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It may seem odd that as a 'townie' I want to write about Rogationtide this month. But I am very pleased to be taking part in the Rogation Sunday service that will be held on the farm in Kensworth on May 22nd (please see the Services on page 14 and article p.13). I am aware that I have little or no connection to the way our food is produced and how the crops are grown and harvested. This Rogation service is certainly a way of reconnecting and recognising God's bounty in creation.

Rogationtide is a series of 4 days starting on the Sunday and has been celebrated in rural communities for many centuries. The following Monday to Wednesday were kept as days of prayer and fasting. Rogation comes from the word 'rogare' and means to ask. At Rogationtide we ask for God's blessing on the animals and crops and the activity on the land. The poet and priest George Herbert said there were four reasons to celebrate Rogation Days:

1. To ask God's blessing for the fields to produce fruit;
2. To seek the preservation of justice in the boundaries of the parish;
3. To walk in love with one another and reconcile differences;
4. To practise mercy and generosity toward the poor from God's provisions;

In the past it was common to 'beat the bounds' by walking the parish boundaries, which ensured that all people knew the parish boundaries. Today, in walking together, we are encouraging each other in fellowship, and as we walk, we will hear that the different parts of the farm are blessed including crops, animals, farm machinery and buildings.

We are reminding ourselves too of the importance of our environment, and how we have not always treated it with respect. It is a time to recognise the harm we have done and are doing to our planet: our neglect and exploitation of our environment; our treatment of our fellow creatures, and the problem we have caused in climate change. We human beings are responsible for planet Earth. God has placed it in our hands and with God's help we must change our ways. So, we come together to thank God for the Earth and to ask his blessings on its produce and people who work on the land.

I hope I might see some of you at the service enjoying the fellowship and the fresh air.
Love and prayers
Penny

The front cover shows Doris Spriggs (with Rector, Nicola, and organist, Chris Hazell) at a

WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Church prayers: this month we will be praying for those living and working in Whipsnade from Chapel Cottage to the Old Hunter's Lodge. If you wish us to join in your prayers for people or causes important to you, please contact either of the churchwardens – Isobel Randall (isobel.randall@btinternet.com) or Martin Rees (MHTJRees@aol.com) or the Rector (revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). Or you could visit the church and write a prayer on a leaf and place it on the prayer tree.

Garden Of Remembrance: the photo shows the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Venerable Dave Middlebrook, dedicating the newly-created Garden of Remembrance in Whipsnade churchyard.



'Knit and Natter' is on Tuesday 10th May in the church vestry from 2pm – 4pm. Come along with your knitting, crochet, embroidery, or simply yourself, to enjoy an afternoon of good company and refreshments. Contact Jo King for details. No need to book – simply come along! Look in the church after Easter to see flowers knitted and crocheted by members of the group. Thank you to the group for their Easter Coffee Morning run by Jo King and Jane Wright, which raised £343 for church funds.

The **village lunch** will be on Thursday 12th May at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to come – choose from roast chicken, beef lasagne, venison pie or smoked haddock mac n' cheese. £7. Sorry, we have had to put the price up!

Sunday School is well established now on the second Sunday of every month in the vestry during the 9am service, with children enjoying fun activities linked to the theme of the day. Ask the Rector or churchwardens for more details.

Churchyard Working Party: come and join us on Saturday 21st May, 9.30am until 12pm. Coffee and tea provided.

Whipsnade Church Fete: our church fete will be on Saturday 9th July. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun. If you would like a stall, or more information, then please contact your Whipsnade correspondent (see page 5).

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE GET TOGETHER

Whipsnade Village Hall on Tuesday 17th May 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.

AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church Prayers: following our annual cycle of prayers, May prayers will focus especially on all the residents of Byslips Road and Kensworth Road. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, perhaps for a special person or event, please contact the churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Children's Church takes place within the normal Sunday Holy Communion service and is on **15th May at 10.30am**. The children and young people will be reflecting on the commandment of Jesus that 'you should love one another'. Everyone is warmly welcome to the service and to the refreshments afterwards when we shall be celebrating all the May birthdays.

May Fair, Saturday 7th May: once again, church members will be busy at the May Fair. Children and young people are invited to enjoy the interactive model of the nineteenth century Dunston railway - to control the trains, load the coal onto trucks and then off-load it into the ships moored against the staithes in the River Tyne. Focussing also on St Mary's in the twenty first century, everyone can find out what we have been doing as part of the ECO church initiative and to complement this, there is an opportunity for recycling – please visit the good-as-new stall and take advantage of the many bargains there.



