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Dear friends and parishioners,

I am writing this as the headlines are full of what is happening in Ukraine and as people struggle to take in what they are seeing on their phones, TVs or in the papers. The misery and distress of others is palpable and can lead to a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. We quite often channel these negative feelings into support: practical, financial, prayerful, all needed – perhaps for us as much as for those who are suffering.

Wars are unceasing. Just because they drop out of the headlines it doesn't mean that the atrocities in Syria or Afghanistan don't exist – in fact there was only one year in the whole of the twentieth century which the UN records as not having had armed conflict. What happens to faith in times like these? For us to engage fully with the pain, we risk being torn apart. Imagination is scarcely needed when the images are so ever-present; not to mention the ongoing macro worry of a Cold War we thought we might have left far behind. So we fill the gaps where anxiety floods with practical giving – food and blankets and nappies and money – and our desire to welcome those who need our help.

I believe that there is a God who engages fully with the pain – that is the whole point of God who becomes one of us, who experienced everything we experience as humans: grief, anger, frustration, pain and loss, as well as the joy and beauty of living, a God who engages with the pain to the extent of dying on the cross so that there is always the possibility that new life can emerge, even on the darkest of days. Easter offers us the promise that new life can break through, even when we cannot see it, nor expect it. It also reminds us that we too can be bringers of new life.

With my love and prayers, this coming Eastertide and always,

Nicola

For information on the front cover, please see article on page 12.

AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: as we continue our annual cycle of prayers, we shall in April pray especially for all the residents of Dunstable Road, Bell Cottages, Bell Farm Close and Southern Way. If you would like a special prayer to be said, please get in touch with churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Holy Week and Easter Services

Studham School Easter Service: we are delighted to be welcoming the school to the church on Friday 1st April at 9am, their last day before the start of the holidays.

Holy Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th: services are taking place within the North Chilterns Group of Churches – see page 14 for details.

Maundy Thursday 14th April: Holy Communion service with foot washing at 8pm.

Good Friday 15th April: we are joined by our Methodist friends for a service at 4pm.

Easter Sunday 17th April: our Holy Communion Service with Children's Church is at the earlier time of 10am. The children and young people, like the rest of us, will be thinking about the wonder of the resurrection and the presence of the risen Lord Jesus. The service will be followed by refreshments, the celebration of all the April birthdays and an Easter egg hunt. Everyone is very welcome.

Sunday 24th April: there will be a service entitled '**In Loving Memory**' at 3pm, with the opportunity to chat afterwards over a cup of tea or coffee. This is a service for those who have been bereaved.

St Mary's Annual Meeting is taking place in church at 7pm on Thursday 21st April. This is an important occasion in the life of the church; the annual report for 2021 will be reviewed, elections for churchwardens and PCC members will take place and there will be an opportunity to consider priorities for the year ahead.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

We are a village group whose sole aim is to raise money to help maintain the fabric of our 800-year-old church.

Thank you to those who have renewed their 100 Club numbers. Maintenance and repair requirements remain unchanged but with most of our fundraising restricted over the last two years, the 100 Club has been particularly important. The £50 winner in the February Draw was Don Grozier, with runner-up Jane Jacoby receiving £10. Another of Don Grozier's numbers was drawn as the March runner-up with Pam Rumfitt scooping the first prize.

The AGM of the Friends of Studham Church will be held on Tuesday 10th May in the church starting at 7.30pm. All welcome.

KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

Our prayers for you: if you would like a prayer to be said for a loved one or a special event, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670). In April, our prayers in church will be particularly for those who live in Common Road from Hollicks Lane to the Isle of Wight Lane.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Everyone on the electoral roll is very welcome to attend the APCM on Wednesday 27th April, starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road. Do come and take part, and share your ideas on the running of the church in Kensworth.

Choir News: the choir will be accompanying the service on Sunday 3rd April and on Easter Sunday, 17th April. If you would like to join the choir, please contact the Vicar. All voices and all ages welcome – you just have to be able to read words – don't worry if you can't read music, useful but not necessary.

Kensworth Church Children's Ministry

A reminder - St. Mary's Kensworth Sunday School will be re-starting in April, on the second Sunday of the month, and our very successful Friday Messy Church will return in May. We are looking forward to seeing the children again!

