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SLIP END & DISTRICT PARISH NEWS

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Sue & Rex Horton pictured at the World Jamboree at Chelmsford. Sue looks quite at ease but Rex shows some concern what that moose might be nibbling at next! (More inside.)



Parish News "execs" met for serious discussion last month at the Frog & Rhubarb and to welcome 'new boy' Alan Buttery (2nd left). Alan now deals with overall distribution, while Brian takes over the Treasury. Welcome aboard Alan!



Pictures of the Slip End Scout Group's Camp at Henlow last month (see item in this issue) ...



... and from the Flamstead Scarecrow Festival. For more pictures and details, visit www.flamstead-heris.co.uk

The Parish @ Large

SCHOOLS

*Slip End Lower: 720152
Five Oaks: 726058
Streetfield: 613421
Ashton: 663511
Manshead: 608641*

SPORT

*Bowling Club: 412506
Tennis: 733253
Darts League: 425323
Football: 418494
Cricket: 414157*

HALLS

*Village Hall: 723109
Peter Edwards Hall: 455185*

COMMUNITY

*Brownies: 723109
Beavers: 725297
Cubs: 414157
Fly Tipping (SBDC): 472222
Friendship Club: 452978
Slip End Assoc: 414796
Mother's Union: 738435
Playgroup: 728865
Toddler Group 405931
Allotments: 736892
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Senior Steward: Ann Meader 733668*

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*Post Office: At the Crossroads, telephone 401069
Monday to Friday 6.30 to 21.00 Saturday 7.00 to 21.00 - Sunday 7.30 to 21.00
Garage: Slip End Garage, Markyate Road, telephone 456888*

Website: slipend.co.uk



CAR WASH JUST £5!

Stuart Baird is busy raising funds for his Kenya trip where he will spend some time on Community Projects and enjoy a walk in an elephant reserve!

*So if your car needs a wash
call Stuart on 738205*

ALLOTMENTS & GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Vegetable Garden

Next year begins to loom large. This season's crops must be harvested and ground made ready for conditioning and winter sweetening. Beet, carrots and potatoes can be lifted and stored, the carrots and beet in boxes, the potatoes in clamps. Parsnips are better left in as the frost improves them, then they can be pulled as required for the pot. You will not need reminding that cauliflowers should have a leaf folded over the curd and onion stems should be bent over above the bulb.

Keep it quiet, don't tell the rabbits: spring cabbage seedlings can be planted out. Young cauliflowers can go into the cold frame (resist the urge to bend a leaf as curds will not yet have formed). Cauliflowers outside can be dusted around with soot.

Flower & Fruit Garden

Plant out bulbs for spring flowering and a number of hardy annuals can be sown outside now to stand the winter and flower next spring. Most rambler roses will have finished flowering and may be pruned now. If they have a lot of growth near the ground, cut out the canes which have just borne flowers.

Keep a sharp eye on apples and pears and pick them as they become ripe. Grease bands can be fixed on fruit trees, particularly on apple trees, but on bigger fruit trees also.

OpenHouse London Architecture in the Flesh 15-16 September 2007



Free access to 600 great buildings
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A unique opportunity to visit those parts which the public cannot usually reach. See inside any of 600 buildings, old and new, in London and see what they are like from the inside and how they tick.

Entry is free, first come first served and tours which are supervised and guided to provide many fascinating insights.

For many years in the spring groups have set off from the Parish on the London Churches Walk which gives valuable opportunities to not only see sights but meet the people on the ground. This event would appear to be a parallel and as such gets a recommendation.

Entry to all the buildings is free and full details can be found on-line at openhouse.org.uk or programmes may be ordered at £4 each by post from:

Freepost RRAB-JAJU-SHJE
Open House
4th Floor
297 Euston Road
London NW1 3AD

Parish News would appreciate feedback from anyone who is able to take this wonderful opportunity for a fascinating and cheap day out in our capital city.

ALEY GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

*Reason * Hope * Faith * Love*

Reason faces up to life, and sees things as they are:

*Hope sees things, as they ought to be
and wishes on a star;*

*Faith dreams of miracles to come
that only God can do;*

*Love goes to work with patient hands
to make those dreams come true.*

We hope and pray that you had a relaxing summer and returned from your holidays (if you had one) refreshed and happy.

Our monthly coffee evenings provide opportunities for us to welcome people to our church and have a chat over a cuppa. We do sell cakes, preserves, books and videos and any money raised is in aid of charities. Recently we raised £122 for Christian Aid, £41 for Methodist Homes for the Aged, £39 for National Children's Homes and £47 for World Vision. Coffee Evenings resume on the 19th September from 7:30.

On Sunday September 2nd the service will revert to 11am and Sunday School will re-start. Sunday School will be thinking about God's world and how we can help to improve it in the way we live. We will be making a Robot for the Village Show using recyclable materials.

On Wednesday 5th September at 8pm, there will be an hour's Ecumenical Prayer meeting in our church. Anyone can come and pray for whatever or whomever they wish, or sit quietly in prayer.

We will have Preserve Stalls at the Medieval Fayre in Houghton Regis on the 8th and at the Caddington Village Show on the 15th.

Our Harvest Festival family service is on Sunday 16th at 11am, led by Rev Jenny Spouge. At 3pm Ecumenical Service at St Thomas Catholic Church Caddington.

On Monday 17th at 7pm the Harvest Auction will take place where fresh fruit and vegetables, tinned and packet food etc can be bid for. Come along and join in the fun. All money raised will go to Water Aid.

Friday 28th September 7pm: join us for Bangers 'n' Mash. Please ring Ann on 733668 to book your place. There is no charge for the meal but you can give a donation to National Children's Home. A vegetarian option will be available.

