

**March  
2026**

**Parish  
News**

**Aley Green Pepperstock  
Slip End Woodside**

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## **Editors' Notes**

As I was writing this, it has turned from a sunny, partially cloudy day to an overcast day. We have been having rotten weather over the last few months so to cheer us up, this months cover picture was taken in Plakias, on the south coast of Crete in 2010 while I lived on the island.

### **Central Bedfordshire Council Bin Changes**

Due to Central Government mandated changes, the rules for recycled waste are changing, these are explained on pages 16 and 17. This information was copied direct from an email I received from Central Bedfordshire council.

There is more information on their website:-

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) then go to waste.

### **Good Neighbour Scheme**

The GNS are having their Annual General Meeting on Friday 20th March see opposite page for details.

They are also holding an Easter Party on Wednesday 1st April, see page 19 for details.

### **Slip End Parish Council**

Applications for council grants are requested, please see page 7 for details.

### **Slip End Social Club**

Slip End Social Club will be closing for renovations for three days between Monday 16th March to Wednesday 18th March. See page 13 for details and page 12 for their events.

### **Santa's Visit.**

Due to lack of space in the February issue I had to miss out some photos that were sent. These can be found on page 11.

### **Slip End Gardening Club.**

Unfortunately this club has now closed down. Please see report on page 27.

### **Craft Fair at The Village Hall**

This will take place on Saturday 14th March. See page 4 for details.

Matt will be editor for April.

# Good Neighbour Scheme



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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026, 7.30 PM  
AT SLIP END VILLAGE HALL**

## AGENDA

Present

Apologies for absence

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising  
Chairman's Annual Report

Constitution Update

Review of other policies

Financial Report for the year

Nominations to the Committee

Election of Officers on the Committee for 2026/2027

AOB - open forum to all attendees, including any  
suggestions for improving our Scheme and the  
support it offers to residents.

The meeting will be followed by a cheese & wine social event  
for all attendees.

***ALL RESIDENTS, VOLUNTEERS & CLIENTS  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ABOVE.  
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MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR HAVE  
ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AS A.O.B. IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE,  
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD AT THE  
MEETING.***

*Simon Patterson, Chair, 6A, The Grove, Woodside, LU1 4LR,*

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**Craft fair**

in aid of  
**Dementia & Diabetes**  
**at Slip End Village Hall**  
**Saturday 14th March**

**12pm - 4pm**

**Raffle and  
refreshments**



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The Good Neighbour Scheme

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**13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**(Easter break, returns 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026)**

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# Parish Council Update



## Fly Tipping

We are still seeing significant fly tipping in the Parish particularly Pepperstock and Woodside.

Ward Councillor Vicky Malone, continues to urge residents to report flying tipping on **FIX MY STREET** and send the details to her as she is working with the environmental teams. Please can you email your reports to [vicky.malone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:vicky.malone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

## Co-option of Two Councillors to the Parish Council

The closing date for applications was Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The Parish Council is now looking at the applications and organizing interviews. A further update of co-option will be given in due course.

## Highways

It is that time of year again when potholes are appearing in the Parish, please if you see any report on **FIX MY STREET** and the Highways team at Central Bedfordshire Council will inspect them.

There are two street lamps out in Grove Road which have been, reported by one of our Councillors.

## Parish Council Grants

Applications fo Grants from the Parish Council are now open. The closing date is March 31st. Please see advert opposite.





## Slip End Parish Council Grants Available

Slip End Parish Council welcomes Voluntary & Community groups to apply for a grant. The Grant application must have a direct benefit to Slip End and its residents.

Grants cannot be made to individuals or used for political purposes.

If you are involved with a parish organisation or group and you would like the opportunity to apply for a grant application pack please contact the Clerk on [clerk@slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Please note your organisation must provide the following documents with the application.

- A copy of the groups last end of financial year audited accounts
- A recent bank statement

The closing date is **Tuesday 31st March 2026** and applications after this date will not be considered.

Applications will be considered by the Council, agreed at the Parish Council meeting in April and will be awarded after the Annual General Meeting on **Monday 11th May 2006**.

Please note that all groups who apply for a grant will be required to attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting to give an overview of their group activities and plans going forward.