Dates for your diaries:

Sunday April 10th, 10.30am – Morning Service with Sunday School

Sunday April 24th, 10.30am – Family Service

Sunday May 1st, 10.30am – Family Holy Communion for May Day

Sunday May 8th, 10.30am – Morning Service with Sunday School

Friday May 20th, from 3.30pm – Messy Church in Kensworth Church Hall and more dates to come...

If you would like to help with Sunday School or Messy Church, please contact the Vicar or Katherine Huggins (607841).

Church Bazaar: open Wednesdays 2 – 4pm and Saturdays 10am – 12 noon in the Church Hall, behind the Vicarage. Do come and have a browse! Cash only. We welcome your contributions, but please ensure they are clean and undamaged. Sorry, we cannot accept electrical goods, clothing or large items of furniture.

FRIENDS of ST MARY'S, KENSWORTH

A reminder of our next event: the Caritas Ladies' Choir Concert in the church – Saturday 2nd July at 7pm. It promises to be a delightful evening. More details later.



WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

CHURCH NEWS

Prayers: in April we shall be praying for the people of Oldhill Wood and Byslips Road. We also pray for the requests on our church prayer tree. If you would like our support, hang a request on the prayer tree in the church, or talk to Nicola or the churchwardens.

Now that the new **Garden of Remembrance** has been dedicated, we are able to bury the ashes of our loved ones in it. Contact Canon Nicola to make arrangements. Please let us know if you would like to have a memorial plaque on the edge of the Garden. Names are also recorded in the Book of Remembrance, kept in the church chancel. Every month the page is turned so that the names of those who died in that month can be read.

Easter Coffee Morning on Friday 8th April, 10am until 12 noon. We have a raffle and knit and natter stall. Come and join us for some coffee and cake in the church.

The **village lunch** this month will be on Thursday 14th, Maundy Thursday. The menu will give a choice of roast venison, roast pork, salmon en croute or chicken and leek pie with a choice of pudding and tea or coffee. All for £6, and everyone is welcome – locals or visitors – there is no need to book. Simply turn up at the Village Hall for a 12.30pm start!

The Good Friday service is open for all children to make miniature Easter Gardens for each of our 3 churches. Come along with a parent or other adult to hear a story, sing Good Friday songs, and help to make a garden, then enjoy drinks and hot cross buns and biscuits – after washing your hands, of course!

The church will be **decorated for Easter** on Saturday 16th April starting at 9.30am. Contributions towards the flowers are welcome (especially if in memory of a loved one) to Anne Weir (873425). We would love to see you for help on the day, either contact Anne or simply turn up at the church.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Wednesday 20th April at 7.45pm in the church. The first part, the Easter Vestry, with election of churchwardens, is followed by the APCM at 8pm in which the events of the year are reported and the Parochial Church Council is elected. Come and meet fellow church members, enjoy refreshments and share the life of the church. Nominations for Churchwarden and members of the PCC are welcome – please check first that people are eligible to stand and willing for their names to go forward! Nomination forms are in the church.

Whipsnade churchyard working party is on Saturday 9th April from 9.30am – 12 noon. All are welcome.

STUDHAM EXTRA

STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY

Spring certainly sprang into action at Studham with World Book Day seeing the whole school getting dressed up, eager to share their favourite stories. Class doors were decorated with book-themed displays and our hall had a makeover which now has its own beautiful reading space for story times or just quiet reading.



We have attended Victorian lessons, ridden a Victorian-style rocking horse, found out what it's like to sweep chimneys, planted beans, made (and enjoyed eating) pancakes, conducted experiments on how mountains are formed using red icing to create lava and even have a fabulous farm shop set up in our preschool. Our pupils have started incubating eggs this term and have been involved in turning them each day...we cannot wait to see what hatches!

If you would like to join us at Studham, or want more information on places or wish to volunteer your time, please contact Jules in our school office (872337 or e-mail: school@studhamschools.org.uk).

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term.

Sarah MacKenzie-Skea, Headteacher, Studham Village CE Academy.

STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB

We offer free annual Junior Membership (with every full adult member) and annual Family Membership from £75. Coaching is now back underway alongside our 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. All are welcome. Our coach, Megan, is also available for private individual or group lessons; contact her on 07826 855 388.

