



# Parish News



**Aley Green    Pepperstock**  
**Slip End        Woodside**



**Parish Council  
Annual Report  
Inside**

**June 2019**

## Editors' Notes

This month's issue includes the Annual Report from the Parish Council (pages4-6).Please read this to find out what has been done for the benefit of our Parish.

I was pleased to be involved in the photography exhibition, which was a great success. With many events and outdoor activities to come we hope the weather will improve in time for us to enjoy them all!

We have been sent an item by some Scouts who recently took on a litter pick in the village. Coincidentally, we have also received a report about a Brownie litter pick as well.. Well done to them all! Litter is one of my pet bugbears, I can never understand why people feel the need to drop unwanted items or even throw them from cars! No wonder our litter pickers found so much around the hedgerows and roadsides. Wouldn't it be good if the litter pickers were not needed!

*Alison Wilson*

## Recent Elections and results

In the recent elections we were choosing members of both the Parish Council and the Central Bedfordshire Council.

The Parish Council had 9 candidates for the 7 positions. Six of the previous members were re-elected and one new member Trefor Hooker, from Woodside, was elected. You can find the list and contact details at the back of the magazine.

In the Central Beds elections Kevin Collins was re-elected and he is now joined by his fellow Conservative candidate, Eddie Perry. Together they represent our Parish as well as those of Caddington, Hyde, Kensworth and Studham. We were told that Eddie is a retired business owner who has lived in this area for over 40 years, including being an early resident of Claydown Way. He is keen to get involved in representing this area at Central Beds." Up to date contact information will be included in the magazine for our new Councillors. ***Thank you to all those who turned out to vote!***



## Hanging Baskets for the Parish

By the time you receive this month's Parish News our new hanging baskets and floral troughs will be in place. In a joint venture between the Parish Council and a local business and, with thanks to the hard work behind the scenes by our Parish gardener, Andy Prothero of Country Gardens, it is hoped that the Parish will look more colourful over the next few months as the plants come into bloom.

We had to select and test suitable lamp posts to ensure that they are strong enough. The kissing gates and Parish name signs will have troughs instead of baskets. The baskets are half moon in shape and can be fitted either back-to-back around the post or on their own if there is not enough room. This is a three year project to start, with Andy maintaining and watering them throughout the summer.



The photos show our actual baskets once they were planted up and waiting to be delivered and installed, and an example of how they will look when they come to full bloom.

*Sarah Minnighan*



## New Website!

After some troubles with our website we have now had a new website created by Alan Harris of New Leaf Business Solutions in Caddington. For all information relating to the Parish Council and other organisations, news and events, please check out [www.slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.slipendparishcouncil.co.uk)



## **Slip End Parish Council Annual Report 2018/2019**

At the start of the year, the developer Black Shu presented proposals for new developments at Half Moon Lane and Markyate Road. The Parish Council was approached for their feedback prior to formal planning applications being submitted. The development at Half Moon Lane for affordable housing did not move forward to a full application.

Following a public display giving residents the opportunity to comment on the proposals, a planning application for a retirement village in Markyate Road was submitted. This was rejected by Central Bedfordshire planners for several reasons. A second application has been submitted which aims to address concerns raised by residents and planners about the first application. This will be discussed at the next Central Bedfordshire Development Management Committee meeting. If permission is granted, this retirement village will provide opportunities for elderly residents to remain in the Parish and will bring much needed employment.

In addition to small building proposals, there have been two larger schemes submitted by developers through the year. Currently being considered by planners is a Care Home facility in Front Street. An affordable housing development in Woodside Road was rejected by planners. Both are within the green belt and were objected to by the Parish Council.

This year has seen the completion of developments at the old chapel on Front Street and Prebendal Farm in Grove Road. The Grove Road development is now called Farmers View.

The traffic calming project has continued to be evaluated during the year. Following a speed survey in Lower Woodside Road, it has been decided to address the speeding problem in this area. At the beginning of 2019 Parish Council successfully applied for match funding from Central Bedfordshire

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Council to half fund this project. We are awaiting formal plans for a speed table to be installed in the vicinity of the former Harrow public house.

Following the review of the traffic calming project, the Parish Council has concluded that there is no need for further measures at this time. There is a residual sum of money in the traffic calming reserve and it was decided that this will become a Community Improvement Fund to enable projects improving the facilities and appearance of the Parish, as well as any future traffic calming. In addition to the traffic calming in Woodside Road, there are two other projects which the Council has approved using this fund.