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## Aley Green Methodist Church



### Dates for March 2026

Sun 1st 10:30am Morning Service (Rev Claudia Lupi) Holy Communion) and Sunday School

Mon 2nd 2pm Lent Fellowship week 2 led by Jo Prowse

Tues 3rd 10-12 Cakes and Company

Fri 6th **2pm** Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service at St Andrew's Church This year's service is written by Christian women in Nigeria. (*Note—afternoon service*)

Sat 7th 10am Prayer Breakfast led by Liz Higgins

Sun 8th 10:30am Morning service ( Rev Erwin Tadia)

Mon 9th 2pm Lent Fellowship week 3 led by Jo Prowse

Fri 13th Take Time (Keech Hospice)

Sun 15th 10:30am Morning Service (Peter Baker) and Sunday School

Mon 16th 2pm Lent Fellowship week 4 led by Jo Prowse

Sun 22nd 10:30am Morning Service (Fiona Arcscott-Smith)

Mon 23rd 2pm Lent Fellowship week 5 led by Jo Prowse

Wed 25th 7:30pm Coffee Evening in aid of LWPT

Sun 29th 10:30am Morning Service (Sheila Norris)

Mon 30th 2pm Lent Fellowship week 6 led by Jo Prowse

As you will see, on Friday 13th Mar at **3:30pm** we are holding a "Take Time"—Kay Palfrey (Caddington's **Villager of the Year**) will be talking about her fundraising for Keech Hospice. This is followed by light refreshments. All are welcome to *Take time to listen then chat*. A collection will be made for the Hospice charity. NOTE the later time than usual.

Advance notice:-

Fri 3rd April Good Friday Meditation at Aley Green Church at 2pm

Sat 4th April Prayer Breakfast at 10am

Sun 5th 10:30am Easter Morning Service

*God Bless,*

*From all at Aley Green*



January is one of those months that seem to go on and on but for our pupils it has been a term busy with sporting fixtures and trips so the days have raced by. Our Junior Journalists have written about their trip to the STEM Discovery centre in Stevenage and a couple of the many sporting events that have taken place as well as a fun visit to Manshead School to watch their latest production.

### **STEM Discovery Centre by Theo, Eileen and George**

We came into school on the morning of the trip, really excited. The journey was about 45 minutes and it was a bit bumpy! When we got there we were told the rules – Don't run, don't shout but we MUST have fun. First of all, we went to a discovery room where we could explore and play. It was so much fun - there were things like an electric ball that gave off mini shocks and a projector that put questions on the floor for us to jump on. There was also a gravity spinner that went really fast.

Next, we went and made the layers of Mars in a small tube using different colours of sand – we made a lot of mess but the lady didn't mind!

Finally, we went and looked into the testing area for Mars Rovers and we saw them move. One of them even had a veil on it as it is super secret. We got a chance to program our own mini rovers using scratch on the computers. It was great fun but hard to control and some of our friends made it all go wrong!

Overall, our trip was super fun and we would recommend it!



## Girls Dodgeball Tournaments

### **Year 5 & 6 – By Ariana**

The girls dodgeball was epic and lots of fun. Sadly, we didn't get to the final but we came 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. We played in a big school with other people. All the 'Slipenders' were really nervous and we got some advice. We played our first match and we won that! We had the best time.

### **Year 3 & 4 – By Amaya**

Year 3 and 4 went to a dodgeball tournament against other schools. We were very excited and enjoyed participating. There were lots of teams. We played three matches. I had a great time and would love to do it again!

## Manshead Visit to watch Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Our Year 5 pupils were invited to Manshead School as part of a federated visit to watch a preview of their latest production. The performance was fantastic, and our children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Manshead School for the invitation and to AirParks for making this opportunity possible.

## Santa's Visit to Slip End, Pepperstock, Aley Green and Woodside

Due to lack of space we were unable to include these photos  
In last months Issue.



# Slip End

SOCIAL CLUB

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## WHAT'S ON IN THE COMING MONTHS



**Saturday 28th March**

**UB40 Tribute**  
Starts at 8pm



**Saturday 25th April**

**Midnight Sun**  
LIVE music from 8:30pm



**Saturday 30th May**

**The Wilsons Show**  
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# Slip End

SOCIAL CLUB

## ✦ Slip End Social Club is getting a little glow-up!

We're giving the Club a mini makeover to make things even nicer for all our members and guests 🛠️🎨

To let the paint dry, keep the dust away from your drinks, and help the work get done nice and quickly, **we'll be closed from Monday 16th March to Wednesday 18th March.**

We'll be back open from Thursday as normal - though you might see a few areas roped off while the finishing touches are done.

Thanks so much for your patience while we freshen things up... we can't wait to welcome you back to a brighter, better Slip End Social Club! 🍷💙



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## Good Neighbour Scheme

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

### Volunteer Vacancy

We are looking for a new Committee Member who will be our Treasurer!

