

**March
2024**

**Parish
News**

**Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside**

**THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE FOR YOU!
WITH INFORMATION AND NEWS FROM YOU**
delivered to the whole of the Parish

Editors' Notes

Welcome to the first issue with me John Larsen as Editor.

Sadly Janet Buttery a stalwart of this magazine and the church, not to mention a few local organisations, died on January 22nd. Our condolences go to her husband Alan and family. The funeral will take place at St Andrew Church on the 1st March at 10:00am and all who knew her and or wish to support Alan are welcome. Please go to pages 16 and 17.

Bus Services 230 & 232

The PN received an email from Councillor Vicky Malone advising us that the information in the last issue was incorrect. The PN team apologises for this and any distress it may have caused. This was due to an error in communication. Please see page 7 for the CaSEBUG report given to the Parish Council. The bus services are NOT being altered.

Slip End Parking

I have received several emails from Slip End residents complaining about notes left under their windscreens, accusing them of not being residents and telling them not to park there. Before leaving such a note, please ensure that it is not a residents vehicle, as those who have contacted the PN feel that they are being made unwelcome and this can cause animosity and ill-feeling.

Tea/Coffee Pod Recycling

Central Bedfordshire Council now operate a weekly Pod collection for Tea/coffee machines, if you have a Tasimo, Nespresso or any machine that takes plastic or aluminium pods they can be left with your bins on collection day. You will need to sign up by going to www.podback.org and follow the instructions. You will then be sent 2 rolls of bags and instructions within 2 to 3 days. The coffee and tea grounds are used as either Bio-Mass for power stations or added to compost and the pods recycled.

Finally let me introduce myself.

I live on Woodside Park and was born in South London in 1954. I am the oldest of 2 boys and 2 girls who still live in South London. Some of you may remember my late mother Eleanor Larsen. In 1979 I left London for a summer season position with Pontin's at their centre at Brean Sands, Weston Super Mere and at the end of the season decided to remain in the Bristol area, so found accommodation, A job working as a delivery driver. In 1987 I was married and separated in 2006, finally divorcing in 2017. In 2007 I upped sticks and moved to Platanos, near Rethymno, Crete, Greece. Where I worked in car hire and returned to the UK in late 2012 due to the economic crisis that hit Greece that year. On my return I became a delivery driver for Ocado and transferred to Human Resources in their Hatfield Head Office. Following retirement, I became a telephone holder for the Slip End Good Neighbours Scheme. I also joined the Caddington Surgery, Patients Participation Group, where I am currently the secretary and now as co-editor of this magazine.

Finally I was born with a very rare genetic condition, which means I have to live on a very Low fat diet of 10 grams of fat per day or less and due to this at the age of 50 I was diagnosed as a Type II Diabetic. At present there are only 126 known sufferers in the UK and around 3000 worldwide with this genetic condition.



Slip End Parish Council **Grants Available**

Each year the Parish Council has funds available in the form of grants for projects and organisations within the parish and community.

If you are involved with a Parish organisation or group and you would like the opportunity to apply for a grant please contact the Clerk for more information and an application pack.

Clerk: Tracey O'Neill –
clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk
Contact: 07487 805249



Good Neighbour Scheme



***For the Parish of Aley Green, Pepperstock,
Slip End & Woodside***

***THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME
WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 22nd MARCH 2024,
7.30 PM
AT SLIP END VILLAGE HALL***

***All residents, volunteers and clients are invited
to attend the meeting.***

***Please contact the Chair, in writing, if you wish
to propose any resolutions, make any
recommendations, or have any matter
considered as
'Any Other Business'.***

***If you would like to be on the committee,
please put your name forward at the meeting.***

***Simon Patterson, Chair,
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The Good Neighbour Scheme
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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillors met on Monday 5th February 2024, with a long agenda to get through. Some points for residents to be aware of are:

## **Crawley Playground**

Our approved contractor Edwin Thrift of Lansdowne Services suggested a deep clean of all the equipment and bins ahead of Spring, members agreed. He and his team continue to inspect and tidy the playground on a monthly schedule, with any issues reported to the Clerk.

## **Good Neighbour Scheme**

The two council members reported that they have continued success at Soup & a Sarnie on Tuesdays at The Rising Sun, and they have organised an Easter Tea Party on Wednesday 27th March at the village hall. Their AGM is Friday 22nd March at the Village Hall, details will be available nearer the time.