St Mary's 800 years celebrations: they had to be deferred in 2020 and will now take place on **Saturday 25th June at 4pm at the church**. This family-friendly event involving the children at Studham School will be followed by refreshments. Please put the date on your calendar.

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.

Our most consistent fundraiser is the 100 Club. The £50 winner in the April draw was Jane Jacoby, and Dorothy Gawen received £10 as runner-up. Elsewhere in the Parish Link are details of the May Fair being held on 7th May, and we look forward to a great day to benefit The Friends and other worthy village causes.

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

You can find out more about the Friends on our website (<https://friendsstudham.wixsite.com/website>).

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 May, our prayers in church will be particularly for those who live in The Lynch, Lynch Hill and Clayhall Road.

Choir News: the choir will be accompanying the service on 1st May. If you would like to join the choir, 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: Sunday School re-started in April, on the second Sunday of the month, and our very successful Friday Messy Church will return this month. If you would like to help with Sunday School or Messy Church, please contact the Vicar or Katherine Huggins (607841).

May Festival: a reminder of our May Festival on the 1st after the 10.30am service. Starting with the crowning of the May Queen, and followed by May carols, Morris Dancing, pony grooming, dog show at 12.15pm, cake stall etc, with lots of food and drink to enjoy – fun and games for everyone. Don't miss it!

Church Bazaar Bring And Buy: open Wednesdays 2pm – 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 – on Saturday 2nd July - see poster page 24.

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.

JUBILEE FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

On Friday 24th June – FREE ENTRY: doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. Refreshments and raffle.



WHIPSNADE 2

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL

On Friday 1st April a little bit of TV fame came to Whipnade when Series 7, Episode 4 of Grantchester was based around filming that took place in our own Village Hall.



The story was of a murder that took place on the stage in the hall where a charity auction was to be held. The plot involved several suspects and many surprising twists before the culprit was found and arrested by Detective Inspector Geordie Keating played by Robson Green.

It was lovely to see our Village Hall in all its 1960's glory, and if you missed it you can find it on catch-up as it's certainly worth a look.

WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL – A VOLUNTEER'S DIARY.

As spring arrives, the Tree Cathedral starts to come to life and there's a magical feeling when it is bathed in sunlight.



We took on the job this year of cutting the many laurel hedges, which has to be completed before the birds start to nest. Laurel is a quick growing evergreen, which grows in most soils in full sun or heavy shade and does not mind being under tree canopies, which makes it ideal for this location.

We are also finishing our work in the dew pond area, laying weed suppressor and wood chip. Once this area is completed, we are going to replace trees and shrubs lost over the years, and then we need to keep on top of any weeds, brambles or stinging nettles trying to reappear.

Due to the amount of rainfall over the last few months, there are a few areas that have become very muddy so we have had to spend time putting type 1 gravel in those areas, particularly the Easter Chapel entrance. This area obviously attracts lots of visitors at this time of year, and we recently had a wedding ceremony taking place here which is so special. The Easter chapel is so beautiful at the moment with daffodils and the flowering cherry trees in full bloom.

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

STUDHAM 2

DORIS IS 100!

Doris Spriggs of Studham (see front cover) recently celebrated her 100th birthday with a special service at Studham Church, with over 90 people in attendance. The service was videoed so it could be sent to extended family and friends; Doris chose all the music and readings. She had over seventy cards, including one from the Queen, and raised over £200 for her requested charity, the Leprosy mission.

Doris has five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren and was delighted to share her celebrations with so many family members and friends. Her son, Derek, and daughter-in-law, Anne, want to say a big thank you to all who made it such a successful, happy day and most of all to all those who came to support her on the day. She is still smiling!

STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY

Our chicks hatched and it was so lovely seeing them enter the world and grow so fast! Each class enjoyed meeting and helping look after them in various ways, from feeding and watering to 'chick sitting' in classrooms.

We are looking forward to really embracing our outside spaces with the construction of our Studham Seedlings and Sapling Centre areas.

Our Choir is hard at work with songs and celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee...lots of bunting and pom poms are being prepared!



