

Parish News

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delivered to the whole of the Parish

November 2021

**Aley Green
Slip End**

**Pepperstock
Woodside**

Editors' Notes

Welcome to the November edition of the Parish News. Walking around Slip End this past month, I have seen numerous "Sold" signs on properties, so, if you have recently moved here, a warm Village welcome you.

It's incredible to think that 2021 is nearly over, where has the year gone? We have been through yet another Lockdown and witnessed the end of the Donald Trump era in America. We've enjoyed some brilliant sporting events with the Olympic Games and Euro 2020. We have sadly lost some people such as Prince Phillip, Captain Sir Tom Moore and Freddy, the World's tallest dog (I don't know why I know that). So much has happened, yet, it feels like the year has passed by in the blink of an eye.

Personally, I have been happy to see clubs and events starting up again and people getting together to share their passions with each other and being able to connect socially once again (see page 15 for the return of the Gardening Club).

If you are like me, there was a strange worry about getting back out into the world after such a period of isolation and worry. To combat this, I recently went to London to meet some work colleagues, it was a strange feeling to navigate the trains and tube but also rewarding to have done it and enjoyed meeting people in person, who I had only ever interacted with over virtual calls. Just this small act has shown me that there is still a world out there and these fears and worry aren't something to hold me back. If you are feeling the same way, confront the worry and go out to see some of the 3-dimensional people, you'll be glad you did.

Lastly, it is with great sadness that we report the passing of two much beloved and well known local residents (details below) our thoughts go out to both Josie, Glenn and their families.

Late Sad News

Parish News is sad to announce the very recent deaths of both Peter King from St Andrew's Close and Derick Worsley from Front Street. They had been residents and close allotment holders for many years. Both were in their 90s. Unfortunately this news was received just prior to going to print for the November edition so we hope to be able to provide more information and reflections of them in the December magazine.

New Gardening Contract for Slip End Parish Council



Slip End Parish Council is responsible for maintaining certain areas throughout the Parish including the Crawley Playground.

The 3 year contract for this role is now up for renewal, with work commencing in Spring 2022.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in bidding for this Contract they should contact the Slip End Parish Clerk by email clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk or by telephone on 01582 526594 on weekdays between 9.00am and noon.

All Bids need to be received by the Parish Clerk on or before the 11th December 2021.

For any bidders who would like to walk around the sites covered by the Contract, a Parish Councillor is available and may be booked through the Parish Clerk.



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The latest Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday 4th October in the Village Hall.

Three Planning Applications were discussed this month:

1. **CB/21/03960/FULL** – 66 Woodside Road, Woodside – Erection of a third bungalow

It was agreed not to object to this Planning Application.

2. **CB/21/04085/FULL** – 12 Summer Street, Slip End – Single storey rear extension

It was agreed not to object to this Planning Application.

3. **CB/21/04168/FULL** – 2 The Orchard, Slip End – Single storey rear extension

It was agreed not to object to this Planning Application.

Speeding in Summer Street and New Street

This month 4 residents attended the Meeting and raised the issue of speeding in Summer Street and New Street. The Parish Council was also informed that 3 cats had recently been run over. Motorists have been using Summer Street and New Street as a way of avoiding the traffic lights in the centre of Slip End. The residents proposed the closing off of the junction of Summer Street and New Street.



It was pointed out that the fire and ambulance services may object to such a closure though if a gate was installed it might be possible for the emergency services to be provided with a key.

Any final work agreed would need to be funded either entirely, or in part, by the Parish Council and would cost thousands of pounds.

CBC Ward Councillor Update

Flooding in Grove Road.

CBC regard the raising of the footpath as the highest priority as this would allow pedestrians to use the footpath when the road was flooded.

Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter

Because Covid restrictions have been lifted the Parish Council will no longer pay for the equipment to be regularly sanitised. The Covid signs will be removed and kept in storage just in case there is a future outbreak. The footplate on a piece of gym equipment and some bolts and studs on the zip wire will need replacing.

