

Parish News

February 2019



Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside

Editors' Notes

A little late perhaps, but on behalf of all involved with Parish News may I wish you Every Success and Happiness in this New Year.

Memories of Christmas abound and I am sure that you have many moments to look back on with pleasure.

As you will read in this issue some members of the community have excelled themselves at this time by offering a celebration of Christmas Day to those in the Village who might otherwise have been on their own. It has been a wonderful example of how we can all help each other and, hopefully, we will see more people throughout the year offering assistance to those less fortunate.

Children enjoying themselves is always one of the highlights and it is nice to see them being encouraged to pass their excitement on to us older folk with their plays and singing. Congratulations to members of the School staff and all those who helped with these presentations.

The Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall was to the usual high standard. Thanks go to Andy

Prothero and Simo Patterson who, with others, set up and decorated it again this year.

Throughout this Parish News you will find reports on the activities of local groups, clubs, churches and others who help in the village. There is always something to be gained from these groups and they all will welcome your interest. The helpers on the Good Neighbour Scheme all say what pleasure they get from being able to help when it is most needed.

Perhaps YOUR resolution might be to do more to help your community and at the same time take pleasure in the companionship it offers.

I hope you will be pleased and grateful to the Caddington Co-Op whose scheme to help schools has benefited FoSELS.

Thank you to the many contributors this month. Due to late arrival of some articles I have had to cut contributions for which I apologise. We welcome your items which we can accept up to **15th** of the month..

Keith Holme Co-Editor

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME



In December we held our Annual Christmas party for residents. Fifty clients and friends were able to attend. They were treated to festive music from the Ukulele band, lead by Peter Smith.

Our volunteers and committee laid on a sumptuous choice of Christmas fayre. Many thanks go to Harpers who provided their fabulous sausage rolls.

Santa arrived on time to distribute the prizes from our raffle. This raised £180 towards costs for the day. These parties continue to provide company for many residents of the Parish and by their kind support for the raffle, help finance the Scheme. Many thanks to all our cooks, volunteers and supporters for making this such a memorable Party.



The other event was a real first. *Carol Beeton* (top photo) very kindly offered to cook a Christmas Day lunch for our clients. She was assisted by volunteers and helpers from the Scheme. Guests who might otherwise have been at home, without the company of friends or relatives went to the Village Hall for the afternoon. We served a three course lunch together with all the trimmings, followed by table top games and a good chat with friends. To our knowledge we are the only Good Neighbour Scheme to provide Christmas Lunch in the County! Our thanks go to those who donated items for the dinner and raffle.

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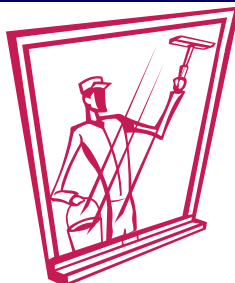
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Jill Acton sent this message:

We are busy getting organised for this year's event. If you can help, want a stall, have an idea for a stand or some entertainment please let us know. We love to get new ideas

**To contact us to offer your help or to book a stall please call
Jill on 07958 587595 or Tracey on 07810 002942.**

SANTA CLAUS

We hope you enjoyed seeing Santa on his sleigh with all his Elf helpers in December. We loved waving and talking to you and hope that you enjoyed your chocolate treats.

Thank you to everyone who helped us We must make a special mention of Sean who drove Santa's sleigh again this year.

We are so thankful for the generosity of you all and are delighted to let you know that, as a result of the collection, we have £750 to donate to charity. The lion's share (or should it be the Elf's?) going to Keech Hospice Care, and then smaller donations to some of the groups and societies in the Parish.

