

Parish News

November 2025

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Editors' Notes

Welcome to the November edition of the Parish News, I hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to the month ahead.

First, I want to acknowledge the errors of the October edition, a few of you contacted us by email and a number of you have spoken to me personally in the past month in relation to the errors in bin dates and the "Mary and Martha" piece on page 19 in the previous edition.

The obscured photos from last month have been included (below and on page 6) for you to see the incredible work the Community Pay-Back Scheme has done on the outside gardens of the Churchyard.

Now on to more positive matters. What do we have for you this month? There's news from Slip End School, as well as an ask for new school governors (see pages 10 and 11). On page 7 there is a piece on Luton Airport's expansion plans, which I urge you all to read. Don't miss page 13 for details on the annual Slip End Christmas lights switch on, this year, combined with a Christmas Craft Fayre at the Village Hall on 29th November. Details of the much loved Christmas Advent Trail are on page 18, please do contact Julie or Mary to register your interest.

There's news from Caddington Girlguiding on page 16 as well as a Golden Years Christmas party, which is a free event being put on for elderly residents within Slip End.

Have a fantastic month, and as it's my last edition this year, Merry Christmas



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)

Big community litter pick

It was all hands on deck for the community litter pick organised by the Parish Council.

With high viz and grabbers in hand, local Womble wannabes collected 12 bags of rubbish from the village paths and hedges.

A big thank you to all who turned out to support the event.

We were glad the weather wasn't "rubbish" to clean up the roads for our Parish!



60th Wedding Anniversary



John & Wendy Barton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 16th October

John & Wendy were married in 1965 at the Holy Trinity Church, East Hyde

They lived in Pepsal End Lane until 1976/77 when they moved into Front Street, then in 1995 moved into Markyate Road

The couple have 2 children, their son is Alan, the owner of the local builder AJB Contracts, and a daughter Angela, as well as two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They can often be seen walking around the village with their grand dog Bert!

John and Wendy celebrated their honeymoon in Torquay and they returned there in October to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and followed this with a meal with their family at the Hunters Lodge.

Article submitted by Alan Barton.





The Good Neighbour Scheme

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DECEMBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH

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Parish Council Update



Parish Council Meeting – October

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting had to be cancelled at short notice. The Council apologises to residents for this.

Fly Tipping

Ward Councillor Vicky Malone continues to urge residents to report flying tipping on **FIX MY STREET** and also to send the details to her as she is working with the environmental teams. Please email your reports to vicky.malone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Village Christmas Tree

The Parish Council has placed its order for the Village Christmas tree as it does every year. It will be placed outside the Village Hall in time for the Village Lights switch on which is taking place on Saturday 29th November.

Big Clean Up

Residents and members of the Parish Council took part in the Big Clean up on Sunday 22nd June (see page 3). We would like to say a big thank you to all that took part.



Luton Rising's Expansion Plans for Luton Airport

Current limit: 19 million passengers per annum

2025-27: Expand Terminal 1 to allow 21.5 million passengers

2033-36: Build Terminal 2, aircraft stands, car parks on Wigmore Park to increase capacity to 27 million passengers

**2037-41: Extend Terminal 2 facilities to accommodate 32 million
Overall, 50% more flights per day and 70% more at night**

National Planning Inspectors recommended refusing permission due to increased noise, environmental impacts, and effect on local roads.

The Secretary of State overturned this and granted permission. LADACAN (Luton And District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise) has employed lawyers to request a Judicial Review of this decision on behalf of local communities, and the request was granted.

Judicial Review process

This takes place at the High Court in London on 4th and 5th November. The High Court Decision will probably be reserved, so judgement / order will not be known until several months after the hearing.

LADACAN will do a press release for the hearing itself, and then another for the judgment. It will take advice on any appeal (by us or in response to an appeal by them), after that.

LADACAN welcome new members and information on the good work undertaken or to donate towards costs can be found on website <https://ladacan.org>

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KEEP YOUR VILLAGE TIDY

Parents regularly remind children to put litter in a bin provided or take home. (Plastic bottles and cans in a recycling bin)

Teachers regularly remind children to put litter in a bin provided or take home. (Plastic bottles and cans in a recycling bin)

Residents remove any litter on their garden/frontage to prevent blowing onto pathway/road.

