

Parish News

September 2024

A large, vibrant sunflower with a dark brown center and bright yellow petals is the central focus. It stands in a field of many other sunflowers, some of which are blurred in the background. The scene is set during sunset, with a warm, golden light illuminating the sky and the flowers. The sun is visible on the horizon to the right, creating a soft glow.

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Editors' Notes

September already, sorry to state the obvious but, where does time go? Now, obviously, I'm aware of the concept of time, but wow, it passes by so quickly these days, doesn't it?

The Parish News regrets to inform you that Christine Benson, the first Chairperson of Slip End Parish Council, sadly passed away in Mansfield on the 15th of August, 2024. Our thoughts are with Christine's family.

I think you will all agree with me that Village Day being cancelled in July was a big disappointment, but we cannot control the elements, and in this country we seem to switch from Summer to Monsoon season from one week to the next.

I'm sure next year will see Village Day return with a bang. Thank you to everyone involved in the organising of this event each year. Although 2024's Village Day was cancelled, please know that all your hard work, year in year out, is truly appreciated.

Sadly our local Brownie pack has been disbanded after over a century. Sad news, but you can read the great send off that they had to the right. Thank you to all that have been involved over the years.

Did you know we have a World Record Holder in the village? Mark is now aiming to be a triple record holder on 1st September see page 22 for details.

Finally, we have a piece on page 24, from a local resident, that touched my heart, about 3 friends remembering their friend Emily. This month's cover is my small tribute to Emily and those whose lives she touched, please do read the article, and, if you can, donate to Emily's fund. #SunflowersForEmily

Carpet Bowls

Restarts on Tuesday 3rd September, 8pm at the Village Hall

New members welcome.

After over 100 years, it is sad to say that there will no longer be a Brownie Pack in Slip End.

I started in Brownies when I was only 7. Initially, we met at the Village Hall, then in years to come, met at the old school, where Old School Walk now is.

When that closed, Brownies went on to meet at the new school, before finishing back at the Village Hall.

On 10th July we invited those who had been connected with Brownies during my 53 years for a drink and cake, made by Sandra, with sprays of flowers presented to the people involved in Brownies over the years.

Photographs and certificates are going into the archives, which are kept by Paul Hunt.

I enjoyed my time at Brownies, but I think I need a break, Debbie will be moving onto another Brownie Pack.

Gillian Plummer
Wise Owl



SLIP END VILLAGE HALL

This month Shirley Knapton has retired from the Village Hall committee after many years. She has been an active member for longer than we remember and the current committee want to thank her for everything she has done and wish her well in her retirement. She will be missed by us all.

The Village Hall now really needs new committee members to oversee the running and upkeep of the building and lettings. This is a very necessary, but not arduous job.

We meet at the hall on the second Monday of the month for a meeting lasting about an hour and a half to go through the finances, lettings and any work that needs putting in place.

If you feel that you could offer some time and would like to know more please call **Simon** on **07767615714** or **Jill** on **07958587595**. We would be pleased to invite you along to a meeting so you can see what it is about.



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# Congratulations!

## Peter & Laura Wilson-Oberbichler - 27th July 2024

As a former editor of this magazine, I was always happy to report on special celebrations and events involving local residents and their families. It is now my turn... We have just had the pleasure of travelling to Innsbruck in Austria to celebrate the marriage of our elder son Peter to Laura. They both work in the Post Production industry (film and TV) and live in South London.



The official ceremony, an event for close family, was held in Austria. The Austrians wore traditional formal wear. Pete & Laura were assisted by our other son Ian and Edward Avern who used to live next door to us in Claydown Way.



This was followed by a bigger party for wider family and friends at a Village Hall in Kent. There they held an informal ceremony, including a symbolic tree planting and exchange of vows.