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

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our regular users include carpet bowls (2 groups), tap dancing, bingo, mums and tots, Scrabble, W.I., yoga and the Parish Council, but there is room for other groups who wish to hold a single meeting or become a regular user. For example, would you be interested in table tennis? If so, please let us know.

The Hall is ideal for parties and hire rates are very reasonable. Please contact Lynne Smith (bookingstudhamvh@gmail.com) for more information.

KENSWORTH EXTRA

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Christina Jones e-mail: clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

We would like to thank **PR Farming** for their generous voluntary contribution of initial clearance of the area designated for the Jubilee Garden. Andy kindly cleared the area, allowing us to get this project underway.

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 14th April 8pm - for residents of Kensworth.

We will be announcing the recipient of the 'Villager of the Year Award', presenting Community Grant cheques to those who were successful in bidding; there will be a short overview of the past year's work, some updates about what is coming and the opportunity to meet your councillors. We look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall. Light refreshments will be available.

Kensworth children under 18s – **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award:** to apply for your child to receive a commemorative coin, give us with your address and the number of under-18s. Drop it into the Village Hall post box marked 'For the attention of KPC U18', or use the 'Contact us' page on our website, or e-mail the Clerk.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee is pleased to confirm the following events:
St George's Day Dinner at Kensworth VH, Saturday 23rd April, 7pm to 12 midnight - for tickets (£25 for a 3-course meal) e-mail: kensworthjubilee@gmail.com.

Jubilee Day Kensworth Recreation Ground & VH 5th June, 12 noon to 6pm.
More information will follow.

Next meetings: 14th April 7.30pm to 8pm, 12th May at 7.30pm in Kensworth Village Hall, The Chilterns, Kensworth LU6 3RJ.

KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

We have been busy celebrating over the last month. First of all, we are delighted that following our recent Ofsted inspection, we have been graded 'good' in all areas. The inspection report states that Kensworth is a small school with a big heart, an ambitious curriculum and it's a place where children love to play and learn. Our school dog, Luna, got a special mention too! As you can imagine, the whole school community are delighted and if you would like to read the report you can find it here: <https://www.kensworthacademy.co.uk/ofsted-siams-and-performance-data/>.

We also enjoyed the celebrations for World Book Day. Reading continues to be a huge part of life at Kensworth School so our 'Bedtime Story' themed day was right up our street. We dressed up in our pyjamas, finishing at the end of the day with our parents and grandparents joining in, reading a bedtime story together and sharing some hot chocolate and a biscuit (or two)!

Contact: Head Teacher: Steph O'Neill (872336/e-mail:office@ken.dsamat.co.uk).

CLOSE TO HOME

CONGRATULATIONS TO CANON NICOLA LENTHALL!

Very warm congratulations to Nicola, who has been installed as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral of St Albans (see cover). This has been granted by Bishop Alan Smith, who is the head of the Church of England in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, to people who have served the church faithfully for a number of years.

In the early history of the church, Canons were priests who shared a home and followed a 'rule' or 'canon' of daily life. Later the word referred to clergy who were part of the life of a cathedral. They helped to administer the cathedral and would elect certain church officials. Nowadays, Honorary Canons are linked to a particular seat or stall at the heart of their cathedral – in our case, St Albans Abbey (which is why Nicola has been 'installed'). This doesn't bring with it any significant duties (so we won't be losing Nicola!), but it does represent a strengthening of the link between our local churches and the mother church in St Albans, and it is a mark of how the Bishop and others value the work being done in the churches of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade.

ECO-LIVING IN APRIL

April is the time to get back in the garden and start growing! Can you find a space in your garden or a few pots to plant some seeds and watch them grow? Eating your own home grown vegetables is much tastier, satisfying, healthier and better for the environment as you avoid food miles, plastic packaging and possible pesticide use.

Tips for greener gardening:

- Avoid buying peat-based composts, as extracting peat removes a valuable resource from a wildlife habitat and releases vast quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Buy peat-free alternatives, such as wood waste and bark, coir fibre, green waste compost and peat-free composts.
- Avoid buying plastic plant pots; choose biodegradable or recyclable alternatives. Re-use plastic pots and trays for as long as possible. Try to buy tools and plant labels made from natural materials rather than plastic.
- If you haven't already, invest in a rainwater butt to minimise hosepipe use. Water your garden using a watering can to avoid wasting water.
- Leave an area of grass unmown to provide a habitat for local wildlife.
- Try growing some bee-friendly wildflowers in your garden.
- Create a log pile or bug hotel.
- If you use commercial pesticides or herbicides, choose products that only contain naturally occurring active ingredients.

