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**Dear friends and parishioners,**

By 2030 the Church of England has pledged to be carbon neutral – yes, I did mean to write 2030! It's a tough goal, but one which we believe to be achievable, despite our large number of medieval buildings ... but, more than that, the reasoning behind the decision is the fact that the need to care for the environment has always been a part of Christian belief and living. I'm not and never have been a creationist, but I do cherish the natural world as God's creation, and believe that our response to that world has to be one of loving care rather than ruthless exploitation. God calls us to be 'stewards of creation' and that means that we have a responsibility to all living beings and to the life we see within the natural world.

One of the ways in which our churches locally have started to work towards this national aim is by taking part in an assessment of the impact which our church (and that's not just the buildings) has on the area around it. We are doing this by surveying key areas: land, buildings, worship and teaching, community and global engagement and lifestyle, and we are already making progress, thanks to the work of some very committed individuals.

We are blessed to have three very beautiful churchyards, maintained by small groups of hard working folk, to whom we are very grateful. Areas of these have been and are being developed to encourage biodiversity. As we slowly start to return to a 'new normal' maybe you could commit to helping out in our churchyards, or to join another of our local groups, such as 'Friends of Studham Common' or those who assist with work in the Tree Cathedral.

One thing you will notice in this magazine is a new 'eco-tip of the month', which we hope will be inspirational to all of us as we seek to respond together. If you have an idea why not send it in? Whatever the reasoning which lies behind actions to care for our environment, the recognition of our accountability as human beings, and the call to action is of the same urgency for us all.

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

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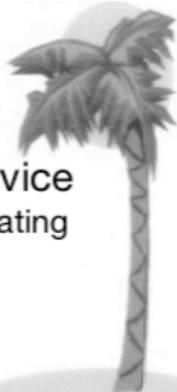
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# KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

## PRAYERS for KENSWORTH

In May we will be praying for the people who live in the Lynch, Lynch Hill and Clayhall Road. Please contact Dorothy Blackburn (**872670**) if you would like special prayers to be said for someone you love or for an event which is important to you.

## KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

It's good to know that we are slowly opening up as the lockdown eases. Our Easter Eucharist, held on Easter Saturday, preceded by the Easter Vigil, was well attended. The May Festival, cancelled in 2020, will not take place this year either, but please see below for our May Quiz!

On 9<sup>th</sup> May the benefice will celebrate Rogation Day, when the crops are blessed in the hope of a good harvest, and that the farmers and their animals have a prosperous season.

Ascension Day will be marked on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May by a Eucharist in St Mary's, Kensworth, at 7.30pm.

Details of all May services are on the Church News page.

Many thanks again to everyone who has kept the church events running in the last year, both in the church and the fundraising events, so necessary when there were no services in the church building and no collections could be made: Nicola, Dorothy, Churchwardens Barrie and Richard, Katherine for children's activities, Jo for flowers, Jane and Annabel for fundraising, and the Potter family for bell-ringing. The PCC acknowledges a generous donation from Kensworth Parish Council to help compensate for the lack of collections.

See below for more things to do!

## Maundy Thursday Easter Egg Give Away in Kensworth

On Maundy Thursday the British Sovereign would give out especially minted Maundy Money; here in Kensworth we give away Easter Eggs!



Eggs represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and his Resurrection on Easter Day. We were pleased to be able to give out more than 30 eggs to families on Maundy Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April.



## **AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM**

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH**

During the month of May, Sunday services of public worship will alternate around the three churches of our Benefice. There will be services of Holy Communion at Studham on Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.

Online worship with Nicola Lenthall, is continuing from 9am each Sunday. For more information, visit the website [www.parishlink.org.uk](http://www.parishlink.org.uk) or 'Kensworth Studham Whipsnade Parish Churches' Facebook page.

Our annual cycle of prayers for the village continues. In May we shall be praying especially for everyone who lives in Byslips Road and Kensworth Road. If you would like a special prayer to be said, please contact the Rector ([revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com)) or Churchwarden, Meg Bender ([meg.bender4@btinternet.com](mailto:meg.bender4@btinternet.com)).

The church building is open every day from approximately 9am until 5pm for private prayer and reflection and all visitors are very welcome. Please follow the latest government and Church of England coronavirus guidance, by scanning the NHS QR code, sanitising hands, wearing a face covering and maintaining a 2m distance.

