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Over the past months, when life has changed profoundly for so many of us, it has been a real privilege to be alongside people and to listen to their worries and their grief, their pain and their struggle and also to hear of the joy of some truly lovely news such as the birth of a child or the restoration of a relationship.

Throughout this time there has been a sense of shared vulnerabilities, which has also led to a time of coming together as communities, even when we were not able to be physically present. I was very glad to be a part of the planning and organising of the Studham, Kensworth and Whipsnade Coronavirus Response Group, a great example of church communities, parish councils, neighbourhood schemes and a whole group of wonderful volunteers ensuring there was help around for those who needed it. Thank you to all those who gave so much, and who continue to give.

The current situation has led us to remember and to accept that we are all vulnerable as human beings: no-one is indestructible; no-one can thrive or even live without any dependency on others. Yet we are not all vulnerable in the same way. We're entering a time in which these differing vulnerabilities – medical, economic, educational and so forth – might easily set us apart from and against each other. A fuller acknowledgement of our common vulnerability as human beings could be very important at this time in holding us together in community.

The faith to which I hold proclaims a God who both is vulnerable – in the person of the man Jesus – and lives in community in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe more than ever that our God moves within this and every community and is seen in the loving actions which we take to care for each other. Whatever the months to come may bring for each of us and our family and friends, I will be praying for you all, and for these villages, that we may know and trust that all are held in the heart of God.

With every blessing and my prayers, this autumn and always,  
Nicola Lenthall

A huge thank you from me to everyone who has kept the 'Parish Link' going online over the past months; especially to Fiona McDougal, our editor, to Les Randall, our website manager, and the whole 'Link' editorial team. Do visit [www.parishlink.org.uk](http://www.parishlink.org.uk) to find the 'Parish Link' magazines online for May, June, July/August and September.

## KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

### KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS

In October our prayers will be for people who live in Common Road from Dovehouse Lane to Hollicks Lane. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

### KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

**Church services** will continue under the present conditions, as worship in church is exempt from the 'Think Six' rules. There will be a service in each church in the Benefice every Sunday at the usual time – 10.30am in Kensworth, but there will also be the online services for those who are unable to get to church. See page 14 for details.

Here is a repetition of the **instructions**:

Please wear a face covering unless you are exempted. Chatting with friends has to be outside, before and after the service. No refreshments can be served, but everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the atmosphere.

**APCM** - (Annual Parochial Church Meeting): this will be held by Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to take part, please e-mail Nicola on [revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). All welcome.

Nicola continues to keep everyone in touch by publishing the weekly **KSW WorshipLink**, with its Home Church details and links to live worship.

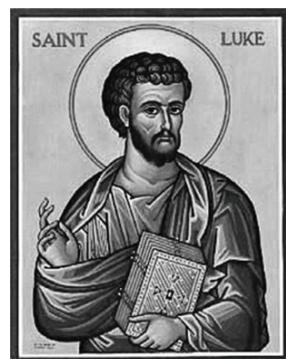
**Kensworth Evening Prayer Group** continues in individual households on Tuesdays at 4pm. Contact Jim Putterill (872436) for details.

In October we celebrate the **dedication of the church to St Mary the Virgin** (around 1150), but the Parish of Kensworth was actually designated by St Edward the Confessor a century earlier, so there was an earlier church building which was replaced by the present one in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The feast day of St Edward is 13<sup>th</sup> October (page 17). There is a little shrine in his memory in the chancel of the church.

In the church calendar, **St Luke the Evangelist** is remembered on 18<sup>th</sup>, and the 28<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of the **Apostles St Simon and St Jude**.

Luke was an Evangelist, the writer of the third Gospel. He never met Christ in person, but in his Gospel he says that he came to know about Jesus by talking to eyewitnesses to the events of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection.

Hearing those stories helped Luke to become a believer, and he wrote his Gospel so that others would come to know and love Jesus.



