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Welcome to the October Edition

Many thanks go to the volunteers who deliver this magazine to
Caddington, Aley Green and Caddington Woods

In this edition you will find

Photos of the Parish Council Award Winners for

- Villager of the Year - Kay Mcilroy
- Organisation of the Year - Caddington Community Float
- Outstanding Contribution - Tony Arnold

Step back in time on pages 12 and 13

Pages from the TV Times

What were you watching in the Octobers of 1955, 1963, 1967 and 1977

Were you a fan of Ollie Beak?

News from CBC - They are installing ANPR cameras at their Tidy Tips

Do you know any ex pats of Caddington, who might like to receive this magazine?

Get them to send an email to John at caddvillmag@gmail.com

He'll send them a link to read it online

Have you an article that you'd like to include in the October edition?

Send it to the email address at the bottom of this page

Tell us about a recent experience, hobby or special interest

Perhaps you would like to advertise your business?

The magazine reaches nearly 2000 houses and is also shared on social media

The next edition will be with you at the beginning of November

Deadline for content is Friday 17th October

Contact John at caddvillmag@gmail.com



All Saints Church

The Church will be floodlit on
Saturday 27th September

*In loving memory
of
Peter Bass*

*Always in our thoughts
June, Phil, Karen
and
All the family*

The Church will be floodlit on
Monday 27th October

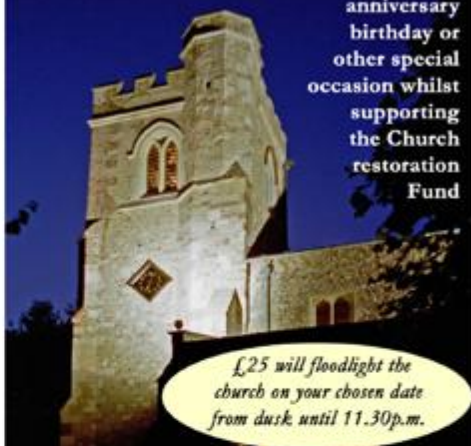
*In loving memory
of
Rob Matthews*

*Happy Heavenly Birthday.
Loved and missed
by
Lyn, Jay, Kerry, Emma, Steve,
Marlee, Tillie and Willow*
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Please note that for an announcement to appear in The Villager, I need to have it a day or so before the content deadline given at the beginning of this magazine. A retrospective announcement is always possible.

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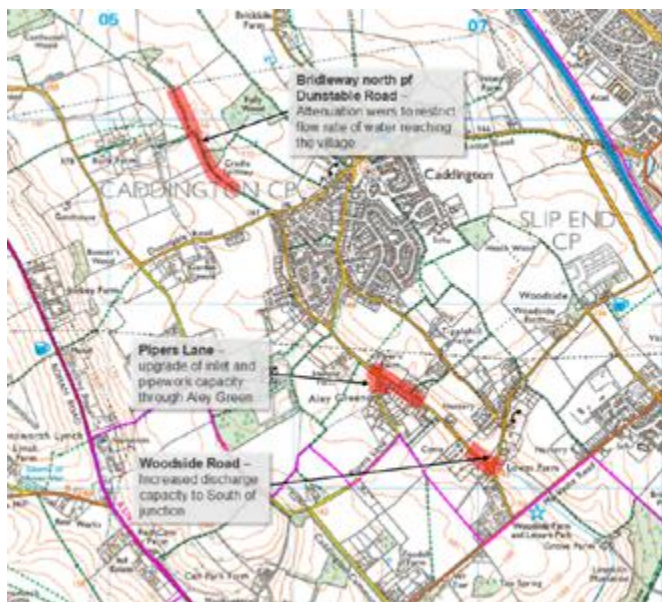
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Caddington Local History Group



Researching the history and recording the present of orchards in Luton
Konni Deppe

I think many of the audience were intrigued by the title of this talk. Luton and orchards do not instantly belong together. Konni was to prove us wrong.

Konni's parents were originally from Germany and settled in High Town. Konni inherited her love of the environment from them. She is responsible for setting up a local group of over 60 volunteers – Edible Hightown – who plant and maintain raised beds and small green spaces in the Hightown area for all residents to harvest and enjoy.

Where did this start? In 2022 the council had planted Peoples Park with many young trees. A drought followed and the trees were dying. Konni asked to speak with the Council Tree Officer. There was none. So, Konni started to make lists of trees – especially orchards. An orchard is a group of trees bearing fruit – there need to be at least 5 trees no more than 5 metres apart.