There will be hanging baskets sited on selected lamp posts and at the entrances to the Parish. These will be supplied and planted by an outside contractor and maintained by our gardening contractor. Local business, Bell Classics, has kindly agreed to meet half of the cost of these for two years. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for their kind support and is sure these will provide a beautiful splash of colour through the summer months.

At Crawley Playground, many pieces of equipment have been removed over the years due to becoming dangerous and the remaining pieces have come to the end of their life. Cllr. Minnighan and Mr. Prothero have investigated the types of play equipment available and have visited the SALTEX trade exhibition. Four contractors were asked to submit plans and costings to refurbish the playground and their proposals were discussed at the April Parish Council meeting. It was decided the suppliers Kompan would complete the refurbishment and this has now been instructed. Work to the trees and undergrowth has already been undertaken and the full refurbishment is envisaged to be completed in time for the school summer holidays. This will provide the Parish with an excellent state-of-the-art playground.

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Other areas the Parish Council has supported this year include funding for a security bar fitted at the gates to the Playing Fields. This will help to stop any potential invasion of caravans. The Slip End website has been subject to several hacking activities during the year and the Parish Council has now commissioned its own website. You can find minutes of meetings, information on your councillors and many other pieces of information at [www.slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.slipendparishcouncil.co.uk).

The churchyard at St. Andrew's Church is the responsibility of the Parish Council and several of the trees were becoming overgrown. Some of these were at risk of damaging the Church building, some were in danger of falling or breaking in high winds and others were making the churchyard dark and gloomy creating hazards for the public. After permission was obtained from the Diocese, work to rectify the problems was completed earlier this year.

The gritter, owned jointly by Caddington and Slip End Parish Councils, has been replaced this year and we continue to provide gritting on roads not covered by Central Bedfordshire Council during the worst weather.

The Parish Council continues to fund the Community Projects Group which provides support to many groups and associations within the Parish as well as running the Good Neighbour Scheme. We part fund the Parish News enabling it to be delivered free of charge to every home.

The budget was maintained this year and we would like to thank the Clerk and Cllr Brennan for keeping us on track. I would also like to thank the Ward Councillors, Kevin Collins and Richard Stay for their support over the past year. A special thank you goes to my fellow Councillors for all their support and advice throughout the year.

*Paul Cooper,*

*Chair, Slip End Parish Council*



## Community Projects Group



**The Annual General Meeting of the Community Projects Group took place in The Social Club on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

The main items of business included the Election of Officers and a Committee which remained unaltered. Simon Patterson, Chair, Sarah Minnighan, Secretary and Keith Holme, Treasurer with Carol Beeton Rosemary Wickens and Andy Prothero as committee members.

The meeting heard presentations from representatives of FoSELS and The Football Club in support of their grant applications.

The Treasurer gave a Financial Report for the period March 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Closing balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was £13,381.98 consisting of £7,491.10 in the General Fund of which £5,000.00 is allocated to the Crawley Playground Refurbishment project, £200.00 in the Benevolent Fund, £5,386.88 held on behalf of the Village Day Committee and £300.00 in the Restricted Central Bedfordshire Council fund. It was agreed to transfer the Benevolent Fund to the GNS which has closer contact with those who might benefit. The Accounts were approved unanimously.

Grants totalling £9253.30 were approved to :

FoSELS - Good Neighbour Scheme-Parish News-SEADA-Bowls Club -Slip End Friendship Club- 1<sup>st</sup> Woodside Brownies -Slip End United Football Club- Slip End Playing Field and Slip End Village Hall.

Consideration of an application from Chiltern Flyers was postponed until further quotations for the proposed work were available.

Full copies of the minutes are available on request to the Secretary.



**Be sure to have Village Day in your diary. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 11 until 4 at the Playing Fields in Church Road.**

It is a good chance for us all to get together, enjoy the good selection of stalls from local groups, charities and small businesses, take advantage of the bar, BBQ, tea and cakes and of course the ice cream van.

Among this year's attractions are the steam train, archery, Talking Talons small animal display, and a bungee run to enjoy whatever your age !

In the arena are the Bounce trampoline ladies, Rock Choir, Irish dancers and Punch and Judy.