Applicants must be able to:

- Produce a simple Profit and Loss Account & Balance Sheet
- Deposit and withdraw cash from Metro Bank in Luton
- Prepare cash floats for events
- Provide information for grant applications
- Prepare a brief report for our AGM each year in March.

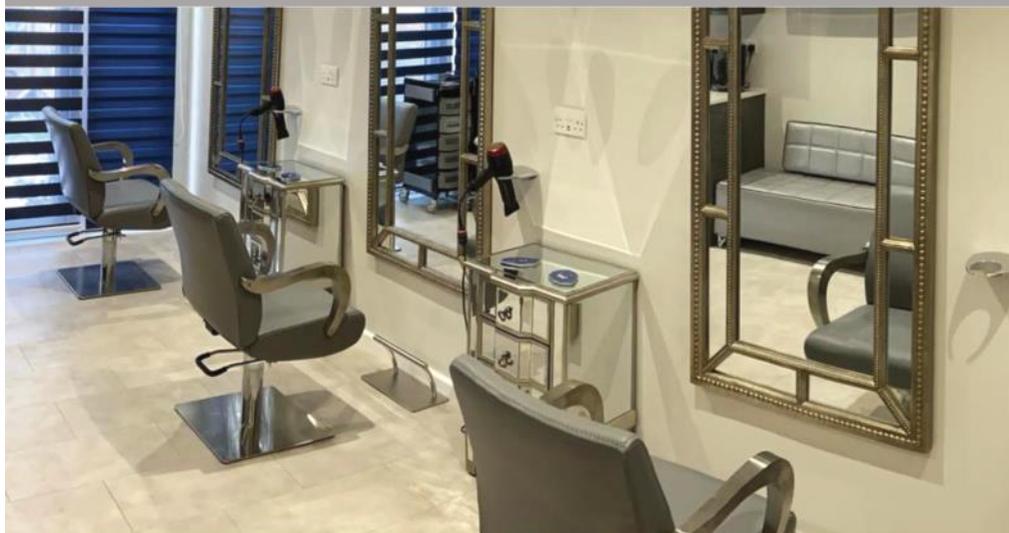
The Committee meets locally about 8 times a year, on a weekday evening and you would be required to attend and provide a brief update on income and expenditure.

A laptop will be provided solely for this purpose. The successful applicant will be required to have a DBS check.

We are hoping to appoint our new Treasurer at the AGM which will be held at Slip End Village Hall on Friday 20th March at 7pm – so it would be great to hear from you before then if this is a role you are interested in. Please contact Simon Patterson on 07767 615714 to discuss further.

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

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The screenshot shows the FixMyStreet website. At the top, it says 'Report a problem', 'Sign in', 'All reports', 'Local alerts', and 'Help'. Below that is the heading 'Report, view, or discuss local problems' with a sub-heading 'Like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting'. There is a form to 'Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area' with an example 'e.g. 30 426 or The St, Manchester' and a 'Go' button. A 'Use my current location' button is also present. 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, 'Recently reported problems' lists: 'Drain cover' (16:41 today), 'Very large and deep pothole near the bus stop going toward the shed garage' (15:21 today, last updated 15:21 today), 'Large dip / broken section between road and pavement' (15:20 today, last updated 15:20 today), 'Leak Road, Monday' (15:20 today, last updated 15:20 today), and 'Abandoned Visual Cops' (15:20 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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Changes coming on  
30 March 2026



## What's changing from 30 March?

From this date you will be able to put glass bottles and jars in your kerbside mixed dry recycling bin, along with paper, card, cans, tins, aluminium foil, plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays and cartons. Please use your existing bin with a green or orange lid.

If you currently have a separate kerbside glass collection using a box, you'll start to use your mixed dry recycling bin for glass. You can keep the box for your own use or take it to your nearest [Household Waste Recycling Centre](#) to recycle it.

Broken glass bottles and jars will be able to go in your mixed dry recycling bin from this date too, if it's safe to do so. You can wrap broken glass bottles and jars in paper, or place them in a cardboard box, and put them in your dry recycling bin.

## **What stays out?**

**Drinking glasses, Pyrex, light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics and cookware should not be placed in your recycling bins.**

Ideally, these should be taken to your nearest [Household Waste Recycling Centre](#) (HWRC) for reuse or disposal. However, if they are broken, they can go in the black bin or the general rubbish at the HWRC

## Bin collection day changes

To support the new recycling service, we need to make some changes to bin lorry routes. If your home is affected, we will write to you in mid-March.

You can also check the bin collection calendar on our website from early March to see if your household is affected.

