

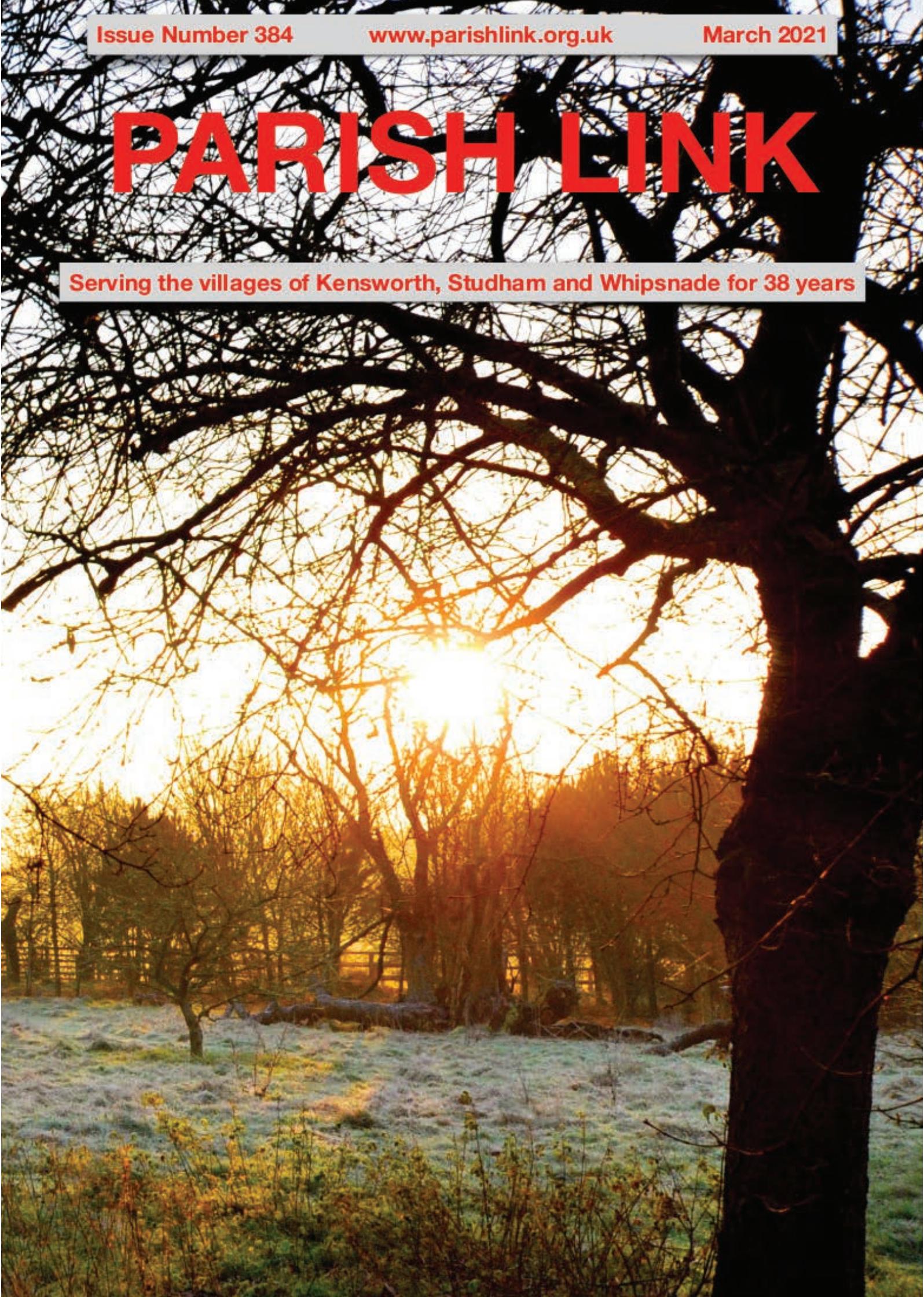
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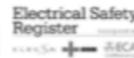
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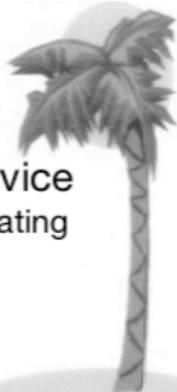
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# KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

## KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS

In March our special prayers will be for all the residents of The Chilterns. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

## KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

**Services** continue online for the time being, and huge thanks to Nicola for organising them. See news about the Lent course later. Take part from the comfort of your armchairs, although we do look forward to being able to enjoy the fellowship of our friends as soon as this is possible.

**Church dates in March:** 1<sup>st</sup>: St David's Day (Patron Saint of Wales); Mothering Sunday is 14<sup>th</sup> March this year, to be celebrated in your family bubble or by Skype, Zoom etc. - we hope it will be as joyful as possible; 17<sup>th</sup>: St Patrick's Day (Patron Saint of Ireland); 25<sup>th</sup>: the Annunciation (of Jesus) to the Virgin Mary, also called Lady Day.

## KENSWORTH CHURCH of ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

Kensworth children have been super busy at home and in school. They are taking part in their online lessons and having some fun playing games with their classmates.

We introduced 'Feel-Good Friday' to encourage children to have less screen time and to go and do something that makes them feel good with their families. We have had bike rides, building dens inside, baking, playing board games, painting, drawing and many more activities for the whole family to enjoy!

Hornbeam class also attended a live lesson with our school police community support officer to learn about staying safe online, as now, more than ever, children are accessing the internet for both learning and play. It is vital that the children need to know the importance of what they should be accessing and how they can keep themselves safe. The children in Hornbeam asked some great questions and offered some fantastic suggestions to staying safe online.



As always, we are incredibly impressed by all of the hard work from our children and families and cannot wait to all be back together in the classroom to continue our learning!

For information about the school, please contact Mrs O Bates (872336 or office@ken.dsamat.co.uk)

# **WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD**

## **WHIPSNADE CHURCH**

This month we will be praying for the recently deceased and those who are mourning, as well as for the people affected by the virus and the welfare of all the businesses based in the village. If you have any specific or personal prayer requests, please phone or e-mail them to the rector or the churchwardens.

### **Welcome!**

Everyone is very welcome to come into the church in the hours of daylight, and a willing band of volunteers sanitise it every day to keep it safe. If you do come into the church, you may notice that there is sometimes a damp patch on the floor near to the tower. We are monitoring it carefully and looking for ways to prevent its recurrence. It is clearly signed - please take care not to slip on it!

### **Looking forward!**

As the days lengthen you may also wish to sit in the churchyard, enjoying the signs of spring. Already the snowdrops are making a beautiful show, and the daffodil spears are coming back to life. You may notice an area marked out on the right as you walk up the footpath to the church door. Soon this will be the new Garden of Remembrance to provide extra space for the ashes of the recently deceased, as the existing garden is now full. If you wish to help keep the churchyard neat and tidy, please contact Pam Ward (872406).

### **Village Lunch**

Many people have said how they are missing the village lunches and the opportunity to meet with friends and neighbours from the surrounding villages. It is hoped that the lunches will restart on the second Thursday of the month as soon as they are permitted. Watch the website for details!

## **WHIPSNADE GREEN SCRUB CLEARANCE**

This has not been possible for most of this season, making it difficult to control the scrub growth on our wonderful village green. If lockdown is over, the March scrub clearance will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – the last one of the season.

## **WHIPSNADE DURING LOCKDOWN**

The village, the lanes and the car parks have been very busy, especially at weekends when there have been many visitors coming to enjoy the countryside and walk the footpaths. These have become very muddy - this will take some time and good spring weather to fully recover.

## **WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL**

A big thank you to the Village Hall Committee who have kept an eye on the Hall and regularly checked it while it has been closed. It will be great to see it and the playground fully back in use.

## AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Church open in daylight hours:** we continue to welcome visitors. The church is open from approximately 9am until 5pm for private prayer and reflection. At all times we are following government and Church of England Covid 19 safety requirements. We are asking everyone to register using the NHS Test and Trace app, to sanitise their hands, to wear a face covering and to maintain a 2m social distance.

Sadly, we are not at the present time (second week in February) holding face to face services on Sunday mornings and we will be following national advice to determine if and when they can start up again. Important Christian festivals will be celebrated in the coming weeks and we shall try to commemorate them as far as possible as we usually do. On Mothering Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> March) we shall be leaving some posies in the church porch; please feel free to collect one to give thanks for our mothers and everyone who carries out mothering roles. Palm Sunday is 28<sup>th</sup> March; we shall remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where people welcomed him by waving palm branches. Palm Crosses will be left in the porch for parishioners; once again, please feel free to help yourself.



Happily in these uncertain times, some things are definite! Online worship is continuing every Sunday from 9am. Please visit the Nicola Lenthall YouTube channel; more information is to be found on the Parish Link website at [www.pariahlink.org.uk](http://www.pariahlink.org.uk). And we continue with our cycle of prayers: in March we shall pray especially for all the residents of Holywell Road and Holywell Close. If you would like a special prayer to be said, please contact the Rector, Rev Nicola Lenthall on 872223 or [revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

The Friends of Studham Church are a friendly group who raise money to help maintain the fabric of our 800-year-old church.

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your 100 Club numbers – with so many fund-raising events on hold, it is particularly important. The winners of the February draw were Dawn Bailey and Val Grozier - congratulations to them.

The Friends' AGM will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March on Zoom. If you would like to attend please e-mail [john.mcdougal@btinternet.com](mailto:john.mcdougal@btinternet.com) or call 873257 so we can send you the link. New members or committee volunteers are most welcome. You can also find more information on our website- <https://friendsstudham.wixsite.com/website>.

# **WHIPSNADE PC & NORTH CHILTERN GROUP**

## **WHIPSNADE PARISH COUNCIL**

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The next generation solution now becoming more generally available from Openreach is based on fibre optic cable right into the home, known as Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) or sometimes FTTH (Fibre to the Home). Services using this faster technology are now advertised at speeds of 150 Mb, 250 Mb and 360 Mb,

As new investment in cabling is required to provide these services, BT Openreach, is promoting a scheme known as Community Fibre Partnerships as a route to making these 'Ultra-Fast' services more widely available. The first step in this process is to assess the level of interest across a particular area where there is a concentration of potential subscribers. All that is required is for householders to register a preliminary expression of interest with Openreach (totally without obligation), who will then pool this information to analyse whether there is sufficient demand in that area to support an installation project. They will then come back with project costs and advise on funding available.

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## **NORTH CHILTERN GROUP NEWS**

At last, the NCG AGM postponed from last May took place by Zoom on 4<sup>th</sup> February. From our benefice, Isobel Randall (Whipsnade) was re-elected chairman, and Barrie Huggins (Kensworth) was re-elected treasurer.

As the pandemic has prevented many of the usual activities, members welcomed the Lent Course devised by the Reverend Dr Stephen Burge from St Mary's Eaton Bray, built around "Christianity Rediscovered" by Vincent Donovan. (You can buy it online). This will be every Tuesday to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, using a Zoom link from Nicola. Contact her if you are interested in attending.

## **LOCAL INFORMATION**

### **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

Changes to Special Schools and SEND provision in Central Bedfordshire – have your say on changes to Central Bedfordshire’s four special schools and additional places for special education needs and disabilities (SEND) within mainstream schools, known as ‘Additional Resource Provision’. The consultation will run for 13 weeks until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Find out how to have your say: visit [www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk](http://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk).

### **Launch of new highways reporting system**

Residents can now report highways issues quickly and easily, and track their progress, through a new online system that has been launched:

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The level of updates customers will receive are much improved too. They will now receive an update during every step of the repair, meaning they will be notified when works are booked in and when the repair is complete.

