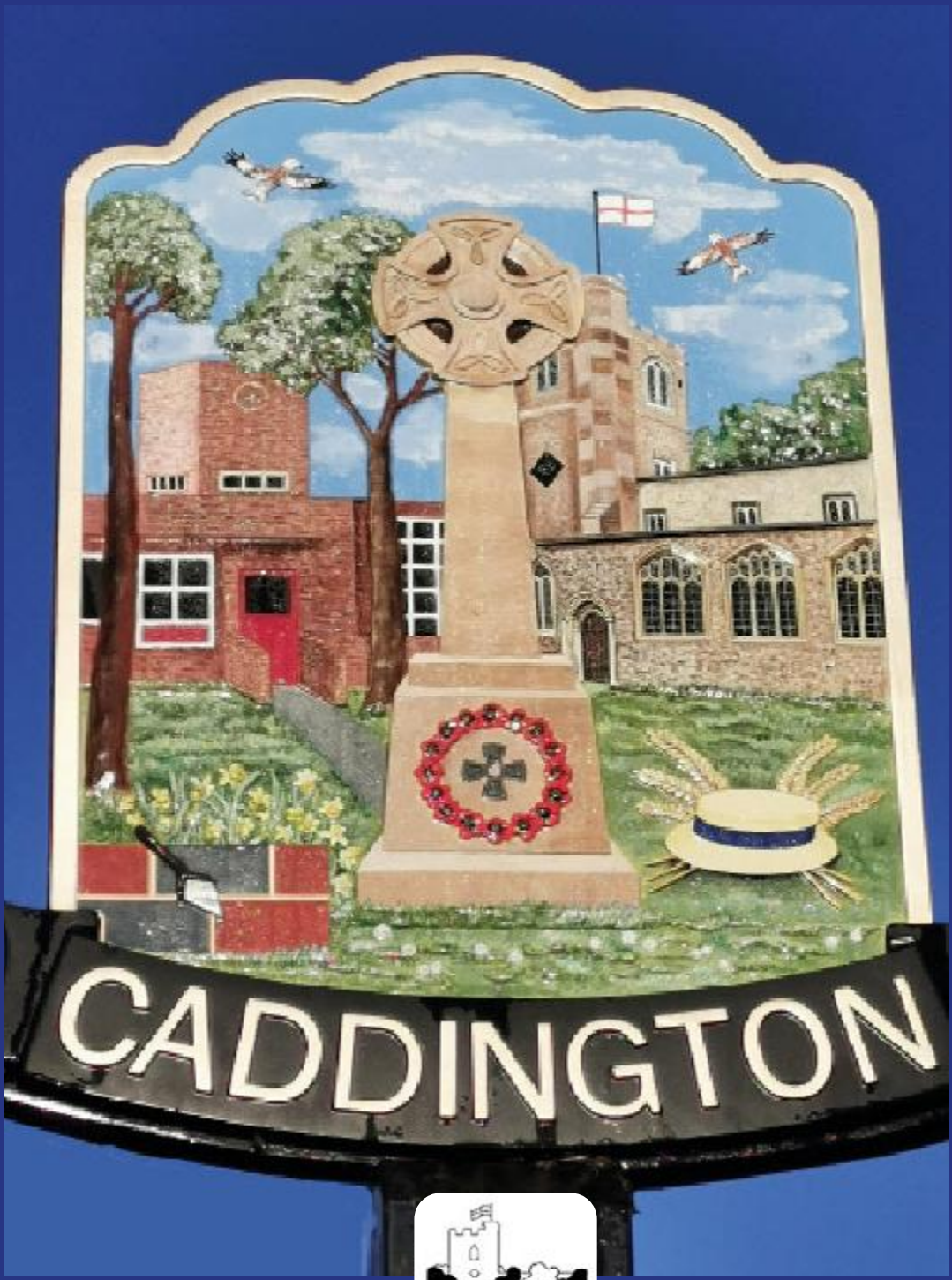


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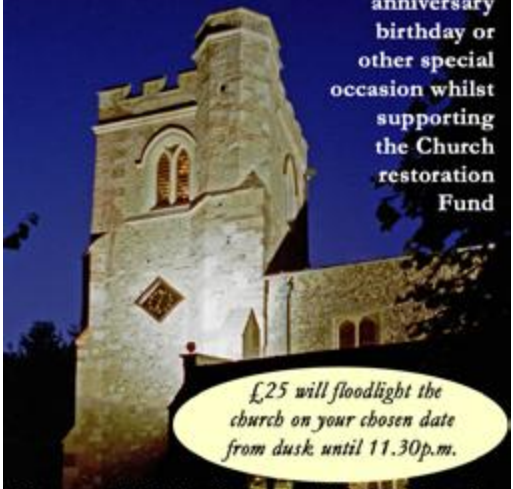
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Carnival in Venice and Hot Air balloons