### **Becoming an Eco-Church**

We have recently registered to join A Rocha's Eco-Church initiative which aims to make people more aware of how to care for God's earth through their churches. Churches are at the heart of our communities with their towers reaching up to the heavens; it seems right that our church and churchyard should be a beacon as to how we treat the environment. We recently completed the self-assessment which included the following categories: Worship and Teaching; Building Management; Land Management; Community and Global Engagement and Lifestyle. There are three levels: bronze, silver and gold – we are currently at the bronze level. Not bad!

There are some simple things we can do in the short term and lots which will require more time and investment. It is a really exciting project and one which will require joint working across the benefice. I hope lots of people will help to lift this project off the ground. If you would like to get involved, please contact me, Caroline, at [cjhitchman@hotmail.com](mailto:cjhitchman@hotmail.com).

### **STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

The new solid-based floor in the main hall is now in place, and the hall and entrance lobby have been re-decorated.

Under the Road Map the Village Hall can be used from 17<sup>th</sup> May, subject to any Covid regulations that may still be in force. We look forward to welcoming back the regular users of the hall, and much appreciate the other bookings already received.

# WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

## CHURCH NEWS

This month we will be praying for those whose lives have been affected by Covid-19, and for the people living and working in the area of Whipnade from Chapel Cottage to the Old Hunter's Lodge. If you wish to have us join in your prayers for people or causes that are important to you, please contact either of the churchwardens – Isobel Randall ([isobel.randall@btinternet.com](mailto:isobel.randall@btinternet.com)) or Martin Rees ([MTHTJRees@aol.com](mailto:MTHTJRees@aol.com)) or the Rector ([revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com)).

We were delighted to have a busy church on Easter Sunday for our first face-to-face communion since the start of the latest lock-down. Thank you to everyone who attended. The service on 16<sup>th</sup> May will still be on the 3-week rota. We are excited that the pre-virus pattern of weekly services will start again on 6<sup>th</sup> June. The church will continue to be open daily, thanks to Pam Ward and to the group who have now been sanitising it daily for over a year. We know that many people have taken the opportunity to come into the church for a time of quiet and contemplation.

Congratulations to Bola Fola-Caleb who has taken part in a course that will allow her to lead services in the church. We are looking forward to having her helping with our worship.

## WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL

We are opening the hall from the 6<sup>th</sup> May firstly for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections, although other events and booking will unfortunately still have some restrictions in place, so no large gatherings or parties until at least 21<sup>st</sup> June, in line with current government guidelines. For more information please e-mail ([whipsnadevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:whipsnadevillagehall@gmail.com).)

## WHIPSNADE PARISH COUNCIL

Consultations involving the Parish Council have been ongoing regarding removal of the electricity pylons across the downs and undergrounding of the high-voltage cables between the Gateway centre car park and Valance End farm at the bottom of Bison Hill. This route actually crosses Whipnade Downs and the excavation works required for burying the new cables was likely to have had a detrimental impact on the fantastic array of native orchid plants that are to be found there and plant species friendly to the Duke of Burgundy, Green Hairstreak, Dingy Skipper and other rare butterfly species.

With input of local knowledge and expert county botanists, a favoured route has been agreed with the project sponsors – Chilterns A.O.N.B. and UK Power – which should avoid the most sensitive areas, and so we may now all look forward to the enhanced beauty of the downs devoid of the ugly pylons and for safer kite flying! Works are expected to be completed by mid-September.

**Next meeting:** 7.30 pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May on Zoom. Please e-mail the Clerk ([Helenmatthews1@outlook.com](mailto:Helenmatthews1@outlook.com)).

## 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!

### POST-PANDEMIC EASY-GOING CYCLE GROUP



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***

## WHAT DID YOU DO DURING LOCKDOWN?

A huge thank you to Derek Spriggs who created this stunning cupboard for Studham Church. A real addition to our beautiful church.



Derek says: the cupboard has 13 linenfold hand-carved panels. The frame and style matches a 1930's Art Deco bookcase at the opposite side of the church. This piece took a year to plan and 6 months in my little workshop to make. A challenge that I have found occasionally frightening and, after overcoming the issues, very satisfying. Only the drawers to do now. Looks great in the corner of the nave, subtle colour mellowed into form and shape of the 16th Century linenfold panels in the pew ends. Ah well, it kept me busy and as a recovery project very useful!

## THE MONTH OF MAY

May gets its name from the goddess Maia. She was an earth goddess, thus naming the month when flowers and crops burst forth.



