

**December
2023**

**Parish
News**

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**Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside**

Editors' Notes

The cover photo this month shows the collection of wreaths laid during the Remembrance Service at St. Andrew's

Church. As the memorial for the Parish is inside the church building (apart from two war graves in the churchyard), those attending were sheltered from the adverse weather. Representatives of the Councils and of the Uniformed Organisations were present. I was pleased to see the two statues that were purchased by the Parish Council placed at the Village Hall. (see *the photo on page 6*)

Now we move on to Christmas, though I always feel that the commercial trappings in the shops arrive earlier and earlier. The lights in the village will be switched on by the end of November, after the publication of this issue, so no photos sorry. We have posters and information in this magazine about Christmas biscuits, parties, Craft Fair, and the usual visit from Santa. Much to look forward to!

This is the final issue of our magazine for 2023. It includes dates for January, where known. The Christmas bin information is now available so we have included the modified dates. However, please still look out for labels on your bins or information on the Central Beds website.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and we will be back in February!

The guests and volunteers at Soup and Sandwiches commemorated Remembrance Day. They joined together for a 'sing-a-long' of popular war time favourites, organised by Liz and Paddy. See poster on page 5 for details about these events.





Residents Parking Scheme Survey

The Parish Council is aware of the problem the Parish has with airport parking, some roads suffer more than others.

In order for us to approach Central Bedfordshire Council as our local authority to discuss a possible parking scheme we have to run a residents consultation.

We have created a survey for residents to complete in various ways:

- Email the clerk with your responses clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk
- Complete the survey online <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLLSDRF>

Residents Parking Scheme Survey

1. What road do you live in within the parish?
2. Have you experienced issues with airport parking? (i.e., persons parking their vehicle and leaving it for the duration of their holiday) Yes or No
3. Have you experienced other parking issues? Yes or No
4. Would you welcome a Residents Parking Scheme? Yes or No
5. If yes would you be prepared to pay for it?
6. In your opinion would a 'restricted hours' or 'display parking permit' scheme work better?

Note: * There will be a cost involved with any scheme.

*Details of the costs will only become available from CBC if there is deemed a requirement for a scheme, and if CBC agree that such a scheme can be implemented in the Parish.

* Please complete one survey per property and only complete the survey once.

* Survey available between 1st and 31st December

Slip End Parish Christmas Biscuits 2023 – List of qualifying residents.

The distribution of the Christmas Biscuit gift is organised by the Slip End Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS).

To be eligible for your Christmas gift from the Parish Council you need to have lived in the Parish for 5 years or more and have reached the age of 65. Only one box is given per couple.

To help us keep the list up to date, if you are newly qualified for both the above criteria, please contact **Simon Patterson** on **01582 419 487** or email: s.patterson@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk

Many thanks.
Simon (GNS Chair)



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Village Hall

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**November .... 28th**  
**December 5th, 12th**

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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

## Remembrance Day

Councillors and the Clerk attended the church service on Sunday 12th November, and prior to this, members approved expenditure for two commemoration statues which were purchased and installed at the Village Hall. The Clerk is investigating a new bench for the Coronation Gardens at the crossroads and the planting will be renewed in the Spring.



## Flood Working Group & Flooding

The new container for our flood equipment has been paid for and should have been delivered by the time the Parish News comes out.

The Chairman advised our Central Beds Councillors that Grove Road chicane suffered with severe flooding over the weekend of 3rd, 4th & 5th of November, despite having had the pavement at the location raised. This is a difficult location to deal with to provide a permanent fix, given the field and road and pavement are the same height. If there was a ditch it would allow the water somewhere to drain to. That said, the chairman advised CBC councillors that Woodside residents on foot would have been cut off that weekend as the water level was high and unless they approached in wellies, their chance of walking through the flood would be zero! Central Beds will be looking at what else can be done at this location to improve the flooding problem.

The other location in the Parish that Central Bedfordshire Council is dealing with is Lower Woodside, where they have carried out surveys of the drains with more surveys due. As soon as they have the results of the surveys and they know what they're dealing with, they can plan how they tackle it.

The Parish Council has empty sandbags, for any resident that would like some bags to fill, keep and use on their property please call or email the clerk or the chairman.

Contact [clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk)

or [s.minnighan@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:s.minnighan@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **Churchyard Trees**

Due to heavy rain the ground around the churchyard and at the playing field was too wet when our approved contractor attended site, so we are waiting for the ground to receive frost so it becomes more solid and will take the weight of the contractors equipment, then the trees that have approval for removal will be attended to.

