

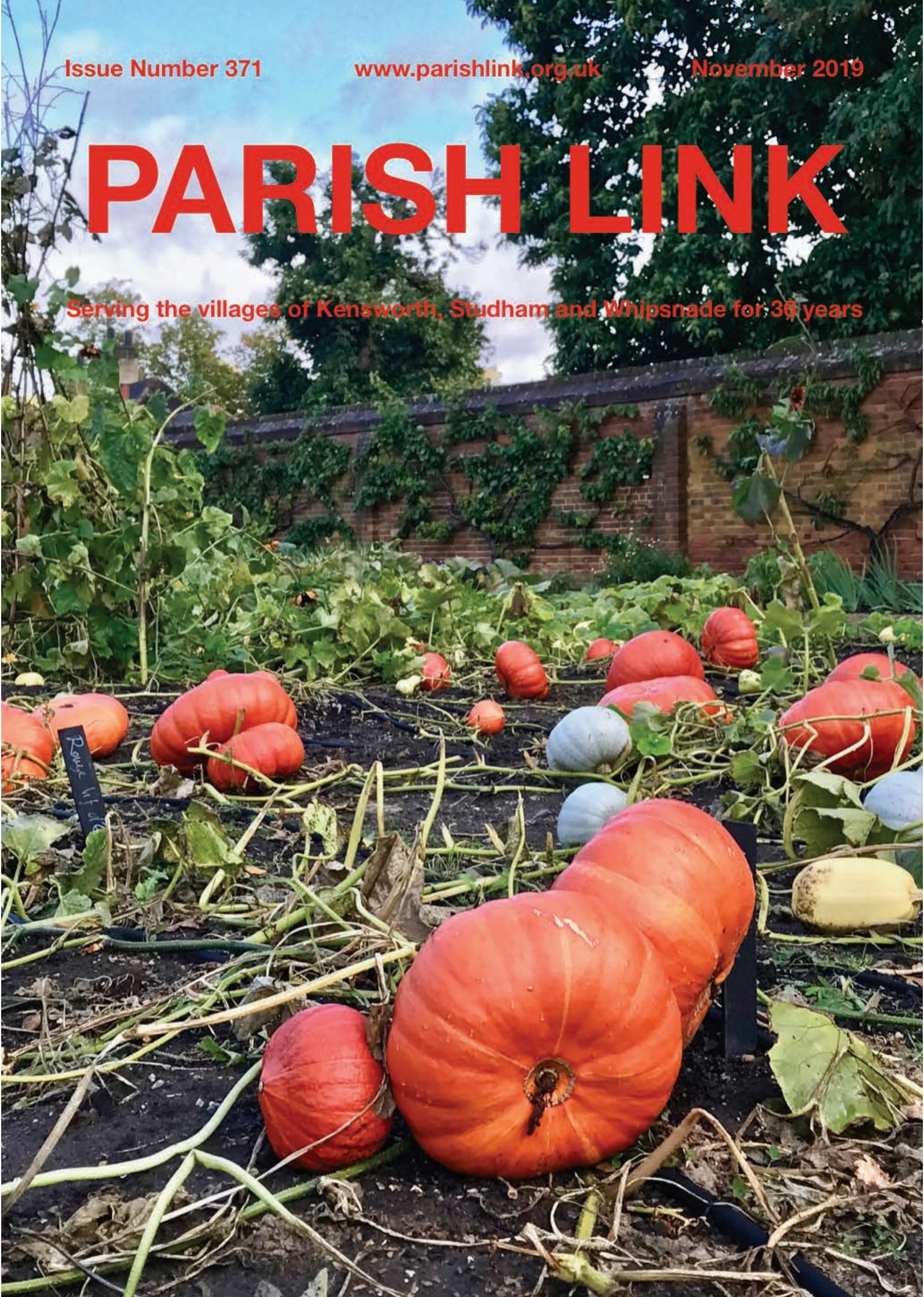
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Dear friends and parishioners