**STUDHAM PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday services:** we are delighted that in a new normal of strict health and safety measures, a Holy Communion service was held for the first time since March, on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Thankfully, the Government announcement restricting meetings indoors to six people does not apply to places of worship and, for the time being, Sunday services continue in the church building (see page 14). For those people who are still shielding, the online worship at 9am will continue. Visit the website ([www.parishlink.org.uk](http://www.parishlink.org.uk)) for more information or ‘Kensworth Studham Whipsnade Parish Churches’ Facebook page.

**Church prayers:** in October, we shall pray especially for the pubs and businesses in the village and for the residents and staff of Knoll House. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Nicola Lenthall (872223 or [revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com)).

**Harvest Festival:** harvest celebrations will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Thank you to the village organisations who have, once again, agreed to help to decorate the church. All donations of food will be sent to the Dunstable Food Bank and to the Salvation Army. At the present time, the Salvation Army’s face-to-face work is curtailed so they have asked us not to send perishable fruit and vegetables. The collection will support the Bishop’s Harvest Appeal, ‘Creating a Buzz in Nepal’ which is creating opportunities through bee-keeping for people to rebuild their lives after the devastating earthquakes in 2015.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM) is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm and will be held this year via Zoom. Everyone listed on the Church Electoral Roll is entitled to attend the meeting – please e-mail Electoral Roll Officer, Gill Harris ([gillharris123@gmail.com](mailto:gillharris123@gmail.com)), if you would like to join the list. Nicola Lenthall will be hosting the meeting so please contact her if you would like her to invite you. The Annual Report, which is now available on the website ([www.parishlink.co.uk](http://www.parishlink.co.uk)), will be presented and we shall be electing churchwardens and PCC members and beginning to plan for the future.

**FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH**

The Friends of Studham Church raise money to help maintain the structure of the village’s oldest building – find out more about us on our website ([www.studhamfriends.co.uk](http://www.studhamfriends.co.uk)).

We also run a 100 Club – there’s a £50 first prize and a £10 runners up prize each month – won in September by John Hanna and Ged Norris.

To find out more about the Friends or to join the 100 Club, please e-mail John McDougal ([john.mc dougal@btinternet.com](mailto:john.mc dougal@btinternet.com)) or call on 873257.

## WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

**PRAYERS:** this month, we will be praying for people living and working in the area from Chiltern Cottage to the Zoo, and along Dagnall Road. If you have any special request, contact the Rector or Isobel Randall (872552) or Martin Rees (873117).

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:** we are giving thanks for the harvest on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at the 9am service, an opportunity for the village to celebrate the end of the harvest. The church will be decorated with flowers on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 9.30am. Although we can't have the usual display of donated fresh produce, we will be very grateful to receive tinned or packaged food which we can distribute to the Food Bank and to village people. Bring donations to the church on Saturday while it is being decorated, or come to the Sunday thanksgiving with your offerings.

Every year we send a donation for the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal; this year it is 'Create a Buzz in Nepal'. This will fund the start up of bee-keeping in Nepal as a means by which people can earn a living after their homes and workplaces have been destroyed by earthquakes. The collection at the Festival will be sent to this appeal. Normally the Harvest Lunch profits would also be sent. Of course we can't have the lunch this year, so we would appreciate offerings either at the service or to the treasurer, Les Randall, at 14 Holywell Road, Studham.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** this will be held electronically by Zoom this year on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm. We report how the church has been working, and elect its officers for the next year. If you are a church member and are interested in joining the PCC, contact Nicola, Joan Bailey, Isobel Randall or Martin Rees for the necessary forms (see page 5).

**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY:** on 10<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 12 noon, come to help tidy the churchyard for winter. Further details from Pam Ward (872406).

**SCRUB CLEARING ON THE GREEN** see Parish Council report on page 20.

**WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL:** much hard work has been done to ensure the hall complies with Covid-19 regulations; it is available for hire, subject to current regulations.

**VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR AND CHRISTMAS DRAW:** planned for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please look out for the tickets for the draw and sell them as widely as you can. Everyone welcome to the Christmas Fair, lots of stalls and light refreshments. The draw will take place at the Whipsnade Village Hall at the Fair (all subject to Covid-19 regulations).

**KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

Currently the Village Hall is closed, but we are in consultation with the Bedfordshire Rural Charities Commission about how village halls can reopen safely. We are receiving calls asking when the hall is going to be reopened, but we need to get a cleaning process in place and a risk assessment completed before we can consider reopening. This is going to take some time to organise.

The Village Hall Committee were very sad to receive the resignation of Lynn Bradley from the role of Bookings Clerk. Lynn has been doing this role so well over the last 8 years and we are sad that she has felt unable to continue, but she will be staying on the Committee. The role of Bookings Clerk has now been taken over by two people, Sylvia Inns and Selma Leonard. Lynn is helping them both with a handover of responsibilities. We are hoping that this will work out and enable us to manage the bookings as well as Lynn has done in the past. We are very grateful to Lynn but realise that, as her work at the hospital has increased, she was finding it more difficult to manage the bookings.

**KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL and PRESCHOOL**

Back in July, sadly, due to lockdown measures, we were unable to have a 'proper' send off for our Year 6 children and Mrs Harrison, but we came together for a fantastic virtual celebration assembly, finishing with a 'drive in' for Y6 parents and children to come back to school and say their final goodbyes.

In September, we were all delighted to return to school and reconnect with our school family. We staggered our start dates to ensure everyone felt safe and confident returning, the children were greeted with balloons and banners to celebrate our return and we were so pleased to see their happy, beaming faces.



The children are all settling in nicely to their new classes and routines and we are extremely proud of how they have dealt with all the changes they have experienced over this year.

We are looking forward to all the amazing learning and experiences that will take place this academic year and in the future!

**SPOTTED KENSWORTH**

Visit the Facebook page 'Spotted Kensworth' – a useful community page for sharing views and ideas.

## STUDHAM EXTRA

### **STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB**

We are delighted to announce the launch of Cardio Tennis – a fun, fitness class based on the game of tennis.

Junior and adult tennis coaching takes place every Saturday afternoon between 2.30pm and 5.25pm (adults 2.30pm to 3.25pm, cardio 3.30pm to 4.25pm and juniors 4.30pm to 5.25pm). All are welcome.

Our coach, Megan, is also available for private individual or group lessons. Please contact her (07826 855388) for more information.

Family social play takes place on a Saturday between 2pm and 4pm.

We offer free annual Junior Membership (with every full adult member) and annual Family Membership from £75.

For more information, contact Andrew Jones ([andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk](mailto:andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk) or 07833 111682/[www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk)).

### **RED LION QUIZ NIGHT**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Red Lion, Studham – because of restrictions on the number of teams, you do need to register in advance. All proceeds go to the Village Hall. Why not put in a team? It is a great night. (Team maximum is the rule of 6!) £3 a head entry to the quiz; there is a raffle and food is available – but remember if you want the curry, you need to order it! Ring Garry Ellis (872530). Rounds remain the same as usual and for those who like to “swot up” - Alphabet is L and Music S! Good luck and see you there!

### **LOCAL EARTHQUAKE! Did the earth move for you?**

The British Geological Survey recorded a 3.3 magnitude earthquake in Bedfordshire, at a depth of 10km or 6 miles, at approximately 9.45am on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The epicentre was just northwest of Leighton Buzzard, about 11 miles from here. The tremor was felt in surrounding towns and villages in Beds, Bucks and Herts and many felt their house shaking or windows rattling from the impact.

This a *very* rare event indeed in the area, but many people had a huge shock when their house shook. There was a big thump, followed by a smaller one. To some it was reminiscent of the oil depot explosion in Hemel Hempstead in 2006.

The threshold for more destructive quakes is 5.5 on the Richter scale so this was considered to be a fairly minor event but, nonetheless, quite scary for many of us.

#### ***Footnote***

At 23.20 on 13<sup>th</sup> September, there was another earthquake in the area, not so loud – it sounded to some like a door slamming. It was 2.1 on the Richter scale, 100 times less than the first one. Geologists think it was a delayed aftershock, but it is to be hoped it is the last!

