

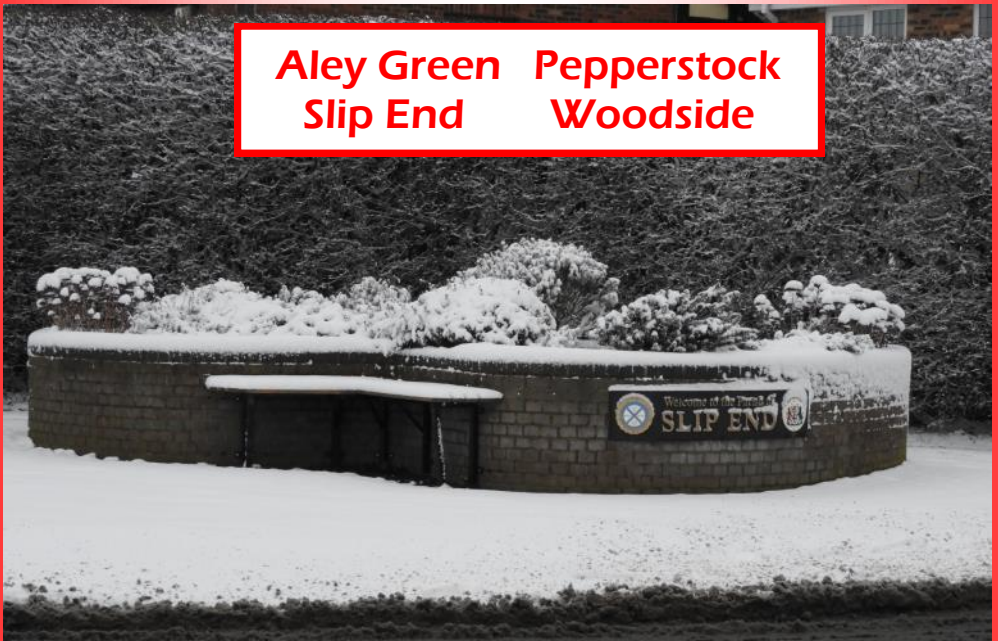
Parish News

March 2019

This friendly fellow was spotted in Claydown Way on a "Snow Day"



**Aley Green Pepperstock
Slip End Woodside**



Editors' Notes

Greetings to all our readers, this is my first issue of the year and it seems ages since I was busily putting things together for the last issue of 2018. So much seems to happen around the various activities that keep me busy that sometimes I feel my feet barely touch the ground.

On this subject, it would be interesting to find out what people do to relax. Sometimes this can be taking time out between activities and work. Or sometimes just doing something different. "A change is as good as a rest" comes to mind.

Last year we introduced a fairly regular page about hobbies. Several residents have kindly submitted articles for us on a wide range of subjects—music, model railways, fishing, Indian beading, photography, metal detecting and more... Then, of course, there are the regular clubs that meet including many types of sports, gardening etc. Please keep the items coming, if you feel you can't

write it up yourself, we will be happy to do so on your behalf.

Volunteering is another important activity with which many of us fill our time. Many residents volunteer to help their neighbours and friends through the Good Neighbour Scheme or through the Churches or Scouting & Guiding.

I spend a good deal of my time volunteering with school groups, and in other ways, at the National Trust at the Ashridge Estate. That too is very rewarding, especially when you are introducing children to the woodland and nature if they have had no experience of it. Getting outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine (when the British weather allows) is something that should be part of all our lives. It can stimulate our minds and help us to be healthy.

If you volunteer somewhere different or unusual, please tell us a bit about it. There are many opportunities nowadays for people to be a "Good Neighbour". We just have to give up a little of our time!