Apples originated from the Tien Shan area of Afghanistan. Over the years many different varieties have been developed and become more productive through techniques such as grafting.

How did Konni track down the old orchards? She looked for the Ordnance Survey symbol on old maps. Many orchards were shown near farms, churches or manor houses. In 1842 she found 29 in the Luton area. In 1878, 90. In 1900, 44 and in 1922, 70. So, she then wondered, what remained of any of these orchards now.

The Walled garden at Luton Hoo was not difficult to find but for others she used aerial photos and visited the locations. She found some evidence in the Leagrave - Limbury area. Something of an orchard remains at Manor Farm in Stopsley and in the Wardown area. A map on the website – Luton Orchards – shows 20 orchards in the Luton area.

One of the most interesting is the Bide-a-While orchard planted by a local engineer George Farr in the 1930's. He owned two allotments beside the River Lea off the New Bedford Road and later donated them to the council for the benefit of the public. This orchard is still there today. The trees, mostly apples, are over 80 years old and the espaliered trees need much tender care.

Konni was keen for us to get involved, to take part in an Apple Day, explore the different varieties or even develop our grafting techniques!

Jane Payton

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The Caddington Village Show was a great success at the Sports and Social Club – just avoiding the worst of the weather

Congratulations to Kay Mcilroy on her well-deserved Villager of the Year award

And below you can see some of the team from Caddington's Community Float, which was named Organisation of the Year

So many people were involved in making the day so rewarding

The amazing Events Committee plus Linda Heartfield, Thomas Dye and Terri Peake

Caddington Men's Club and Sarah Fitzsimmons for erecting the marquees



Raymond Gill for the loan of a lorry
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All the hard-working staff at the Club

Village Groomers Doggy Daycare Centre
Harpenden – Dog Show organisers

Craig Raymond from Perfect Personalised Parties – UK – as the brilliant compere

← Special award to Tony Arnold for his continued work in organising the stage each year and being always ready to lend a hand



Warning over rogue trader activity

The latest news from Central Bedfordshire Council

Our advice to all residents is to act with caution whenever receiving an unexpected visit from a trader. Never agree to any work unless you are absolutely certain the trader is genuine and the work really needs doing.

Always make sure you are provided with paperwork which is marked with the trader's details and clearly outlines the proposed work and cost to which you have agreed. In certain circumstances, the trader may be required to provide you with a written notice of your cancellation rights – if they do not, ask yourself why!

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You can also visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk for a list of local traders that have been checked and vetted by Trading Standards.

Don't forget to book! Important changes at our recycling centres

The latest news from Central Bedfordshire Council

Just so you know, from Wednesday 8 October, all our recycling centres will start using automated barriers – which only open if you've made a booking. That's why it's essential that you book a slot before turning up. There will be staff on site monitoring the barriers initially and helping if you get stuck. Visiting our Re-Use shop at Thorn? Don't worry – simply press the help button and someone will let you in.

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A Warm Welcome to the New School Year from Caddington Village School! It is always lovely to start the new academic year and be able to welcome new families and familiar faces back to school.

The children and staff have thrown themselves into learning and there is a calm learning buzz as we walk around school.

There is never a quiet week at Caddington Village School and plans are already in place for events throughout the year. We love being part of the village and feel honoured to have been asked to participate once again in the Remembrance service on The Green with the children reading the roll of honour.

The school choirs will be at the airport again in December, entertaining travellers as they jet off on holiday or for business. The children always are very excited about this event and enjoy visiting the airport.

As a school we try as hard as we can to involve as many children as we can in sporting activities in school and outside of school and were really proud to be awarded the School Games Gold award this year

We are committed to providing a positive learning environment where every child is able to be successful in our values of **Belong. Believe. Achieve.** This year, we will build on the successes of recent years, by continuing to enhance our academic achievements, broadening our enrichment programmes, and celebrating further sporting accomplishments. We value the connection between the school and the wider community and look forward to sharing experiences and events with you throughout the year.

We look forward to sharing another successful year of learning and collaboration with all of you.