Residents try and ensure bin lids close to prevent any rubbish/recycling blowing onto pathway/road.

Businesses try and ensure bin lids close to prevent any rubbish/recycling blowing onto pathway/road.

Businesses remove any rubbish from frontage to prevent blowing onto pathway/road.

Dog Owners. Be responsible and clean up after your dog and deposit in appropriate bin provided.

Smokers. Extinguish cigarette when finished and put butt in waste bin or take home.

Your co-operation in these matters would be appreciated.

Thank you

Slip End

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WHAT'S ON IN THE COMING MONTHS

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Saturday 8th November

Justin Lovell
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Sunday 7th December

Wreath Making (Starts at 6:30pm)
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Sunday 14th December

Children's Christmas Party
12pm - 2pm, limited spaces, please book at the bar



Saturday 20th December

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Vocalist

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Aley Green Methodist Church



Dates for November

Sat 1st 10:00 Prayer Breakfast led by Liz Higgins

Sun 2nd 10:30 All Age Sunday School—Local Arrangement

Tues 4th 10am - 1pm Cakes and Company—"Brunch and Browse" with stalls, bacon/egg butties, jacket potatoes, cake and more along with the usual good company! The stalls will include bric a brac, Christmas preserves and gifts

Sun 9th Remembrance Sunday—no service at Aley Green—join with the special services at All Saints, Caddington or St Andrew's, Slip End

Sun 16th 10:30 Morning Service with Holy Communion (Rev Claudia Lupi) and Sunday School

Mon 17th 2pm Ecumenical Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Sun 23rd 10:30 Morning Service (Local Arrangement)

Wed 26th 7:30pm Coffee Evening in aid of LWPT

Sun 30th Nov No service at Aley Green Instead join us at the Ecumenical Advent Service at 4pm at St Thomas RC Church in Caddington.

Sun 7th Dec 10:30 Morning Service

Our Harvest/Autumn Take Time at the start of October was a lovely afternoon of song and verse, followed by scones, cake and tea with plenty of time to chat. We sat in the suitably the decorated church with all the Food bank donations and collected produce singing a lovely selection of Harvest related songs and hymns.

The event raised £121 for the "All We Can" charity.

Aley Green will have a Preserve Stall at the Slip End Craft Fayre at the Village Hall on Sat 29th Nov.

God Bless, From all at Aley Green



As the school has fully settled into the new academic year, we wanted to take a moment to share a wonderful example of our pupils' work with the wider parish community. We believe in encouraging our children to find and use their voice, and our Junior Journalist role within the Community Champions programme certainly does just that.

Please take a moment to read the excellent entry below for this month's Parish News.

Our new Junior Journalists have had a busy start to the year sharing how they have settled into the new term with comments such as 'My teacher and friends are lovely!', 'I like my new classroom and our seats' and 'I have only been here since Year 2 but I feel that I have been here forever because everyone is so nice!'



They have then had their first interviewing task and got to ask questions to some of our Year 6 pupils about their Year 6 Residential trip to Willersley Castle in Derbyshire.

Here are some of the quotes from the children who all said they would recommend the trip to our younger pupils.

I absolutely loved the Breakfasts! I can't decide which was my favourite activity because I liked them all. I shared a room with boys from both schools, and it was great. (Mason)

Willersley was the best school trip in my life, and it was an amazing experience. (Raven)

I loved Willersley! I was so sad to leave but so happy and excited to see my family. (Josie)

I Loved the tug of war, we did girls vs boys and the GIRLS WON. (Bella)

I loved my trip to Willersley castle. It was so fun. I loved kayaking and ziplining, I also loved river tubing. (Alfie)

My favourite part of Willersley was the zip wire. At first, I was nervous but a few moments later I overcame my fear. (Harry)

Every night was a blast we had sweets and lots of fun. And thank you to all the teachers who came and booked it. (Buddy)

I made loads of new friends and tried lots of new things that before I would never have tried. (Florence)

I've really enjoyed Willersley and I would like to go again for a lot of fun and exciting activities. (Esa)



In our groups there were always 1 or 2 people that we knew so it didn't matter that we didn't know people. (Willow)

I liked the chicken nuggets! (Kai)

We look forward to a fantastic year and engaging, once more, with our local community.

