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June 2024

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Editors' Notes

Cover photo: The Aurora Borealis over Slip End taken by **Wayne Kett**

Welcome to the June edition of the Parish News, half way through the year already, where does the time go?!

How amazing was it to see the **Northern Lights in Slip End** last month? An incredible natural light show right above our heads was a surreal, possibly, once in a lifetime feeling. There are a number of photos to the right captured by local residents on the night, some really great images and thank you to all who have shared with us.

By the time this edition lands on your doorstep Radio 1's Big Weekend will have rocked Stockwood Park, I can only hope that the event has been a success, enjoyed by all, with minimal disruption to the surrounding areas.

What's on the agenda for this month's edition Matt? Well, let me tell you imaginary voice.

We have a lovely article from Lorraine Brenson on page 4 keeping us up to date with the ever popular Soup and a Sarnie weekly meetings at the Rising Sun (belated birthday wishes to Bea and Eve).

We have our monthly article from the local Gardening Club, on page 10, where you can read about Mr Hosta of Caddington. Also, please do read the piece on page 11 regarding Open Gardens. If you would like to open your garden, please do contact Rosemary Wickens.

There's a double page Village Day article on pages 20 and 21 to whet your whistle for the big day on 6th July. Jill and Tracey are still looking for volunteers to help on the day, so if you can spare some time to help, please do get in contact with them.

Slip End Council are marking the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 8th June with a tea party at the Village Hall (on page 27), please do take the time to read through as it is a lovely way to mark this historic event.

Matt's Musing

Whenever someone says "I'm not getting any younger!" I often wonder what other basic life concepts they just learned.....

The Northern Lights Visit Slip End

A big thank you to Gillian Cook-Smith, Lynn Russell, Lynn Rumball, Tracey Acton, Karen Broom, Tanya Vinton, Ben Brown and Matt Ogier-Russell for sharing these incredible photos with us.



Photos also featured on Slipenders

Soup & a Sarnie @The Rising Sun

Homemade soup, sandwiches and cakes are on the menu for guests attending Soup and Sandwich each Tuesday at the Rising Sun.

The month of April saw the celebration of two birthdays. **Bea Malmsbury** and **Eve Collinson** (shown to the right).

Bingo always proves a very popular activity with our resident caller **Josie Worsley** (below), whose clear voice and humour adds to the fun.



Keith Harris organises and hosts entertaining quizzes which can become very competitive, especially with chocolate treats for the winning team.

Soup and Sandwich was initially organised as a warm space for senior citizens of the parish by GNS and St. Andrew's Church. It has proved so popular, that with the aid of additional charity funding, this welcoming and friendly group has been able to continue.



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Quizzes & Bingo

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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

On Monday 13th May 2024 we held our Annual Parish Meeting. At this meeting our chairman for the next year was elected, Cllr Minnighan remains in the role. The role of vice-chair remains vacant.

We approved our official documents including our financial standing orders, the minutes of our last annual meeting from May 2023, our asset register, dates for our meetings for the next 12 months, our Code of Conduct and our Chairmans report. Cllr Malone gave her 12 month report. All these documents will be available on the website [www.slipendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.slipendparishcouncil.co.uk) after the June meeting.

We then turned our attention to our usual monthly May Parish Council meeting where we had a full agenda. CaseBUG bus route group continue to update us with their tremendous efforts to keep bus routes alive in our parish and Parish Council members thank them for this.

By next month we'll have the outcome of our annual ROSPA inspection of Crawley playground, with past reports being good given the playground is only 5 years old this year.

Members agreed expenditure for our website costs and our insurance policy, and agreed to another 3 year contract with our current hanging basket and trough supplier Plantscape. Members also approved a revamp of the Coronation Garden plant trough at the crossroads and look forward to seeing it improved.

Chair continues to chase Central Bedfordshire Council for updates as to the flooding hotspots, in particular Grove Road which is still under examination for a better improvement scheme than we have currently.

