

Parish News

October 2022



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Editors' Notes

Just like that October rolls around again, time just seems to fly these days, maybe time changes as you get older, the more years you experience the faster the passing of time?

I write this having just watched the televised funeral of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, as I am sure many of you reading this also did. Personally, I found it a fitting tribute to the only monarch I have ever known, a reign of 70 years and 214 days. On the page opposite, reader Carol Beeton describes her visit to see the Queen lying in state and shares her thanks and feelings with us.

Alas our Queen was not the only one to pass away last month. It saddens me to report that local resident, Alan Watson, passed on 7th September at the age of 82. Alan is survived by his loving wife Sheila and sons Kris and Marc. Alan was truly one of the nicest men I have ever met, always had time for a chat and always ready with a joke, he will be missed and our thoughts go out to Sheila, Kris and Marc at this time. Please see page 19 for a tribute written by his son Kris, funeral details are also included for those that wish to attend and pay their respects.

In regards to October events there is the GNS Tea Party coming up on 5th October at the Village Hall and if you are a keen photographer looking to join others with a similar interest, check out page 14 for details about our local photography club.

On a personal note, I have just returned from my first trip abroad in over 3 years having recently travelled to Dublin. Having seen so many news items about airport queuing and travel disruption I was a little apprehensive about travelling but I experienced no issues whatsoever and had a thoroughly enjoyable trip with friends.

We have recently had a new addition to our family in the form of a little yellow Labrador named Masie (quite apt as it rhymes with lazy and crazy, which seem to be her two modes of being at present!) I had forgotten how much work a young pup can be, with constant shouts of "Leave that alone!" and "What are you eating now!" but I would not change her for the world.

Have a great October all

Paying respects to Queen Elizabeth II



Waking up on Thursday morning I had a thought, could I get down to London and join the queue to pay respects to the Queen lying in State at Westminster Hall? I googled for information and found a special entrance at Tate Britain specifically for disabled and less able visitors. My daughter phoned I told her of my plan - I'm coming with you!

We caught a train from Luton Parkway to St Pancras and then the tube to Pimlico. A walk to Tate Britain to get in the queue for a wristband. It was very busy as this facility was featured on the news and lots of wheelchairs, crutches, walking sticks and every other aid was in the queue. A bright red mobility scooter that looked like a motorbike took my eye but I would probably kill myself with that! We wandered across Lambeth Bridge found a pub and sat talking with others killing time, such nice people.

We walked back across the bridge, sat awhile on a stone seat, watching the queue on the other side. So many different folk, old, young all nationalities. We watched police cars, motorbikes, ambulances with their sirens on and flashing blue lights, buses, delivery vans and lorries. It was fascinating but we got cold sitting still.

We walked down the path towards Westminster Hall. We abandoned our water and our leftover snacks, went through the airport type security, I was frisked because of my crutch!

We were then escorted to an entrance with no steps or stairs, did a bit of a zigzag and low and behold - we were there in the great Hall. It was so quiet, so reverent, so awe inspiring. The queue was halted for us and we took our place, a nod of thanks to the people who had let us in. I could not take my eyes off of the coffin draped with the Royal Standard Flag. On top a wreath of white flowers, the Imperial State Crown, Imperial Orb and Imperial Sceptre, it truly was a site to behold.

We bowed our heads in prayer, respect and reverence. As we filed towards the exit I could not help but look back, I will remember that vista as long as I live. All the people we met, fellow visitors, police, Marshalls, security staff everywhere we went, were so kind and patient towards us.

I am so grateful my daughter came with me, I would have gone by myself, but it was so nice to be able to share this moment in history with her.

Queen Elizabeth II Rest in Peace.
Long Live the King.

-By Carol Beeton



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The latest Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday 5th September in the Village Hall.

Two Planning Applications were discussed this month:

CB/22/03299/FULL – 17 Markyate Road, Slip End – Erection of a two-storey side and single storey front extension and dropped kerb.

CB/22/03389/FULL – 2 Whyleys Cottages, Woodside Road – Single Storey rear extension.

After short discussions it was agreed not to comment on both of these Applications.

Summer Street Speed Survey

Following the recent speed survey undertaken by CBC in Summer Street it was found that 99% of vehicles travelled below the speed limit. Based on these results further action is not justified.

However a number of Residents attended the Meeting and pointed out that the results were distorted as the survey was made known beforehand. So it was agreed to ask CBC to repeat the survey again.

Fly Tipping

Residents attending the Meeting also asked about incidents of fly tipping. The Chair said that a CBC grab lorry visits the village on a weekly basis. The Parish Council also continues to push CBC to install covert cameras at fly tipping hot-spots.

Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter

Following a recent ROSPA inspection our supplier (Kompan) will be contacted regarding the replacement of a number of faulty and missing items. The zip wire also needs to be re-tightened and the Parish Council will seek Kompan's advice on the non-slip treads on the ramp as the initial remedial action taken was unsuccessful.

Good Neighbours Scheme

26 guests attended the recent tea party in the Village Hall. The GNS Tombola at the Village Day raised £400.

There will be another Tea Party on the 5th October.

Report from Ward Councillor

Cllr. Collins informed the meeting that he has had communications with various agencies dealing with the Mancroft Road flooding issues.

Residents Communications

A resident has pointed out that the bus stop sign outside the former Harrow PH is hanging off. The relevant CBC Officer has been contacted and hopefully it will be fixed shortly.





The Good Neighbour Scheme

October

Tea Party

Wednesday 5th October 2022

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The Open Wednesdays season finished on September 28th but there are still events to look forward to this autumn. 2022 was the 21st anniversary of the beginning of the project to revive the walled garden and there is a study day on October 12th to celebrate this. Please see our website for more information

www.lutonhooestate.co.uk or 'phone 01582 721443. A photograph (below) was taken earlier in the year of the current volunteer force.



We have an Autumn Open Day (10:30-13:00) on Wednesday October 26th which coincides with the school half-term. Children find the garden fascinating & enjoy the safe place to explore and learn about flowers and plants. Please see the website for more information.

The popular Friday talks begin again on October 28th from 10:30-12:30 with the talk beginning at 1100 for a £7.50 donation in aid of the continued revival of the walled garden to include tea or coffee at 10:30. They take place in the Luton Hoo Estate Office upstairs in the Lecture Room. Prior booking is required.

Topics are as follows:

28th October Opening the Museum at Luton Hoo after WW11

25th November Women's Land Army at Luton Hoo in WW1

27th January Walled Garden in the 20th Century – Highs and Lows

24th February Water on the Estate – 18th-21st centuries

24th March 21 years
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PLANNING



Planning applications submitted within the Parish since August 2022

Application CB/22/003389/FULL submitted 23rd August 2022

2 Whyles Cottages, Woodside Road, Woodside, LU1 4DH
Single storey rear extension.

Decision: Not yet decided

Application CB/22/003299/FULL submitted 13th August 2022

17 Markyate Road, Slip End. LU1 4BU
Erection of two storey side and single storey front extension and widened dropped kerb and highway crossover.

Decision: Application withdrawn

Application CB/22/02559/FULL submitted 2nd September 2022

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Decision: Not yet decided

For further information on applications visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
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Photography Club



The club has continued to meet at the Slip End Social Club. We are also using a room at the Heathfield Centre in Caddington on the third Tuesday of the month for practical sessions or talks.

The latest monthly topic was Birds and Animals and a few of us shared pictures at the start of September.

Numbers are a little low since we restarted after the pandemic. We wonder if some people have been put off going out in the evenings and mixing with others.

If you enjoy photography, please get in touch and come along. You don't have to be an expert or have an expensive camera. Some people's pictures are taken using a phone or small compact camera. Often, a good picture is down to being in the right place at a good time.

For information contact Andy Prothero:- countrygardensAP@outlook.com

Caddington Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)

This group, mostly made up of local people, produces some great plays and pantomimes. In September they put on "A Bunch of Amateurs" at the Heathfield Centre, Caddington. This was praised by friends who went to the performances.

A few photo club members had a chance to take photos at the Dress Rehearsal. This is a challenge! Low light and people moving around the stage. From behind the lens, it was an enjoyable play, though it is easy to miss any nuances when concentrating hard on watching the action without falling over in the semi darkness.

They have just announced the next production for early 2023 which is a play based on the TV series "The Good Life". Should be fun...

Alison Wilson





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Message from St Andrew's

I probably spend too much of my life on Facebook but it isn't all time ill spent. A lovely Slip Ender recently shared a post that began, "You got hammered at the bar on Saturday but came to church on Sunday... You can sit with me; you're right where you need to be." It then lists more misdemeanours each time saying "You can sit with me; you're right where you need to be."

Too often it is assumed that people in church sit in pews on a Sunday and judge others because they feel superior. We don't do that at St Andrew's and not only because we don't have pews anymore.

Hopefully people come to church because in their deepest, darkest, moments they need somewhere to turn. I saw this summarised as "Christianity isn't for the little engine that can, it's for the train wreck that can't." (*Daniel Emery Price.*)

There isn't anyone in all the world too bad, too broken, or too damaged for Jesus to save.