## **Summer Planting**

Council have discussed the planting contract going forward, as our 2024 is our last year of our current contract with Plantscape. Central Beds Council are replacing broken streetlamps with hinged ones, which will mean our baskets will no longer be suitable due to weight and maintenance of the lamp posts. Council is considering installing troughs at each of the Parish name signs and asked the Clerk to obtain quotes.

## **Fly Tipping**

The Chairman reported the large number of fly tips along Woodside Road to her contact at Central Beds Council. He replied that it is a 'Hot Spot' and the Task Force Team responsible for clearing tips visited a few weeks ago to remove 16 (yes, that's right, sixteen!)

separate tips. The next day there were more in their place. The CBC representative drives the area and looks through all tips on the off chance of their being any evidence of names/addresses. I continue to encourage residents to report all tips on FixMyStreet [www.fixmystreet](http://www.fixmystreet) as soon as you come across them, thanks.

### **80th Anniversary D-Day Celebrations**

The Clerk has started organising a party to celebrate the D-Day anniversary to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 8th June, more details can be found on page 26.

If you would like to help out, please get in touch with Tracey.

### **Residents Parking Scheme**

The information received from the Parish Council survey has been passed the Central Bedfordshire Council and we now await their suggestions for the next stage.

Our next meeting is Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

Cllr Sarah Minnighan    Chairman

### **CaSeBuG Report to the Slip End Parish Council**

During the previous month, there was a lull in communication whilst Central Bedfordshire Executive Council drew up plans to close the Budget deficit. During this period we were mainly engaged in lobbying to retain the Transport Budget. We are now given to understand that the Transport Budget, previously under threat, has now largely been retained but, the Departmental Budgets have yet to be issued. So no doubt will come under a tight reign.

Hence we feel the time is right to commence dialogue again with the Transport Officers on the proposed improvements to the 232 (231) and 230 services. To that end, we are to meet with Adrian Hardy within the month to discuss possible enhancements to the 230 service.

We will similarly engage with Dave Streepton on the 232 service to see if our enhancement plan can be delivered.

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## Aley Green Methodist Church



Fri 1st March World Day of Prayer  
Service at Caddington Baptist church

Sat 2nd Prayer Breakfast 10am—all  
welcome

Sun 3rd Service (Michael Adams) &  
Sunday School

Mon 4th 7:30pm Ecumenical Lent  
Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Tues 5th 10-12am Cakes and  
Company and Little Lambs Club  
(stories and craft activities for little  
ones)

Sun 10th 10:30am Mothering Sunday  
Morning Service (John Enejo)

Mon 11th 7:30pm Ecumenical Lent  
Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Sun 17th 10:30am Palm Sunday  
Morning Service & Sunday School  
(Local arrangement)

Mon 18th 7:30pm Ecumenical Lent  
Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Sun 24th 10:30am Palm Sunday  
Service (Rev Nigel Bibbings)

Mon 25th 7:30pm Ecumenical Lent  
Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Wed 27th 7:30pm Coffee Evening in  
aid of A Rocha UK (A charity that  
promotes Eco friendly matters in  
order to care for God's earth)

Fri 29th Walk of Witness  
(Ecumenical) starting at Aley Green  
at 10:30

Fri 29th 2-3pm Quiet Reflection on  
the Cross

Sun 31st March Easter Sunday  
Service led by Rev. Jenny Spouge  
with music from our choir.

Sat 6th Apr Prayer Breakfast 10am

Sun 7th April 10:30am Morning  
Service

Advance Notice: Sun 12th May  
Ecumenical Christian Aid Service at  
All Saints Caddington 4pm

Everyone is welcome to join any of  
our services and activities. You will  
be given a warm welcome. Sunday  
School and Little Lambs Club will  
always be happy for new members to  
come along and see what we do.

Our members will continue to provide  
coffee, tea and company this year as  
well as preserves for sale.

We regularly support a selection of  
charities throughout the year based  
locally, in this country and abroad.

Thank you for all your support.

*God bless, from all at Aley Green*



## GARDENING CLUB

The Club AGM was held on Mon. 22nd Jan. Chairperson Rosemary Wickens advised the Plant Sale did not go ahead in 2023 due to the cost of the plug plants which had gone up quite drastically, insufficient volunteers to bring plants on and increased hall hire charge. The accounts were distributed which showed the Club was in a healthy financial position, therefore membership was being kept at current rate of £5 pa. Visitors and Guests are welcome at meetings at a charge of £2 pp.