It is not too late to book a stall for yourself or for a group or club to fundraise, please do give us a call on one of the numbers below or email us.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in June in the local pubs and club and on the day. Prizes include Go Karting, afternoon tea, animal farm entries, meal vouchers, wine hampers and many more so be sure to get your tickets. The draw will take place at Village Day.

So come for the day – for lunch, for afternoon tea and more besides.

If you can spare an hour or two or more to help us on the day, please get in touch with Jill on 0795 858 7595 or Tracey on 0781 000 2942 or alternatively email to [slipendvillageday@yahoo.com](mailto:slipendvillageday@yahoo.com) Thank you.

**VILLAGE DAY SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
FROM 11 TO 4**

## **GARENING CLUB**

**Monday 15th July**

**Guest Speaker**

**Michael Brown - "The Language of Flowers"**

**8pm Village Hall**

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



## GARDENING CLUB from PN Gardening Correspondent

Report and pictures of the Village Plant Sale on 18 May next month.

The latest garden visits were to Aston Clinton and Clapham. There were two “cottage” gardens open at Aston Clinton, one well established and the other having recently undergone a radical redesign by its new owner, shared a basis of seasonal interest underpinned by evergreens and perennial planting. At The Lantern Cottage, spring hellebores and an abundance of tulips gave way to an early summer display of roses, peonies, bearded iris, alliums and climbers including various clematis, wisteria and akebia. There was a wide selection of salvias and herbaceous perennials, mostly raised from seed and cuttings. Pelargoniums provided year-round colour in the conservatory, and the greenhouse was always full! At 101, Green End St. the new owner took up residence in autumn 2015, quickly establishing raised beds for vegetable production, a number of fruit trees and a variety of soft fruits. There was also a wildlife pond, an arbour overlooking the Victorian greenhouse, plus herbaceous borders, ornamental grasses and varied container planting.

“THE SECRET GARDEN” in Clapham just north of Bedford was quite a small garden, set both at the front and rear of a bungalow where there were large spans of scree, large stones with planting into the scree. It was certainly a garden for alpine lovers with a wide collection of alpines set both within the scree and also with rare varieties for sale to be found in a greenhouse and cold frame. Additionally the garden was given height with acers, rhododendrons, conifers, pines, hellebores and epimediums. There were two small borders of salvias, lavenders and potentillas. Although quite small it was fascinating to see just how interesting and calming a small space can be made with the advantage of “no weeding to be done”.

Future garden visits are given below.

Sun. 9 Jun. Pirton Village (16 Gdns) Hitchin

Sat. 15 Jun. Woburn Village (12 Gardens)

Sun. 14 Jul. NGS 102 Cambridge Rd St Albans

Sun. 21 Jul. NGS 11 Culver Road St Albans



*PN Gardening Correspondent*

## Photography Group

The members of the Photography Group have been busy since the last report. I showed pictures and gave out tips on the subject of Lowlight and night photography, having attended a recent practical course on the subject in London.

April's project was food. There were a number of photos taken at markets, including several at Borough Market in Southwark – a place which is a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach! By the end of the session, also including photos of mouthwatering plates of food, our tummies were definitely rumbling!

Our AGM was held in April. The general consensus is that we need the Club to continue in the tradition started by our founder Norman Homewood, as a tribute to him. This means meeting with like minded people who enjoy photography and like to take pictures of whatever interests them and show them to others without the need for judgements or competition. A little constructive advice is useful but we all have our own reasons for taking photos! The committee now has a few extra members (who have contributed to the programme recently). It is hoped that this will allow us to continue to improve our programme of activities.

At the end of April we held our annual exhibition. There were 218 photographs on show (Ivan counted them!) and at least 14 of our members contributed to the show, unfortunately a few were unable to join us this year (nor was everyone in the hall when we took a group photo). A board featured a tribute to Norman with photos of and by him. As the Caddington Art Club could not make it, a number of family and friends contributed their artwork to the exhibition. (Debbie Prothero, Heather Tew, Emma Burrows, Michael Pinkney and Alison Wilson) Members supplied cakes and a stalwart band of helpers made tea, sold the refreshments and washed up cups! Thank you to them!

This year we asked our visitors to choose their favourite picture from a selection of single photos submitted by each member rather than attempting to choose a favourite from the whole display. It was a varied collection and people had different favourites according to the kind of pictures they enjoy. We had a winner and runner up. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Martin Peck with his lovely picture of mushrooms growing in a wood. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Adam Newell and his beautiful close up shot of a bird from last year's "Birds of Prey" day out.

