

## **Editors' Notes**

Welcome to the October issue of The Slip End Parish News. I am writing this on a dark, dismal Saturday morning. The weather in September, was very variable, but Autumn is now here so we can expect it to get dark earlier and darker mornings.

## **British Summer Time.**

As a reminder don't forget British Summer Time ends at 2am on Sunday 26 October, so don't forget to put your clocks back 1 hour.

## 231 Bus Service

As you know from September 1st, there were changes to the route and the times of the last 2 buses from Dunstable. The service no longer goes via Aley Green. As the usage numbers only showed 2 people a month using the service, Central Beds Council fund the service, they decided it was a waste of money. The last 2 journeys were altered as the 40A service was also cancelled, again for lack of use, the last two runs now cover part of the old 40A route thgrough Dunstable. Again, the council is looking at costs so with the 231 it is a case of use it or lose it.

This month is the Good Neighbours Scheme Autum Tea Party on the 29th between 2:30 and 4:30 at the village hall. See poster on page 31. There are also events at the social club, see their poster on page 26.

The Good Neighbours Scheme is also looking for volunteer drivers to help drive parishioner's to the Doctors, Hospital or collect prescriptions. Full training will be given and a milage allowance is payable, Please see opposite.

The Parish Council and the Good Neighbours Scheme will again be organising the annual biscuit delivery for people over 65 and who have lived in the village for 5 years or more, if you are not already on the list, please see opposite to find out how to do so.

Finaly Matt will be editing the November issue and I will be back in December. Have a great month.

# 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 <u>and</u> 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.

# Be a Local Hero — Join Our Good Neighbour Scheme!

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Saturday 8th November
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NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup>

DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>

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## Parish Council Update



## 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 can you email your reports to vicky.malone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

## Slip End Traffic Lights – Junction of Grove Road / Markyate Road

The lights will be completely replaced and will take three weeks to complete. This is anticipated for November and there will be temporary lights in operation.

**Newlands Road** – there is currently a technical review for a revised junction, further details to follow.

## Bedfordshire Rural Community Housing Needs Survey

A survey was sent to households asking for feedback on housing needs in the Parish. A lot of households received the survey late due to them not being delivered and the Clerk had to chase BRCH to ask for delivery to include missed households. Cllr. Collins said his understanding was that there was not a huge response to the survey. The deadline has now passed, and we are keen to see a report on the results. The Parish Council have not made comment on possible development in the Parish it only supported a housing survey to be sent out to residents.

## Bridleways / Footpaths / Hedges

The Clerk sent emails / letters out to private residents / businesses to ask for the hedges / trees to be cut back which are encroaching on the highways. These have all been completed and the Council thanks them for a swift response.

## Parking in Slip End

The Clerk has received emails regarding the parking in Slip End. Whilst it is frustrating for residents to have cars that are not local residents parking in the parish, please note that if cars are taxed and insured they are entitled to park on the highway legally. With regard to blue badge holders, residents can apply to Central Bedfordshire Council to have a disabled bay put on the road. Residents would have to qualify for this. Please note that a disabled bay is then not for exclusive use for the resident who requested it. If a member of the public is disabled and is in receipt of a blue badge they are entitled to park in the space.



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## **Aley Green Methodist Church**



#### **Dates for October**

Sun 28th Sept 10:30 Family Harvest Festival Service

Fri 3rd 2:30pm Harvest "Take Time Sing-along" with refreshments. (Collection for the charity "All We Can")

Sat 4th 10:00 Prayer Breakfast led by Liz Higgens

Sun 5th 10:30 Prayer and Praise—Local Arrangement (Lorna Martin)

Tues 7th 10-12 Cakes and Company

Sun 12th 10:30 Morning Service with Holy Communion (Rev Claudia Lupi)

Sun 19th 10:30 Morning Service—Local Arrangement

Mon 20th 2pm Ecumenical Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Sun 26th 10:30 Morning Service (Mr. Chris Berry)

Wed 29th 7:30pm Coffee Evening in aid of Keech Hospice Care

Sun 2nd Nov 10:30 Morning Service - Local Arrangement (All Age Sunday School)

We start the month of October with a Harvest "Take Time". This is a chance for people around the villages to get together for an afternoon finishing with light refreshments. On this occasion people have chosen songs and hymns of many varieties that are connected with Harvest and nature. The church allotment has had an amazing harvest, resulting in many hours of picking, peeling and chopping and freezers full of produce ready to make the chutey and preserves.

At the allotment open day The Sunday School's "Lazy Gardener" scarecrow

managed to take the first prize.

God Bless,

From all at Aley Green

(Lazy Gardener having a rest in the church!)



# A Warm Welcome to the New School Year from Slip End Village School!

To our neighbours, families, and friends in the Slip End community.