Mr Andrew Young
Head of School
Slip End Village School



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St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



Saturday 29th November 2025

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

We will be getting the church ready for Christmas, so come and help decorate the tree.

We are also running a competition for children (any age) to design a Christmas card to be judged on the day. Prizes for all. Bring on the day, or post through Julie's letterbox at 25 Crawley Close.*



**Tea, coffee, conversation and good company
Drop in at any time. All welcome.**

*** Put your name & address on reverse if you want the card returned.**

**Monday 17th November
Village Hall, 8pm**

Gardening Club

**Guest Speaker "- Anne Luder
"Horticulture - Healing
Therapy for the Mind & Soul**



**New Members Welcome
Guests/Visitors £2**

Christmas Craft Fayre and Lights Switch On

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

There will be a Christmas Craft Fayre taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday 29th November from 2pm to 6pm. This event is for Alzheimer's and diabetes charities.

Come along to buy some Christmas goodies in the hall and to visit the Christmas Snow Globe in the village hall garden .

We are planning to have carol singing in the hall from 4.30 and this will be followed by the Christmas Lights and Christmas Tree Switch on at the crossroads and Village Hall starting at 5.00 pm.

Also head over to the Rising Sun for a hog roast and food stalls and live music (look out for the Rising Sun adverts).

Santa Claus Magical Village Tour



We are pleased to let you know that Santa Claus will be out touring Slip End, Pepperstock and Woodside on the evenings of Thursday 11th and Friday 12th December.

He will, of course, be accompanied by all his elves and maybe a few extra guests, with their buckets of chocolate for the young and not -so- young.

Full details of the route and approximate times will be published in the December issue of the magazine.

We are always needing more helpers and elves so if you could walk with us on one or both evenings do let us know on 0795 858 7595.

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The screenshot shows the FixMyStreet website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Report a problem', 'Sign in', 'All reports', 'Local alerts', and 'Help'. Below this is a header 'Report, view, or discuss local problems' with a sub-header 'Like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting'. A form prompts the user to 'Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area' with an example 'e.g. 30 424 or 16 St, Manchester' and a 'Go' button. Below the form is a 'Use my current location' button. On the left, a 'How to report a problem' section lists four steps: 1. Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area; 2. Locate the problem on a map of the area; 3. Enter details of the problem; 4. We send it to the council on your behalf. To the right, a 'Recently reported problems' section lists several issues with photos: 'Drain cover' (10:01 today), 'Very large and deep pothole near the bus stop going toward the shed garage' (10:21 today, last updated 10:21 today), 'Large dip / broken section between between road and pavement' (10:20 today, last updated 10:20 today), 'Leak Road, Mouldy' (10:20 today, last updated 10:20 today), and 'Abandoned Visual Cues' (10:20 today). At the bottom left, statistics are shown: '19,986 reports in past week', '25,891 fixed in past month', and '6,658,394 updates on reports'.

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Next year 1st Caddington Guides turns 100 years old so there will be a year full of celebrations. Were you a guide in Caddington? We'd love to hear from you to share your memories.

For more information or to sign up please visit the Girlguiding website (<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>) or email Katie at ktrev2009@live.co.uk



Golden Years
Christmas Party

21st December 2025
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Community Coffee at St Andrews (last Saturday in month)

On Saturday 25th September we opened for a special Harvest gathering. Paula had made cakes and Julie our Reader had provided lots of crafts for any adult or child.. It was good to see so many there chatting away and meeting up with old friends, Everyone is welcome and the next meeting is Saturday 29th November and we should be preparing for Christmas that day.



Some of the lovely crafts done.



The flower team had been busy and decorated the church with beautiful flowers and some produce. Stanley and Eleanor were very impressed.



Craft corner and James had great fun



With thanks to Slip End Village School for their contributions of harvest and to the congregation.



Advent trail 2025

St Andrews Church are planning another **Advent Trail for December** and this time we would like lots of people to place a Nativity related item in a window where it can be seen from the road or footpath.