By the time this item appears in the magazine, we should have shown pictures on the subject of "shoes", visited the Bluebells at Ashridge (weather permitting) and had a practical evening on Portraits (with a volunteer model).

Future dates include projects and/or possible outings on 4<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July (details to be arranged). Andy Sands is our speaker on 18<sup>th</sup> June and we hope to have one of our members bringing his Field Mice along on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

For more information contact Andy Prothero at [countrygardensAP@outlook.com](mailto:countrygardensAP@outlook.com)

*Alison Wilson*



Martin



Part of the Tribute to Norman

Adam



Our new Chairman, Linda van Geene, prepares to sell cakes



## SCOUT'S CARRY OUT COMMUNITY SERVICE

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 3 Scouts and 1 Beaver went litter picking as we were working towards our Community Service badge. For this badge we had to carry out 6 hours of community service and this was the last challenge we had to complete. We had already given 3 hours at a community Tea Party a few weeks ago.

We contacted the Parish Council and they asked us to collect litter from Church Road and the bridleway from Church Road up to Harper's. We thought it would take 2-3 hours to do everything but it took 3 hours to just do Church Road; we didn't even get time to start on the bridleway!!!

The litter down Church Road was disgraceful and we really need to start putting our rubbish in the bin! After we finished litter picking, we had 2 bin-bags full of rubbish and 1 of recycling – mostly cans and glass. It was really SMELLY too! The most common things we found were cigarette butts - it was horrible to think how many people smoke in our village. They were in: plant pots, on the road, on benches, on the pavement and on people's doorsteps! Some of the worst things we found were: used nappies, old clothes, deodorant cans, broken glass and dog poo – RIGHT NEXT TO THE DOG POO BIN!!! (We DID NOT pick up dog poo.)

Afterwards, Church Road did look much better but, disappointingly, there were some new bits of rubbish there 24 hours later. More community service needs to be done in the village.; not just by the Scouts but by anyone who has a few hours to spare. Or even better DON'T DROP LITTER IN THE VILLAGE. How long would it take to do all of Slip End? Think of the environment. Will you help to make your village a better place?

*Written by Elizabeth Kemble, Joel Grimes, Owen Clarke and Lyra Clarke*



## Gardening Notes

We haven't had such a wet spring as last year but the high winds haven't been very pleasant and have caused some damage to fences and greenhouses in particular, let's hope we don't get any more during the summer!

Any early herbaceous plants that are starting to fade, cut back to approximately three inches, this will encourage a fresh crop of foliage and possibly a second flowering. Dahlias and chrysanthemums can either be stopped (pinching out the top bud) to produce bushy growth, or dis-budded (pinching out the side buds) if large showy blooms are required. This should be done by the middle of the month for best results, again a good mulch around the roots will prevent plants drying out. Syringe Sweet Peas with a mist-like spray of water in dry weather.

Border carnations and pinks will require support to stop them looking unruly. Early in the month cut the grassy leaves off irises near to the soil level as the rhizomes need to be baked by the sun to produce good flowers. Primroses and primulas can be dug up and divided after a shower and replanted straight away this month to produce a good display next year. If left in large clumps the flowers will be small and of poor quality.

Hoe around rose bushes and remove any suckers from the root stock and mulch to preserve moisture. If you require long stem roses for cutting, then remove the side buds by pinching them out when small and leave the top bud, this will produce a bigger and better quality bloom. If you have alpines, continue weeding and hoeing. Trim dead flowers from aubrietias and saxifrages to prevent seeding, and clip other plants to keep them tidy. Water plants in dry weather, preferably using a fine mist in the evening.

Wallflowers and sweet Williams can be sown in their flowering positions at the end of the month for flowering in the spring. If fruit trees such as apple and pear are loaded with fruit, thinning out will improve the size of the fruit, but do this in stages as some fruit will limit the crops they carry naturally by dropping some of the fruit. Strawberries will produce runners this month so if you wish to increase your stock or replace any old unproductive plants stake the runner in the ground until it roots. This can be done simply by placing a stone over the runner, unwanted runners should be removed.

The weather this month is usually hot and little rain, so to prevent the lawn from drying out too much lift the mower blades and leave the box off when mowing as the clippings will help to retain moisture (but don't use lawn mowings if you have treated the lawn with a weedkiller). When the ground is soft after a shower spike the lawn so that moisture can penetrate down to the roots and keep the lawn looking green.

