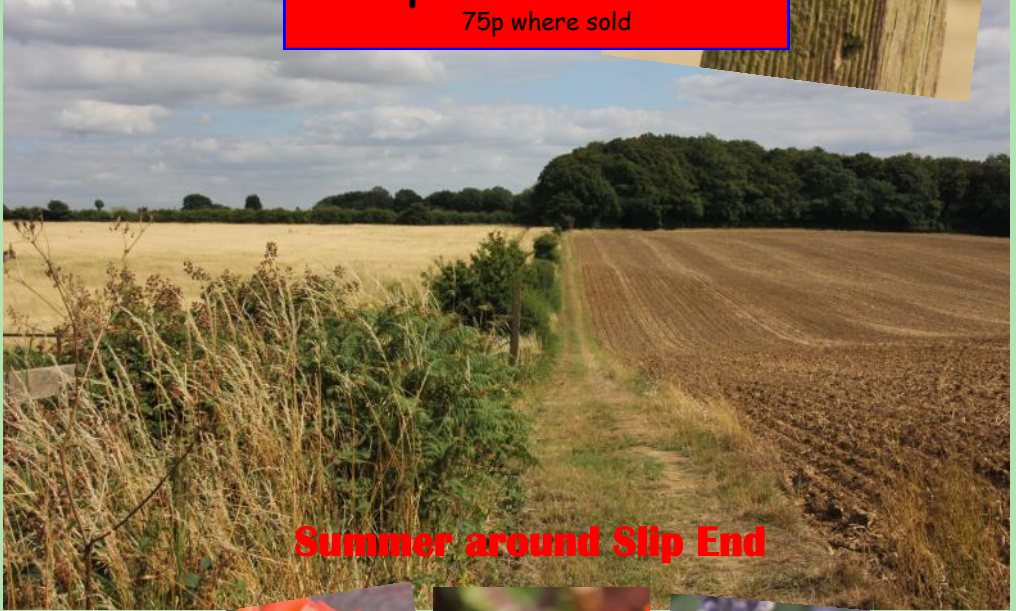




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Summer around Slip End



Editor's Notes

Welcome back after the break. We hope everyone enjoyed the summer weather! It has certainly seemed more like what we expect summer to be, although the heatwave vanished as soon as the children broke up from school! Many of the activities in the parish also took a break and some get under way again as September starts. Look out for details of these.



The Parish Council notes (opposite) show the results of the speeding surveys and that is the subject of the first of two letters (included below) received by the Editors during the break. The second letter we received can be found a few pages into the magazine.

Remember, we are happy to include articles, pictures and letters to add to our pages. The magazine is here to inform the residents of the Parish so any item of interest is welcome including celebrating good exam results or graduations.

Letter to the Editor

Subject: Speeding in Church Road Slip End

My Daughter has lived in Church Road, Slip End, for two years and I have been appalled at the very high vehicle speeds along this road from the majority of drivers. The worst offenders are drivers travelling in the northerly direction on Church Road out of Slip End. However, I

have also seen vehicles enter Slip End along Church Road which must be travelling at 50mph or more as they head towards the Frog and Rhubarb pub. All types of vehicle are speeding excessively from cars, to lorries and buses. The time or day of the week seems to make no difference.

I believe that the speeding has got worse over the last two years and it has become normal practice to drive at excessive speed. As the speeding has got worse, so has the noise from the traffic.

The problem is so bad that it is only a matter of time before there is a fatal accident and urgent action is required to fix the problem. The sporadic use of speed cameras has only a temporary effect. On a positive note I observed the effect of a police speed camera van parked along Church Road. All vehicles slowed down to the 30mph speed limit in both directions. What a change it made!

Slip End is a lovely village which is blighted by speeding vehicles, making it unsafe, especially for children, the elderly and infirm.

I understand that a number of different schemes to eliminate speeding are being considered by the Parish Council, and the council members are working hard to try and solve this problem. I would urge everybody living in Slip End to get involved in eliminating speeding.

Yours sincerely,

Rod Cooley

Parish Council Notes

As promised, some more data from the week in April when the Police carried out a speed survey for us.

In Lower Woodside the data box was located close to the Harrow. Only 5% of vehicles travelling towards Manor Road were travelling at speeds over 35 mph compared with 10% travelling in the opposite direction. In other words a total of 842 vehicles out of 11579 were considered to be speeding. The majority of cars speeding were in the 35 to 40 mph bracket the highest speed recorded was at 55 mph.

In Upper Woodside a data collection box was located close to the Plough. You will recall the speed limit on this stretch of road at the moment is 60 mph.

Travelling towards Grove Road the majority of vehicles were travelling at less than 40 mph with relatively few exceeding that. In the opposite direction pretty much the same was true although there were a higher number of vehicles exceeding 40 mph. One vehicle reached 70 mph and a few 65.

The Police have said that they would support the Parish if it looked to reducing the speed limit to 40 mph but the figures do not warrant a reduction to 30 mph in their view.

All the speed data figures throughout the Parish will be on display at the exhibition later this year and a representative from the Police will be there to explain them. You will have an opportunity to ask questions ranging from enforcement of the speed limits to the thinking behind the 40 mph.