## LOCAL 1

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2020

This runs from 24<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> November; this year things will be different. There will be no ‘house to house’ poppy collections and no hand-held poppy collection tins. It is hoped to have some fixed table poppy points – more details soon.

Wreaths are available and need to be ordered soon. Please contact Local Poppy Appeal Organiser, Pam Ward (872406) if you want a wreath or would like to help and join in a rota at a fixed point. We hope to arrange one in each of the villages and one at the Gateway Centre.

### HISTORIC CHURCHES' BIKE 'N HIKE 2020

**Kensworth:** 12 people and 2 dogs set off from Kensworth with the aim of walking from Kensworth Church to Whipsnade and on to Studham Church. Others from the Benefice churches also set off on their own journeys between as many churches as they could in the time they had.

This was a sponsored / donation event which raises money for Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Half of the money raised goes to the church and the other to the Trust, to offer grants for church repair projects ‘Saving the Past for the Future’.



The weather was perfect, a cool breeze and plenty of warm sunshine. Leaving Kensworth Church at just gone 10am, we set off towards the farm, down the quarry steps, across the fields and back up the hill towards Common Rd; a few also took the route towards the Isle of Wight Lane and we all walked through our beautiful Whipsnade Heath, rendezvousing at Whipsnade Church. After a short break, off to Studham down Studham Lane and across the fields to our final destination.

**Studham:** the Bender family and dog set off from Studham Church in beautiful weather, walked to Whipsnade and had a short picnic in the churchyard then walked back to Studham. Gill Harris of Studham set off on her bike from her home in Dunstable and visited 11 churches!

**Whipsnade:** Bola Folacaleb and Pam Ward walked more than 12 miles – well done to them!

Unfortunately, the churches were not able to open to greet, chat and serve refreshments but the churchyards were a beautiful place to rest and take our own refreshment. If you would like to retrospectively support the Trust and your Benefice Church, or help keep our churchyards beautiful for everyone, then do contact Jane Bedlington (871139), Meg Bender (872967), Gill Harris (603806) or Pam Ward (872406).

**FROM THE EDITOR**

It's been quite a roller-coaster ride since we reluctantly took the decision not to produce a paper magazine back in May, primarily to protect those wonderful people who deliver the magazine to every household in our three villages. We continued with an on-line version but obviously as organisations and activities dried up, there has been less and less to say!! However, we persevered and my thanks to everyone for their support. Please visit [www.parishlink.org.uk](http://www.parishlink.org.uk) to see the online editions for May, June, Summer and September.

I know several of you are pleased to see us back in print – we all appreciate the kind comments you have made to us. If you are able to help with delivery of the Link, particularly in Oakway, Studham Rise or Byslips Road, please contact Isobel Randall (872552 or [isobel.randall@btinternet.com](mailto:isobel.randall@btinternet.com)). If you would like to write an article or submit a photo for consideration, please contact me. **Fiona McDougal**

**TENBY 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

A holiday is planned for the above dates – 8 days. We will be staying in the 4\* Heywood Spa Hotel on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. The hotel has a gym and indoor pool .

There will be a guided tour around Tenby, the Tudor Merchant's House and Dylan Thomas's Boathouse.



There will be a boat trip around Caldey Island, a visit to St David's Cathedral, Fishguard and the 100-foot tapestry that was commissioned as a permanent legacy of the Invasion Bicentenary in 1997.

There will be a day in the National Botanic Garden of Wales, a ride on the Heritage Steam Gwili Railway with a cream tea and time in Pembroke and Cardigan.

There will be a free day.

The approximate price is £990 per person which includes accommodation, all travel, visits, guide and tip for our driver. The deposit for the hotel is £100 per person, which will be refunded if the hotel has to close because of COVID. Please send ASAP to secure a place on this holiday. The balance will be due at the end of March 2021.

Please send a cheque payable to Margaret Maddox, at 7 Oakway, Studham, LU6 2PE or for more information, call her on 873225.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptism

23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Harry Butterfield	Kensworth
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Olivia Potter	Whipsnade

### Marriage

4 <sup>th</sup> July	Michael Oldbury & Eleanor Lambert	Whipsnade
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### R.I.P.