Carry on planting seeds for a succession of crops such as lettuce, radish, carrots and beetroot and pick when young for best flavour. Continue digging new potatoes, as the ground becomes vacant this can be used for leeks. Plant out Brussels sprouts, winter cabbages, purple and white sprouting in their final positions this month. Marrows and tomatoes are safe to be planted outside now. Towards the end of the month leeks can be planted six inches apart in rows twelve inches apart by making a hole with a dibber and drop the plant in, water in with a can to wash the soil around the roots, do not fill the hole with soil and do not firm in as this will impede growth. If you have fruit trees watch out for pests and thin fruits if crop is heavy, allowing for natural dropping.

That's all for now, so until next month, happy gardening.

*Russell Sprout*

## Slip End Community Allotments

'Ever fancied trying your hand running an allotment?

Can't manage a whole allotment, but would like just a small plot?

Would like to pass your knowledge to the next generation?

The Community Projects Group has taken over two vacant plots (2 x 10 pole each) and cleared the ground ready for you to try your hand. Working of the plots can be shared amongst interested residents who might like to work alone or together to create a community allotment.

There are also vacant 10 pole plots cleared and available.

If you want to find out more contact Cllr Simon Patterson on 01582 419 487 or [smp1511@sky.com](mailto:smp1511@sky.com)

## NEWS!!! CHANGES TO THE RISING SUN

An announcement was recently posted on the Slip End Parish Community Facebook page. This is a summary of the information provided.

*Farr Brew (a brewery in Wheathampstead) will be taking over The Rising Sun from mid May. They state that they will be shutting for a while and then re-opening late May.*

*What we offer will be changing quite considerably... focusing on excellent quality food and their own real ale. They plan a range of wines and great local gins. They already have a pub in Wheathampstead called The Reading Rooms, where they are trying to ensure they provide what locals want from a community hub.*

**Parish News is hoping to find out more in time for the next issue in July. In the meantime—keep a lookout for signs about re-opening.**

## Aley Green Methodist Church

### Services and Diary Dates

#### June

#### **Sunday 2nd**

10.30am Morning Service ~ Roger Owers

10.30am Sunday School Communion

#### **Sunday 9th**

10.30am Morning Service ~ Martin Wallis

10.30am Sunday School

#### **Tuesday 11th**

10.00am ~ 12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am ~ 11.00am Little Lambs

#### **Saturday 15th**

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

#### **Sunday 16th**

10.30am Morning Service ~

Local Arrangement

10.30am Sunday School

#### **Monday 17th**

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship  
led by Jo Prowse

#### **Sunday 23rd** Circuit Celebration & Picnic

11.00am Dunstable Downs

No service at Aley Green

#### **Wednesday 26th**

7.30pm Coffee Evening ~ in aid of  
Methodist Homes for the Aged

#### **Sunday 30th**

9.30am Morning Service with  
Communion Rev Nigel Bibbings

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Our April Coffee Evening raised £86.80 for Mission Direct, whose vision is to demonstrate Christian faith through service to the materially poor and most vulnerable around the world. They are a small UK Christian charity, established in 1997 and based in Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Our Lent Cash Sacks for Water Aid raised £187.17. The late Jill Rumney, our friend and supporter, made the 'sacks' for us and I'm sure we will think of her each time we use them. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

A forward date for your diary ~ Tuesday 30th July at 3pm, come along to Aley Green

for 'Talk & Tea' our minister Rev Nigel will be telling us about his sabbatical, including his visit to work at a hospital in West Bengal India. Tickets will be £5 and I'm sure we will all enjoy Nigel's talk and the full "Team AG" afternoon tea to follow. (let Ann 733668 or Lorna 412556 know if you would like to reserve a ticket) All profits will go to the Mission Hospital Sarenga, West Bengal.

This month we have our Cakes & Company and Little Lambs on the usual second Tuesday ~ 11th June from 10am. Do come along and join us. The Little Lambs have a lovely time with craft, stories and singing followed by playtime, while mums, nanas and carers enjoy coffee time. There is no charge for the Little Lambs Club and guaranteed fun!

The Coffee Evening for June will be raising funds for Methodist Homes for the Aged.

MHA is a charity providing care, accommodation and support services for more than 18,000 older people across the UK. Their mission is to improve the quality of life of older people, inspired by Christian concern. We have a lovely MHA in Hitchin where they offer residential and dementia care for some 60+ people.