Marisa D'Alessandro

As we walked into the hall for our April meeting none of us could fail to have been impressed by the array of costumes, masks and other artefacts to say nothing of the books, magazines and photographs. Marisa, our speaker, took us on a whirlwind account of her life – born in North London of Italian heritage and moving to Caddington 5 years ago. Her passion is photography.

She had always been fascinated by the Venice Carnival so 22 years ago her husband said – 'Go'

The Carnival takes place every year during the period of Lent – January through to March, a time of fasting and frivolity. The word carnival actually means – away with meat but people could still eat and drink. Rich and poor alike could take part. Starting from the 13th century Carnival thrived but Napoleon didn't trust the activities and put a stop to it in1797. However, it was gradually reinstated after his regime.

Marisa fell in love with the Venice carnival and has become more and more involved. Everyone needs costumes. These reflect the different centuries and are handmade with shoes to match. Every year there is a different theme – this year it was Casanova. And then there are the masks – initially plain but the participants decorate their own. As the people walk around they greet one another, The ladies curtsy and the men bow.

Over the years Marisa has amassed a wonderful collection of dresses, shoes and masks which she had brought along. She also runs photographic workshops, enabling people to make their own souvenir books of the event. Some will arrive at St Marks square at 5.15 to capture their special moment. Her clients return year after year.

On a completely different tack, ten years ago Marisa went to a Hot Air Balloon festival in Italy. She described the scenes as 'like watching a ballet in the sky' and using her photographers skills captured these moments. The UK skies are too dull for good photographs. By chance Marisa got invited to an event in Qatar and has been invited back every year since. She has also been to New Mexico as well as Italy.

We were able to see photographs that she took – some made into books. Shots taken in the desert, some taken at night with illumination, some in the snow – the results are truly magical as was the talk that we had that night.

Jane Payton



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We are delighted to announce that we have launched our new website. It went live on the 27th May 2025.

The old website has served us well for a good number of years but as we all know technology moves at a rapid pace and we felt that we need to be more up to date.

We think that we have created a welcoming and user-friendly site which is also more pleasing to the eye. It is our intention to increase the use of the website to promote Caddhist, it's meetings and events and to encourage all residents of the village, young or more advanced in years, to visit the site regularly.

We have a vast library of photographs, and we would invite you to take a look at the display. There will be a "front page" display of up to 150 photos and we intend to change them from time to time to maintain interest.

Why not take a look at our secure website – caddhist.org.uk

Now when I say we I really mean that our Designer, Tina Key, of SPRK Design has done all of the creative work whilst our Committee have thrown ideas and suggestions at her. Tina lives in Caddington and I think it's fair to say she had little or no interest in Caddhist before she got involved in the design of our website. We are pleased to say that she has learnt a lot about Caddington as she has gone through the design process. Tina has been very patient with us as we have exercised her training skills considerably.

We are also greatly indebted to the Parish Council for a generous grant of £500 towards the cost of the redeveloped website. Thank you Councillors, your help and support is greatly appreciated.

BUT, I hear you say, village history is for the old folks. It gives them something to do in their retirement.

Well, not true really although it does keep us off the streets one evening each month. What any of us did yesterday is now history and consigned to the memory banks. That building that we have grown up with might soon be gone or at least much changed and one day in the future someone will want to recall what it looked like.

So, if you have a photograph that you think might be of interest to villagers and that is suitable for inclusion in our archive, please use the link on the website to let us have a look at it. We cannot promise to include it but if we can't we will let you know the reasons for our decision.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article.

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New Chair and Vice Chair of Central Bedfordshire Council



On Thursday, 15 May, Councillor Kevin Collins was appointed as Chair of Central Bedfordshire Council and Councillor Vicky Malone has been appointed as Vice Chair.