As I write this there is a real sense of autumnal chill in the air, and I know it is the time to get out my and my family's winter woollies, warm coats and thick socks – because it won't be long before we need them. When you receive this magazine, it will be just after the time that the clocks have gone back, moving us towards the shorter, darker days of winter. And it is just around this time when the Church pauses too, with three days of remembering, around the end of October and beginning of November. Hallowe'en, which has become increasingly celebrated over the past twenty years, was always part of the Church's calendar. Even the practice of visiting people on Hallowe'en ('trick or treat') comes from the time when beggars used to go door to door begging for food or money (called alms), in return for saying a prayer for the members of the givers' family who had died in years past.

The word Hallowe'en comes from 'All Hallows' Eve', the old name for the day before All Saints' Day on 1st November ('hallows' means 'holy ones', or saints). At All Saints', we celebrate all those saints who are unknown and unnamed, but who made a difference to the lives of those around them (you may even know some of them in your own lives!). On 2nd November, the next day, the Church commemorates and prays for all those who have died.

So it is at this time of increasing darkness that there is a moment of stillness and sadness, amid the celebrating and the sweets. In the stillness, even though it might seem that there is an absence, God is ever present, holding those we love but see no longer, holding those who grieve, holding those who still miss a familiar voice or face. In the darkness we are promised that 'Jesus is the light of the world; a light no darkness can quench'.

May God bless with his love and light those who feel as though they are in darkness, this month and always.

PRAYERS: this month we shall be praying for Remembrance, and those whose loved ones have died in the year.

THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: held in the church, we raised over £340. Very many thanks to Kim Brown for her hard work in organising the event, and to all who attended, baked, helped and/or gave donations.

HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL: many thanks to the people who made donations, and to Anne Weir who, with her team of helpers, made the church so beautiful. The food was distributed to local people and to the food bank. The Harvest Festival collections and profits from the Harvest Lunch raised £447.50 for the Bishop's harvest charity 'Light up Tanzania'.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: on 10th November, the 9am Remembrance Family Service at the church, is the village's Act of Remembrance to commemorate those who fought in the world wars. The collection, including Gift Aid, will be donated to the Royal British Legion. Everyone is welcome to join in this tribute to all who have fought or suffered in war.

WHIPSDADE GREEN SCRUB CLEARANCE: last month's was cancelled due to heavy rain. We will continue on Sunday 10th November from 11.15am. Meet on The Green near Dell Farm. We always need more helpers and it is great fun; come along and see for yourself. Wear stout footwear and gloves. Soup provided. More information from Charles Frost (871417).

WHIPSDADE VILLAGE LUNCH: on Thursday 14th November at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Enjoy a choice of main course: roast beef, chicken and mushroom pie, venison casseroled in red wine or salmon en crouete, with a selection of puddings to follow, then tea or coffee. All for £6. Come along for good food and great company. Offers of puddings or help to Isobel Randall (872552). On 12th December we will have the traditional ticket-only **Christmas Lunch**, for which we will start to sell tickets at the November lunch. More details in the December Parish Link.

WHIPSDADE CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY: on Saturday 16th November 10am – noon. All welcome to help to tidy the churchyard for winter. Details from Pam Ward (872406).

WHIPSDADE TREE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL 'LEAF SWEEP' DAY: on 24th November. Meet in the car park at 11am, ends 3pm. We need lots of hands to help rake up leaves and tidy up for the winter. Come along with stout shoes and gloves, we'll provide the tools and soup. Ring Pam or John Ward (872406).

KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS

In November our special prayers will be for all who have lost loved ones in the past year. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

November is the month of remembrance, starting with All Saints Day on the 1st, followed by All Souls Day on the 2nd. 11th November is Remembrance Day, when all those who have given their lives in war are remembered. Remembrance Sunday falls on the second Sunday in November. This year, it's on Sunday 10th, when there is a United Service of Remembrance at 10.30am in Kensworth Methodist Church. (No service at St Mary's).