It’s not just highways issues that can be reported; the new system allows reports on fly-tipping, weeds, litter and dog waste bins and graffiti. FixMyStreet Pro already works seamlessly on smartphones, tablets and desktop computers and can be downloaded on Android and IOS devices. It’s free and easy to do and doesn’t take long to create a report.

To report issues or for more information please visit [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/reportit).

### **CENSUS**

The 2021 census is coming; this gathers vital information to help plan services such as transport, education and healthcare. Census Day is 21<sup>st</sup> March and must be completed by law. You will receive an information pack in the post - visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) for more information.

### **GARDEN WASTE**

Don’t forget, green bin collection starts again on 8<sup>th</sup> March. These can be used for grass cuttings, plants and weeds, flowers, prunings, hedge clippings, leaves and bark, vase plants and pond plants. Remember food waste goes in the small brown container recently provided.

## **KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB**

The cricket club have been compiling fixtures for this season. We are hoping to start playing cricket at the beginning of May, with home games being played at Markyate Recreation Ground, this depending on government guidance. If anyone wants further information contact Duncan Wingfield on 07884 222892 / 01582 872874.

## **FAMILY BOLLYWOOD**

The online Family Bollywood evening on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January was a great success, raising £200 for St Mary's Church, Kensworth.

Approximately 25 people all dialled into our MSTEAMS event led by **Dusna Chauhan of Dusna's Dance Academy**. People danced to Bollywood music and dance routines for 2 hours. Dusna explained some moves and the dances and fun was had by all. We had some in Indian outfits, some with best dresses, others with jeans and some with disco balls... anything goes with Bollywood and we all joined in and had great entertainment. We even had a Bollywood birthday dance as it was Amy's birthday.



Hopefully, we can host a similar event in the future at the Village Hall and include some delicious Indian food delights too. Many thanks to all who took part and bought a ticket and/or donated. If anyone still wishes to make a donation please contact Jane Bedlington (07796 015292) for the church BACS details.

## **HOW OUR MONTHS GOT THEIR NAMES**



March is named after the god of war and a planet, Mars. In ancient Rome, festivals of Mars took place in March because that was the earliest month of the year when the weather was mild enough to start a war!

At one time, March was the first month in the Roman calendar. The Romans changed the order of months several times during the Roman Empire.

## ON YOUR BIKE

**BIKE WEEK 30<sup>th</sup> MAY – 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021**



I see lots of cyclists and tricyclists both young and old around the villages and I imagine many of you, like me, have a bike in the shed that needs dusting down and oiling up!

Why not challenge yourself to join the 'National Bike Week #7daysofcycling' challenge. If that seems a bit too much of a leap into cycling, just challenge yourself to 1 day, maybe around your own village of Kensworth, Studham or Whipsnade, or why not cycle the circuit and bring all 3 villages together in a 'ring of wheels'?

To find out more about what is going on nationally visit: [www.bikeweek.org.uk](http://www.bikeweek.org.uk).

Bike Week is running from 30 May to 5 June.

We hope you're ready to join this year's fun cycling activities, and choose to go by bike on all your short journeys. Cycling remains a great way to keep fit and active and is a good way to boost immunity. Joining in the National Bike Week will get you ready for the Annual Historic Churches Bike and Hike Event in September too!



I need an incentive to get my bike out! If I knew others were involved I'd be more likely to make a commitment, but when it's just me I find myself consumed by that chore that must be done or some other equally gripping activity!!

So, I was wondering if anyone out there fancied joining me in establishing a family friendly low-key cycle group: no need for lycra, just a bicycle or tricycle.

My plan is that we could meet on Saturday morning at 10am at Kensworth Village Hall and do a 1- hour cycle. We could include all 3 villages so others can pick-up and drop-off en route.

Text Jane Bedlington (07796 015292) if you'd like to join in.

