

#### **Editors' Notes**

Welcome to the September edition of the Parish News.

What a terrible summer it's been, even the weather presenters appeared to be fed up with telling us there was rain, rain and, for a change, more rain on the way. We can but hope for a late summer, or at least a few weeks of sunshine!

July's Village Day was a big hit, even with a couple of downpours, the day was an enjoyable, fun filled afternoon. Personally, the Mascot Race was a highlight for me, which was very well received and definitely not something you see everyday.

A massive thank you for everyone involved in organising the day, I know a lot of work goes into making this happen each year and it is truly appreciated by the community.

On 11th August, local resident Dot Reid celebrated her 100th birthday, see page 11 for an article by Sue Briggs, a big, although belated, happy birthday from all of us at the Parish News, Dot.

On page 22, Amelia England gives us an update on Swim Slip End, including results of the survey featured in the July edition of the Parish News.

A few clubs starting up again this month, Brownies returns on 13th September and Carpet Bowls commences on 5th September, both based at the Village Hall. I must admit that I'm quite tempted to give bowls a go myself, even though I've never tried it before, it does sound quite good fun.

On 18th August, the Frog and Rhubarb sadly closed it's doors for the final time. I'm sure we all have memories (some a little hazy maybe) of the pub, whether it be meals with family, live music, darts nights, or just a few drinks with friends. A big thank you to Paul Cooper for all he has done at the Frog and we wish him well with his new venture. Cheers!

#### **Matt's Musing**

Sometimes I think that I'm the only true optimist left in the world. Then I realise how pessimistic that sounds.....



Village day dawned on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July when our brilliant volunteers turned up at 7am to erect the marquee and gazebos, direct the stallholders to their spots and set up tables, chairs and all the other things necessary for the success of the day.

There were various stalls, games and activities including the, very popular Zorb Balls, steam train and archery. Teaching Talons again brought us some of their wonderful animals to observe and hold.

We enjoyed the arena entertainment. **BATS dog agility** and **Shinra Martial Arts** braved the arena even when it rained. **Platinum Wellness** showed their skills over by the DJ gazebo and, due to the rain just as they were due to start, the **Slip End school choir** sang for us in the hall . A big thank you to **Wild Events** for providing the music all day.

The final arena event was the **Mascot Race** – what fun that was! Congratulations to all the contestants and especially to the winner – Unicorn . Hopefully he'll be back to defend his title next year.

The weather did keep some people away, although we only had the one lot of rain, it was a real downpour!! We are sorry that some stallholders did suffer when their gazebos were not as waterproof as expected. The main raffle and Red Bull raffle were well supplied with some excellent prizes from lots of local businesses and friends - many thanks to all of them.

The BBQ provided lunch and, in the hall, were teas, coffees and home-made cakes for afternoon tea. Thank you to **Wayne**, **Hugo**, **Dave** and **Peter** for cooking all day, and Debbie and her helpers for the teas and cakes. Thanks also to **The Rising Sun** and **Slip End Social Club** for organizing and manning the bar.

None of this would be possible without the volunteers who worked super- hard before, during and after the event. You are all stars. Thank you!!! We would also like to thank **Adam Moss** for designing and printing the banner, posters and flyers!

It was great to see so many villagers coming together for the event. We hope you enjoyed the day and will look out for details of **the Christmas Light Switch On and the Christmas Market** which are now in planning for the end of November.



#### **Hanging Baskets**

This year's hanging baskets and troughs were installed overnight on the 19th June by Plantscape, our approved contractor. They maintain and water all the units for us for the duration of the planting – we're hoping they will really flourish this year. The PC has been approached in past years by other councils to enquire as to the contractor, they prove to be very popular, and parish looks great because of them.

#### **Planning**

CB/23/01235/FULL – 1a The Orchard, Slip End, Luton, LU1 4HL Erection of a new 2 bedroom dwelling.

Provision of 2 new parking spaces in covered car port with separate access to garden and bin storage.

This revised application was discussed by members, and representation was made on behalf of residents. Council members understood there are several objections and after a discussion it was agreed to object.