Please let **Julie** or **Mary** at St Andrew's know if you would like to participate and what item you will choose.

We will then collate all the offers and write a simple quiz asking folks where they find the items and how many of each. We will not be restricting the number of individual items.

Therefore, we may end up with e.g. 4, camels and 10 Josephs! It won't matter; the fun will be in finding the items and counting how many.

The quiz question will appear in the **December edition** of the parish mag and the answers in the New Year. We look forward to receiving your offers.

Please email either duncan.taylor@btinternet.com OR tbmee_417025@outlook.com thank you x



Charity Craft fair

in aid of
Dementia & Diabetes

at Slip End Village Hall

Saturday 29th November

2pm - 6pm

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Gardening Notes *by Russell Sprout*

At the time of writing the weather isn't conducive to getting out in the garden to do those tidying up jobs for the winter, hopefully by the time you are reading this it has stopped long enough to get them done. 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!**

Check chrysanthemums left in the soil for water logging and insert a fork to its 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. Check dahlia tubers for drying out and if they appear shrivelled 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.

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 prevent 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.

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.

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.

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.

- Russell Sprout

St. Andrew's Church - Dates for November

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

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Services held at St Andrew's:

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

2nd November 10.30am – Informal Communion & Baptism

5th November 7.30pm – Evening prayer on Zoom

9th November 10.30am – Remembrance Service

15th November 10.00am to 12 noon – Shoebox Saturday - Come to help make up shoeboxes for Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. Bring what you can, but boxes and fillers will be provided.

16th November – 10.30am - Morning Praise – Shoebox Sunday

23rd November – 10.30am - Holy Communion

30th November - 10.30am – Family Service – Christingle



Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday.

We will be running sessions on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November.

The kettle goes on at 10am

Turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.

A Message from St Andrew's

by Richard Palmer, Reader at St Andrew's

November is that month when we are rightly called upon to remember those who have given their lives in time of conflict.

Many of you will know someone who has fought, or been affected, by war. The pictures to the right are of my father (on the right) who fought in Burma, and my father in law engaged in the early days of radar. Both men returned after the war, but my father would never talk about his experiences.



I have one grandson who is in the army, and one granddaughter who is in the Royal Air Force. My wife and I do worry about what might happen should they be called upon to fight for their country.

Today, we try to remember. We remember the victims of wars, wars past and wars on-going, particularly those who died to help bring freedom and to help make the world a better place. But let's also remember with thanks, those who returned from conflict whose contribution to peace was no less important.

Remembrance Sunday is a stark reminder that our world is deeply broken and divided because of human violence. Yet, at the same time Christians believe that this is God's world, and although far from perfect now, there will come that time when God will make all things new for those who follow Jesus.

God calls us to look to Jesus, the Prince of Peace. In the life and teachings of Jesus we see that he does not enter into physical battle in order to defeat the enemies of God. He chooses the way of non-violence. He lays down his life and dies at the hands of God's enemies in order to defeat evil. Only then does God raise Jesus from the dead in the victory over sin and death. In the person of Jesus we see the perfect example of humble obedience, sacrificial love and life-giving peace, an inner peace that can be ours as we turn to him.

So, don't expect that world peace will ever be fully established, in fact, there hasn't been one day in over 200 years without some kind of war on earth. Jesus said, *nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom*, and this will happen until that day when God fully establishes his kingdom.

Harvest Festival 2025 St Andrew's Church

It was lovely to visit the village school with Reader Julie Taylor before Harvest to talk to the children about what Harvest means, and how we celebrate when all the crops are gathered in. We talked about different kinds of beans and also potatoes and the children were all keen to answer questions. We sang a song about different kinds of beans, with actions, and all had good fun. Thanks to the young volunteers for helping with the PowerPoint and with actions for the song.

As a church we support many charities, especially at Harvest time, and the school were able to help with collecting food for the Luton Food Bank.

The church was beautifully decorated before our Harvest Service by our excellent flower team, led by Diane Casemore and our harvest goods were arranged at the front of the church.