WI Report

In December we had a social evening with mulled wine, plates of Xmas food, which we brought along. An unusual Christmas decoration was the competition. We played games and sang carols. Thank you members for making this a happy evening. Kay came to sell hats and scarves, funds going to Caddington Care. In January John Graham gave a talk on Astronomy. A fascinating talk showing his enthusiasm. Our competition "relating to the sky" was won by Joanne Sherwood with Carol Jones second and Rita Weber third. Judith Husbands and Joanne Sherwood helped run a bag raffle tonight which was fun. The final for our Darts team is 20th March at Stewartby. Good luck ladies. 9th April we have a Group Meeting at Caddington. A few coach trips are being arranged. Next meeting 5th February.

Gardening Notes from Russell Sprout

With Christmas and New Year now a distant memory it's time to turn our thoughts to the gardening year.

Clear away any dead plant material and keep on top of weeds as they start into growth. If you have a soil testing kit this is a good time to test to see if lime, nitrogen or potash is required to balance the soil. This is easy to do. Just follow the instructions that come with the kit - you don't have to be a scientist.

Early potatoes can be arranged in boxes or seed trays, eyes uppermost, in a light frost-free shed, greenhouse or cool bedroom to sprout into growth for an early crop. If you haven't got your seed potatoes yet don't delay or you will be left with the dregs. Early peas and broad beans can be planted in the soil towards the end of the month if it is dry. Shallots can also be planted this month and just cover them with soil to stop birds from pulling them out of the ground.

If you plan to plant tomatoes in a cool greenhouse in April now is the time to sow seeds in a propagator, or indoors on a windowsill and pot them on when they are about 2" high.

Check Dahlias in store, cut away any rotted sections of tubers and, if they are shriveled, plunge them into tepid water for 10-12 hours. Take cuttings of Chrysanthemums that have been overwintered in the greenhouse or cold frame as soon as the new shoots are big enough. Stools that have been left in the ground will benefit from pushing a fork round the plant to stop rotting. Clear away any weeds or debris that have accumulated.

Any alpine that have been loosened by frost should be firmed into place and weeded. If the lawn has become wet and boggy with all the rain we have had, aerate with a fork to help drainage and scarify towards the end of the month to remove dead grass and thatch *if conditions are dry enough*.

Mint can be propagated now by digging up the runners just below the surface, separate them from the main plant, cut into lengths of approximately 6" long and plant. Mint is best planted in a container to stop it spreading everywhere. Parsley can be sown outdoors if dry and not too cold for a first crop. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries close to the ground by the end of the month.

Why not think about taking an allotment. There are some available, just ring Derrick on 736892, or Steve on 423622 and enjoy plenty of fresh vegetables throughout the year as well as keeping yourself fit and making new friends! Talking of new friends, why not join the Gardening Club where you can swap gardening tips, listen to speakers on all different aspects of gardening four times a year in the village hall and visit some interesting gardens with like minded people between the spring and autumn

If you would like to know more before committing yourself call Rosemary Wickens on 423622. She will be happy to talk to you.

Russell Sprout.

Slip End Friendship Club Christmas News

Members of the Slip End Friendship Club gathered for our Christmas lunch at the Frog & Rhubarb on 6th December. We enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch with all the trimmings served by Paul Cooper and his staff whom we thank for their super hospitality. It was a lively affair and a great time was had by all.

On 20th December we had Grand Christmas Raffle at Slip End Village Hall, with very generous donations of prizes from many local businesses. Our warmest thanks and best wishes for a prosperous New Year go to Slip End Garages, The Frog & Rhubarb, Harpers Foods, Slip End Superstore, and The Plough for their generous prize contributions.

There were excellent contributions from The Cutting Crew, Charisma Beauty, Caddington Stores & Post Office and Town & Country.



We are grateful for the support from our local Slip End Community Club which provides a highlight for many on a Thursday afternoon, all year round, as well as our occasional coach trips and meals.

During the year we organise a number of days out to places of interest and for Bingo lovers there is the weekly Thursday afternoon meeting for two hours of fun and chat, with tea/coffee and biscuits at the Slip End Village Hall from 2pm. Membership is open to anyone from Slip End and surrounding villages for an annual fee of only £10. This gives the benefits of all special offers and privileges available only to members.