Rosemary advised we would like to try and organise an Open Gardens event this year on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. (See poster opposite page)** It will only go ahead if we can get at least 8 gardens and some of those need to be new gardens, ie not having opened before. The existing committee members were all prepared to stand again and were therefore re-elected en-bloc.

The Club continues to sponsor the flower beds outside the bungalows in Crawley Close. After the AGM business was completed, Alison Wilson gave an interesting presentation of photos and anecdotes from gardens she had visited.  
Thank you, Alison.

PN Gardening Correspondent

Mon 18th March  
Village Hall, 8pm  
**Gardening Club**

Guest Speaker -  
Julie Hayes  
"Hedgehog Rescue"

New Members Welcome  
Guests/Visitors £2



## OPEN GARDENS 2024

Slip End hosted its ninth Open Gardens' Day in July 2022. There were ten gardens, which approx. 50 people visited. The extreme heat on the day contributed to lower visitor numbers than usual but a good time was had by all. It was also good to have five new gardens out of the ten which opened, and made for an enjoyable and interesting day for visitors. People gained ideas for their own gardens, also got to know/make friends with other people in the village.

We are now planning for the **2024 event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. Put the date in your diary now!! We are already looking for gardens, big or small and would emphasise that it is not a competition. Your garden does not have to be anything special; we just want you to be enthusiastic about it. You would be surprised how many visitors pick up ideas and tips from gardens. If you live in the Parish and would be interested in opening your garden, please complete details below and return **by the end of May to:-**

Rosemary Wickens, 86 Front Street, Slip End

Or

e-mail [rosemary@kididee.plus.com](mailto:rosemary@kididee.plus.com)

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I would like to 'open my garden' on Saturday 29th June /  
I would like more information:

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Address.....

Telephone No. ....

Email.....

## Message from St Andrew's

*The seasons are changing, as we come to the tail end of a long dark winter. Spring is in the air and the days are getting longer. There is the feeling and promise of new life, or renewal and re-birth, as the earth comes alive once more. In the church calendar we are in the season of Lent, which began last month with Ash Wednesday on 14th February and runs through to Good Friday on 29th March.*

*For many in the church this is a time for personal reflection, fasting from food and festivities, and praying in the pattern of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. Lent is also a time for growth in faith and for challenging ourselves in new ways. As we come to Holy Week, our focus is on commemoration of the suffering of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world culminating with the Easter Sunday celebration on 31st March.*



*This is the most important day in the Christian calendar. Jesus' resurrection is the foundation of our Christian faith. On the first Good Friday, Jesus was crucified as the bearer of sin for the world. And on Easter Sunday he rose in triumph over death and the power of sin.*

*His victory for all time is not just his own. It is one that was available to all who believe and receive for themselves the gift that he offers. The scripture says in John 3.16 that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life'. By his death and resurrection Jesus Christ ensured salvation for all who believe in him.*

*Easter is a celebration of this precious gift from God, of reconciliation and new life. You are most welcome to join us on Easter Sunday as we mark this most significant event, to the glory of God.*

*God bless,*

*Revd Nick Mwandia*

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



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

### Services held at St Andrew's:

March 3rd 10.30am: Informal Communion - Cleansing the temple

March 10th 10.30am: Morning Praise - Mothering Sunday

March 17th 10.30am: Holy Communion - The hour has come

March 24th 10.30am: Family Service - Palm Sunday

For Holy Week:

Mon to Weds 25th-27th Mar at 7.30pm - short evening prayers in the Family Room led by our network groups

March 28th 7.00pm: Maundy Thursday Agape - simple meal with shared communion as we focus on the Last Supper

March 29th 9am: Good Friday short morning prayer, then we will join with the CTC Walk of Witness starting at Aley Green.

March 31st 11.00am - Easter Sunday 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** starts at 10.30am each Wednesday. We will be running sessions on 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March. The kettle goes on at 10am – turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.



  
Little Stars



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Good Neighbour Scheme

# EASTER PARTY

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**~ Tea & Coffee ~**

**Easter Bonnet  
Competition**



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## Janet Lynn Buttery 1946 to 2024



Son Matthew, (Matt) was born in 1975, later followed by daughter Rachel in 1979. Whilst the children were little Jan continued to work part-time at Luton Council, then gradually became more involved with village life.