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*A note of thanks to our volunteers this quarter who completed over 200 requests for assistance to those in need in our three villages.*

## LOCAL NEWS

### ECO TIP OF THE MONTH FROM JANE BEDLINGTON OF KENSWORTH – LITTER PICKING



I have joined a Facebook Group called UK Litterpicking Group. I know I am not the only person who helps keep our villages clean and protects wildlife from the dangers of strewn plastic and glass bottles. You can join the group as an individual or as a group. Previously some of our Parish Councils have done annual or monthly litter picks, which we hope will at some point start up again. Either way,

can I encourage people to invest in a litter picker (don't use your hands) and a bin bag. Collect in your own street and pop in in your black bin. To get your litter picking kit, do get in touch with [www.litterwatch.org.uk](http://www.litterwatch.org.uk). E-mail them and they will deliver a kit of Serco bin liners, hoops and litter pickers.

Do you have an eco-tip to share? If you have an idea, then do send it via e-mail to Parish Link Editor, Fiona McDougal ([fiona.mcdougal@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.mcdougal@btinternet.com)).

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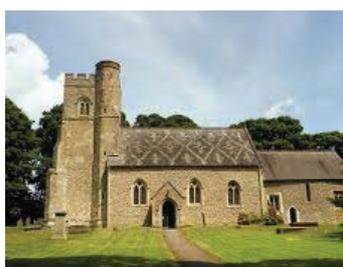
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# CHURCH NEWS



	KENSWORTH	STUDHAM	WHIPSNADE
2 <sup>nd</sup> May <i>Easter 5</i>	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Kensworth		
9 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter 6</i>	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Studham		
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm Benefice Holy Communion at Kensworth for Ascension Day		
16 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter 7</i>	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Whipsnade		
23 <sup>rd</sup> May <i>Pentecost</i>	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Kensworth		
30 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Studham		

**We will continue to provide an online service every Sunday morning at 9am at:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRoQ3YB9ywTtcFdtEt0vmgQ>**

**FIRST STEPS** on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, hopefully face-to-face in Kensworth Church Hall

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

**R.I.P.**

14<sup>th</sup> March

Susan Barrett

Whipsnade

## ASCENSION DAY

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appears again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection. Ascension Day will be marked with a service at Kensworth on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

## KENSWORTH 2

### KENSWORTH MAY QUIZ

In place of the Annual May Festival, St Mary's Church Kensworth are running a Zoom quiz at 8pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May in aid of church funds. Entry is £5 for individuals or £10 for a household.

If you want to form a team with others outside your household, you will all need to join the Zoom meeting on your own devices. You will then have to communicate with your team members during the quiz by text, voice call or WhatsApp. Alternatively, two hardy households could meet outside and share one device in a socially distanced way! You will need to give your team a name, let us have a list of all the members and appoint a "spokesperson" for the night.

If you would like to know more or would like to book a place, please e-mail Jo Cook (joanneacook@yahoo.co.uk).



### KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

Suddenly, it seems the excitement of new life is everywhere – from the lambs to the golden daffodils to the buds on the trees waiting to explode into all their glory – and at Kensworth CE Academy it was no different!



As we started the Summer term, our wonderful grounds were looking full of new life as we welcomed an excited school of children who couldn't wait to come back to school and begin some new learning, following their break, having enjoyed special Easter celebrations and not to mention plenty of chocolate!

It was so lovely to welcome the children and get started on our Summer term plans, and with the warmer weather we have had even more opportunities to take our learning outside. Our school hall felt full of new life too, as we finally took down the scaffolding to reveal our lovely, re-furbished roof – we can't wait to start using it!



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

## STUDHAM 2

### STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY IS LOOKING FOR NEW GOVERNORS

We are currently looking for new members of our school Governing Body. There is a lot happening in education which will affect our school and our student body. So if you:

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- Would like to give back to the community by volunteering
- Are a team player

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Please contact Chair of Governors, Helen Aleeson, ([hnewnham@studhamschools.org.uk](mailto:hnewnham@studhamschools.org.uk)) to apply or for further details about the role.

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

We are a friendly group who raise money to help maintain the fabric of the oldest building in the village. Last year the church had its 800 year anniversary – so it takes some looking after !

With so many fundraising events on hold, our monthly 100 Club draw is particularly important. Congratulations to the March winner, Mike Hardy, who wins £50 and runner-up Clare Orchard, who receives £10.

