

**Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside
PARISH NEWS**

April 2017



Noel and Jane Nugent from Woodside who helped with the Big Brew - see page 11.

Editors' Notes

At last, after the long, grey months of winter, we begin to see the first signs of spring painting the parish with colour.

This time of year brings with it a sense of optimism and hope, as the promise of summer beckons.

Of course, for some of it that means venturing out into our gardens for the first time since the autumn, to examine any damage inflicted by winter and to start preparing for the better weather.

After an afternoon spent collecting random branches which had blown down in February's storms, and filling the green bin full of leaves, it still seems as though there is a great deal to do, and the next few weeks are likely to be filled with gardening chores.

For the farms which surround our villages, work continues apace as it does throughout the year, and for an insight into how their

activities change throughout the calendar, we are pleased to introduce a new feature focusing on just one of our local farming families.

This should offer a fascinating insight into what exactly is going on in the fields we pass every day, and we're grateful for this contribution from the Speirs family.

Closer to home, and we're pleased to welcome a new team at The Rising Sun. The pub is once again offering food, so why not pop in and sample their fare?

The Parish News has received comments from a resident who has concerns over the traffic calming measures and parking bays that have been installed across the parish.

He has asked that anyone with concerns or views about these measures should contact him to share their thoughts and experiences. His details are: Mike Sanders, 78 Front Street, Slip End, LU1 4BS, or call 07969 191976 or email him at lordmike61264@yahoo.co.uk.





SLIP END VILLAGE DAY 2017 IS ANNOUNCED FOR SATURDAY 8TH JULY

Plans are in hand for Village Day and we hope to see everyone again this year at the Playing Fields from 11am until 4pm.

There will be a Grand Raffle with superb prizes to win. Tickets will go on sale a month before the event in local pubs and clubs and, of course, you can purchase them on the day. Refreshments will include a barbeque, bar, and teas and cakes available all day, plus a visit from the ice cream van. For the children we have confirmed so far - bouncy

castles and pony rides. Local groups and businesses are booking stalls for the day, so if you or your group would like a chance to advertise your group, or to sell your wares, please contact us using the details below.

Help is always needed for setting up, running and clearing after the event – so, if you could spare some time, do please let us know using the details below:

slipendvillageday@yahoo.com or
phone us on 01582 728865 or
07958587595.

KEEP THE DATE – SATURDAY 8TH JULY



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**Car Boot and Table Top Sale
Slip End Village Hall, Easter Monday
17th April 11am—2pm**

**Names for the Annual Outing for Senior
Citizens will be taken on Easter Monday.
The outing this year will take place on
Saturday 24th June. Destination to be
arranged.**

ALEY GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Services and Diary Dates **for April**

Sunday 2nd - Lent 5

10.30am Morning Service - Rev Bob Forrest
10.30am Sunday School

Monday 3rd

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship 4 led by Jo Prowes

Sunday 9th - Palm Sunday

10.30am Morning Service - Michael Adams
10.30am Sunday School

Monday 10th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship 5 led by Jo Prowes

Tuesday 11th

10am-12noon 'Cakes & Company'
10.30-11am 'Little Lambs'

Friday 14th - Good Friday Walk of Witness

10.30am Starting at Aley Green

Sunday 16th - Easter Day

9.30am Morning Service and Communion led by Rev Nigel Bibbings

Sunday 23rd - Easter 2

10.30am Morning Service Local Arrangement
10.30am Sunday School

Monday 24th

7pm Ecumenical Fellowship and Bring and Share Supper

Wednesday 26th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of 'A Rocha UK'

Sunday 30th - Easter 3

10.30am Morning Service - Tina Armiger
10.30am Sunday School

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The Ecumenical Women's World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of the Philippines, was held at All Saints on Friday

3rd March. The theme this year was Justice Fairness and Balance and the banner depicting the theme made by Ann Meader was admired by the 50 or so people attending. (It is now hanging in the church at Aley Green, do have a look when next you visit).