We continue to have several favourite fly tipping hot spots in the parish, varying from cannabis factory rip outs to mattresses to wardrobes and general rubbish. As with anything of this nature, residents are encouraged to report incidents to FixMyStreet ([www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com))

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## Aley Green Methodist Church



### Dates for June

**Wed 29th May 7:30pm** Coffee Evening in aid of Christian Aid.

**Sat 1st 10am** Prayer Breakfast

**Sun 2nd 10:30am** Morning Service led by Steve Rogers and Sunday School

**Tues 4th 10– 12am** Cakes and Company and Little Lambs Club (Story time 10:30am)

**Sun 9th 10:30am** Morning Service—Local Arrangement

**Sun 16th 10:30am** Morning Service led by John Enejo and Sunday School

**Mon 17th 7:30pm** Fellowship led by Jo Prowse

**Sun 23rd 10:30am** Morning Service led by Mr Anwar

**Wed 26th 7:30pm** Coffee Evening in aid of MHA

**Sun 30th 10:30am** Morning Service led by Rev Nigel Bibbings (Holy Communion)

**Sat 6th July** The church will have a preserve stall at Slip End Village Day. Do come along to see what is for sale and join in the fun of the day.

**Sun 7th July** 11am Open Air Circuit Worship at Dunstable Downs. All the

churches in the South Bedfordshire Circuit take part in this service held in the lovely surroundings of the Downs. We pray for good weather! (At the Square Methodist Church if wet.)

We have some good news to share. Our minister, Nigel Bibbings, has just become engaged to Bernadette Flatters. We are all delighted and would like to congratulate them both.

Our recent charity fundraising has been a success. After a coffee evening in April, we sent £129 to the charity Mission Direct. We also raised about £175 for Water Aid through our “Lent Sack” collection—exchanging chocolates for “pennies” (or notes)!

Everyone is welcome to join any of our services and activities. You will be given a warm welcome.

Sunday School and Little Lambs Club will always be happy for new members to come along and see what we do. Little Lambs Club welcomes those with babies or toddlers to join for stories and craft. During school holidays older children are also very welcome to come along.

*God bless, from all at  
Aley Green*

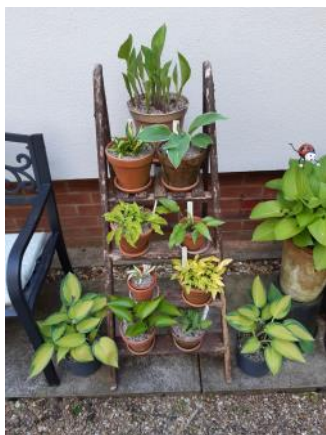


## GARDENING CLUB

The first garden visit early April was to “Daisy Roots” Bengoe, Hertford. It was a nursery garden which acts as a trial ground and show case for perennials and ornamental grasses. There had been over 250 varieties of snowdrop in February and the deep borders packed with perennials and grasses will be later in year.

On Tuesday 30 April, there was a local visit to the home of Keith Winter, 15 Collinswood Park, Folly Lane, Caddington to see his collection of approx..60 Hostas. Keith is a member of Caddington Gardening Club and he gave an interesting and amusing demonstration of flower arranging at our April meeting last year. Keith is known in Caddington as “Mr Hosta”. Photos of his Hostas and clematis are shown below.

### PN Gardening Correspondent



Mon 17th June  
Village Hall, 8pm  
**Gardening Club**  
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# OPEN GARDENS EVENT

The Club are trying to organise an Open Gardens event this year on **Saturday 29th June** from **11am to 4pm**.

It will only go ahead if we can get at **least 8** gardens and some of those need to be new gardens.

If interested in opening your garden, please contact:

Rosemary Wickens, 86 Front Street, Slip End  
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If you would prefer to join our live services “virtually”, Nick has set up a Zoom link which is open to all. You can join by putting in the number 878 5926 2657 and the passcode 664663 to Zoom

### Services to be held at St Andrew’s this month:

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10.30am** - Morning Praise – Environment Sunday – an outdoor service followed by a plastic-free *Bring & Share* picnic.

**June 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 6.30pm** - We will be ringing the church bells to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day. This will be followed by a short service of prayers for peace.

**June 9<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am** - Morning Praise – We are God’s family

**June 16<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am** - Holy Communion – Father’s Day – Growth of the kingdom

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10.30am** - Morning Praise – Sanctuary Sunday

**June 30<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am** - Family Service – Healing Service

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



**Little Stars starts at 10.30am each Wednesday.**

We will be running sessions on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June. The kettle goes on at 10am - turn up whenever suits your little one’s routine.

