

Editors' Notes

We are again approaching Christmas, following an interesting year, both politically and weather wise. I hope next year is better.

It is with great sadness that we hear of the death of Pete Russell who was well known for his work with the Good Neighbours Schene.

Congratulations to the Slip End Tennis Club who came top of Division 2 and have been promoted to Division 1. Well done all. (See page 11).

On November 1st, the village shop reopened as a Costcutter, (see page 10 and 11). I have used the shop and was impressed with the range available, both tinned, fresh, chilled and frozen and the friendliness of the owners and staff. I wish them every success.

St Andrews Church is again holding an Advent Trail, information on that is on page 20, with the questions on page 21. The answers will be in the February magazine.

Father Christmas is again visiting the area, please see page 7 for dates and locations.

The Good Neighbours Scheme are holding their annual Christmas Party on Wednesday 19th in the village hall from 3.30 until 5.30pm. With free tea, coffee, cakes and mince pies along with a Ukelele Band, bingo and a raffle. See page 34 for more information.

On Sunday 21st December there is a free Golden Years Christmas Dinner in the village hall, which is by ticket only. I understand that there is now a waiting list. Many thanks to the organisers and sponsors for organising this. There will be a write up in February the issue.

The Slip End Social Club also has a programe of events please see page 23 for more information.

Soup and Sarnie stops on December 16th and will restart again on Tuesday January 13th.

The Chatty Club stops on December 17th and will restart again on Wednesday January 7th,

Matt will be the editor for February as there is not a January issue.

Finally all that is left is for me to wish you all.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Slip End Parish Christmas Biscuits 2025 – List of qualifying residents.

Your Parish Council fund the annual biscuit gift in the village.
The distribution is organised by the Slip End Good Neighbour Scheme.
To be eligible for your Christmas gift you need to have **lived in the Parish for 5 years or more and have reached the age of 65.**

Only one box 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 07767 615 714 or email:-s.patterson@slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk

Many thanks. Simon (GNS Chair)

Could you help with the distribution of the Parish News?

Firstly; Our monthly Parish News is distributed across Aley Green, Woodside, Pepperstock and Slip End by 18 very loyal volunteers. Unfortunately two of our volunteer distributors feel they are unable to continue for reasons of health or because they are moving away from the area. One covers Manor Road and Elaine Gardens (27 properties) but also delivers to 14 properties at the end of Mancroft Road, whilst the second delivers to 26 properties in Upper Woodside. If there is anyone who feels able and willing to take over from them could you please contact Alan Buttery whose details are below.

Secondly; Alan has, for many years organised the collection and distribution of the magazine from the printers to the distributors across the Parish. Again, unfortunately Alan has had to address a number of physical and medical issues that is causing him problems in carrying out this role. If there is anyone who feels, willing and able to join the Parish News Committee to take over from Alan we would very much appreciate it.

Anyone feeling that they can help in either distribution in the areas mentioned above, or in the overall distribution of the monthly magazine to distributors, could they contact Alan to discuss what is needed.

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO THE VILLAGES

The Santa Float will be out and about on 11th and 12th December in Slip End, Pepperstock and Woodside. Please see the page opposite and at various points around the villages with details of the route and times. Times are approximate as we never know how many children will come out to speak with Santa, but be sure that, unless the weather is very wet, we will be coming.

We are always looking for more people of all ages to help us with giving out chocolates or collecting money if people choose to give. If you feel you could spare some time on either day please join us. Give us a call or leave a message on 0795 858 7595.

Happy Christmas from Santa and the Elves!!



UNSOLICTED TELEPHONE CALLS ABOUT EXTERNAL WALL INSULATION.

A number of local residents have contacted us after they have received unsolicited telephone calls claiming to be from the Building Control Team.

It is unclear what the callers intentions are, but during the call they have referred to external wall insulation and appear to be taking advantage of recent news stories in relation to external wall insulation under the government grant scheme.

Our building control teams do not cold call residents. Therefore we are urging residents to act with caution if they receive an unsolicited call from someone regarding external wall insulation in their home.

If you or anyone you know receives this type of telephone call, do not feel pressurised into making a quick decision and take a moment to consider whether any claims being made are genuine.

If you are concerned about what you have been told, always seek expert advice from a reputable business before agreeing to any work taking place.

If you receive a call that you suspect may be this type of a scam.