Alison Wilson

THE SLIP END GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME



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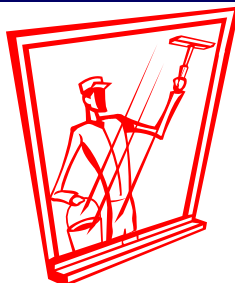
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Gardening Club

The Club AGM was held on Mon 21st January. Chairperson, Rosemary Wickens, advised it had been another successful year. Unfortunately, possibly due to the hot weather early in the year, there had not been sufficient people wishing to open their gardens, therefore the Village Open Gardens Day had to be cancelled. A Quiz Night was held in October which helped to offset the loss of income. We, again, had some very good speakers with interesting topics.

The garden visits made were both interesting and varied, particularly the visit to Pirton where there were 15 gardens open. (It was difficult to get round them all!!) The Club continues to sponsor the flower beds outside the bungalows in Crawley Close. Carol Beeton presented the accounts which showed the Club was in a healthy financial position, therefore membership was being kept at the current rate of £5 pa.

After the AGM business was concluded, Rosemary presented a Garden Flower Quiz, prepared by her, which was enjoyed by members. After a tie break between four members, the winner was Marian Miller. The annual programme of garden visits is being prepared and will be ready for our March meeting. Planning for the Village Plant Sale on Saturday 18 May has commenced. (See poster opposite)

PN Gardening Correspondent

Picture from 2017 plant sale



GARDENING CLUB

Monday 18th March

Guest Speaker

Felicity Brimblecombe:

Bedfordshire Gardens History

8pm Village Hall

New Members Welcome

**Guests/Visitors
£2 each**



Slip End Gardening Club

PLANT SALE

Bedding & Vegetable Plants

SATURDAY

18th May

11.00 - 14.00

Village Hall

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Refreshments

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HOBBIES

I have always taken an interest in the natural world and over the years, apart from angling (you may remember a previous article in the magazine) I have kept aviaries and several types of fish. I have kept tropical, freshwater and marine fish, and until we moved to Pepperstock, I had a large pond with Koi Carp. My interest in fish led me to try snorkelling when on holiday, and eventually to trying SCUBA Diving (Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus).

Like many people, I had sampled a 'try dive' when on holiday overseas but it had not been successful and I was disappointed that I had not been able to fulfil my dream. Sometime later a friend who dived, suggested I go to their club and try again. I could not believe how different my experience was. A very patient instructor helped me to overcome all my fears and enjoy the sensation of being weightless in water.

I immediately booked a course and qualified as a PADI diver. I passed the theory in England but did the open water dives to complete the qualification, while on holiday. Whilst there, I decided to take the advanced qualification and became an Advanced PADI Open Water Diver. This meant that I could dive to 30 metres instead of 18.

That was it; every holiday was spent scuba diving and as a lover of marine life, I have been in my element ever since. I subsequently qualified as a PADI Rescue Diver and Divemaster, and also joined the local British Sub Aqua Club which meets every Thursday evening to dive in the Inspire Pool in Hitchin Road where we can practise diving between 2 and 5 metres.

I am now an Assistant Instructor for BSAC and most Thursdays I take try dives for people who would like to learn to SCUBA dive but perhaps are nervous, or who would just like to see if they would enjoy it.

Perhaps like me, you had a bad first experience while on holiday and feel disappointed, or would just like to 'give it a go' to experience being able to breathe underwater, I would suggest that you come along and have a try dive one Thursday. Age is no barrier either! I was 56 when I first qualified and my Granddaughter has qualified as a Junior at just 10 years old.

I cannot describe how wonderful it is to be at one amongst some of the most wonderful creatures in our seas, like mantra rays, whale sharks and many beautiful marine fish. I highly recommend giving it a try – see the advert on page 4. Your holiday may never be the same!