Janet soon joined the Church Family at St Andrew's where she willingly took on anything that was asked of her. She helped me with the Sunday School for many years and we had a lovely group of children, at one time split into four different age groups. In later years Jan became a member of PALS and we visited villagers who had become bereaved or were lonely, or had long-term illnesses. Sadly that came to an end when lockdown appeared. Jan would also help serve the breakfast at Café Church mornings, and at the many Harvest Suppers held at the Village Hall, plus help with many Harvest Festivals and with distributing food parcels.

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Janet on January 22nd. A wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and true friend to all. She bore her cancer diagnosis with great bravery, true belief and quiet determination that it would not beat her.

She was a great inspiration to all who knew her and she will never be forgotten. Jan was born in Somercotes, near Alfreton in Derbyshire in 1946, where she lived happily with her parents before meeting the love of her life Alan in 1963. Whilst on a date with one of his friends, he managed to persuade her that he was the one for her when he offered to walk her home from her evening out.

They both worked for Derbyshire County Council and were married in 1967. In 1970 Alan persuaded Jan to move to Luton for 'two years' to work for Luton Borough Council, and if she didn't like it he promised they would return home. This stretched into eight years but Jan always wanted to return. Alan worked for the Engineering Dept and Jan for the Treasurers Dept. However, in October 1978 they moved to Claydown Way, Slip End and she found great happiness there, and loved being part of the village community and made many friends.

Friend Liz Higgins started a music group called Themes many years ago that Jan joined, which was a great success. We would sing at various events including singing at the church, and formed great friendships with the other singers. Jan later joined the Chiltern Singers in Dunstable where they would visit Nursing and Care Homes (and Jan would declare she didn't want to end up there!). She was also a member of the Cantata Choir based in Luton and would perform at concerts. We still have a music group at St Andrews, led by Sylvia Harland and perform at occasions throughout the year. Jan really loved her singing and being part of a group.

With good friend Sue Lyons, Jan volunteered at The Childrens Society charity shop in Dunstable for several years which sadly had to close as it wasn't taking enough money.



Following on from the charity shop, Jan and Sue worked for the WRVS delivering 'Meals on Wheels' around Luton, where they had some 'interesting' times'.

Jan also volunteered at the Contact Centre in Luton, where divorced or separated parents would arrange to meet their children. She would make the teas and coffees and be a friendly face there. Jan and Sue also worked in a little shop next to the Mental Health Clinic at the Luton & Dunstable hospital serving visitors and patients, when needed.

Jan and Alan helped with Election Duties for approximately twenty years, working at various schools and village halls for the Luton Town Hall office. Several village friends would also go along to help with the 'count' on Voting Day.

There are so many jobs that Jan took on within the village and I hope I have remembered them all. She was Parent Governor at Slip End School, later becoming Chair of Governors and took her role very seriously, helping to improve the school for the children if she could. She would help the younger children with reading and English and could be seen in the Nursery Dept washing their towels weekly.

Jan was a trustee for the Grace Cook Fund, which helped pay for taxi fares to and from hospital for villagers before the Good Neighbour Scheme took over. She was also a phone holder for the GNS and would help at special events in the Village Hall for them, serving teas etc,

Jan was on the Parish Plan committee with me and others, where we met regularly with an advisor, and decided which were the most important factors to improve our village. A survey was taken around the Parish and the final phase was local improvements to the park, which is now used by many families.

Jan was a member of the Gardening Club in the village, and loved going along to visit other gardens and listen to the speakers at the meetings. She was a member of the Chatty Club which was started by Lily Ackrill at The Rising Sun, and we had some great times there, especially the Christmas dinners. It is great to see that its still up and running at the pub where it first started.

She was proof-reader for the Parish News for many years which I was very grateful for when Editor. I only hope she doesn't spot too many mistakes in my tribute to her.

Jan also became involved with Operation Christmas Child and would help me with all the shoeboxes collected at church, and also with checking the boxes. Jan's faith was very important to her and she attended Church regularly with her many friends. We will all miss her and her firm beliefs greatly. It will never be the same.

*'It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you, the day  
God took you home'*

Jan will finally be returning to her beloved Derbyshire after her funeral at St Andrew's on March 1st, to be laid with her parents; so Alan kept his promise, albeit 52 years late. With much love to Alan, Rachel, Matt, Tanisha, Ebba, Josh, Zia, Sammy and Abi. *By Sue Briggs*



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## Gardening Notes by Russell Sprout

As the days start to lengthen and the weather improves so the garden beckons once again, and I am sure it will be a relief to everyone to be able to get outside again and get on with jobs in the garden.