Advance date: The Autumn Fayre will be on Saturday 13th October from midday onwards. Lunches will be available and lots of stalls to look at.

*With love and prayers from all at Aley Green
Methodist Church.*

Ann Meader

DUNSTABLE REP THEATRE

There are now two theatres in Dunstable. The Grove opened earlier this year and has professional shows almost continuously throughout the year. The Rep is a much smaller theatre (with 97 seats) that puts on five plays and a musical each year. The six shows usually contain a mixture: from comedy to murder, from old to new and from light to serious. This year's selection will be:-

September 28th to October 6th
Murderer by Anthony Shaffer

November 23rd to December 1st
Amy's View by David Hare

January 25th to February 2nd
Four Nights in Knaresborough

March 28th to April 5th
Importance of being Earnest

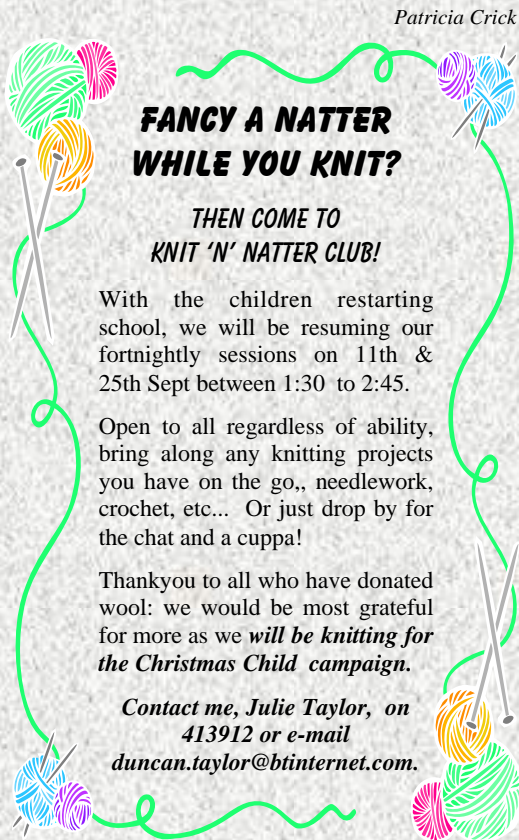
May 16th to May 24th
Travels With My Aunt by Graham Greene

July 4th to July 12th
Nonsense by Dan Goggin

Tickets cost £7.50 for members and £10 for guests with membership costing £11 a year. For details call the Box Office on 01582 703570 or look on the website which is www.littletheatre.org.uk.

Our speaker *cum* P.E. Instructor for the evening was Mrs McCann and after a very informative beginning on how our joints and muscles coordinate (if we are lucky) put us through our paces. It was gentle movements all of which had a purpose and by the expressions on people's faces was being enjoyed by all. We were told a smile is very good exercise for the face so we were doing very well in that quarter.

After refreshments Lindsay Walker gave us information on "Enduring Powers of Attorney", The "Lasting Powers of Attorney" begins on October 1st. We were given leaflets to read on the subject as well. It was all very helpful. See what you are missing. Come and join us, the more the merrier. See you there.



Patricia Crick

**FANCY A NATTER
WHILE YOU KNIT?**

**THEN COME TO
KNIT 'N' NATTER CLUB!**

With the children restarting school, we will be resuming our fortnightly sessions on 11th & 25th Sept between 1:30 to 2:45.

Open to all regardless of ability, bring along any knitting projects you have on the go., needlework, crochet, etc... Or just drop by for the chat and a cuppa!

Thankyou to all who have donated wool: we would be most grateful for more as we *will be knitting for the Christmas Child campaign.*

*Contact me, Julie Taylor, on
413912 or e-mail
duncan.taylor@btinternet.com.*



Dear PN Readers.

The reactions were wonderful, eyes popped, mouths were agape and silences were deafening, all because I had uttered the words "We're moving."

Yes, after 38 years living in Slip End, Rex and I had decided to move and so the clear out began. How had we managed to store everything? We made numerous trips to the tip with enough to stock a charity shop, it all had to go!

Having sold our house in Rossway quicker than you could say "for sale" we packed up and moved out within three months. Eventually the removal van, a big green one with yellow lettering, containing all our worldly possessions left Rossway on its short journey to Weston Turville.

We followed and, almost there, realised that, yes, we had left the saucepans behind: we collected them the following day along with some other bits and bobs. Everything was off-loaded and the unpacking began but, with very little storage space, we are still surrounded by boxes.

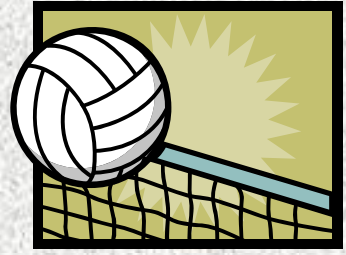
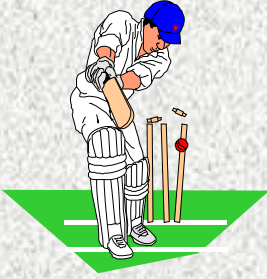
Our back garden overlooks open fields and countryside right across to Ivinghoe Beacon. It is so peaceful here and, although RAF Halton is nearby, there is not the relentless drone of aircraft, just the occasional helicopter, light aircraft or glider and the majestic site of hot air balloons.

We have had to put chicken wire across the back fence as the rabbits decided that roses, fuscias and shrubs in the garden made a good meal.

Thank you to the Parish News people for the Tamarisk shrub: most appropriate! To everyone in Slip End who sent cards and wished us well in our new home in Tamarisk Road, a big thank you to you all. We subscribe to Parish News so we are keeping in touch with goings on in the Slip End area and Rex is still tending his allotment there until he gets one nearby.