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If you want to know more about the Friendship Club, please call Ann on 07753 635654.

GARDENING CLUB

Monday 18th March

Guest Speaker

Felicity Brimblecombe:
Bedfordshire Gardens History

8pm Village Hall

New Members Welcome



**Guests/Visitors
£2 each**



Slip End Parish Council - January 2019 Meeting in Brief

By Sarah Minnighan

Cllr Minnighan chaired the meeting and advised members that she and Mr Prothero have meetings with several playground refurbishment companies later this month and hope to have quotations in February. At a later date these will be presented to the community in order that they may choose the best design to go with.

Cllr Minnighan also advised that after reporting the state of the kissing gates and parish signage to Central Bedfordshire Council she was pleased to see that their contractors had been to each site and cleaned and re-painted where necessary. Alfie Green is now Aley Green again. They missed the one gate on Front Street which she has reported again and hopes this will be attended to shortly.

The Slip End Website has recently been the unfortunate victim of hacking and as such it had to close down for a short time.

It is back up and running but in a reduced format whilst the Webmaster works behind the scenes to reload the site.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Council Clerk has a new email address to take immediate effect - clerk@slipendparishcouncil.co.uk

One resident sang the praises of the 230 bus route funded by CASE Trust that runs a route that enables residents from Caddington Woods and other stops within the parish to get in and around, including reaching Luton Airport Parkway. See the other article in this months Parish News for the timetable.

Two representatives from Black Shu attended the meeting to advise members that they will be re-submitting their planning application for land at the end of Markyate Road. Cllr Minnighan advised them that the council hadn't received any detailed plans or application at the time of the meeting and couldn't comment on it until then.

The Parish Council Members wish all our residents a Happy New Year

We have been asked to remind Businesses, Clubs and Private Individuals who advertise in or on public sites, lampposts or street furniture to remove posters etc. after the events to avoid the neighbourhood becoming cluttered with unsightly items. The Council does have powers to remove all unofficial notices if the situation continues. (Ed)

In the September issue of Parish News we offered some extracts from a earlier edition published in 1989. Some readers may remember, but for many these extracts may add interest to their awareness of the past in Slip End

Around 1935 it was usual each Sunday for a group of twelve to fifteen year old lads to kick a tennis ball in the streets near the Royal Exchange, now The Frog and Rhubarb. There was little traffic, no lamps and the streets were the usual playground. The youngsters made good use of this emptiness. Some Senior Citizens must have felt this activity inappropriate and on their way back from church called the local policeman. He took the names of the boys who found themselves arraigned before the Magistrates in the local Juvenile Court accused of causing a nuisance to pedestrians by kicking a ball in the streets. In defence the lads said that there was no playing field or anywhere to kick a ball around.

On the Bench was Lady Ludlow, owner of Luton Hoo and known to the boys. She, and the other members of the Bench, decided that there would not be a conviction, but costs of three shillings each should be paid.

Teddy Baldock, whose memorial is in St Andrew's Church, following his death on the beach at Anzio in WW2, asked for time to pay. This little cameo must have burned deep into the mind of another of the lads because 25 years later and still with an overwhelming desire to see Slip End have a Playing Field, he became deeply involved with the Village Hall Trustees and others to secure land for recreational use. His Name? **Peter Edwards**.



This lovely image was taken by Sue Briggs at Christmas for which I had to find a place.

(Ed)

Well, Well ,Well! Whoever would have thought it?

Pepperstock existed long before Slip End! Never a village, but a hamlet consisting of small groups of cottages spread over a wide area including Gibraltar Cottages, Luton Hoo farms and West Hyde. To the South were Broomhill Leys, Small Grove and Bonner's Farms which were mentioned in The Domesday Book and in Fry's Book of Martyrs. This entry is probably included because of the infamous Bishop Bonner a 'dastard of the darkest dye'.

The remains of the site of Bonners stocks into which his unfortunate victims were strapped and left to the elements, presumably to perish, were able to be seen by many later generations.