Our Coffee Evening in aid of Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (a Methodist charity), raised £35.

Pancakes and Company was very well supported, we served over three dozen bacon rolls and countless pancakes as well as our usual goodies. £330 was raised for the upkeep of our building. Thank you to all who supported us.

The five week Ecumenical Lent Fellowship commenced on Monday 13th March with 13 people in attendance.

We are following Stephen Cottrell's meditations for Lent and Holy week entitled 'The Things He Carried', you are invited to join us on 3rd and 10th April for the final two weeks.

We look forward to joining the other village churches for the Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at 10.30am at Aley Green with a short time of worship an then walking with the cross to St Thomas', All Saints and finally the Baptist church where hot cross buns, coffee and tea will be served.

Our Easter morning service will be held at the earlier time of 9.30am with our minister Rev. Nigel Bibbings leading our worship before dashing off to Eaton Bray, one of his other churches.

April's Coffee Evening will be in aid of 'A Rocha UK', the Christian charity that works will individuals and communities, encouraging them to think about their use of the environment and develop practical ways to care for people and the planet.

This is a new charity to our fundraising list, please help us to help them. All our usual offerings, cakes, sausage rolls, preserves, books etc. and of course free tea and coffee and 'priceless company'.

***Easter Blessings from Team AG.***

***We look forward to seeing you soon.***  
***Ann Meader's deputy scribe!***

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## A Message from St Andrew's

Apparently C.H. Lawrence said that the world fears a new experience more than anything else. Ideas are not a problem, "The world can pigeonhole any idea. They are easily discounted and dodged". But an authentic inner experience is more difficult to discount. Experience changes us, for good or ill, we can't go back to the way we were before.

God invites us to experience him, not just to think about him or even to pray to him or seek to please him, but to know him as one might know a friend or relative - to experience his presence in our lives.

One of the most life transforming experiences that I have had is the sense that he has been with me in my suffering.

This isn't simply an idea that is helpful - though it is a helpful idea to know that God is not indifferent to the suffering of people on earth, but that he came and shared in it through his suffering and death.

But through faith this can be much more than idea, it can be a healing experience.

Isaiah, a prophet who wrote more than 500 years before Jesus was born, wrote about the death that Jesus was to go through. You can find it in Isaiah Chapter 53:

*He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.*

*Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

*Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.*

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our*



*iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

He shares in the sense of inadequacy and shame that we so often feel through our limitations. But he does more - he takes upon himself our pain, he bears our suffering, he takes upon himself the punishment - the consequences of our failings, or as Isaiah puts it - our transgressions and iniquities.

An experience of this leaves us feeling free, feeling loved and adequate, feeling forgiven and whole. It is a very great gift. An experience that is life changing.

We will be looking together at Isaiah chapter 53 during our midday Good Friday service and giving God the opportunity to come to us anew so that we can experience the peace of sins forgiven, wounds healed, and shame lifted.

You would be most welcome if you are able to join us. Have a wonderful Easter.

**Cathy**

# Dates for St Andrew's Church - April

Sunday 2nd, 10.30am: Informal Communion "To live your love for the sake of the world"

Sunday 9th, 10.30am: Family Service— Palm Sunday (band) Followed by our Annual Parochial Church meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the family room

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the family room  
11am: Woodside Care Home Service

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Holy Week Service in the family room

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Holy Week Service – Maundy Thursday meal and communion

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>: 12 noon: Holy Week Service – Good Friday service around the cross

Sunday 16th, 10.30am: Easter Communion – Raised from the dead

Sunday 23rd, 10.30am: Family Service – Raised to life

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am: Morning Praise – The forgiveness of sins (band)

## Little Stars for April

**Refreshments from 10.00 with a 10.30 start**

Weds 5th: Easter - The Last Supper

Weds 12th: Easter – Holy Week

Weds 19th: Easter – Jesus is Risen



Weds 26th: Theme to be confirmed



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## **Chatty Club**

On behalf of the members of the Chatty Club (who meet in the Frog and Rhubarb) I would like to thank the Slip End Community Projects Group for their generous donation to our club last month. We will put it to good use with some outings during the coming Summer. Thanks to Jill Acton for joining us for the afternoon with her gift. It was lovely to see her. The Chatty Club meets every Tuesday between 2-4pm. New members are welcome to join us for afternoon tea and cake plus a raffle every week.