Best wishes to all our friends in Slip End!

Sue & Rex Horton.



SLIP END TENNIS CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER

Peter Edwards Hall Slip End Playing Field

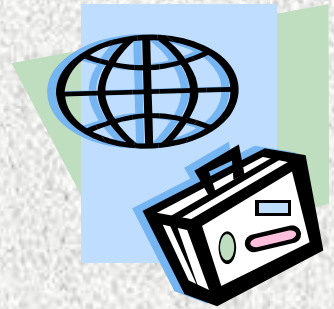
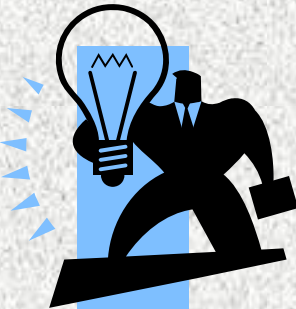
Teams Maximum of 8 People

£6 per person including Supper

Bring your knives & forks, Drinks & Glasses

(Doors open 7.00pm - 7.30pm start)

Call Steve on 414162 for Tickets



A new school year is about to start. For many children that might mean a new school with all the challenges that will come as a result. Like it or not schools are in the business of enabling the pupils who attend to get as many exam passes with as high grades as possible.

Although DMC meets at Manshead School and is basically a school, albeit on Saturday mornings, the purpose is not teaching or training for exams but for the enjoyment of playing music with other people.

Anyone is welcome to attend and although the majority of the students are young there are a growing number of adults to be seen on a regular basis.

If you used to play an instrument and would like to renew your enthusiasm then now is the time to dust it off and join us on Saturday mornings.

If you are taking lessons at the moment and want to play with other musicians or if you would like to try to play something then September 15th is a good time to pop down to Manshead School to see what DMC could do for you.

Very young children start with simple percussion and singing. There are classes for recorders, guitars (electric and non), violins, brass, woodwind and drums. Last year we even started ukuleles which at £15 an instrument is very affordable.

The Friends of Dunstable Music provide a number of instruments for people to borrow before committing themselves to buying their own instrument. Music shops also run schemes where you can rent/buy instruments.

Whatever your situation come along and see what goes on even if you would just like to ask for some free advice.

*Peter Smith
01582 733253*

Parish News wishes "Good Luck" all round in hopes that all the preparatory work by the authorities will lead to smooth operation of the new scheme. Bin population has increased by 50%, leaflets have gone out to clarify what goes in each bin and PN will do its bit in informing you which bin goes out when (see Diary page). There will no doubt be a little confusion and odd problem at the outset but we should all endeavour to make re-cycling a serious issue which increasingly affects us.

Some Pearls of Wisdom

There is nothing the matter with me
I'm as healthy as can be
I've got arthritis in both knees
And when I breathe it's with a wheeze
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!

Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street
Sleep is denied me night after night
But every morning I find I'm all right
Yet my memory is failing, my heads in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!

The moral is this, as the tale unfolds
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let folks know the shape I'm in
How do you know that my youth is all spent?
When my get up-and-go has got up and went
But I don't really mind as I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my get-up's been in.

"Old age is golden" I've oft heard it said
But I sometimes wonder as I get into bed
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup
My eyes on the table until I wake up
'Ere sleep o'er me! say to myself
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

So all you young people note what's in store
And face your old age without being a bore
Greet each new day and say with a grin
I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!

Brownies*

We still have a few places for any girl over 6½ years old, as we will be losing a few of the older girls who hopefully will be going to Guides. If you are interested call Gillian on 01582 723109.

Gillian Plummer, Brown Owl.

LUTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Luton Male Voice Choir gave a concert on Thursday 6th September at the Stevenage Town Woman's Guild singing some of the numbers to be performed in Southend.

On Sunday September 16th LMVC will join members of the Strathmore Methodist Church for their Harvest Festival.

Our Choir will be part of a Massed Choir including the promoting Choir, Leigh Orpheus Male Choir on Sunday 7th of October at Cliffs Pavilion Southend on Sea. The Concert is in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Air Ambulance Service. Southend Wind Orchestra will also be performing and accompanying the Choirs. Ray Clark from the BBC is the Compere.

On the social side, the Friends of the Choir held a quiz night on Saturday 1st September at their HQ the Catholic Church Castle Street Luton.

CRAFT FAYRE

**SLIP END VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29th
from 10.30pm**

For a stall contact Gillian 01582 723109

County Councillor's Surgery
at Heathfield School, Caddington

Meet Richard Stay to discuss local matters which are of your concern or interest.

*First Saturday of each month,
10am to 12 noon (see Diary Page)*

LAUGHTER

There was a blind man selling matches outside a train station. A commuter approached and threw 10p into his tray without taking any matches. The following day the same thing happened: the commuter gave the blind man 10p but didn't take the matches. The routine continued for the next five years. Then one day the blind man said, "Excuse me, are you the man who, every day for the last five years; has thrown 10p into my tray and not taken the matches?" "Yes I am" replied the commuter. "Well," said the blind man, "they've gone up."



A fridge is the place where you keep leftovers until they are ready to be thrown out!

The young girl went to her first ballet the other night and saw the women dancing on their tiptoes. "Why don't they just get taller girls?", she asked her mother.

GRANDCHILDREN

For all with grandchildren I found this lovely little poem from Rock Cottage Crafts, which I thought I would share with you. Our dear little grandson Thomas has just been to stay which was a real treat!

Sue Briggs

Hide away the treasures under lock and key

Hands to action stations,
grandchildren have come to tea.