Some of the lovely flower decorations in the church



On the Monday morning we went along to sort the harvest produce out. All the fresh food was collected together to take to Noah at their homeless shelter in Park Street. They are able to cook meals for any homeless people and are always very grateful that we remember them. Cereals and some dry goods etc were saved for Azalea who we support.

The band played and sang. It is always good to have live music in Church. Our Reader Richard, led some of the service and, along with his wife Marian did the little sketch about 'Beans' that Julie and I had also done for the school children. It was a lovely service and thanks again for all the harvest produce given.

We had lots of tins, pasta, biscuits, packets etc for the Food Bank and Steve Lyons kindly took his car full of items for them. They were really grateful for all the many items contributed. We do collect for them every week and have a basket at the back of the church which is often overflowing and a trip to the Food Bank is arranged.



Sue B, Sue L and Julie load the car with all the food for the Food Bank, including the boot and back seat.

All the cyclamen plants were delivered to many bereaved or sick parishioners by the Church family, and Stanley was pleased to help me to take one along to Joy Brain (top right) who was very pleased to see us. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

- By Sue Briggs

Chatty Club at the Rising Sun

If you are over 60 and would like to get out and about and meet up with other interesting local people, why not take yourself along to The Rising Sun on a Wednesday lunchtime from 1 - 3pm

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It's a lovely group and you would be warmly welcomed should you want to give it a try. There is also an optional weekly raffle for £1 and any extra funds that that the group make are put towards a trip out - in the past they have been for a boat ride along the Canal or for afternoon tea elsewhere. I went along a few weeks ago and numbers have dwindled, so it would be great to have some more members, male or female.

'Soup and Sandwich' on Tuesdays gets a good crowd, so have a think about having your lunch out twice a week - saves on the cooking and heating and its good to get out and chat to people.





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Caddington WI MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 2025 **by Angela Viola**

Several of our members went to Jordan's Mill. The Bedfordshire WI had an open day there, it was a good day out. There were some competition entries there and we came 3rd in the Tea Cosy competition, made by one of our talented members.

We also took part in a jigsaw challenge. Two teams went from our club to Bedford to compete. Sadly neither of us won but it's the taking part that counts! Believe me it became quite stressful - ha ha.

We also entered the Children's Society Quiz at Heathfield. We came 4th, so well done to us.

We have been looking at booking a day trip for next year. The Tate's brochure was circulated so members could have a look at where they would like to go. The destination will be chosen by a majority vote.

We are organising our annual Christmas lunch which will be in January. No, I have not made a mistake.

Our October Meeting was a Quiz night. Rounds were put together by the committee. It was good fun and got the brain doing overtime. Prizes were given to the winners, one of which was a large bar of chocolate. It has to be done.

Well as you can see, we are always busy doing lots of interesting things and attending events. If you want to join us you would be very welcome. Our next meeting is on 4th Nov at 7:30 pm. We are having a flower demonstration.

To join please contact Carol Jones 07899794422 or Linda Edwards 07761340108



CRIME REPORT



Parish Crime Statistics
September 2025



Pepperstock

Offence	Number
Grand Total	0

Slip End

Offence	Number
STALKING	1
INTERFERING WITH A MOTOR VEH	1
THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	1
Grand Total	3

Woodside

Offence	Number
ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	1
Grand Total	1

Caddington

Offence	Number
TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS	2
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	1
MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS	1
AGGRAVATED VEHICLE TAKING	1
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY – RES	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	1
SEXUAL	1
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ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	1
RACE / RELIGIOUS AGG PUBLIC FEAR	1
Grand Total	11



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

What's going on in 2025

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

November

Sat 8th Justin Lovell, Comedy Vocal Entertainer, Slip End Social Club, 8pm
Mon 17th Gardening Club, Village Hall, 8pm, Guest Speaker (See P12)
Sat 29th Community Coffee Morning, 10am - 12pm, St Andrew's
Sat 29th Christmas Craft Fayre, 2pm - 6pm, Village Hall
Sat 29th Christmas Lights Switch On, 5pm, Crossroads (See page 13)

December

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

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Black bin and Glass - November 7th, 21st.

Orange (Recycling) - November 14th, 28th.

Food Waste bin - Every Friday

Green (Garden) - November 14th, 28th.



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