You will of course have the opportunity to tell the Parish Council what you think as well.

Turning now towards Pepperstock, you will recall the national speed limit of 60 mph

applies from the A1081 to the 30 mph sign near to New Street. The data box was located on the Slip End side of the old Chapel.

68% of the traffic travelling in both directions was travelling at a rate in excess of 35 mph.. However, around two thirds of the vehicles were travelling at 40 mph or less and of those travelling faster most were below 45 mph. As with Upper Woodside the Police would support the Parish if it decided to apply for a 40 mph speed limit on the stretch from the M1 bridge to the 30 mph zone.

To bring you up to date the Highways Department. have now been instructed to carry out the feasibility study which will report back in the next few months with recommendations as to how we can resolve the speeding issues and at what cost. The study will rely heavily on all the speed data in its recommendations.

In the past we looked into the possibility of using average speed cameras. At the time, for a variety of reasons, that solution was not available to us.

Checking the position again there is now a system involving the use of new style digital average speed cameras. These are portable and could be moved from one location in the Parish to another .

The Highways Department have been asked to include the use of these cameras within the study and will no doubt compare all the associated costs of such a system along with the costs of the more tradition type of traffic calming.

At the end of July the Council submitted its application to Central Beds for a grant of £50,000 towards the cost of the proposed traffic calming project. This money would be available in the next financial year if granted and if it was decided to proceed with the project.

Ken Crossett, Chairman

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Sunday 15th September

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Slip End Village Hall - 2.00pm to 4.00pm



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Slip End & District Community Projects Group

The Projects Group is here to be the voice and support for all the groups and associations in the parish. We meet every second Tuesday of the month and welcome any resident of the parish. You don't have to come along every week, but your ideas and views are important to us. Pop in, we are a relaxed bunch and there is drink available! I hope everyone had a lovely summer break. My thanks to my vice chair, Keith Holme, for taking the July meeting for me.

The Chatty Club meets at the Frog & Rhubarb every Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. If you are over 55 you're more than welcome to come, and you don't have to be there every week, you can 'dip' in and out, and buffet style food and hot drinks available for £2.50! For more information, call Paul Cooper on 01582 452722.

Slip End Camera Club is going strong. The club meets the third Tuesday of the month at The Social Club, new comers still more than welcome! The club has been on several outings and there are more trips out planned. For more details call Norman Homewood on 01582 452851.



The **Youth Club** finished on Wednesday 17th June for the summer. As a thank you to the youth workers who give up their Wednesday evenings over the year the CPG presented them each with a bunch of flowers – ladies thank you for everything you have done so far this year and for the coming sessions ahead!



This quarter Lise, Caroline, Ursula and Karen are joined by Zoe Coombes & Martin Allnut. Zoe & Martin have been DBS checked (the new name for CRBs) and are going to be a great help to the ladies as the numbers were tipping almost 40 children last quarter!

Youth Club starts again on Wednesday 11th September at the Peter Edwards Hall from 6:00 pm till 7:30 pm and some exciting new things are planned, especially for Hallowe'en and Christmas, so come down and join in the fun.

We welcome youngsters new to the parish to the youth club. The club is for 8 to 16 year olds, entry is only £1 per child per week and there is a tuck shop. It is expected that the children present themselves politely, behave and treat other children and the youth workers with respect, so that the club is a pleasant environment for everyone.



The **Good Neighbour Scheme** is coming into its 6th month! Simon and the committee are doing a great job of making sure the scheme runs correctly and smoothly. The feedback from those who have taken advantage of the scheme has been great, it seems the scheme is a blessing for some and well received. My thanks to the

committee and the volunteers, without your time and enthusiasm the scheme wouldn't be at month 6!

For anyone new to the Parish and the magazine, the scheme is for anyone within the Parish who is over 18 and needs help. It is not aimed at a specific age range and could prove useful to anyone who maybe lives alone and has broken a leg or arm, or anyone who can't drive at the moment due to an accident. Likewise, if you have a relative who lives in the parish but you live further away it could prove to be the peace of mind you need that there a group that can help when you're not available.

If you would like more information about the scheme, like volunteering or fundraising please email the chairman, Simon Patterson, on- smp@amida.fsworld.co.uk

**The dedicated GNS contact number is
07513 372 415**

Don't forget about the Slip End Parish Community Page of Facebook – find us, like us and be kept up to date with meetings, entertainment, crime information, photos from days gone by, and much more.



For those of you not on Facebook please remember the Parish website:

www.slipend.co.uk for information and useful links.

Now that the children are back at school we would like to remind parents that the Village Hall Management Committee is delighted to offer the Car Park for parents to park in when they drop off and collect their children from school on weekdays. This will hopefully encourage the short walk to school and reduce the congestion in and around the school location.

Speaking of the Village Hall, I would like to congratulate the hall committee on the successful refurbishment of the hall. It has benefitted immensely from a nice modern neutral paint job throughout, a varnished main floor and new sturdy flooring elsewhere. If you are interested in holding a function there, in particular a wedding reception or party, I think you will find the decor far more agreeable! If you would like to book the hall please call Mrs Gillian Plummer on 01582 723 109.