Their busy little fingers,
their questing little minds.
They're into every cupboard,
they seek and they will find.

Out come all the special toys
they scatter everywhere,
Their sticky little fingers
are halfway up the stairs.

And just as you're exhausted
and finding them a strain,
Its time for them to leave you
"please let them come again."

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

“Did you know that by 2021 there will be over 26,000 new homes in South Bedfordshire, Luton and potential immediately adjoining areas? Growth is coming, but making sure we grow the right way is up to everyone. Take the opportunity to influence the future of your area, and the chance to win £1,000!”

So says the ‘Shape your Future’ document which you may have read as this document should have already been delivered through your door. However it appears that, at the end of August, many in the Parish have not yet had their copy delivered. Glen and Joan King, pictured here, are amongst those to whom this information was news, when it was shown to them in Front Street during the last week of August. If you also are amongst those not having seen this and you have Internet access, take a look on www.shapeyourfuture.org.uk. Here at Parish News we have a limited number, so call 416138 and a copy will be available on first come, first served basis.



The time up to the end of October is the public consultation period. “Shape your Future” and other essential documents are very important parts of the process by which we may all be well informed. Having digested the detailed material, there is opportunity for all to express views in a questionnaire. Also, an information road show is doing the rounds in South Bedfordshire and Luton and this visited Caddington recently. (Publicity was put round about this locally.) If you were away on holiday and missed this, there are other opportunities over the coming weeks for you to catch up with it in Luton and South Bedfordshire.

David Kingston



Putting together the special ex-Pats version, the editorial staff exercise some indulgence in areas which contained ads in the local version. This is Ponte di Diavelo at Borgo a Mozzano, up the Serchio Valley from Lucca in Tuscany. The Junior sub-editor has go to places like this for a bit or work now and again at some of the paper mills in this part of the world. Tough!

DISTRACTION BURGLARY

A knock at the door?

Take care ...

Thieves are active in our area with another occurrence of Distraction Burglary at one of the bungalows for old folk in Crawley Close last month.

*Here are some words of advice
from the Home Office:*

Distraction burglary is where the 'method of entry' is by trick rather than by forced or sneak entry.

The most common guise adopted is that of an official e.g. as an employee of a utility company or as a council worker, police or other official. They also pose as canvassers or door to door sales people.

Offenders can be male, female and sometimes children to distract the occupant whilst an accomplice completes the offence. This type of crime has severe effect upon its victims.

Most people who call are genuine, but sometimes someone may turn up unannounced, with intentions of tricking their way into a home to commit burglary.

These people are 'distraction burglars', they aim is to distract to steal money and valuables. Often smartly dressed they claim to be from the council, the police, utility company or health organisation.

They may just ask for a drink of water, to wash their hands or use the phone. They may claim to have lost a pet or a ball in the back garden. They all have one thing in common; to steal money and valuables.

They are usually convincing, persuasive and plausible, they may call alone or, more often, with another person. One will distract the householder, while the other enters the property to steal.

Beat the bogus callers.

LOCK: keep front and back doors locked (with keys taken out), even when at home.

STOP: Is anyone expected? Look through a spy hole or window to identify the caller.

CHAIN: put the door chain or door bar on first before opening the door, and keep it on whilst talking to the caller; (Normally when the door is shut and locked, the bar or chain can be left off to get out in an emergency).

CHECK: check their identity card carefully even if the caller has a pre-arranged appointment (close the door whilst doing this); look up the phone number of who the caller represents in the phone directory; ring to verify the caller's identity; do not use a phone number on the identity card, as this may be fake.

If in any doubt, keep the caller out!

USEFUL CONTACTS: The person you care for would benefit from having a list of useful numbers kept close to their telephone. If their telephone has the facility, pre-programme numbers in for quick dialling.

Examples of useful telephone numbers include: Next of kin, nominated neighbour (i.e. friend, relative or carer), local police station, local council, local Trading Standards, Consumer Direct 0845 4040506, Crimestoppers 0800 555 111, gas, electric, water & telephone companies. Check your local phone book now and make a list of these numbers, ready for reference if a suspicious caller calls.

Remind the person you care for to practice good doorstep behaviour. Tell them to lock the back door and side gates then put the door chain/door bar on the front door before answering it.

Advise the person you care for to keep money, credit or debit cards, cheque books, savings books and any other valuables in a safe place.

Encourage the person you care for to have a list of useful telephone numbers available close to the telephone, or pre-programme the numbers using quick dial.



2007 is Centenary Year for the Scout movement and local people, young and not so young have been joining in. Beavers and Cubs went off to Phasel's Wood in May and they were out camping again in August, see item from Akela (Jon Barker below.) Also we are delighted to include a contribution from Sue & Rex Horton, lifetime committed Scouters: as well as the front page picture, Sue has written from their new home at Weston Turville.

On Friday 10th August, 13 cubs, a few younger siblings, and some intrepid adults, went on their first camp alone as a group for a good few years. The Campsite was in Henlow, near Henlow Grange, but unfortunately for some of the adults, not quite as luxurious! Nevertheless the facilities were more than made up for by the beautiful campsite.

With Cubs not due for a few hours and after all but the cub's tents had been put up, the leaders had a chance to explore the site and enjoy the quietness. We were the only people there during the weekend! The tranquillity was shattered at 4.30pm, when the cubs arrived!!

They put their tents up and then, having 'feng-shui'd' the inside of them, we took them on a tour of the site. We noticed hundreds of froglets all around, ranging from thumbnail size to almost full grown. They were also shown where to find wood for the fire as well as the lake they would be rafting on later. Following dinner, prepared by our able cook and her mate, the cubs played a wide game, in which they had to try and find four leaders who had cleverly disguised themselves as trees and bushes. We all had cups of hot soup then the cubs then went to bed.