A group of four cottages remained from an original group of six and were altered into a single dwelling named Pepsal End Manor which became the home of Colonel and Mrs Rattigan, parents of Terrance Rattigan whose famous stage productions include "The Winslow Boy" and "French Without Tears".

At the road junction was the pond on which homemade boats were sailed and The Half Moon Inn. There had been an inn on this site for 450 years until two national brewers bought the business. They were unable to secure planning permission to enlarge the kitchen area on to Green Belt land to provide for a larger and now necessary economic number of guests and so it remained closed and deteriorating for some years.

Apart from the frontage, the premises were almost completely taken down in 2014 and are now the home of Harpers Foods.

To the North was the area latterly known as Slip End, but more about that later!

Keith Holme

Gardening Club from PN gardening correspondent

At our last meeting of the year our speaker, Chris Thorne, from *Ayletts Garden Centre* gave an interesting and topical talk on "How to look after your Christmas Plants". The variety of plants and plant foods, which he used for the talk, were then available to purchase. At the end of meeting Chris had copies of the book "50 Golden Gardening Years", written by Roger Aylett, which members were able to take and enjoy reading. The talk was followed by the annual social finger buffet, provided by members, along with drinks to finish off the year. The annual programme of garden visits under the National Gardens Scheme is being prepared and will be ready for March meeting.

QUIZ NIGHT

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The run up to Christmas was a very busy time for all the children and staff at Slip End Village School.

The younger children performed their Christmas plays; the early years children gave us a wonderful Christmas Nativity play and Years 1 to 3 performed 'Are We Nearly There Yet'. All the children put on a wonderful performance for our appreciative audience which included visitors from Woodside Care Home.



Our Year 5 children also visited the residents at Woodside Residential Care. We were very proud of them. They had a lovely time singing carols and chatting with the residents.

We are very grateful to St. Andrew's Church for hosting two very special Carol Services for our children. Once again carols and Christmas songs were enjoyed by all. The children were even lucky enough to receive a little treat for their walk back to school.



Helen Brind
Head of School



I would like to introduce you to *Schoolreaders*, which is a charity that recruits volunteers to listen to children read in primary schools. There is a great need for more volunteers in your area. We provide this service free to schools and the demand is high. Forty percent of Bedfordshire primary schools have registered with us asking for :

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Lesley Houston Administration Assistant
Schoolreaders, Bedford Heights Brickhill Drive, Bedford Mk41 7PH

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February 17th: 10.30am – Morning Praise & Baptism

February 19th: 11am – Woodside Care Home Service

February 24th: 10.30am – Holy Communion

Little Stars for February

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

In February we will meet on the following Wednesdays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th.

QUIZ NIGHT

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Alex's Rucksacks are a hit!

From Sarah Minnighan

10 year old Alex from Rossway has been doing his bit to help the homeless over the Christmas and New Year period by buying and filling rucksacks to give to those folk in need. His contributions are distributed through the charity *Signposts, Luton* and their *Start Over Shelter* project.

Alex decided in 2017 that he wanted to do something to help homeless people in and around our area and after a very successful campaign he decided that he would do it all over again this year!

Armed with his business plan he wrote to lots of companies and Jan Fowler at John Lewis Welwyn Garden City invited Alex along to meet her and tell her what his plans were. From that meeting Jan offered John Lewis's help under their Community Christmas Project, and donated 50 rucksacks. Alex bought 28 more with money donations, and then the ball started rolling.

Alex reached out to friends, family, his scout group, Caddington & Slip End Scouts got involved, and soon Alex was receiving all the necessities he needed to fill his rucksacks, from toothpaste to sanitary products, shower gel to hats, gloves and other toiletries as well as money to buy the rucksacks in the first place. Last year Alex won the Gordon Wellstead Award in Scouting for his efforts in helping the charity and said that winning that award made him want to achieve more this year, which he did .

Last year Alex filled and supplied 19 rucksacks; this year he filled 78!