Plant roses early in the month and prune established plants during a frost free period, cutting out all dead wood and any branches crisscrossing to open up and shape the bush to a bowl shape. Don't be afraid of cutting a rose back too far as they benefit from a really good reduction of the previous year's growth to produce strong new shoots.

Dahlias and chrysanthemums over-wintered in the greenhouse will have shoots on them by now and cuttings can be taken when they are approximately 3 inches long. Gladioli corms can be planted later this month and if sown over the next 6 weeks will give a longer flowering season. Sow between 4-6 inches deep and you will avoid the need of staking them. Sweet peas which were sown in autumn and over-wintered in pots or brought from a nursery will need to be planted out as soon as the weather permits. They make an effective display when grown in clumps and supported with pea sticks or a cylinder of netting. If you have any large clumps of snowdrops they can be dug up and split into small bunches and replanted straight away, but should only be done about every fifth year.

Tomatoes sown last month under heat will need pricking out now or they will become weak and spindly. Finish pruning established fruit trees and bushes as soon as possible in the month.

Main crop brussel sprouts can be sown early in the month in drills  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep for planting out at the end of April. Parsnips can also go in as soon as the soil is dry in drills  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep and 15 inches apart, if you sow 3 seeds at 6 inch spacings this will make it a lot easier when it comes to thinning out.

Onion sets can be planted towards the end of the month or early next month, but shallots should be planted as soon as possible if not already done. Leeks can be sown this month for transplanting in June and summer spinach sown this month will be ready in May/June. Sow early rounded peas and broad beans until mid month. Early potatoes can be planted from the middle of the month 9-12 inches deep and 14 inches apart, but as they shoot above ground they will need to be protected from frost.

Lawns will need some attention after the rigors of winter, new lawns need a final raking of ground dug in the autumn to a fine tilth for sowing seed. Established lawns will benefit from a good scarifying with a lawn rake or an electric scarifier to remove dead grass, moss and thatch. Any worn areas can be reseeded and any sunken areas levelled and seeded to bring it back to a good condition for the year ahead. The first time you cut don't cut too short, lower the blades over the next few mowings. Trim and straighten edges angling the cut slightly away from you to avoid it crumbling away.

Finally, the Gardening Club are planning to hold their Open Gardens event this year and would like to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden, the date is Saturday 29th June. It's not a competition, it's just a fun day sharing your garden with other people and helping the Gardening Club to raise funds. Contact Rosemary on 423622 for more information, or to book your place.

Russell Sprout



Don't forget to book Slip End Village Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Slip End Playing Fields in your diary/calendar.

Plans are underway with stallholders booking in, arena events and entertainment being arranged, and prizes being gathered for the grand raffle. The steam train, football darts and inflatables, as well as varied stalls are booked, and the BBQ, bar and ice cream van will be there to tempt you to stay for lunch.

If you or your group would like to have a stall or activity or a demonstration for the arena please us on the day please contact us on:-

[slipendvillageday@yahoo.com](mailto:slipendvillageday@yahoo.com)

or call us on 07810 003942 or 07958 587595 for more information and a booking form. We will be posting more news about the day in the next months' magazines and on our Facebook page Slip End Village Day and on Slip Enders.

Margaret Thomas, was born on the 11th March 1946 and passed away on the 19th January 2024 at the age of 77. She lived in Elaine Gardens all her life, in the house where she was born. Thus being the longest resident in the street.



Margaret was married to her husband Timothy for 55 years and will be missed by him, their family, friends and neighbours.

The photograph was taken some years ago and shows the happy couple.

# Fed up with pot holes? Flooding? Litter?

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. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the FixMyStreet logo and links for 'Report a problem', 'Sign in', 'All reports', 'Local alerts', and 'Help'. Below this is a main heading 'Report, view, or discuss local problems' with a sub-heading '(like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting)'. A form is present with a text input field for 'Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area' (example: 'e.g. 30 45A or T6 9L Manchester') and a 'Go' button. Below the form is a 'Use my current location' button. 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 issues like 'DRAIN COVER 16.03 hole', 'Very large and deep pothole near the bus stop going toward the staff garage 05.03 hole, not updated 05.11 hole', 'Large dip / broken section between between road and pavement 05.03 hole, not updated 05.03 hole', 'Leak Road, Mordley 16.03 hole, not updated 16.03 hole', and 'Abandoned Vauxhall Corsa 16.03 hole'. At the bottom left, statistics are shown: '19,986 reports in past week', '25,891 Road to good road', and '6,658,394 updates on reports'.