***Jane Bedlington***



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## Dear Friends and Parishioners

I am currently finding, that if I close my eyes, I see one of two pictures – either a screen with dozens of little boxes on it, full of smiling people; or a grieving family in a church or round a graveside, whose hands I am desperate to hold or whose shoulders I want to put my arms round. Much of the contact part of my role is now like this: that is, unless I am sitting in front of a camera to lead a service from my study sofa. What it all has in common, it seems to me, is distance. We need closeness – but that is not possible at the moment. We now associate it with possible illness rather than with help and support.

This last year has changed all of us in many different ways. Yet even though I can't show my support by holding hands or giving hugs like I used to, the concern and care which I have seen so many give, in so many ways, has touched me deeply.

People have stopped to talk to one another, at a distance, on the streets. People have kept an eye on one another, offered practical help, or simply just been kind. They have gone beyond expectations – those of others, or even perhaps their own. And as I have observed them, the words of a hymn run through my mind; a modern hymn of the Iona Community about where God's love is to be found.

The love of God comes close  
Where stands an open door  
To let the stranger in,  
To mingle rich and poor:  
The love of God is here to stay,  
Embracing those who walk his way.

The peace of God comes close  
To those caught in the storm,  
Forgoing lives of ease  
To ease the lives forlorn:  
The peace of God is here to stay,  
Embracing those who walk his way.

The joy of God comes close  
Where faith encounters fears,  
Where heights and depths of life  
Are found through smiles and tears:  
The joy of God is here to stay,  
Embracing those who walk his way.

The grace of God comes close  
To those whose grace is spent,  
When hearts are tired or sore  
And hope is bruised or bent:  
The grace of God is here to stay,  
Embracing those who walk his way.

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The Son of God comes close  
Where people praise his name,  
Where bread and wine are blest  
And shared, as when he came:  
The Son of God is here to stay,  
Embracing those who walk his way.

I hope it says something to you, too.

With my love and prayers, this month of March and always,

Nicola

## **CHURCH NEWS**

The church buildings in our benefice are currently closed for Sunday worship. Studham and Whipsnade churches are open during daylight hours for private prayer – and thank you to all who are cleaning and caring for the buildings to enable this to happen.

When it is deemed safe, face-to-face worship on Sundays will resume. For updates please do visit [www.parishlink.org.uk](http://www.parishlink.org.uk), and do please continue to let Nicola know if there are any pressing pastoral needs of which you think she should be aware.

The **SKAW Coronavirus Support Group** are renewing links with those who they were helping previously (many of them were still in touch) but there may be others who need help now. If that is the case for you, please do contact Nicola ([revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com) or 01582 872223). The good neighbour schemes of the villages have joined together to form Studham Kensworth And Whipsnade Good Neighbours Scheme, who offer help with shopping, medical transportation and prescription collection; and are also available if you just need a chat – phone 07563 135895.

All services are now online, every Sunday morning at 9am at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRoQ3YB9ywTtcFdtEt0vmgQ>

**First Steps** is on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> online at the link above.

There will be an online Messy Church appearing at some point at the link above – keep a lookout!

**From the Parish Registers:**

R.I.P.

19<sup>th</sup> January

Fay Lavery

Studham

## **MORE STUDHAM**

### **STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

At a recent meeting of the Chapel Council, it was decided to appoint Linda Hillier as our Pastoral Contact. If anyone has concerns they would like to discuss with our Minister, Rev. Stuart Dyer, please let Linda know (872860).

We had hoped to be able to re-open for our 55<sup>th</sup> Chapel Anniversary on 14<sup>th</sup> March, but this service will now be broadcast online, full details of how you can join us will be put on the Link website when available. We are now aiming to hold our first 'in-building' service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May which is Pentecost, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the beginning of the church's global mission.

Although Studham Methodist Chapel will remain closed for the time being, the West Herts and Borders Circuit is continuing to meet via Zoom at various times through the week as well as on Sundays. All are welcome to join (<http://www.redbournmethodistchurch.org.uk> or [https://highstreet.church/on-line view](https://highstreet.church/on-line-view)).

