



**December 2024**

**Parish News**

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CHRISTMAS!  
2024**

**Aley Green Pepperstock  
Slip End Woodside**



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## Editors' Notes

This is the last issue of this year and as I write this, the weather is getting distinctly colder and snow and freezing temperatures have been forecast for our area.

### **Cover Picture**

The cover picture was the winning entry from the competition held by Slip End Village school.

### **Soup and Sarnie.**

Please note this stops on December 10th and restarts on January 7th.

### **Chatty Club**

The last meeting is on December 4th and restarts on January 8th.

### **Santa**

As usual Santa will be visiting us on December 12th and 13th.  
See poster on opposite page for locations and timings.

### **Newlands Road**

I understand that this road closure has been extended to December 20th.

### **Christmas Biscuits**

These will be delivered to qualifying resident, the week before Christmas.

### **Bin Collections**

At the time of writing, Central Beds Council have not released the dates of the collections over the Christmas and New Year Weeks. Look out for the labels they attached to the bins, or go to [www.Centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.Centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) and click on waste.

### **My 10 gram fat challenge**

To all of you had a go at the 10 gram fat challenge and let me know how you got on. I give hearty thanks. As you found out it is not easy.

Please remember that there is no Parish News in January. Matt will be the editor and any items for the February should be submitted by January 15th.

Finally We wish you A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.  
See you in February.



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

**Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December**

### **Thursday**

Summer Street - 17.15

Church Road - 17.45

Markyate Road - 17.50

Claydown Way - 18.20

Front Street - 18.50

Crawley Close - 19.10

Pepperstock - 19.30

### **Friday**

New Street - 17.15

Rossway/St Andrews Close - 17.20

Prebendal Drive - 17.55

Farmers View - 18:10

Woodside Rd/Elaine Gdns - 18.35

The Grove - 18:50

**SANTA WILL BE DRIVING TO EACH STREET AND STOPPING TO WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS, PLEASE COME OUT AND SEE US. CHILDREN CAN GIVE THEIR LETTERS TO SANTA, REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AS YOU MAY GET A REPLY FROM SANTA HIMSELF!**

*All times listed are approximate*

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Morning**



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**NB there is no Community coffee in  
December – Paula gets a well deserved  
break.**

The Good Neighbour Scheme  
& St Andrews Church

# Soup & a Sarnie

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# Parish Council Update



## Co-option of Councillor

We are pleased to announce that on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Laura Clarke was co-opted to the Council as our new Councillor. Laura is the Manager of the Rising Sun Public House and has a lot to offer the Council. We welcome Laura and look forward to working with her.

## Flooding

**Flood Equipment** – our flood signs were removed after the recent flooding. The Clerk will contact Highways to locate them. The Clerk will also order some new Aqua Sacks.

## Volunteers

We require volunteers from the parish to join the committee and be available to assist in the event of floods to put out flood signs and assisting residents with flood supplies. If you would like to support the group, please contact [clerk@slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk).

## Proposal for Charges at Local Authority Refuse Centres

The Sustainable Community Overviews and Steering committee met on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November to look at the revised paper for proposed fees and charges for large amounts of DIY waste measured in volume not weight. There will continue to be no charge for general waste. They are also looking at introducing a booking system. If the new, charges are introduced, it will form part of the budget in January / February 2025. An update will be given when a decision has been made.

## Good Neighbourhood Scheme

**Tea Party** – the tea party held in November was a success, 25 residents attended.

**Client Trip** – we have organised a trip to Frosts Garden Centre on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Transport will be by car shares from Clients and Volunteers.

**Soup and Sandwich** – is going well with regular numbers attending.

**Quiz Night** – held at Slip End Social Club was well attended and a very enjoyable evening.

**Christmas party** – is being held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and starts at 3.30 pm.

**Christmas biscuits** - will be delivered to qualifying residents a week before Christmas

## Parish Website / Email Addresses

The Slip End Parish Council website and emails have been transferred to the .Gov domain. The address is now **slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk**. All Council email addresses remain the same with the change from **.co.uk** to **.gov.uk**. Currently emails are being forwarded to the new addresses.