He delivered those rucksacks to **Signpost** with his foster parents Clare & Fred. Clare said she was 'overwhelmed by the support from businesses and the local communities, our friends and scouting and guiding families have all helped Alex achieve what he wanted to do'.

As the donations kept arriving Clare started to worry where they would put them all and next year they may need some extra help with the sorting and filling the rucksacks, but as Alex said, he's had an amazing experience, and knowing he's helped 78 people this year with some essentials makes him extremely happy.



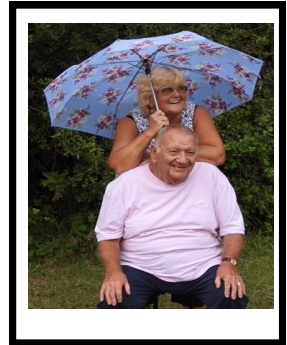
Photo above shows Alex with his rucksacks.

We would like to congratulate Alex on his fantastic accomplishment.

More information on Signposts, Luton can be found on their website www.signpostssso.org or call on 01582 722629.



Why take up photography?



It's a good question. Over to the Community Project Group meeting Tuesday 12th December 2012.

‘Any other business?’

A gentleman raised his hand and said “I would like to start a Photography Club in the Parish.”

The Chair said, “Great idea Norman, what help do you need?”

And so the **Slip End Photography Group** was born!

Norman Homewood with just a few of his friends launched the club in early 2013, meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. The idea was to encourage non photographers, amateurs and the more experienced to enrol and learn from each other in a small ,friendly gathering held at Slip End Social Club.

I joined in late 2013 to support the group with my limited knowledge and great interest. Joining has taught me to look at subjects and objects in a different light. I have learnt that some views might be beautiful, but in fact, do not make a photograph. I have made friends and met people from all walks of life, learnt how to use my camera with confidence and gained new skills.

Andy Prothero

Other members have said:

Having meet Norman at a social event and started talking about photography, he invited me to come to the next photography meeting. I went on a Tuesday night, and met the other members; I was a bit concerned as my camera knowledge was purely point and shoot! Anyway a very friendly bunch, whose skills varied considerably, so it wasn't at all intimidating!

Continued ⇨

Meant to be monthly, but which has turned into a weekly event. Most months see a guest speaker and with numerous outings. We have been to Vauxhall Cars Heritage site, Wilstead Birds of Prey, a wonderful evening to a local Ferrari and other high end cars showroom! A great club. Do I learn anything? I think so.

Martin Peck

I have been interested in photography since my Dad bought me a camera when I was about 11. I have never bothered to join a club before. As a Parish News Editor, I saw information submitted to the magazine. Everything I do seemed to happen on Tuesdays so I left it a while before joining and don't always make it to every meeting. I like the idea that a group of people who are interested in taking photos can find opportunities to practise and maybe improve without feeling pressured to "be the best". This was Norman's aim - that we shouldn't need competitions, just gentle encouragement. The exhibitions are a great idea and showcase a good number of talented local people. Some of our regular speakers are an inspiration and it is good to see how they use their photography skills.

Alison Wilson

Having been a keen amateur photographer for more years than I care to remember and a family with a growing interest in the subject, it became something of a mission to find a small, friendly knowledgeable club. Slip End Photography Group was a great choice as it was local to us and full of like minded people and where everyone, no matter their ability, was welcome. We have had some great days out as a group taking photos of things that we would not normally consider photographing.

So if you take a photograph with any type of camera and of any level pop along and have some fun.

Adam & Vanessa Newell

Over the last few years Club membership has averaged 25, with new people starting this year. I think you can say that Norman's idea, all those years ago, has been a great success, a benefit to the community and a credit to Norman.

As this goes to print Norman sadly is no longer with us, he will be missed, but always remembered especially for his normal request on our outings-

“Where's the nearest chip shop?”

We learn that another Club member, **Beryl Keightley** sadly passed away on 18th Dec. Beryl, who lived in Woodside Park Homes was also a member of the Bowls Club. Her husband Ivan and Family remember a wonderful wife, mother and grand mother.