Both councillors represent Caddington. Councillor Collins has been a councillor for Central Bedfordshire Council for 11 years, and Councillor Malone for 2 years following the last local elections.

As well as presiding over Full Council meetings, Councillor Collins will represent the Council on civic visits, at ceremonial events and will raise funds and awareness for his chosen charities.

Councillor Collins said:

"I'm grateful to be given the opportunity to represent the Council. It is a privilege and an honour to do so and I will do so diligently with great pride."

Councillor Malone said:

"I am delighted to be elected as Vice Chair of Central Bedfordshire Council. I congratulate Councillor Collins on his election as Chair, and I am committed to supporting him throughout his term of office."





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ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	9
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	8
HARASSMENT	6
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY-HOME	5
THEFT OR UNAUTH TAKING OF A MOTOR VEH	4
INTERFERING WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE	4
OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE	4
PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS	3
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE	3
SEXUAL	2
DEATH OR SER INJ BY DANGEROUS DRIVING	2
SHOPLIFTING	2
THREATS TO KILL	2
BURGLARY - BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY	2
ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	2
OTHER THEFT	2
POSSESS OF CONTROL DRUGS (CANNABIS)	2
THEFT FROM THE PERSON	1
TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS	1
THREAT INTENT TO COMMIT CRIM DAM	1
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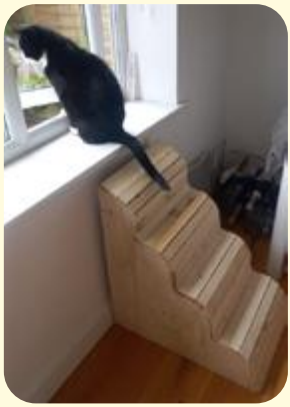
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Slip End and Caddington Schools Federated Visit Eitorf, Germany June 2025



Believe it or not, going on a school residential is a real privilege and four of us teachers from Slip End and Caddington Schools were lucky enough to accompany a group of 21 pupils for a 3 day visit to our partner school in Eitorf, Germany.

The day started early as we took the train from Luton Parkway at 6.30am but everyone was wide awake as we sat amongst the early commuters, all on our way to London St Pancras. Some of the more timorous commuters soon moved to another carriage but some hardy individuals stuck with us for the short journey and were interested to hear about our trip.

Before long and after we had eaten our breakfast, we were all aboard the Eurostar to Brussels. During the journey, several children were disappointed not to see the sea and fish as we went under the English Channel but the disappointment soon turned to fascination as the countryside of France and Belgium flew past. Interesting comments such as 'They have cows!', 'Can we eat?' and the regular 'Are we there yet?' entertained our fellow Eurostar passengers.

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When we reached Brussels, we switched trains and continued our travels to Cologne. Thankfully we missed the closing of the city due to the finding of unexploded World War 2 bombs by a mere few hours and were able to travel on our final train to Eitorf. Here, the children, with all their cases, sleeping bags and all sorts, walked from the train station to our destination Mosakschule in Eitorf.

That first evening was spent with our pupils meeting their German partner children and we were welcomed by our hosts with a delicious BBQ prepared by the families. By bedtime, the children were all still fully awake as we attempted to settle down to sleep in the school hall.

What felt like a blink later, it was morning and we were all up and enjoying breakfast before a day of exciting lessons and a hike up the local hillside for the views and games. That evening we enjoyed a village trail with the highlight of ice cream!

The second night was again exciting for the children as they settled down and the next morning we enjoyed an assembly that had been especially prepared for us. Following emotional goodbyes between the children, who had laughed and played together for the duration of our trip, we made our way back for the return journey. Tired and happy.



We could not be prouder of this group of children as they forged strong relationships with our wonderful German Partners and thank you to all of those involved, who supported this trip and made it all possible.

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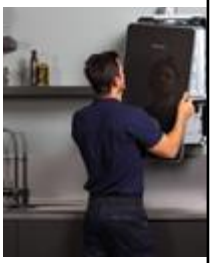
1. What is the source of pumice stone?
2. Who wrote the book "The Big Sleep"?
3. Of British monarchs, have more been called William or Edward?
4. How many farthings were there in £1?
5. When did rationing cease in Great Britain?
6. Which Russian submarine was the focus of a rescue mission in 2000?
7. Which team did Alf Garnett support?
8. What was former prime minister Margaret Thatcher's maiden name?
9. Where did the Polish Solidarity movement start its strikes?
10. What can be the name of a hat and a member of a cricket team?