## Newlands Road Closure

The Newlands Road closure was due to end on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. This has now been delayed and the road will remain closed until 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Luton Airport Expansion

The deadline date for a decision is still the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025. Cllr. Shaw attended a question and answer session. New noise readings were published but there were complaints that these readings were from an area a mile away from the airport.

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## Good Neighbours Scheme Tea Party

On October 30th the Good Neighbours scheme held a Tea Party in the village hall, which was well attended. There was coffee, tea and home made cakes supplied (see photo).

There was 4 games of bingo played 2 for one line and two for the full house, called by Josie.

We ended with a raffle for which there was many prizes (see photo below of the homemade cakes and on page 27 the raffle prizes).



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# Aley Green Methodist Church



## Dates for December & January

Sun 1st Dec Sunday School at Aley Green (No morning service)

Also 4pm Ecumenical Advent Service at St Andrew's, Slip End

Tues 3rd 10-12am Cakes and Company and Little Lambs Club (with Story Time 10.30am)

Sat 7th 10am Prayer Breakfast

Sun 8th 10:30am Morning Service—Local Arrangement led by Alison Wilson

Fri 13th 2:30pm "Take Time" (a celebration through music and readings with refreshments)

Sat 14th 10am—4pm Eco Charitree Festival (Stalls, Refreshments, including bacon butties.)

Sun 15th 10:30am Morning Service led by Peter Baker

Monday 16th Dec 2pm Ecumenical Fellowship led by Jo Prowse (NOTE change of time)

Tues 17th 7:30pm Annual Carol Service

Sun 22nd 10:30am Morning Service led by Rev Jenny Spouge (Holy Communion)

Wed 25th 9:30am Christmas Day Service led by Ivor Mitchelmore

Sun 29th 10:30am Morning Service—Local Arrangement led by Liz Higgens

**Happy New Year!** Sun 5th Jan 10:30am Morning Service led by John Enejo and Sunday School

Tues 7th Jan 10-12am Cakes and Company and Little Lambs Club (with Story Time 10.30am)

Sun 12th 10:30am Morning Service—Local Arrangement

Sun 19th 4pm Ecumenical service (Week of prayer for Christian Unity)—Aley Green

Mon 20th Jan 2pm Ecumenical Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Sun 26th 10:30am Morning Service led by Rev Nigel Bibbings (Covenant & Holy Communion)

Wed 29th Coffee evening for Action for Children

Please join us for our Christmas events. Take Time with music and refreshments (Fri 14th Dec), the "Charitree" Festival (Sat 15th) with food, preserve sales and tombola and "Eco—decorated trees" - visit to find out more, Carol Service on Tues 17th and other Christmas services. Hope to see you there!



*Happy Christmas and God Bless,  
From all at Aley Green*



In, what feels like, a blink of an eye, we are fast approaching the Christmas Holidays. Whilst the children will be working hard in their learning, we will be sprinkling the Curriculum with festivities including: A Christmas Disco, Carols under the Canopy, a Nativity performance and a Christmas Sing-along. In addition to this, we are excited that our federated choir will be taking part in the annual London Luton Airport choir performance.

Aside from this, children have taken part in various enrichment opportunities including a trip to IWM Duxford and representing our school at sporting activities.

Finally, we would like to extend a huge thank you to local companies who have supported the school recently: First Response Security, Airparks and Slip End Garage.

Below, you will find some entries from our superb Junior Journalists.

### Christmas Poems

#### Christmas Time

It is nearly Christmas Time.

Everybody loves Christmas Time.

All the kids and adults are all getting ready for Christmas.

They are setting up all the decorations and stockings and lots of other things!

Christmas brings lots of joy and happiness to lots of people's faces.

By Lake

#### Most Things are White at Christmas Time

If you think about it,

Most things are white at Christmas Time like....

The snow,

The winter glow,

Santa's bobble on his hat,

And this paper.

By Finlay.



## Duxford Write Ups

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 our Federated Schools went on a school trip to IWM Duxford.

We have been learning about WW2 in History recently so it was great to experience which planes and equipment were used in WW2. It is a very exciting topic to learn about. We watched mini movies and got to explore the planes. The most interesting fact I learnt was the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1940 was the last attempt by the German Luftwaffe to beat the RAF but they did not succeed. We got to see a Luftwaffe and I was surprised at how small it was compared to others.

