 email: smp1511@sky.com

***More volunteers welcome—for more details contact Simon***

***The poster can be found in the April issue of the Parish News on line at village websites.***

## **Book Club**

The book Club usually meets once a month in one or other of the village pubs. Obviously, at the moment, we are unable to do this. Instead, we have a WhatsApp group and a Facebook Group and comment there instead. We are still reading the books (perhaps we have more time to do this at the moment!).

The last book we read was called *The Volunteer* by Jack Fairweather (interesting but definitely not lighthearted—about Auschwitz) and we are just reading the first in the series of *Mapp & Lucia* books by EF Benson as a little light relief, for the end of April. Future book choices include *The Confessions of Frannie Langton* by Sara Collins and *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. To find out more, look for us on Facebook. Happy Reading!

## Slip End Runners

I thought I'd share how our village running group has been keeping motivated during the CV 19 Crisis. Prior to this crisis we would have 3 meet ups a week. For many of us it's running as a group that keeps us going out and keeps us motivated. With CV 19 it's been harder for many of us getting used to running solo and on top of this many of the events and marathons that we were signed up have been cancelled or postponed. Instead we have found other ways to keep motivated including virtual events and participating in a team challenge.

For our first week, we split into two virtual teams and each went out to see how far we could run in 19 minutes (the CV19 challenge!).

As well as some impressive distances being covered (3 miles in 19 minutes!) all of the individual times were added to see which team covered the greatest distance.

For the second week we aimed to cover the greatest distance in an hour. Some of our members ran an impressive 8 miles in an hour. During the course of the week one of our members covered an amazing 50 miles running every day.

The spreadsheet of our results shows miles run by "Team Alice" (top) and "Team Pete" (bottom) but as you can see it was a resounding 2-0 win for "Team Alice".

If any of you have recently taken up running as a way of doing your once a day exercise and want to join us please visit our Facebook group "Caddington and Slip End Runners".

There we share routes, advice and keep each other motivated.

Hopefully when this crisis is over many more of you can join us on our weekly runs.

*Pete Barber*

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	TOTAL
6.08	3.1		3.8	5.28	3.13	2.46	23.85
	8.39	8.49	4.18	8.3	4.39	8.39	42.14
7.36		7.11		7.05	7.39		28.91
7.68	4.37	2.55	7.38	5.1	3.15	3.34	33.57
	2.27		2		1.89		6.16
7.9	7.93	7.4	7.71	7.74	7.12	7.95	53.75
6.84	7.1		6.84		4.37	6.78	31.93
7.92	6.46	2.83	7.73	7.52	7.51	2.69	42.66
			8.01			7.5	15.51
3.18	2.77	4.57	3.54	3.37	3.73	3.52	24.68
	8.03	2.44					10.47
8		8				8	24
2.66	4	1.03	0.54		2.88	3.31	14.42
		3.23	3.37			3.27	9.87
	5.96		6.33				12.29
3.51	3.68	4	3.94	4.92	5.44	2.85	28.34
<b>61.13</b>	<b>64.06</b>	<b>51.65</b>	<b>65.37</b>	<b>49.28</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60.06</b>	<b>402.55</b>
	6.58	4.68	3.1	3.84	4.46	5	27.66
7.17	7.48	7.19	7.07	7.1	3.07	7.13	46.21
1.86	3.52	3.6	7.88	3.31	7.06	8.45	35.68
2.85	2.7	2.02	1.39	1		0.59	10.55
5.07	3.1	6.25	2.85	2.94	4.71	5	29.92
3.35	5.84	5.05	3.2	6.08	5	2.03	30.55
	6.29	5.05	2.85	6.26	5.58	3.08	29.11
6.21	6.1	4.34	4.38	5	5.31	4.98	36.32
5.32	6	4.92	4.69	4.31	3.49	5	33.73
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3.17	3.33	4.17		3.89	4.18	4.16	19.01
	2.39		2.39	2.78	2.83	3.11	13.5
3.41	3.13			3.23		5.64	15.41
5.07		6.25			3.21		14.53
<b>46.43</b>	<b>66.27</b>	<b>53.52</b>	<b>46.81</b>	<b>49.45</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>60.98</b>	<b>372.36</b>