SANTA CLAUS IS ON HIS WAY TO SLIP END, PEPPERSTOCK AND WOODSIDE

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th December

Thursday

New Street - 17:15

Crawley Close - 17:20

Front Street - 17:30

Markyate Road - 17:45

Rossway/St Andrews Close -18:10

Front Street - 18:40 Crawley Close to Pepperstock

Pepperstock - 19:00

Friday

Summer Street - 17:15

Church Road - 17:40

Claydown Way - 17:50

Prebendal Drive - 18:15

Farmers View - 18:25

Woodside Road - 18:45

The Grove - 19:05

SANTA WILL BE DRIVING TO EACH STREET AND STOPPING TO WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS, PLEASE COME OUT AND SEE US.

CHILDREN CAN GIVE THEIR LETTERS TO SANTA, REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AS YOU MAY GET A REPLY FROM SANTA HIMSELF!

All times are approximate so please keep an eye and ear out for us coming

LAIRD MATT DESIGNS

Parish Council Update





We have seen significant fly tipping again in Pepperstock and Woodside.

Ward Councillor Vicky Malone, continues to urge residents to report flying tipping on <u>FIX MY STREET</u> and also to 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

Funding for Central Bedfordshire Council

The government are undertaking an exercise for funding of local governments. They are focusing on areas of deprivation and shifting money from some local governments to others. There is an assumption this will affect Central Bedfordshire Council with a decrease in funding. This will of course have a direct impact on parish councils. There will more detail on this when Central Bedfordshire Council hold their budget meeting in February 2026. This meeting will be open to the public (not for participation) but to hear discussions on future budgets. It will also be streamed online. Further details to follow.

Fiber One Company in Woodside

The parish council has over the last year had several reports from concerned residents about the conduct of Fiber One staff based in Woodside Road. This has been taken up by the council and Cllr. Vicky Malone who has worked tirelessly liaising with the company and the police to get these issues resolved. Unfortunately, the company is ceasing to communicate with Cllr. Malone or the parish council and the problems continue. There is a big concern recently when it has been reported by local residents that the company vans are speeding up and down local streets. Further communications have gone to the company and the police and the parish council is monitoring this with Cllr. Malone. Should any residents witness this behaviour we would urge them to report them to the Clerk at Slip End Parish Council. Clerk@slipendparishcouncil.gov.uk

Grass Cutting in the Parish

Grass cutting season has come to an end for the winter and will resume again in the Spring.



Good Neighbours Scheme Autumn Tea Party

On Wednesday October 29th, The Good Neighbours Scheme held their Autumn Tea Party. This was well attended with home made cakes, and tea or coffee supplied. There were four games of bingo two for one line and two for a full house, called by Mick Plummer. Finally the raffle was called with plenty of prizes.



The cakes



The raffle prizes



Attendance

Costcutter officially opened 1st November 2025



A warm welcome has been given to our lovely new village store which has been taken over by the new owner Bhavana Vallabhaneni. It has been completely transformed and renovated and is now consistent with a mini supermarket. Bhavana has many ideas to improve the wellbeing of Slip End residents.

On the first day the ribbon was cut by a local resident and customers were given a raffle ticket. The prizes were amazing and the lucky winners, Sue King, Diane Casemore and Alan, all received a great hamper of goodies. Also on offer on opening day was a chance to taste the authentic Indian curries that are available to buy. They certainly went down well.



Children did not miss out and were able to try the free Slushi drink on offer. It is a real pleasure to go inside the shop, so if you haven't been yet, go and look at all the items for sale. The alcoholic drinks, wines and beers now have their own special area, which is accessed by an entry button. There is also a coffee machine instore, and there will be Christmas items for sale. Some of the items



available are fresh fruit and vegetables sourced from local farmers, a good choice of frozen foods and dairy items, plus plants and fresh flowers, wood and coal. Costcutter's will also be using Deliveroo for instant deliveries, so download the App in case you might like to use that facility.



Bhavana Vallabhaneni and her husband

Bhavani is more than happy to support local events in the community and in fact has already donated to the Christmas party for older residents in December.

She also gave some boxed sweets towards the Shoebox appeal that the Village School and St Andrews Church are involved with. This year our boxes are bound for Kosovo and we have managed to make up well over a hundred.



The new sign is up and details of the new Slip End Superstore are below. There is even a special frame for local items. A great idea



Wishing Bhavana and her team all the best for their future in Slip End.