I can't go without mentioning our school coach drama which added a lot of fun to the trip!

By Darcy.

I really enjoyed our trip to Duxford because we got to see the room where the Battle of Britain was planned and monitored. We also got to see all of the different types of planes and engines. We went inside some planes too. They had tanks and armoured trucks which were very cool. One of my favourite parts of the trip was when I saw the Blackbird. But my most favourite part was when we saw some planes flying and a very big plane started their engine.

I loved going to Duxford and I will go again.

## SLIP END VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is pleased to welcome Paula Fowler onto the committee. Paula and Gareth are now in charge of hall bookings and can be contacted in two ways.

The phone number for the hall is **07747 819430** . Please leave a message if they are unable to answer with your name and phone number, so they can call you back.

Alternatively they can be contacted by email:-

[SlipEndVillageHall1909@gmail.com](mailto:SlipEndVillageHall1909@gmail.com)

Over the half term school holiday the hall was given a new coat of paint and is looking clean and fresh. We also now have Wi-Fi which is a great help to the pre-school who are sharing the cost with us and, we hope, it will be of use to other users of the hall.

By the time you read this Christmas will be getting very close and the hall will once again have a tree purchased by the Parish Council and lights all around courtesy of Village Day. Thanks to both for lighting up the Village Hall to bring some Christmas cheer to all.

Happy Christmas everyone

**The Good  
Neighbour  
Scheme**



# **Christmas Party**

**Wednesday 18th December 2024  
Slip End Village Hall  
3.30pm to 5.30pm**

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**Bingo! Ukulele Band!  
Cakes & Drinks & A Bumper  
Raffle**

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am ~ 4pm

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The quickest and easiest way to report parish problems is via the **FixMyStreet** app.

Downloadable to Android or iPhone devices, you can create an account and then track the progress of the issue.

The screenshot shows the FixMyStreet website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FixMyStreet logo and links for 'Report a problem', 'Sign in', 'All reports', 'Local alerts', and 'Help'. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads 'Report, view, or discuss local problems'. Underneath, there is a sub-heading 'Like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting'. A form prompts the user to 'Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area' with an example 'e.g. 30 426 or 'The St, Manchester''. A 'Go' button is next to the input field. Below the form, there is a link to 'Use my current location'. On the left, a 'How to report a problem' section lists four steps: 1. Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area; 2. Locate the problem on a map of the area; 3. Enter details of the problem; 4. We send it to the council on your behalf. On the right, a 'Recently reported problems' section lists several issues with small images: 'Drain cover' (16/01 today), 'Very large and deep pothole near the bus stop going toward the shed garage' (05/21 today, last reported 05/21 today), 'Large dip / broken section between road and pavement' (05/20 today, last reported 15/20 today), 'Leak Road, Monday' (10/20 today, last reported 10/20 today), and 'Abandoned Visual Cops' (05/20 today). At the bottom left, statistics are shown: '19,986 reports in past week', '25,891 based in past month', and '6,658,394 updates on reports'.



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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.

Remove fallen leaves from alpines 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.

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 out door 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.

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 20th 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

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



Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday. We will be running sessions on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January. The kettle goes on at 10am - turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.

### Little Singing Stars

Little Singing Stars will resume in the New Year - please see the local community Facebook page "Slip Enders" for updates.

### St Andrew's Church

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?pwd=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>.

### Services held at St Andrew's:

1<sup>st</sup> December-10.30am - Christingle Service - in aid of the Children's Society

1<sup>st</sup> December - 4pm - Churches Together in Caddington ecumenical Advent service hosted by St Andrew's Woodside

8<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am - Morning Praise - Family Carol Service

15<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am - Holy Communion

15<sup>th</sup> December - 3pm - Bereavement Service

22<sup>nd</sup> December - 10.30am - Morning Praise - Family Crib Service

22<sup>nd</sup> December - 6pm - Carols by Candlelight

24<sup>th</sup> December - 11.30pm for Midnight Communion

25<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00am - Christmas Day Service at St Paul's Luton -  
No service at St Andrew's

29<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am - Family Service

5<sup>th</sup> January - 10.00am - Service at St Paul's Luton -  
No service at St Andrew's