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We are planning a summer day out soon either to Broadstairs or Christchurch. We have Raffle tickets for sale from National, also a Bulb Catalogue and Diaries.

St George's Day was a great success.

Dunstable W I, Group Meeting had Miss Dorothy who gave us a fun evening with his/her Flower Arranging. Beautiful flowers. 3 of our Members won the raffle going here me with these flowers.

Dunstable also have a VE celebration in June for us to attend.

We are looking for new members and have leaflets if anyone would like to invite friends or relations to join us. We shall put up a Poster in the local shops as well.

We have a Games Night in June and are asking Mums from CVS school to join us.

Hope you have enjoyed my report and hope to see you at one of our Meetings. We meet at the Caddington Sports and Social Club on the First Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm

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Next Meeting Monday 14th July at 7.30pm Heathfield Centre

Please visit our website or take a look at the notice board on Manor Road between Cutting Crew and Nice Baps approximately a week before each meeting to view the agenda.

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Update from CBC Independent Ward Councillor Vicky Malone



This month has seen a rise in complaints concerning parking and anti-social behaviour from employees of a new company leasing the Jarvis building in Woodside Road. Areas including the junctions of Manor Road/ Woodside Road, Elaine Gardens, and Mancroft Road/Woodside Road are significantly affected, compromising vision splays and creating hazardous conditions. I initiated a Police visit on May 14th to address noise and parking issues with the manager and requested a second visit last Tuesday after observing persistent parking problems. Subsequently, I asked for Police representation at the Slip End Parish Council meeting to advise concerned residents. A Director of the company also attended, listened to residents' concerns, and pledged urgent action to resolve the problems, promising weekly progress updates.

Ongoing contact has been maintained with the Highways Agreements Officer regarding issues at the Newlands Road/London Road junction after the new development of the Commercial premises, Initial contact was due to confusion over right-of-way, with the "give way" line still present despite traffic from Harpenden now having priority. The developer has been instructed to cover the line and display "new road layout" signs. While this will become a signalised junction, One Network currently shows no road closures planned within the next three months for this work. I have since learned that design changes are being negotiated, but the project is being prioritized, and I will be kept informed.

Today, I attended another meeting to discuss and review progress on fly-tipping in our area. The grabber lorry now routinely checks and removes fly-tipping from Millfield Lane, reducing reliance on Fix My Street reports. Although I am still receiving messages with fly-tipping locations, the number of incidents has halved this month. I am awaiting legal information regarding Parish Councils setting up their own cameras at local hotspots. Today, I was informed that extra budget has been allocated to assist, and we will trial concrete barriers in hotspot laybys to reduce space, hopefully deterring tipper vans. New prosecution warning signs are also being printed for rotational placement in hotspots.

We have received comprehensive details of the 2025/26 Highways works programme, which includes key improvements to address ongoing surface flooding in parts of the village: culvert improvements at the Aley Green end of Mancroft Road, increased drainage capacity in Mancroft Road, and installation of attenuation weirs at the bridleway off Dunstable Road. This marks the beginning of the long-awaited flood attenuation plan that I have been advocating for with Highways over the past 24 months. Highways are also developing drainage improvement designs for multiple other roads across the village.

The following road marking works have been completed: Manor Road at the junction of Dunstable Road, Mancroft Road (speed humps), and Chaul End Road junction with Hatters Way.

I am continuing to liaise with Enforcement to restore the Brick Kiln scrapyard to meadowland and reopen the adjacent footpath, with regular checks being conducted to monitor progress.

The developers of the Cricketers site have submitted revised plans. Changes primarily focus on the larger right-hand block and include a lowered ridgeline and the removal of dormer windows from the front elevation.

Cllr Vicky Malone Member for Caddington Ward, Central Bedfordshire Council,
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4. 960
5. 4th July 1954
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8. Roberts
9. Gdansk
10. Bowler



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Cookery Corner

Strawberry Cheesecake Pots

Prep time 15 Mins Cook time 5 mins Serves 4

Ingredients



12 digestive biscuits

270g British strawberries, hulled and quartered

1· lemons, zested and juiced

7 tbsp golden caster sugar

2 tsp vanilla extract

600g creamy soft cheese

Method

Step 1

Put the digestives into a freezer or sandwich bag and bash gently with a rolling pin until crushed. Spoon the biscuits into the bases of 4 serving glasses.