Drug Dealing Within The Parish

Residents are asked to report to the police any incidents of drug dealing that they witness. This will allow the Police to build a picture of the location and frequency of incidents and will help them to appropriately focus their resources. This may be done by telephoning 101 or online at <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-concern#edf135fa>





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It has certainly been a while since we have managed to send a message like this to the community. As you can imagine the school has been primarily focused on the reopening (a few times) to our children and families. We are really looking forward to sharing more of our learning and community work with you once again. We would like to say a massive thank you to the editors for their patience as we resume an almost normal routine once again.



The change in government guidance has led to a lot of our usual routines returning and we are all delighted with the opportunity to welcome our families back on to site and even in to the school. We had a wonderful start to the new school year and enjoyed many of our old traditions including welcoming new families and parent consultations. We have already started our charity and community support with Jeans for Genes, MacMillan morning and a donation to Luton Food Bank alongside our friends from St. Andrew's Church. We were really proud of the support from our families and the large contribution we were able to offer. We celebrated European Day of Languages and had a virtual Harvest assembly.

It is with great excitement we are opening our doors once again so that new families can come and visit the school and see inside our classrooms. Applications for 2022 Reception places need to be applied for by 15th January 2022 and we also have spaces in other year groups as well. We have many exciting learning opportunities booked for the upcoming academic year and look forward to sharing them with you all.

-Helen Brind, Head of School

ALL ABOUT

PLANNING



Planning applications submitted within the Parish since September 2021

Application CB/21/03960/FULL submitted 7th September 2021

Land adjacent to 66 Woodside Road, Woodside. LU1 4DQ

Erection of new dwelling (bungalow), Plot 3

Decision: Not yet decided

Application CB/21/004087/LDCP submitted 9th September 2021

12 Summer Street, Slip End, LU1 4BN

Conversion of loft space to bedroom.

Decision: Granted

Application CB/21/04085/FULL submitted 23rd September 2021

12 Summer Street, Slip End, LU1 4BN

Single storey rear extension.

Decision: Not yet decided

Application CB/21/04168/FULL submitted 29th September 2021

2 The Orchard, Slip End, LU1 4HL

Single storey rear extension.

Decision: Not yet decided.

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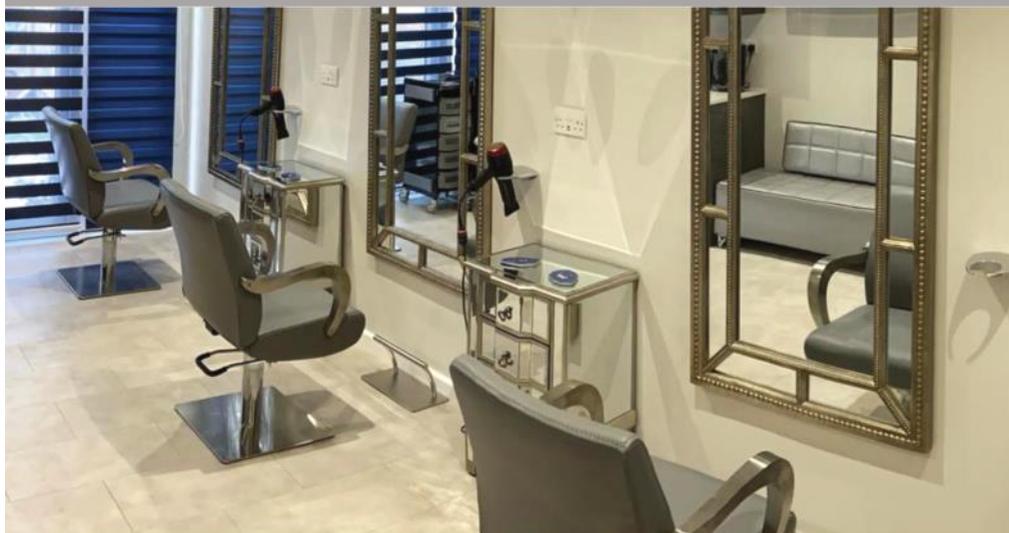
We have contacted Santa Claus about visiting the village this December and the dates are in his diary. The Float will be out and about on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December.