### **Residents Parking Scheme**

Please see the separate article on the scheme – please complete the online survey or email the clerk with your answers – one response per property only, thanks.

The results will be discussed at the January meeting. Next meeting is Monday 4th December 2023 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

*Cllr Sarah Minnighan - Chairman*



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# Aley Green Methodist Church



## Dates for December and January

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10am Prayer Breakfast

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 4pm Ecumenical Advent Service at Aley Green

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 10-12am Cakes and Company and Little Lambs Club

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning service led by Sheila Norris

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm Christmas Take Time to support Christians in Ukraine

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Service Sunday School

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Ecumenical Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Carol Service

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Service led by Rev Jung

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am (short) Christmas Day Service led by Rev Nigel Bibbings

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30am Morning Service led by Peter Baker

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 10-12am Cakes and Company and Little Lambs Club

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Service (Covenant and Communion) led by Rev Nigel Bibbings

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Service led by Geoff Best

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Ecumenical Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 4pm Ecumenical Service at Caddington Baptist Church

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Morning Service led by Steve Jones

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm Coffee Evening in aid of Action for Children

At the end of October, the choir sang "Three Wise Camels" by Roger Jones at a special service followed by afternoon tea. We raised an amazing £417 which was donated to the Swim Slip End Fund as many of the children in our community will benefit from the work on the pool. A few of the fund raising committee members came along to tell us about their plans. Thank you to those who came along and supported us so generously.

We are collecting for a number of different charities at our Christmas events. We are also holding a couple of raffles in aid of "Crisis" at Cakes and Company. November's raffle raised £61. Please come along and support us at any of the special events for Christmas.

Do join us for any of our services or events. You will be given a warm Aley Green welcome.

*God bless, from all at Aley Green*



# GARDENING CLUB

At our last meeting of the year, the speaker, Beverley Bond, gave a talk on “Herbs” The talk was followed by the annual social finger buffet, provided by members, along with drinks to finish off the year. A couple of photos are below from the final garden visit of the year to the Celebration Garden at Ayletts Garden Centre, St Albans.

We are a small friendly Club which meets five times a year, Monday evenings 8pm at the Village Hall and would welcome new members. The annual membership is very good value at only £5 per person. Visitors and Guests are welcome at meetings at a charge of £2. We have Guest Speakers on gardening topics at meetings and organise the Village Open Gardens Day and Plant Sale, alternate years. Any enquiries to Rosemary Wickens 01582 423622

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

PN Gardening Correspondent



Mon 22nd January 2024  
Village Hall, 8pm  
**Gardening Club**  
**Guest Presentation**



New Members Welcome  
Guests/Visitors £2

# SANTA CLAUS

We are pleased to say that Santa Claus will be out touring Slip End, Pepperstock and Woodside on the evenings of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. He will, of course, be accompanied by all his elves and maybe a few extra guests, with their buckets of chocolate for the young and the not -so- young. It is always lovely to see the pleasure the float gives to people of all ages.

Full details of the route and approximate times are to be found on the poster in this magazine on Page 21.

We are still on the look-out for helpers and elves so if you could join us on one, or both evenings do let us know on 0795 858 7595

The float is sponsored by Slip End Village Day and all monies collected on the nights are donated to Keech and to projects and groups in the Parish.

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## Message from St Andrew's

Are you looking forward to Christmas and the year's end? As the Julian calendar year heads to its end in December, in the Church of England, as it is for many other traditional Christian denominations, worshippers will be starting a new liturgical calendar year about a month earlier on December 3rd. The Church year revolves around two cycles: the Christmas cycle (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany), and the Easter cycle (Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost). The first four Sundays before Christmas frame the season of Advent, a word derived from the Latin *adventus*, which means "arrival" or "coming". Advent looks forward to the incarnation of the Supreme Son who came to save from sin, and to reconcile believers with the God of grace (Colossians 1.19-20).



The four Sundays in November mark a sort of 'in-between' time following the end of Trinity season (which falls immediately after Pentecost). This period before Advent is observed as a time of celebration and reflection on the reign of Christ, both on earth and in heaven. The themes for our Sunday services, drawn from the November bible readings, direct us to thoughts of the coming glorious reign of Christ at the end of this age. Even as we look forward to it, we are challenged to reflect about the lives we live before that time when the Advent of the kingdom will occur in power and glory. Indeed, some Protestant denominations name this mini season at the end of our church calendar "Kingdomtide".