## New food waste collections for flats

From 30 March all residents living in flats will receive weekly food waste collections.



Food waste caddies and food waste bins for flats will be delivered from late February and throughout March in time for the new collections starting. They will contain a leaflet with instructions detailing how to use the caddy.

## Removal of bottle banks



Once the service changes are in place, bottle banks will be removed across Central Bedfordshire.

Glass recycling will continue to be available at our [Household Waste Recycling Centres](#).

Editors Note: Information taken from an email sent by Central Bedfordshire Council.

Website:- [centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

# St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



**Saturday 28th March 2026**

**10.00 am to noon at St Andrew's Church**

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**and good company**

**Drop in at any time. All welcome.**

**Contact Julie on 07841482119**

**if transport is a problem.**



The Good Neighbour Scheme



# Easter Party.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026



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## Gardening Notes *by Russell Sprout*

It is a cold but overcast day as I write this, preferable to the rain and high winds we have been experiencing recently, I hope you all survived with fences and sheds intact. We don't seem to get enough dry days to dry the ground out before another lot of rain, but hopefully you can get on with some things if **not** all.

If you have any large clumps of snowdrops they can be dug up and split into small bunches and replanted straight away, but this should only be done about every fifth year. 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. 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.

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.

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. 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. 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.

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. Main crop brussel sprouts can be sown early in the month in drills ½ inch deep for planting out at the end of April. Parsnips can also go in as soon as the soil is dry in drills ½ 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.

Lawns will need some attention after the rigours 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.

Happy gardening and see you next month.

Russell Sprout

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

If you prefer to join the service virtually via Zoom then you can join using the following numbers **878 5926 2657** and passcode **664663**, or via this link

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pwd=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09)

### Services held at St Andrew's:

*Please note: During the vacancy the normal pattern of worship may vary from month to month.*

1<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am – Informal Communion

4<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm – Evening prayer in person – Taize

6<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm – World Day of Prayer

8<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – Morning Praise

15<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – Morning Praise – Mothering Sunday

22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30am – Holy Communion

29<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – Family Service – Palm Sunday

30<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – Holy Week

31<sup>st</sup> March 7pm – Holy Week

1<sup>st</sup> April 7pm – Holy Week

2<sup>nd</sup> April 7pm – Maundy Thursday Agape

3<sup>rd</sup> April 9am - Good Friday - Morning Prayer Walk of Witness



The logo for 'Little Stars' features the text 'Little Stars' in a red, cursive font. Above the text are several small stars in blue, yellow, and orange.



Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday.  
We will be running sessions on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March .  
The kettle goes on at 10am  
Turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.

## A Message from St Andrew's

If you know me at all, then you have probably heard me complain about not often getting a good night's sleep. When I begged my GP for some sleeping tablets, he offered a small prescription concluding that a) I had good sleep hygiene and b) I was a strong woman who had been through stormy waters. As he had pressed the button on the prescription I more or less shouted at him "Think how strong I'd be if I slept!" OK, so I am not operating heavy machinery or performing brain surgery, but tiredness still impacts on my day. It makes me both stupid and irritable which is never going to be a good combination.

Why the personal confidences? Well, I wonder whether they resonate with you? Maybe you are a menopausal woman woken by night sweats, or you are at the age where you are woken up by your bladder, or maybe your sleep is broken by children waking you, or by money worries crowding your mind. If so, I pray that God's peace would be with you, just as I pray that for myself. (N.B. Nothing wrong with praying for your own needs!)

We are now in the season of Lent where as Christians we follow practices like fasting, giving and praying. Whatever discipline we follow the intention is to bring our focus back on to God. I'm hoping to reframe my wakefulness at night not as a curse but as a blessing as it will give me time to draw near to God.

We are hosting an ecumenical service on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March for the World Day of Prayer and the theme is an appropriate one for how I am feeling "I will give you rest, come."

Rest, peace, space. Yes, I call out to God for all those things. If you feel the same then perhaps this reworking of Psalm 23 by Rev Simon Bickers will help you as much as it did me. I commend it to you.

The Lord is my pace setter...I shall not rush  
He makes me stop for quiet intervals  
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity  
He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind and His guidance is peace  
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,  
I will not fret, for his presence is here.  
His timelessness, his all importance will keep me in balance  
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity  
By anointing my mind with his oils of tranquility  
My cup of joyous energy overflows  
Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours  
For I shall walk in the Pace of my Lord and dwell in His house for ever.

God bless

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# Slip End Gardening Club



Slip End Gardening Club has closed. Unfortunately, it was not possible to replace the existing committee members, who for various reasons were unable to continue, therefore a new committee could not be formed. The remaining money held has been donated to the Keech Hospice.