## **Smalls for All update**

Coordinator Nikki West has thanked everyone for their continued support and regular drop-offs, which are very much appreciated. Another box is ready to dispatch with 191 bras and 22 pairs of pants.

## **Jason Cunningham**

First of all congratulations go to Pete and Babs Ray who correctly named Luke Campbell who won the prestigious boxing gold medal in the London Olympics in 2012.

This ensured ringside seats for them at Doncaster's Dome Arena when Jason took to the ring there on Saturday March 4th. He met Jamie Speight over 10 rounds at the Featherweight limit of nine stones. From the beginning Jason seemed sharp and very confident and by the halfway stage looked virtually unassailable. It was about then that he injured his left hand which allowed his opponent to stage a

minor comeback in the final few rounds. At the finish, Jason was announced as the winner by 98 points to 94, giving him six rounds to his opponent's two with a further two drawn. It was one of his best performances and his supporters went home very pleased. Now we move onto the main event which finds Jason pitted against veteran Ben Jones at London's York Hall in Bethnal Green on Saturday April 8th. This will be a 12 round Featherweight contest at nine stones for the Commonwealth title. Jones, who comes from Crawley, is 34, and has won 22 out of 28 fights. Provided Jason reproduces his form from his previous fight we confidently predict him to win this title, possibly with an inside the distance victory. Tickets are now available at £60 ringside, £35 standard. The doors are expected to open at 6pm with Jason's fight likely to take place at around 9pm. For reservations please contact Tony Strong on 07739 295228, or Pete Ray on 01582 414796. Incidentally, York Hall is close to Bethnal Green underground station. Please come if you can so that we can give Jason a truly rousing reception.

## **Events at Slip End Social Club**

On April 22nd there is a Help for Heroes fundraising day including the St George's pool/dart/cribbage and domino competition. Quiz and chips is planned for April 29th, and popular duo Lazy Dayz will be back on May 20th. Future events include a race night in aid of Slip End Village School, date TBC.





## **Photography and Art Exhibition**

**Slip End Photography Club & Caddington Art Club**  
are holding an Exhibition of members' work  
at Slip End Village Hall  
on Saturday 6th May from 12:00 to 4:00pm  
Tea, Coffee and Cakes for Sale  
All welcome!

## **Explore Easter Holiday Fun Day**

**At St Andrew's**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 pm**



**For children Year 1 to Year 6 - Free of charge – bring a packed lunch**  
**We will explore the Easter story from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection through stories, songs, games and crafts**  
**Booking essential. Please contact Rev Cathy Pullinger for a registration form, on 01582 480391 or 07425 148046 or email [cathy@rwh.org.uk](mailto:cathy@rwh.org.uk)**

# OUR FARMING YEAR

The Speirs family has farmed in the Slip End area since 1933 having originally arrived from Ayrshire to take on Newlands Farm on the Luton Hoo estate.

A milking herd of British Friesians was run from Newlands Farm together with arable cropping in the fields surrounding the farm and up to the eastern edge of Slip End village. In 1984 the herd of milking cattle was amalgamated with a second herd at Pepsal End Farm and although all milking took place at Pepperstock the buildings at both farms housed cattle.

In 2011 we went out of dairy and currently we have a pedigree Hereford beef suckler herd of cattle on our farms. With our Hereford cows calving from December to the end of March we look forward to turn out when each cow with a calf at foot will be put out to grass for the summer months.

The bulls will join the cows for four months. On the arable side we currently grow wheat,

beans, barley and oats.