Please keep an eye out in the December Parish News for times and arrangements for this year's Santa Float .

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Gardening Notes *by Russell Sprout*

At the time of writing this article the weather seems to have finally made up it's mind that it's autumn. You should by now have been able to do some tidying up jobs in the garden getting it ready for winter and have spared a thought for the wildlife and not been too ruthless!

Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days if you still have tomatoes ripening but close them in the afternoon to help keep in some heat. Alternatively, pick your tomatoes and bring them inside to ripen off. White fly can be a problem at this time of year so fumigate with a HCH smoke or spray to eradicate this problem.

Clear up any fallen leaves and add them to the compost heap, or use them to make your own leaf-mould, (but do check that they don't have black spot). Roses planted this month will get off to a good start but only plant them as deep as the old soil mark on the stem. Climbing and rambling roses need to be planted at least fifteen inches away from a wall to avoid lack of water to the roots. Lift tender plants like fuchsias, begonias and geraniums, and bring inside to over-winter if you haven't already done so.

If you have a pond finish preparing for winter by removing old leaves and thinning oxygenating plants. Leave foliage on marginal reeds and rushes as a protection against severe weather. Protect the pool against falling leaves by covering it with small-mesh netting. Overhaul pumps used for waterfalls and fountains, removing submersible types from the water and storing them in a dry place.

Check dahlia tubers for drying out and if they appear shriveled soak them in tepid water for the night. Remove any parts of the tubers that start to rot with a sharp knife and dust them with flowers of sulphur. Check chrysanthemums left in the soil for water logging and insert a fork to it's full depth to aid drainage, stools taken in over winter should be kept moist but not wet. Gladioli corms can be cleaned up any time during the winter and discard any that are diseased and try to grow gladioli in a different position each year to stop dry rot, fusarium rot and botrytis. Continue to plant border carnations and pinks during mild spells and complete planting tulips and hyacinths as soon as possible.

Blackcurrant bushes will require some of the old wood removing but leave as much new growth as possible, treat gooseberries in much the same way. If you are planting fruit trees, then prune back by about two-thirds of the young shoot straight afterwards. Prune blackberries, raspberries and loganberries cutting out all this year's fruiting shoots and tie in new ones and cut out any weak ones. Continue digging as ground becomes vacant and leave for the frosts to break down over the winter. Don't be too zealous, remember that wildlife need somewhere to overwinter and don't forget to **check that bonfire for hedgehogs before you light it!**

The Gardening Club has recommenced it's meetings in the Village Hall. Why not come along to the next one on Monday 15th November, the speaker is Russell Bowes, his talk is entitled The Art of the Folly, the talk starts at 8pm and lasts about an hour and is followed by tea/coffee & biscuits and a chance to chat to others.

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Answers on page 29

GARDENING CLUB

The first Club meeting, due to various lockdowns etc., since March 2020 took place at the Village Hall on Monday 20 September. It was good to meet up and see each other again.

The presentation by Geoff Hodges on "Pruning" was both interesting and informative.

Geoff showed a variety of pruning tools, explained their use and benefits also best times to undertake pruning of various trees/shrubs

Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th November, details below.

-PN Gardening Correspondent

GARDENING CLUB

Monday 15th November
8pm (Village Hall)

Guest Speaker
Russell Bowes
"The Art of the Folly"

New Members Welcome

Slip End Parish Christmas Biscuits 2021 – List of qualifying residents.

The distribution of the Christmas Biscuit gift is organised by the Slip End Good Neighbour Scheme.

To be eligible for your Christmas gift from the Parish Council you need to have **lived in the Parish for 5 years or more and have reached the age of 65**. Only one tin is given per couple.

To help us keep the list up to date, **if you are newly qualified for both the above criteria**, please contact Simon Patterson on **01582 419 487** or email: s.patterson@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk

Photography Group

The topic for the end of September was Countryside.