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

Sarah MacKenzie-Skea, Headteacher, Studham Village CE Academy

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next work party for the Friends will be on Saturday 21st May. Work on West Common will include trimming grass and unwanted vegetation. We will also trim the footpaths on West Common to improve access and remove any dead or overhanging branches. In addition, we will remove the tops of young bracken shoots in order to reduce the vigour of the bracken and to protect young plants and encourage a more diverse flora. (Please note that no work involving scrub clearance or path mowing close to any of the ornamental trees will be allowed.)

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 Lyn Draine (l.draine@draines.co.uk).

CHURCH NEWS

NORTH CHILTERNERS GROUP

The AGM of the North Chilterns Group, celebrating its 40th anniversary, will be held at Dagnall church on 17th May, starting with refreshments at 7pm. Before the business of the meeting there will be a celebration presentation of the activities of the group. If any of you have been involved in the Group in past years, do come along to meet your friends and remember your experiences. And, if you don't know about the Group, please come to see what it does for the nine villages.

Throughout the year there will be a series of events to celebrate the anniversary of the formation of the Group by Orders in Council of the Privy Council, setting in place a new kind of collaboration in the church.

CHURCH CHARITABLE HELP FOR THOSE STRUGGLING

If you are finding the current economic situation challenging and need help in the form of a small one-off grant, it might help you to know that residents of Kensworth and Studham can appeal to charities which the churches hold especially for you!

St. Mary's Kensworth has two small charities, the Brugis Settlement and the Walter Howard Charity, which were set up in 1892 and 1938 respectively, to care for 'the poor of the parish'. The Vicar and Churchwardens (who are the trustees) can make small grants to provide for specific needs (heating/fuel increases, unexpected bills etc.) Payments are seldom more than £200 and are often much less. If you are interested in applying for help from the trusts you will need to give the trustees certain information about yourself, your family and your financial circumstances which will help the trustees decide whether to make a payment to you. All the information you give will be held entirely confidential by the trustees.

We can only spend this money on the people who live in Kensworth – not anyone or anything else. St. Mary's Studham has a discretionary fund, which was set up a little while ago to help those who are struggling; and again, it can only be spent on Studham residents.

If you are interested in applying for either of these, please contact the Rector, Nicola Lenthall, to ask for an application form (e-mail: revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

WHIPSNADDE TREE CATHEDRAL

The Tree Cathedral Service will take place on 12th June at 3pm this year; we welcome as our guest preacher the Revd. Professor Andrew Gosler, Professor of Ethno-ornithology at the Institute of Human Sciences & Edward Grey Institute, University of Oxford Research Director: Ethno-ornithology World Archive Fellow in Human Sciences, Mansfield College, Oxford. Come and worship with us!

(Ethno-ornithology; the study of the relationship between people and birds, Editor).

CHURCH NEWS

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Please find below details of the services which are currently taking place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, subject to changes in guidance from above.

BIG NEWS is that our Coffee Mornings will resume on Saturday 7th May, 10.30am until 12 noon. All are welcome.

Services for May:

Sunday 8th May 10.30am Morning Worship Led by Mrs. Fiona Arscott-Smith

Sunday 22nd May 10.30am Holy Communion Led by the Revd. Nigel Bibbings

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

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Linda Hillier is our Pastoral Contact. If anyone has concerns they would like to discuss with our Minister, Revd. Stuart Dyer, please let Linda know (01582 872860) and she will make necessary arrangements.

May Services:

Sunday 8th 10am Arranged by congregation

Sunday 22nd 10am Mr Tony Higgins

All are welcome to join us. We are still wearing masks when in close proximity to others or on entering and leaving the building.

WHAT IS ROGATION SUNDAY?

Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its provisions. This year Rogation Sunday is on Sunday 22nd May, and in Kensworth everyone is invited to celebrate it at Lynch Farm, by kind invitation of the Woods family. The Vicar will bless the crops and animals, and it will be interesting to explore all the fascinating farm implements – including a brand new combine harvester!

Rogation invites people to ask for blessing – for a particular place; for all its inhabitants; for every effort to promote the common good. It is totally inclusive – joining everyone in helping to make the community the best place to be.

(see also Penny's letter on page 3).