Oilseed rape has been a crop grown for many years but in this area the cabbage stem flea beetle and pigeons are devouring this crop and we feel it is no longer viable to grow it successfully. We are often asked what we are growing in the fields surrounding the village and this year the field directly behind Summer Street is growing oats which once harvested will be sold for human consumption and will be used as an ingredient in muesli bars and breakfast cereals.

In March as the weather continues to improve we race to get the spring drilling (sowing) in the ground - planting malting barley and beans.

The first application of nitrogen fertilizer is also spread on the crops that were sown in the autumn. This gives the crops nutrients so that as the soil warms up the crop can grow rapidly.

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# The Big Brew coffee morning

The Big Brew coffee morning on 11<sup>th</sup> March had to move location from St Andrew's Church to the Vicarage because the church boiler has been condemned and we are waiting for a replacement. Every cloud has a silver lining, as the cliché goes, and the atmosphere in the Vicarage was warm and friendly with people pulling together to put on a lovely spread. As the Big Brew was a fund raiser for Traidcraft as part of Fair Trade Fortnight it was appropriate that many of the cakes had fair trade ingredients. The jury is split on whether Mary's peanut butter bars or Pat's carrot cake should have carried off the prize for best cake. Both flew off the plates pretty sharpish and there have been many requests for the recipes. We also had proper coffee thanks to Noel and Jane Nugent. Traidcraft's mission is to fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting trade that helps people in developing countries to transform their lives. The vision is to create a

world freed from the scandal of poverty, where trade is just, and people and communities can flourish. Thanks to all those who supported our event we raised £188 and with gift aid we are able to give £235 to this worthy charity.



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VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY

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AND ALEY GREEN ARE WELCOME

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Happy Easter

FROM THE SLIP END GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME



## Exciting new developments at Slip End Village School

It has been an incredibly exciting and busy time at Slip End Village School during the last few months as our school site has undergone extensive works to improve both its internal and external facilities.

Following becoming a primary school and expanding our age range to cater for pupils from three to 11 years of age, the school required an additional classroom space to meet its growing numbers.

The new classroom is now nearing completion and will provide a multi-functional learning environment which will be suitably equipped for teaching subjects such as Science and Art. It truly is a wonderful space and we are all looking forward to using it.

Another change to the school site has been the addition of a new car park at the front of the school enabling car parking for five more vehicles.

Through the installation of cycle pods we are also encouraging more pupils to cycle and scoot to school thereby alleviating parking congestion on Rossway and our surrounding roads. During December, the school took part in

the charity Sustrans 'Santa Challenge' which proved to be a very successful 'Walk to School' initiative; one of our pupils, pictured above, won a bike donated by the charity which promotes journeys to school by foot, bike, scooter or public transport.

We continually work hard to teach our children to be safe on their journeys to and from school. This however is also the responsibility of the whole community and once again we would like to remind everyone to avoid parking outside school.

Illegal parking causes obstruction to the school site, hinders the view of pupils and other pedestrians crossing the road and is disrespectful to residents.

The Slip End Village Hall car park is available for parking; this would not only relieve congestion but also add a few minutes healthy exercise to the start of the day. Traffic wardens do now visit Rossway and ticket illegally parked cars as necessary.

As the daylight hours become longer and the weather becomes sunnier we look forward to more people enjoying their walking, scooting and cycling to school.

**Slip End Village School**

# **PLANT SALE**

**Bedding & Vegetable Plants**

**SATURDAY 20th MAY**

**11am – 3pm**

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**SLIP END**

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## Slip End Carpet Bowls

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, Sandra Lee-Dell and Shirley Knaption became Bedfordshire Carpet Bowls Pairs Champions. There were an odd number of groups so the winner of each group and the highest runner-up went into the quarter final. (Slip End sneaked through beating a Turvey team by 6 shots.) In the quarter final Sandra and Shirley beat Maulden 4-3 and in the semi final they beat Barton 5-2. In the final, they met Andrew Hatton and Keith Cockings from Turvey. It was a close fought game as they were drawing 7-7 at the end of the ninth game. In the extra game Slip End got an extra shot, winning the final 8-7.