Please read the article about Operation Shoebox, which is similar in style to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign that the church runs just before Christmas. Misty Ballard, an ex-Slip End resident who works at Central Beds council, is coordinating collection in the Parish and has organised a fund raising evening with Ann & Adrian at The Rising Sun on Saturday 7th September from 7pm, with music and a raffle and BBQ. You can pop along for a fun evening, donate a few pounds or items for the shoeboxes, or bring your completed boxes with you to give to Misty on the night. Alternatively you can drop your shoebox at The Social Club.

Whilst mentioning The Rising Sun, I would like to welcome Ann & Adrian to the Parish and thank them for their support with the troops shoe box appeal. I hope they feel welcomed and wish them every success with the pub. Pop in and meet them if you haven't already

The next CPG meeting is on Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.30pm at the Social Club – everyone welcome!

Sarah Minnighan, Chairman

Slip End Gardening Club

Members have been making the most of the good weather over the summer months with visits to gardens opening under the National Gardens Scheme. The two July visits were to Mackerye End and Beeson End Gardens, both Harpenden. Mackerye End is a very interesting property and gardens. A C16 (Grade 1 listed) Manor House (not open) set in 15 acres of formal gardens, parkland and woodland, front garden set in a framework of formal yew hedges. A Victorian walled garden with extensive box hedging and box maze, cutting garden, kitchen garden and lily pond. A courtyard garden with yew and box borders. The west garden is enclosed by a pergola walk of old English roses.

The three Beeson End gardens were set in a mature development and reflected their owner's individual interests and needs. The first garden was packed with unusual plants, shrubs and climbers to provide a year round structure. The colourful courtyard garden had a water feature and a secluded shade garden to add extra interest. The second garden had specimen trees, architectural plants, ornamental grasses, herbaceous borders as well as a compact kitchen garden and herb bed. The third garden was a generous ½ acre of a mature enclosed format and informal garden rooms. There was a sunny sunken garden with an ornamental fish pond, colour themed herbaceous borders and a large wildlife pond, which invited closer inspection.

The August visit was to Flaxbourne Farm, Aspley Guise. This was a beautiful and entertaining fun garden of three acres, lovingly developed with numerous water features, windmill, modern arches and bridges, small moated castle, lily pond, herbaceous borders, and a Greek temple ruin. There was a recently established three way bridge, planted with Japanese Acers, tree ferns, echiums, bananas and zinnia creating a tropical area full of the "wow" factor. New in 2011 was a Japanese garden with flyover walkway, in an inspirational woodland setting. There was a crow's nest, crocodile, and tree house with zip

wire for children. Finally there was a huge Roman stone arched gateway which has featured in ITV's This Morning programme and the BBC One Show. We were entertained by music from the excellent Woburn Sands Band.



Forthcoming garden visits are given below.

Sun. 1 Sept. - Friithsden Vineyard, Hemel Hempstead. Entry £5 Teas

Sun. 20 Oct. - 35 Digswell Rd, Welwyn Garden City Entry £3.50 Teas

(Meet 1.30pm Rising Sun Car Park)

PN Gardening Correspondent



1st Woodside Brownies



Sunday 21st July saw two minibuses with Brownies in them heading for a day out at Paradise Park, Broxbourne in Hertfordshire. A great day was had by all.

There were plenty of animals to see and things to do. It is well worth a visit. Our thanks must go to Paula and Hilary for driving the minibuses.

Macmillan Coffee Evening

25th September

Wear something

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for Macmillan

The Brownies will be holding a coffee evening in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on Wednesday 25th September in the Village Hall from 6pm—8pm.

There will be coffee or tea, cakes, a raffle and you may be entertained!

Please give them your support!

If you would like to donate some cakes or you need more details please ring 01582 723109.

Gillian Plummer, Wise Owl

Slip End Allotments

Association

Rents and membership are due on Friday September 27th, between 7pm and 8pm please, at 9 Markyate Road.

We have had to increase the prices as the water rates and federation fees have all been increased, as well as the cost of insurance.



5 pole	£7.50
10 pole	£15.00
15 pole	£17.50
20 pole	£25.00
Membership	£1

Thank you.

SLIP END GARDENING CLUB

**Monday
16th September
8.00pm Village Hall**

**Guest Speaker - Dr Dowbiggin
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Dates for St Andrew's Church in September

Sun 1st: 10.30am: Informal Communion - "The word is like a sword"

Sun 8th:10.30am: Morning Praise – with opportunity to receive anointing for Healing (band)

Sun 15th:10.30am: Holy Communion with Guest speaker - Scott Wilcox from the Bible Society

Tues 17th: 11am: Caddington Hall Care Home

Fri 20th 2pm: Woodside Care Home

Sun 22nd: 8.30am: Said Communion

Sun 22nd:10.30am: Cafe Church with a Bring & Share Lunch: "Celebration" (band)

Sun 29th:10.30am: Morning Praise: Harvest

Little Stars

Weds 4th: Summer Holiday Little Stars – 10.30am: Discovery Centre, Stockwood Park
– see flyer or in Church for details

Weds 11th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Animal tales from the Bible
– the cat's tale

Weds 18th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Animal tales from the Bible
– the magpie's table

Weds 25th: Refreshments from 10am with a 10.30 start: Little Stars: Harvest – Picnic with Jesus

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Celebrating the Fullness of God's Blessing

At St. Andrew's this year we have been looking at basic Spiritual Practices or Disciplines that Christians have always recognised as important. One of these is the Practice of Celebration, the importance of celebrating all that is good in God's world, or in our lives.