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**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE
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ON TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025

AT 11.00 AM THERE WILL BE A SHORT SERVICE ON THE GREEN INCLUDING THE ROLL CALL OF THE NAMES OF THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM CADDINGTON WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Revd. Austin Smith

22nd March 1940 – 15th July 2025

Many of you will remember Austin Smith, vicar of All Saints Caddington from 1979-2006. He trained at Worcester College, Oxford and was chaplain at Sussex University before coming to Caddington in 1979. He retired in 2006 to Hitchin, where he has lived with his wife, Alison, for nearly 20 years. His funeral at St Mark's Church, Hitchin on 13th August 2025 was an interesting gathering of family, colleagues and old friends from Caddington and newer ones from Hitchin.

Austin's Eulogy was read by an old colleague from Cuddesdon Theological College, Michael Bourke, former Bishop of Wolverhampton.

".....Austin was head boy at Bishopshalt Grammar School where he did A levels in languages - English, French, German and Latin - and won an Exhibition at Worcester College, Oxford, where he read Theology. Austin had a deep interest in current affairs and politics. He had a love of arts, culture and history, the sciences and astronomy. He was an avid reader and relished heated discussions. He was a keen cyclist and submitted to wearing a helmet only after years of resistance. Austin's worries about himself and others, and some of his eccentricities and health problems, increased with the infirmities of old age. It sometimes strikes me that growing old is like being in primary school again. We have to learn to do new things like online shopping and using complicated apps to park a car; or we must re-learn old ones like remembering names and climbing the stairs. And one by one, we go up to the Big School, the Language Academy of heaven, to become fluent in the language of love which we are only just beginning to stammer on this earth....."

Austin's bicycle greatly featured in his tributes. He was certainly well remembered in Caddington for cycling around the village. It was nice to meet up with Alison, Helen and Jonathan, Helen's husband, Alan and their children, Will and Ella.

Austin has requested for his ashes be laid to rest in the Garden of Remembrance here at All Saints Church in Caddington.

Christine & Peter Graham



Pepperstock - Slip End - Caddington - Dunstable

Mondays to Fridays

from 1st September 2025

Notes:	NSch	Sch		
Pepperstock, Brickhill Park	0758	0758	0858	1128
Slip End, Prebendal Drive	0800	0800	0900	1130
Woodside, Grove Park Road	0802	0802	0902	1132
Woodside, Hillcrest Park	0804	0804	0904	1134
Caddington, Culworth Close	0806	0806	0906	1136
Caddington, Manor Road, Stop A	0810	0810	0910	1140
Dunstable, Manshead Academy	▼	0817	▼	▼
Dunstable, Southwood Road	0816	0822	0916	1146
Dunstable, The Square, Stop S3	0821	0828	0921	1151
Dunstable, Church Street, Stop P2	0823	0830	0922	1152
Dunstable, Asda	0825	0832	0924	1154

Sch - Schooldays only NSch - NonSchooldays only

Notes:	NSch	Sch		
Dunstable, Asda, Stop J1	1100	1520	1520	1630 1740
Dunstable, Friars Walk, Stop S4	1104	1524	1524	▼ ▼
Dunstable, West Street	▼	▼	▼	1635 1745
Dunstable, Langdale Road Shops	▼	▼	▼	1639 1749
Dunstable, Beech Road	▼	▼	▼	1642 1752
Dunstable, Southwood Road	1108	1528	1528	▼ ▼
Dunstable, Manshead Academy	▼	▼	1532	▼ ▼
Caddington, Manor Road, Stop B	1114	1534	1540	1649 1759
Caddington, Culworth Close	1116	1536	1542	1650 1800
Woodside, Hillcrest Park	1118	1538	1544	1652 1802
Woodside, Grove Park Road	1120	1540	1546	1654 1804
Slip End, Prebendal Drive	1122	1542	1548	1656 1806
Pepperstock, Brickhill Park	1124	1544	1550	1658 1808

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Saturdays

from 1st September 2025

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Pepperstock, Brickhill Park	0858
Slip End, Prebendal Drive	0900
Woodside, Grove Park Road	0902
Woodside, Hillcrest Park	0904
Caddington, Culworth Close	0906
Caddington, Manor Road, Stop A	0910
Dunstable, Southwood Road	0916
Dunstable, The Square, Stop S3	0921
Dunstable, Church Street, Stop P2	0922
Dunstable, Asda	0924

Notes:	
Dunstable, Asda, Stop J1	1100
Dunstable, Friars Walk, Stop S4	1104
Dunstable, Southwood Road	1108
Caddington, Manor Road, Stop B	1114
Caddington, Culworth Close	1116
Woodside, Hillcrest Park	1118
Woodside, Grove Park Road	1120
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Next year 1st Caddington Guides turns 100 years old so there will be a year full of celebrations. Were you a guide in Caddington- we'd love to hear from you to share your memories.