John Moss

Aley Green Methodist Church

Services and Diary Dates

March

Friday 1st

7.30pm **World Day of Prayer**

Ecumenical Service at St Thomas' Church
Followed by refreshments

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Morning Service ~ Richard Armiger

10.30am Sunday School

Saturday 9th

8.00am Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning Service ~ Liz Higgins

10.30am Sunday School

Monday 11th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship W1
led by Jo Prowse

Tuesday 12th

10.00am ~ 12.00pm 'Cakes & Company'

10.30am ~ 11.00am Little Lambs

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Service & Communion
~ Rev Wallace Edwards

10.30am Sunday School

Monday 18th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship W2
led by Jo Prowse

Sunday 24th

10.30am Morning Service-Shepherd Kombo

10.30am Sunday School

Monday 25th

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship W3
led by Jo Prowse

Wednesday 27th

7.30pm Coffee Evening in aid of A Rocha

Sunday 31st

10.30am Morning Service ~ Peter Baker

10.30am Sunday School

APRIL

Monday 1st

7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship W4
led by Jo Prowse

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We were pleased to welcome a representative from the Guide Dogs for the Blind to our

Take Time meeting at the beginning of February. Jackie came along with her pup, a rather handsome chap called Coleman, a Labrador / Alsatian mix. She gave us an excellent talk about the charity and the work of puppy walkers and trainers, and the transition from puppy to guide dog. Lorna Kalisz also brought her puppy Imogen along, we often see them around the village. We rounded off the afternoon with sausage rolls, scones, tea bread and cakes with lots of tea and coffee. The collection raised £116 for the charity, thanks to everyone for supporting us. Our little chapel at Aley Green was honoured to receive a visit from the Chair of the Beds. Essex & Herts. District of the Methodist Church, the Reverend Dr David Chapman. Rev Chapman oversees some 200 churches in the district so it was lovely that such an eminent man who is used to preaching in large churches with huge congregations visited us, a small village church, with so few people in attendance.

The Ecumenical Lent Fellowship Meeting will begin on Monday 11th March and run for five weeks. We will be following a York Course called Rich Inheritance, Jesus' legacy of love. Each week is an individual study so if you are unable to attend each week, you can join us as and when you are able.

The March Coffee Evening will be in aid of A Rocha. A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world. We have recently achieved an Eco Church Bronze Award and are working towards our Silver. Do join us for the usual mix of coffee, cake and chatter.

Cakes and Company and Little Lambs will be held on the usual second Tuesday. Our Little Lambs meet for story time, singing, craft and prayer followed by play, plenty of coffee and tea for parents and carers, come along, no charge.

*Yours in Christ ,  
Ann Meader , Senior Steward*



## Wedding Blessing

Stuart & Kellie Baird had their marriage blessed during a service at St Andrew's Church on 3rd February. Daughter, Evie, was also present. Stuart's parents are Steve and Paula, from Woodside who are members of the church. Steve is also a Church Warden and a Parish Councillor.

## Beautiful Flowers

The flowers for Stuart and Kellie's Blessing were arranged by Diane Casemore, as were the lovely ones pictured in last month's issue.



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## Slip End Book Club

Do you like to read? I certainly do! The Club meets once a month on a Tuesday evening at about 8:30pm in the Frog and Rhubarb. We choose our books to read on the basis of recommendations, awards or lists like the "Richard & Judy" books of the month.



Recent books included, among others, The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters, Three Things About Elsie by Joanna Cannon and the Midst of Winter by Isabelle Allende (February)

If you'd like to join us we are usually there on the last Tuesday of the month. Feel free to look us up on facebook or contact us via Parish News (parishnews@slipend.co.uk)



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## Slip End Village School

This term we have already enjoyed many exciting learning opportunities including a Chinese Dance workshop.

There have been two school trips so far; one to study classical music and another where the children were treated to a literacy lesson courtesy of Karl Nova the rapper, which was very much enjoyed by the children.

Our FoSELS volunteers have held two cake sales already this year, raising money for the school which is very much appreciated and are currently busy organising this year's Easter egg hunt and gifts from the children for Mother's Day.

As the snow fell on us recently we managed to keep the school open and continued with our learning. Our parents were very supportive and we also enjoyed an exciting lunch out on the field making snowmen.