CHURCH NEWS

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Linda Hillier is our Pastoral Contact. If anyone has concerns they would like to discuss with our Minister, Rev. Stuart Dyer, please let Linda know (872860) and she will make necessary arrangements.

April Services:

Sunday 10th 10am Linda Hillier

Sunday 17th 10am Linda Hillier

Sunday 24th 10am Rev. Caroline Weaver Holy Communion

Studham Methodist Chapel currently meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and all are welcome to join us. We are asking for face masks to be worn and that social distancing is maintained. This month there is an extra service for Easter Sunday, and again, all are welcome.

Although our own services are not being streamed, Zoom meetings are available from many of our Circuit Churches. If you would like details of these, or any of our other Zoom fellowship meetings, please contact Linda Hillier.

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Please find below details of the services at the Methodist Chapel, which are currently taking place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, subject to changes in guidance from above. All are welcome. Services for April:

Sunday 10th April 10.30am Morning Worship Led by Mrs. Fiona Arscott-Smith

Sunday 24th April 10.30am Morning Worship Led by Mr. Roger Owers

Particulars of other services can be found on the chapel noticeboards.

FIRST STEPS & MESSY CHURCH

Please note there are no First Steps or Messy Church services in April.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

27th February George Cherry Kensworth

Thanksgiving for the birth of a child

20th February Alyssa McGoey Studham

R.I.P.

27th January Neil Sherriff Studham

31st January Anthony Tilbury Kensworth

14th February Elsa Wood Studham

3rd March Peter Thompson Studham

KENSWORTH 1ST MAY & STUDHAM MAY FAIR 7TH MAY



KENSWORTH MAY FESTIVAL ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2022

Church Service 10.30am – 11.30am
Festival and Crowning of the May Queen
Celebrating 800 Years

Beer & Wine Tent

BBQ

Bric-a-Brac

Raffle

Pony Rides

Open Bell Tower

12.15pm DOG SHOW

Morris Dancing

Cake Stall

Fun & Games

Proceeds to local organisations, mainly the church & school

STUDHAM MAY FAIR
STUDHAM COMMON
1PM - 4PM

ITEMS WANTED
TOYS, BOOKS, VINTAGE, NEARLY NEW
TOMBOLA ITEMS & BOTTLES FOR THE WINE WHEELBARROW
CONTACT LIESA TO CO-ORDINATE COLLECTION OR DROPOFF
LIESA.COATES@IN2GLBOAL.COM
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THREE VILLAGES TRIP TO TENBY

There is going to be a holiday to Tenby from 21st – 28th September 2022. We will be staying at the luxury 4* Heywood Spa Hotel for 7 nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. We will have a guide with us on the first day to show us around Tenby and visit the Tudor Merchant's House and to Dylan Thomas' Boathouse.

On another day a steam train will take us to Gwilli, and another day a private hire boat will take us around Caldey Island. There will be a half-day in Pembroke and there will be a visit to St. David's Cathedral with a tour and lunch in the refectory. We will then make a short ride to see the "Last Invasion Tapestry" in Fishguard. The National Garden of Wales will be visited with a Birds of Prey demonstration.

The cost will be around £1150 per person which includes all travel, dinner, bed and breakfast at our hotel, guides, visits and a tip for our driver. Please contact Margaret Maddox (873225/e-mail mki.maddox@icloud.com) if you are interested.

MORE WHIPSNADE NEWS

KNIT AND NATTER

The Whipsnade group is growing in popularity every month (this month Tuesday 12th). Enjoy a chat while having refreshments (yum,yum, that cake!) and follow your own craft or join in making small items such as knitted or crocheted flowers to decorate the church for Easter and Remembrance Sunday. Wool, patterns, equipment and instructions are available, or bring your own if you prefer.

VANESSA HORNBY'S MEMORIAL CONCERT

As a tribute to Vanessa, a greatly loved and respected former Whipsnade churchwarden, her family organised a highly successful and well-attended informal concert in the church on 5th March, followed by refreshments at the Old Hunters Lodge. We would like to thank them, especially Helen and David, for the experience in which the church came fully alive in its memories of Vanessa.

WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL SPRING CLEAN

The annual spring clean is on Sunday 3rd April from 10.30am. All are welcome.

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to announce that the long awaited Holistic and Well-Being fair will be on Saturday 14th May at the hall. More details shortly on our face book page.

WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL – VOLUNTEERS DIARY

The terrible storms we experienced at the end of February resulted in fallen branches and debris being deposited everywhere, and a lot of time has been spent in the clear up. Fortunately, no trees came down and there was little other damage. Our mower has been returned from its annual service, and once the ground dries up a bit, we will be able to use the trailer to remove any remaining dead wood and branches, and get the Tree Cathedral grass ready for its first cut

The Hornbeams in the avenue, just as you come into the Cathedral, have now been professionally cut back and the branches, along with the storm debris, have been shredded to give us some much-needed wood chip.

We have also had some Ash trees felled due to Ash die back. This is caused by a fungus, which causes leaf loss and crown die back in the affected trees, and can lead to the death of the tree and obviously could be dangerous, with the possibility of falling branches, for people visiting the Tree Cathedral.

Come and see us and say hello on Tuesday mornings 9am until 12 noon.

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER

Whipsnade Village Hall on 19th April from 2pm to 4pm. Refreshments and a raffle will be available.

Come along for a chat or to play cards and dominos with old and new friends.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Support Ultra-Fast Broadband for Studham & Whipsnade

30 seconds of your time, please!

500 online pledges are required by the end of May for the government to fund ultrafast fibre-optic internet infrastructure to our homes

If you would like fast and reliable internet to your home and future-proof our community, please go to:



Or register using your postcode and house number or name online at:
openreach.com/connectmycommunity

Look out for fliers with more information coming through letterboxes soon

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Bookings are looking good; hirers are spreading the word about the facilities, and bookings are coming in for the whole of 2022 and into 2023. Many people have requested bouncy castles for children's parties, but this is not covered by our insurance. After consultation with our insurer and the BRCC, we have agreed the responsibility is on the hirer, not the hall trustees, for any accidents.

Our **heating bills** have increased to over £600 per month so we are hoping this will reduce in the next couple of months. The Committee are obtaining quotes for the hatch to be replaced into the kitchen, as per instructions from the fire officer.

The **Village Walk** will be on Saturday 23rd April, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.

We have been advised that we no longer need to maintain lists of people entering the hall or using the QR code, but we have agreed to leave the hand sanitiser in the entrance hall for at least the next month, as things appear to be returning to normal.

The **next meeting** for the Committee is on Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm; we are happy for anyone to come along and join us, as we always need more volunteers.

KENSWORTH DROP IN CLUB

Everyone is welcome to 'Drop In' at Kensworth Village Hall every Thursday, 9am – 11am for tea/coffee and biscuits (soft drinks and crisps for children). Enjoy a chat and games and get to know the locals if you are new to the village.

STUDHAM EXTRA 2

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Sports activities are running at full pace at the playing fields, with our resident football club vying for the top of the table, and tennis in full swing. In just a few short months, we'll also be looking forward to another cricket season! If you are interested in joining any of the sports activities at the club, please get in touch.

The playing fields are also available for other events and have previously hosted marquee parties, touch rugby tournaments, school sports and village events. If you would like any further information or are interested in using the fields to host an event, please contact the Secretary, Paul Hocking (07500 849280).

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 4.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 12pm.

We are thriving under new Club Steward Louise and welcome all visitors and new members. Please do pop into the club to explore what we have to offer. We provide competitively-priced drinks and a good food menu, including roast lunches on Sunday! The facility is also available for private events such as parties, wedding celebrations, music evenings, etc – with full bar service and food options if required.

BINGO

Wednesdays 6th and 20th April at 8pm in Studham Village Hall.

Doors open at 7.30pm for 'eyes down' at 8pm. Everyone is most welcome.

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Thursday 7th April at 7.15pm in Studham Village Hall: Hot Cross Bun Tasting.

Our March meeting was our AGM and once the business had been completed there was cheese, wine and bingo with prizes! This month we are going to taste hot cross buns (very seasonal!), but we are tasting only the traditional ones! Bring your own drinks to wash them down.