12<sup>th</sup> January - 10.30am - Morning Praise - Praying for God's Spirit

19<sup>th</sup> January - 10.30am - Holy Communion - Praying for Rescue

26<sup>th</sup> January - 10.30am - Family Service - Praying for Revelation

## Shoeboxes via Blythswood for Kosovo from St Andrew's Church

Shoebox time is upon us and again we are involved with sending boxes through Blythswood Care, and this year they are to be distributed to Kosovo. It is recognised as one of Europe's poorest countries. People have so little that small gifts of hats, scarves and gloves, toothbrush, socks, stationery, small toy, sweets etc for the children, and toiletries, household items, gloves, hat and candles etc that we all take for granted, are like luxuries to men, women and children living in poverty.

This year our Reader Julie organised Shoebox Saturday at Church. She had covered 60 shoeboxes and bought many fillers to go inside the boxes. It was good to see so many volunteers come along to help fill the boxes. We also had donations from our old shoebox friends in Caddington. Previously we had used Heathfield School to make up and check boxes in the area. There were bags of wonderfully knitted hats, gloves and scarves, plus toys and other goods.



Elizabeth, Ted and Stanley with their boxes



60 Boxes waiting to be filled



# WHAT'S ON @ *Slip End*

SOCIAL CLUB

DEC  
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## CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

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DEC  
15

## KIDS CHRISTMAS DISCO & SANTA VISIT

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DEC  
21

## JUSTIN LOVELL

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DEC  
24

## CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

FREE DUKE BOX

DEC  
26

## BOXING DAY DISCO & KARAOKE

Hosted by Mrs R Events

DEC  
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# Christmas

## Opening Hours 2024

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Christmas Eve, 24th December  | 3pm - 11pm    |
| Christmas Day, 25th December  | 12pm - 3pm    |
| Boxing Day, 26th December     | 12pm - 11pm   |
| Friday 27th December          | 3pm - 11pm    |
| Saturday 28th December        | 12pm - 11pm   |
| Sunday 29th December          | 12pm - 11pm   |
| Monday 30th December          | 4pm - 11pm    |
| New Year's Eve, 31st December | 3pm - 1am     |
| New Year's Day, 1st January   | 1:30pm - 11pm |

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SLIP END SOCIAL CLUB

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## Planning applications submitted within the Parish since October 2024

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102 Markyate Road, Slip End

**Submitted 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Lawful Development Certificate Existing. To confirm that planning permission CB/19/00032/FULL has been lawfully implemented by reason of building works undertaken within the prescribed permission and in accordance with the conditions of the planning permission.

**Decision:** Application withdrawn.

**Application CB//24/02562/FULL.**

**Submitted 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Demotion of existing buildings/structures and the erection of a new stable building.

**Decision:** Not Yet Decided

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## St Andrew's Message Dec 2024

A Christmas tradition that I have come to late in the day is "Whamageddon" where participants have to try to get from 1<sup>st</sup> December to Christmas Eve without hearing "Last Christmas" by Wham. Apparently other versions with different songs are available. As long as they never pick on Michael Bublé's Christmas compilation, I'm fine.

One place that is a 99.9% guaranteed to be Wham free this Advent and Christmas season is St Andrew's. We have a range of different carol services. Some are particularly family friendly – Christingle 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, Family Carol Service 8<sup>th</sup> Dec (clue in the name there) and the service on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec which has the working title Crib Service. Carols by Candlelight a 6pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec is a traditional service of carols and lessons. The service at 3pm on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec is a special service for the bereaved and those for whom Christmas is a difficult time. It will be quiet and reflective.

It doesn't matter if you are not a regular church attender. If you just want to share in this lovely tradition or dip your toe in the water of a carol service so to speak, please believe me when I say that you are most welcome.

Julie Taylor

Reader at St Andrew's Woodside

P.S. The C of E's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, **Follow the Star: Calm and Bright**, draws on the carol, Silent Night: "*Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright...*" drawing us into the still centre of the Christmas story, to contemplate Mary holding the new-born Jesus, the Light of the World. Angels in the birth narrative show the need for calm in the present ("Do not be afraid" ... "Fear not") and the hope of a bright future "for behold I bring you tidings of great joy"). We will be giving away booklets and other resources at our services. Or you can investigate online at <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/calm-and-bright-christmas-reflections>.