St Cecilia's feast day is on 22nd. She is the patron saint of musicians and there is a stained-glass window in our chancel dedicated to her (see page 13). 30th November is St Andrew's Day, the patron saint of Scotland.

Grateful thanks to all who crowded the church at our Harvest Festival. Over £200 was raised for the Bishop's Appeal and for Keech Hospice.

Choir News: the choir practises on Fridays 6pm – 7pm in the church. The sung services are usually on the first and third Sundays of each month. If you would like to join, please contact Mike Palmer (524183 or medpalmer@gmail.com), or the Rector (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

Sunday School: Remembrance Sunday Service will be held in Kensworth Methodist Church on 10th November. Please come and take part in the ceremonies to pay tribute to the people who gave their lives for our country.

On 24th November the younger children will take a closer look at 'Christ the King'. 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: Advent and Christmas Messy Church Special will be held on Friday 29th November, at 3.30pm in the Church Hall. Children and their carers are welcome to join in an afternoon of crafts, stories and songs about this holy season, followed by a hot meal for everybody. No charge, but we are grateful for donations.

CHURCH SHOP

The shop, in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road (behind the Vicarage), is open 2pm – 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays. All kinds of treasures are available – come and have a browse! (Unfortunately, we cannot sell electrical goods, clothing or large items of furniture).

AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: November is a time of remembrance and in our prayers this month we shall particularly remember those who have lost a loved one in the last year. If you would like to remember a special person, please contact the churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Remembrance Sunday is on 10th November. Everyone is very welcome to a service for the whole community at 10.30am, followed by a procession to the War Memorial in the village centre and the laying of wreaths. There will be a collection for the work of the Royal British Legion.

Children's Church takes place on Sunday 17th November at 10.30am. The children and young people will be reflecting on the day's Gospel reading from St Luke, how God understands our problems and difficulties and is with us at all times, giving us the strength to do what is right. After the service everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and the celebration of all the November birthdays.

The church's **Annual Quiz** is on Saturday 23rd November at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall. Tickets at £10 include a fish and chip supper. Please contact John McDougal (873257 or john.mcdougal@btinternet.com) for tickets or to reserve your table of eight.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

The Friends of Studham Church is a friendly village group. Our aim is to play a small part in preserving our village heritage by raising money for the maintenance of the oldest building in the village.

Our next event is the annual **Call My Bluff Wine Evening** on Friday 1st November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Last minute details from John McDougal (see below).

We also run a **100 Club**, which costs only £12 per year, with £60 in prizes each month. Debbie Storey and Ian Milne were the lucky October winners.

To find out more about the Friends, the Wine Evening, or to join the 100 Club, please e-mail john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or call 873257.

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SMILE LINE

The history teacher was trying to impress upon her class the advantages of peace and disarmament. "How many of you object to war?" she asked. Up went several hands. "And why is that, Charles?" she went on. "Because wars make history," Charles responded.

COMMUNITY NEWS



STUDHAM MAY FAIR 2020

The Annual Village Fair returns to Studham Common on 16th May 2020! The funds raised will support not only the fabric of our historic church but many more community groups and charities.

Are you involved in a local charity, community group or a community initiative which could do with some additional funding? Then let us know, as you could benefit from the funds raised.

We are always looking for extra pairs of hands! If you can offer any assistance, no matter how small, please contact us.

Own a local business? Why not support or create an attraction? This could be the perfect opportunity to advertise and personally promote your services and support your local community. Full guidance, support and creative input will be offered. Contact Liesa for more information (see below).

End the afternoon by cheering on your local drinking hole! Yes, you heard it here first! There will be a tug of war knockout between our three much-loved watering holes. Why not get involved and become part of your local's team – contact them to find out more.

For further information contact Liesa Coates (Liesa.coates@in2global.com/872597).

LUTON AIRPORT EXPANSION

Luton Council's airport company – London Luton Airport Ltd (LLAL) – has confirmed that a second public consultation on its proposed long-term expansion of the airport is to take place this autumn.