The Bible repeatedly emphasises God as One who reigns. The kingdom of God was the centre of Jesus' life and ministry, and it is the heart of his second Advent as revealed in the last book of the bible, Revelation. Here Christians can find comfort and encouragement that God is firmly in control. When the time is right, the forces of evil that seem to dominate our world will be utterly destroyed, and God's eternal kingdom will come into its fulfilment. Until then, followers of Christ still have their part to play.

As we see signs of the end around us, we continue to pray, thy kingdom come! As we remain alert and watchful, we ensure we stay ready for his return. As we live as Christ's stewards, we apply our spiritual gifts for his kingdom. And we respond to the needy, we prepare to receive our kingdom inheritance.

Revd Nick Mwandia

## St. Andrew's Church - Dates for December & January

If you would prefer to join our live services “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



December 3rd 10.00am: No service at St Andrew's – instead we will be joining the congregation at St Paul's

December 3rd 4.00pm: We will be joining the Churches Together in Caddington Ecumenical Advent Service at Aley Green

December 10th 10.30am: Family Carol Service

December 10th 3.00pm: Bereavement Carol Service

December 17th 10.30am: Holy Communion

December 17th 6.00pm: Carols by Candlelight

December 24th 10.30am: Morning Praise with Family Crib service

December 24th 11.30pm: Midnight Communion

December 25th 10.00am: Christmas Service at St Paul's (No service at St Andrew's)

December 31st 10.30am: Family Service

January 7th 10.30am: Informal Communion – Epiphany

January 14th 10.30am: Morning Praise

January 21st 10.30am: Holy Communion

January 28th 10.30am: Family Service

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** Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday.

We will be running sessions on 6th & 13th December and resuming after Christmas on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st January. Kettle goes on at

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# **Christmas Party**

**Wednesday 20th December 2023  
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2.30pm to 4.30pm**



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## Gardening Notes *by Russell Sprout*

It's nearly Christmas again and as usual I am still trying to figure out where the year has gone! Not helped by waiting for the summer which never happened. There has to be something in global warming, we just don't get the seasons like we used to. Damp leading to botrytis/mildew is the major problem in the greenhouse, so ventilate on dry days and reduce any watering to the absolute minimum. Lag outdoor taps and drain hoses and spray guns until dry to prevent frost damage. If we have heavy falls of snow this winter knock the snow off the branches of trees and shrubs to prevent them from breaking under the weight of the snow. If you haven't done so already clean and lubricate mowers before putting away for the winter.

Remove fallen leaves from alpiners and rockeries, fork over between plants with a hand fork and remove weeds. Sweet peas started under glass will require the tips pricking out above the second or third pair of leaves to encourage side shoots to develop before planting out in the spring. Examine dahlia tubers, if shrivelled plunge in tepid water overnight and if any are starting to rot cut off damaged part and dust with flowers of sulphate. Spray fruit trees with a tar-oil winter wash this month or next to kill eggs of pests laid earlier in the year. Tar-oil can be sprayed on all fruit except strawberries. Keep a check for mice damage amongst stored fruit and vegetables and also amongst autumn sown peas and broad beans and take appropriate action.

Prune climbing roses now, cutting away diseased or damaged growth and tie in any new shoots to their support. Prune older flowered side shoots back by two thirds of their length. Start to winter prune your Wisteria, cutting back summer side shoots to 2 or 3 buds. Leave the faded flower heads on your Hydrangeas until the spring, they will provide frost protection to the swelling buds further down the stems. Recycle as much waste as you can on the compost heap and burn any woody matter that won't break down, but check carefully for hibernating hedgehogs before starting a bonfire. Nothing to sow or plant so use any leftover compost on the garden, don't be tempted to keep it for next year. Inspect plants & fruit trees to see if any are in need of TLC, such as tying or firming in where they are suffering from wind rock.

The seed catalogues are available now but remember, it is first come first served so get that order in as soon as possible. Remember when comparing a modern F1 hybrid against an older open pollinated type that the F1 will always mature in the same week, whereas the open pollinated varieties will crop over several weeks.

Why not go along to the Gardening Club's AGM in January (Monday 22nd January) at the village hall and become a member? Well it's time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you in February.