By Sue Briggs

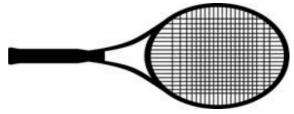
SLIP END TENNIS CLUB



The Men's A-team from Slip End Tennis club came top of South Beds Division 2 in the summer league.

This will give them automatic promotion to Division 1 for next Summer.

Captain, Nigel Croft, can be seen in the photo receiving the Division 2 shield from the Chairman Terry Mabbit at the Presentation Evening last month.



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Dates for December 2025 & January 2026

Tues 2nd Dec 10-12 Cakes and Company - a chance to meet friends and chat

6th Dec 10am Prayer Breakfast led by Liz Higgens

Sun 7th 10:30 Morning Service – Holy Communion (Rev Claudia Lupi)

Fri 12th 2:30pm "Take Time" in aid of "Shelter Box". *Christmas music & verse followed by refreshments*.

Sun 14th 10:30 Morning Service (Sheila Norris)

Mon 15th 2pm Ecumenical Fellowship with Jo Prowse

Tues 16th 7:30pm Carol Service followed by refreshments and Hamper Draw

Sun 21st 10:30 Morning Service (Catherine Roots)

Thurs 25th 9:30 Join us for a short Christmas Day Worship (Rev Claudia Lupi)

Sun 28th 10:30 Local Arrangement (Liz Higgens)

Sat 3rd Jan 10am Prayer Breakfast led by Liz Higgens

Sun 4th 10:30 Covenant Service - Holy Communion (Rev Claudia Lupi)

Tues 6th 10-12 Cakes and Company - plenty of chat, cakes and coffee or tea

Sun 11th 10:30 Local Arrangement (Alison Wilson)

Sun 18th No Aley Green service 4pm Ecumenical Service St Andrews

Mon 19th 2pm Ecumenical Fellowship with Jo Prowse

Sun 25th 10:30 Morning Service (Michael Adams)

Wed 28th 7:30pm Coffeee Evening in aid of Action for Children

Sun 1st Feb 10:30 Morning Service (Peter Baker)

Thank you to all our regular friends and supporters. Recent events were successful. The Coffee Evening and raffle held for Keech Hospice Care raised an excellent £102 to help fund their work. The Cakes and Company Brunch and Browse was a lovely morning with lots of friendly chat and people buying from the stalls, raising over £560 for the work of the church. The food offered proved to be very popular as did the stalls especially Preserves and Bric a Brac!

We look forward to seeing friends, old and new, at some of our services and Christmas events. *Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless!*





Slip End VILLAGE SCHOOL

As we approach the end of term, it's been delightful to see the learning and teaching take place at our school. Children and teachers alike have been working hard to make progress, whilst also taking part in a wide range of enrichment opportunities. As I hand over to our Junior Journalists. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and we look forward to sharing our festive events in the next Parish News.

Mr Andrew Young Head of School Slip End Village School



This past term has been a busy time for our sligug and our Junior Journalists have been even busier. attending events and interviewing others to help write their article. Our chief editor then uses these words of the children to write the article.

Athlete Visit

Ryan Raghoo is an inspirational disabled athlete who came to share his life story with the children.



Ryan taught us to believe in ourselves and to always work hard. One day there was a huge long jump competition for which he practised for over two years! On that day it was raining but he didn't give up and he got first place! -Layla

Spooky Ball



The Scary Ball was a particular highlight for our pupils and several of our Junior Journalists chose to share their experience of it.

On October 23rd, Slip End School had their Spooky Ball, the school was full of decorations and Halloween

music. There were lots of games to play including mummifying people with toilet roll! - George.

As soon as people arrived, there were balloons, a skeleton, a spider and much more! Everyone had amazing costumes like Jack Skellington, Vampires and many more. There were lots of Halloween songs and other hits! - Amaya.

The best time at the Halloween Ball is meeting all your friends and the most important thing is to have fun! - Theo.

Slip End Village School's Spooky Ball was one of the best! There were unique costumes and laughter. Everyone had fun and I hope this tradition carries on! - Isla F.

The music and the entertainment were for little ones and older children and the snacks were well priced! – Meadow.



Remembrance Service

Willow interviewed her class Student Councillor, Florence about her role at the Village Remembrance Service and wrote the following: Florence got to lay the wreath and be part of the event with the other School Councillors. The vicar read out the names of the soldiers who lived in Slip End. She liked remembering people as it gave her the chance to appreciate the soldiers who fought for our freedom today.

