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Dear friends and parishioners,

From the end of this year, I won't be doing something which I have been doing for twenty years of ministry – issuing marriage certificates and signing registers in the course of a church wedding. The way in which marriages are registered in the UK is changing, due to legislation which takes account of wide social and technological changes. I, and a lot of other clergy, will have to learn a whole new system.

In itself that won't be hard. But – it is also a sign of the way the world keeps changing, all around us. Whether this seems for the better or for the worse, this deeper truth can easily bring a feeling of real unsettledness, which can even have a physical effect. It seems as if we have been living in a very changeable set of situations for a while now, politically, socially and even environmentally, and I know lots of people who are struggling with this in different ways.

Faith is something which changes as well, as we grow and change and develop new understanding and have new experiences. This is not something I worry about; if faith is a relationship with God, then of course it will change, and older and far greater theologians and people of faith than I am have all noted this. Yet within all that changes, the love of God remains constant: even if we can't feel it. In our journey he holds us close, always, as this beautiful Celtic blessing which I often use, puts it:

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be ever at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
Rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

With my prayers and every blessing for the month of September,

Nicola Lenthall

## KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

### KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

**Prayers:** in September our special prayers will be for those who live in Church End, Spratts Lane and Hollicks Lane. If there is someone or something you would like us to pray for, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

On 15<sup>th</sup> September there is an exciting service at the Methodist Church, when we are kindly invited to join in an **Ecumenical Pets Service** for a blessing of our animals (details p.13). There will be no service in the Parish Church that day. The **Harvest Festival** will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, followed by an Auction of Produce and a Bring and Share Lunch. This year, the proceeds of the collection will go to the Bishop's Appeal to 'Light Up Tanzania', and the auction will raise money for a local charity. The church will be decorated over Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to help or contribute items, please contact Penny Brown (603837).

We wish to offer our sympathy to our friends in Kensworth Methodist Church on the sudden death of Paula Copcutt. For many years Paula organised the Methodist notices for the Link; also, she and her sister Julie have generously donated the floral headdresses and bouquets for our May Queen festivities. We are tremendously grateful for the beautiful creations, and we send our deepest condolences to Julie and family on their sad loss.

**Choir News:** the choir practises on Fridays, 6pm – 7pm in the church. The sung services are usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, though not on the 15<sup>th</sup> September as the Pets Service is in the Methodist Church. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Mike Palmer (524183 or medpalmer@gmail.com), or the Rector (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). We also welcome instrument players to help accompany on occasions.

**Sunday School:** for all young people, there are sessions for seniors and juniors on 8<sup>th</sup> September (subject: We are in God's Hands), and on 22<sup>nd</sup> September it's the Harvest Festival, and everyone will join in. Our young people are sure to want to go to the Pets Blessing Service at the Methodist Church on the 15<sup>th</sup>, so we hope to see you there, with or without a pet. If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, please contact Katherine Huggins (607841) for details.

**Messy Church:** the September Messy Church will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, at 3.30pm in the Church Hall. Children and their carers are welcome to join in an afternoon of crafts, stories and songs on a biblical theme, followed by a hot meal for everybody. No charge, but we are grateful for donations.

**Church Shop:** the shop (Church Hall, Clayhall Road) is open 2pm – 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays. All kinds of treasures are available! (Unfortunately, we cannot sell electrical goods, clothing or large items of furniture.)

## AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Church prayers:** following our cycle of prayers, in September we shall be praying especially for everyone in Valley Road and Valley Close. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, perhaps for a special person or anniversary, please contact the Churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

**Children's Church** resumes after the summer break on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am. The children and young people will be reflecting on the reading for the day from St Luke's gospel, how God's love is inclusive of us all and we need to turn to Him and think how we should show our love for Him. After the service, there will be refreshments and the celebration of all the September birthdays.

The **Harvest Festival** is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Once again, village organisations will be decorating the church with flowers, produce and non-perishable food so we can be sure that the beautiful old building will be looking its very best. The service will be followed by a family-friendly 'Bring and Share' lunch. Everyone is very welcome; please contact the Rector or Churchwarden if you would like more details.

The **Annual Quiz** takes place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm at Studham Village Hall. Please reserve the date; more details will follow in the October Parish Link.