### **STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS**

Would those who walk dogs through the Playing Fields please keep them on a lead and remember to clean up after them? Dog faeces can be dangerous to the health of young children as well as being 'anti-social' to those using the sporting facilities.

### **WI**

#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Zoom Meeting**

Keep watching both Facebook and our web pages to see the latest happenings, both accessible by entering "studhamwi" into your browser. The Jewel in the WI Crown, Denman, is offering online courses in all sorts of crafts and activities. Why not give it a try? Open to members and non-members. Simply type 'Denman College' into your browser. Have you tried 'double-sided knitting' yet? Look for it on YouTube – we would be delighted to see your creations.



### **QUIZZES**

Under current restrictions these cannot be held, but if you would like a short quiz to help fill the windy days of March please e-mail [studhamquizzes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:studhamquizzes@hotmail.co.uk) and we will send you one.

### **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Currently closed.

## WHITE SQUIRRELS IN OUR MIDST!

**We have grey squirrels** – one a penny far too many!

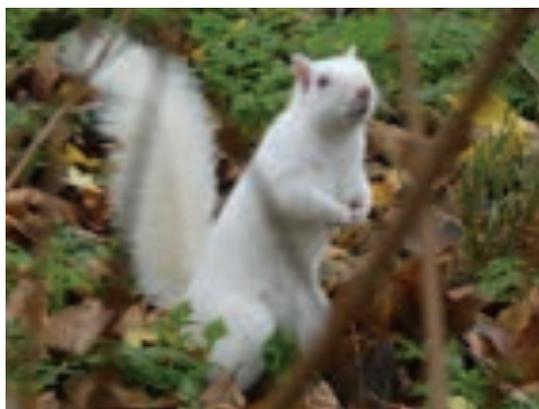
**We have black squirrels** - research published in the journal *BMC Evolutionary Biology* has shed new light on why some grey squirrels are black.

The study was led by Dr Helen McRobie of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU), who has previously mapped the spread of black squirrels across the UK. Black squirrels are the same species as grey squirrels, with the only difference being their fur colour.

The new work builds on Dr McRobie's research from 2014, which found that the black fur is caused by the grey squirrel having a pigment gene with a missing piece of DNA.



**We have white squirrels**



White squirrels in the UK are a white version of the grey squirrel (*sciurus carolinensis*) or a white version of the red squirrel (*sciurus vulgaris*).

There are two types of genetic aberrations that cause the white coats. The first is:

1. **Albinism** - a congenital condition caused by an absence of melanin, which gives colour to the skin and hair, making the squirrel easily identifiable by the red eyes.

2. **Leucism** - a condition which causes grey squirrels to have a partial loss of pigmentation

affecting the skin and hair, but not the eyes, so while the squirrel's fur may be white (or have patches of white), the eyes will remain dark.

There are now over 200 separate sightings recorded throughout the UK.

If you see a white squirrel (my daughter saw one near the bottom of Dovehouse Lane, Buckwood Rd and Holywell Estate way) please register your finding with <https://whitesquirrels.co.uk/report-a-sighting> as they are gathering data.

**Red squirrels**

Sadly, we don't have any red squirrels in this area, but wouldn't it be wonderful if we could enable our environment to sustain a population of reds too!



**Jane Bedlington**

# **KENSWORTH EXTRA**

## **KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

We are still getting enquiries for use of the hall as soon as we are safe to reopen, but it is unlikely to be until April/May as the lockdown continues. The Village Hall Committee were pleased to learn that the Parish Council had agreed to have white lines painted in the car park, to encourage more people to park sensibly, when we can have events again. The Parish Council also arranged for the beech hedge to be cut down so that the car park is more open, and any acts of vandalism can be seen by residents across the road. Hopefully this will be a deterrent.