Our Holiday Fun Day on 28th October will be looking at stories from the life of Jesus' disciple, Peter. The brilliant thing about Peter was that he quite often got it wrong – he was over excitable like a puppy, quick to temper and at a key moment a coward – but still Jesus called him and loved him. He called him "The Rock"* on which he would build his church. After the Resurrection Jesus forgave Peter and gave him the commission to make new disciples.

Peter did not have to wait until he had got everything figured out before he followed Jesus. After all we are all just a work in progress. As someone else said "The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints." Don't wait until you are sorted. Come as you are!

God bless

Julie Taylor, Reader.

We are here as God's family, to draw closer to God, to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.

*no relation to Dwayne Johnson

St. Andrew's Church - Dates for October



We are pleased to confirm that the church building continues to be open! Most aspects are back to normal but we continue to designate an area at the back of church for those wishing to socially distance, and there are Covid security measures around the sharing of bread and wine at Communion services.

However if you would prefer to join the live service virtually, Nick has set up a Zoom link which is open to all. You can join by putting in the number 878 5926 2657 and the passcode 664663 to Zoom or by clicking the link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?
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Services held at St Andrew's:

October 2nd 10.30am: Informal Communion – The duty of faith

October 9th 10.30am: Morning Praise – Thankfulness of faith

October 16th 10.30am: Holy Communion – The persistence of faith

October 23rd 10.30am: Morning Praise – The humbleness of faith

October 28th Half term Holiday Club (see separate advert)

October 30th 10.30am: Family Service – Shoebox Sunday with the story of Zacchaeus

We are continuing with a monthly Family Service on the last Sunday of each month. Of course all ages are welcome to every service, but the service content will be especially accessible to all generations at the Family Service.



Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday. Sessions will be held on 5th, 12th & 19th October, we are closed on 26th for half term, but Holiday Club will run on 28th. Kettle goes on at 10am - turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.

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In Memory of Alan Watson

By Kris Watson

On the 7th of September, we lost my Dad, Alan Watson. My mum and I were by his side in the L&D as he passed away peacefully. He was 82.

Many of the people reading this may have known Dad, he was always happy to have a chat and lots of people knew the London cabby from Summer Street. He was a keen Chelsea fan and always had time to talk football, or any sport, as that was his passion. He had a wonderful sense of humour and was always quick to laugh or make others laugh with a joke or a comment and I never met anyone who didn't enjoy his company.

The 38 years he spent in Slip End were happy ones and he was a part of the community, acting as a parent governor at the school, playing for the darts team at the social club, and serving 20+ years as a Magistrate. In his younger years he was a keen sportsman and I don't think he was ever shown a sport he didn't have a go at. He had a lot of success over the years but he was never prouder of a sporting achievement than the year he coached Slip End lower school to a wonderful winning season and he was pleased to catch up with a couple of the members of that team just a few months before he passed.

I couldn't have wished for a better Dad, but he was more than that, he was my friend and I hope you were lucky enough to have spent some time with him.

Dad's funeral will take place at the Vale in Luton on **Friday 7th October at 3:30pm** and all are welcome to join us to celebrate his life. There will be a gathering at Slip End Social Club afterwards.

I have set up a tribute page on the British Heart Foundation website and donations can be made in Dad's name in lieu of flowers: <https://giftofhope.bhf.org.uk/In-Memory/Alan-Watson> Any donation, no matter how small, is gratefully received.



Funeral Service for Our Queen

I Recently heard that my Great Nephew Ben Chant was to be part of the funeral service for Queen Elizabeth II. He only joined the Royal Navy this year as no new recruits were taken during lockdown.

He passed out in July, and is now stationed at Portsmouth and really enjoying the training. The new recruits were chosen to be part of the group to be on guard outside Westminster and to pull the Gun Carriage - so a great honour for them all.

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They have been practising with different drills since they found out, and even at 3am one morning last week in London, so a very busy 10 days. Ben is pictured outside Parliament Square by the gun carriage. (Follow the green arrow)

-Sue Briggs



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The baptism was performed by Rev Cathy Pullinger, our previous vicar who was taking the service as Rev Nick Mwandia was preaching elsewhere.

It was good to welcome Cathy back amongst us.

The children present were set a challenge by Cathy to look for all the lost sheep that were hiding around the church, and after a while had found them. Bonnie and her brothers Jack and Finlay enjoyed playing with them.

After the service Becky and Richard Wiltshire, Bonnie's parents entertained their guests in the Family Room at St Andrew's Church.