They will now represent Bedfordshire in the Nationals at Durham on 4<sup>th</sup> June. It was nice for Shirley to receive a trophy because, as President of Bedfordshire County Carpet Bowls, she usually presents them.

Carpet Bowls is not an old person's game as in Bedfordshire our youngest player is 14 years old and our oldest is over 90. If you would like to join us, we meet at the Village Hall every Tuesday evening at 8pm. If you would like more information, please call Shirley on 01582 412506.



## GARDENING CLUB

**MONDAY**

**July 17**

**John Day of the RSPB**

**8pm**

**(Village Hall)**



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## Good Neighbour Scheme

For the Parish of Aley Green, Pepperstock,  
Slip End, & Woodside

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL, 2017, 7.30 PM AT SLIP END VILLAGE HALL

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO  
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## Caddington WI

Graham Thomas entertained us in February with 'Working with Hats'. He gave a talk on his career in the hat trade and how he likes to suit the hat to the client, choosing colour, style and the occasion the hat is being chosen for. He likes to give his customers one to one attention. Later, the ladies were able to try on the hats. Graham positioned them to sit at an angle on the person's head, be it sideways or tipping forward. This gave a completely different look. One lady said she was unable to wear a hat as she looked so awful but Graham found a hat to suit so she was delighted.

The Competition of Anything Hat Related was won by Joanne Sherwood, 2nd Rita Weber and 3rd Brenda Currie. Two of our members attended Speakers Day so have some good ideas for next year's programme.

Our darts team played in the final - they did not win but the team and supporters had a good evening out. Good luck for next year! We had an in-house meeting in March with a couple of surprises!

April we have Alan Goodger speaking on natural history photography. We have a group meeting at the end of April being held in Dunstable. We have The Puppet Lady entertaining us and she is so funny! - this is always a good night where we meet old and new friends. There were two trips organised for March. One to the Chelsea Pensioners Hospital in London and the other to see and listen to Adam Henson which is held locally. Report next month.

We meet at the Baptist Church Hall, Luton Road at 7.30pm. on the third Tuesday of each month. We are friendly ladies so look forward to seeing you.

**Linda Edwards**

# SLIP END VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Reg. Charity No. 300011

## HEREBY GIVE NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017, AT 7.30PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**All local residents, interested parties and representatives of Hall user groups are invited to attend. We do need more committee members, so if you would like to know more about the role please contact the secretary below.**

Agendas are displayed on local notice boards or are available from the Secretary. Residents are invited to propose resolutions in writing to the Secretary make recommendations or have any matter considered as AOB. Proposed resolutions should be sent to the Secretary by noon, 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. Details will be given, once proposed resolutions are received. A revised agenda will be issued 7 days prior to the AGM.

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Spring has sprung and we start the season with a Spring Open Day and Plant Heritage Fair at the Luton Hoo Estate Walled Garden on Saturday 22nd April 2017 from 11am-3pm. Entrance is just £3 (under 5 years old free) and tours of the garden can also be taken for an extra £2. Free children's activities will be on offer and tea, coffee and cake can be purchased as well as those all important plants.

The tours really give an insight into this volunteer-led garden revival and our emphasis this year is looking at the progress made since the beginning of the project in 2001. Research was carried out initially and the gardening did not start until 2007.

The garden is constantly evolving and this winter our gardeners and conservationists have spent many hours removing the plastic sheeting from the greenhouses.

Our Open Wednesdays begin on May 3rd from 10.30am-4pm until the end of September. In addition a tour of the Victorian farm buildings will be available. Produce from the garden will be on sale

including Luton Hoo honey as well as plants. Refreshments will be available from our cafe in the Shooting Lodge which is accessed via a new woodland walk.