We will be having two special celebration services during September.

On 26th September it will be twenty years since I was ordained as a Deacon in the Church of England. I would like to mark this with a "**Cafe Church**" followed by a "**Bring and Share Lunch**" on Sunday September 22nd.

Everyone is very welcome to come along to this. The service will be at 10.30am and will be our normal informal Cafe Church style. This means that people are seated around tables with a quiz and lots to join in with; games, prayers and some thoughts from the Bible, as well as some songs of celebration too. The lunch will begin at 12 noon and if you are able to come I would be delighted. If you can bring a little food that you could share with others that would also be great.

Then we will have our harvest celebrations over the last weekend of September. Everyone is very welcome to our Harvest Supper in the village hall on Friday 27th and to our Harvest Praise on Sunday 29th. I was thinking about the things that we celebrate and often there is a sense of overcoming difficulty in some way. We celebrate when exam results show hard work and perseverance. Sporting achievements that we celebrate, recognise huge amounts of training, teamwork, cooperation as well as natural ability.

I went to my nephew's wedding recently, in this we celebrated hope, love and commitment over isolation or aloneness. At harvest we give thanks for the labours of the farmer as well as the natural fertility of the land and seed.

In my ministry there has been a lot to overcome. I am so thankful to God's faithfulness, his on-going presence with me, his continuing call to serve him. It has been a long journey of healing. At St. Andrew's I am in many ways as happy and fulfilled as I have ever been in ministry and I am so grateful that God has called us here.

When Jesus began his ministry he said, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Luke 4v18-19)

He comes to bring joy and many reasons for celebration into a hurting world. He doesn't promise that life will be easy, but signs of his kingdom, his favour and goodness keep bursting in and for all these it is good to come together and to celebrate.

Bless you, Cathy



More Celebrations!

Congratulations! Dot Reid was 90 on Sunday 11th August and still looking good on it. All at St Andrew's signed a big card for her and gave flowers. She enjoyed a big party with family and friends at the Peter Edwards Hall on Saturday.

Letter to the Editor

This is the second of the letters received for inclusion in the magazine this month. I find it rather sad when people stoop to vandalism. Many people work very hard in our Parish to contribute to a sense of community and it is disappointing when people are hurt by the thoughtless behaviour of others. This letter, from a Slip End resident, was dated 7th August.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this anonymously as I do not want to experience the same unfortunate incident as occurred at the Rising Sun last week. I refer to the mindless individual(s) who decided to smash the main window at the side of the pub with a pellet gun apparently!! (What makes it worse is that it has only just been fixed a short time from when Lily had the pub.)

I cannot believe that having been in the place for less than two months, with great enthusiasm,

friendliness and visionary ideas to make the pub work, Ann & Adrian are being treated in this way. I spoke at length with Ann and she was really disappointed and upset that someone would wish to do this, as are all the regulars.

I have lived in the village, on and off, for 19 years and seen many people take on the pub and few have had the enthusiasm, experience and friendliness of Ann and Adrian—is this really how we as a community wish to repay them? The fact is that we believe we know who you are so, without wishing to incite 'vigilantism', watch out because 'big brother' is watching you!!

On a lighter note, on behalf of the aforementioned village community I would like to welcome Ann and Adrian to Slip End and wish them every success at the Rising Sun. I have already experienced their hospitality and sense of fun on numerous occasions, long may it continue.

Regards,

ANGRY AND DISAPPOINTED Resident

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Sunday 1st

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest
No Sunday School Communion

Tuesday 3rd

7.30pm Bible Study - Rev Bob Forrest

Sunday 9th

11.00am **Harvest Festival**

All age service led by Rev Phil Horner
A collection will be taken for
Methodist Relief & Development Fund

Monday 9th

7.30pm **Harvest Auction**
In aid of Water Aid

Tuesday 10th

10.00am/12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

Saturday 14th

2.30pm Village Show Aley Green Stalls
in aid of Methodist Homes for the Aged
& Macmillan Cancer Care

Sunday 15th

11.00am Morning Service - Mike Bull
11.00am Sunday School reopens

Monday 16th

7.30pm Fellowship Meeting - Mike Bull

Wednesday 18th

7.30pm Coffee Evening In aid of
Methodist Relief & Development Fund

Sunday 22nd

11.00am Morning Service - Colin Quine
11.00am Sunday School

Friday 27th

3.00pm Tombola & Cake Stall
Outside Caddington Village School

6.30pm Coffee Evening stalls and games
both in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Sunday 29th

11.00am Morning Service - Geoff Bocutt
11.00am Sunday School

A big Thank You to everyone who came down to see us over the summer.