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

The Friends of Studham Church is a village group whose aim is to raise money for the maintenance of the oldest building in the village. We recently paid around £8000 for the redecoration of the north aisle, which is a similar amount to that raised at the May Fair.

In June we had a very popular **BBQ and Band concert** jointly with the School Trust. Our next fundraising events are a **Race Night** on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – see page 21 – and then the **Call My Bluff wine evening** on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – tickets £17.50 to include 5 wines and buffet supper.

We also run a **100 Club** which costs only £12 per year with £60 in prizes each month. Derek Maunders, Will Hillier, James Wheeler and Anne Spriggs were the lucky July and August winners.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to join our small committee. It's only 4-5 meetings a year plus help with events. If you can help or just want to find out more about the Friends, to join the 100 club or to reserve tickets, please contact John McDougal (e-mail: john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or call 873257).

## ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

This month our prayers will focus on those who live between Chequers Cottages and the Old Schoolhouse. If you have any special requests, please contact The Rector or churchwardens, or hang a prayer on the prayer tree in the church

**Whipsnade Village Lunch:** at the Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm: enjoy a two-course meal and coffee or tea, all for £6. This month's menu: roast pork, Delia's shepherd's pie, chicken tikka with rice or salmon en crouete with a choice of pudding to follow. Offers of help or puddings to Isobel Randall (872552).

**Bike 'n Hike on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9am to 5pm:** the church will be open to welcome everyone raising funds for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. You can be sponsored to man the church and serve refreshments, to walk, cycle, or drive between churches or sponsor those taking part. Half of the sponsored funds goes to the Trust, and half to a church of your choice. Details from Pam Ward (872406), or Roger Kendrick (413564) or pick up a sponsor form in the church.

**Churchyard Working Party:** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 10am until noon. Autumn tidy up. All help very welcome: more details from Pam Ward (872406).

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** (The World's Biggest Coffee Morning): On 27<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 12noon. This is our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support which helps people with cancer live life as fully as possible – do bring your friends to support this vital work. Enjoy tea or coffee, scones, and cakes, with bring-and-buy, competitions and raffle. Of course we need cakes – please get baking and bring the cakes with you. Contact Kim Brown (872015 or e-mail Whipsnade.events@gmail.com) or Isobel Randall (872552) for more details or offers of help.

**Harvest Lunch:** the October Village Lunch on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October is our three-course Harvest Lunch, which celebrates the harvest and raises funds for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal 'Light up Tanzania' to enable people in Tanzania to have electricity and so much more. The lunch will cost £6 as usual and extra donations for the appeal will be very welcome. More details next month.

The **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9am.

## THE FRIENDS OF WHIPSNADE CHURCH

We are looking for more members; we are a group who organise and help raise funds for the care and development of the church. Now that we have our extension with improved facilities there are many more opportunities for events in the church, to meet your neighbours and to raise funds for repairs etc. For more information, contact Kim Brown (872015 or Whipsnade.events@gmail.com). See also page 11.

## KENSWORTH EXTRA

**KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:** on 14<sup>th</sup> September you are welcome to our Grand Coffee Morning from 10.30am – 12 noon, as we welcome bike riders from the Historic Churches Bike Ride. Please note there will be no Coffee Morning on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Our notices for the Parish Link have been compiled by the late Paula Copcutt and Elisabeth Bibbings, our Lay Worker. We were all devastated by Paula's unexpected death on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Paula was a member of Kensworth Methodist Church all her life and with Julie, her sister, a regular contributor to worship with her creative floristry. She was our regular contributor to the Parish Link and a Church Council Secretary.

**KENSWORTH DROP IN CLUB:** everyone is welcome to 'Drop In' at Kensworth Village Hall every Thursday 9am – 11am for tea/coffee and biscuits (soft drinks and crisps for children). Enjoy a chat and games and get to know the locals!

### **KENSWORTH LADIES' CLUB:**

the September meeting will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. It will be a short walk around the local fields, followed by a Chinese supper. Please contact Shirley Hull (872351) as soon as possible to order food. Our July meeting was a garden party in the grounds of the Church Hall. We enjoyed lovely weather and a wonderful picnic – see the photo!



**FRIENDS of KENSWORTH CHURCH:** everyone is invited to attend the AGM to be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the church. The formal part of the proceedings is normally concluded quite rapidly and is followed by refreshments and the chance to socialise with friends old and new. The role of the Friends is to raise funds to ensure that our lovely church, parts of which date back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, is maintained to a reasonable standard. You do not need to have any particular religious allegiance to attend any of our social functions and new members will be made to feel very welcome.