*Helen Brind  
Head of School*

### **Future dates for the Diary - Anyone for... Bar Billiards??**

*(We received a suggestion for a new entertainment from a local resident—Keith Harris, who lives at the Woodside Park homes Ed.)*

He has recently purchased a bar billiards table (the one with holes in the table instead of pockets round the edge, and mushrooms to avoid - great fun and nowhere near as serious as ordinary billiards) and is thinking about starting a small club for local residents who would like to play. As yet no dates are set because it depends on the response and when the respondees are free. This game used to be very popular in pubs but was gradually replaced by pool, the reason being that bar billiards takes around 20 minutes per game and pool can be very much shorter, thus earning more money for the landlord. I'm sure there must be some others in the area who remember the game and would enjoy playing.

It would also be free to join, it's not a commercial enterprise in any way, although there will probably be a nominal charge of £1 per session (around 2 hours) to go towards a small kitty in case anyone accidentally rips the baize as it is not cheap to maintain. Anyone interested can contact Keith by email on [keith@jiggery69.plus.com](mailto:keith@jiggery69.plus.com)



We have started making plans for Village Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the Playing Fields next to St Andrew's Church.

Already booked are - Punch and Judy, Talking Talons animal encounter and Bounce ,who wowed us with their fitness display last year , are making a return visit. Also coming are inflatables, a coconut-shy, candy floss, ice cream and more. Plus, there will of course be the usual refreshments and bar.

We would welcome your stall, display and new ideas ...so if you are interested please call us on 07810 002942 (Tracey) or on 07958 587595 (Jill). Or alternatively email [slipendvillageday@yahoo.com](mailto:slipendvillageday@yahoo.com)



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## Dates for St Andrew's Church - March

March 3rd: 10.30am – Morning Praise - Sunday Before Lent, Transfiguration, Baptism

March 6th: 7.30pm – Informal Communion - Ash Wednesday

March 10th: 10.30am – Informal Communion – Jesus defeats the enemy

March 17th: 10.30am – Holy Communion – Jesus removes our guilt

March 19th: 11am – Woodside Care Home Service

March 24th: 10.30am – Morning Praise – Jesus shares in our sufferings, and Baptism

March 31st: 10.30am – Morning Praise – Mothering Sunday

## St Andrew's Woodside Community Coffee Morning



**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**10.00 am to noon**

**at St Andrew's Church**

**Tea, coffee, conversation and good company**

We will be holding the Community Coffee mornings on the last Saturday of the month, so that is 30<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> May, but not 29<sup>th</sup> June as there is a wedding. (But we ARE offering teas and coffees on 6<sup>th</sup> July as part of Village Day). Then it's 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. Dates will appear in PN diary page.

**Drop in at any time All welcome**

**If you would like to bring along a table-top game like dominoes or cards please do**

**Contact us on 480391 if transport is a problem.**



## Little Stars for March

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 March, we will meet on the following Wednesdays: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

### Hospitality is the Velcro that Joins us Together

It seems ironic to be writing about hospitality as I rarely entertain guests at home because I suffer from Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome (CHAOS) due to my lack of housewife skills.

Hospitality is a sign of kindness. It says "I care about you as a person." According to Leviticus 19:34 it should be shown to everyone: "The foreigner who resides with you must be to you like a native citizen among you; so you must love him as yourself, because you were foreigners in the land of Egypt." We all deserve such love because we've been shown the ultimate love through Jesus' death and resurrection for our sins. And yet I don't invite people in because I haven't run the Hoover round or cleared the papers off the dining room table?! Shame on me!

Jesus both offered and enjoyed hospitality with people from all walks of life. He said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Mt 25:34-36) Thus by serving others we serve Christ. It is the hallmark of being a Christian. It is played out in many random acts of kindness and sitting down for a cuppa and kindly chat goes a long way.

With this in mind St Andrew's is setting up a Community Coffee Morning to be run on a Saturday morning in church once a month. The first will be on Saturday 30th March from 10 am. Do drop by.

Hospitality can also be the means for raising money for a good cause which is why we are holding a Big Brew Coffee Morning at the Vicarage on Sat 9th March 10am to 12noon. It will be in aid of Traidcraft Exchange who promote trade justice. (See advert.)