The June and July 'Cakes and Company' were well attended It was marvellous to welcome lots of visitors and of course our faithful regulars and to raise money for our Church Improvement Fund.

The June Coffee Evening raised £106 for Methodist Homes for the Aged and our pew envelopes added a further £84.50. At the July Coffee Evening we were raising money for Action for Children and that raised £84.50 and the pew envelopes, £84. Thank you for supporting us and our Methodist charities.

Our earlier 9:30am summer services were very well attended and we were pleased to welcome visitors from France, Germany and New Zealand as well as various parts of the UK.

September is a busy month for us, we have our Harvest Festival and auction of produce for Water Aid, do join us it's always good entertainment and a chance to support a very worthy charity.

We will be running two stalls at the Village Show, our preserve stall for Methodist Homes for the Aged and a games stall for Macmillan Cancer Care. We look forward to seeing you there.

Macmillan day will be a bit different this year for us, we will have a stall outside the Village School at home time, selling cakes and a children's tombola and in the evening there will be a Coffee Evening with stalls and games. There's always a warm welcome, do pop down.



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Welcome to a new year at Caddington Village School. Last year ended with much excitement including trips, parties and saying goodbye to year 8 and some staff.

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The Summer Fayre was once again a huge success and our thanks go to the "Friends of Caddington Village School" who continue to put on such tremendous events and raise much needed funds for the school.

In true Caddington style the coming year promises to be as busy as ever, starting off with the welcoming of new pupils and staff across the school. The first fund raising event will be a live band evening on Friday 27th September. Details are on our website and tickets are available from Lynn Russell on : 07737 334309. We plan to continue to involve and be involved with the community as much as we can starting with the Village show, where each class will have their bunting and our year 3 pupils will be selling their eco-friendly stationery products. We hope that you enjoy reading about just some of the vast array of activities going on in school and if you feel you can contribute in any way to our school life, then please feel free to contact us.

With the pupils and staff enjoying a well earned rest, we have seen lots of contractors on the school site completing much needed works to the facilities we have here. We have made major improvements to our school kitchen, a refurbishment of our reception area, a state of the art audio visual system installed in the main hall and finally, our long awaited changing room refurbishment has commenced which we hope to finish near the end of September. This will make

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Book early to avoid disappointment.

Holiday club is most suited to children from Reception to Year 4, but others are welcome—if the numbers allow. We would also wish to advise you that this year we would appreciate a minimum donation of £10 per child - but this is for BOTH days. For more details contact either Lynne Sandle (723029), Jill Saunders (452539) or MaryBarker (738435), however further details and consent forms will be distributed by Lynne on receipt of the registration form. Feel free to photocopy this form and complete one form per child thank you. Completed forms can be dropped at Jill Saunders house near the back gate of the school or given to Lynne Sandle or Karen Smith, whom you may know as they are both parents of children at the School.

Space Academy registration form	
<i>Childs full name:</i>	<i>Sex: M/F</i>
<i>Date of birth:</i>	<i>School:</i>
Please register my child for the holiday club <i>Parent's/Guardian's signature:</i>	
<i>Parent's/Guardian's full name</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Phone number:</i>
<i>I give my permission for our details to be entered on the Church data base</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>I give my permission for my child to appear on group photographs</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>please state if your child is allergic to anything</i>	
<i>please state if your child has a sensitivity to flashing lights</i>	<i>Yes/No/ Unsure</i>

Gardeners' Special

Thankfully, this year we actually had a summer and the garden has done really well, but as summer fades into autumn and the days start to shorten early morning frosts are likely towards the end of the month, so beware. Give your lawn a bit of TLC by scarifying or use a lawn rake to remove dead and matted debris to let air and water into the soil and let the nitrifying bacteria in the soil do its job. Reseed any worn patches and apply an autumn fertiliser to promote a lush growth.

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.

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. 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 crocus can also be planted at the same time.

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.

Towards the end of the month alpines 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. Clip hedges of any new growth for the last time and remove any weeds and burn or compost them. You can plant a new hedge from mid-September to mid-October.

Remove any shading from greenhouses as the plants will require more light and the sun starts to lose its fierce heat. 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.

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.

Potatoes should now be harvested, pick a dry day and leave newly dug potatoes on the ground to dry off for an hour or so, then pack away for use during the winter. Do not store any potatoes that have been attacked by slugs or ones that have been hit by the fork as they will not keep. Store in a cool dry place and as dark as possible to stop them going green. They will need checking during the winter to sort out any that are rotting and discard these as they will affect the other healthy ones.

Russell Sprout

Summer Activities around the Parish

Chatty Club
BBQ



Hedge Trimming!