GARDENING CLUB

At our last meeting of the year, the Guest Speaker, Anne Luder, gave an interesting talk on "Horticulture - Healing Therapy for the Mind and Soul". The talk was followed by the annual social finger buffet, provided by members, along with drinks to finish off the year. A couple of photos are below from visits made during the year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.



Great Gaddiston House



Gossmore House



Monday 19th January 2026 Village Hall, 8pm **Gardening Club**



Remembrance Sunday at Heathfield Centre Caddington

Thanks the committee of Heathfield Centre in Caddington for allowing me to display the Oststeinbek memorabilia that has been collected over the many



years twinned with Oststeinbek. It is so nice that lots of people will get to see it on display. Although the Twinning Association is not running as it was, it is nice to know that they still send the Sash to us to wrap around our own Wreath... up until recently they would send one of their own style remembrance wreaths, but unfortunately due to one of the factors of the postage being so expensive put pay to that.

Some of the Parish Council, Matt Tomlin and Rebecca Vafadari, went out to lay a wreath at their remembrance day service, the weekend following our service weekend (Volkestraurigtage).

Kay Palfrey. Xx





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Advent trail 2025



Scattered around the village are various houses which are displaying Christmas related objects.

They will have an Advent trail poster to help you identify the houses.

Can you find them all? There is a quiz included in this edition of PN to help you decide what objects you might find.

The answers will be available in the next edition of the parish news or email either duncan.taylor@btinternet.com or tbmee_417025@outlook.com if you would like the answers sooner. Have fun taking part.

Thank you Mary & Julie.



Advent trail 2025

Advent trail quiz questions Christmas 2025

- Q1. Where did the star appear that guided the wise men to visit Jesus? How many houses on the trail display stars?
- Q2. Who told Mary that she would have a child? And how many houses have this messenger?
- Q3. When Mary visited Elizabeth, what did Elizabeth say? (the answer is in a window).
- Q4. One of the windows has a moving display what does it show us?
- Q5. One house has a Nativity display rather high up! How many other houses on the trail have a similar picture or display?
- Q6. By tradition, what form of "transport" did Mary and Joseph use to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem? How many can you find on the trail?
- Q7. Can you find a house with animals that were also used as a mode of transport? What gifts do they carry?
- Q8. What were the shepherds watching when the angels appeared and which house are they at on the trail?
- Q9. Where was the baby Jesus laid?
- Q10. Jesus is our King of Kings; where can you find the headwear for Royalty?
- Q11. Traditionally, where do we gather to worship and sing carols at Christmas? Where is the house that has a model?
- Q12. How many houses on the trail have "indoor climbing frames" for cats?
- Q13. These can be hung as decorations, where are they on the trail?
- Q14. Traditional winter weather where is it?
- Q15. Will this gentleman bring coals or toys to your house?
- Q16. Can you run fast enough to catch these sweet people?
- Q17. This fruity object represents God's love for the world, the four seasons and Jesus as the light of the world, but where is it?
- Q18. Have we left any objects out!?











St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



Saturday 31st January 2025

10.00 am to noon at St Andrew's Church

We will have lots of second hand books and jigsaws.

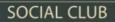
Perfect to pass the time in winter weather. Tea, coffee, conversation and good company

Drop in at any time. All welcome.

Contact Julie on 07841482119 if transport is a problem.

NB there is no Community coffee Morning in December.

Slip End WHAT'S ON SOCIAL CLUB in December







SCAN HERE FOR FULL DETAILS







Sunday 7th December Wreath Making (Starts at 6:30pm)





Sunday 14th December **Children's Christmas Party**





Saturday 20th December Vanessa Jayne





Wednesday 24th December Last party before Santa arrives





Friday 26th December Disco and Karaoke





Wednesday 31st December **New Years Party (Free entry)**





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Gardening Notes by Russell Sprout

It's nearly Christmas again and as usual I am still trying to figure out where the year has gone! Not helped by a hot summer and a wet autumn.

Remove fallen leaves from alpines and rockeries, fork over between plants with a hand fork and remove weeds. Sweet peas started under glass will require the tips pricking out above the second or third pair of leaves to encourage side shoots to develop before planting out in the spring. Examine dahlia tubers, if shrivelled plunge in tepid water overnight and if any are starting to rot cut off damaged part and dust with flowers of sulphate. Spray fruit trees with a tar-oil winter wash this month or next to kill eggs of pests laid earlier in the year. Tar-oil can be sprayed on all fruit except strawberries. Keep a check for mice damage amongst stored fruit and vegetables and also amongst autumn sown peas and broad beans and take appropriate action.