If you would like to know more about The Friends or to join the 100 Club for £1 per month, then e-mail [john.mcdougal@btinternet.com](mailto:john.mcdougal@btinternet.com) or call 873257. You can also find more information on our website (<https://friendsstudham.wixsite.com/website>).

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

We are hoping to organise a work party on the Common on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. However, we will still be bound by the Government rules for groups working outside when considering Covid 19 restrictions. This is likely to reduce the work party numbers to 6 individuals. Please contact Bob Wilkin ([bob@afromosia.com](mailto:bob@afromosia.com) or 871268) to check details of the work party, which is scheduled to start at 10am, meeting at Studham Common next to the War Memorial outside the Red Lion pub. The current plan is to work on Middle and East Commons; we will check hazel plantings and plant new hazel saplings in the hedgerow; trim and clear the area around the recent planting of 5-6 saplings (planted around 4-5 years ago) along the concrete track, (taking care to avoid any ground nesting birds).

These tasks will have the conservation objectives that the hedgerows will eventually form a continuous dense habitat for nesting birds and provide a corridor for other animals; trimming around footpaths and clearing bracken and nettles helps to protect young plants, increasing biodiversity.

## **MORE STUDHAM**

### **STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

The dog poo problem seems to have lessened (just a little!). Perhaps that has more to do with the weather than dog poo bags, but hey ho! All joking aside, please pick up your dog poo and either put it in the bins situated around the village or take it home. If you see someone who has not picked up their poop – offer them a bag and ask them to do so, after all it is ‘shared space’ and everyone is responsible for their own, (or their pets), mess.

The culvert at the bottom of Pedley Hill was recently blocked for a considerable time. CBC Highways are seeking a long term solution with land owners either side of the road to ensure that when the culvert is cleared it remains so.

If you wish to report a broken street light, pothole or other item please use “FixMy Street” – see Local News page. All we ask is that you let us know that you have done it so that we can follow it up. You can either e-mail the clerk or spchighways@outlook.com to say that you have reported it, or that you have tried and been unsuccessful – either way, please let us know.

Lastly, we are all looking forward to the end of lockdown – please help everyone to get there by following the guidelines. It may take two to tango, but only one to pass on the virus!!

**Next meeting** is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm via Zoom (not 11<sup>th</sup> as reported last month). If you would like information regarding this meeting, or of other Parish Council items, please e-mail the clerk (clerk@studhamparish.co.uk).

### **STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB**

The tennis season is now well and truly underway and we offer free annual Junior Membership (with every full adult member) and Family Membership from £75.

Coaching is now back underway alongside our new Cardio Tennis offering starting this spring – 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 – 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.

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

### **QUIZZES**

Under current restrictions these cannot be held. If all goes well (and I am not tempting fate!) we will begin Red Lion Quizzes again in September.

## MORE KENSWORTH

### KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW - REMINDER

It is intended to recommence the Show on 4<sup>th</sup> September, subject to Government restrictions. In the meantime, please make a note of the date and follow further bulletins in the Link.

Thanks to the support of Ashtons, programmes incorporating entry forms should be available in the local shops in July. Anyone interested in running a stall during the Show should contact the Show Secretary, Sylvia Inns (07831 538682).

### RAFFLE BY TEXT

Beautifully handmade by Kathleen Stott, quiltmaker and crafter. Designed by Wendy Williams, the design is called 'Round the Garden'. Kathleen hand-embellished and hand-sewed each item onto beautiful quality 100% cotton fabric, 100s of hours of work over six months to create this delightful piece.

Kathleen says, "I loved making this piece and hope it raises some funds for St Mary's Church, Kensworth." The item would make a wonderful addition to any home, maybe a gorgeous versatile throw/quilt for in the lounge, snug or bedroom, a gift for newlyweds/new baby or a child's wall hanging.



£5 per raffle ticket. Text Jane Bedlington your e-mail address and the number of tickets you want and you will receive bank details for payment (07818 038683). Once the payment is received you will receive a raffle number/s in return. The prize draw will be recorded and adjudicated. 100% of proceeds to St Mary's Church, Kensworth. Raffle closes on 30th June at 9pm. Any further information required or to view – send text to Jane Bedlington on the above number.

