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February 2023

**Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside**

Editors' Notes

Welcome to our readers and we wish you a Happy New Year (a little late since we have no January magazine). This is also

the first opportunity we have to include photos and reports about some of the Christmas activities and celebrations.

The cover photo, taken by Jill Acton, shows the lovely Christmas tree during the snow we had in December. I am sure everyone will agree that the decorations were excellent this year and the Light Switch On with stalls and carol singing went very well. Thanks to those who organised that as well as the annual visit from Santa on his float. (see p 15)

The Warm Space in the Rising Sun continues this month —see the poster for details. There are always other coffee mornings (at the churches) and the chatty club among others which give opportunities for conversation and refreshment.

The on-going effects of the pandemic have caused many people to change their habits and that has had a knock on effect on many organisations, clubs and charities. One such club affected by lack of numbers is the Photography Club which has sadly agreed to close. Please see the report for more details. I hope that some of the local members will still send us photos to include in the magazine and brighten up our pages.

One piece of good news:- We submitted two magazines into the Annual Parish Magazine Awards and were told that we came 25th in the A5 category, out of 450 entries.

Note The 231 bus was withdrawn due to low passenger usage. A partial replacement has been provided between Caddington & Luton by an enhanced service 230. Central Bedfordshire Council and CaSE Community Trust are working jointly with Centrebus to support an enhanced 230 bus service which launched in January.

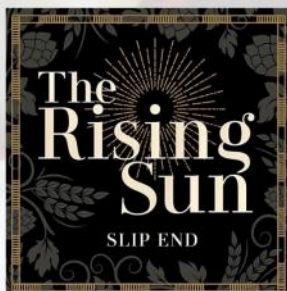
The new service will operate on an hourly basis throughout the day, Mondays to Saturdays, linking Caddington Woods, Caddington, Woodside and Slip End to Luton Airport Parkway, Luton Interchange and the L&D Hospital. The service will also call at Skimpot Tesco's. The service will be free of charge to all passengers, sponsored by CaSE Community Trust! See timetable on page 27.

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The latest Parish Council Meetings were held on Monday 5th December and Monday 9th January in the Village Hall.

December Meeting

One Planning Application was discussed this month:

CB/22/04389/FULL – 47 Woodside Road, Woodside – Part two storey and part single storey side extension.

After a short discussion, it was agreed not to comment on this Planning Application.

Report by Ward Councillor

Cllr. Collins reported that he had received an email from the Clerk at Aley Green Cemetery that there were concerns about the amount of rainwater flowing through Aley Cemetery on to Mancroft Road and that proposed new developments would make the situation worse. Cllr. Collins said this would be taken into account and thanked the Parish Council for their feedback.

Cllr. Collins informed the Parish Council that he attended a meeting at Luton Borough Council where the Newlands Road Development Application was discussed. The Meeting acknowledged the traffic concerns regarding Newlands Road and the potential problems in Front Street and Half Moon Lane. Despite concerns the Planning Application for the northern site was approved. The option for a Park and Ride site at the southern development will be kept open for a discussion at a later date.

Cllr. Collins provided an update for the revised 230 bus route paid for by the CaSE Trust and the end of the 231 bus service. These changes have now taken place.

(NOTE:- see the copy of the 230 timetable sent to the magazine Ed.)

2023/2024 Budget Proposal

A 2023/2024 Budget was approved. The Parish Council will make use of its reserves so that the Precept is reduced from £55,000 to £50,000, a 9.1% reduction. This means a Band D property will now pay £68.87 a year, down from £75.45 a year, a reduction of 8.7%.

January Meeting

One Planning Application was discussed this month:

CB/22/04901/FULL - Field to the South of Woodside Road, opposite Woodside farm and 171 Woodside Road, Woodside. Change of use of agricultural land to a dog exercise area, including laying a hard standing parking and manoeuvring area, fencing and improving the on-site access.