Both celebrations were wonderful occasions. We wish them much happiness! - **Alison Wilson**



We were so disappointed to have to cancel Village Day at the last moment, the field was prepared with the stalls and arena places marked up, the marquee for the bar was erected, the bbq already producing bacon rolls and lots of delicious looking cakes awaiting purchase in the hall.

Then the heavens really opened and the field became so wet it was no longer safe or viable to continue.

Stall holders, entertainers and volunteers who were already at the field gathered for a welcome cup of hot tea ( thank you GNS), and the decision was made to cancel.

On a brighter note - with bbq's at the social club (thanks to Jenny), the continued sale of raffle tickets and some donations from some very kind and generous people our losses were not as bad as they could have been. The raffle continued until 27<sup>th</sup> July, when it was drawn at the Social Club and all prizes have been distributed to the lucky winners.

### **Some Important Dates for your Diaries:**

**The Christmas Market and Light Switch On** will take place in The Rising Sun car park and garden on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Santa** will again be touring the Parish on **Thursday and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December** (subject to change).

Santa's driver will be needing a different truck this year, so if you know of a small flatbed truck that we could borrow or rent from Thursday morning to Saturday morning of December please contact us on [slipendvillageday@yahoo.com](mailto:slipendvillageday@yahoo.com)

Finally, not to be put off by the weather this year, **Village Day** will return on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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## Dates for September

**Sun 1st 10:30am** Morning Service led by Rev Joanne Sherwood and Sunday School

**Tues 3rd 10-12am** Cakes and Company and Little Lambs Club (story time 10:30am) This is the Fifteenth Birthday of Cakes and Company so join us to celebrate!

**Sat 7th 10am** Prayer Breakfast  
Sat 7th Preserve Stall at Caddington Village Show (Social Club)

**Sun 8th 10:30am** Morning Service led by Rev Jenny Spouge (Holy Communion)

**Sun 15th Sep 4pm** Ecumenical Harvest Service at St Thomas' Catholic Church (no service at Aley Green)

**Mon 16th 7:30pm** Ecumenical Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

**Sun 22nd 10:30am** Morning Service (Local Arrangement) and Sunday School

**Wed 25th 7:30pm** Coffee Evening in aid of Water Aid

**Sun 29th 4pm** Harvest Festival Service led by Rev Nigel Bibbings

**Sun 6th Oct 10:30** Morning Service led by Geoff Best

Our Ecumenical Service for Harvest is at St. Thomas' Catholic Church in Caddington at 4pm. The next one will be an Advent Service at St Andrew's Slip End on Sunday 1st December.

Recently we have held coffee evenings and events in aid of several charities, including "Action For Children", a charity close to the hearts of several of our members. It does amazing work with children and families. Good to support!

I for one have a link with this charity from when it was called "National Children's Homes" —my Grandfather worked for them as a Head Teacher for many years.

Sunday School and Little Lambs Club will always be happy for new members to come along and see what we do. Little Lambs Club welcomes those with babies or toddlers to join for stories and craft.

Everyone is welcome to join any of our services and activities. You will be given a warm welcome.

Many congratulations and good wishes to our minister, Rev. Nigel Bibbings and his wife Bernadette, following their marriage on 17th August.

*God bless, from all at Aley Green*



## GARDENING CLUB

The tenth Village Open Gardens Day took place on Saturday 29th June, with 8 gardens opening, spread between Pepperstock, Slip End and Lower Woodside, which made a small profit for the Gardening Club. (See photos on p10). In addition, there were various stalls, a book sale, bric a brac, a raffle also refreshments were available at most gardens.

There was a good selection of different gardens to view and visitors gained ideas for their own gardens, also got to know/make friends with other people in the village. The Committee wish to thank those who opened their gardens, supported the event and helped on the day.

The June Garden visit was to Redbourn in Bloom, when approx. 20 gardens opened. However, we were unable to visit them all in the time, due to both the heat and area covered. There were some very interesting and varied gardens. See some photos (next page).

Report on the July/August visits next issue.