We are here as God's family, to draw closer to God, to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.

*Julie Taylor, Reader in training*

# You are invited to Must Know Stories

## Holiday Fun Day

### at St Andrew's

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 pm

### For children Year 1 to Year 6



stories, songs, games crafts and fun  
on the theme of stories Jesus told.

**Parents : If you would like your child(ren) to come please contact Julie Taylor for a registration form on 07841 482119 or email [duncan.taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:duncan.taylor@btinternet.com) as booking is essential for planning purposes.**

**Free of charge – bring a packed lunch**

## Slip End Photography Group

The photography group is planning this year's programme. So far we have an evening of pictures and tips on Lowlight & Night photography on Tuesday 19th March, our AGM on Tuesday 16th April and a talk from the inspiring Andy Sands is planned for June. Other dates to follow. The annual exhibition will be on 27th April in the Village Hall.

The more formal meetings and talks (usually the third Tuesday of the month) will now take place in the "Art Room" at the Heathfield Centre in Caddington. Otherwise, we shall meet, as usual, at the Slip End Social Club.

Inspired by the upcoming evening about lowlight photography, the group planned an evening to photograph light trails at the end of February. *(This example is from a recent Night Photography course in London)*

The recent project challenges have been "garden birds" (January) and "from a low angle" (February).

New members are always welcome. You don't have to be an expert—just enjoy taking photos! For more information contact Andy Prothero or email:

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# Photography Group

Annual Exhibition

Slip End Village Hall

Saturday 27th April

from 12:00 to 4:00

Entrance free

Refreshments

*Starter*

- Dolcelatte, Pear & Walnut Tart v, GFO
- Smoked Salmon Salad with Dijon honey dressing GF
- Tomato & Basil Soup with Croutons v, GFO

*Main Course*

- Lemon & Herb Chicken Supreme
- Potato Dauphnoise & a selection of vegetables
- Slow Cooked Aromatic Pulled Pork Shoulder
- Potato Dauphnoise & a selection of vegetables
- Roast Vegetable 'Halloumi' & Lentil Bake vegan GF
- Crushed new potatoes & vegetables

*Dessert*

- Raspberry Panna Cotta with homemade shortbread
- Pecan Pie and Clotted Cream
- Decadent Truffle Tort and cream GF

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## Gardening Notes from Russell Sprout

So far we haven't had such a bad winter, although it has been a bit soggy underfoot at times. Let's hope we have had the worst of the really cold weather and can look forward to getting in the garden. If you have any large clumps of snowdrops they can be dug up and split into small bunches and replanted straight away, but this should only be done about every fifth year.

Plant roses early in the month and prune established plants during a frost free period, cutting out all dead wood and any branches crisscrossing to open up and shape the bush to a bowl shape. Don't be afraid of cutting a rose back too far as they benefit from a really good reduction of the previous year's growth to produce strong new shoots. Gladioli corms can be planted later this month and if sown over the next 6 weeks will give a longer flowering season. Sow between 4-6 inches deep and you will avoid the need of staking them. Sweet peas which were sown in autumn and over-wintered in pots or bought from a nursery will need to be planted out as soon as the weather permits. They make an effective display when grown in clumps and supported with pea sticks or a cylinder of netting. Dahlias and chrysanthemums over-wintered in the greenhouse will have shoots on them by now and cuttings can be taken when they are approximately 3 inches long.

Lawns will need some attention after the rigours of winter, new lawns need a final raking of ground dug in the autumn to a fine tilth for sowing seed. Established lawns will benefit from a good scarifying with a lawn rake or an electric scarifier to remove dead grass, moss and thatch. Any worn areas can be reseeded and any sunken areas levelled and seeded to bring it back to a good condition for the year ahead. The first time you cut don't cut too short, lower the blades over the next few mowings. Trim and straighten edges angling the cut slightly away from you to avoid it crumbling away.