The Parish Council will make a request to CBC Planning that if the field ceases to be used for dog exercise it should revert back to agriculture use.

Good Neighbour Scheme

Volunteers have successfully distributed Christmas biscuits to elderly Parish residents. So far 52 residents have attended the soup and sandwich event at the Rising Sun over the past 3 weeks.

Report by Ward Councillor

Cllr. Collins reported that Thames Water had launched a Flooding Grant Scheme and funds of up to £50,000 may be made available from this for extra work in flood prone areas.

Parish Council Matters

The Parish Clerk will leave at the end of April. Interviews for a replacement took place in January. The Parish Council Chairman will



be standing down prior to the February Parish Council meeting.



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# **2023 - NEW YEAR RESOLUTION**

## **KEEP YOUR VILLAGE TIDY**

**Parents regularly remind children to put litter in a bin provided or take home. (Plastic bottles and cans in a recycling bin)**

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**Businesses remove any rubbish from frontage to prevent blowing onto pathway/road.**

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**Smokers. Extinguish cigarette when finished and put butt in waste bin or take home.**

**Your co-operation in these matters would be appreciated.**

**Thank you**

## Christmas services at St Andrew's Church

We had some memorable services at the Church for Christmas 2022. The flower team had decorated the Church beautifully and it was great to see many local people attend some of the special occasions.

On 27th November it was our Christingle Service and all the congregation were able to make their own Christingle to take home.

We formed a large circle and lit the candles to sing a song together. Always a lovely communal service at St Andrew's and it was great to see so many families there.

*Reports by Sue Briggs*



Some of the lovely flowers that decorated the church, thanks to Diane and her Flower Team.



The Candlelight service on the 18th December also went well with Sylvia Harland leading the singers and Liz Higgins on the organ and piano.



In the afternoon, and evening many church members attended the Rising Sun Christmas event and led the Carol Singing from the Village Hall to turn on the Slip End Christmas lights. Later they continued singing at The Rising Sun which was full of stalls and villagers.





## Wedding at St Andrew's

On December 17th Edwin Thrift married his beautiful fiancée Laura Crawford at St Andrew's Church. Reverend Nick Mwandia took the service and Liz Higgins was the organist. Edwin and Laura recited their vows in front of family and friends and both looked extremely happy. It was a wonderful occasion with family and friends present. The Church had been decorated with the Christmas tree, lights, candles, Nativity scenes and flowers and looked wonderful for the happy couple and all attending.



## Family Christmas Service

On December 11th we held the Family Christmas Service for all ages. It was wonderful to see 8 young readers from Slip End Village School lead the readings for us, and they all did extremely well. From the left, Leah from Year 2 then Seth, Freddie, Conall, Archie, Darcy, Elizabeth, and Charles, all from Year 4. Many thanks to them all and their families who came along to support them and practised their readings with them. They all received a treat for reading. Well done all.



## GARDENING CLUB

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

At our last meeting of the year, the speaker, Russell Bowes, gave an interesting talk on “The Tales of the Tulip” from mid 1600. The talk was followed by the annual social finger buffet, provided by members, along with drinks to finish off the year.

*PN Gardening Correspondent*

Monday 20th March  
Village Hall, 8pm  
**Gardening Club**  
**Guest Speaker**



New Members Welcome  
Guests/Visitors £2

### Shoobox reminder for knitting wool— for mittens



A big thank you must go to Joan Duncombe who knitted over 30 pairs of mittens for the shoeboxes. Joan is housebound and always grateful for any wool you might like to donate (double knitting or Arran wool).