We can arrange a talk and tour for groups on Wednesdays and also at your own venue - take a look at our website [www.lutonhooestate.co.uk](http://www.lutonhooestate.co.uk) for list of topics. We have a large car park that can accommodate coaches.

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## **Gardening Tips** *by Russell Sprout*

At time of writing we are still getting a lot of wet weather which is making it difficult to get on in the garden, hopefully by the time you are reading this it will have dried up a bit.

There is still time to repair impoverished lawns this month, a light mowing followed by scarifying and then aerate to improve drainage.

Over-seed any bad areas and rake in well, apply a spring fertiliser and level any bumps or hollows. Complete pruning of roses as soon as possible and apply fertilizer at approximately a handful to the square yard, but leave a six inch circle around the actual plant itself, and hoe into the surface.

After a good downpour mulch around the plants with a one inch layer of manure or bark chippings to hold moisture. Re-plant any alpiners which lack vigour, or which have been lifted slightly out of the ground. Dig the ground and apply a general fertilizer after lifting these plants. Rhododendrons and azaleas can be transplanted if they need moving or complete planting of any new bushes (water newly planted bushes if weather is dry). Remove dead heads of early flowering varieties.

Dahlias started in boxes can be divided with a sharp knife, making sure that cutting has a bud or shoot on it.

Many border annuals can be sown directly into the soil this month to provide a good display of colour and help to suppress weeds.

Carry on planting gladioli for a succession of flowers. Carnations and pinks will benefit from an application of fertilizer to established plants, border plants should be planted by the middle of the month, tall growing varieties can be staked with twiggly sticks pushed into the soil so that the stems can grow up through them.

Sweet peas sown in the spring can be planted out as soon as they are growing strongly. Divide any large clumps of herbaceous plants that are unsightly and replant the outer strongest shoots discarding the middle weaker ones.

Keep an eye on fruit trees and bushes as they start to blossom and take action against pests and diseases.

Tomato plants can be planted in a cool greenhouse now and sow seeds indoors for outdoor tomatoes to plant out when danger of frosts has passed. Sow melons and cucumbers in a propagator, prick out as soon as they are large enough to handle. Mulch beds and borders when they have warmed up, after destroying weeds with a hoe and making sure ground is moist. Ensure tender plants are protected from frost.

Plant onion sets in shallow drills and just cover the tops to stop birds pulling them out. Salad crops can be sown as soon as the soil is dry enough to work into a fine tilth but sow little and often, every 2-3 weeks so that you get a continuous supply of crops such as lettuce, radish, spring onion and beetroot and harvest as soon as they are large enough to eat, don't wait to get large woody ones.

Carrots can be planted this month, main crop can be sown the middle of next month, sow seeds of late summer cauliflowers and wrinkled seeded varieties of peas which will be ready for picking in approximately 12 weeks. Sow winter cabbages for planting out in June and set out summer cabbages sown last month. As early potatoes start to shoot from the middle of the month protect the leaves from frost either by drawing the soil over them or cover them with straw or newspaper.

**Don't forget the Gardening Club Plant Sale next month at the village hall (20<sup>th</sup> May).**

## David Stanfield



16<sup>th</sup> June 1941 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

On February 16<sup>th</sup> many friends and family of Dave Stanfield joined together at St Andrew's Church to say farewell to a much-loved friend.

Dave was born in Belfast where life was tough, he was one of 9 children and had vivid memories of the bomb shelter where they spent many hours during the war, and when their house was bombed they were rehoused in what was built as a POW camp. a chicken-shed type building where his sister was born.

The family had a hard, but happy childhood – they didn't have a lot and Dave contributed to the family income from an early age collecting and selling scrap metal and doing a paper round. He loved school and was very clever, passing his 11+, but sadly there was no money for the costly grammar school. He enjoyed learning and was very self-educated, loving school, especially when he won prizes, but once he turned 14 he had to work and got a job at the toy factory Tri-ang in Belfast.