## Community Hymn Singing with St Pauls Church, Luton and St Andrew's, Slip End.



On Sunday 20th October at 4.30pm St Andrew's joined Rev Nick Mwanda's other Church in New Town Street Luton to perform a Community Hymn Singing event.

It was organised by Wande Awonuga from St Paul's and Peter King and Sylvia Harland from St Andrew's Church, The congregation also sang along to a packed St Paul's Church. Hymns included Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Great is thy faithfulness, Let all the world in every corner sing etc etc. It was a wonderful afternoon. Thank you for hosting it St Pauls. **There is to be a Community**

**Christmas Carols afternoon at St Pauls Church on Saturday December 14th at 4pm.**

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# CaSeBuG

As many of you may know CaSeBuG won the Caddington Village Organisation of the year this year. However, not everyone will be aware of what they do.

The title stands for Caddington and Slip End Bus Users Group. The group started in February 2023 as a response to the withdrawal of the 231 service connecting us to Dunstable and Luton. It was at this time that the circular route taken by the 230 was being trialed.

The group have been monitoring the 230 and contributing to discussions to improve the ever popular free service provided by CaSeTrust. The bus runs every hour on the hour from Elm Avenue shops.

Thanks to their discussions with Transport Officers at Central Beds and Luton it has now been possible to reinstate the 231 to Dunstable on a limited timetable. This includes the 8 o'clock service from Pepperstock – especially useful to people going to work. Also, twice a day the bus goes into Manshead School. The timetable is displayed at the Green.

Looking to the future, further improvements could include extending the 231 to run all day. It is worth noting that the Transport Budget has not increased since 2026.

CaSeBuG members also attend the Pan Bedfordshire Bus Users Forum to meet others and improve connectivity.

In the short time that they have been operating CaSeBuG have made a real difference. Thank you.

Jane Payton

## **Note from the editor.**

The 230 bus timetable was also published in the October issue of this magazine.



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Patricia Liddell – Advanced Nurse Practitioner  
Sharon Archibald – Health Care Assistant

Please note that we have a well established Patient Participation Group at the Surgery and who we welcome new members. Should this be of interest to you, please contact Reception.

And finally.....

All The Staff at Caddington Surgery would like to wish all our patient's and residents a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Best wishes for 2025.

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## Christmas Lunch



Slip End Good Neighbour Scheme have been donated a turkey to provide a Christmas Lunch for members of our community.

If you are not seeing family members on Christmas day come and join us for Christmas lunch.

We will pick you up and take you home.

We will have a lovely lunch with good friends and a bit of a laugh.

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On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, the Good Neighbour Scheme held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Quiz Night. It was a great evening, full of laughter and fun, with a lovely welcome being provided by Jenny and the staff at Slip End Social Club.

Our regular Quiz Master, Pete Russell, was not only an excellent host for the night, but had also put together all the quiz questions and organised a fish & chip supper from Godfrey's in Harpenden. The cost of the meal was included in everyone's ticket price, and we were thrilled that the sale of tickets raised £274 for our future events.

Over 50 people, making up 10 teams, came along to test their general knowledge and "Beer Pong Goes Wrong" were the winning team! Many congratulations to them!

Lyn Russell & Rosemary Wickens did an excellent job checking all the answer sheets!

Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes. Due to the Village Day being cancelled, we were able to re-purpose some of the tombola prizes we had originally set aside for that event and we were delighted that the raffle raised an additional £164! Well done to our Treasurer, Mary Bithrey, for doing all the sums and to Carol Beeton and Lyn Russell for making the raffle prizes look so appealing.

Finally we would like to express our gratitude to everyone who came along and supported this event. All the money raised for the Good Neighbour Scheme will be used to fund outings and provide ongoing support for those adults in our community who benefit from a little extra help.





The Good Neighbours Scheme Quiz Night



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Our Craft Evening went very well. Carol Jones gave each of us a card and envelope together with accessories for us to create a card. The finished results were really good. We had three stalls with our ladies selling their own goods.