On Saturday morning the cubs and most of the leaders got up at 7.30, and did some keep-fit before breakfast. When they had finished the washing up, they started the day's activities.

Then we showed them how to light their own fire using only matches and items they found around the campsite (one of the more resourceful cubs used Akela's unread newspaper!) Some of the older cubs had a go at using a Ray Mears style fire and steel. After that they took turns at fishing, tracking, going on a blind trail and a craft workshop with lunch sandwiched in between. When they had all tried everything the water slide was set up and all of the kids enjoyed diving down it, as did some of the bigger kids. There was even a competition to see who could slide the furthest, although Akela had to retire injured after he landed awkwardly on his knee and painfully found the only pointy stone under the waterslide at the same time! There was mild panic amongst the other leaders about who would run the campfire if Akela couldn't stand up, but after medical attention from our two first-aiders, Karen Bracey and Liz Meleady, and a bit of help from a stick, the situation calmed itself. (Particular thanks go to Big Baloo, who selflessly volunteered himself to walk 500 yards to a local hostelry to get a glass of ice for Akela's knee and again, with relentless unselfishness, volunteered to take the glass back to the pub later on.)

Later the cubs lit their fires, cooking foil wraps of sausage, potato, leek and carrot on the embers. Dinner over, there was time for a game before our Campfire, where we sang songs about birds, camels, exploring, singing in the rain and things you can do in the garden amongst others. There were also a couple of sketches thrown in for good measure.



As the fire died down, we all sat and looked at the stars, nibbling on hot bananas with melted chocolate, cooked on the campfire, before going to the mess tent for a last cup of hot chocolate and a little bingo before bedtime.

Sunday was an action packed day. After our Scouts Own we enjoyed rafting, shooting, archery and wall climbing. I must mention three people who all did brilliantly on the climbing wall, getting to the top; Matthew Meleady and India Freeth (two of our newer cubs) and Evan Freeth, who despite not quite being old enough to even join Beavers yet, put in an effort that would put Spiderman to shame!! In the Evening the cubs went on a hike and on returning to camp, tucked into toasted marshmallows before going to bed.

On Monday morning, after Akela's keep fit session, we started packing up. Parents began to arrive so Akela drafted them to help pack. Finally everybody around the flagpole for the closing ceremony. Certificates were given to Cubs and leaders, for prestigious awards such as Super Cub (Caitlin Gournay), Tidiest Tent (Corey's), as well as other perhaps not-quite-so-prestigious awards, notably Untidiest Tent. This was awarded to two tents (one a leader's tent who I will not name) and the other to the girls. They apparently kept their tent tidy all weekend, only for Akela to find out at the last minute that they had shoved clothes that were strewn about, into their sleeping bags!

We all had a brilliant camp, the weather was excellent and the food was too. Special thanks to Baloo (Karen), Hathi (Tony), Mike, Liz & Paddy, Suzi, Anita, Liz & Shane, big Baloo and Mark for lending us the van.

*Until next time!
Akela*



It was lovely to see pictures of Slip End Beavers at the County Camp at Phasel's Wood during the May Bank Holiday weekend. I was there too, camping with the Icknield District Fellowship. Beavers from across Bedfordshire joined the camp for the days on Saturday and Sunday and I called by to see the Slip End Beavers and their leaders for a chat. The weather was kind until early Monday morning when rain turned the camp from a dustbath to a mudbath. Being Scouts, this did nothing to dampen our spirits!

Early in August we were lucky enough to get to the 21st World Jamboree at Hylands Park near Chelmsford with Scouts from the Icknield District. The entrance to the camp was flanked with flags from over 180 countries, all of which had representatives there. 40,000 Scouts were at the Camp, which was divided into 16 sub-camps each of which was named after a world habitat. We were free to explore on our own or to join in with guided walks around the main camp areas. Rex and I set off on our own. We met Scouts from Nigeria, South Korea, Singapore, Egypt, New Zealand, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Trinidad & Tobago, Taiwan, India and Russia. We sat in a Bedouin Tent on cushions, drinking tea and eating dates, had our names written in Hebrew and Chinese, ate Baclava, swapped badges, and I was given a woggle made from a palm tree by two Scouts from Nigeria.

There was so much to see and do that it was impossible to manage it all. This was a wonderful experience for us with a terrific atmosphere, Scouts from all parts of the world, joining in together and sharing their experiences. The Nigerian Scouts had made bags and boxes from the stiff nylon tape which is used to wrap around parcels. These are very colourful, strong, durable and long lasting, an ingenious method of re-cycling.

We arrived back exhausted, hot, sticky and hungry. Arriving at an Indian restaurant in Wendover, the waiter gave us a quizzical look as we entered to order a take-away meal, both of us done out in our best Scout uniforms!

Sue & Rex Horton

The late Dulcie Bailey, whom many of us recall with deep affection, put on many Gang Shows in her time as a Scouter both in Slip End and other places where she and Alec lived... Back in 1982 she badgered and cajoled the Slip End youngsters to put on a memorable show: this looks like the final "Flying Along" number with all the boys belting it out! Amongst them are a few still around (no prizes for spotting a young Paul Cooper) and quite a number of now rather elderly mums and dads will spot their boys (including Rex and Sue's sons.)



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SLIP END

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RUBY WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Janet and Alan Buttery celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in August. They were married on the August Bank Holiday in 1967 so Janet's parents did not have to take time off from their shop!



Jan and Alan moved to Luton from Derbyshire back in 1970, when Alan started work at Luton Borough Council. They were thrilled when Matthew, their first child was born in 1975.