Recent winners of the Monthly Draw Club were Annemarie Rice, Brenda Potter, Pauline Cox and Joanne Cook.

### **KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

## WHIPSNADE EXTRA

### WHIPSNADE PARISH COUNCIL

Pictured is grass-cutting in progress for this season on Whipsnade Green. This operation needs to be done annually, and the grass removed, either as hay bales or chopped and removed to compost down in a 'clamp'. More often in recent years the latter has been the case owing to the amount of litter deposited or blown onto



the common from passing vehicles. Without this annual operation, and in the absence of grazing animals which used to do the job, the Green would not keep its pristine appearance and would, very soon, revert to coarse grasses and scrubland.

In addition to this, it is also necessary to prevent encroachment of scrub and overhang and outgrowth of mature trees and bushes around the borders of the Green.

A group of volunteers ("Whipsnade Scrub-Bashers") hold working parties over the winter period to keep this in check. If you would like to take part and learn more about conservation management of the Green, why not come and join us?. The first working party is on 13<sup>th</sup> October – please see the next Parish Link for more info.

The next meeting of Whipsnade Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7.30pm.

### WHIPSNADE WINE TASTING AND SUPPER

Join with friends on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be tasting quality white, red and sparkling wines together with a light supper. The evening is being hosted by the Friends of Whipsnade Church. Tickets £15 – please support us and invite friends and family. Teams of up to eight. Any queries please contact Kim Brown (872015 or e-mail [Whipsnade.events@gmail.com](mailto:Whipsnade.events@gmail.com)).

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### ST MATTHEW'S DAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

St Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading. His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

## LOCAL NEWS

### **BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September:**

People from all over Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire will be cycling, walking, or driving from church to church, having been sponsored in aid of the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, which gives grants to repair our church buildings. If you can't ride, walk, or drive, it would be wonderful if you could give an hour in one of our churches to welcome visitors and offer refreshments.

Kensworth is running a gentle, children-centred, off-road, family walk starting at **St Mary's, Kensworth** at 10.30am then to Whipsnade Church and then on to Studham Church. Choose to do just 2 churches or do all 3 in our benefice. Led by an experienced DofE Award expedition leader and outdoor first aider. All children must be accompanied by, and be the responsibility of, the accompanying adult. Refreshments at every church. For more details, contact Jane Bedlington (871139).

For more details for **Studham and Whipsnade** contact:

Meg Bender (872967) Studham;

Roger Kendrick (413564) or Pam Ward (872406), Whipsnade.

### **BARN DANCE**

**Reminder:** Family Barn Dance at Kensworth Village Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm – 8.30pm with live ceilidh band & caller, including fish/alternative supper. BYOD. Open to all ages. Some tickets still available: Adults £16: Family (= 2 adults + 2 children under 16): £42; Children (under £16): £7.50.

Ring Jane Bedlington (871139) for tickets.

### **POPPY APPEAL**

This year's appeal runs from 25<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please support this very important charity. If you would like to help with door-to-door collections in our three villages, please contact Pam Ward, Area Organiser for Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade (872406).

### **DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September "1812 And All That". Speaker George Darwall inherited a trunkful of nautical trappings from an ancestor who served as a midshipman in the Royal Navy from 1812 to 1815 and saw active service in the New World after the USA declared war on Great Britain. He tells some family anecdotes about what happened. 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable. Visitors £2.

### **SOUTH BEDS ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS**

Our talk this month is by Hugh Garrod and is on the **History of Chews House** in Dunstable. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm in the Salvation Army Centre, Bull Pond Lane in Dunstable. Guests welcome at £3.

## CHURCH NEWS

### NORTH CHILTERNES GROUP QUIET MORNING

The annual Quiet Morning of the North Chilterns Group is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 9am to 12.30pm at Redbourn Church Hall, attached to the church. Anyone from the three villages is very welcome to enjoy a peaceful and refreshing morning of discussion and contemplation, led by the Revd. Liz Hughes. For more details, speak to: Revd. Nicola Lenthall (872223), Dorothy Blackburn (872670), Isobel Randall (872552), Derek Spriggs (873468) or Barrie Huggins (607841).

### STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 10am | Rev. Stuart Dyer | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept | 10am | Linda Hillier    | Harvest Festival |

The Reverend Stuart Dyer took over circuit responsibilities for Studham from 1<sup>st</sup> September. This will be his first service with us so please come and introduce yourselves to him. There will be teas and coffee after the service.

### KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Our services are held at 10.30am in Kensworth Methodist Church unless otherwise stated. Everyone is welcome to our village centre worship and other activities.

1<sup>st</sup> September: United Service at Edlesborough Methodist Church Rev. Bibbings

8<sup>th</sup> September: Mr. John Enejo

15<sup>th</sup> September: **Ecumenical Pet Service**

with Mrs. Elisabeth Bibbings.

All reasonably-sized pets welcome – please don't bring the horse in, but we'd love to see the dog, cat, bird, rabbit or guinea pig! Every pet will be blessed during the service. Please bring a photo of a pet; they will be blessed too. Also, photos of any of our 'forever' animal friends who are no longer with us.

22<sup>nd</sup> September: TBA – please see notice board.

29<sup>th</sup> September: Rev. Wallace Edwards.



Our usual **Growing Together** Bible Study and Fellowship meets after the summer on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the church, with coffee and chat over a Bible reading. Please contact Elisabeth (01525 872026) to find out more.

### MESSY CHURCH

**Kensworth:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm in Kensworth Church Hall.

**Studham:** At Studham Methodist Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm.

**FIRST STEPS:** on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in Kensworth Church Hall.

## MORE STUDHAM

### STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Such are the vagaries of publishing deadlines, I find myself writing this in the middle of the school holidays with the sun shining but the promise of thunderstorms tonight and tomorrow. In other words, a typical English summer.

The end of term was fantastic with our closest ever Sports Day result in which Ravenclaw took home the honours. We also had a lovely concert and finished off the term by saying “goodbye” to our Year 4 children in our traditional Leavers Service at Studham Church.

Looking forward to next term, our amazing School Business Manager is seeking retirement (early I am sure). The job involves quite a lot of finance as well as managing the systems which keep the school running. If anyone is interested in having a chat about it, please contact me on [school@studhamschools.org.uk](mailto:school@studhamschools.org.uk) or on 872337 from 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

***Paul Burrett (Headteacher)***

### STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

**AGM:** the existing trustees were re-appointed at the AGM: Felicity Cornelius, Andrea Maxted, Jean Pigden, Des Salmon (Chairman), Chrys Smith (Parish Councillor) and Lynne Smith. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are still vacant and covered by Des Salmon, Chrys Smith and Lynne Smith. Any help in running the hall for the community will be gratefully accepted.

**Floor:** we are planning to replace the floor in the foreseeable future. The contact for tender details is Mike Smart, Glasspool & Thaiss (Structural Engineers) on 01494 771314 or [mike@glasspoolandthaiss.com](mailto:mike@glasspoolandthaiss.com). Hirers will be contacted well in advance with alternative arrangements when firm dates are known. Our thanks to all users for their continued support.

**Carols in the Hall:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: some time away, but a note for the diary!

### CARPET BOWLS

The Club meets at 7pm on Thursdays – dates are in the diary section. We are a small friendly group and new members are most welcome or just come for a taster. Contacts are Pat Thorne (872751) or Des Salmon (872082).

### STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Please contact the playing fields if you would like to hire for a function or activity – contact is Paul Hocking ([pdhocking@btinternet.com](mailto:pdhocking@btinternet.com) or tel: 07500 849280).

Would all those who walk their dogs through the Playing Fields please keep them on a lead whilst in the grounds and remember to clean up after them?

## KENSWORTH SCHOOL NEWS

### KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

After a very busy term we said farewell to Mrs McParland, Mrs Jones, Mrs Hughes, Mr Dunstall and our Year 6 leavers.

This year's leavers began a new school tradition with our first Leavers' Service held at St Mary's Church. The majestic building was the backdrop for the children to share their memories of time at school and all the fun and friendships.



Mrs Bates carried out the Ribbon Ceremony, the length of the ribbon symbolising how the children are joined in their experiences of their time at school. The ribbon is then cut for each child to take a piece of Kensworth with them, physically as well as in their hearts. Revd. Nicola gave each child a blessing and they also received the gift of a Bible. The children then shared the prayers they had written especially for the service. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and wish them well for all they do in the future.