#### **Flooding**

Cllr Minnighan is in receipt of the free flood kit equipment provided by Central Bedfordshire Council. This equipment will now be stored safely and maintained by the Parish Council which members agreed to do at a previous meeting. Thanks to Cllr Malone for making us aware of this kit. We're all hoping there won't be any need to use it.

#### **August Break**

Council never meets during August, so we get to relax and breathe a little – sort of! Meetings start again on Monday 4th September.

#### Village Day

On behalf of the council and I'm sure the residents I would like to thank the Village Day Committee - Jill & Tracey Acton, Hugo Neale and Wayne Kett, and to thank Jenny our Social Club Steward, Laura from The Rising Sun, and all the volunteers who helped at this year's village day – what a success! The planning paid off, thank you for your time, efforts, and input, it's such a great community event.

#### **Good Neighbour Scheme Soup & A Sandwich**

Council understands the soup and a sandwich initiative at the Rising Sun has ended for the summer and they are looking to secure funding to be able to reopen again in October. The council would like to thank the volunteers for their time and dedication to this project, I know the attendees were sad to see it come to an end for the summer. Our thanks to Carol, Lyn, Nikki, Lorraine and Mary and thanks to St Andrews Church members who support these ladies.

- Cllr Sarah Minnighan - Chairman



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#### **A BIG Thank You**

Many thanks to all who visited my Tombola stall in the Church Gardens on Village Day.

We were able to collect £200 (with some last minute donations) for the Asthma & Lung UK in memory of Allan Briggs, for which they were extremely grateful. - **Sue Briggs** 





# Young Person's Sanctuary: Supporting young people's mental health across Luton

As a fellow resident of Slip End, I am hoping to spread the word about a new drop-in service for young people who are experiencing mental health struggles or self-defined crisis. I work with a charity called Mind BLMK, who offer a variety of mental health and wellbeing support services across the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes area.

Mind BLMK's Young Person's Sanctuary is a new service for 14–17-year-olds, open from 4-10pm, 365-days a year. We are located at ResoLUTiONs Youth Hub, 89 Castle Street, LU1 3AJ (opposite Matalan) – approx. 7 minutes' drive from Slip End village.

Young people are welcome to drop in after school, at weekends, or during school holidays. We hope to help bridge the gap between the support offered in schools and the clinical support offered by CAMHS. Young people do not have to be under CAMHS or have any formal diagnosis to access the Young Person's Sanctuary – anyone aged 14-17 can drop in for a 1-to-1, holistic and personcentred intervention.

We understand that it is not always easy to know where to turn in moments of crisis or distress, and waiting for an appointment to come around can be difficult. At the Young Person's Sanctuary, there is always someone here to listen, so there is no need to book an appointment. We can provide a calm, relaxed and nonjudgmental space for young people to talk openly, and explore the ways in which we can help. We can also provide information about other services/resources that are available locally, and provide support with accessing these.

For those living outside the Luton area, Mind BLMK also have Young Person's Sanctuaries in Leighton Buzzard, Houghton Regis, and Bedford, as well as a wide variety of other services that can be found on the website:

www.mind-blmk.org.uk.

To find out more, please contact YPS@mind-blmk.org.uk

- Juliet Llewellyn-West, Youth Mental Health Worker



## **GARDENING CLUB**

It has been a busy couple of months for the Club. We had a Garden Party at 86 Front Street in mid June which included plant sales, refreshments and a raffle which raised £168 for Club funds. Thank you to those who supported the event also to Steve and Rosemary Wickens for hosting it.

The speaker at the June meeting at the Village Hall was Keith Winter from Caddington Gardening Club. He gave an interesting and amusing demonstration on Table Flower Arrangements. Three lucky members were able to take home an arrangement he had made during the evening.

There have been 4 visits to gardens/villages since last issue. Details and some photos of Greenwood House & Woburn are below with photos of St Ippolyts and Gosmore on page 10.





The first visit was to the historic, Georgian village of Woburn, which had some unusual gardens.

There was a big contrast between the very large gardens in Gosmore and far smaller gardens in St Ippolyts. Greenwood House, Welwyn was a secluded garden of ½ acre surrounding a contemporary home and backed onto a beautiful ancient woodland. The garden had mature trees providing a natural backdrop to the many shrubs and perennials which provided interest and colour.