For more information or to sign up please visit the Girlguiding website (<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>) or

email Katie at ktrev2009@live.co.uk


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Guides



Caddington Men's Club Quiz

Caddington Men's Club meets every Thursday from 10 until 12-o'clock at the Heathfield Centre.

Pool, table-tennis, darts, anecdotes and a quiz. A friendly bunch and you'll fit in nicely.

Here are some of our quiz questions for you to try – answers on page 27

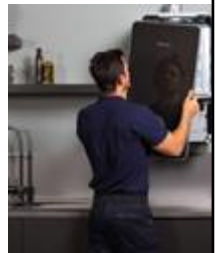
1. What was the former name of Thailand?
2. Which mythical creature is half man, half horse?
3. Which river flows through the city of Leicester?
4. From which musical does the song "Memory" come?
5. Which two airlines were combined in 1974 to form British Airways?
6. Which city is known as The Big Easy?
7. In which sport might you see a Boston Crab?
8. Which English city hosts the annual Goose Fair?
9. By what name was the Triple Jump in athletics previously known?
10. Which motorway forms Manchester's orbital motorway?

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Caddington WI

Hello Readers, it's Caddington WI here with our news update.

Well the September meeting was rather a special time for us, as we celebrated 70 years as a club. Such a marvellous achievement and of course we had to mark it with a great party. We had lots of yummy food and cakes and of course drinks. Our President made a lovely fruit punch and also a delicious cake with a photo of all of us on the cake as a topper.



To mark the 70 years of the Caddington WI we are having a plaque made to go on one of the flower planters on the green.

Some of the members are going to visit Jordan's Mill later in the month, as there is a display of scrapbook entries done by some Bedfordshire WI clubs and also a tea cosy competition and one of our ladies has knitted a lovely one. Our October meeting is going to be a quiz night.



As always we are looking for new members to join our happy and friendly club.

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month 7:30pm at the Caddington Sports & Social Club. Contact Linda Edwards on 07761 340 108 or Carol Jones on 07899 794 422

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – CADDINGTON

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Caddington Gardening Club

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We have monthly speakers, some social events and summer trips to fascinating gardens
Meeting at the Baptist Hall on Luton Road 7:30 pm.

Contact Sarah on 01582 419 793

October 14th: Felicity Brindlecomb 'Garden History in Bedfordshire'

November 11th: A.G.M. and various frivolities, details to follow



CaddHist - your local History Group

We are a friendly group, meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month 7:30 at

The Heathfield Centre - Coffee and refreshments too

October 23rd- Mike Payne 'A Lifetime of Autograph Hunting'

New members and guests always welcome Give us a try

Check out our website caddhist.org.uk

Caddington Parish Council

Website: www.caddingtonparish.gov.uk

Contact: email clerk@caddingtonparish.gov.uk
Telephone : 07912 298 141

Residents are welcome to attend Caddington Parish Council Meetings held at the Heathfield Centre.

Next Meeting

Monday 13th October at 7.30pm

Heathfield Centre

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

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Ward Cllr - Vicky Malone - Update

Newlands Road – Signalised Junction & Road Surface I have received numerous complaints regarding the poor condition of the road surface at the Newlands Road junction. I've spoken with the Highways Agreements Officer, who has instructed the contractor to carry out emergency carriageway repairs. A more permanent solution will follow. In terms of the wider signalised junction works, a technical review is currently well underway. Once technical approval is granted, the developer will need to book road space. I will be notified of the confirmed schedule once this has been arranged.

Chaul End Road – Environmental Concerns I raised concerns with the Environmental Team about the unacceptable levels of litter along Chaul End Road—including paint pots, mattresses, and general rubbish discarded from passing vehicles. A litter pick was completed on August 22nd. While there is still room for improvement, the area is now considerably cleaner.

Elm Avenue – Resurfacing Update I continue to press for progress on resurfacing works for Elm Avenue. Highways have confirmed that the northern end was not included in the recent joint sealing and patching programme. However, the road is on the three-year pipeline of schemes. I have sent a very strong message to the Exec of Highways expressing my concern at this as leaflets were delivered to residents informing them of the imminent road closure for the forth coming works that just never happened!!