Future garden visits are to the following:-

**Sun. 1 Sep. 20 & 30 St Stephens Ave, St Albans**

**Sun. 8 Sep. Celebration Garden, Ayletts Garden Centre, St Albans**

Visits depart from the Village Hall Car Park at 1.30pm.

PN Gardening Correspondent

Mon 16th September  
Village Hall, 8pm

**Gardening Club**

Guest Speaker -  
Chris Shortall

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## Redbourn in Bloom



## Open Gardens 2024



# WHAT'S ON @ *Slip End*

SOCIAL CLUB

## THIS MONTH

SEP  
21

### RACE NIGHT

By Mrs R Events

Oct  
05

### Keech Fund Raising Night

Fish n Chip supper (booked in advance) and music by Gerry & the Attricks.

Oct  
19

### ABBA Tribute band

Oct  
26

### GNS Quiz Night

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Nov  
23

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Club members have priority in the use of courts, except when either matches are to be played or coaching taking place.

Club night is on Wednesday evenings from 7pm, and Sunday mornings from 10.0am, to which all members are welcome. Coaching is provided by our LTA coach, Sally Parry. Seniors Tuesdays, 12-1pm and 6.30-7.30pm and Juniors on Fridays, 4.30-5.30pm. Members £5 and Non-Members £6 per session. Ladies and private coaching is also available.

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Any enquiries about the club can be made by telephone or e-mail to:

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## Gardening Notes *by Russell Sprout*

What an awful summer, if you can call it that! Let's hope we get an Indian Summer otherwise it is going to seem a long winter. One thing we can't control is the weather, and despite the rain, wind and cold, some things have grown well and have given a good harvest.

New growth on climbers should be tied in to stop them from getting damaged by the wind, but make ties loose enough to allow for the thickening of the stems as they develop. As annuals start to fade remove them so that spring bedding plants can be planted towards the end of the month, such as wallflowers, polyanthus, forget-me-nots and sweet williams. Bulbs such as daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and crocuses can also be planted at the same time. Keep dead-heading roses, cuttings can be taken now, about 12" long, remove all the thorns and trim top and bottom leaving just the upper pair of leaves and insert into the soil so that the lowest leaf is just above the soil, these will take about a year to root and be ready to transplant.

If you have grown large type dahlias or chrysanthemums it would be a good idea to stake them to stop the wind breaking them and if cutting for the vase do it when the blooms are well opened. If you intend to take cuttings from the root stock of chrysanthemums it is a good idea to label them whilst you can tell what colours they are, or like me you will forget and have to go for pot luck next year! Gladioli corms should be left in the ground to mature until next month, although the tops may turn brown.

Towards the end of the month alpinas can be replanted and this month is a good time to make a rockery. Make sure it is free draining and will not become too wet, as the plants will rot, so make sure there is plenty of rubble as a base and finer rubble as a top layer.

Harvest soft fruit as it ripens and when they have finished fruiting cut out all the old wood and tie in the new shoots. Spring cabbages can be planted out towards the end of the month, plant close together in the rows and as they get going in the spring pull every other one out and use as leaf greens and leave the others to mature and heart up.

Apples and pears can be stored if you cannot use them all right now, but make sure the stalk is attached to the fruit (otherwise they will not store well) and the fruit has no blemishes. Wrap them individually in paper and place in a cool, dark, dry place such as a shed, but watch out for mice or they will eat them before you do! Check once a week for any that need discarding or using. Remove any shading from greenhouses as the plants will require more light and the sun starts to lose it's fierce heat.

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

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=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>

### Services held at St Andrew's:

**September 1<sup>st</sup> – 10.00am** – Morning Praise - Joint service at St Paul's Luton (no service at St Andrew's)

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am** – Morning Praise

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am** – Holy Communion

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – 4pm** – CTC Harvest at St Thomas RC

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10.30am** – Morning Praise – Harvest Praise

**September 29<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am** – Holy Communion



Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday. We will be running sessions on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> September. The kettle goes on at 10am – turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.