Hart Lane, Luton, garden was a small gem, with year-round seasonal plants, mature shrubs, a relaxing water feature and different seating areas to enjoy the garden. The next garden visit is to the Celebration Garden at Ayletts Garden Centre, St Albans on Sun. 10 September. (Depart from the Village Hall Car Park at 1.30pm)

-PN Gardening Correspondent



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# St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



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Come and see.

Drop in at any time. All welcome.

Contact Julie on 413912 if transport is a problem.

There will also be a litter pick on the same morning. If you would like to join us in keeping our village tidy, you would be most welcome.





## Dot Reid celebrates her 100th Birthday at Slip End





Dot & the Chatty Club celebrate together with cake at The Rising Sun.

On Friday 11th August Dot celebrated at The Peter Edwards Hall with many friends and family present. It was a wonderful occasion for a lovely lady. Old friends were also there, and it was good to see Joyce Parker again, who used to live near Dot on Markyate Road, they could often be seen on outings together.



There was a special card from King Charles & Queen Camilla to Dot on her birthday—'My wife and I are so pleased to know you are celebrating your 100th birthday. This brings our warmest and heartfelt good wishes on such a special occasion'





Food was plentiful and delicious, well done to the family and daughter in law Sharon, who made the 100 cake for the guests present.



Dot with her lovely family, children, grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren .

By Sue Briggs

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## Message from St Andrew's

Those lovely, blessed summer days are almost behind us. The days are getting visibly shorter and there's a growing chill to the air that wasn't there before. We are sad for the end of summer but at the same time looking forward to new routines and a change. There may be mixed feelings of excitement and apprehension. But it can also be a time of personal transformation. For most people, September has something in common with January. It is a time for new beginnings.

Those in school may be starting a new year, joining new classmates, and learning new things. For parents it is a time of getting organised and back into the swing of things after summer holidays and time off. For others who are in business there may be new goals and ambitious targets to move on to.

September is great for reflection. To get clear on values and find ways to live them. If your physical health, well-being, or relationships need attention, make it a priority to find time to nurture these areas. Similarly, our spiritual health may need a review. The theme of spiritual newness shows itself in many ways in the bible.

In Lamentations 3:22-23 we read that The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. These words were penned by the prophet Jeremiah in a tragic time for him and his people the Israelites. Jerusalem had fallen to Babylon, and it was a time of deep grief and national mourning.

The verses remind us that even in the face of dire situations we can depend on God for renewal and restoration. From seasons of glorious blessing to seasons of challenge and desperation, we can count on something that is always the same. God loves us. Steadfast means firmly fixed or immovable. Nothing we have faced or will face can possibly remove us from God's love. Regardless of how often you rely on His compassion, there will be more for you tomorrow. We receive mercy and compassion not because we are faithful, but because He is faithful.

God bless,

Revd Nick Mwandia

## St. Andrew's Church - Dates for September

We are pleased to confirm that the church building continues to be open! Most aspects are back to normal but we continue to designate an area at the back of church for those wishing to socially distance, and there are Covid security measures around the sharing of bread and wine at Communion services. However if you would prefer to join the live service virtually, Nick has set up a Zoom link which is open to all. You can join by putting in the number 878 5926 2657 and the passcode 664663 to Zoom

## Services held at St Andrew's:

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am: Informal Communion – Saving and losing life

September 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am: Morning Praise

September 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am: Holy Communion

September 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm: CTC Harvest Service followed by Harvest Tea

September 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am: Family Service – Harvest Praise –

Labourers in the vineyard

We are continuing with a monthly Family Service on the last Sunday of each month. Of course all ages are welcome to every service, but the service content will be especially accessible to all generations at the Family Service.







Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday. Following the summer holidays, sessions will resume on 13<sup>th</sup> September, continuing on 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Kettle goes on at 10am - turn up whenever suits your little one's routine

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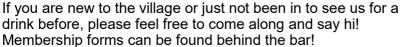
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#### Slip End Social Club

We hope you are enjoying the summer so far! Here at the Social Club we always look forward to welcoming new members!