The priority level for next year has not yet been confirmed. Please continue to submit reports via FixMyStreet to highlight issues and help ensure Elm Avenue is prioritised.

Fibre One – Parking Issues Concerns were raised about overflow parking—with over 15 surplus vehicles regularly parked at the corner of Mancroft Road and Manor Road. I identified potential alternative parking at Airparks, and a meeting was held with their manager (arranged by Matt Flitton).

Although Fibre One initially showed interest and attended the meeting, I have not received any follow-up, and my emails remain unanswered. I will continue to pursue a response on this matter.

Manshead School – Parental Concerns I recently visited Manshead CE Academy following concerns from parents regarding changes introduced by the new Headteacher. I raised these issues directly with the Head. Encouragingly, some of the concerns have now been addressed or are in the process of being resolved. I will conduct a follow-up visit in two weeks to review progress.

Heritage Greenway – Progress Update Central Bedfordshire Council is moving forward with the design, surveys, scoping, and funding for the Heritage Greenway. The works have now been priced and accepted. Surfacing works have been ordered, with mobilisation scheduled for October.

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[The Cricketers – Development Approved](#) Planning permission has now been granted for the demolition of The Cricketers pub and the construction of 8 Apartments with tandem parking.

[Mancroft Road – Surface Flooding](#) I've inspected all gullies along Mancroft Road, where we frequently experience the worst surface flooding in our village. I've reported all blocked gullies and requested that they be jetted ahead of the winter months.

Work is also progressing as part of Central Beds' Flood Attenuation Plan:

- Pipers Lane: Works scheduled from October 13th to December 19th to upgrade the inlet and pipework through Aley Green (a road closure will be required).
- Woodside Road Junction: Design work is ongoing to give a scheme to get water away from there also, but utility conflicts are causing delays. Unlikely to be ready for construction this year.
- Bridleway North of Dunstable Road: Contractors are submitting prices for the installation of attenuation weirs to slow water flow from nearby fields.

I have attached a schematic diagram outlining both the current works and future proposals.

If you have any concerns or issues to raise in the ward, please don't hesitate to get in touch or continue reporting via FixMyStreet or your usual channels.

Warm regards, Cllr Vicky Malone (Vicky.malone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) Member for Caddington Ward and Vice Chair of Central Bedfordshire Council

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0.5 tbsp olive oil
150g frozen soffritto mix
2 leeks, sliced
2 maris piper potatoes, diced
1 (326g) tin sweetcorn, drained
300ml chicken stock
250ml whole milk
2 roast chicken fillets (skin removed), shredded
4 drizzles single cream
25g pancetta crisps
4 generous pinches chopped chives
4 pieces crusty bread, to serve (optional)



Method

Step 1

Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the soffritto, leeks, potatoes and sweetcorn; cook and stir for 3-5 mins.

Step 2

Pour in the chicken stock and milk; simmer gently for 10 mins or until the potatoes are soft. Remove from the heat and blitz half with a stick blender to thicken.

Step 3

Return to the hob and stir in the shredded chicken to warm through; season.

Step 4

Ladle into bowls; add swirls of single cream, crumble over some pancetta crisps and scatter with chives. Serve with crusty bread, if you like.



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Aley Green Methodist Church

October

Sat 4th	10:00 Prayer Breakfast led by Liz Higgens
Sun 5th	10:30 Prayer and Praise—Local Arrangement (Lorna Martin)
Tues 7th	10-12 Cakes and Company
Sun 12th	10:30 Morning Service with Holy Communion (Rev Claudia Lupi)
Sun 19th	10:30 Morning Service—Local Arrangement
Mon 20th	2pm Ecumenical Fellowship led by Jo Prowse
Sun 26th	10:30 Morning Service (Mr. Chris Berry)
Wed 29th	7:30pm Coffee Evening in aid of Keech Hospice Care

November

Sun 2nd Nov 10:30 Morning Service - Local Arrangement (All Age Sunday School)

We start the month of October with a Harvest “Take Time”. This is a chance for people around the villages to get together for an afternoon finishing with light refreshments. On this occasion people have chosen songs and hymns of many varieties that are connected with Harvest and nature. The church allotment has had an amazing harvest, resulting in many hours of picking, peeling and chopping and freezers full of produce ready to make the chutney and preserves.

At the allotment open day The Sunday School’s “Lazy Gardener” scarecrow managed to take the first prize.



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