### Little Singing Stars

Little Singing Stars starts at 10am on Mondays and will run on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## A message from St Andrew's

Autumn starts in September, and in the rhythm of this season of nature, harvests continue to be gathered in from the fields. In our hemisphere a gradual transition is reflected in changes to our daily rhythm. And so we fall in with the changes in our environment, for instance in the clothes we wear.



However, for many, there are more stark changes afoot. There is a sense that September has something in common with January with its call to new beginnings.

Those in education may be starting a new year. For others it is a time of getting organised and back into the swing of things after summer holidays and time off. It can be a time of personal reflection and transformation as we think more earnestly about what the rest of the year may hold for us. We might also reflect on changes affecting us personally; our material provision, our physical health, our relationships, our mental well-being, and so much more.

In all this the bible teaches that we have a constant reference point we can look to; amid the fluidity and transition points of our life in the world. The Lord Jesus exhorted people to avoid worrying as they negotiated their way in life.

He said in Matthew 6:25-33, 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

Jesus' solution was the centre of his mission; pointing people to seek the Father. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. In every season, we can count on God's love for us. And he desires for us to centre our lives in him. All are welcomed to join the congregation at St Andrew's as we journey in his calling.

**- Revd Nick Mwandia**

## Record-Breaking Feat: Swimmer to Tackle Two Guinness World Records in One Day in Two Different Countries

*Man, aged 55, sets out to become triple world record holder with latest challenge to achieve fastest swim for someone with Motor Neurone Disease (ALS)*



On September 1, 2024, Mark O'Brien, 55, a citizen of both Ireland and the UK, will attempt two Guinness World Records in one day, tackling two swim sprint challenges in two countries to become the record holder for the fastest swims for someone with Motor Neurone Disease.

His first attempt will be a 50m Freestyle in Luton, UK, at Inspire Luton Sports Village at 08:50 AM, where he looks to beat a time of 38.92 seconds. He will then travel to Ireland where his second attempt will be a 100m Freestyle at the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin at 16:30 PM where he will look to beat a time of one minute 39.88 seconds.

This is not the first time that Mark has challenged himself to such a degree, having previously set the world record for the longest non-stop, unaided open water swim by a person with MND around the same time the previous year, with a distance of 6.8 miles (11km).

Diagnosed with MND in March 2022, he was inspired by the likes of Rob Burrow and Alex Gibson to raise awareness and encourage increased funding for MND charities. Mark's mission is to make a difference with the time he has left and never give up until his last breath. With his condition deteriorating, Mark is determined to try and still make a difference.

O'Brien comments: *"Having been diagnosed with MND, a terminal illness that affects the brain, muscles, and nerves, leading to respiratory failure, I've faced immense challenges. With my family, friends, and support from the MND associations in the UK and Ireland, and the charity Challenging MND, I've emerged from the darkest time of my life. My mission now, outside of fundraising for these amazing charities, is to highlight the mental health impact of terminal illness and the positive effects of challenging oneself"*.

Kevin Burn, CEO, Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association said, *"We are inspired by Mark and his courage and determination to continue to challenge himself like this – to take on two Guinness World Record attempts in one day is something, but in two different countries in the same day is just incredible. We are extremely grateful to Mark for all he is doing for the MND communities in Ireland and the UK not just in terms of fundraising but also awareness – getting people to take notice by doing something truly remarkable. We wish Mark the very best of luck, we're behind you every step of the way."*

Sharon King, Senior Regional Fundraiser for the MND Association (UK) said *"We are deeply honoured to support Mark once again and are overwhelmed by his remarkable dedication and resilience in facing such a formidable challenge. His unwavering commitment to raising awareness and funds is truly inspiring, embodying the relentless spirit needed in the fight against MND. Mark's efforts are nothing short of amazing, and we are profoundly grateful for his support."*

All funds raised will be equally distributed between The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA), The UK Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA), and Challenging MND. Donations are welcome via his [GiveWheel fundraising page](#).