There is a talk on 2nd November at 7:30pm by Andy Prothero and Alison Wilson on the topic of photographing wildlife ("Wildlife - Captive and Wild") which will take place at the Village Hall.

The club continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Slip End social club.

To find out more about us, please contact us c/o Parish News or Andy Prothero via email:- countrygardensAP@outlook.com





A Message from St Andrew's

Sometimes, a relatively small and seemingly insignificant act can result in an extraordinary outcome. St Andrew, the patron saint of our Parish Church, is associated with beginnings in the church due to his story as recorded in the Bible. Many Christians all over the world mark the end of the Church calendar by celebrating Saint Andrew's Day on 30th November. According to John's gospel, Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist (John 1.35). By this account he was the first disciple to be called by Jesus.

Andrew heard John declaring Jesus as the Messiah who takes away the sin of the world. He, along with another unnamed disciple, followed Jesus and spent the day with him. Persuaded about Jesus, he found his brother Simon Peter and told him they had found the Messiah.

Andrew therefore was also the first person to bring someone to Jesus, after having shared the story of his own personal encounter with him. He was also the one who brought the boy with five loaves and two fishes to Jesus before the miraculous feeding of five thousand men and uncounted women and children (John 6.9).

When Andrew introduced Peter to Jesus little did he know then that he was to be Jesus' choice as leader of the church. When he introduced the little boy, it was with consternation at how meagre the provisions were, saying '*what are these among so many!*' Nevertheless, in both of these events he exercised his little faith. That was enough; enough for Jesus to begin building Peter up into the '*rock*' of the church, and to more than satisfy the crowd.

As we go forward in this autumn season we may all continue to look forward to new personal possibilities as we negotiate our new found COVID freedoms. We may even entertain expectancy within us, knowing that there is one who can '*do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or imagine*' (Ephesians 3.20); in our situation, in our homes, our churches, school, businesses and other places in our community. Faith is like that. A little can go a really long way, paving the path toward what is barely imagined. And like Andrew to Peter, we say to you, 'We have found him. Come and see!'

God bless

Revd Nick Mwandia

St Andrew's Church

Dates for November



We are pleased to confirm that the church building continues to be open!

However if you would prefer to join the live service virtually, Nick has set up a Zoom link which is open to all. You can join by putting in the number 878 5926 2657 and the passcode 664663 to Zoom or by clicking the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>.

Services held at St Andrew's this month:

November 7th 10.30am: Informal Communion

November 14th 10.30am: Remembrance Sunday

November 21st 10.30am: Holy Communion

November 28th 10.30am: Morning Praise – Advent Sunday



Little Stars



We are pleased to confirm that Little Stars continues, and starts at 10.30am each Wednesday on the following days:

Wednesday 3rd November 10.30am

Wednesday 10th November 10.30am

Wednesday 17th November 10.30am

Wednesday 24th November 10.30am

Harvest at St Andrew's Church

It was a busy few days at St Andrew's preparing, and organising the decorating of the Church; collecting donations; preparing for the Saturday brunch; the Harvest Festival service and finally the distribution of all the wonderful gifts that were donated.

Slip End Village School were able to donate lots of tins and dried goods towards the Harvest and it was gratefully received by Julie Taylor, Reader and Susan Wiltshire, Church Warden

The gifts were used to help decorate the Church in time for the Harvest Brunch, as advertised in the Parish News previously and a substitute for the Harvest Supper which we have not been able to hold since before Lockdown.

The Church looked glorious on the Saturday, with the help of the Flower team and members of the congregation and there was a team of willing helpers to assist with drinks and serving the Ploughman lunches, cakes, biscuits etc. We had a good number of visitors who all enjoyed the delicious food on offer



Some of the visitors enjoying Brunch



Several of the lovely flower displays



Ready for the Harvest Praise service on Sunday which was led by Priest-in-charge Nick Mwandia



Alan, Julie and Steve loading the cars



Following the busy weekend a team of volunteers met on the Monday morning to sort all the Harvest gifts and arrange for them to be delivered. There was a lot of sorting to be done, but with the generous donations from the School and the Church a large number of boxes were delivered to the Food Bank in Luton, NOAH refuge for the Homeless, and two large bags to Azalea. We also sent a donation of over £270 to the Bishops Harvest Appeal "Water is Life"

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Caddington W. I.