I laid the Wreath on Remembrance Sunday as Kay Palfrey laid a wreath for Caddhist.

I am still collecting Bra's for the African ladies. I am amazed at the response from you all. Many thanks.

We have planned and booked our Christmas Lunch. We are going to the Hunters Lodge next year on the 23rd January.

Our Programme for 2025 is nearly finished. Joanne Sherwood is working hard on this.

In December we have our Xmas party. Carol Jones will make mulled wine. We each bring a plate of food and have games giving us a lot of fun and laughter. We each bring a gift nicely wrapped for a secret Santa. A Christmas Card Swap will also take place.

Carol Jones has made a Scrapbook of our outings and events etc for 2024/25 which will be going to W.I. House for the Scrapbook Challenge. The book will be at our meeting to show everyone.

We are a friendly group of like-minded ladies. If you would like to join us please come along on the 1st Tuesday in each month. Start at 7.30 p.m. at the Caddington Sports and Social Club. You can ring me on 07761 340108 for more details. Look forward to hearing from you.

Planning Ahead: In January we have a Bag Auction and the Competition will be the Best Bag.

Caddington W.I. would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and good wishes for 2025.

Linda Edwards

Treasurer



## GARDENING CLUB



At our last meeting of the year, the Guest Speaker, John Tyle, gave an interesting talk on "The World of Plants". 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.

Next Meeting January 20th Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm

Guest speaker to be announced

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

PN Gardening Correspondent



Mon 20th January 2025

Village Hall, 8pm

**Gardening Club**

Guest Speaker -  
To Be Announced

New Members Welcome  
Guests/Visitors £2





## Parish Crime Statistics – October 2024

### Aley Green

None

### Hyde

Assault with injury 2

**Total – 2**

### Pepperstock

None

### Slip End

Criminal Damage to Vehicle 1

Assault without injury 1

Harassment 1

Other Theft 1

**Total - 4**

### Woodside

None

### Caddington

Sexual 4

Shoplifting 4

Assault Without Injury 4

Burglary Business & Community 3

Other theft 2

Malicious Communications 2

Harassment 1

Criminal Damage Residential 1

Assault with Injury 1

Race or Religious Aggravated Harassment 1

Robbery of Personal Property 1

**Total - 24**

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

### What's going on in 2024/2025

- Weekly** Soup & Sandwich Tuesday 12-2pm Rising Sun - See Poster P5  
Last meeting on 10th December, restarts 7th January 2025
- Weekly** Chatty Club every Wednesday Rising Sun 2pm - 4pm  
Last meeting on 4th December, restarts 8th January 2025
- December**
- Sun 8th** Christmas Craft Fair Village Hall
- Sun 8th** Christmas Wreath Making, Slip End Club (see posters Page 22)
- Thur 12** Visit from Santa and his Elves  
**Fri 13th** See poster on Page 3 for location and timings
- Sun 15th** Kids Christmas Disco and Santa Visit (See poster Page 22)
- Wed 18th** GNS Annual Christmas Party Village Hall
- Sat 21st** Justin Lovel Music & Comedy, Slip End Club (see posters Page 22)
- Tue 24th** Christmas Eve Party, Slip End Club (see posters Page 22)
- Thur 26th** Boxing Day Disco & Karaoke, Slip End Club (see posters Page 22)
- Tue 31st** New Years Eve Party, Slip End Club (see posters Page 22)
- January**
- Sat 25th** St Andrews Coffee Morning, St Andrews Church 10am to 12am

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### Bin Collections - December / January

Orange - December 13th  
January 10th, 24th

Black bin and Glass - December 6th, 20st  
January 17th, 31st

**Please Note:** Dates for Christmas and New Year, have not yet been announced.

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Green - Last collection 18th December. Restart 3rd March



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|                                                                                | Wayne Leslie (see football)       |                                                                                     |
| <b>Aley Green Methodist Church.</b>                                            | <b>Community:-</b>                | <b>Book Club</b> (contact via Parish News)                                          |
| <b>Minister:</b>                                                               | <b>Gardening Club</b> 423622      |                                                                                     |
| <b>Rev Nigel Bibbings</b>                                                      |                                   | <b>CaSeBuG (Caddington and Slip End Bus user group).</b>                            |
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