The consultation started on 16th October and runs until 16th December, with a series of 34 consultation events taking place, although none of these is in our three villages. At these events, everyone will have the opportunity to look at the plans, speak with members of the project team, and provide their views. The closest for us are at Flamstead Village Hall on 11th November and Markyate Village Hall on 18th November.

For more information and to see how you can give your feedback (online, letter or e-mail), please visit the Parish Link website (www.paritylink.org.uk) and click on the link.

WHIPSNADE 2 & MORE KENSWORTH

WHIPSNADE BINGO: on Friday 15th November from 7pm – 9pm in Whipsnade Village Hall. Also Friday 13th December. All welcome.

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: on Sunday 1st December 10.30am – 3.30pm. Craft and other stalls stocked with unusual gifts and original Christmas accessories, with light refreshments served throughout the day. Just turn up with your family, a smile and your money!
To book a stall, please contact Carole Chant (873717).

Please look out for the books of tickets for our **Christmas Draw** which will be circulated in the next few weeks. There will be some super prizes including a **Traditional Christmas Hamper**. The draw will take place at the Christmas Craft Fair at about 2.30pm.

WHIPSNADE CYCLO-CROSS

Don't forget Whipsnade Parish Council's Cyclo-Cross event on Whipsnade Green on Sunday 3rd November - for more details see October Parish Link or visit (www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/212146/CCXL-R8---Cross-at-the-Zoo).

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

For all services, see page 13. The November Coffee Morning is on Saturday 2nd, 10.30am – 12 noon. Come and enjoy delicious tea/coffee and cakes and friendly chat.

Advance Notice: 7th December: Kensworth Methodist Christmas Fayre, 10.30am – 12 noon.

KENSWORTH LADIES' CLUB

The November meeting will take place on Monday 4th in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a demonstration of Christmas decoration making, with an opportunity to make your own. Refreshments provided. The December lunch is on Wednesday 4th December at Harpers. Ladies of all ages welcome – no membership lists, just turn up and join in! A small contribution to expenses will be charged.

FRIENDS of ST MARY the VIRGIN, KENSWORTH

The Friends' **Annual General Meeting** took place on 9th October. Many thanks to all who attended and to all who serve on the Committee.

The date of the **New Year Quiz** is Saturday 1st February 2020. More details in the next issue.

The October winners of the Monthly Draw Club were Constance Wise and Mike Sawyer.

STUDHAM EXTRA

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 is every Saturday morning between 9am and 11am (juniors 9am – 10am, adults 10am – 11am). All are welcome – non-members £6 per session, members £4 per session. Our coach, Megan, is also available for private individual or group lessons. Please contact her (07826 855 388) for more information. Family social play takes place on a Saturday between 2pm and 4pm.

For more information on the club, contact Andrew Jones (andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk/07833 111682/www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk).

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Carols in the Hall: Sunday 24th November, 3pm – 4.30pm. This will be the 10th anniversary for the community afternoon. We welcome the 3 Villages Choir and Musicians, the children from Studham School and guest singer, Martin Young.



There will be mulled wine kindly donated by Chrys Smith. Drinks for children, mince pies and biscuits will also be available. Our thanks to Peter Owen for running the sound system.

A huge 'thank you' to Anne and Derek Spriggs for arranging the programme. Free admission. An appreciation box will be split between the Village Hall and the Mums & Tots group at the Hall.

CARPET BOWLS

The Club meets at 7pm on Thursdays and dates are on page 15. 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 WI

On Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall – Studham Bake-off. All members, and female visitors, are welcome to bring a home-made item of savoury or sweet confection. There will be a blind tasting and choices will be made by the use of 'tokens'. The item with the most tokens will be the winner! Please make sure that your item is such that it can be cut into bite-sized pieces and it should have a card clearly stating if it contains nuts, gluten, dairy, or other allergen. Entry for non-members is £4.