He moved to Bedford when he was 18 with his friend Blackie and lived in a hostel for the men who worked in the brickworks. He moved into lodgings in Luton and when his landlady was selling up he moved to Slip End, finally ending up at the white house, 16 Church Road, which later became the Stanfield family home. He trained as a bricklayer, a profession he remained in for the rest of his life, and over the years built extensions for different members of his family.

In 1967 he met Linda in a pub in Markyate and married her in 1968, a lifelong marriage of over 40 years where they enjoyed many a laugh together and were blessed with three children, David, Sharon and Robert. Dave worked hard to provide for his family and loved the get-togethers on Sunday's where they all enjoyed a big Sunday lunch together. He especially loved playing with his grand-children; Ricky, Sean, Molly, Ellie, James and Lucy, and has left lasting memories with them all, telling stories of his younger days in Ireland and here, having fun and making them laugh.

Dave was a sociable person and liked to have a drink and would chat with anyone. He used to go drinking at Markyate, but later at the local Social Club. He wasn't judgmental and was very accepting of people and would enjoy talking politics for hours. In fact he liked talking full stop and was very intelligent and knowledgeable and loved maths.

He was on the committee at the Social Club for many years, helping them to get the extension built. He played snooker there and enjoyed going on the annual weekend trips with his wife Linda.

He enjoyed watching films and television. He also had an allotment for over thirty years, growing vegetables for family and friends and worked on it until his dear wife Linda became ill with cancer. Dave then retired from work at 65 and nursed her through her illness and looked after her until she sadly died 8 years ago at the Keech Hospice.

He also enjoyed music, particularly Bob Dylan and Pink Floyd and quite recently went to a Pink Floyd concert with his grandson Sean which he really enjoyed.



After Linda died Dave continued to live well and independently. However, 6 years ago he also developed cancer but he didn't let it stop him getting on with life. He had a positive attitude and didn't let his illness get him down. He said he was 'living with cancer and not dying from it.'

It was just for the last few days when he chose to go into the same hospice and received wonderful care from the nurses who he described as 'angels without wings'.

He felt close to his beloved wife Linda there and ready to join her, and was at peace with death when the time came.

The family would like to thank everyone for their support, especially the Macmillan nurses and the Keech Hospice.

Dave will be sorely missed by all who knew him, and after the funeral many friends and the family joined together at the Social Club to remember fond times and memories of Dave.



*Dave and Linda Stanfield; Rest in Peace*

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Subsidies will now only be allocated to buses running before 6:30pm on weekdays, and before 3:00pm on Saturdays. No subsidies will be available for services operating on Sundays and bank holidays. Bus providers will have the option of continuing to run services outside of these times, but they will no longer be subsidised by Central Bedfordshire. Additionally,

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Information about changes to services will be displayed on buses and at bus stops, as well as on the Central Bedfordshire website.

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- Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Thurs 6th "Explore Easter" Holiday Fun Day St. Andrew's Church 10am-3pm  
Wed 12th GNS Easter Tea Party Village Hall 2:30-4 pm  
Tues 18th Photography Group Talk "Portraits" Social Club 8pm  
Tues 18th Caddington WI "Natural History Photography" Baptist Hall 7:30pm  
Sat 22nd Help For Heroes Charity Day Social Club from 2pm  
Tues 25th Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm  
Sat 29th Quiz and Chips Slip End Social Club 7:30pm

**May**

- Sat 6th Photo group Exhibition Village Hall More details soon  
Mon 8th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 16th Photography Group AGM Social Club 8pm  
Sat 20th Gardening Club Plant Sale Village Hall 11am-3pm  
Sat 20th & Art, craft & photography weekend at All Saints Church Caddington  
Sun 21st includes work by members of our Parish more details later  
Tues 23rd Book Club Frog & Rhubarb 8pm

**June**

- Fri 2nd St Andrew's Drama Workshop

**July**

- Sat 8th Village Day Playing Fields  
Mon 17th Gardening Club Guest Speaker John Day of the RSPB Village Hall 8pm

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