**VILLAGE SCHOOL** On behalf of all the staff and pupils, I would like to extend a warm welcome as we begin the new academic year. There is a positive atmosphere in our classrooms and playground, and it's wonderful to see our children returning settled and ready for the term ahead.

Here at Slip End, we are proud to be part of the village. We are committed to providing a positive learning environment where every child is encouraged to be curious and engaged in their learning. This year, we will build on the successes of recent years, by continuing to enhance our academic achievements, broadening our enrichment programmes, and celebrating further sporting accomplishments. We value the connection between the school and the wider community and look forward to sharing experiences and events with you throughout the year.

We look forward to sharing another successful year of learning and collaboration with all of you.

Kind regards,

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Andrew Young.

Head of School.

Slip End Village School















'Aproud federation'

## Aylets Garden Centre, St Albans. See also Page 12 and 13.







## GARDENING CLUB

The last Garden visit of the year was to 102 Cambridge Road, St Albans on Sunday 7th Sept. This was a contemporary space sympathetically redesigned in 2017 to keep many of the existing plants, trees and shrubs from a 1930's semi's garden. It was a modern take on the classic garden in two halves, ornamental and vegetable.

There was all year interest with borders packed with perennials and annuals, central bed featuring a pond and a Japanese maple.

All vegetables, annuals and some perennials were grown from seed.

Once again Ayletts Garden Centre, St Albans Celebration Garden was open. It is sited next to the famous dahlia field which are planted amongst other herbaceous plants and shrubs. It also had a wildflower border complete with insect hotel. The garden is open all year to visit, during the garden centre opening hours, but it is especially spectacular from July to early autumn when the dahlias are in flower. See photos opposite and on page 11.

At the September meeting John Tyler gave an interesting and informative talk on "The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns".

The last meeting of the year is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November when a talk will be given by Anne Luder on "Horticulture – Healing Theraphy for the Mind and Soul. (See Add below.)

PN Gardening Correspondent



## Monday 17th October Village Hall, 8pm **Gardening Club**

Guest Speaker "- Anne Luder
"Horticulture - Healing
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## Aylets Garden Centre, St Albans. More photos on page 11.







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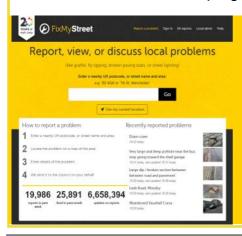
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# St. Andrew's Church Dates for November

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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.

1<sup>st</sup> October 7.30 – Evening Prayer – The Feast of St Francis – held in the Family Room

5<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am – Informal Communion

12<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am - Morning Praise - Healing Service

19<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am – Holy Communion

26<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am – Family Service – Bible Sunday







Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday.

We will be running sessions on XXth, XXth and 24th October.

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Turn up whenever suits your little one's routine.

# A message from St Andrew's Seeking God

Where are you God? Are you far? I don't know where you are I've looked in all the cupboards Even in my local Spar..

Seems you're hiding from me God Somewhere high where I can't see We need a natter together God Yorkshire Brew? Or Earl Grey tea?

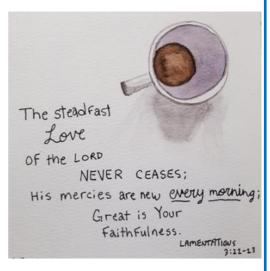
Are you listening to me God? Are your ears glowing red? There's been lots of silly nonsense jiggling round inside my head.

I think I saw you peeking God Just a glimpse behind my door But my head's still in a jiggle God So I'm really not too sure.

I sense you getting closer God Strange things keep happening for sure Like flowers and cards and messages And loving visitors through my door.

Then through my minds mist and fog I began to see Gods smile He opened his arms of love and said He was with me all the while.





I hope you like the poem! I decided to write it when I was going through a really challenging time recently, due to a neurological Illness... but please be encouraged! Often the more hopeless our circumstances may seem, the more we become aware of Gods comfort, care and provision.

I'll leave you with a verse of one of Gods promises to us in the bible that I found really helpful when I felt lost and afraid.. "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit". (Psalm. 34:18). I pray these words bring hope and comfort to anyone needing the compassionate love and care of our Lord

Jesus today. - Tammy King LLW St. Andrews Church.

# Mary & Martha Day at St Andrew's Church September 13th



On Saturday 13th September a group of the Church family met to clean the inside of the church and to try and tidy up the gardens. They were able to clean, hoover, dust and sort flower arrangements inside, and cut down the overgrown roses outside. They also had a short service of praise during the morning. The church is now looking a lot brighter and cleaner inside and out. Many thanks to all those who came and helped, including Tony, Leigh, Tammy, Mary, Sue, Lorna and Susan. Also Sylvia and Julie who left earlier.

## Mary & Martha Day at St Andrew's Church September 13th



We have been lucky enough to gain the services of the Community Pay-back scheme who have made such a difference to the outside gardens of the churchyard. They have removed all the awful brambles on the left-hand side as you enter the church grounds and have been clearing the back of the church where there are a lot of very old graves unattended.