Contact Parish News for Joan's address or email [sue\\_briggs@icloud.com](mailto:sue_briggs@icloud.com)

Thank you, *Sue Briggs*

# Quiz

Friday 10th February 7.30pm

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## Breakfast with Santa

### Slip End Social Club – 3rd December 2022

Around 30 families; over 100 people, attended a fun and festive breakfast with Santa at Slip End Social Club. Everyone tucked into bacon and sausage baps and Christmas waffles whilst waiting for the star guest. It didn't take long for the big man in red to make an appearance and he delighted the kids with high fives before settling down to have a long chat with all of them. He listened whilst they whispered their Christmas wishes and quizzed them to make sure they were on his good list, finally giving them all a small gift and posing for lots of photos. The Social Club were incredibly accommodating and it looked wonderfully festive for the occasion.

FoSELS (PTA to Slip End School) collected money for a hamper raffle and a Name-the-Bear competition, the proceeds of which, along with those from the event itself all go to benefit all the kids at the school.

FoSELS would like to say a huge thanks to all who attended, to the generosity of Jenny and staff at the social club and to the time and efforts of those (many Slip End pupils themselves) who helped make the event such a success.

See you all next year!

Seasons Greetings

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## THE SANTA FLOAT AND THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Although some time has passed since Christmas, we want to say thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Lights switch on, the Christmas Market in the Rising Sun garden and, of course, the Santa Float.

Both were made possible by funds from Slip End Village Day 2022. We were pleased to be able to light up the Village Hall and the Rising Sun to make the centre of the village more 'Christmassy'. Then, in the middle of December Santa arrived to visit Slip End, Pepperstock and Woodside, bringing chocolate treats and collecting letters from some of the children to take back to Lapland. It was great to see so many people young and old who came out to see him.

Thank you must go to everyone who helped in both events - Edwin for putting up the lights, Laura for the Rising Sun Market, and the people who put up the marquee and gazebos. Finally a huge thank you to Santa for his visit, to Sean for driving the Float and to all the elves who were busy knocking on doors to let you know Santa was coming.

We were again amazed by your generosity, which has enabled us to donate to Keech Hospice and to put some money in the Slip End Village Day account which helps support Village Day in July, Santa's visit later in the year and other projects within the Parish.

Thanks again – and keep a look out for Village Day news in next month's magazine.



# ALL ABOUT

## PLANNING



### Planning applications submitted within the Parish since November 2022

Application CB/22/04389/FULL Submitted 14th November 2022  
47 Woodside Road, Woodside, LU1 4DJ  
Part two storey and part one storey side extension.  
Decision: Not yet decided

Application CB/04612/PAEC Submitted 12/12/2022  
4 Harrier Court, Woodside Road,, Woodside, LU1 4DQ  
Prior approval change of use commercial/business/service(Class E)  
to dwelling houses (ClassC3) conversion of existing two storey office  
building to accommodation 2, one bedroom flats.  
Decision: Not yet decided

Application CB/04901/FULL Submitted 22/12/2022  
Field to the south of Woodside Road, opposite Woodside Farm and  
171 Woodside Road, Woodside.  
Change of use of agricultural land to a dog exercise area,  
incorporating the laying of a hard standing parking and manoeuvring  
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Do you belong to a club or organisation that would like to promote its  
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Do you have an event or special occasion that would interest the  
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Paula will be selling cards and crafts (handy for Mothering Sunday on 19<sup>th</sup> March??) and there will be a special draw with a chance to win some fair trade goodies as we participate in Fair Trade Fortnight.

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# Aley Green Methodist Church



## Dates for February 2023

Sat 4th Prayer Breakfast led by Liz Higgins

Sun 5th 10:30 Service led by Rev, Margaret Newman and Sunday School

Tues 7th 10-12 Cakes and Company and Little Lambs Club (story time 10:30)

Fri 10th Take Time - short talk about the charity "Days for Girls" with refreshments

Sun 12th 10:30 Service led by John Enejo

Sun 19th 3pm Family Service (local arrangement) and Sunday School

NOTE: Usual Fellowship replaced by Lent Fellowship no 1 on 27th

Wed 22nd 7:30pm Coffee Evening in aid of LWPT

Sun 26th 10:30 Service led by Rev. Patrick Kandeh

Monday 27th 7:30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship—week 1

Fri 3rd March World Day of Prayer Service at Aley Green

We are grateful to those who supported us at our Christmas events. The Charitree Festival was a great success, raising £311 which was shared between three charities—MHA, LWPT and Mission Direct. We raised further funds for other charities at our Christmas Day service and Carol Service.