CHURCH NEWS

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

3rd November 10.30am: United Service at Aley Green led by Rev. Seung-Wook Jung. (No service at Kensworth)

10th November 10.30am: United Remembrance Service led by Mr Geoff Best. Refreshments afterwards.

17th November 10.30am: Holy Communion led by the Reverend Wallace Edwards.

24th November 10.30am: Worship led by the Reverend Arlington Trotman.

21st November 7.30pm for 7.45pm: **Growing Together** – Bible Study and fellowship (refreshments). Come and join us! Please contact Mrs. Elisabeth Bibbings (01525 872126) to find out more.

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 10th November 10.30am Joint service for Remembrance at St Mary's then at the War Memorial

Sunday 24th November 10am Rev. Stuart Dyer

SAINT CECILIA

St. Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs – the patron saint of musicians. Her feast day falls on 22nd November. She was a noble lady of Rome, who was martyred along with her husband and his brother. They perished in Sicily under Emperor Marcus Aurelius between 176 and 180.

Despite a vow of virginity, she was forced by her parents to marry a pagan nobleman named Valerian. During the wedding, Cecilia sat apart, singing to God in her heart, and for that she was later declared the patron saint of musicians. She persuaded Valerian to be converted to Christianity, as she told him an angel was watching over her. When he asked to see the angel, Cecilia sent him to the third milestone on the Via Appia to be baptised by Pope Urban I. He obeyed, and saw the angel standing beside her, crowning her with a chaplet of roses and lilies. The story goes that, whilst being martyred, she was struck three times on the neck with a sword, but lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.



Cecilia was buried in the Catacomb of Callixtus, and later transferred to the Church of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere. In 1599, her body was found, still incorrupt, seeming to be asleep. St. Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde, Isle of Wight, was founded in 1882. The nuns still live a traditional monastic life of prayer and work, and study in accordance with the ancient Rule of St. Benedict.

Many famous poems and musical works have been written for her. There is a stained-glass window dedicated to her in St Mary's, Kensworth. A sketch of this was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1952.

MORE KENSWORTH

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL



We held an **Open Evening** on Friday 11th October at 7pm following the official opening of the new playground equipment by the Parish Council. The hall was set up for a special function to show residents the new tables, chairs and chair covers that have been purchased, as well as the new decoration. We are also pleased to have found a resident

willing to join the committee and another who is thinking about joining. Everyone enjoyed cheese, wine and nibbles whilst admiring old photographs of Kensworth on display.

Several people joined in the **Bike 'n Hike** organised by the three local churches and enjoyed visiting the three churches on their walk. The next Village Walk is to be held on Saturday 9th November - meet at 10am at the Village Hall car park and return for coffee after the walk.

Plans are well under way for the **Christmas Fayre**, to be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 1st December between 1pm and 4pm. We have already got 13 confirmed stall holders and Santa is due to make an appearance to deliver presents to younger children. If any local businesses would like to donate some interesting raffle prizes, please contact Sylvia Inns (07831 538682). Please put this date in your diary and be sure to come along and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere - and purchase some Christmas presents as well!

We are also holding our annual **Christmas Bingo** in the Village Hall on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm: doors open at 7pm. Come and have a fun evening! All ages welcome.

The next meeting of the **Village Hall Committee** is Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please just come along to the Committee Room in the Village Hall.

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! We also have outings.

KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

What an exciting time we've had at Kensworth this term! As our school hall is still, unfortunately, out of action, we took delivery of a very large portacabin. The children were very excited by the arrival of the crane and took great delight in watching the drivers and crane operators manoeuvre the sections into place. There was some bated breath in KS2 watching them navigate the first section through the very tight entrance into our car park! It arrived just in time to be in use, as the weather changed. The children are also very grateful for the carpeted floor when sitting for our collective worship.

Some of our children took part in the Totternhoe Football festival, forming a combined 'Totternworth' team. A fantastic showing was put on by all and everyone had a lot of fun. A big thanks went out to the Totternhoe staff and PA for running the event, and for the delicious refreshments.