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## DD Celebrations – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Village Hall – Slip End

### Remembering D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

The D-Day landings of 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 was the largest seaborne invasion in history. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the liberation of France and western Europe.

**Slip End Parish Council** is organising an afternoon tea event for the residents of Slip End, Woodside, Aley Green and Pepperstock on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. It will be a tea party with music of the time and information about D-Day and War on the Home Front. Dressing up is optional.

We need some help from residents, to volunteer to help organise / run the event.

We also would like to hear from anyone who has any family stories photographs of war time in the parish of Slip End which they are happy to include in our War on the **Home Front Display**.

We want it to be a great event, everyone is invited, so please save the date in your diaries.

I intend to hold a meeting for all those who are interested in helping and I will let you know the date as soon as I have numbers. I look forward to hearing from you.

If you can help, please contact me:

Clerk: Tracey O'Neill – [clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk)

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## **Congratulations to Mr O'Brien of Slip End Village School**



Shinrai Martial Arts and Shinrai Charity were delighted to surprise Mr O'Brien, by presenting him with a red belt and certificate in kickboxing on the 30h January.

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Sensei Teasha Mitchell (above) has been providing classes to children at Slip End Village School in their PE lessons for the last couple of years with the support of teacher Mr O'Brien.

It was a great honour to present and reward Mr O'Brien with his red belt for the many skills he has learnt in assisting with the classes. These classes could not be provided without the support of teachers like Mr O'Brien and the schools.

**For more information visit [www.shinraimartialarts.com](http://www.shinraimartialarts.com)**

## Caddington Surgery

### Patients Participation Group (PPG)

This group has been set up to assist the surgery in looking at the service delivered and identifying problems and help in resolving them. This includes access to the surgery by visits, internet access or telephone, doctor/nurse appointments etc. However we **cannot** and **will not** discuss any persons medical history or problems. We welcome new members and suggestions for improvements. If you are interested in joining or have a suggestion please hand in your name, email and/or suggestion in writing to reception.

#### Summary of the meeting held on February 13th at 1pm in the surgery,

We had a short talk by Kiron Patel of Medigreen Pharmacy about Pharmacy First. Explaining what they can and cannot treat and that they **CANNOT** prescribe Anti-Biotics. They can deal with Ear, Nose and Throat problems. Three types of skin problems and Urinary Tract Infections (See poster opposite). Any local pharmacy can be used.

**NOTE:** Usual prescription charges apply.

It was explained that the online Triage was a live system in that as soon as the duty doctor had dealt with the item in front of him, the system reset itself and is again live. If the system tells you that it is full, give the system a short time and try again.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th March in the surgery at 13:00

**John Larsen (Secretary)**

The Patient Participation group is looking for more people to join the group in order to help them gain input from across the community.

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The Good Neighbour Scheme has been selected as one of the Co-op's chosen community charities for the current year. Those of you who shop at the Co-op and have one of their blue membership cards might be aware that you can nominate a local charity and the Co-op will make a donation to that cause. The old scheme used to donate a penny for every pound you spent in the Co-op. A new scheme is currently being introduced which will give a percentage of a pot of money to each good cause. The more customers that choose the Good Neighbour Scheme, the larger that share will be!

The money we receive from the Co-op will enable us to provide more social activities, like the mini-bus trip to Woburn Sands garden centre which we did before Christmas, and to support ongoing events like our Tea Parties.

If you shop at the Co-op but don't have a membership card yet, please ask one of their members of staff. And if you do have a card, but haven't nominated a charity yet, we hope you will consider the Good Neighbour Scheme.

We are delighted and grateful that the Co-op chose us for 2024!