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Philip Thorne	Studham
17 <sup>th</sup> March	John Ward	Whipsnade
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Douglas Fanthorpe	Studham
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Betty Russell	Studham
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Debbie Scott	Kensworth
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Clive Wightman	Whipsnade
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Lisa Worboys	Kensworth
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Cynthia Turvey	Whipsnade
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Tim Chan	Studham
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Rita Weller	Kensworth
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Patricia Holtom	Whipsnade
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Bill Noseworthy	Studham
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Patricia Nye	Kensworth
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Paul Allen	Whipsnade
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Robert Palmer	Whipsnade
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Madge Hutchings	Studham
16 <sup>th</sup> July	James Allen	Kensworth
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Geoff Runchman	formerly Studham

The list of those who have died represents parishioners or those with close links to the parishes or worshipping communities who had services taken by Nicola, either at the graveside, at the crematorium or in church when we were permitted.

If you know of anyone who died, who had close links to our villages, and would like them mentioned in the Parish Link, please contact the Editor, Fiona McDougal ([fiona.mcdougal@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.mcdougal@btinternet.com)).

We continue to pray for all those who have lost loved ones over the past months; and if you need any pastoral support or someone to listen, please do get in touch with Nicola on 01582 872223 or at [reynicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:reynicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

(Please also see page 21 for two obituaries which appeared in the online issue of the Link in the last few months).

**STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**Vice Chairman:** we are delighted to report that Chrys Smith is now our Vice Chairman. Chrys has served as a trustee for several years and has valued knowledge and background of our Village Hall.

**Floor Replacement:** work has started and is scheduled to finish in December. The trustees thank everyone for the fantastic support through the inconvenience of the temporary floor covering. The community spirit was wonderful.

There will be more news when we have a definite opening date. Let's hope matters will then be more settled and we can again use our Village Hall.

**STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL**

It's school but not as we know it!

Owing to print deadlines, I am writing this after only two days back, but what a great two days. 100% attendance and a lot of happy, smiling children (and staff). We are planning for as full a term as possible but it looks likely that our Christmas plays and Carol Concerts are not going to take place. Instead we are looking at different ways of celebrating the season. More in future editions.

Our Harvest Festival will take place but without parents and guests this year. We still expect to put on a good show and support the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

It is funny having all the children sitting in rows and the teacher stuck at the front but rules are rules and we are keeping our 'bubbles' as secure as possible. We hope that you all keep safe in these troubling times

The picture shows children playing on our freshly painted playground equipment (which of course will be lost in a black and white photo).

***Paul Burrett***

**SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

The club is currently open from 4pm Monday to Friday and 12 noon at week-ends. Contact the club for further details and remember the new rule of 6 please.

**EVENTS**

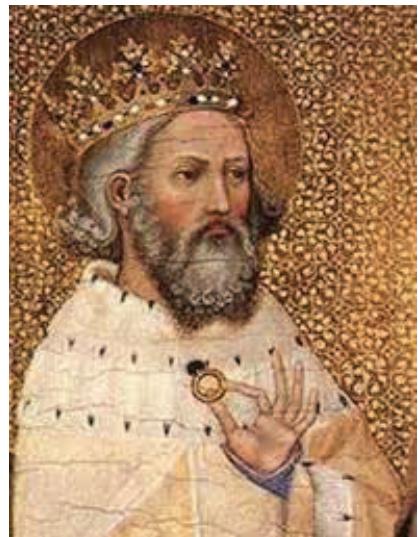
There will be no events in the Village Hall in October and the Methodist Church remains closed.

## GENERAL

### **ST EDWARD the CONFESSOR**

St Edward is remembered locally as the king who designated the Parish of Kensworth early in the 11th century. He was born about 1004, third son of King Æthelred (the Unready) and Emma of Normandy. He succeeded to the throne, by popular demand, in 1042.