UKRAINE

The Church of England Diocese in Europe and USPG, the mission agency, have launched an emergency appeal to get aid to people in desperate need because of the invasion of Ukraine. Funds raised by the appeal will support Christian charities and churches carrying out humanitarian work both in Ukraine and responding to the arrival of refugees in neighbouring countries. Partners on the ground are providing food, medicine, shelter, care for children and people internally displaced in Ukraine. To donate to the Ukraine emergency appeal, visit www.ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

THE KENSWORTH, STUDHAM AND WHIPSNADE

GUIDE TO CELEBRATING



Thursday, 2nd June 2022 to Sunday, 5th June 2022

In the following pages you will find a guide to the events which are being planned to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the parishes of Kensworth, Whipsnade and Studham. There will also be some church services to mark this event on Sunday, 5th June.

Celebration Services for the Platinum Jubilee

9am	St Mary Magdalene, Whipsnade
10am	St Mary's, Kensworth
11am	St Mary's, Studham

KENSWORTH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



5 June

**Starting at 12pm Isle of Wight Lane/Common Road
to Recreation Ground, LU6 3RJ**

Fancy Dress Parade (Theme: Royalty Over the Years)



Arena Shows

Bar



Live Band

Dog Show

Tarot Reading

Sports Events

Fish & Chips

Glitter Art

Gift Stalls

Candy Floss

Face Painting

Ice Cream Van

Bouncy Castle

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
STUDHAM EVENTS

Studham WI Meeting – Open Evening, Free – booked ticket only

Thursday, 2 June - 7.15 pm - Studham Village Hall

A talk by **Jane Dismore** taking us on a journey of the Queen's early years.

Refreshments of wine and nibbles. Raffle tickets will be on sale.

We will also put the WI Capsule in the Clock Tower for future WI's to enjoy.

Please email studhamwi.jubilee@gmail.com to book a place.

**Jubilee Raffle followed by
President's XI v Chairman's XI Cricket Match**

Friday, 3 June – 1.30 pm (Cricket at 2.30 pm) - Studham Playing Fields

Following the Jubilee Raffle the cricket match will commence at 2.30 pm and will last about 2 hours.

Food and refreshments will be available. Weather permitting there will be a barbecue; otherwise food will be prepared in the kitchen.

Fun and Games at Studham Playing Fields

Saturday, 4 June – 2.00 pm start with Evening Entertainment at 7.30 pm

Fun and games for all ages at the clubhouse during the afternoon. In the evening local musician John Knowles will provide entertainment.

Food and refreshments will be available. Weather permitting there will be a barbecue; otherwise food will be prepared in the kitchen.

And Some Other Things ...

The Studham Memory Book - We want to assemble a Memory Book recording how Studham celebrated the Platinum Jubilee including photos and other materials contributed by residents. Watch out for more details coming soon about how you can join in or contact Bob Wilkin (email bob@afrorosia.com).

The Platinum Jubilee Walk - A new 4 mile circular route to mark the Platinum Jubilee is being created using existing footpaths around the village. An inaugural walk of the route will start from the War Memorial at 10.30 am on Thursday, 2 June. All welcome.

Studham Village CofE Academy - The children will be participating in activities during the school day and on Tuesday, 24 May there will be a PTFA Platinum Jubilee themed crafts session held after school.

Tree Planting on Middle Common - On Saturday, 9 April, seven apple trees, whose varieties are of Bedfordshire origin, were planted by the scouts, cubs and beavers on Middle Common to the north side of the existing Jubilee Copse.



Whipsnade Village Queen's Platinum Anniversary Celebration Party

Saturday 4th June, 1.30 pm to 6.00 pm
at Whipsnade Village Hall & Meadow

Join in our community party and bring along a picnic, and your family and friends to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Hog Roast (from 2.00 pm) and vegetarian curry dishes.
(Ticket prices - £4.50, £3.50, £2.50 per portion)

Free side dishes, teas, coffee, soft drinks, cakes & snacks.
Vending 'G&T' and Pimms stall and Ice cream van.



Special Competitions and events:-

- ◆ Children's fancy dress
- ◆ Make a Crown competition (with materials provided)
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Lucky Dip
- ◆ Swings & slide play area

- ◆ Prize Raffle
- ◆ Bring along your photos (1952 – 2022)
- ◆ Best 'Bedfordshire Clanger' (Try your own recipe?)

Cake cutting, loyal toast and prize giving at 4.30 pm.

STUDHAM EXTRA

QUIZZES

Tuesday 3rd May at 8pm in Studham Red Lion.