Russell Sprout

## An update from Swim Slip End



Following on from last month's successful fundraising month, the money has continued to roll in! Lots of people to thank in this issue!

We were overwhelmed to find out we have been awarded £25,000 from the Central Beds Community Asset Grant. There were many applications for this but only one project is selected from each ward, so we truly believed our chances were slim! A big thank you to our ward councillor Vicky Malone who supported our application.

Our application to Angus Brewer for £13,685 was also successful which will help us purchase an air source heat pump, heat-saving insulation and bubble covers which will have a big impact on the pool's energy efficiency.

We are very lucky that the Chair of Swim Slip End, Laura Figg, has become the Queen of funding applications. The feedback we've had from some of our funders is that they have been some of the best applications they've ever received. So thank you to Laura, we are very glad you're on the team!

By the time this Parish News lands on your doorstep we are almost certain we will have hit our £10,000 Crowdfunder campaign. After we reached £2,500 we were able to secure a £3,000 pledge from Sport England which really saw us on our way! Thank you to everyone who has donated, brought rewards and shared the campaign with family and friends. The last couple of weeks have made a massive difference.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to Aley Green Methodist Church. Their performance of Three Wise Camels and the afternoon tea afterwards raised £417! It was a lovely afternoon with wonderful singing, followed by a delicious afternoon tea. A special thank you to Ann Meader and Liz Higgins for thinking of us and your support.

We feel very lucky to have such a wonderful community behind us, it really has kept us motivated so the final thank you goes to all of you!

*Amelia England,  
Swim Slip End*



## **SANTA CLAUS IS ON HIS WAY TO SLIP END, PEPPERSTOCK AND WOODSIDE**

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December

### Thursday

Summer Street - 17.15

Church Road - 17.45

Markyate Road - 17.50

Claydown Way - 18.10

Front Street - 18.35

Crawley Close - 18.50

Pepperstock - 19.00

### Friday

New Street - 17.15

Rossway/St Andrews Close - 17.20

Prebendal Drive - 17.40

Farmers View - 17:55

Woodside Rd/Elaine Gdns - 18.15

The Grove - 18:40

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### **Summary of the meeting held on 17th October at 1pm in the Surgery.**

It was brought up that there was no facility to send copies of letters received from other health providers through the admin Triage system. We were informed that if you telephone reception, they will send a link to your mobile or email so you can photograph the letter and send the photograph to the surgery.

We then had a little discussion about the Mental Health Awareness day being held at The Grove Medical Hub in Dunstable. **Note:-** We have yet to receive details. of this event.

We also talked about ways we can advertise for more people to join the Patients Participation Group. To that end flyers and application forms will be provided at village events in Caddington and Slip End.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th November in the surgery at 13:00

***John Larsen (Secretary/Acting Chair to the Patients Participation Group).***

The PPG is looking for some extra people to join the group in order to help them to gain input from across the community.

If you might be interested, please contact the surgery.

More details next time.



# St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



**Sat 27th January**  
**10.00 am to noon**  
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## Welcome to Spice 1875 Experience exquisite Indian Cuisine

On Monday 6th November I went along to meet Chef Ali, plus one of the staff family members, of which there will be 7 working there. New Manager (Khoynul Chowdury) is pictured with dancers on the next page.



The Frog & Rhubarb décor has completely changed and looks amazing. Spice had been cleared for the evening opening and to give the Indian dancers plenty of space for dancing.



The family already run several Indian restaurants, based in Birmingham, Market Harborough and Southdown in Harpenden. They are all looking forward to the challenge of bringing Indian food to Slip End and we wish them every success with their new venture.



Serving dishes ready for a sample of free food for their evening guests.



More space where the former restaurant was and to give plenty of room to dance.



On arrival you were offered a free glass of wine and able to mingle and chat with some of the many parishioners from Slip End and Caddington. It was great to see so many turn up for the much awaited opening. It was good to see Paul Cooper and his parents there, who were very pleased that at long last the old Frog and Rhubarb would be in service to the community again.

Then the dancers arrived and treated everyone to some exotic Bollywood style dancing, complete with lighted cloaks, most impressive.