So you think you're too clever, young or too wise to be the victim of a **SCAM?**

Read on! You may be surprised

9 out of 10 on scammers lists do not know that they are targeted!

Scams are getting more and more sophisticated and there are more of them aimed at all types of people, not just the older generation. One group of people who can be affected by scams and scammers are the 'socially isolated'. There are some unpleasant people out there, ready to ruin the lives of others. People usually think that older persons are the ones who get scammed, but research shows that 18 to 24 year olds are just as vulnerable.

Firstly, looking at the older generation or the disabled

Did you know? Although this group makes up the smallest number of reported scam cases, they have the highest level of detriment, not just financially but with an impact on health and wellbeing.

They are usually seen by scammers as the easiest targets, with victims less likely to report a scam or reach out for support.

Compared to the general population, if you are disabled or with long-term health conditions, you are more likely to fall victim to phishing/banking scams, prize draw or lottery scams and clairvoyant scams!

Another susceptible group is "the socially isolated".

They are seen as an easy target and therefore a group who should find 'advice' helpful. We hope the advice is genuine!

What about the younger members of the community?

Young people don't represent the largest group of people falling victim to scams, but there is evidence to show there has been a sharp increase in the number of under 25's hit by scams.



7 ways to avoid becoming a victim

This group has grown up surrounded by technology and is confident using the internet, which may lead them to feel that they are unlikely to fall for scams, making them complacent and increasingly vulnerable.

Over half of 18-24s are unlikely to report a scam, making them the largest group who are unlikely to take any action

It has been reported that the names and addresses of approximately 300,000 people are on lists which are being sold between criminals to use as targets for mass-marketed mail scams and research has shown that 9 out of 10 people on these lists are unaware they are even being targeted!



Whether as a victim or not, reporting and sharing a scam experience may help prevent others from falling victim and also help authorities to raise awareness and tackle these crimes.

If you ever suspect a scam, please tell everyone about it.

You can also report a suspected scam to Citizens Advice Consumer Service

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You may avoid falling for scams by asking yourself these 7 simple questions.

If you answer yes to any of the following, there's a good chance it's a scam.

1 An unsolicited call can be a sign of being contacted by a company you don't want to deal with. Be strong and refuse to give ANY reply.

2 If it sounds too good to be true-it probably is! Use your common sense.

3 NEVER give ANY personal information.

4 If they want an answer now, MAKE SURE IT IS NO.

5 Are the reply details vague? Such as an 09 telephone number (premium rate) or only a mobile number with unclear address.

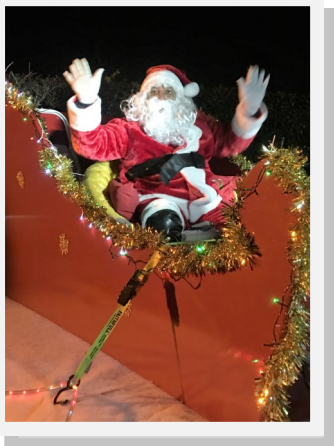
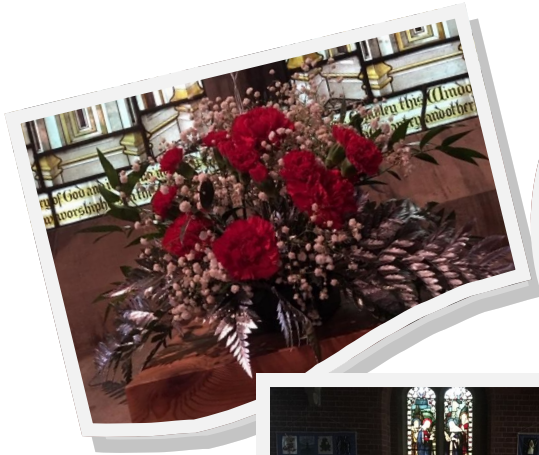
6 You see simple spelling mistakes!