Then in 1979 Janet and Alan moved to Slip End just before the birth of Rachel, a beautiful daughter to add to their family.

For many years Janet was a school governor at Slip End Lower School where she still helps out and Alan was drafted on to the PTA. Both Rachel and Matthew attended the school and went on to university and now have successful careers.

Janet and Alan have four grandchildren who keep them very busy. After a surprise celebration with friends, Jan and Alan went off to Jersey where they spent their honeymoon, for a holiday.

SLIP END TENNIS CLUB

So Tim Henman is to retire. He has had many critics in the national press but the general consensus is that he has been the best player we have produced for decades. Thirty years ago the press would have given anything to have a British player reach four Wimbledon semi-finals. For me his matches have always been a joy to watch both for the style of play and for the lack of histrionics. The nervous tension has been difficult but you always got your money's worth!

Here in Slip End our Summer matches should be completed on 2nd September if the rain that I am now watching stops for long enough to play the remaining three matches. It is hard to remember a summer that has been as unpredictable as this one.

The new courts are progressing well and are starting to look as though they will be ready for our Winter matches. We are hoping that the topcoats have enough warm weather to allow them to settle. If you see the courts looking finished but unused, the reason is that they have to be left for the oils to be washed out of the surface and for the final paint to dry completely. An extra bit of patience at this stage will give the courts a better chance of a longer life.

Our home matches will be on Sundays as we don't have the luxury of floodlights. We also have a team in the Indoor League played at Vauxhall on Sunday evenings.

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Quiz will be on Saturday 13th October. Everyone is welcome not just members of the Tennis Club. The questions are varied with only one question about tennis. Supper is included in the price as well as tea and coffee but it is a "bring your own drinks" evening. Please ring Steve Lyons on 414162 to book your places so that we get the catering correct and to let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Midweek Communion take place monthly at two venues in Slip End, details from Joy
Services & Events in September

Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Family Communion
Wednesday 5 th	10.30am	Pram service in the Family Room
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Morning Praise
	6.15pm	3:16 meet in the Family Room
	7.00pm	L.C.E.T Service at St Mary's Church, Luton
Thursday 13 th	8.00pm	Footsteps meet in the Family Room
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Morning Praise at St Andrews
	10.00am	Confirmation Service at St Hughs for St Andrews candidates
Wednesday 19 th	10.30am	Pram Service meet in the Family Room
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.15pm	3:16 meet in the Family Room
Thursday 27 th	8.00pm	Footsteps meet in the Family Room
Friday 28 th	2.30pm	Woodside Home Service
	7.00pm	Harvest Supper in Village Hall
Sunday 30 th	10.30am	Morning Praise with Baptism of Alex Neeson
	2.30pm	East Hyde Harvest Festival

Back in Gear

September is the month when, many having returned from holidays, our activities and groups recommence so check over the list above.

The Harvest Supper in the Village Hall is a very popular local event, so make sure you get your tickets early: see advertisement elsewhere in this issue of Parish News. Harvest Festival in church follows on the first weekend in October.

With a lot of help from our friends at Scripture Union, we are putting on a special 2-day event for children during the half term break, towards then end of October. Full details and an enrolment form will be included in the next issue of Parish News, but there's a 'taster' on the page opposite. Materials are needed for this event, so please pick up a list (available in church) and drop your items in the boxes provided there.

Church Bulletins

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. The following sentences appeared in church bulletins or were announced in services.

The fasting and prayer conference will include meals.

Ladies, don't forget the Rummage Sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off. Let the church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next week there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

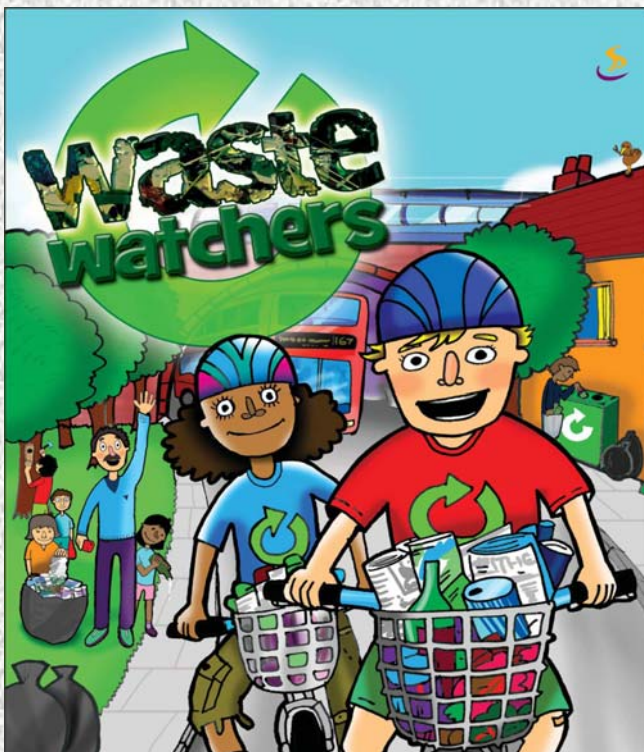
What's this all about?

On Thursday 25th and Friday 26th October, during the half term break, we will be holding a Holiday Club at St Andrews for children in school years 1 to 6. Lots of Fun & Games, Singing & Dancing is promised with Drama, Puppets, Crafts, Games and more!

We are well into planning this event and quite a bit of help will be requested: contact Mary on 738435, Jill on 452539 or Joy 424363 or talk to any of our Kidztime Leaders.

Theme is Waste Watchers and there will be stories from St John's Gospel and lots about Re-cycling in a fun way.

Look out for further news in the October issue of Parish News.



Could your unwanted junk be someone else's treasure?