Historians disagree about Edward's fairly long (24-year) reign. His nickname reflects the traditional image of him as unworldly and pious, but others as a successful king, one who was energetic, resourceful and sometimes ruthless. It was Edward who supported Malcolm as King of Scotland after Macbeth seized the Scottish throne in 1058.



Soon after he became king, he founded Westminster Abbey, which was consecrated in 1065, although the present building dates from the 13th century. He appointed the Parish of Kensworth at this time, and there is a memorial shrine to him in the church.

He married Edith, daughter of Earl Godwin, in 1045, but they had no children, which caused the disputes about who should succeed him after his death.

Edward died on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1066. Harold Godwinson succeeded him, but it was thought that Edward had wanted his cousin, William Duke of Normandy, to succeed him. After several skirmishes and disputes, in October 1066, William won the Battle of Hastings and the rest, as they say, is history.

In 1161, Pope Alexander III canonised the king. St Edward was one of England's national saints until King Edward III adopted St George as the national patron saint about 1350. Saint Edward's feast day is 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### **OLNY SRMAT POELPE CAN RAED THIS**

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(With apologies to the proofreaders!!)

**STUDHAM WI**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, time to be advised; a Zoom Meeting. We had hoped that we would be able to meet together during October, but recent regulations have again made this impossible. All members will be notified by e-mail, but if you would like to join for a chat, please contact Alison Hazell (873806), who will be happy to send the details to you. Remember, if you are not on e-mail, you can join by phone. Again, contact Ali who will be pleased to give you the details.

**KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Play Area:** Kensworth Recreation Ground play area re-opened on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

In order to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19, please abide by the following rules and restrictions:

- If you are displaying symptoms, stay at home.
- Wash your hands before and after visiting.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser and wipes to clean your hands and the equipment before and after use.
- Follow current social distancing guidelines.
- Only one household to use one piece of play equipment at any one time.
- If others are waiting, maximum 5 minutes per piece of equipment
- No food or drink is to be consumed in the play area or whilst on the equipment.
- All litter, including used PPE, must be disposed of using the bins provided or taken home to be disposed of.
- Supervise children while using this equipment to ensure they follow the guidance.
- If the play area is busy, consider coming back at a later time.
- Use of the play area is at the users' risk.

**EB Lions Football**

We are pleased EB Lions Football Club will again use the recreation ground to provide football training and matches for boys and girls from U5 to U18 years.

For further information please e-mail them direct ([enquiries@eblions.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eblions.co.uk)).

**Dog Bins**

CBC have placed additional dog bins at Poplar Rd/Common Road and Ridgeway/ Common Road. They also replaced the waste bin near the Mini Market.

**OCTOBER DATES**

1 <sup>st</sup>	World Vegetarian Day
4 <sup>th</sup>	World Smile Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	World Teachers' Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers-in-Law Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	CLOCKS GO BACK

## STUDHAM EXTRA 2

### STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

If you want to keep abreast of what is happening, and are happy to receive e-mail, join our mailing list. E-mail [clerk@studhamparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@studhamparish.co.uk) and ask to be added. You can also visit the website ([www.studhamparish.co.uk](http://www.studhamparish.co.uk)) for all the latest news, links to other village groups, etc.

Normally in October, we would be knocking on your door to collect for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – but not this year! There will be no house collections anywhere in the country. This will mean a severe drop in the funds received by the British Legion. Plans are afoot to arrange for a service to be held at the War Memorial in the village centre. (Further details in next month's Link).

We have had some resurfacing work carried out in the village: some more will be carried out during October: Clements End Road, with major diversions, as Pedley Hill cannot be accessed, and at School Corner, Church Road; this is due to take place during half-term and the road from Swannells Road to School Hill will be closed. Full details of diversion routes and timings are on our website.

Now is the time to ensure that your hedges, especially if they border the public highway or footpath, are trimmed. It is your responsibility to ensure that they do not cause a hazard to those using the roads or paths.

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The Friends next working party will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. During the month of October, it is time for the autumn general clearance, to ensure the Common remains accessible and looking natural for the enjoyment of all visitors.