Don't forget we have Happy Hour Monday to Friday from 4pm - 7pm on all beers and spirits from just £2.90. New this month we have on offer two additional lagers - Estrella and Kronenbourg!

We hosted the Luton Ladies Darts League Fun Day in August including a BBQ, which was a huge success! If you would like to use the club for your event or birthday, anniversary celebration please do contact us.

We have the amazing Tony Bignall performing on Saturday 23rd September from 8pm and on Saturday 28th October we have an Abba Tribute band. So add these dates to your diaries and check our Facebook page for future events and news!

If you haven't already, join our Facebook page Slip End Social Club <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089528390388">www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089528390388</a> to keep up to date with events happening throughout the year.



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## An update from Swim Slip End

Thank you to everyone who completed our community survey. Together with the parent surveys from Slip End and Caddington schools we had over 250 responses, an overwhelming response which we are really grateful for!

#### The highlights were:

- 96% of you felt that both the schools and residents would benefit from a community swimming pool
- 46% of parents and 36% of the community said they had experienced difficulties accessing swimming lessons locally
- 91% said they were either 'very likely' or 'likely' to use a community pool

#### Where are we now?

We are now an established community group called Swim Slip End with a committee and a community bank account. We'll be holding our first full committee meeting at the end of August so please get in touch on the email address below if you'd like to come along, we'd love to have more members!

The Governing Body of Slip End Village School has now approved 'Phase 1' of the project which is to repair the pool so it can be used by both schools for swimming lessons as soon as possible (hopefully by Spring 2024).

The Phase 1 work will cost nearly £19,000. We have secured £15,000 from Be Active Beds as part of the Department for Education's 'Opening School Facilities Fund' designed to open school facilities to the local community.

Phase 2 is to upgrade the pool's efficiency and capability so that it can be used by the community and phase 3 will be to create accessible changing facilities including toilets and showers.

#### **SWIMTEMBER**

During September we will be running SWIMTEMBER – a month focused on fundraising. We'll launch our Crowdfunder website where people will be able to pledge money towards the project – we'll be hoping to raise £10,000 in pledges by offering rewards for people to buy as well as holding fundraising events. If we're successful Sport England will match-fund us another £10,000.

We'll be giving pupils from both schools a challenge to complete 10 activities throughout the month which families and friends can sponsor them for.

It's a huge task but we'll give it our best shot!

#### We need your help!

Could you offer a reward for our Crowdfunder? It could be anything from:

- a physical prize or gift that people can buy
- a service you could offer such as a personal fitness session, an hour of gardening, a swimming or music lesson
- something homemade or homegrown a cake, afternoon tea, veg from your garden

Anything at all - big or small - could help so please get in touch if you have any ideas at all at <a href="https://help.go.uk">hello@swimslipend.co.uk</a> If you're on Facebook please follow us at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/swim-slip-end/">www.facebook.com/swim-slip-end/</a>

as we'll publish the Crowdfunder there first but will also have more details in the next issue.

#### Come and say "hello"

We'll have a stall at the Caddington Village Show on 9 September and the Caddington School fete on 16 September. Please come and say hello and find out more about our plans - we'll have some fun activities for the kids and hopefully some new merchandise!

- Amelia England on behalf of Swim Slip End



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# Slip End Carpet Bowls

Nothing worth watching on the television on a Tuesday evening? Then why not pop along to the Village Hall at 8pm and enjoy a game of bowls? You don't have to be an expert, it can be fun and you may enjoy it!

We start again on **5th September**. For more information contact Shirley on 01582 412506



# 1St woodside erownies

We start again on **Wednesday 13th September**. We meet at the Village Hall for 6pm - 7:30pm, you can contact Wise Owl on 01582 729109 for more information.

We shall be working on the entertainment for the MacMillan Coffee evening which will be held on Wednesday 4th October.

Look out for more information in next month's Parish News.