We are now looking forward to the year ahead. We will be welcoming a new member of teaching staff and Mrs Reason will be joining to teach Holly Class. The children have spent some time with her at the end of last term and she is eager to be working with them. Mrs Harrison will remain as the Assistant Head on a permanent basis and will continue to teach Oak class.

You may have noticed the scaffolding around the school: the work on our new roof has begun. We look forward to seeing and feeling the benefits in the new term.

The PTA have begun work on the new KS2 toilet refurbishment. The children will see the transformation, which they helped to plan, when they return.

### Kensworth School Parent Teachers' Association



On an extremely warm day we were very grateful to everyone who came out to support our Summer Fete and Dog Show. We raised over £2000, which is amazing and our most successful to date. A big thanks to Mrs Bates and Mrs Harrison for getting absolutely soaked in the stocks!

We are planning much more, so watch out for upcoming events:

**PTA quiz:** on 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the school hall at 7pm with Mr Henderson.

**Next school fete:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 12 – 3pm.

If you would like to offer help/fundraising ideas, please get in touch with us via e-mail ([kspta@outlook.com](mailto:kspta@outlook.com)) or contact Gina Owen (07506 722 053).

## STUDHAM EXTRA 2

### STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The **next meeting** will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. If you have any questions for the Council, or would just like to 'sit in' and hear what we do, you are most welcome to attend. It will start at 7pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

We have organised a presentation regarding the "**Ash Die-back**" on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am in the Village Hall. If you have ash trees on your property, or if you just want to hear what the problem is, how it will affect the village, and how to deal with it, then please come along. It is free, and refreshments will be available.

In the meantime, could we ask that you help "**keep our village tidy**" by taking a few simple steps?

- **Dog walkers** – please 'poop scoop' after your pet and dispose of it, either in the bins provided throughout the village or take it home with you for disposal.
- Dispose of your **garden rubbish** either in your green bin or use the tidy tip! The new tip at Thorn Turn is much easier – no steps! Disposing of rubbish on the common or land other than your own is "flytipping" and carries a £1,000 fine!!
- Autumn is the time for **bonfires**: please consider your neighbours before lighting.

Studham is a beautiful village – let's all work together to keep it that way.

### SCRABBLE

Our small but enthusiastic Scrabble Group meets at 2pm every Tuesday afternoon at Studham Village Hall – the weather (13) may be wet (8) and chilly (14), but we can assure (6) you of a warm welcome (14).

### WI

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm – **Luton Hoo Walled Garden**. All ladies welcome. Entrance for non-members £4. Competition: picture of your favourite flower!

Forward notice:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm **Mike Pittam – Foodbanks**.

This is an Open Meeting so we look forward to seeing the gentlemen as well! There will be no competition this evening – we thought it would be a good idea for everyone to bring along a non-perishable item that Mike could take to the foodbank.

### BINGO

On Wednesdays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall. Why not come and join us? £5 will pay your entrance, set of 6 books, strip of raffle tickets and even a cup of tea/coffee! New players always welcome.

## KENSWORTH EXTRA 2

### KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Some of you will already have been into the hall and noticed that the **refurbishment** is well on the way to completion. Following the wedding of Lynn Lewis, the Hall Booking Clerk, in July, when many residents attended the evening reception, we have received some lovely comments on the redecoration, and the new round tables and chairs. The hall looked very attractive – Lynn has uploaded some photographs onto the Village Hall website: ([kensworthvillagehall.weebly.com/picture-gallery.html](http://kensworthvillagehall.weebly.com/picture-gallery.html)) to show hirers how it would look for a special occasion and hopefully will bring in more people wanting to hire the hall. The new round tables and chairs are available at an extra cost but there are also some new oblong tables to replace the existing ones. The remaining work is planned soon and then we are hoping to hold an opening event in the autumn.

The next **Village Walk** will be as part of the Church sponsored Bike & Hike around the three villages on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September (see page 12).

The next committee meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September in the Committee Room at 7.30pm. If anyone is interested in joining the committee and taking up the position of Treasurer, please come along to the meeting.

### FLOWER & VEG SHOW

This year's Show takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall. If you wish to exhibit in one of the many classes, programmes can be obtained from either of the local shops or from Sylvia Inns (07831 538682).