The staff then brought samples of their food out to try, with samosa's, meat curry, vegetable curry and masala, and rice for all. Visitors were soon tucking in to a very tasty dish. There is an extensive menu on offer and in January, Spice 1875 will be offering a

Take Away Menu and free delivery within 3 miles. They also have a website where you will be able to make your reservations; [www.spice1875.co.uk](http://www.spice1875.co.uk)



The dancers were soon encouraging visitors to join in with the dancing which provided great entertainment for all. Even the old Parish News editor David Kingston was most impressed with the food and the dancing.



**Well done Spice 1875, a great opening night and long may it continue.**

*By Sue Briggs*



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## Shoeboxes via Blythwood to the Ukraine

Shoebox time was here again and St Andrew's Church was involved with sending boxes through Blythwood Care, bound for Ukraine.

Slip End Village School joined in with the appeal and we collected 20+ boxes from them and also some from Pre-school. Well done to all the children who made up the special gifts to be sent abroad. Blythwood Care encourages boxes for all ages, young and old and we certainly had a nice mixture of pre-school, school age children, teenagers, adult and elderly boxes, filled with care and our 'Love in a Box' to the Ukraine.



*Slip End Village School*



*Elizabeth Cowell from Year 5 & cousin Stanley*

Elizabeth and her little cousin Stanley enjoyed doing their boxes with Grandma.

Holiday Fun Day provided more boxes, made up by the children who attended, and on Shoebox Sunday members of the congregation were able to make even more boxes, mainly from fillers collected by St Andrew's Reader, Julie Taylor. She had been collecting them all year and they made a great contribution towards our 94 shoeboxes this year.



*Finlay, Ted, Gracie and Lissie with boxes already collected and some from Shoebox Sunday.*

A collection was taken from the congregation which raised £270 and enough to help pay for the transport for the boxes. Well done everyone who made up a box, and sent fillers



*Two lovely volunteers from Hillingdon arrived to take our boxes to their warehouse for checking.*

A special prayer was led by Julie Taylor, our Reader at St Andrew's, to send our total of 94 boxes on their way.  
*By Sue Briggs*

## 90th Birthday Congratulations!

Rose Johnson has sent us these photos. Her Dad, Raymond Hussey, a long standing village resident, celebrated his 90th Birthday on 17th October.

She said, "We held a Surprise Birthday party for him at Slip End Social Club on Sunday 15th. Many thanks to all who came. It was such a lovely day for Dad."



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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 objectives

Further information on LADACAN can be found via the following:-

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Hello and welcome from Slip End Village School. For those who don't know me, I'm Andrew Young and I have been the Head of School since last Easter. As soon as I stepped foot into the school, I knew it was going to be the place for me. The children were incredibly welcoming and showed excellent learning behaviours throughout the year groups.

Fast forward 6 months and I'm pleased to say that the school is developing at a rapid rate. Over the summer holidays, the site team and volunteers from the school community worked tirelessly to pretty much re-paint every room in the school. The improvements didn't stop there: we have continued to work on enhancing the learning environment by reducing the clutter; getting some fantastic new furniture (courtesy of the University of Bedfordshire); and reconfiguring the library area to be a friendly, usable space. Whilst this has taken place, we have implemented a new Phonics Scheme for the school, whilst also sharing our commitment to raising standards with key stakeholders.

Aside from the enhancements across the schools, children have also been taking part in a variety of extra-curricular opportunities which have included: the Shoebox Appeal, Food Bank donations, visits from the local Parish Councillor and taking part in British Values Week. Furthermore, we are going from strength to strength in offering children additional sporting opportunities: from sports hall athletics to football fixtures and Bikeability courses to tag rugby.

A firm favourite in the diaries of all the children is the fantastic events that the FoSELS (PTA) team provide. We are fortunate to have a brilliant group of parents who work hard at bringing in vital funds to the school. This academic year, they have held cake sales, run a successful Scary Ball and sold pre-loved uniforms to the parents. With funds going directly back in to learning and teaching at the school, I really do mean it when I say – thank you!

As we enter the colder months and - dare I say it - Christmas approaches, the children will continue to work hard across the curriculum whilst also getting into the festive spirit. This year the choir will be taking part in a number of performances including a secret mystery show! We will also be inviting parents in to share the Year 1 & 2 nativity and to attend a new event – Carols under the Canopy. Thank you for reading and I look forward to writing more regularly in the future as we share more exciting news from the school.