We would like to remind you that everyone is always welcome to join us at services, Cakes and Company (chance for a chat over coffee and cake!) coffee evenings and other events. Hope to see you there!

*God Bless, All at Aley Green*



## Message from St Andrew's

In our church calendar the festive season of Christmas, celebrating the birth of Christ, was concluded with the Epiphany, his first appearance to non-Jews. We are now into four Sundays of 'Ordinary Time' before the season of Lent comes round once again. Ash Wednesday kicks it off on 22nd February, 46 days before Easter Sunday.

The hours of daylight are unquestionably lengthening. The signs of spring are evident in budding greenery, as the earth begins a miraculous transformation. After a time of winter rest the earth is stirring with a new energy, as our corner of the globe takes its gradual turn for renewal. The bible teaches that the four seasons are God's handiwork. It is not an accident that He created them. Each one has a purpose. We may not see it while scraping ice off our windscreen, and the streets are slushy, slick, and dirty. Nevertheless, God's good design for the earth will bear fruit. Isaiah the prophet had this in mind when he wrote in Isaiah 55:10,

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

And coming full circle, one of the reasons the church follows a liturgical calendar is for an unveiling of God and his word. Organised around the events of the life of Jesus Christ, the calendar helps to frame and organise our time and our lives with a focus on him. Following a calendar formed around the biblical lectionary allows the church to go through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus and the gift of the Spirit, every year. And we can all discover his purposes for our lives as we walk with him through the seasons.

*God bless, Revd Nick Mwandia*

## St. Andrew's Church - Dates for February



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

Services held at St Andrew's:

February 5th 10.30am: Morning Praise – Salt and light

February 12th 10.30am: Informal Communion – Do not worry

February 19th 10.30am: Holy Communion – The Transfiguration

February 22nd 7.30pm: Ash Wednesday – Giving and fasting

February 26th 10.30am: Family Service – Temptation of Christ

*...with all age focus about Fair Trade. The collection will go towards the work of "Transform Trade", a Christian charity promoting trade justice.*

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 1st, 8th, 22nd February (we are closed on 15th February for half term).

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## 2022 was a busy year for Woodside Brownies!

Throughout the year we've been on a pack holiday, went to Wrest Park to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and had lots of fun at our weekly meetings.

Most recently we had a Bingo evening for the Brownies and their mums, grandmothers and friends. Brown Owl (Debbie) and Snowy Owl (Katie) had planned for a surprise for Wise Owl (Gillian Plummer) when the District Commissioner Sue Hunt came and presented her with her 50 years of services to Guiding award- an amazing achievement! During the evening Imogen, Aanjali, Cienna and Harmony received their Brownie Bronze awards and Katie received her 5 years of service to Girlguiding award.



Brownies are always looking for new girls to join. If your aged between 7-10 years old and would like to join please get in touch:-

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We meet at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings between 6pm- 7:30pm

## Photography Club

The AGM was held this month. Numbers attending have become low, especially since Covid. All the committee members have stepped down and it was agreed to close the Club. There were no offers to set up a new Committee. We agreed that it was a sad day, especially since the club was set up about 10 years ago by a local resident, the late Norman Homewood. He was very enthusiastic about photography and wanted to encourage others. Thanks must go to all those who have organised activities for the Club over the years.

In the past year or so, it has been difficult to organise events and the group has met more as a social group with a common interest. Members voted to continue this in an informal way. We would hope that some people will gather for a drink and a chat, and sometimes a themed challenge, on the third Tuesday of the month at the Social Club. Feel free to come along!