This will be the last quiz until September, so let's go out with a bang!

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 T), 4: Entertainment (anything that entertains!), 5: Anything we couldn't fit in the previous rounds! and 6: Music, a mix this month, titles beginning Q, X or Z and numbers!

Please ring the Red Lion (872530) to book a table, (and order food if required) as we will not be using the marquee area. See you there!

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our regular users include carpet bowls (2 groups), tap dancing, bingo, mums and tots, Scrabble, W.I., yoga and 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), who would be pleased to discuss all the information required.

We are always happy to welcome others who would like to become a Trustee. The work is not onerous and we have around 4 meetings a year. If you would like to join us, please let either Des Salmon (872082) or Chrys Smith (872989) know.

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 Thorne (872751) or please just come along.

SCRABBLE

2pm Tuesdays in the Village Hall

New players are welcome to a small friendly group. Contact is Mary (alan.must@churchclose1plus.com) or just come along.

SMILE LINE

A mistake is proof that someone was at least trying to accomplish something.

WHIPSNADE & STUDHAM PARISH COUNCILS

WHIPSNADE PARISH COUNCIL

At the March meeting, the Council was pleased to approve the **co-option** of Mrs Jo Majewska as a Councillor for the remainder of its current term which expires in May 2023. Jo is a resident of Oldhill Wood.

Plans for the **Whipsnade Village Queen's Platinum Jubilee anniversary** celebration are well in hand for this event, which is to be held on Saturday 4th June at Whipsnade Village Hall and meadow. Full details are included in the special 4-page pull-out of this edition of the Link. We hope you will be able to attend at least one of these events, as well as those being organised by Studham and Kensworth on the Friday and Sunday respectively over the extended holiday weekend.

The **next meeting** of the Council will be held on Tuesday 10th May starting at 7.30 pm in Whipsnade Village Hall. This meeting is the AGM of the Council.

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting: Studham VH, 7pm, Monday 9th May, (note this is a week later than normal because of the Bank Holiday). All Studham residents are welcome.

It will not have escaped your notice that there is a change to the Spring Bank Holiday arrangements this year in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. All 3 villages are planning various events for the 4-day weekend. See the 4-page 'pull-out' in the centre of this magazine for full details of events planned.

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, where you can get further information, and how to move forward in this venture. It is hoped that there will be a special stand at the May Fair where you can get further information and also register your interest.

Finally, if you have recently moved into Studham and have not yet received your Welcome Pack, please contact the Clerk (clerk@studhamparish.co.uk) who will be pleased to arrange this for you. The pack contains information on amenities and activities in the local area.

Don't forget to add your name to our e-mail list so that we can keep you informed of things like road closures, and other Council information. Just e-mail the Clerk and ask to be added.

TREASURER

The Treasurer, Les Randall, acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation of £100 from Kensworth Parish Council. If you would like to make a donation, please contact him (872552/lesrandall@btinternet.com or 14 Holywell Road, Studham LU6 2PA).

MORE STUDHAM

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Sports activities are running at full pace at the playing fields, so if you are interested in joining any of the sports activities, please get in touch. The playing fields are also available for hire for other events – if you would like any further information, please contact the Secretary, Paul Hocking (07500 849280).

Please remember to look after your dogs if walking on the playing fields and clear up all mess to protect sports users and children using the grounds.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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

The Sports and Social Club welcomes all visitors and new members. We provide competitively-priced drinks and a good food menu, including Sunday roasts! The facility is also available for private events with full bar service and food options if required. Please contact us to see what we can offer. A reminder that memberships were due on 1st April; membership fees remain as £23 for family, £17 for single and £9 for concession. Just pay at the bar with your next round!!

BINGO

Wednesdays 4th and 18th May 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 5th May at 7.15pm in Studham Village Hall: Resolution and Quiz.

Our April meeting, tasting hot cross buns, resulted in a draw between Aldi and Prudens Bakery. Sorry to say that, as with mince pies last year, Waitrose came last!!

This month we will be discussing the Resolution that has been chosen to go through to the National AGM in June: "Women and girls with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) being under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed and under-supported". If you would be interested to hear more about this, or have knowledge that you would like to pass on, please come. The evening ends with a quiz: please bring your own refreshments.

Our June meeting will open the Jubilee Celebrations on Thursday 2nd June. Please see the enclosed pull-out for full details of our speaker and the evenings' entertainment. Looking forward to seeing you.