### Little Singing Stars

Little Singing Stars is not a worship service, as the name suggests it is all about singing. This month it will run Monday 10-11am in our Family Room on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June.

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## Gardening Notes *by Russell Sprout*

As I write this it is at last turning warm and sunny, I hope it will last long enough for you to be reading this. We must be due a nice summer this year surely! Whatever the weather there is plenty to do in the garden,

When the ground is soft after a shower spike the lawn so that moisture can penetrate down to the roots and keep the lawn looking green. Hoe around rose bushes and remove any suckers from the root stock, mulch to preserve moisture. If you require long stem roses for cutting, then remove the side buds by pinching them out when small and leave the top bud, this will produce a bigger and better quality bloom. If you have alpines, continue weeding and hoeing. Trim dead flowers from aubrietias and saxifrages to prevent seeding, and clip other plants to keep them tidy. Water plants in dry weather, preferably using a fine mist in the evening.

Primroses and primulas can be dug up and divided after a shower and replanted straight away this month to produce a good display next year. If left in large clumps the flowers will be small and of poor quality. Any early herbaceous plants that are starting to fade, cut back to approximately three inches, this will encourage a fresh crop of foliage and possibly a second flowering. Dahlias and chrysanthemums can either be stopped by pinching out the top bud to produce bushy growth, or dis-budded by pinching out the side buds if large showy blooms are required. This should be done by the middle of the month for best results, again a good mulch around the roots will prevent plants drying out. Syringe Sweet Peas with a mist-like spray of water in dry weather. Border carnations and pinks will require support to stop them looking unruly. Early in the month cut the grassy leaves off irises near to the soil level as the rhizomes need to be baked by the sun to produce good flowers.

Wallflowers and Sweet Williams can be sown in their flowering positions at the end of the month for flowering in the spring. If fruit trees such as apple and pear are loaded with fruit, thinning out will improve the size of the fruit, but do this in stages as some fruit will limit the crops they carry naturally by dropping some of the fruit. Don't forget to watch out for pests and diseases. Strawberries will produce runners this month so if you wish to increase your stock or replace any old unproductive plants stake the runner in the ground until it roots. This can be done simply by placing a stone over the runner, unwanted runners should be removed.

Carry on planting seeds for a succession of crops such as lettuce, radish, carrots and beetroot and pick when young for best flavour. Continue digging new potatoes, as the ground becomes vacant this can be used for leeks. Plant out brussel sprouts, winter cabbages, purple and white sprouting in their final positions this month. Marrows and tomatoes are safe to be planted outside now. Towards the end of the month leeks can be planted six inches apart in rows twelve inches apart by making a hole with a dibber and dropping the plant in, water in with a can to wash the soil around the roots, do not fill the hole with soil and do not firm in as this will impede growth.



Planning for Slip End Village Day at Slip End Playing Fields is well underway. We have over twenty stalls along with the popular Teaching Talons, Pepperstock Archers , Woolsey's Miniature Railway, Football Darts, Coconut Shy, Nerf Guns and much more...

Our fantastic BBQ will be back, bar, Corbiere Crepes also GNS will be supplying tea, coffee and cake.

We are waiting to confirm the arena entertainment. Already confirmed are Slip End School choir, Shinrai Marshall Arts, Hemlock Morris Dancers and, for the second year, the Slip End Village Day Mascot Race.

New for this year we are planning a Fun Dog Show, sponsored by Village Groomers. You can register on the day at £2 a class for any of the following:

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- Golden Oldie (over 9 years)
- Waggiest Tail
- Best Trick
- Handsome Dog
- Child Handler (12years and under)
- Best 6 Legs (dog and handler,use your imagination)

We are still looking for donations of Raffle Prizes. Please contact us if you are able to help.

As always these events rely on volunteers. If you can spare any time on the day we are always grateful.



*Hemlock Morris Dancers will be at Village Day*

### Village Day Contact details are:

**Jill Acton** on 07958587595  
**Tracey Acton** on 07810002942  
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A reminder of Village day 2023, we look forward to seeing you all again this year!



## Mary & Martha Day at St Andrew's Church



Luke 10. v 38—at the home of Mary & Martha. Mary sat at the Lord's feet and Martha was distracted by all that needed doing in their home.