-Wise Owl







## **Aley Green Methodist Church**



#### **Dates for September 2023**

Sat 2nd 10am Prayer Breakfast

Sun 3rd 10:30am Harvest Service with Holy Communion, led by Rev Nigel Bibbings and Sunday School

Tues 5th Cakes and Company and Little Lambs Club

Michael Adams

Sun 17th 4pm Ecumenical Service at St Andrew's Church, Slip End (Harvest) (no morning service)

Mon 18th Ecumenical 7:30pm Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

Sun 24th 10:30am Service led by Andrea Als McClean

Wed 27th 7:30pm Coffee evening in aid of Water Aid

Sun 1st Oct 10:30am Service led by Peter Baker and Sunday School

Sat 7th Oct 10am Prayer Breakfast

Our friends from Caddington Baptist Church hold a regular coffee morning on the second Tuesday of the month. Andrew's With the St mornings (held on the last Saturday morning of each month) as well as monthly Cakes and our own coffee Company mornings and you have evenings, plenty opportunities in our villages to meet

and chat with friends over drinks and cakes!

Our choir has been busy practising for an afternoon service at the end of October (Sun 29th) where we will sing "Three Wise Camels" by Roger Jones. This will be followed by a family tea.

Sun 10th 10:30am Service led by Recently we have been raising funds for Action for Children and MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged). This included running a stall at Village Day selling preserves as well as a children's tombola.

> Do join us for any of our services or events. You will be given a warm Aley Green welcome!

God bless, from all at Aley Green





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# Gardening Notes by Russell Sprout

What an awful summer, if you can call it that! Let's hope we get an Indian Summer otherwise it is going to seem a long winter. One thing we can't control is the weather, and despite the rain, wind and cold, some things have grown well and have given a good harvest.

New growth on climbers should be tied in to stop them from getting damaged by the wind, but make ties loose enough to allow for the thickening of the stems as they develop. As annuals start to fade remove them so that spring bedding plants can be planted towards the end of the month, such as wallflowers, polyanthus, forget-me-nots and sweet williams. Bulbs such as daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and crocuses can also be planted at the same time. Keep dead-heading roses, cuttings can be taken now, about 12" long, remove all the thorns and trim top and bottom leaving just the upper pair of leaves and insert into the soil so that the lowest leaf is just above the soil, these will take about a year to root and be ready to transplant.

If you have grown large type dahlias or chrysanthemums it would be a good idea to stake them to stop the wind breaking them and if cutting for the vase do it when the blooms are well opened. If you intend to take cuttings from the root stock of chrysanthemums it is a good idea to label them whilst you can tell what colours they are, or like me you will forget and have to go for pot luck next year! Gladioli corms should be left in the ground to mature until next month, although the tops may turn brown.

Towards the end of the month alpines can be replanted and this month is a good time to make a rockery. Make sure it is free draining and will not become too wet, as the plants will rot, so make sure there is plenty of rubble as a base and finer rubble as a top layer.

Harvest soft fruit as it ripens and when they have finished fruiting cut out all the old wood and tie in the new shoots. Spring cabbages can be planted out towards the end of the month, plant close together in the rows and as they get going in the spring pull every other one out and use as leaf greens and leave the others to mature and heart up. Apples and pears can be stored if you cannot use them all right now, but make sure the stalk is attached to the fruit (otherwise they will not store well) and the fruit has no blemishes. Wrap them individually in paper and place in a cool, dark, dry place such as a shed, but watch out for mice or they will eat them before you do! Check once a week for any that need discarding or using. Remove any shading from greenhouses as the plants will require more light and the sun starts to lose it's fierce heat.

Until next month happy gardening.

-Russell Sprout





- If you were born in September, as well as Libra, which other star sign could you be?
- 2. What is different about September compared to every other calendar month?
- 3. What type of moon can you expect to see in September?
- 4. What is the birth stone of September?
- 5. How many days are there in September?
- 6. In September 1966, The Beatles won a gold record for which single?
- 7. Who directed the movie "September?
- 8. Which Green Day song features "September" in the title?
- 9. Which member of the Windsor family was born in September 1984?

## September Sudoku

2						6	9	
	5				3			
1	7				9	4		5
		3		2	5		1	8
				4				
7	2		3	8		5		
5		2	6				4	1
			5				7	
	6	7						3

Level: Medium

Fill in the numbers 1-9 exactly once in every row, column and 3x3 region making sure not to repeat any number twice.

Answers to the quiz and Sudoku can be found on page 33.