7 If you are told this is a special deal which you should keep to yourself - avoid at once. Your suspicion is probably right and you are one of thousands with the same offer.

So that we remember all the happy times at Christmas 2018

Our thanks to Sue Briggs and my Co Editor Alison Wilson





St Andrews Message

February

This morning in my "Morning Prayer" I read in the appointed Psalm the following words:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way...

The Lord Almighty is with us, God is our fortress. (From Psalm 46v1, 2, 7)

We live in very uncertain times – on the global stage there is a world-wide shift in attitudes and relationships between nations. No one knows how Brexit will pan out and the effect it will have on our economy or our individual lives. It is much more difficult to maintain the illusion of control that we like to manufacture in order to give us a sense of security in our lives.

In reality we are all affected by circumstances that are outside our control. Our lives can be turned upside-down without warning as a result of illness or accident, redundancy or other people's words and actions. How do we retain a measure of equanimity in a changing and uncertain world?

Over the last couple of years I have found the putting into practice the advice of a little verse in the Bible to be very helpful.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4v6)

When life feels out of control and things are happening that do not feel good - we are faced with our own powerlessness. This can cause anxiety. This call to pray empowers us – there is something we can do. The instruction to

keep giving thanks draws our attention to the many good things that are present in our lives. The verse is an invitation to live in God's world under his control. As we pray we are asking him to influence what happens – we are asking him to help us know how to live, to have the wisdom to make good decisions and to continue to live with love and hope.

This transforms our experience of everyday life. Saint Paul, the writer of Philippians continues in the next verse with a beautiful promise.

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4v7)

When we seek to live in God's world in God's way there is a peace that is beyond understanding – it is not dependent on circumstances – on whether our lives are easy and secure or filled with great challenge. It is dependent on the unchanging nature of God. He is our "*refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. He is with us and he is a fortress*" in which we can dwell in peace despite the storms that may rage about us.

Can I end by encouraging us all to pray for our leaders, indeed the leaders of the world, that they might seek peace building strategies for relationships between the nations, but also to lift our own circumstances to God in prayer that we might dwell in his transcendent peace what-ever happens around us.
God Bless,
Cathy

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Planning applications submitted within the Parish since November 2018

Application CB/18/04332/ Full. Submitted 21/11/18
Woodside Farm, Woodside Road, LU1 4LT
Ground floor side extension.

Awaiting decision

Application CB/18/04289/ Full. Submitted 3/12/18
79 Woodside Road, Woodside, LU1 4DJ

Proposed detached dwelling.

For consultation

Here is a note from Simon Patterson. CPG Chair

The CPG volunteers distributed 218 tins of biscuits to residents who have reached the age of 65 and have lived in the village for at least 5 years.

Deliveries were made just before the Christmas season throughout the village of Aley Green, Woodside, Pepperstock and Slip End.

Many thanks to all our helpers and to those local business who have contributed so far to the cost of the gift. In particular Mr A Glynos, Phil Johnson from J & P Scaffolding and the Directors of Neville Funeral Services Ltd.

Many thanks Simon Patterson

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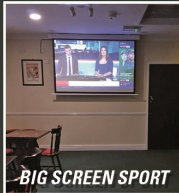
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Central Bedfordshire Council’s website has a wide range of information available for most enquiries and can be found at

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ALEY GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Services and Diary Dates

February

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Morning Service ~ Shepherd
Kombo

10.30am Sunday School

Friday 8th

2.30pm *'Take Time'*

A talk from a representative of the
charity 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'
Followed by light refreshments.

Saturday 9th

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning Service ~
Rev Dr David Chapman

10.30am Sunday School

Tuesday 12th

10.00am ~ 12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am ~ 11.00am Little Lambs

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Service ~ Colin Quine

10.30am Sunday School

Communion

Monday 18th

7.30pm Ecumenical Fellowship Jo
Prowse

Sunday 24th

10.30am Morning Service Local
Arrangement

10.30am Sunday School

Wednesday 27th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of
Leaders of Worship & Preachers Trust

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We had a very busy December. The first  
Sunday in the month was the Ecumenical  
Advent service at Aley Green which was well  
supported and an offering for the Bible  
Society totalled £60.00. Our Christmas Card  
raised a further £30.00 for the charity.