They come to the churchyard every few weeks to help improve the grounds. We are very grateful to Vicky Malone, our local Councillor, who suggested it to me. They have also been working at All Saints Church in Caddington and made a big difference there. Also a big thankyou to our Church Warden Tony Smith who organised everything. The Community Payback Scheme requires offenders serving Community sentences to perform unpaid work, like cleaning up public spaces, repairing buildings or maintaining grounds, to repay their debt to society





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## Gardening Notes by Russell Sprout

Time now to get the garden sorted for the winter so you are ready for next season. Remove all annuals before they become too bedraggled. Most hardy perennials should be planted this month unless the soil is very wet in which case wait for a dry spell, or the soil will compact where trodden on. Cut Dahlias down to about six inches above ground level as soon as the frost blackens the leaves, then dig them up using a fork and try not to damage the tubers, dry in a frost free shed for about a week and plant in shallow trays with just enough peat or ash to cover the tubers and keep slightly damp, shoots will appear next spring. Sweet peas can be sown direct into the ground now or in pots from the middle of the month in a cold greenhouse, plant tulips and Hyacinths this month and into November. Tulips planted earlier may be damaged by frost and may suffer tulip fire disease. Plant border Carnations and Pinks, space border Carnations about 15 – 18 inches apart and Pinks 12 inches apart.

Chrysanthemums can either be left in the ground to over-winter but do not cut the tops down until spring, or lift the stools, cut the tops down and plant them at the same depth they were growing at in a cold frame or greenhouse and take cuttings in the spring but do remember to label them before lifting. Gladioli do not fare well if left in the ground to over-winter so lift them about the second week of the month and dry them off thoroughly then cut the stem just above the corm, the roots can be removed as soon as they are dry. Store them in a frost free environment and replant in the spring.

If you have a pond you should be thinking about preparing it for the winter by drastically thinning out underwater oxygenating plants and remove old water lily leaves. This will avoid the presence of a great deal of decaying vegetation on the base of the pond when the water is iced over, and will minimize the formation of toxic gases and prevent a shortage of oxygen. If the water looks dark green or blackish, drain off half the volume and replace with fresh water.

Cut out the canes that carried this year's fruit from Blackberries and Loganberries and summer fruiting Raspberries and tie in the new shoots to a wire or frame. Complete the planting of strawberries this month for fruiting next year and clear all rubbish from established beds. Towards the end of the month plant all types of hardy deciduous trees and shrubs but not in frosty weather or strong winds.

Russell Sprout



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# Advent trail 2025

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Please email either <u>duncan.taylor@btinternet.com</u>
OR
<u>tbmee 417025@outlook.com</u> thank you x

St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



Saturday 25th October 2025 10.00 am to noon at St Andrew's Church

Drop in at any time. All welcome.

Contact Julie on 07841482119 if transport is a problem.





## Planning applications submitted within the Parish since August 2025

**Application CB/25/02490//PAES**Submitted 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

73 Markyate Road, Slip End. LU1 4BU

Prior approval for an enlargement of a dwelling house by construction of additional storeys: addition of one floor to a maximum height of 10.37m.

**Decision:** Not Yet Decided

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## Caddington Women's Institute



Hello Readers, it's Caddington WI here with our September news update.

Well the September meeting was rather a special time for us, as we celebrated 70 years as a club. Such a marvellous achievement and of course we had to mark it with a great party.

We had lots of yummy food and cakes and of course drinks. Our President made a lovely fruit punch and also a delicious cake with a photo of all of us on the cake as a topper.

We had entertainment from David, who was a brilliant singer and got everyone involved. We also had WI members from Eaton Bray, Studham and Dunstable as guests.

Angela Viola





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Total 1	
Pepperstock Total 0 <b>0</b>	
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## Diary - If you would like your events included, please contact the Editor

#### What's going on in 2025

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

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

**October** 

Sat 11th Abba Tribute, Slip End Social Club (See page 19)

Mon 17th Gardening Club, Slip End Village Hall. Starts at 8pm

Sun 26th British Summer Time Ends

Wed 29th GNS Autumn Party, Village Hall, 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Fri 31st Childrens Halloween Party, Social Club. 3 - 5pm (See page 19)

**November** 

Sat 8th Justin Lovell, Slip End Social Club. (See page 19)Sat 8th Vanessa Jayne, Slip End Social Club. (See Page 19)

## **Parish News Online**

For those who like to read magazines on tablet / screen, Parish News can be found online at:-

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

## **Bin Collections - October**

Orange - October 10th, 24th

Black bin and Glass - October 3rd, 17th, 31st.

Food Waste bin - Every Friday Green - October 3rd, 17th, 31st.



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Aley Green Methodist Church. Minister: **Rev Nigel Bibbings** 

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