Gardening club visit to Flaxbourne Farm





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Two local ladies who work at Central Bedfordshire Council, Misty Ballard and Deborah Brown - who is also the local Regional Coordinator for Operation Shoebox UK, have teamed up in support of this very worthy cause, and said: *'We are appealing for individuals, schools, clubs and organisations to help fill shoeboxes with a range of goodies and useful items that would mean so much to the troops, some of whom have been away from the UK for months and are missing basic items that we normally take for granted like toothpaste, razors and chewing gum! It's not about agreeing or disagreeing with war, it's about showing support and compassion for the brave members of our armed forces by sending them a little piece of home through a parcel of goodies and a kind message. I've received several thank you letters from across the ranks reporting the real difference and boost in morale that these parcels bring.'*

So how can you help?

You can either fill an empty shoebox or a jiffy pouch with items such as sweets, especially Starburst Chews, Haribo packs, mints and Jelly Babies, dried fruit sachets, salted peanuts, small pots of jam, small tins of fruit in juice, pot noodles, hot chocolate drink sachets, razors, shower-gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip salve, small tins of Vaseline, foot powder, puzzle books, notebooks, pens, pencils, small paperbacks (but please no aerosols or chocolate) up to 1.8kg, or donate items to go to making up a shoebox.

Personal messages mean a lot, even from a complete stranger, as it shows somebody back home cares about them so please include a note to say Hi or pictures or a postcard.

To help cover the cost of onward delivery, please fix a £1 coin with sticky tape to the inside top of the box or pouch, then either drop the shoe box or pouch into **The Rising Sun**, Front Street in Slip End or into the **Slip End Social Club**, New Street or you can contact Misty Ballard on 07841 679245 or Deborah Brown by email at deborah@operationshoeboxuk.co.uk or on 07866 557872, to arrange drop off or collection. For more see www.operationshoebox.co.uk.

The Rising Sun is holding a fundraiser event—SEE PUB PAGES for details.

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Farley Hill Methodists

The Annual Charity Concert, on Saturday July 13th, raised £160.00 for Food Bank. Those attending heard the Bedfordshire Police Choir give a first class performance singing many popular numbers with solos and duets. It was an excellent night. The Mayor gave a speech before the concert thanking Food Bank for the work of assisting an increasing number of families suffering hardship. At the end, Liz Springer, the Chair of Food Bank, outlined the work carried out by the organisation and commented on the impressive number of volunteers she had assisting on a daily basis. She thanked the churches for the concert and also for the large amount of food collected over the past few months. The collections will continue and people are urged to drop in with items any time.

The Garden Fete in June was very successful despite the constant rain and each church netted £100 after expenses. The July Lunch Club had a suitable repast of salad followed by a fresh fruit salad and ice cream which was enjoyed by all. Gill Jardine raised £400 on her Race for Life trip round Stockwood Park and thanks her sponsors.

A full coach load of Lunch Club members and friends enjoyed the mystery lunch, fish chip and peas followed by ice cream, before setting off on the seventh annual mystery tour ending up, not at one of the exotic spots hinted at, but Stoke Bruerne which delighted everyone. The group enjoyed the afternoon, the shops, tea room the museum and on the canal boats the weather was warm and not too hot.

The September lunch on Wednesday 11th is the eighth anniversary lunch and a full roast dinner will be served to mark the occasion. Sheila Lathwell will be on the piano for the sing a long. 12.30 for 1pm £3.50.

Following the success of the summer Garden Fetes over the past few years the Three Churches, FHM, St John's Anglicans, World Wide Church, joined by Farley Bears, will be holding a mammoth Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7th December. Further information from Ken Cameron (see below).

Members of Farley Hill Methodists will be joining friends at St Johns Rotheram Avenue for a special service to be held on Sunday 8th September at 3 pm, when the Bishop of Bedford will be conducting a welcome service for the Reconciliation Walk Community.

Ken Cameron 01582 456594

kenneth@xlnmail.com

Congratulations!

Well done to Andy and Tom Bloomfield of The Oaks in Slip End. Both graduated in July from Surrey University achieving BSc with First Class Honours in Economics.



Caddington WI

In July we had Judy Oliver talk to us about Colourful Personalities and how some people "get up your nose". We had to pick colours from cards. These apparently suit our personalities. Generally, we are made up of extroverts and introverts and choose partners who are the opposite to us. Everyone joined in and we had a bit of fun. At times it made you question yourself. Our competition was a Colourful scarf. This was won by Carol Jones with Stephanie Horne second and Linda Edwards third.

Our congratulations go to Joan and Peter Bunyan who have celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

August's talk was Malcolm Jones on the Role of a Funeral Director, with the competition of a Holiday Souvenir. Report next month.

Darts - the team has played five matches and only lost one. You are doing very well ladies. Practising keeps them on top!

We have had a few outings during the summer months. Frosts of Woburn offered a floral demonstration and the refreshments later were exceptional - some people had a job to finish their plates! A very pleasant afternoon was spent by many of us visiting Ashridge House. The history of the house and gardens was explained by a tour guide. He explained the new developments to the buildings and what goes on there. It was interesting to see the old original buildings combined with the new. Later we

sat in the garden on the terrace enjoying tea and cakes. Thanks to Sue Martin for organising this outing.

We are joining Totternhoe W.I. for a visit to Althorpe House and will be arranging to go to the 'seaside' (Brighton) for the day in September. It will also be our Birthday Party.