Damp leading to botrytis/mildew is the major problem in the greenhouse, so ventilate on dry days and reduce any watering to the absolute minimum. Lag out door taps and drain hoses and spray guns until dry to prevent frost damage. If we have heavy falls of snow this winter knock the snow off the branches of trees and shrubs to prevent them from breaking under the weight of the snow. If you haven't done so already clean and lubricate mowers before putting away for the winter.

Prune climbing roses now, cutting away diseased or damaged growth and tie in any new shoots to their support. Prune older flowered side shoots back by two thirds of their length. Start to winter prune your Wisteria, cutting back summer side shoots to 2 or 3 buds. Leave the faded flower heads on your Hydrangeas until the spring, they will provide frost protection to the swelling buds further down the stems.

Recycle as much waste as you can on the compost heap and burn any woody matter that won't break down, but check carefully for hibernating hedgehogs before starting a bonfire. Nothing to sow or plant so use any leftover compost on the garden, don't be tempted to keep it for next year. Inspect plants & fruit trees to see if any are in need of TLC, such as tying or firming in where they are suffering from wind rock.

The seed catalogues are available now but remember, it is first come first served so get that order in as soon as possible. Remember when comparing a modern F1 hybrid against an older open pollinated type that the F1 will always mature in the same week, whereas the open pollinated varieties will crop over several weeks.

Why not go along to the Gardening Club's AGM in January (Monday 19th) at the village hall and become a member? Well it's time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you in February.

Russel Sprout



St. Andrew's Church - Dates for December

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 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.

3rd December 7.30pm – Evening prayer on Zoom

7th December 10.30am – Morning Praise – Family Carol Service, with the collection in aid of The Level Trust

14th December 10.30am – Holy Communion

14th December 3pm – Bereavement Service

21st December 10.30am - Morning Praise

21st December 6pm – Carols by Candlelight, with the collection in aid of the Food Bank

24th December 11.30pm – Midnight Communion

25th December – No service at St Andrew's

28th December 10.30am - Morning Praise

4th January 10.30am - Family Service - Epiphany

7th January 7.30pm – Evening Prayer on Zoom

11th January 10.30am - Morning Praise

18th January 10.30am – Holy Communion

25th January 10.30am – Family Service







Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday.

We will be running sessions on 3^{rd} and 10^{th} December & 7^{th} , 14^{th} , 21^{st} and 28^{th} January. .

The kettle goes on at 10am

Turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.

A Message from St Andrew's

It isn't true that the devil has all the best tunes! Carol services are full of real bangers. Even people who rarely attend church will probably be able to join in with the words of well-loved carols. Our diary page shows that there are a lot of opportunities in December to come and sing with us. We will also be joining in community events, giving more opportunities to sing along: carols from 4.30pm at the Craft Fair before the Christmas Light Switch on; carols at the Rising Sun on Weds 17th Dec in the evening (fuelled by mulled wine, Laura?) and leading the singing at the Golden Years Christmas Party on 21st Dec.



CAROLING

One of my favourite carols is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", popularised in Victorian times but based on "O Antiphons" from mediaeval times. The carol uses names attributed to God's chosen one by the prophets, such as Lord of Might, Dayspring, Key of David and Rod of Jesse. Emmanuel means "God with us." The carol is realistic about the state of our world but offers a much needed vision of hope as Christ provides wisdom, counsel and strength. Too often the world seeks fleeting

security in power, wealth and influence, but Jesus Christ our Saviour brings true peace.

Let us live in hope, joy, love and peace, as we trust that God's Kingdom is coming near. Perhaps you would like to join in this prayer. Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, help me to stand firm in you, trusting in your justice and righteousness. May I be a sign of your hope in a world that desperately needs you. Amen.

Julie Taylor Reader



Baptism at St Andrew's Church November 2nd

St Andrews Church welcomed the Whitehead family and friends to the Baptism of little Florence Elizabeth June on November 2nd. It was wonderful to see so many there to see Florence baptised in the special Church font by Reverend Cathy Pullinger, who had come to lead the service on that special day. Florence behaved impeccably and was a delight for all to see as she was carried down the church to be welcomed into the Church family. Godparents were Lauren and Connor Brown



Parents Thomas and Abigail Whitehouse with Florence

After the service the family and all their guests continued the celebrations at the Slip End Social Club where the family live.