Step 2

To make the purée, put 150g strawberries, 2 tbsp lemon juice and 2 tbsp sugar into a small saucepan. Set over a medium heat and bring up to a simmer. Cook gently for 3-4 minutes, then blend until smooth and leave to cool.

Step 3

To make the macerated strawberries, mix the remaining strawberries, 1 tbsp sugar and 1 tsp vanilla extract in a bowl and set aside for around 10 mins.

Step 4

Using an electric handheld whisk, mix the creamy soft cheese, remaining 1 tsp vanilla extract, sugar in a large mixing bowl with zest of · lemon and remaining juice until smooth and thick. Fold through the strawberry purée.

Step 5

Divide the creamy cheesecake mixture between the serving glasses, over the crushed biscuits. Spoon over macerated strawberries and any juice and remaining lemon zest, cover and chill until ready to serve.

Caddington Sports and Social Club - Renewable Energy

Caddington Sports and Social Club have invested in solar panels to produce renewable energy and reduce demand on the grid. We are committed to do as much as we can to reduce our carbon footprint and this will allow us to continue to provide a sports and social hub for the local community.

We have to thank a few organisations for their help with funding this project.

BLCF – Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation

ABCF - Angus Brewer Community Fund

Caddington Community Float

Being a charitable organisation it is our aim to provide the best facilities, playing fields, club house and Function hall for the residents of Caddington and the local community. All our profits are ploughed back into the club to provide the highest standards we can for our customers and sports teams. With the installation of solar panels we hope this will help us to increase our investment in the club for the benefit of the community.

Looking to the future, our next big project is to build a new Dressing room block and carry out renovation of existing changing rooms. This will bring them up to the standard of current FA regulations for adult and junior football and be compatible for adult Women's football at the sports club. This is something we are very keen to add to our football section at Caddington FC.



Aley Green Methodist Church

June

Sun 22nd	10:30am Morning Service (Catherine Roots)
Wed 25th	7:30pm Coffee Evening in aid of Methodist Homes for the Aged
Fri 27th	2:30 pm “Take Time” — Music and Verse followed by refreshments with a collection in aid of Action for Children. This is a special event as part of the South Beds Methodist Circuit Mission Month. We hope to welcome friends from the local community and from around the Circuit.
Sun 29th	10:30am Morning Service (Rev Claudia Lupi) Holy Communion

July

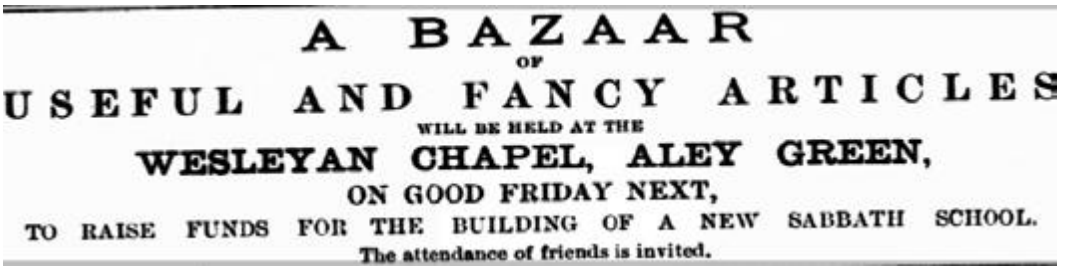
Tues 1st	10-12 Cakes and Company - join us for a chat and refreshment
Sat 5th	Prayer Breakfast
Sat 5th	Preserve Stall at Slip End Village Day
Sun 6th	10:30am Morning Service Rev Nigel Bibbings

We held an afternoon tea in honour of our minister Nigel Bibbings who is retiring at the end of August.

Due to many other local commitments it was decided to invite Nigel, wife Bernie, son Jonathon and his girlfriend Anna to join us and some Ecumenical friends for an afternoon celebration of his time serving us, along with his other local churches, over the last nine years. The church was beautifully decorated and the food delicious.

We wish him well in his retirement. Thank you Nigel!

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