Our September meeting was a very enjoyable evening. It was our 66th year and Carol Jones made each of us a cupcake with 66 on it. She also provided a wonderful spread of food including Coronation Chicken, Quiche, Salads, etc. A raspberry cheesecake and an apple ladder - all with cream. Fred Thomas came along with his organ (lifted carefully from his house to our hall by members of Caddington Mens Club!) and he entertained us with all sorts of songs from a songsheet which Carol had prepared. Later we had a Quiz, again prepared by our Carol. We owe a big thank you to Carol for the hard work she had put into this evening.

A group of us went to The Hunters Lodge in Whipsnade on the actual day of our birthday - 29th September. The venue has been renovated and is smart and modern inside so we were surprised at the change. The food was very good although we had a delay at the start with the preparation taking so long. Everyone had a good, tasty meal.

Our Annual Meeting was in October. Myself and Joanne Sherwood have stepped down and Carol Jones has now become our new President. I welcomed her to her new position and am sure she will do well. We have to choose a new committee with their various new jobs. For my sins, I will possibly go back to being Treasurer unless some other kind person offers!

At our next meeting in November, we have a Craft Evening. We are going to make a bauble for Christmas. Guess who will be leading us? Yes, Carol Jones. She is putting her other hat on tonight. We shall have a lot of fun doing this. Carol is a very talented lady. Our Competition will be A Favourite Christmas Decoration.

December will be a food and games night. Each member will be asked to bring along a plate of food - and a wrapped gift which we will swap around. A couple of games and anything else we conjure up will end the night.

Our membership is increasing with ladies who like to join in. If you would like to come along you would be most welcome. You can call Carol Jones on 01582 722220 or Linda Edwards on 01582 737036 . We will be pleased to give you more information. We meet on the First Tuesday of each month at the Caddington Sports & Social Club at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you.

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Grants awarded to local groups and organisations will be administered by Slip End Parish Council from 2022 onwards. If you need further information please contact the Clerk at clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk

Slip End & District Community Projects Group Committee
November 2021



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CRIME REPORT



SEPTEMBER CRIME STATISTICS

Aley Green

None

Total – 0

Pepperstock

Other theft - 1

Total – 1

Slip End

Other theft - 2

Public fear alarm or distress - 2

Assault with injury – 1

Attempted Burglary – residential - 1

Harassment – 1

Total - 7

Woodside

Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle - 1

Other theft - 1

Total - 2

Caddington

Assault without injury – 2

Malicious communications – 2

Public fear alarm or distress – 2

Criminal damage – residential – 1

Assault with injury – 1

Attempted Burglary – residential - 1

Burglary – residential - 1

Total – 10

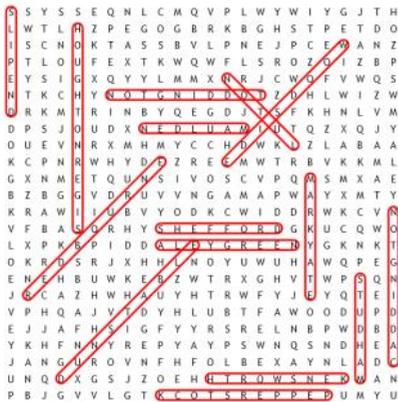
Diary - If you would like your events included, please contact the Editor

November

- Mon 1st** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm
Tues 2nd Photography Club Talk—Village Hall 7:30pm
Wed All Wednesdays Chatty Club Frog & Rhubarb 12:30-2:30
Mon 15th Gardening Club - Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm

January

- Mon 17th** Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm



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www.slipend.co.uk where historical copies can also be found.

Bin Collections— November

- Black bin and Glass — 12th & 26th Nov
Orange bins — 5th & 19th Nov, 3rd Dec
Food Waste bin — Every Friday



COMMUNITY AND SERVICES

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