On Saturday 11th May a group of the Church family met to spring clean the church and gardens. We managed to do quite a lot of the necessary jobs that had built up—weeding, chopping, tidying, cleaning out cupboards, dusting, digging, grass strimming and sorting puzzles and games. The Church and its grounds are now looking much cleaner and tidier. We normally have this special day twice a year to work for the Church and gardens. If you've not visited the Church lately, Sunday services are printed in the magazine and everyone is of course most welcome. Family services are held on the last Sunday of the month. *By Sue Briggs*



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## JUNE QUIZ

### FIVE QUESTIONS ALL ABOUT JUNE

1. What star sign would you be if you were born on 1st June?
2. What is the term for the day in June when the Northern Hemisphere has its longest day of the year?
3. What do Peruvians celebrate at the Inti Raymi festival on the 24th of June?
4. Which classic novel takes place during the June Rebellion of 1832?
5. What is the June birth flower?

Answers and Sudoku solution on page 33



# Slip End Parish Council



**DD Celebrations Tea Party – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Village Hall – Slip End**

**1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

## **Remembering D-Day and the Battle of Normandy**

The D-Day landings of 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 was the largest seaborne invasion in history. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the liberation of France and western Europe.

**Slip End Parish Council** are organising an afternoon tea event for the residents of Slip End, Woodside, and Pepperstock on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 24 to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. It will be a tea party with music of the time and information about D-Day and War on the Home Front. Everyone is welcome, for this free event and we would love families to attend. Colouring sheets are available for children.

If anyone wishes to help on the day, please contact the Clerk below.

We also would like to hear from anyone who has any family stories photographs of war time in the parish of Slip End which they are happy to include in our **War on the Home Front Display**.

We want it to be a great event, so please save the date in your diaries.

If you can help, please contact me:

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## Anyone for Tennis????



Slip End Tennis Club was formed in 1987 and is affiliated to the Beds Lawn Tennis Association. The Club has two hard courts, with floodlights at Slip End Playing Fields, Church Road, Slip End. The courts have recently been refurbished and repainted.

It is a small friendly club with approx. 80 members. Current costs for new members are: Junior £15 (Up to age 16) Adult £35 and Family £60.

Club members have priority in the use of courts, except when either matches are to be played or coaching taking place.

Club night is on Wednesday evenings from 7pm, and Sunday mornings from 10.0am, to which all members are welcome. Coaching is provided by our LTA coach, Sally Parry. Seniors Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00pm and 6.30-7.30pm and Juniors on Fridays, 4.30-5.30pm. Members £5 and Non-Members £6 per session. Ladies and private coaching is also available. Give Sally a call (07979 433688)

Any enquiries about the club can be made by telephone or e-mail to:

Steve Lyons, Secretary (01582 414162)

[stevesuelyons@aol.com](mailto:stevesuelyons@aol.com)

Peter Smith, Chairman (01582 733253)

[peter.smith813g@gmail.com](mailto:peter.smith813g@gmail.com)



We had great fun in the kitchen at Heathfield on St Georges Day in April. Chris made her very successful bacon rolls. She has become famous for these. Cakes and pastries, tea and coffee too. All went down a treat! Carol Hardy did her usual in Lidl with 100 rolls and fruit for the tombola boxes. The day went well with Carol Jones and Kay Palfrey organizing. Entertainment was yet again very good. Our local Amdram team put on a great drama The Ladykillers. The scenery, lighting and actors were very funny. A lot of work had been put into the props. Well done.

Our Speaker for May was Ava from the Bedfordshire Fire Service. She did an amazing talk on safety in the home, The many dangers that go unnoticed but could be simply rectified by a Safety visit from the Fire Service was offered to all. We each received the latest piece of technology, a lovely long red prodder for testing our smoke and fire alarms in our homes. These should be tested at least monthly, but better on a bi-weekly one (i.e. when it is black bin day). In a nutshell, don't use big electrical items overnight or whilst away from home. Dishwashers and washing machines cause the most electrical-based fires although cooking is still the biggest fire risk with 50% of all callouts relating to these. CO (Carbon Monoxide) is the silent killer and there should be a CO detector near each type of gas appliance in the home.

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For our meeting in June we will be having a Quiz and the competition will be the prettiest perfume bottle. Please join us for an interesting evening. We meet at the Caddington Sports and Social Club starting at 7.30 p.m.