Reverend Cathy Pullinger with the family



Shoeboxes from St Andrews **Church and Village School**

Shoebox Saturday proved to be very successful this year. Once again we decided to do boxes for Blythswood, as in previous years. We had lots of volunteers from the school and village to help cover the shoeboxes, make up complete boxes, sort out fillers, and write cards. It was a hive of activity. The Church had given a presentation to the school a few weeks ago which proved to be very successful and the children and families had provided many fillers and also some complete boxes towards the campaign. We know our boxes are bound for Kosovo and at the end of the day we had completed 110 boxes, with a few to finish off the next day. Many thanks to everyone who helped on the day or provided items or did a shoebox. By filling a shoebox with simple things, you can bring warmth, joy and hope at Christmas.

Hard at work making up boxes.





Steph. Ted and Lila from Class 4 with the card they all signed at school inside the shoebox. Such a lovely idea, well done.

Report by Sue Briggs





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CaddingtonWomen's Institute



Hello readers, here is our monthly catch up of what our November meeting was all about.

We had a demonstration from Tufty Flowers which is a new florist that is now based in Dunstable. The owner's name is Tina and she came and did the demo. There was a long table with three big bunches of flowers on it and right in front of our eyes she produced 3 amazing flower arrangements. The 1st was a hand tied bouquet in a water bag inside a carry box which was later presented to one of our members as it was her 80th birthday. Such a lovely present for her and a surprise. Then we had a Christmas table centre with a pillar candle in the middle and Christmas foliage round it. Again beautiful and lastly an amazing basket of seasonal flowers.

Tina is very talented and has been in the florist business for over 25 years having completed an apprenticeship and going to college to learn her craft. She told us of some of her more challenging wreaths that she had created. There have been replica Spitfire's, Gates of Heaven and a Beefburger to name a few. So if you are in need of a florist pop into her shop, I am sure she will be able to help you.

Our 70th Celebratory plaque has arrived and is going to be mounted on one of the planters on the Green.

Some of our members are going to the Dunstable WI next week for a Xmas party. Should be fun.

Next month is our Xmas party. We will have games, party food and lots of fun. Come down and join us if you want to.

Contact details Carol Jones 07899794422 or Linda Edwards 07761340108

Caddington Women's Institute



CRIME REPORT Parish Crime Statistics October 2025



<u>Aley Green</u> Total.	0
<u>Pepperstock</u> Distraction Burglary Residential Home Total	1 1
Slip End Theft From Motor Vehicle Malicious Communication Assault Without Injury Public Fear Alarm or Distress Stalking Total	1 1 2 1 1 6
<u>Woodside</u> Total	0
Caddington Dangerous Driving Other Theft Blackmail Harassment Other Criminal Damage Assault With Injury Malicious Communication Trafficing Of Drugs Public Fear Alarm Or Distress Sexual Stalking Robbery Of Personal Property Total	1 2 1 1 1 2 1 1 3 1 1 1
Grand Total	23

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

What's going on in 2025/2026

Weekly Soup & Sarnie, every Tuesday @ The Rising Sun, 12pm - 2pm

Ends 16th December Restarts 13th January 2026

Chatty Club every Wednesday @ The Rising Sun, 1pm - 3pm

Ends 17th December Restarts 7th January 2026

December

Sun 7th Wreath Making Social Club (See p27)

Wed 10th GNS Christmas Party Slip End Village Hall. 3.30 - 5.30

Sun 14th Childrens Party Social Club (See p27)
Sat 20th Vanessa Jayne Social Club (See p27)

Sun 21st Golden Years Christmas Party Village Hall 1pm - 4pm

Wed 24th Last Party before Christmas (See p27)

Fri 26th Disco and Karaoke (See p27)

Wed 31st New Years Party Free Entry (See Page 27)

January

Mon 19th Gardening Club Slip End Village Hall 8pm

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Black bin and Glass - 5th, 19th. December

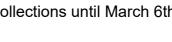
- Sat 3rd, 16th, 30th January

Orange (Recycling) - 12th, Sat 27th December

- 9th, 23rd, January

Green (Garden) - No Green bin collections until March 6th 2026.

Food Waste bin - Every Friday



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