Back in 2002 Val Church and Joan Duncombe, both keen gardeners, decided to organise an Open Gardens event within the parish. With help from friends and family it was a great success. The following year they organised a plant sale, held in Val's courtyard at 2 Summer Street, this was also very successful. From then on they organised the two events biannually with a small committee of helpers and called themselves the Plant People.

Then in 2009 Joan suggested we set up a gardening club and have meetings in the village hall with speakers on gardening topics and have a programme from spring to autumn to visit gardens open under the National Garden Scheme. We would meet up prior to setting off so that we could offer lifts to anyone who didn't drive and then spent an entertaining afternoon looking at other people's gardens, getting ideas for our own and relaxing in someone's garden enjoying tea and homemade cakes!

The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the club over the years, and a big thank you to Val, who I know will be reading this, for starting it all off with her friend Joan who is sadly no longer with us, it gave many years of great fun and led to new friendships along the way.



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## **January / February Newsletter 2026**

Hello Readers here is a double catch up of our last two meetings.

For our 1st meeting of January 26 we had a talk from an excellent speaker, Jennifer, with Life behind the First Class Curtain. A candid view of being a BA air steward. It was a most interesting talk where she told us many fascinating insights into what goes on or not in First Class travel.

Knowledge of French wines, à la carte menus and the ability to carry out Silver Service are a few of the skills and etiquette needed for 1st class. Her long and varied career has taken her all over the world. She looked after many A Listers and also Royalty. She also has 5 acres of lavender fields which she started in Lockdown and now produces a variety of products for sale. Members bought some of the products after the talk.

We are sorting out a day trip for later in the year. Members can bring partners and friends if they want to.

We all met for a post Xmas meal at the Hunters Lodge. We had a good catch up and laughter.

### **February Meeting.**

We decided to hold a Crazy Bag Whist. I expect not many of you have heard of this. Well neither had we, but we like a challenge. To make the game interesting participants need to bring with them in a bag, 3 items to the value of £2, £1:50 and £1. So people get into partners and there are 2 teams on each table. You play whist and the winners on each table choose something from the losers bag and then give the losers something from the winners bag. The winners then move tables, the losers stay where they are and the game starts again. Well you can imagine how it went. It was probably the quietest

meeting we have had as everyone was concentrating so hard. It was fun and hopefully everyone went home with 3 different items in their bag. So there were winners all round.

We have been asked to make some poppies for Remembrance Day. So everyone has to dust off the knitting needles and crochet hooks to make poppies. Watch this space to see how we do!

Our day trip is going to be to Sheringham and Cromer in June.

Our next meeting is March 3rd. It will be the AGM and we will be doing our Bag Auction.

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Number

1

## Woodside

### Offence

None

Number

0

## Pepperstock

### Offence

None

0

Number

0

## Aley Green

### Offence

None

Number

0

## Grand Total for Slip End

1

## Caddington Parish

### Offence

Assault with Injury

Kidnapping

Trafficking of Drugs

Possession of Controlled Drugs (Cannabis)

Criminal Damage to a Building – Business

Assault without Injury

Race or Religious Agg Public Fear

Harassment

Number

3

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## Grand Total for Caddington

10

## Grand Total

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

### What's going on in 2025

**Weekly** Soup & Sarnie, every Tuesday @ The Rising Sun, 12pm - 2pm  
Chatty Club every Wednesday @ The Rising Sun, 1pm - 3pm

### March

**Sat 14th** Craft Fair, 12,00 - 4pm: Slip End Village Hall  
**Mon 16th** Slip End Social Club Closed fo Three Days. See Page 13  
**Fri 20th** Good Neighbour AGM, 7:30pm: Slip End Village Hall. See Page 12  
**Sat 28th** St Andrew's Coffee Morning, 1:00 - 12:00: St Andrew's Church  
**Sat 28th** UB 40 Tribute, 8pm: Slip End Social Club. See Page 12  
**Tue 31st** Deadline foe Council Grant applications

### April

**Wed 1st** GNS Easter Party. 2:30 - 4:30: Slip End Village Hall  
**Sat 25th** Midnight Sun. Live Music, 8pm Slip End Social Club. See Page 12

### May

**30th** The Wilson Show. Retro Party: 8pm Slip End Social Club. See P12

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### Bin Collections - March

**Black bin and Glass** - 13th, 27th.

**Orange (Recycling)** - 6th, 20th.

**Green (Garden)** - 6th, 20th

**Food Waste bin** - Every Friday.



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