The Friends' work party will therefore continue the theme of general preparation of the Common for next year. This will include clearing bramble from the entrance to Middle Common from Clements End Road. On the west boundary we will be clearing brambles and trimming the hedgerow back to 1 metre to limit encroachment. On the east boundary of East Common, we will cut back brambles to widen the access by the small hazel plantation and, at the north end of the boundary, cut back blackthorn to stem any encroachment.

If you wish to join the volunteer group, please do come and help out; we meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am.

**Please note:** we will need to follow anti-Covid 19 infection precautions and limit participation to six people. This will include the co-ordinator and John Creasey, our Greensand Trust Ranger. If you wish to be one of the remaining volunteers please contact the work party co-ordinator Keith Draine (07807 363629 or [info@westlea-pm.com](mailto:info@westlea-pm.com)).

## **WHIPSNADE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Playground**

The Parish Council has regrettably not been able to meet the criteria laid down by Government to re-open the playground to the public. These Covid-19 regulations mean, in effect, that the facility can only be operated compliantly under close supervision and with cleansing of all surfaces between use by different groups. The Parish Council does not have the manpower to do this. Until the regulations are relaxed or some more permanent form of sterilisation of the surfaces can be found, the council concluded the playground would have to remain shut.

### **Zoo Tickets**

We are probably all aware of the financial impact that temporary closure of its two sites, at Regents Park and Whipsnade, earlier in the year has had on ZSL, due to Covid. Fortunately, the Zoo was able to open in time to salvage something from the high season, albeit operating in a limited way with pre-booking of tickets. During this time, however, it has not been possible to operate the concessionary ticket allocation customarily provided for the benefit of residents of the Parish, but the Council is keeping this under constant review so that the concession can be restored as soon as possible.

### **Whipsnade Green**

The Green is home to a large variety of flora and fauna. The Parish Council takes a close interest in conservation of this heritage and supports the local group of volunteers who, every winter, helps clear areas of scrub that would otherwise encroach on, and eventually envelop, our beautiful open space. The working party meets on the Green once a month on a Sunday morning from October to March.

Do come along for a healthy winter work-out, even for only an hour – you'll be very welcome. The activity is professionally supervised, and all tools are provided. Please contact Charles Frost, (871417) or just come along (first Sunday of every month (4<sup>th</sup> October 11am to approx. 3pm) meeting by Dell Farm.

**Next Parish Council meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at Whipsnade Village Hall.

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### **TIME FOR A SMILE**

Our minister, an avid golfer, was once taking part in a local tournament. As he was preparing to tee off, the organiser of the tournament approached him and pointed to the dark, threatening storm clouds which were gathering. "Sir," the organiser said, "I trust you'll see to it that the weather won't turn bad on us."

Our minister shook his head. "Sorry," he replied. "I'm in sales, not management!"

## LOCAL NEWS

### RIP

Whilst we have been an online edition only, some local people have sadly passed away. We send our condolences to all their loved ones, and reprint here the articles about two of them:

**Mrs Rita Weller:** Rita was married to John Weller, who died some years ago. In their younger days, they were keen ballroom dancers, for which they won many prizes. Sadly, they lost their son, Peter, when he was 21, but their other son, Stephen, and his daughter, Danielle, were living with Rita when she passed away. Rita was a dinner lady in Kensworth School and a founder of the Sunday School, but she will be best remembered for her 25 years as Lollipop Lady. She knew every child, and is fondly remembered by everyone. Many people came to the graveyard and watched the graveside funeral from a distance.

**Mrs Irene Millest:** we are sad to report that a founding member of Kensworth Historical Society, Mrs Irene Millest, of The Forge, Kensworth, passed away very peacefully on 29<sup>th</sup> July aged 96. She had been unwell for just a few weeks and in early July she moved to a nursing home in Berkshire near Jane, her daughter. She was known to many and will be sadly missed.

All the Historical Society documents are held by Julia Holder. If you would be interested in taking over their safe keeping, especially if they could be recorded online, please contact Julia (juliaholder100@gmail.com).

### CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

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