The rescheduled 'Take Time' will be held on 5th July Reverend Jenny Spouge will be telling us all about the Sizanani Home, in South Africa. They care for 66 children and young people aged 4-34. many have severe to profound disabilities and require 24 hour care. Do join us, there will be a retiring offering for the charity followed by refreshments.

Look out for us at the Slip End Village Day on Saturday 6th July from 11am. We will have our full range of Jams, Jellies, Chutneys and Marmalades for sale.

Many thanks for those of you who have donated sugar and jam jars. In two weeks we used 50lb of sugar, replenishing our 'stock'.

Yours in Christ,

*Ann Meader Senior Steward*

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## Dates for St Andrew's Church - June

June 2nd: 10.30am: Informal Communion – Jesus Prayer

June 9<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise - Pentecost

June 16<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Holy Communion – Trinity Sunday

June 18<sup>th</sup>: 11am: Woodside Care Home Service

June 23<sup>rd</sup> : 10.30am: Morning Praise – Healing of the Mind

June 30<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am: Morning Praise with Baptism – The cost of following Jesus

### Little Stars for June

Every Wednesday parents, babies and preschool children gather in the family room at St. Andrew's for chat, a story, crafts and songs – all based round a simple Bible story or theme. All are welcome and we are very relaxed about timing if the morning doesn't pan out quite as expected. If you are new to the village or new to motherhood do come along, you will receive a warm welcome. We serve refreshments from 10am and the session starts at 10.30am.

In June we will meet on the following Wednesdays:

5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

## A message from St Andrew's

"Our Father in Heaven" ... so begins the Lord's Prayer probably the most widely known and most popular Christian prayer. It is surprising how many people who are not regular church attenders still know it by heart. Or at least can make a good stab at it. My experience is that the hardest part is knowing whether to use the modern version or the more traditional language of thy's, thee's and thou's.

From Ascension on 30<sup>th</sup> May to Pentecost on 9<sup>th</sup> June we will be focusing on another phrase in the Lord's Prayer and that is "Thy Kingdom Come". Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement involving churches from over 65 different denominations in 114 countries around the world. It is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- \* Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- \* Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- \* Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.

*As Archbishop Justin Welby says, "In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."*

We will be holding a number of prayer meetings at St Andrew's please see the website or our facebook page for more information if you'd like to join us. Or pray at home knowing that you are part of a community of millions of Christians praying "Thy Kingdom Come".

*Julie Taylor*

*Reader-in-  
Training*

*St Andrew's*



## Slip End Book Club

A small group of regular members met at the Frog and Rhubarb in April to talk about the latest book we had read. Some people find it hard to find time to read, we are all busy people! April's book was good as it could be read in sections without losing track. We have just read a collection of short stories by Tom Hanks—the actor. “Uncommon Type” has a small theme linking the stories. Each one features a typewriter somewhere in the narrative. There are a few other links between some of the stories as well. It was a very different style of book as a choice but we enjoyed reading it. May's book was “Dear Mrs Bird” by AJ Pearce.

We had a copy of a “Book Club Quiz” created by the charity “School Readers”. The aim was to get book clubs to run a quiz evening to raise funds. Due to numbers, this was not practical but we did get together and attempt to answer the questions which were about a wide ranging type of books and authors (for adults and children). We were pleased to find that between us, we were able to answer nearly all of them! For example, we had to link the real and pen-names for authors like Robert Galbraith and Lewis Carroll! (Do you know their real names?)

If you like to read and would enjoy joining with others to choose and read something different occasionally, we meet at the pub at 8:30pm usually on the last Tuesday of the month, though this varies at times due to school holidays etc. We are not all available every time but try to read the books anyway, if possible.

Books for the next few months are as follows:

25th June Sally Rooney “Normal People” (*This book was mentioned in one of the quiz questions which inspired us to try it!*)

30th July Wendy Mitchell “Somebody I used to know”

27th August Heather Morris “The Tattooist of Auschwitz”

If you want to find out more then look for our group on Facebook or come along on one of these dates.

*Alison Wilson*

# IT IS FINALLY HAPPENING

## The Crawley Playground is getting a make over!

It's been a 6 month project so far but finally the Parish Council has instructed Kompan to go ahead with the complete redesign of the playground.

Works should start in June and the new and vastly improved playground will hopefully be unveiled in July.