### DIARY

#### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kensworth May Quiz, Zoom, 8pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Studham Parish Council meeting, Zoom, 7pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Election Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Studham WI meeting, Zoom, 7.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Whipsnade Parish Council meeting, Zoom, 7.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Friends of Studham Common Work Party, 10am, War Memorial
- 17<sup>th</sup> Re-opening of Studham Sports & Social Club

# KENSWORTH EXTRA

## KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

On 8<sup>th</sup> April, the Parish Council held the **Annual Parish Meeting**. Grants were awarded to local organisations: Studham, Kensworth and Whipsnade Coronavirus Response Group; Kensworth Village Hall Waste Collection; Kensworth School PTA for the Forest School equipment; Kensworth Methodist Church and St Mary's Church to help with fundraising losses during the pandemic, and The Parish Link for publishing reports, for which we are extremely grateful. The full report can be read on the website.

The Parish Council would like to encourage residents who witness **crimes** to report incidents through the correct channels. This will help Police collate evidence and build up a picture of crimes.

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 offering up as much information as possible, such as vehicle make and model, vehicle colour, registration number, description of perpetrators and time/location of crime witnessed.

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about the increasing amount of **dog mess** being left on pavements and verges across the village, and even of people bagging up waste and throwing it into residents' gardens. The PC would like to remind dog walkers that they have a duty to pick up their dog poo and place it in one of the bins provided across the village for that purpose.

The Dog Warden has been informed of this issue and will be stepping up patrols in the area. Anyone caught not picking up after their dog will be subject to a fine. 'Bag it and bin it' and keep our pretty village clean!

## KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB

We have cricket matches arranged: the dates are:

9<sup>th</sup> May: Milton Bryan @ Home

16<sup>th</sup> May: Road Runners @ Home

23<sup>rd</sup> May: TBA

30<sup>th</sup> May: Charity Match @ Home against Markyate

6<sup>th</sup> June: Boxmoor @ Boxmoor

All home games played at Markyate Recreation Ground, Cavendish Road.

These games will go ahead as per government guidelines.

If you are interested in joining your local village team, please contact Duncan Wingfield (872743 or e-mail: [d.wingfield78@btinternet.com](mailto:d.wingfield78@btinternet.com)).

# **STUDHAM EXTRA**

## **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, Revd. Stuart Dyer, please let Linda know (872860).

We are aiming to hold our first 'in-building' service at 10am 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. Let us hope it will mark the time when we too can go out and "spread the word".

Although our chapel will remain closed for the time being, the West Herts and Borders Circuit is continuing to meet via Zoom at various times throughout the week as well as on Sundays. All are welcome to join these services and events: <http://www.redbournmethodistchurch.org.uk> or <https://highstreet.church/on-line> view.

## **WI**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May Zoom Meeting 7.45pm – Richard Mansfield – Women in Security. A wonderful talk last month about the adventures of Rolo the Dog, and this month looks to be even more fascinating. If you would like to join us, please e-mail Alison Hazell ([alihazell@btinternet.com](mailto:alihazell@btinternet.com)) who will be pleased to give you all the necessary details. It is obviously impossible to charge non-members, but a donation, however small is always welcome and Ali will give you details of how you can do that.

Keep watching both Facebook and our web pages to see latest happenings, both accessible by entering studhamwi into your browser. The Jewel in the WI Crown, Denman, is still offering online courses in all sorts of crafts and activities. Why not give it a try? If you have learnt a new craft over lockdown – we would love to hear about it, perhaps you would like to share with others when we can meet again?

## **STUDHAM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUBHOUSE – RE-OPENING**

It is with great pleasure that, following the recent Government announcement, the Clubhouse will re-open on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Initially the opening hours will be 4.30pm to 9pm, Monday to Friday, and 12pm to 9pm on Saturday and Sunday. These will be kept under review in the light of demand and any revised or new Government restrictions.

## **STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL**

It has been a funny old time and as I write this we are in the middle of the Easter break. Despite some pretty dodgy weather that week, our Easter service went ahead in bright sunshine with Nicola leading us. It was outside and without parents but apart from that, it was business as usual – thank you Nicola.

We are using some of the time over Easter to plan for the Summer term and to try and make it as normal as possible. We hope to include a sports day, a concert and, with any luck, our Leavers Service at the church. All of this depends on the restrictions in place at the time of course.



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If you would like a quiz/quizzes contact JaneBedlington (07796 015292 or by e-mail [jane.bedlington@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.bedlington@btinternet.com)).

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