Public entry is from 2.30pm with prize-giving at 3.30pm. If you have not been to this before, come and see some excellent exhibits, together with artwork by the children from the local school. You will also have the chance to win some attractive raffle prizes, kindly provided by local businesses, or purchase some of the produce. As usual there will be several stalls selling varied merchandise in the car park area and complimentary refreshments will be available inside the Village Hall.

### KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB

#### September fixtures:

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|------------------|------------|------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Carpenters | Away | 1.30pm |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | TBA        |      |        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Flitwick   | Home | 1pm    |

**Outdoor Nets:** at Markyate Cricket & Football Club on Tuesday Evenings.

The Cricket Club has had a very successful season; we have played many new teams and recruited new players, and the future looks good for Kensworth Cricket Club! If you are interested in joining your local village team then please contact Duncan Wingfield (872 743) or Jon Holt (872 896) for further details.

## MORE STUDHAM

### **STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB**

We are delighted to announce we are offering free annual Junior Membership (with every full adult member) and annual Family Membership from £75.

Junior and adult tennis coaching takes place every Saturday morning between 9am and 11am. All are welcome – non-members £6 per session, members £4 per session. Our coach, Megan (07826 855 388), is also available for private individual or group lessons. Family social play takes place on a Saturday 2pm – 4pm.

For information on coaching or joining the club, contact Andrew Jones (andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk or 07833 111 682/www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk).

### **FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON**

Studham Common received the prestigious Green Flag Award from Keep Britain Tidy for 2019-20; our twelfth consecutive award, scoring top marks of 80+ out of a possible 100. This is a sign to all members of the public that the Common continues to be maintained to the highest possible standards for conservation and biodiversity.

So why not come along to our next volunteer work party, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September? Our tasks will involve cutting and clearing grass, bracken and bramble, as necessary, from the southern boundary of East and Middle Commons. This will include mowing around the benches and main trees and clearing along the base of the hedge. This will reduce nutrient levels in the soil and create a variety of habitats for small mammals and birds. The mowing, including scalloping, enhances the visual appreciation of some individual trees and, overall, produces a more natural appearance.

We meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion, at 10am. Tools and lunch will be provided. Contact Bob Wilkin (bob@afromosia.com or 871268) for further information.

### **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September between 6pm – 9pm: Dungeons and Dragons. See notice boards or call in at the Club for further details. Ever wondered what D&D is all about? Fancied playing but don't know how? Already play but would like to play more? Then why not come and try? The adventure begins on 5<sup>th</sup> September – all you need is your imagination. Ring Bryan (07768 765011) for more details. It is hoped that this will be a weekly event.

N.B. New swipe cards need to be presented every time you buy a drink at the bar to benefit from members' bar prices, so if you haven't joined – why not? Forms are available at the bar.

## LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

### MESSAGE FROM BRIAN, EX-STUDHAM POSTIE

Hi everyone, it was with great sadness that Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June was my last delivery date as your postman for many parts of Studham. From day one you have all made me feel so welcome in your community and made me a part of your village life. I would like to give a special thank you to Caroline Moss, who spearheaded the SOB (Save our Brian) campaign, and everyone who contributed to it. I will never forget the kind things you wrote and said about me; I felt very humbled and overwhelmed and proud to be your postman. I'm sorry that in spite of all your efforts in the campaign, I still have to move on. I have made some really good friendships and will miss you all. Love Brian x

### NEW POSTIE

And a very warm welcome to new postie, Julie, who is already proving to be an efficient and friendly addition to the Studham community.



**STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL**  
**Friday 4th October 2019**  
**Doors open 7pm**  
**£12.50 Entry (Includes meal)**

Tickets available from:  
 Peter Gee: 873154  
 John McDougal: 873257

*Not available on the door  
 Over 18s only*

**RACE NIGHT**  
 ...With Fish and Chips!  
 & licensed bar

### A BIT OF FORWARD PLANNING!

**Studham Christmas Lunch:** all Studham senior citizens are invited to attend the Christmas Lunch at Studham Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 12 noon. This promises to be an afternoon of festive joy and community spirit with a few surprises along the way. Tickets are priced at £5 per person. Places are strictly limited! To book your place or find out further details, please contact Liesa Coates (873447 or [liesa.coates@in2global.com](mailto:liesa.coates@in2global.com)).