As you can see we have been kept fairly busy these past few weeks. If you would like to join us we meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Baptist Hall, Caddington at 7.30 p.m.

Linda Edwards

Friendship Club

Over the summer we have had three trips out, the first on the 24th June to Poole which was a smashing day out.

Our second outing was on the 29th July to Weston-Super-Mare. We went down in heavy rain and were held up by an accident so it was slow going for a while and took four and a half hours. After a shower of rain we had a lovely day.

Our third outing was on the 13th August to Bourton on the Water.

Our final summer trip will be to Southend on Sea on the 2nd September. We have been lucky enough to fill the coaches each time and I think everyone has enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to all for making it worth my time and effort by turning up on the day.

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Pub Pages



The Plough

Our barpersons Georgia & Ada celebrated both their Birthday's here with family and friends. Everyone had a great evening. Happy Birthday to you both!

Our regular customers David & Fiona Woods' son-in-law David Blee celebrated his 30th Birthday at The Plough. A wonderful BBQ was supplied for their guests and had a disco to dance the night away. They all had fantastic evening!

The Marquee was up for Pete and Angie King and they arranged a 21st Birthday and a Welcome Home BBQ for their son who has been travelling around Australia. All of their family & friends enjoyed the food and said what a great time they had.

Pete & Angie Roworth booked the marquee for their daughter Kayleigh's Graduation. She graduated from Bedford University on July 15th with a Bachelor of Education with Honours in Primary Education. She starts working at St Mary's Primary School, Caddington in September. All of Kayleigh's friends and family



came to join and celebrate her great achievement. They enjoyed a BBQ, and had also a Disco in the marquee. They all had a wonderful time.

Congratulations and good luck from us all at The Plough!

Donna & Kevin Tinch held their Sons Christening here at The Plough. They had 60 Family & Friends join them for the special occasion. Everyone tucked in to a BBQ and they all had a lovely day.

Andy Morrison held reunion and birthday for friends and family. A three piece band was organized, and they played fantastic! Everyone had a great evening!

We would like to send our thoughts to the family of Mary Perry, 92 from Woodside Park Homes. Her family came back from her funeral to celebrate her life and talk about the wonderful memories they share of Mary.

We would like to congratulate Helina Cunniffe (daughter of Ann at The Rising Sun in Slip End) and Luke Debnan on their marriage on the 10th August. In the garden of The Plough, they had hired in a 20x9 metre marquee with flooring, drapes, chandelier lighting and a dance floor. Helina, with help from her family and friends decorated the marquee beautifully. The 9 round tables were



decorated with white table cloths with turquoise blue table runners and a few bright pink accessories. The 107 guests joined the Bride & Groom for a BBQ of all kinds of meat and fish and it smelt just wonderful. A selection of cheesecakes and gateaux were supplied for dessert. Later, when evening guests arrived to join in the special day, they had the choice of sausage and bacon baps. The guests danced, laughed and they all said what a wonderful day they had. Congratulations and we wish you a very happy life together!

If you're planning on getting married, why not have your celebration here at the Plough. For more details pop in to see Doug or Melissa.

We are now taking bookings for Christmas parties and Christmas Day. For a copy of the menu call in or see our website www.theploughwoodside.co.uk

BT Sports is now being shown here!!

Bored on a Monday afternoon? Why not join us for a game of BINGO - eyes down at 3pm!

The Rising Sun

The Rising Sun is holding a Fundraiser BBQ in support of Operation Shoebox UK on **Saturday 7th September from 7pm** complete with music and raffle. Come along and join in the fun, you can even bring your donated items or filled shoeboxes along.

They are awaiting a date for the refurbishment of the pub. Updates to follow when possible.

Ann and Adrian have asked us to say thank you to everyone in the village. They said *"They have made us feel very welcome and a part of the village. Their help and support and encouragement has been great. We both feel we have made the right decision in coming to the village and plan to stay for some time."*

The Social Club

The Social club will be collecting shoe boxes filled with goodies that will be sent to the troops, if you are not able to fill a box then feel welcome to donate items by dropping them into the club and a box will be made up. Items range from sweets (not chocolate), food stuffs, nuts small tins of fruit etc to the small sized toiletries, and puzzle books and other recreational material.

The Frog & Rhubarb

For current offers at the pub, look at the pub's website :- www.frogandrhubarb.co.uk The pub has achieved a highly recommended award from Tripadvisor for the second year running. This award is based on reviews by diners. The pub also retained its five star hygiene rating awarded by the Food Standards Agency and Environmental Health. Congratulations to the pub on these two great achievements. *More news next month.*

Remember the **Chatty Club** which meets at the Frog and Rhubarb on Tuesday afternoons from 2 pm to 4 pm. *There will be a full report from the Chatty Club next month, unfortunately it arrived as we were about to go to print.*



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This year we are lucky enough to be able to use the Heathfield Community Centre in Caddington once again to check and process boxes from around Luton and surrounding areas. It was a great success last year and we are indebted to the volunteers who came along to help. If there is anyone else who would like to get involved please contact me (Sue Briggs) or email the Parish News.