Once the Committee are able to meet in the hall, we will be arranging for a deep clean after maintenance work is completed. Some areas of the hall will be locked off until it is safe to reopen all facilities.

## **KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk: Nicola Sewell e-mail: [clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk). Tel: 07985 159015. Website [www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Report it**

Following a spate of thefts from vehicles in Kensworth, the Parish Council would like to encourage residents who witness such crimes to report incidents through the correct channels. This will help Police collate evidence and build up a picture of crimes taking place across the Parish, which will help them decide how they will allocate resources.

If you witness any criminal activity please contact the police by calling 101 or using the online reporting tool at [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk), and giving as much information as possible: eg vehicle make and model, colour, registration number, description of perpetrators and time/location of crime witnessed.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 19.15 and will follow an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council at 19.00. This year due to restrictions we will be holding the meeting virtually by Zoom and invite members of the public to join us at this time.

The meeting will include an overview of the past year's work and an opportunity for you to ask the Parish Council questions.

We will also be awarding those who were successful in bidding for our annual grants and announcing the recipient of the Villager of the Year award.

For joining instructions, please contact the Clerk at the address above.

## **MORE STUDHAM**

### **FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON**

At the beginning of each month the Committee of The Friends of Studham Common will review the constantly changing risk, to our volunteers, from the Covid pandemic. In order to avoid spreading the Covid virus when the work parties do resume, we will ensure any activities will be within the required precautionary guidelines.

We will continue to advertise when the work parties are to take place in the monthly FoSC newsletter, which is circulated to our members and also on our website ([www.foscomm.org](http://www.foscomm.org)). However, should anyone wish to volunteer for a work party on the third Saturday of any future month and remains unsure if a work party is occurring, or who to contact, in order to offer their voluntary services, then please contact one of the Committee members on [mail@foscomm.org](mailto:mail@foscomm.org).

### **STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Finishing the work at the hall has been delayed. The manufacturer of the floor covering has stopped making the product, and the extended lockdown is causing interruption in arranging a new source. We hope to have more definite news soon.

We are sad to report the loss of Harold Young. Harold was the Village Hall treasurer until Christine and Harold moved to Marlborough to be nearer their children. Harold and Christine were also members of our St. Mary's Church, Studham. Sadly missed.

### **STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Let's start with the bad news. Whilst it is appreciated that members of the public, with or without dogs, are walking further away from home during this pandemic, it is not necessary to leave a trail of dog poo bags either under hedges or on trees and bushes to be able to find your way home again! Dog poo bins are provided around the village, and if you don't happen to pass one, please take it home with you.

The old saying was: "February fill the dyke, it doesn't matter black or white" and we have certainly had our fair share of both of those this month. If your house is one of those prone to flooding and you would like sandbags, please let the clerk ([clerk@studhamparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@studhamparish.co.uk)) know. Despite having to work in 'bubbles', applying 'social distancing' and all the other requirements for working under the pandemic, Highways have continued to give support every time we have contacted them, or a fault has been reported through the portal. This is proving to be a very difficult time for everyone, and their help and support is most appreciated. We would also like to thank the local 'salt bin monitors' who helped to grit the roads during the recent snow.

Our next meeting is on Zoom on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm. Our April Meeting will also be via Zoom, but at **6pm** on 12<sup>th</sup> April as the Annual Parish Meeting has been called for 8.15pm. If you would like information regarding these meetings, or other Parish Council information, please e-mail the clerk.



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### **KENSWORTH SPRING TREASURE HUNT**

Coming in the spring is a Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade Treasure Hunt.

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Collect the clues and get to know your village better. £5 for 1 Village Hunt, £10 for all 3 Village Hunts. All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Kensworth.

More details contact Jane Bedlington ([jane.bedlington@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.bedlington@btinternet.com) / 07796 015292) to get the BACS details. Hunts can be collected from Jane or e-mailed through to you.



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<b>Church Friends</b>	David Manton 01438 831184	John McDougal 873257	N Craig 07792 567537
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