Early potatoes can be planted from the middle of the month 9-12 inches deep and 14 inches apart, but as they shoot above ground they will need to be protected from frost. Main crop Brussels sprouts can be sown early in the month in drills ½ inch deep for planting out at the end of April. Parsnips can also go in as soon as the soil is dry in drills ½ inch deep and 15 inches apart, if you sow 3 seeds at 6 inch spacings this will make it a lot easier when it comes to thinning out. Leeks can be sown this month for transplanting in June and summer spinach sown this month will be ready in May/June. Sow early rounded peas and broad beans until mid month. Onion sets can be planted towards the end of the month or early next month, but shallots should be planted as soon as possible if not already done. Tomatoes sown last month under heat will need pricking out now or they will become weak and spindly. Finish pruning established fruit trees and bushes as soon as possible in the month.

The Gardening Club is having its Plant Sale on Saturday 18th May, at the Village Hall, so make a note and go along to buy your bedding plants, perennials and vegetables and you can enjoy a cup of tea and a chat while you are there! There will also be plenty of interesting stalls inside the hall. See you next month.

## **Parish Council Draws Large Numbers.**

*The February Parish Council Meeting was particularly well attended, due in no small part to the agenda which included four planning applications which were of concern to local residents.*

The first of these concerned the application by *Bell Classics* for the construction of a museum in which cars being processed by their engineers and other models could be displayed. We understand that there would be some public opening hours. The application did not draw any objections and was passed to the Central Bedfordshire Council for consideration.

The owners of *Little Acre* in Half Moon Lane applied to erect a single story building and utility block to replace a mobile home. It was dealt with as above.

The plan for a retirement village off Markyate Road which drew some criticism when first proposed, had been significantly amended following discussions with the CBC planners. All the recommendations made by the planners and the concerns of local residents had been addressed.

No further objections were made and the plan went forward.

The Outline Planning Application for the construction of 20 affordable homes on land north of *30 Woodside Road* was the reason for so many local residents attending.

**Letter from Woodside Residents** In an untitled letter sent to Parish News, they acknowledge that this is outline planning application and as such does not include any detailed plans. They have concerns that this Green Belt land which has been used for grazing for many years, situated on a steep hill, is subject to bad flooding on Woodside Road and at Aley Green. Drain cleaning is regularly needed. Whilst the entrance to any estate is unknown, the existing opening, if used, would create a staggered, blind busy crossroad and this development would have a disproportionate

impact on the hamlet. They point out that the Neighbourhood Plan does not include any such development.

**Further Parish Council Meeting notes** The Parish Council meeting discussed other matters including the arrangements for flower baskets on a number of lampposts in the village which is being funded by Bell Classics. Mr Andy Prothero and Cllr Minnighan finalised the choice of posts and arrangements for the watering and care of the displays.

Three companies had submitted plans for the refurbishment of the playground and given ideas of the possible equipment selection.. As reported before the Council will discuss these items with younger members of the community when making their selection.

The Central Beds representative looking at the condition of the verges in Half Moon Lane and the resulting narrowing had, regrettably, looked at the wrong side of the road before coming to the conclusion that nothing was needed. They will revisit the site with Cllr Shaw.

The serious road accident at the junction of Front St, Half Moon Lane and Pepsal End Lane was reported. This was the second accident in two weeks and it was thought necessary to bring the reconstruction of this junction to the attention of planners again.

Next meeting is on Monday 4th March at 7.00pm.

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Just a few of the pictures of a snowy Slip End and surroundings. Taken at the start of February.



What a difference the blue sky and sun makes! Thanks to Sue Briggs who sent us this photo.

It is a bit of a contrast to the similar one she sent to show the church path without trees!





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snow along the  
path by the  
motorway.

Pretty tree



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### **Planning applications submitted within the Parish since 14/1/2019**

*Some of these have been considered by the Parish Council at the recent meeting (see p22)*

#### **Application CB/18/04784/Full**

Submitted 14/1/19

Hill view, Luton Road, Markyate, AL3 8QE

Erection of Heritage Museum.