The playground will obviously be closed off for the duration of the works but, once we have a launch date, we will let everyone know.



## Quiz Night Report from Katrina Doubleday

The Oracle quiz night held on Friday 29th March at the Slip End Social Club was very well attended and a great success. The quizzers were keen and enthusiastic which created a great atmosphere.

A delicious and plentiful buffet prepared by Lainy was served at half time which was enjoyed by all. The popular "Full or empty" bottle game was also played in the interval.

Jim and Tonics were the winners, and all of the scores were very close.

The raffle was drawn at the end of the evening, making the fantastic total to £1044 raised. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the quiz, and also everyone who donated bottles and raffle prizes.

Alister did an excellent job of reading the questions, keeping score and keeping control of everyone! Many thanks to him too.

The support from everyone is greatly appreciated.

*Katrina and Phil*

*(Here are a few of the many photos taken)*



## Line Dancing News AN UPDATE!

We have managed to find an alternative hall for our weekly session of line-dancing, so are pleased to report that, with thanks to the Caddington Club, the dancing has been able to continue.



Jean Anderson (on the left) will be running the classes, with help from Val Reeves (right).

They will start at 10am with a break at 11 for tea and biscuits every Wednesday in the Function Hall.



We are a friendly bunch so if you would like to join us please do come along. Its good exercise to help keep you fit and good exercise for your memory. It is also cheaper than a gym—at only £5 inclusive weekly.

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## British Lung Foundation



Thank you to all who attended the COPD Day in aid of Allan's Breath of Life Fund for the British Lung Foundation.

The BLF was extremely grateful, as am I, and I am still collecting generous amounts from friends who could not make the day which will be added to the fund.

*By Sue Briggs*

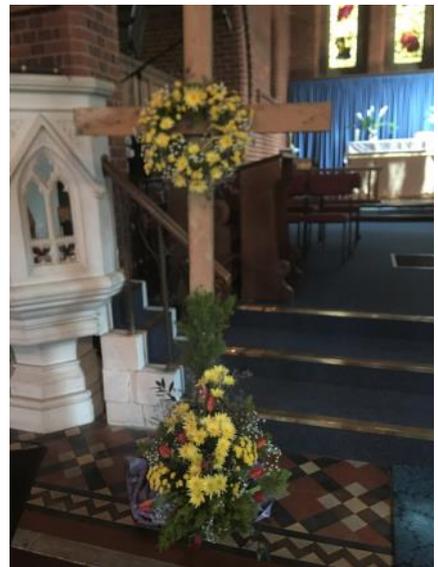


We made an amazing £520 on the day, plus £30 (from St Andrew's Church for leftover cakes), plus £70 online donations to the fund. It was great to see so many friends and family attend.

*St Andrew's Church Easter Flowers  
(photographed by Sue Briggs)*



**Helpers on the day**



## May Parish Council Meetings Update

Three meetings of the Parish Council took place on 13th May in the Village Hall. Two of these were to establish the new Council following the recent election and to confirm that the Council operated within fully approved legal regulations. Paul Cooper was re-elected Chair and Sarah Minnighan Deputy Chair.

The Annual Report was presented. (copy on pages 4-6 of this issue)

The normal monthly meeting followed with Cllr Cooper in the Chair. He welcomed Trefor Hooker to the Council following his recent election success. He also welcomed the new Member of the Central Bedfordshire Council, Eddie Perry.

There were few planning matters before the Council other than to confirm that the Care Home plan for Markyate Road was progressing. The plan for homes in the caravan store in Half Moon Lane was on hold. The Council had previously entered objections to the proposed development on Front St. adjoining Pepperstock. The Playground is covered elsewhere in this Magazine, as is the CPG AGM.

The new web site is running and the full list of dedicated e-mail addresses for the Parish Councillors will be available for the July edition of Parish News. The next meeting is on June 3rd at 7pm in the Village Hall.

## 1st Woodside Brownies - Litter Picking

On Wednesday 15th May the Brownies went on a litter pick around the village. They were all clad in Hi-viz jackets and carrying grabbers and carrier bags. Most of the litter was in hedgerows. This was part of their Zero Waste Badge, where they had to talk about what rubbish can be recycled and made into other things.

Our thanks go to Andy Prothero and Michael Plummer for their help.