**Linda Edwards 07761 340108**

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## APRIL CRIME STATISTICS

### Aley Green

None

### Pepperstock

None

### Slip End

Assault without Injury – 3

Criminal Damage to a vehicle – 1

Other theft – 1

Blackmail – 1

**Total – 6**

### Woodside

None

### Caddington

Theft or Unauthorised taking of a Motor Vehicle – 5

Assault with Injury – 5

Shoplifting – 4

Assault without injury – 4

Criminal damage to a vehicle – 3

Public fear alarm or distress – 2

Malicious communications – 2

Possession of Controlled Drugs (cannabis) – 2

Theft from the person – 1

Trafficking of drugs – 1

Possession of other weapons – 1

Race or Religiously Aggravated Harassment – 1

Other theft - 1

Interfering with a motor vehicle – 1

**Total – 33**



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

## What's going on in 2024

**Weekly** Soup and a Sandwich Tuesday 12-2pm Rising Sun—see poster p5

**Weekly** Chatty Club every Wednesday Rising Sun 2pm—4pm

### June

**Mon 3rd** Parish Council Meeting—Village Hall

**Sat 8th** D-Day Tea Party Village Hall

**Sat 15th** Coffee Morning St Andrew's 10am (see page 24)

**Mon 17th** Gardening Club Village Hall 8pm (see page 10)

**Sat 29th** Open Gardens (see page 11)

### July

**6th July** Slip End Village Day

## Puzzle Page Answers

1. Gemini
2. The Summer Solstice
3. The shortest day of the year
4. Les Miserables
5. Rose

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## Bin Collections - June

Orange - 14th, 28th June

Black bin and Glass - 7th, 21st, June

Food Waste bin - Every Friday

Green - 14th, 28th June (Only if you have subscribed for collection)



## COMMUNITY AND SERVICES

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| <b>Slip End Garage</b>                  | Markyate Road, 456888                                        |
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| <b>Doctor</b>                           | Markyate Surgery 841559                                      |
| <b>Pharmacy</b>                         | Medigreen, Caddington 457800                                 |
| <b>Schools:</b>                         | <b>Slip End Village School</b> 720152 <b>Manshead</b> 679400 |
| <b>Caddington Village School</b> 726058 | <b>St Mary's Catholic Primary</b> 602420                     |

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| <b>Rev Nick Mwandia</b>                                                        | 07914 381847                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |
| 01582 253537                                                                   | Email                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |
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| <a href="mailto:revstandreww@gmail.com">revstandreww@gmail.com</a>             | m (Chris Ingram)                                                               | <b>Chatty Club</b> Jean Turner 01582<br>421304 or Cathy Rose 01582<br>457362                                       |
| <b>Julie Taylor (Reader)</b>                                                   | <b>Tennis</b> 733253                                                           |                                                                                                                    |
| 01582 413912                                                                   | <b>Runners</b> Peter Barber                                                    |                                                                                                                    |
| Mob 07841482119                                                                | 07587 89260.                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="mailto:duncan.taylor@btinternet.com">duncan.taylor@btinternet.com</a> | <b>Slip End Veterans Football</b>                                              | <b>Book Club</b> (contact via<br>Parish News)                                                                      |
| <b>Wardens:</b>                                                                | Wayne Leslie (see football)                                                    |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Steve Baird</b> 738205                                                      | <b>Line Dancing</b> —Jean<br>Anderson 01582 2603030                            |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Aley Green Methodist Church.</b>                                            | <b>Community:-</b>                                                             | <b>CaSeBuG (Caddington and Slip End Bus user group).</b><br><a href="mailto:info@casebug.org">info@casebug.org</a> |
| <b>Minister:</b>                                                               | <b>Gardening Club</b> 423622                                                   |                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Rev Nigel Bibbings</b>                                                      | <b>Brownies</b> 723109                                                         | <a href="http://www.slipend.co.uk">www.slipend.co.uk</a>                                                           |
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| <b>Ann Meader</b> 733668                                                       | <b>Cubs &amp; Scouts</b> 418014                                                |                                  |
| <b>Sport:-</b>                                                                 | <b>Pre-School</b> - Hayley                                                     | <a href="http://Slipendparishcouncil.co.uk">Slipendparishcouncil.co.uk</a>                                         |
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| <b>Football</b>                                                                |                                                                                |                                                                                                                    |
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