**Out for Consultation**

#### **Application CB/18/04765/Full**

Submitted 16/1/19

Little Acre, Half Moon Lane, Pepperstock, LU4 4LL

Erection of bungalow in replacement of mobile home.

**Out for Consultation**

#### **Application CB/18/04722/Out**

Submitted 16/1/19

Land North of 30 Woodside Road, Woodside, LU1 4DQ

Outline application for up to 20 dwellings all exclusively affordable housing.

**Out for Consultation**

#### **Application CB/19/00159/Full**

Submitted 17/1/19

175 Woodside Road, Woodside, LU1 4LU

Single storey rear extension.

**Out for Consultation**

#### **Application CB//00032/Full**

Submitted 21/1/19

102 Markyate Road, Slip End, LU14BX

Proposed new residential Retirement Care Village with Retirement Living, Assisted Living, High Dependency Care Units, Community Club House, Ancillary Retail Units and Conservatory on a former disused garden nursery and the back garden of 88 Markyate Road.

**Out for Consultation**

#### **Application CB/19/00210/Full**

Submitted 7/2/19

21 Markyate Road, Slip End, LU1 4BU

Demolition of existing buildings, new crossover and erection of a pair of semi detached dwellings.

**Out for Consultation**

## Caddington WI



Slides and a talk on Astronomy with John Graham made us realise how big the Universe is. There are many different galaxies - we were shown where and how to find star signs. Stars are many million miles away which is difficult for us to comprehend. It was a very interesting talk. Competition winners were Joanne Sherwood, Carol Jones and Rita Weber.



We were introduced to Sri Lanka by Chris Woods. He showed us many photos of the most colourful birds and plant life, together with monkeys and elephants too. Chris talked about the way of life of the people covering their religion and culture. Our Competition was won by Joanne Sherwood with Valerie Dallinger second and Carol Jones third.

We had a Bag Auction which raised money for our funds.

Sue Martin and Joanne Sherwood attended a Centenary Service at the Priory Church Dunstable.

In March we have one of our members, Valerie Dallinger, speaking about Israel and giving us a taster of their food.

There is an International Women's Day evening explaining about the ACWW which is a worldwide organisation we support throughout the W.I. The Group Meeting on 9th April is being held in our Hall. We are hosting the other local W.I.s. Our Darts team is awaiting the final in March at Stewartby. Good luck Ladies.

Several trips are being arranged with our own and other W.I.s so there's plenty to join in with.

Our speaker in April is Dave Sivers "Making Crime Pay" author and for May we have our Annual Meeting with a Beetle Drive.


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*Linda Edwards*

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## **March**

- Mon 4th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Sat 9th Traidcraft Big Brew - St. Andrew's Vicarage 10 - 12  
Mon 18th Gardening Club Guest Speaker Village Hall 8pm  
Tues 19th Photography Group Photos/Talk Heathfield Centre 8pm  
Wed 20th WI Darts Final - Stewartby  
Fri 23rd Quiz Night Social Club Slip End. (In aid of Bowls Club) 7:30pm  
Fri 29th Quiz Night Social Club Slip End 7:30pm (for Oracle Cancer Trust)  
Sat 30th Community Coffee morning St Andrew's Church 10 - 12

## **April**

- Mon 1st Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7pm  
Tues 2nd Caddington WI Guest Speaker Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
9th WI Group Meeting at Caddington - Baptist Hall 7:30pm  
Fri 12th Holiday Fun Day—St Andrew's Church 11—3  
Tues 16th Photography Group—AGM — Heathfield Centre 8pm  
Wed 17th GNS Easter Party Village Hall 2:30—4pm  
Sat 27th Photography Group Exhibition—Village Hall 12 - 4  
Sat 27th Community Coffee morning St Andrew's Church 10 - 12

## **May**

- Tues 7th Caddington WI Annual Meeting Baptist Church Hall 7:30pm  
Sat 18th Gardening Club - PLANT SALE—Village Hall 11—2  
Sat 25th Community Coffee morning St Andrew's Church 10 — 12

## **July**

Sat 6th **VILLAGE DAY 2019**

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