*Wise Owl.*



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It was our Annual Meeting this month and I stood in as President as Sue Martin was unable to attend. Rita Weber took the minutes as Valerie was away. Joanne and Rita helped me through the evening, so thanks to them. We dealt with our own business first. A County Officer, Ruth Gill, was meant to attend to help us through our Meeting but she was unavailable, so on we went on our own! It was very important to have more committee members to save us having to suspend our WI... "Shock and Horror"! The members rallied round and we have three new people. Joanne Sherwood and I were 'voted' on as Dual Presidents with Jenny Stewart - Treasurer and Joanne Sherwood - Secretary and Valerie Dallinger - Minutes Secretary. Lou Cobb and Valerie Bartlett will also join us. I have asked our members to help on the nights with the other duties, which they have agreed to do. Welcome aboard ladies.

Our competition was an Animal Magnet which was won by Rita Weber, second Joanne Sherwood and Val Purton third.

Our Annual Presentation of the Rose Bowl was won by Joanne Sherwood with Valerie Dallinger second and Carol Jones third. Each received vouchers for their effort. Well done.

For St. Georges Day, our ladies helped with refreshments at the event at the Heathfield Centre. It was a good entertaining afternoon. A big thanks goes to all the ladies who made cakes and for their help on the day. Thanks also goes to all the stall holders, plus Dennis for bringing along his first love - his old motorbikes!

Joanne Sherwood attended a Resolution Meeting together with an Annual Meeting. Christine Walken was the speaker who was very good. Joanne will be attending the NFWI AGM in Bournemouth this year as our delegate.

We were each given a Dahlia bulb to celebrate our Centenary Year.

Our darts team has moved venue to The Chequers in Caddington. If you are interested in playing please contact Lou Cobb on 01582 483452 for dates and times of practices.

In June we have "Investing in a Fairer World" with Sally Seddon and the competition will be "An Unusual Tin".

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Baptist Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. Look forward to seeing you. New members and visitors are always made very welcome..

*Linda Edwards*

## Baptism at St Andrew's

On 12th May, baby Louis George Lomax was baptised at St Andrew's with many of his family and friends present to share in the wonderful occasion.

He was dressed in a beautiful Christening dress which sister Lucy had also worn at her Baptism. The family shared a delicious cream cake

with the congregation before returning to Caddington to celebrate with all their family and friends.



Above—Louis with Rev Cathy Pullinger Left—Louis with mum Carly, dad Danny & sister Lucy



Below— Easter Lilies at St Andrew's



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### Luton Hoo Walled Garden Update

The Luton Hoo Estate will take part in LEAF Open Farm Sunday, the farming industry's national open day, on Sunday June 9th from 1100-1500. Entry is free and light refreshments will be available to purchase at the Woodyard Coffee Shop, there are also free children's activities.

Our Open Wednesdays started at the beginning of May - rhododendrons are a speciality early in the season as they line the path of the woodland pathway through the Capability Brown designed Flower Garden Wood to the Cafe. See if you can spot the fairy doors.

All the usual attractions are available: the back sheds including the head gardeners' office, labourers' mess and the potting shed with the World War II graffiti can be viewed (the Land Army was trained here). There is an exhibition of the garden in the 20th Century in the Foreman's Mess. Have a chat with our volunteer gardeners and conservationists who will be out in full strength on Wednesdays. Produce and plants from the garden can be purchased as well as Luton Hoo honey. The garden revival is still ongoing and our guides will explain how the project began and the interesting history of the garden. See our progress in the twelve years since the garden was first re-cultivated.

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## June

- Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tus 4th Caddington WI - Speaker Baptist Church Hall , Caddington 7:30pm  
Tue 18th Photography Group—Talk-Andy Sands Heathfield Centre 7:30pm  
Tues 25th Book Club Frog and Rhubarb 8:30pm

## July

- Mon 1st Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 2nd Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Sat 6th VILLAGE DAY 2019 11am — 4pm  
Mon 15th Gardening Club Speaker Village Hall 8pm  
Tues 16th Photography Group Practical Session—Field Mice (Playing Fields—TBC)

## August

No Parish Council Meeting this month

- Tues 6th Caddington WI Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Tues 20th Photography Group—Outing (Details TBC)  
Tues 27th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8:30pm  
Sat 31st Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church 10-12

## September

- Mon 2nd** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
**Mon 16th** Gardening Club Speaker Village Hall 8pm  
**Fri 27th** Harvest Supper Village Hall 7 for 7:30pm  
**Sat 28th** Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church 10-12

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