We all have items in our homes or gardens that are unwanted and need to go to the tip...BUT instead of contributing to landfill, why not see if your rubbish might be of use to someone else.

Let us "FRIENDLY EXCHANGE" it!

This item has been running in Markyate for several months now and Parish News Committee wondered if the Slip End residents might like to do a similar operation.

The details of your unwanted items, called OFFERS would be sent to Parish News and be received by the cut-off date of 15th of the previous month. The item would appear including a brief description and your telephone number. If someone is interested they will ring you and arrange the collection. If you are

worried about meeting strangers, you could ask a friend to be present or meet in a public place.

If you are looking for an item, called WISHES, you would send a brief description to Parish News with telephone number and that would be featured in the next available issue. Arrangements would be made between the parties concerned.

Each posting would be for one month but if you have no takers and want to re-submit you may do so for the following month.

Your OFFERS & WISHES must be legal, decent, honest and truthful. Make sure all items are in good, safe working order. The editor's decision is final in matters of suitability for publication. The transactions would be entirely between the exchangers.

Let us know what you think and if someone is interested we could do a trial run.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This picture shows Teresa Willson in front of her presentation boards at St Andrew's Church, Backwell, Somerset.

She was invited there to give a talk about Operation Christmas Child which included demonstrating how to make and fill a shoe box and showing some slides of her trip to the Ukraine last January. To her horror she was asked to speak from the pulpit and restrict her talk to 10 minutes!! She did a wonderful job and was very well received. The Sunday School were also involved and she continued to talk to people in the family room after the service. As a result St Andrew's, Backwell will be filling shoe boxes this Christmas for the first time.

With the autumn fast approaching it will soon be time to think about preparing for this year's shoe box campaign. A new warehouse will need to be found, hopefully on the Woodside



Estate again and if there is anyone who would like to help with the checking and packing please contact Teresa on 01582 482681. As always, donations for the boxes will be most acceptable and be gratefully received. If you would like to make up your own box contact Parish News or Teresa and we will send you the new leaflet giving instructions. We look forward to another successful campaign and to meeting up with last years volunteers.

Sue Briggs



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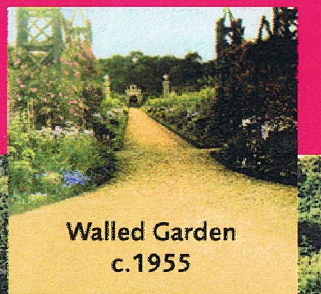
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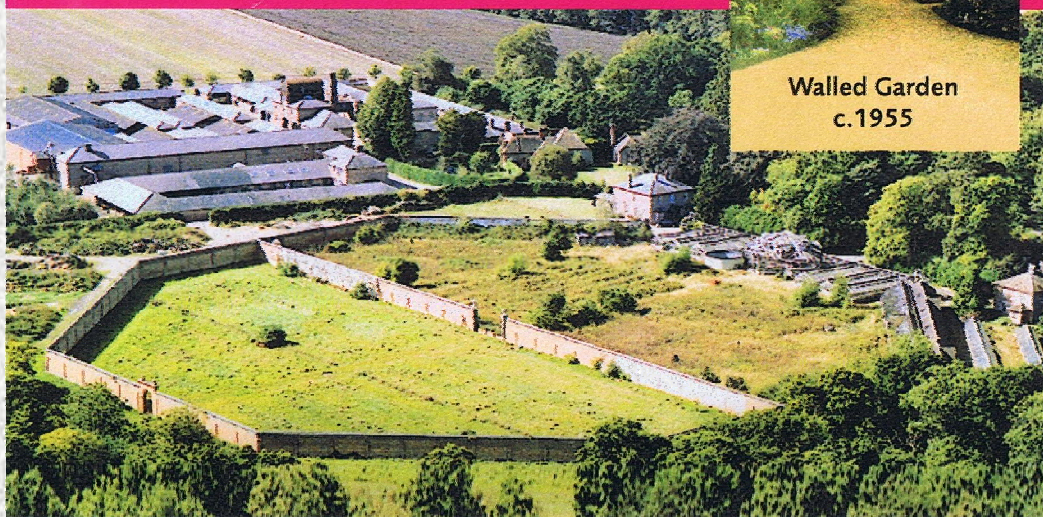
Walled Garden



heritage open days



Walled Garden
c.1955



The Luton Hoo Walled Garden will be open on **Sunday, 9th September** as part of the national Heritage Open Days.

Talks and tours will illustrate the rich history of the 4.8 acre garden, founded by Lord Bute in the 1760s. The site with its vast glasshouses – a miniature Kew Gardens – fell derelict in the 1990s and is now being restored by volunteers as a living display of gardening history.

Local residents who knew the garden in its prime will be especially welcome on the day at a 'Memory Corner' where their memories can be transcribed for an intended history book.

Entrance is free, with a small charge for talks and guided tours.

Refreshments available.

Directions: A1081, between Luton & Harpenden. Take Newmill End turning, turn left after 100yds and then follow WGP signs.

Opening times: 10.00 – 16.00.

Talks at 11.00, 12.00 and 14.00. Hourly guided tours.

Booking for talks and guided tours advised.

Call: **01582 721443** between 9.30am to 2.30pm, or email lutonhooestate@tiscali.co.uk

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ENGLISH HERITAGE



The Editorial Nightmare!

The issue is ready to go: layout done, spellings checked, proofs read. Go to press.

But wait, there are only 23 pages, aaaarrrrrggggggghhhhhhhh!

How do we fill a page in 5 minutes? In the old days we resorted to a blank page, maybe with a “Notes” or “This page is intentionally left blank” heading. Today, technology comes to the rescue, “Let’s give them the Big Picture!”