# What Links. Quiz

- 1). Middle: Archbishop or Urban: 360 Degrees: 50th Anniversary: Acceded in 1837?
- 2). All-seeing eye: Square and Compasses: Sheaf of Corn and Acacia Tree?
- 3). Argentina: Australian Aboriginal: Bangladesh: Japan and North Macedonia?
- 4). Rod Steiger: Robert De Niro: Tom Hardy and Stephen Graham?
- 5). Mecca (4th): Shanghai (3rd): Kuala Lumpur (2nd): Dubai (1st)?
- 6). Tulips in the 1630's: Canals in the 1790's: Railways in the 1840's and Stocks in the 1920's and 1990's?
- 7). Daphne Akhurst memorial Cup: Suzanne Lenglen Cup: and the Venus Rosewater Cup?
- 8). Shakespear (32,661) Walter Scott (17,104): Chaucer (14,252)?
- 9). Australian Christmas Tree: Corpse Flower: Dodder: Mistletoe?
- 10). Charles Dickens: Harold Brighthous: Piere Boulle: Boris Pasternack and E.M.Forster?

## **Answers on Page 33**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

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## PLANNING



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Decision: Not Yet Decided

## WHAT LINKS QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1). London Underground lines; Central: Metropolitan: Circle: Jubilee and Victoria.
- 2). Masonic symbols.
- 3). Flags Featuring suns.
- 4). Played Al Capone on screen; Al Capone: The Untouchables: Capone: Broadwalk Empire.
- 5). Locations of the worlds tallest towers; Abraj Al-Bait Clock Tower: Shanghai Tower: Merdeka 118: Burj Khalifa.
- 6). Speculative Bubbles; Netherlands: Britain: and the US.
- 7). Womans Tennis singles trophies; Australian Open: French Open and Wimbledon.
- 8). Most cited individual authors in the Oxford English Dictionary.
- 9). They are all parasitic plants.
- 10). Sources for David Lean films. Great Expectations/Oliver Twist: Hobsons Choice: Bridge on the River Kwai: Dr Zhivago: Passage to India.

## Caddington W. I



Our ladies had a very good evening at February's meeting with Maggie Taylor who spoke about her knowledge of Lace making. Many items were displayed. Maggie was from Alban Lacemakers. A very interesting evening.

After our Annual Meeting in January we have formed a new committee. The different posts have been allocated so we should have a good year working together.

Our post Christmas meal at The Hunters Lodge was a huge success - we had lovely food, chatted with friends and couldn't thank the landlord's more for making the event fun.

No doubt we will go there next year.

We have voted for Dental Health Matters for our Resolution for 2024.

Kay Palfrey and Maureen Matthews are creating poppies in fabric, crochet and knitting. These are for D-Day Installation. If anyone wishes to join them please get cracking! They have to be completed by the middle of March.

The Village is holding its annual St George's Day event. Our WI has been asked to prepare refreshments again. There will be pizza, Chris's bacon rolls (be fast as they go quickly) cakes and drinks. There will be lots of events, stalls, and the train - always welcome.

In March we have a talk from Woburn Auction House about 30 years there. Competition Topic will be Bring An Antique.

We Meet on the first Tuesday of each month at Caddington Social Club and sports club at 7.30 pm. Always a friendly group of ladies - do join us - look forward to seeing you.

Carol Jones 07899 794422.

Linda Edwards 07761 340108

# Brownies\*

Brownies celebrate their 100th birthday this year, when they started they were called Rosebuds.

Our Brownies have been going for over 100 years, we are the oldest pack in our district.

I have been serving for 53 years, as Brown Owl, and now as Tawn Wise Owl.

Bebbie has been doing Brownies for over 30 years in Luton where she is now Brown OWL.

Once upon a time there was 2 Brownie Packs, 1st Woodside, which was run by me.

2nd Woodside was run by Barbara Kay.

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Please give us your support as we do not want to close

# Brownies\*

# CRIME REPORT



Parish Crime Statistics

January 2024



## Aley Green

None

## Pepperstock

None

## Slip End

Other Theft - 2

Trafficking of Drugs – 1

Theft from a motor vehicle - 1

**Total – 4**

## Woodside

None

## Caddington

Public Fear Alarm or Distress – 4

Sexual – 2

Criminal Damage –

Residential – 2

Assault without injury – 1

Assault with intent to cause serious harm – 1

Residential Burglary – Home – 1

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## What's going on in 2024

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

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

### March

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

**Mon 18th** Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm

**Wed 22nd** Good Neighbours Scheme A.G.M

**Wed 27th** Good Neighbours Scheme Easter Party

**Sat 30th** Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church

### June

**Sat 8th** D-Day Tea Party Village Hall

**Sat 29th** Open Gardens

### July

**6th July** Slip End Village Day

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### Bin Collections— March

Orange — 8th, 22nd Mar

Black bin and Glass — 1st, 15th, 29th Mar

Food Waste bin — Every Friday

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