The staff felt very appreciated when we were invited to spend the day at the zoo to celebrate International Teachers' Day. The weather was glorious and those who were able to attend had a fabulous day, so thank you to ZSL Whipsnade!

The Reverend Bibbings very kindly welcomed us to the Methodist Church for our Harvest Service. The children performed 'The Enormous Turnip' and entertained with songs. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.



Our KidZone after-school club is doing a grand job of entertaining the children with sports, craft and cooking. Go to www.kidzoneclub.com for more details and to book places for both breakfast and after-school club.

Kensworth School Parent Teachers' Association asks for your support:

The PTA are working again this school year to raise funds for extra resources for the school.

We will be holding an **Afternoon Tea** on Saturday 9th November, in the school, from 2pm till 4pm. Tickets are £8 and must be purchased before 7th November. Please contact Vanessa Durham (07788 990364) to buy a ticket.

We will also have another **BYO quiz** on Saturday 23rd November in the school, £5 per person. Please contact Gina Owen (07506 722053) to book your place or a table.

If you would like to offer help/fundraising ideas, please get in touch with us via e-mail (kspta@outlook.com) or contact Gina Owen (see above). We always welcome new members.

STUDHAM SCHOOL AND FOSC

STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

It has been a high energy beginning to the new school year with the children making an amazing start. The school is nice and full as we have reached our capacity and still have a waiting list!



We took part in a weather-delayed Bike 'n Hike to raise money for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust. We chose to do the hike rather than the bike and set off from Studham Methodist Church heading towards Studham Parish Church using the

footpath. At St. Mary's, our Reception and Year 1 children headed back to school as they have very little legs, and the rest of us carried on to Whipsnade Church for refreshments.

We don't yet know exactly how much was raised as money is still coming in.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next Friends' main work party will be on **Saturday 16th November**.

Our main tasks will be to replace any failed whips in the hedge on the south boundary of East Common, in order to ensure that the hedgerow will eventually form a continuous dense habitat for nesting birds and a corridor for other animals. On West Common, we will continue thinning trees, cutting and clearing grass and bracken, where necessary, from the glade by Church Road, and also on parts of the Old School House meadow. This action is necessary in order to reduce nutrients in some areas, while leaving other areas uncut to provide ground cover for small mammals and birds. In addition, we will also undertake further light trimming of old gorse, to encourage survival and regeneration, which will provide habitat for gorse-feeding insects and nesting birds.

Please do come and help – everyone is welcome – especially as this is the last work party until the New Year. All tools and lunch will be provided. As always, we meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion, at 10am.

For further details, please contact Denis Davison (872650 or e-mail denis@den-jen.co.uk).

PARISH COUNCILS

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

New Play Equipment: the new equipment was officially opened, along with the refurbished Village Hall, on Friday 11th October. Due to the inclement weather parents and children attended the opening of the extended playground equipment in the Village Hall. The children were asked which was their favourite piece of equipment and the zip wire came out on top of the list. The children all said that they loved the new equipment and had enjoyed playing on it in the summer.

CCTV: we are looking to upgrade the current CCTV system at the Village Hall which also covers the recreation ground and play areas.

Allotments: tenants should have received their renewal by now. If you haven't, please contact the Clerk (kensworthpc@gmail.com or 07912298141). Councillors are meeting with plot holders to discuss setting up a working group so that plot holders have more say with the management of the allotments. If you're interested in joining this group or wish to take on an allotment, please also contact the Clerk.

General Highways Complaints: complaints, including overgrown hedges, damaged footpaths and tree issues, are dealt with by Central Bedfordshire Council. To save delay in action being taken, these should be reported directly to them. The Parish Council can only report in the same way as residents and issues are not given any higher priority. CBC will also issue you with a report number so you can follow up directly with them on what actions are being taken. Please report on tel 0300 300 8302, e-mail customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or online via <http://www.cb-report-it.co.uk/index.aspx>.