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## Caddington W. I

Our ladies had an evening trying out Tai Chi in June. Great fun was had with everyone having a go. Balance is important so when the tai chi balls came into play, there they went, rolling all over the floor, hilarious eh!



Our get-together in July was to be a summer picnic outside on the grass with picnic tables and a marquee in case of inclement weather.

Unbelievably, it poured with rain all day - panic we did not! Inside the hall we went and had a lovely time talking to each other with picnics on the tables.

did not! Inside the hall we went and had a lovely time talking to each other with picnics on the tables. It didn't phase us at all as we enjoyed a lovely evening in our summer dresses and hats.

A Games Night was for us in August. Table tennis, quoits, bean bag toss, boule, ha'penny and darts. We were split up into teams and off we went. Some of us had never played these games before so I'm sure you can imagine what happened!





It is our Birthday Meeting in September and we have invited members from our Group to join us for a Fish and Chips supper, with a dancing and singing troupe to entertain us.

Now we must settle down! A talk from Age UK is our October meeting. Should be very interesting.

If you fancy an evening out to meet new friends and enjoy activities and talks on all sorts of subjects, we are for you. We are a friendly group of ladies. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Caddington Sports and Social Club.

You are very welcome to join us.

President Carol Jones 07899 794422 Linda Edwards Treasurer 07761 340108



# **Parish Crime Statistics** June/July 2023



#### June 2023

#### Aley Green, Woodside & **Pepperstock**

None

#### Slip End

Residential Burglary - 1

Total - 1

#### Caddington

Public Fear Alarm or Distress - 5

Assault with injury – 4

Harassment - 3

Shoplifting – 2

Assault without injury - 2

Malicious Communications - 2

Theft in a Dwelling Other Auto Machine - 1

Trafficking of Drugs - 1

Theft or Unauthorised taking of a Motor

Vehicle - 1

Robbery of Business Property - 1

Burglary – Business and Community – 1

Criminal Damage to a Vehicle - 1

Total - 24

#### **July 2023**

#### Aley Green, Woodside & Pepperstock

None

#### Slip End

Public Fear Alarm or Distress - 4

Theft from a Motor Vehicle - 1

Harassment - 1

Malicious Communications - 1

Theft or Unauthorised taking of a Motor

Vehicle - 1

Other criminal damage - 1

Other theft - 1

Total - 10

#### Caddington

Assault with injury - 4

Assault without injury - 3

Theft from a Motor Vehicle - 2

Shoplifting - 1

Stalking - 1

Harassment - 1

Criminal Damage - Residential - 1

Theft or Unauthorised taking of a Motor

Vehicle - 1

Threat Intent to Commit Criminal Damage - 1

Malicious Communications - 1

Total - 16

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

#### What's going on in 2023

Weekly Chatty Club every Wednesday Rising Sun 2pm-4pm

September

Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

Tues 5th Cakes and Company Aley Green Methodist Church 10-12am

**Tues 5th** Carpet Bowls, Village Hall 8pm (see page 25)

Wed 13th 1st Woodside Brownies, Village Hall 6pm (see page 25)

Mon 18th Gardening Club - Guest Speaker Damian O'Dell Village Hall 8pm

Sat 23rd Tony Bignell, Slip End Social Club 8pm

Sat 30th Community Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church 10-12am

#### October

#### Mon 2nd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

- 1. Virgo
- 2. It is the only month to be spelt with the same amount of letters as it's calendar month
- 3. Harvest moon, the fullest moon of the year
- Sapphire
- 5. 30
- Yellow Submarine
- 7. Woody Allen
- 8. Wake me up when September ends
- Harry Windsor

2	3	4	1	5	8	6	9	7
9	5	6	4	7	3	1	8	2
1	7	8	2	6	9	4	3	5
6	4	3	9	2	5	7	1	8
8	1	5	7	4	6	3	2	9
7	2	9	3	8	1	5	6	4
5	9	2	6	3	7	8	4	1
3	8	1	5	9	4	2	7	6
4	6	7	8	1	2	9	5	3

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Orange and Green — 8th, 22nd Sept, 6th Oct Black bin and Glass — 1st, 15th, 29th Sept

Food Waste bin — Every Friday





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