*Mr Young, Head of School, Slip End Village School*



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|-----------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Aley Green</b>                                   | None | Other theft – 3                              |
| <b>Pepperstock</b>                                  | None | Assault with injury – 2                      |
| <b>Slip End</b>                                     |      | Assault without injury – 2                   |
| Theft or Unauthorised taking of a Motor Vehicle – 1 |      | Criminal Damage Residential - 2              |
| Other theft – 1                                     |      | Other Criminal Damage – 2                    |
| Burglary – Business and Community – 1               |      | Burglary – Business and Community – 1        |
| Criminal Damage Residential - 1                     |      | Harassment – 1                               |
| Total – 4                                           |      | Theft from a Motor Vehicle – 1               |
| <b>Woodside</b>                                     | None | Public Fear Alarm or Distress – 1            |
| <b>Caddington</b>                                   |      | Race or Religious Aggravated Public Fear – 1 |
| Shoplifting – 3                                     |      | Total - 19                                   |



### Planning applications submitted within the Parish since October

Application CB/23/03460/LCDP submitted 27/11/23 47 Woodside Road, Woodside LU1 4DJ

Lawful Development Certificate Proposed. Loft conversion with hip and gable side roof extension and flat roof rear dormers. Decision: Not Yet Decided

Application CB/03523/FULL submitted 2/11/23

Land to south of Ashridge, Pepsal End Lane, Pepperstock LU1 4LJ

Erection of 2 detached 4 bed infill dwellings. Decision: Not Yet Decided

Application CB/03605/FULL submitted 8/11/23

20 Markyate Road, Slip End, LU1 4BX

Demolition of existing garage, construction of a single storey side extension, part single and two storey rear extension and three side flat roof dormer windows and internal alterations. External material change to front elevation from boarding to render. Decision: Not Yet Decided

Application CB/03622/TDM submitted 8/11/23

Prebendal Farm, Grove Road Telecommunications Determination Masts. Removal of existing 20m monopole mast and associated compound and the installation of a replacement base station which includes a 25m lattice shareable mast, 6 no antennas, 2 no dishes, 7 no cabinets etc. Ancillary development. Decision: Not Yet Decided

For further information see [www.centralBedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralBedfordshire.gov.uk)>view planning applications. If you wish to comment follow the link to “view planning applications “ page.



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

### What's going on in 2023 / 2024

**Weekly** Soup and a Sandwich Tuesday 12-2pm Rising Sun—see poster p5

**Weekly** Chatty Club every Wednesday Rising Sun 2pm—4pm

#### December

**Mon 4th** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

**Sun 10th** Craft Fair Village Hall 10am—4pm

**Sun 10th** Children's Christmas Disco, Slip End Social Club, 2pm—4pm

**Fri 15th** "Take Time" with refreshments Aley Green Church 2:30pm

**Wed 20th** GNS Christmas Party, Village Hall, 2:30pm—4:30pm

Various Christmas Services—see Church pages

**January** Welcome to 2024!

**Mon 8th** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

**Mon 22nd** Gardening Club Meeting / Guest Presentation Village Hall 8pm

**Sat 27th** Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church 10-12am

#### February

**Mon 5th** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

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[www.slipend.co.uk](http://www.slipend.co.uk) where historical copies can also be found.

#### Bin Collections— December (including Christmas) / January

Orange — 1st (also last Green this year), 15th, **Sat 30th** Dec

Fri 12th (&recycle Christmas trees), 26th Jan 2024

Black bin and Glass — 8th, 22nd Dec

**Sat 6th Jan** Fri 19th Jan & 2nd Feb 2024

Food Waste bin — Every Friday



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| <b>Doctor</b>                           | Markyate Surgery 841559                                      |
| <b>Pharmacy</b>                         | Medigreen, Caddington 457800                                 |
| <b>Schools:</b>                         | <b>Slip End Village School</b> 720152 <b>Manshead</b> 679400 |
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| <b>Wardens:</b>                                                                | Wayne Leslie (see football)                                                  | Parish News)                                                                                     |
| <b>Steve Baird</b> 738205                                                      | <b>Line Dancing</b> —Jean                                                    | <b>CaSeBuG (Caddington</b>                                                                       |
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| <b>Aley Green Methodist</b>                                                    | <b>Community:-</b>                                                           | <b>group).</b> <a href="mailto:info@casebug.org">info@casebug.org</a>                            |
| <b>Church.</b>                                                                 | <b>Gardening Club</b> 423622                                                 |                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Rev Nigel Bibbings</b>                                                      | <b>Beavers,</b>                                                              |                                                                                                  |
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