So here it is. Big news this month is the coming of the Orange Topped Bins. Here they are, on passing out parade in Crawley Close shortly before marching off in quick time to their posts. Incidentally, we understand from the Bin Operatives that lids will settle into a closed position very soon: we’ll see.



We invite contributions from readers and our new Treasurer has cajoled one local, who has a tale or two to tell about things which have happened to him on his travels. There'll be no boring winges about RyanAir or flight delays, claims are that these stories are true ...

The Hilton Petaling Jalan

(This is a large, lively hotel in Kuala Lumpur)

Our intrepid business traveller checked in, to be pleasantly surprised that the local agent had booked a suite on the “exekudiv floore”. So leaving the concierge’s lad to get the bags up to the room, he headed for the lounge for a refreshing drink following his long journey (by bus!) across Malaysia.

Settling into a comfy chair, ice tinkling in his scotch, he tucked happily into the previous day’s Guardian, good to read a UK newspaper having been away offshore for a couple of weeks. *(The persistence of the concierge’s lad was impressive. Not to be outdone in his relentless quest for a tip, he had rooted out our man in the lounge, several floors above the room where he had dropped off the bags!)*

Relaxed, an hour or so later our man levered himself from the comfort of the lounge to his room for a shower before selecting which of the six or eight restaurants in the hotel suited his appetite that fateful evening. Misgivings that any restaurant described as having a “typically English pub atmosphere” in anywhere other than England invariably disappointed, he decided with forboding and reluctance, on the “Rose & Crown”, on the seventeenth floor. His misgivings were well founded as he stepped into a dimly lit, thumping room with spectacular pyrotechnics. *(Perhaps typical of the English pub genre these days, but have in mind that our hero is the wrong side of sixty.)*

The hostess, a little saddened that the “Rose & Crown” did not serve his needs, helpfully suggested somewhere quieter and led him though an impressively huge wood-panelled

door. Encouragingly this appeared to be a quiet comfortable room where, he was assured, food and beverages were available. However, there was a downside: *this was the smoking room* and several guests were hardly discernable in the fug, puffing at pipes, cigars and hookahs. Suggesting that this room also was not ideal, our man parted from the hostess who, with a resigned “some people are never satisfied” shrug, wished our man a nice evening.

Back in the lift, buttons were prodded with increasing fears that none of the restaurants would do, perhaps a room-service sandwich and a beer in front of the TV? One more try, a Japanese restaurant was on offer on the 28th floor. His experience of Japanese food had been very good, but earlier visits to restaurants like Beni Hana of Tokyo had been in the company of largish groups, so the thought of picking at a menu single handed was a bit off-putting, but *sake is sake* whether sipped alone or in company. Sure enough, the meal was adequate if not over exciting.

(For those still reading these ramblings, hang in there, the end is nigh) Decor in the restaurant was probably in Japanese style, with sliding wood frames having paper panels. **His undoing was a failure to spot the water filled pools scattered around the rooms.** Having paid the bill and expressed thanks to the attentive waiters, our man endeavoured to pick his way through the maze-like restaurant. Spotting what looked like the exit door, he stepped confidently forward, to realise too late that what he thought to be a coloured glass floor was in fact a pond! With upper lip stiffened, his performance that this was his normal exit did not wash with the bon-viveurs and waiters who, with eastern reserve, fought back their chortles.

Thus and with *sake*-fuelled determination, our man struck out across the pond, but he missed the step up out of the water and stumbled heavily towards a paper panel

To be concluded next month, by which time hopes are that our man might be released from jail in KL.

DIARY: *If you would like your events included, please contact the Editor*

September

- 1st 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington
3rd Parish Council: Village Hall at 8.00pm
3rd **New Bin Scheme Starts!**
9th Luton Hoo Walled Garden: Heritage Day
11th Knit & Natter: 1:30pm, call Julie Taylor on 413912
16th Aley Green Methodist Church: Harvest Festival at 11am
17th Aley Green Methodist Church: Harvest Auction 7pm
18th Women's Institute: Birthday Meeting & Party
25th Knit & Natter: 1:30pm, call Julie Taylor on 413912
28th **St Andrew's: Harvest Supper at the Village Hall**
29th Craft Fayre at the Village Hall

October

- 1st Parish Council: Village Hall at 8.00pm
5th Slip End School: Harvest Festival
6th 10am to noon: Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington
7th St Andrew's: Harvest Festival
13th Aley Green Methodist Church: Autumn Fayre at 2.30pm
13th Slip End Tennis Club: **QUIZ NIGHT: PE Hall 7pm,**
16th Women's Institute: "Royal connections", speaker Mrs. A Parsons

25th-26th St Andrew's: Holiday Club for 5 to 10 year-olds

- 27th-28th Luton Hoo - Pumpkin Arts in Beds & Herts

If you are a new reader and would like a copy of Parish News each month, please contact Alan Buttery at 1 Claydown Way on 724527 or alanjan@buttery400.fsnet.co.uk .

*Anything interesting to report about village activities, photos, holiday adventures, etc? Please contact us, letters and e-mails are very much encouraged. Views expressed by our contributors are not the Editor's own. **Articles should be sent by the 15th of the preceding month to: Sue Briggs at 83 The Crescent, Caddington, email: cowells83@aol.com or David Kingston 7 Crawley Close, Slip End, davidgoodmankington@hotmail.com.***

We suggest pictures and items are sent in immediately after the events rather than leaving it until the deadline.

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3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Fridays highlighted are those when only Black Bins are to be put out. Other Fridays put out Green & Orange Bins, not Black Bins. See stickers for what is to be put into each Bin.