Mark added, *"The training is a whole new world compared to my long distance swim. I definitely underestimated the respiratory deterioration factor. Fortunately, I think (with the help of now 3 coaches!) I can be reasonably optimistic regarding the two record attempts"*.

*"We invite everyone to join us in supporting Mark's incredible journey,"* said Liane Iles, CEO of Challenging MND. *"Mark's determination is a testament to the human spirit, and together, we can make a significant impact in the fight against MND."*

O'Brien hopes his legacy will show his children that even when life seems impossible, perseverance can make the impossible possible, and to never give up.

**About GiveWheel:** GiveWheel is a leading fundraising platform dedicated to helping individuals and organisations raise money for charitable causes. By connecting passionate fundraisers with supportive donors, GiveWheel aims to create a positive impact on communities worldwide.

**About IMNDA:** The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA) is the only organisation of its kind in Ireland. It was set up in May 1985 to provide care and support to people with Motor Neurone Disease, their carers, families and friends.

**About MND Association:** The MND Association focuses on improving access to care, research and campaigning for those people living with or affected by MND in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**About Challenging MND:** Challenging MND is a charity that empowers people living with Motor Neurone Disease to challenge the disease and maximise their quality of life. They are a grant giving organisation dedicated to helping create lasting memories and provide assistance through bespoke experiences, equipment, home accessibility projects, virtual reality experiences and support for carers.





# Sunflowers for Emily

Our friend Emily passed away in 2022 aged 8 from a brain tumour, just 11 days after diagnosis.

We have grown sunflowers to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity. Emily's parents and brother have set up **Emily's Fund** in conjunction with The Brain Tumour Charity.

The money goes directly into funding research to improve treatments and one day find a cure. Sunflowers were Emily's favourite flower.

We always enjoyed 100 trips together. Also, we shared the love of reading. Thank you for taking the time to read this we really appreciate you doing so.

## Florence, Beatrice and Dulcie

[thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/our-supporter-groups/supporter-groups/groups/emilys-fund/](http://thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/our-supporter-groups/supporter-groups/groups/emilys-fund/)



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# ALL ABOUT

## PLANNING



Planning applications received within the Parish since June 2024

**Application CB/24/01421/FULL** Submitted 13th June 2024  
Land between 90 - 128 Front Street, Slip End .  
Erection of stable building.  
Decision: **Refused**

**Application CB/24/01250/FULL** Submitted 2nd July 2024  
2 Summer Street, Slip End, LU1 4BN  
Alteration to existing storage unit to be replaced with two storey dwelling  
extension of dropped kerb and relocation of telegraph pole.  
Decision: **Not Yet Decided**

**Application CB/24/02065/FULL** Submitted 15th July 2024  
12 Prebendal Drive, Slip End, LU1 4JW  
Single Storey front extension and garage conversion.  
Decision: **Not Yet Decided**

**Application CB/24/01927/FULL.** Submitted 31st July 2024  
Land at Markyate Road, Slip End  
Erection of four greenhouses for horticultural purposes and retrospective erection  
of an amenity building.  
Decision: **Not Yet Decided**

**Application CB/24/02252/GPDE.** Submitted 1st August 2024  
2 Grove Park Road, Woodside. LU1 4NA  
Prior Notification of Household Extension Single Storey Rear extension 3.30m  
beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, maximum height of 2.8m and 2.55m  
to the eaves.  
Decision: **Not Yet Decided**

**Application can/24/02140/LDCE.** Submitted 22nd July 2024  
102 Markyate Road, Slip End.  
Lawful Development Certificate Existing. To confirm that development pursuant  
to planning permission CB/19/00032/ FULL was lawfully begun by the carrying  
out of material operations for the purposes of s.56 of the Town and Country  
Planning Act 1990 within the prescribed period and in accordance with the  
conditions of the planning permission.  
Decision: **Not Yet Decided**

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We had a good insight into Life on the Canals whilst running a hotel back in the 80's. The TV mentioned certain rules to follow i.e. being mindful of the shortfall from the boat to the path - be careful not to fall in the water. Also, because of the boats age and design, the plumbing was fading and only a limited amount of toilet paper could be used at one time. 3 sheets only else the whole system would block up!