## Gardening Notes *by Russell Sprout*

With Christmas and New Year now a distant memory it's time to turn our thoughts to the gardening year. Clear away any dead plant material and keep on top of weeds as they start into growth. If you have a soil testing kit this is a good time to test to see if lime, nitrogen or potash is required to balance the soil. This is quite easy to do, just follow the instructions that come with the kit, you don't have to be a scientist.

Check Dahlias in store, cut away any rotted sections of tubers and if they are shriveled plunge them into tepid water for 10-12 hours. Take cuttings of Chrysanthemums that have been over-wintered in the greenhouse or cold frame as soon as the new shoots are big enough. Stools that have been left in the ground will benefit from pushing a fork into the ground around the plant to stop rotting and clear away any weeds or debris that have accumulated. Any alpines that have been loosened by frost should be firmed into place and weeded. If the lawn has become wet and boggy with all the rain we have had, aerate with a fork to help drainage and scarify towards the end of the month to remove dead grass and thatch if conditions are dry enough.

Mint can be propagated now by digging up the runners just below the surface, separate them from the main plant, cut into lengths of approximately 6" long and plant. Mint is best planted in a container to stop it spreading everywhere. Parsley can be sown outdoors if dry and not too cold for a first crop. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries close to the ground by the end of the month.

Early potatoes can be arranged in boxes or seed trays with the eyes uppermost in a light frost-free shed, greenhouse or cool bedroom to sprout into growth for an early crop. If you haven't got your seed potatoes yet don't delay or you will be left with the dregs. Early peas and broad beans can be planted in the soil towards the end of the month if it is dry. Shallots can also be planted this month and just cover them with soil to stop birds from pulling them out of the ground. If you plan to plant tomatoes in a cool greenhouse in April now is the time to sow seeds in a propagator or indoors on a windowsill and pot them on when they are about 2" high.

Why not join the Gardening Club where you can swap gardening tips, listen to speakers on all different aspects of gardening four times a year in the village hall and visit some interesting gardens with like minded people between the spring and autumn. If you would like to know more before committing yourself give Rosemary Wickens a ring on 01582 423622, she will be happy to talk to you.

*Russell Sprout*



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(LADACAN—Luton and District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise)

The Planning Inquiry into Luton Airport's application to legitimise noise breaches gave LADACAN the chance to ask some really searching questions and reveal some stark truths.

Never before has the lid been lifted on the motives and actions of the Airport Operator, deficiencies in its noise monitoring, or how the airlines call the shots. Luton is paranoid about losing business to Stansted and uses that as a justification for prioritising growth over noise reduction.

The Planning Inspectors will make their recommendation to the Secretaries of State in a month or two. In the meantime, LADACAN shall continue to challenge the mentality that the Airport is **entitled** to reach its passenger limit regardless of its noise controls or whether or not the newer planes are quieter, and that if noise breaches are judged to be **negligible** based on dodgy noise contours, no action need be taken.

The Inspectors were very unimpressed by the lack of a proper assessment of further passenger traffic on the already crowded transport infrastructure - so anyone with knowledge of transport planning should sharpen their pencils since it's obviously a key vulnerability.

For information, **LADACAN** is a community group which represents people who are affected by the noise from Luton Airport and concerned about its growing impacts on climate change and local quality of life.

It has a seat on the Luton Airport Consultative Committee (LLACC) and its Noise and Track Sub-Committee (NTSC), both of which meet quarterly to discuss issues affecting local communities. Because Luton is the only major UK airport owned by a local authority, there are particular issues over governance and conflict of interest, and we highlight those as necessary.

The Committee are all volunteers, relying on donations from members to support their work. Costs include website hosting, targeted legal advice, producing leaflets and placards, hiring meeting rooms, travel, and access to data and specialist software.