-Sue Briggs



Gardening Notes

by *Russell Sprout*

Well what a summer, but not one for the garden, although saying that the fruit seemed to like it. Time now to get the garden sorted for the winter so you are ready for next season. Remove all annuals before they become too bedraggled. Most hardy perennials should be planted this month unless the soil is very wet in which case wait for a dry spell, or the soil will compact where trodden on. Cut Dahlias down to about six inches above ground level as soon as the frost blackens the leaves, then dig them up using a fork and try not to damage the tubers, dry in a frost free shed for about a week and plant in shallow trays with just enough peat or ash to cover the tubers and keep slightly damp, shoots will appear next spring. Plant border Carnations and Pinks, space border Carnations about 15 – 18 inches apart and Pinks 12 inches apart.

Sweet peas can be sown direct into the ground now or in pots from the middle of the month in a cold greenhouse, plant tulips and Hyacinths this month and into November. Tulips planted earlier may be damaged by frost and may suffer tulip fire disease. Chrysanthemums can either be left in the ground to over-winter but do not cut the tops down until spring, or lift the stools, cut the tops down and plant them at the same depth they were growing at in a cold frame or greenhouse and take cuttings in the spring but do remember to label them before lifting. Gladioli do not fare well if left in the ground to over-winter so lift them about the second week of the month and dry them off thoroughly then cut the stem just above the corm, the roots can be removed as soon as they are dry. Store them in a frost free environment and replant in the spring.

Cut out the canes that carried this year's fruit from Blackberries and Loganberries and summer fruiting Raspberries and tie in the new shoots to a wire or frame. Complete the planting of strawberries this month for fruiting next year and clear all rubbish from established beds. Towards the end of the month plant all types of hardy deciduous trees and shrubs but not in frosty weather or strong winds.

If you have a pond you should be thinking about preparing it for the winter by drastically thinning out underwater oxygenating plants and remove old water lily leaves. This will avoid the presence of a great deal of decaying vegetation on the base of the pond when the water is iced over, and will minimise the formation of toxic gases and prevent a shortage of oxygen. If the water looks dark green or blackish, drain off half the volume and replace with fresh water.

The Gardening Club welcome visitors to their meetings in the Village Hall for a small charge of £2, why not make a note in your diary for 21 November (8pm) and go along to hear Russell Bowes on The Tale of the Tulip, or why not join, membership only £5 per year? That's all for this month folks, see you again in November.

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We had guests from Eaton Bray, Dunstable, Houghton Regis, and Studham at our 67th birthday celebration. Before we began the festivities, we all stood for 1 minute's silence in honour of the passing of our Queen Elizabeth II on this day. Our meal was a fish and chip supper supplied by Skyfrys, Caddington's local fish and chip shop. A big thank you to them. We had a mystery raffle where all prizes were pre-wrapped. The evening was rounded off nicely by an enjoyable sing-along by Ken and Sally (Ken from the Mercy Ships charity). The competition was for a table decoration, and these were used to decorate the dessert table.

For our October meeting on Tuesday 4th October, we are having a demonstration on Armchair Yoga, hopefully, we can join in. The competition will be Your Favourite Animal.

In November we will be making something crafty for Christmas.

6th of December will be a Christmas party with games and food, our competition will be a Home Made Christmas Card.

9th of December we have our own Group Meeting where we are entertained and we provide supper.

On Thursday 15th of December, we have invited Dunstable Ladies Choir to sing for us. This usually includes Christmas melodies and our joining in with familiar songs. Always a good selection of cakes and refreshments. This is an Open Evening so bring along your family and friends. Tickets, Venue, and Times will be printed next month.

That's all for now folks. Look forward to some of you ladies joining us. We are a friendly bunch of ladies with membership increasing steadily. We meet on the First Tuesday of each month at the Caddington Sports and Social Club.

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Public fear alarm or distress – 1

Total 3

Woodside

None

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Caddington

Theft from a motor vehicle - 3

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Burglary – business and community - 1

Assault without injury – 1

Sexual – 1

Burglary – residential – 1

Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle - 1

Total – 10

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

What's going on in 2022

October

- Mon 3rd** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Wed 5th GNS Tea Party Village Hall 2:30 -4:30
Chatty Club every Wednesday 2pm—4pm Rising Sun
Fri 28th Fun Day St Andrew's Church 10am—3pm (see poster)

November

- Mon 21st** Gardening Club, Village Hall.
Guest Speaker Russell Bowes "The Tales of the Tulip"

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Bin Collections— September

Orange and Green — 7th, 21st Oct and 4th Nov
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Anything interesting to report about village activities, photos, holidays, etc.

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