One of our volunteers, Pat Price, is going to Belarus this year to help give out the shoeboxes to the children so we are choosing to send our collected boxes to that area. It is extremely cold there so they will of course need warm hats and gloves in their boxes a long with the normal selection of toys, stationery, sweets and toiletries. If you would like to make up a box and need a leaflet please contact me or check out the website which gives all the information required.

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There is also a useful link to Knitting and Crafts which gives details of how to make finger puppets, headbands, mittens, hats, bags, purses and Barbie clothes – and very easy patterns. Unfortunately we cannot send stuffed knitted toys but the above are fine.

Shoebox Sunday is on the 17th November when we will once again be blessing all the boxes from the congregation and friends at St Andrews Church. All are welcome to attend.

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Regular Activities in the Parish

When updating the diary entries for this month's issue giving dates for September onwards, I wondered if there were any special events being planned by any of the local organisations. If so then it is a good idea to put some of the future dates in here or on the Slip End website. This means that someone planning an event can hopefully avoid a clash of dates.

I also thought that we should list as many of the regular activities within the parish as well as the surrounding area.

Here is a list of as many I could remember or find. **Apologies to anyone I have missed. Let us know any more to add!**

Not all the days or times are listed, so, if you need more information, please look for the contact details on the community pages or online.

NOTE If any contact details have changed can someone please let us know.

Editors

Parish Council— 1st Mon of month V Hall
CPG—2nd Tues of month Social Club

Youth Club - Wed (term time) PE Hall
Playgroup—mornings V Hall

Cubs - Mon, PE Hall

Beavers - Fri

Scouts (now joined with Caddington)

Brownies—Wed V Hall

Little Stars Wed am St Andrews

Little Singing Stars Tues am St Andrew's

Pilates— Wed School

Zumba— Mon & Thurs School

Football - Playing Fields

Tennis - Mon & Wed Playing fields

Line Dancing - Wed am V Hall

Circuit Training— PE Hall

Bowling — V Hall

Bingo— Thurs V Hall

Pepperstock Archers - Wed Playing fields (summer)

Darts League - Pubs (also other games / entertainment)

Chatty club—Tues pm F&R pub

Camera Club—3rd Tues Social Club

Note The Camera Club will be meeting on Tues 17th September—bring your camera along to get hints and tips on “the perfect picture”.

There will be a full report from them next month.

Gardening Club - Mon V Hall (every other month—see diary dates)

WI—3rd Tues Caddington Baptist Hall

Dog Training— PE Hall

Cakes & Company 2nd Tues am
Aley Green Methodist Church
(& coffee eves—Wed—week varies)

Challenge!..... Are there any other hobbies in which we can partake in the area?

Here's one....There are opportunities for budding thespians in Luton and Dunstable.

Dates for the theatre lover:-

The Griffin Players are putting on *The Vicar of Dibley* from 12th—14th September in the Library Theatre. (Apparently some of our local acting talent is featuring in this production—Matt Flitton)

Dunstable Rep's new season starts with *God of Carnage* from 27th September—5th October.

DIARY - If you would like your events included please contact the Editor

SEPT

- Sun 1st Gardening Club Frithsden Vineyard Visit meet Rising Sun Car Park 1:30pm*
Mon 2nd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7:00pm
Sat 7th Fund Raising BBQ for Shoebox UK Rising Sun from 7pm
Tues 10th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Wed 11th Youth Club restarts Peter Edwards Hall 6:30pm
Sat 14th CaSE4 Consultation event - Caddington Village Show
Sun 15th CaSE4 Exhibition Bus in Slip End (see details in magazine pages)
Mon 16th Gardening Club -Visiting Speaker Village Hall 8pm
Tues 17th Camera Club— Bring your camera along Social Club 8pm
Tues 17th Caddington WI - Baptist Hall 7:30pm Birthday Meeting
Wed 25th Brownies' Coffee Evening for Macmillan Village Hall 6-8pm
27th Harvest Supper — Village Hall 7 for 7:30pm (see poster for details)

OCT

- Mon 7th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7:00pm*
Tues 8th CPG Meeting Slip End Social Club 7:30pm
Tues 15th Caddington WI "A load of old Rubbish" Baptist Hall 7:30pm
Sun 20th Gardening Club Visit—Meet Rising Sun Car Park 1:30pm
Wed 30th NO Youth Club—half term
Thur 31st Space Academy Holiday Club St Andrew's Church
& Fri 1st

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- Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm*
Wed 6th Youth Club restarts
Tues 12th CPG Meeting
Mon 18th Gardening Club -Visiting Speaker Village Hall 8pm
Tues 19th Caddington WI "Festive Fun" Baptist Hall 7:30pm

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- Mon 2nd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm*



Wheelie Bins:- Black Bins & glass: Put out on Friday 13th, 27th Sep
Green and Orange Bins: Put out on Friday 6th, 20th Sep



Don't forget to advertise your events here!

Please contact us with details of events to add to our diary so that everyone in the community can read about what is on in the Parish and hopefully avoid any clash of dates for events!



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