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| <b>Woodside</b> Grove Park Road                | 0604 | 04  | 2004 |
| <b>Slip End</b> Crossroads                     | 0606 | 06  | 2006 |
| <b>Luton Airport Parkway</b>                   | 0618 | 18  | 2018 |
| <b>Luton</b> Park Square                       | 0622 | 22  | 2022 |
| <b>Luton Interchange</b>                       | 0629 | 29  | 2029 |
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Andrew Harland, his wife Sylvia and Sue Briggs led a Christmas service for some of the residents and Sylvia played her violin for them.



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Wishing you all a Happy New Year. Our Christmas Party was great fun. Each member brought along a plate of food for a buffet later. We played several games including the Under the Chair game. Hilarious.

Later that week we went to a Group Meeting in Heathfield. Other Institutes joined us, Studham, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, and Eaton Bray. We hosted the evening and provided supper. Each Institute had a 15 minute slot to perform some entertainment for us. Poems and stories were told and we acted in Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Carol Hardy was Daddy Bear, Mummy Bear had gone out and Baby Bear was Sharon Goode. Sharon was thrown in at the last minute as our original Baby Bear had covid and couldn't come along. It was very funny and brought us all a laugh.

We were very disappointed to hear that Houghton Regis W.I. was closing down. We shall miss them all.

Our ladies have donated old bras to young people in Africa who do not have these garments. We are told it will save them from rape and persecution in their hometowns.

We listened to Natalia from Ukraine as she told us what it has been like and is like now living in Ukraine. We were upset upon hearing her stories. We had a collection and raised £94. to help with transport, fuel, food, and clothing. Natalia was very grateful. So far they have managed to send 7 lorries containing 80 tonnes of goods across to help. Natalia helps at the Luton branch of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain, 16 Cromwell Road, LU2 7PY. and there is a box for people to put their donations when closed. They need warm clothing, thermals, socks gloves, etc, and dry/tinned food, tea, coffee, etc. If you feel like helping pop along and chat with the people. You may even get a piece of Ukrainian cake! Later that evening we held a bag auction. This raised a few eyebrows when members looked into their bags! The final event of the night was a game of bingo. Much hilarity ensued with balls escaping off the table and the bingo ticket numbers going up to 90, although there were only 75 balls to be drawn from the spinning cage. With this slight hiccup dismissed, we continued with the rest of the game.

Our meeting in February is the 7th when Beverly Bond will speak on Herbs and in March we have a Craft Demonstration.

Do come along one evening and have a night out to remember! We meet on the First Tuesday of each month at the Caddington Sports and Social Club, Manor Road., Caddington starts at 7.30 pm.

*Linda Edwards*



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Parish Crime Statistics

From November 2022



Aley Green

Sexual – 1

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Pepperstock - None

Slip End

Theft or unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle – 2

Burglary – residential – 1

Malicious Communications – 1

Total - 4

Woodside - None

Caddington

Assault without injury – 4

Assault with injury – 2

Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle – 2

Malicious Communications – 2

Sexual – 1

Endangering Life – 1

Theft from a motor vehicle – 1

Burglary – residential – 1

Threats to kill – 1

Other theft – 1

Other criminal damage -1

Total - 17

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*A few extra lights photos as well as a couple of "Snow" theme from photo club members.*





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

## What's going on in 2023

- Weekly** Nov—Feb **Tuesday** GNS Soup & Sandwich Rising Sun—see poster
- Weekly** Chatty Club every Wednesday 2pm—4pm Rising Sun
- February**
- Mon 6th** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
- Tues 7th** Cakes and Company—Aley Green Church 10-12
- Tues 23rd** Join an informal chat about photography etc Social Club about 8pm
- Sat 25th** Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's 10-12
- March**
- Mon 6th** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
- Sat 20th** Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm

### Future Dates

**Sat 20 May** Gardening Club Plant Sale Village Hall 10:30—12:30

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## Annual suspension of household garden waste collections

Household garden waste collections across Central Bedfordshire will be suspended until Friday 24th February 2023

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