Subs are also due at £44 for the year. Please contact Lynne Smith (873371) to find out how payment can be made. New members are always welcome.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/studhamwi>) for up-to date details.

QUIZZES

Tuesday 5th April at 8pm in Studham Red Lion.

The rounds will be: 1: Sport & Recent News, 2: School Days (all the things you learnt at school – and have forgotten!), 3: Alphabet (all answers start with S), 4: Entertainment (anything that entertains!), 5: Anything we couldn't fit in the previous rounds! and 6: Music, Film Title Music.

Please ring the Red Lion – 872530 – to book a table, (and order food if required).

MORE STUDHAM

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

Our main work-party will be on Saturday 9th April; please note this is one week earlier than usual as Easter Saturday falls on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Our main tasks will be on Middle Common where we will prepare the ground and plant trees in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and on the southern edge of East Common we will continue with hedge re-laying.

Everyone is welcome, especially new members – please come and help out; we meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am. All tools will be provided. Contact Bob Wilkin (871268 or Bob@afromosia.com).

CARPET BOWLS

2pm Thursdays in the Village Hall

We are a friendly mixed group and new members will be made welcome. No experience is necessary and no equipment is needed. It is an opportunity to relax and at the same time have some very modest exercise. Contact Pat (872751) or please just come along.

SCRABBLE

2pm Tuesdays in the Village Hall

New players are welcome to a small friendly group. Did you know that Scrabble was the most looked-for board game over lockdown? Why not come and try the real thing, with real opponents? Contact is Mary (alan.must@churchclose1plus.com) or just come along.

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

If you have recently moved into the village and have not yet received your Welcome Pack, please contact the Clerk who will arrange this for you. The pack contains information on the amenities and activities in the local area. Don't forget to add your name to our e-mail list to be kept informed of things like road closures, and other Council information. E-mail clerk@studhamparish.co.uk and ask to be added.

You will be aware there is a change to the Spring Bank Holiday arrangements this year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. All 3 villages are planning events for the 4-day weekend. If you could help in organising Studham's celebration, or offer assistance in any way, please contact us and we will add you to the list.

Good news for residents of both Studham and Whipsnade, the Broadband Fibre to the Home project is well underway, and leaflets will be delivered to every home explaining the next steps – see page 18.

Finally, the **next meeting** is in the Village Hall at 6pm on 4th April; this will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm. All members of the parish are welcome.

WELCOME TO NEW ADVERTISING MANAGER + FUTURE EVENTS

GEOFFREY STONE, ADVERTISING MANAGER

First of all, a big thank you to Mike Bailey who has been our Advertising Manager for several years and has now decided to step down due to other commitments. We wish him well. To follow in his footsteps, we welcome Geoffrey Stone as the new Manager. Geoffrey moved to Studham in 2013, having retired from the travel industry some years before. He and his wife, Joan enjoy travelling, spending time with the family and being in Studham. For any queries regarding Sales, Announcements or other Advertising, you will find his details at the bottom of page 23.



ST GEORGE'S DAY CONCERT

Why not come and celebrate St George's Day in style? The Vauxhall Male Voice Choir will be singing at Whipnade Village Hall on Saturday 23rd April at 2.30pm with special guest Tenor Soloist, Robert Kendrick. Doors open at 2pm. Tickets cost £10, children half price, and includes light refreshments. For tickets, please contact Ken Jones (01525 753110), or purchase tickets on the door.



An EVENING of FAMILY BOLLYWOOD DANCING

The Lockdown Bollywood Evening was such a success we will be hosting a live event.



Saturday 11th June 7pm @ Kensworth Village Hall

We will join Dunsia Chauhan of Dunsia's Dance Academy. Dunsia will show us key Bollywood moves and we will dance together.

Tickets are £10 and £5 for children inc. Indian snacks at the interval. BYOD. All proceeds to St Mary's Church Kensworth.

Contact Jane for a ticket on jane.bedlington@btinternet.com or 07796 015292.

EASTER FAMILY TRAIL

In readiness for the Easter holidays, we have a new trail similar to the lockdown ones we had in 2020-21. By foot, bike or car, follow a trail with riddles and clues along the way. Collect the clues and get to know your environment. £5 for the trail. Contact Jane Bedlington (details above).