WHIPSNADE PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting is on 12th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Residents are always welcome and have the opportunity to raise local issues.

WITH THANKS TO STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Dunstable Library: have you been to the new Library in Court Drive in Dunstable yet? It has free Wi-Fi and internet and also free access to the Ancestry Library Division to help you trace your family tree. Many interactive facilities for younger people.

Bedfordshire Day – yes, there is such a thing! - is on 28th November, and the Friends of Bedfordshire Society are hoping that the Bedfordshire flag will be flown outside Parliament to mark the day. Did you know we had a Bedfordshire flag? Are you proud of Bedfordshire, the smallest 'shire' county, and home of the famous 'clanger'? Contact the Society for more details.



STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our new **website** is up and running (same address - www.studhamparish.co.uk, but a bit more modern).

Just a reminder that the **Senior Lunch** is on Wednesday 4th December and you do need to book! Call SiGNS (07563 135895) for all the details.

If you have recently moved into the village and have not received a Parish Council **Welcome Pack**, please let us know (clerk@studhamparish.co.uk).

Our thanks to **Chris Morell** who has been around the village cleaning our road signs – he counted 216. Do you think this is too many?

Our **next meeting** is on Monday 4th November. 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.

BARBARA HART

It is with sadness that we have to report the death of Barbara Hart of Studham (Southern Way) who passed away on 4th October, aged 99. Her funeral was at Garston on 28th October. Her 100th birthday would have been 4th January 2020.

BINGO

On Wednesdays 6th and 20th November at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall.

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Please contact the Playing Fields if you would like to use the space for a function or activity – Paul Hocking (pdhocking@btinternet.com or tel: 07500 849280).

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

On Thursday 7th November between 6pm and 9pm - Dungeons and Dragons. 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? Call in the Club or ring Bryan (07768 765011) for more details.

QUIZZES

On Tuesday 5th November at 8pm - Red Lion Quiz Night. All proceeds go to the Village Hall. Why not put in a team? It is a great night. £3 a head entry to the quiz, there is a raffle and food is available – but if you want the curry, you need to order!

SCRABBLE

Our small but enthusiastic Scrabble Group meets at 2pm every Tuesday afternoon at Studham Village Hall.

LOCAL NEWS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2019

Please support the Poppy Appeal when the Poppy People call, or at the local shops. There will be a Garden of Remembrance in each of the churchyards to place small crosses to remember loved ones. Last year our three villages raised over £3,000 – many thanks for your support.

Local Poppy Appeal Organiser, Pam Ward (872406)

SOUTH BEDS ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

A presentation on the Domesday Book by Brian Kerr. Wednesday 6th November at 7.45pm in the Salvation Army Centre in Bullpond Lane, Dunstable.

DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On 12th November at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall opposite Wilko in Dunstable. “Striking your own Money” - how traders coped with the shortage of official coinage in the 17th century - a talk by Trevor Owens of Dunstable. Visitors welcome – £2.

HOLIDAY TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT



visit to Osborne House Isle of Wight September 2019

We set off in a luxury coach to the ferry and then to have lunch in Cowes with time to look around. Then on to our hotel in Sandown, which had a dodgy entrance, expertly navigated by our driver James. The hotel staff were wonderful and we had entertainment every night! We visited Brading Roman Villa and had a guided talk around the site and then lunch. Afterwards we went to Ventnor Botanic gardens. The next day,

we went to Carisbrooke Castle, where we learned more of the island's history. We then had a day at Osborne House with another guided tour, then lunch was provided and we had a chance to see the gardens, visit Queen Victoria's beach and even have a paddle!! Saturday was a free day. On Sunday, we had a picturesque drive around the island, stopping to see the Needles. Then on to Yarmouth, a great yachting centre. On our last day, we had a visit to Bembridge Lifeboat Station where we had a very good talk on the history and working of the station. We had lunch in Ryde before catching the ferry. A wonderful trip, full of interesting things, and the weather, as always, was good. Thank you, Margaret, you have excelled even yourself!!