Christmas 'Take Time' was a celebration of  
Christmas through music and verse.

The U3A Bell ringers rang out several Carols  
and songs and we joined in singing some of  
our favourites. We were welcomed with a  
glass of non alcoholic mulled wine and tucked  
into seasonal refreshments afterwards. The  
chosen charity this year was Operation Smile,  
a child's cleft lip or cleft palate can be  
repaired for as little as £150 and in as few as  
45 minutes. Most of the charity's work is in  
the third world countries. £144.00 was raised  
and added to the Christmas Hamper Raffle  
total of £233.00, so a grand total of £377.00.

Our Bacon Butty Brunch attracted a good  
number of friends and money was raised for  
the running of our church. The Nativity  
Service was the following day with our Little  
Lambs, leaders and mummies acting out the  
Christmas story, we were a couple of little  
lambs short, they fell asleep, an one reluctant  
king who sat in the audience, we did however  
has a real live baby Jesus who did a great job.  
The offering from the service of £68.00 was  
for the refurbishment of the maternity ward  
the Mission Hospital in Sarenga West Bengal.  
The Carol service was well supported and  
greatly enjoyed, we had a full church and the  
singing with the help of our choir was  
excellent. £105.73 was collected for Action  
for Children. Christmas morning worship at  
9.30am was led by Geoff and Jenny Best and  
lasted just under 45minutes giving us time to  
get back to the turkey. £105.69 was collected  
for Noah, the homeless charity.

The New Year began with another Bacon  
Butty Brunch, this time raising funds for the  
Sarenga Maternity hospital. Our minister  
Nigel will be spending two weeks at the  
hospital in February with a group of eleven  
others to work to improve the unit. We raised  
£233.00 and another £43.00 on a tombola.

Looking forward we have a 'Take Time'  
meeting on the 8th February, raising funds for  
Guide Dogs for the Blind, do join us. Light  
refreshments will be served after the service.

Our usual Cakes & Company and Little  
Lambs Club on Tuesday 12th, do come along  
for a cuppa and chat, The Little Lambs will  
have their usual gathering where they join in  
stories, singing, craft and play. Open to  
all pre school children

## Can you help those most in need in the community this winter?

**Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation (BLCF) is an independent registered charity, providing support to local community groups and charities, many of whom are working with some of the county's most vulnerable and in need.**

They have launched their Surviving Winter appeal to support those who may struggle with food or fuel poverty during the winter months.

**Over 41,700 households in Bedfordshire live in poverty.**

Francesca Johnstone, Head of Grantmaking at BLCF, says "We are asking the people and businesses of Bedfordshire to come together to support those in need and help them cope over the winter months. For many people it can sometimes be a choice between heating or eating, Monies raised will support those most vulnerable in the community, together we can help to make a real difference."

They are working with local Bedford Foodbank, The Need Project, FACES & Age Concern to provide essential items like food parcels, winter kits, or even helping towards paying fuel costs for those most in need.

The appeal is running throughout the winter until the end of February 2019 and aims to raise **£10,000** to support individuals and families across the county during the winter months.

If you would like to support this appeal please get in touch on **01234 834930**.

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## February

Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm

Tues 5th Caddington WI Speaker Baptist Hall 7:30pm

## March

Mon 18th Gardening Club Speaker Felicity Brimblecombe

Wed 20th Wi Darts Final Stewartby

Fri 23rd Quiz Night Social Club Slip End. Bowls Club

Fri 29th Quiz Night Social Club Slip End Oracle Club

## FUTURE DATES

**Sat 6th July NOTE NEW DATE Village Day 2019**

## Bin collections for February

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