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## Crime stats for March

### Aley Green

Burglary - Business And Community - 2

Total – 2

### Pepperstock

Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery - 1

Total – 1

Slip End

Theft from a motor vehicle – 2

Theft of a motor vehicle – 3

Total – 5

### Woodside

None

Total – 0

### Caddington

Theft from a motor vehicle – 4

Assault without Injury – Common assault and battery – 3

Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety – 3

Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH) – 2

Arson not endangering life – 1

Breach of non-molestation order – 1

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

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

Sec 4a POA Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress – 1

Breach of a restraining order – 1

Theft if not classified elsewhere – 1

Burglary - Business And Community – 1

Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable) – 1

Interference with a motor vehicle – 1

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

Total – 23



## ALL ABOUT PLANNING

### Planning applications submitted within the Parish since 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Application CB/20/00966/GDPE.** Submitted 27<sup>th</sup> March

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Not yet decided.

For further information or to comment on applications visit [planning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:planning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

## Photography Group

Some Club members have been continuing to take photos where and when they can during this time of restrictions. A few members submitted up to 10 pictures of one selected item from different angles. The pictures were displayed on the Facebook Group. (*A few examples shown here*) The next topic is flowers, buds and leaves—all practical in the garden or on the daily walk! Our programme of events will be up and running again as soon as we are able to meet. To find out more about us, please contact Parish News or Andy Prothero via email:-

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## More on Festivals and celebrations - *from John Larsen*

### Beltain

The Feast of *Beltain* (or *Beltane*), traditionally held on the first day of May (May Day) is the beginning of spring. Animals are looking for their mates, the trees and flowers are in blossom and young men's fancy turns to love while young girls fancies turn to men. It is now spring the season of new growth.

Beltain the Celtic Sun God (Or Bel, Bal, or Baal) also means to banish. Our Pagan ancestors would lead their Cattle between two fires to cleanse and purify them and young couples would jump the fire in order to bless their union and make it fruitful. In addition by standing next to the fire people would “burn” out sickness and evil thoughts. Virgin women would jump the fire so as to be blessed by a child of the fire (an immaculate conception), pre-dating Christianity. The fire symbolises life, love, sex, and passion and protects you for the coming year.

This is the period also associated with the Green Man, known as Jack-in-the-Green, whose face can be seen carved in churches and who is the consort of the goddess. At this time of the year was also believed that the veil between the elf kingdom and that of the living was at its thinnest.

The most obvious symbol of this feast is The May Pole, a phallic symbol representing the regenerative male force in nature and to show the Sacred Union that takes place at this time between God and the Goddess. The pole represents the God and the earth the Goddess. Red and white were the traditional colours of the ribbons on the pole. One explanation is that they represent the male semen and the female menstrual blood and remind us that this is for men and women to enjoy and not children. Another explanation is that the red and white represent two fluids that women dispense, which are milk and blood.

The dancing round the May Pole should be of an equal numbers of male and females, with the male dancers going clockwise and the female dancers going anti-clockwise. This is above all a fertility dance, for abundance in our lives, the fields and as a courtship dance it was expected that the men and women dancing would make contact with each other to exchange kisses hugs etc.

The King and Queen of May were also elected at this time and were crowned with flowered wreaths and paraded before all the people and in very ancient times were expected to go to the fields and forests to consummate the union of God and Goddess and this gives the name to the Honeymoon as there were many June weddings and the moon in June is called the “Honeymoon”.

Beltain above all is a celebration of life and is the opposite of Samhain (more on that later this year) and almost all pre-Christian societies had their version of the sacred union of God and Goddess and there are many myths on the same subject..

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

Until restrictions are lifted, we do not know which future activities to include... We will update you as soon as we are able.

**15th June** Gardening Club Talk — This has just been cancelled

**July** The Open Gardens Day (due to be held on 11th) has now been cancelled

### May Quiz Answers

1. May 4th (as in May the Force ..)
2. Ken Livingstone
3. Lord Haw-Haw
4. Neville Chamberlain
5. Oscar Wilde
6. 21st May (celebrates Jesus' ascension to heaven and the date changes according to the date of Easter)
7. Eddy Merckx in 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974. Other 5 time winners were Italians Alfredo Binda and Fausto Coppi.
8. Great Ormond Street Hospital
9. Bob Hope and Bing Crosby
10. The Darling Buds of May
11. Katrina and the Waves (with Love Shine a Light)
12. Roger Bannister



### Bin Collections— May

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