The guests were in for a fun few days holiday. Breakfast, mid morning coffee with biscuits, lunch, afternoon tea with cakes and sandwiches, and then, of course, dinner and dessert. That's a lot of food to get through in one day. This whole outfit was run by three people, from shopping, prepping food, cooking, serving and clearing up - there was no dishwasher!

Our Games Night was its usual success. I never knew so many members could be so competitive.

A trip to Portsmouth was planned for July and Geoff (from Tates Coaches) gave everyone a good day out. Some saw the ships whilst others went shopping.

It is our 69th birthday In September. We are having a Duo entertaining us with songs and playing their guitars whilst we tuck into fish and chips. All provided by our W I.

We also have a Group Meeting in October with Steve Dimmer, Ooh Matron Talk (from the Carry On films). I'm sure this will be quite nostalgic for many of us. This year we have decided on an Afternoon Tea as we thought members would like this for a change.

We are a small group of friendly ladies and would love to see you. We meet at Caddington social Club on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

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# Craft fair

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Parish Crime Statistics

June 2024



## Aley Green

None

## Hyde

Theft from a Motor vehicle – 1

Criminal damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1

**Total - 2**

## Pepperstock

None

## Slip End

Public Fear Alarm or Distress – 1

Other Theft - 1

Assault with injury – 1

Malicious Communications - 1

**Total – 4**

## Woodside

None

## Caddington

Theft from a Motor Vehicle – 4

Criminal damage to a building –  
Business – 2

Assault with injury – 2

Assault without injury – 2

Burglary – Business & Community – 2

Other Criminal Damage – 2

Interfering with a motor vehicle – 1

Shoplifting – 1

Theft or Unauthorised taking of a pedal  
cycle – 1

Trafficking off Drugs – 1

Stalking – 1

Harassment – 1

Theft or Unauthorised taking of a Motor  
Vehicle – 1

Public fear alarm or distress – 1

Malicious Communications -1

Sexual - 1

Other Theft - 1

**Total – 25**



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

## What's going on in 2024

### September

- Mon 2nd** Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall  
**Tues 3rd** Carpet Bowls, 8pm, Village Hall  
**Mon 18th** Gardening Club, 8pm, Village Hall (See page 10 for details)  
**Sat 21st** Race Night, Slip End Social Club  
**Sat 28th** Coffee Morning, 10am—12pm, St Andrews  
**Sun 29th** Craft Fair, 10am—4pm, Village Hall

### Parish News Online

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

### Bin Collections - September

Orange - 6th, 20th September

Black bin and Glass - 13th, 27th September

Food Waste bin - Every Friday

Green - 13th, 27th Sept (Only if you have subscribed for collection)



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| <b>Doctor</b>                           | Markyate Surgery 841559                                      |
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| <b>Wardens:</b>                                                                | <b>Slip End Veterans Football</b>                                              | <b>Book Club</b> (contact via<br>Parish News)                                                                          |
| <b>Steve Baird</b> 738205                                                      | Wayne Leslie (see football)                                                    |                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                | <b>Line Dancing</b> —Jean<br>Anderson 01582 2603030                            |                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Aley Green Methodist<br/>Church.</b>                                        | <b>Community:-</b>                                                             | <b>CaSeBuG (Caddington and<br/>Slip End Bus user group).</b><br><a href="mailto:info@casebug.org">info@casebug.org</a> |
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