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

MORE KENSWORTH

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Bookings for the Village Hall are slowly coming in for the rest of the year. After ensuring that the hirers have adequate insurance, we have since seen an increase in hirings for children's parties with inflatables.

We have a new hirer on Fridays which we are pleased to welcome to the Village Hall - Basils Farm is an organisation that helps young adults, who are outside full education, to be able to work in the community and to socialise. They are holding some open days where cakes and drinks are served in the hall on a Friday morning so look out for the notices for the event planned in May.

The Village Hall has recently suffered a spate of anti-social behaviour where hirers have been subjected to harassment and violent behaviour from youths outside. The damage has to be repaired at a cost to the Committee but the main concern is that it may put potential hirers off. These incidents have been reported to the Police, who are investigating. CCTV footage of the culprits has been obtained.

The Village Walk arranged for the month is on Saturday 21st May at 10am – meet in the car park. These walks are open to everyone. They usually last about 1-1.5 hours and the routes include walking the local footpaths followed by coffee afterwards.

The next meeting for the Committee is on Wednesday 4th May at 7:30pm; we are happy for anyone to come along and join us, as we always need more volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the Village Hall.

KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

It has truly been a lovely start to Spring and early Summer at Kensworth CE Academy. This is a time of year when our beautiful grounds come to life and the children can enjoy taking their learning outside as well as in. We are so pleased to have been able to create a new reception class, which the children voted to name 'Chestnut Class' – a very fitting addition to our classes, which are all named after the trees in the school grounds.

We enjoyed some wonderful Easter celebrations with our STAR award assembly, which recognises the achievements of the children. This was followed by an Easter challenge all around the grounds, where the children had to look for the clues to find the Easter-themed answer. It was wonderful to see our oldest pupils supporting the youngest children so they could successfully find the clues and enjoy a chocolate prize in the shape of an Easter bunny! We finished the term gathered together for a very special collective worship, led by Oak Class and Reverend Canon Nicola.

If you would like to come and see us for yourselves, do get in touch: office@ken.damat.co.uk.

EVENTS



MAY 7TH 2022

STUDHAM MAY FAIR

Studham May Fair returns to Studham Common, for its 37th Year. This traditional village fair will be opened at 1pm by the crowning of the May Queen followed by dancing round the maypole by children from the village school. There will be a fun dog show, live music, Morris dancing, classic cars, refreshments, BBQ, traditional stalls and many other fun activities to engage the whole family. All proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Wine, Women and Song!

With the Award Winning Luton Ladies Choir

Caritas Harmony

In aid of

St. Mary the Virgin, Kensworth

at St. Mary's, Church End, Kensworth LU6 3RA.

Saturday 2nd July 2022

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

The programme will feature popular songs and showstoppers

Cash Bar – Raffle

Tickets (including nibbles) on sale from 25 April 2022
£8 in advance or £10 at the door
Available from David Jones on 01582 873242 or
'Get Tickets' at www.caritasharmony.co.uk



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.



Wanted: Deputy to Parish Link Editor

Local person needed to assist editor 4-6 hours per month

- Help collating and editing information
- Write short articles to a brief
- Contribute to editorial content
- Occasionally stand in for editor

Ideally the person should have some experience of graphic design or journalism or writing or similar. Computer skills are required.

Please contact Fiona at fiona.mcdougal@btinternet.com

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Website: www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Villager of the Year – Joan Moran

The award was presented to Joan Moran for her dedication in running the community weekly drop in / coffee mornings over many, many years. Joan has developed this into much more, including lunches, trips out as well as other activities for residents, who look forward to attending and meeting each week.

Kensworth Children under 18s – Commemorative Coin – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. To apply for your child to receive this, post your request into the Village Hall post box marked ‘For the attention of KPC U18s’, or e-mail the Clerk. Please provide your contact details and the number of under 18s. You must register your child to receive the coin.

Jubilee Garden Funding: if there are any businesses or individuals who are able and would like to contribute to funding this village enhancement, however small, please contact the Clerk.

Jubilee Celebrations – Sunday 5th June: we are looking forward to the Jubilee Celebrations on 5th June, starting at 12 noon, Common Road/Isle of Wight Lane with a Fancy Dress Parade. We would like as many of you as possible to dress up in “Royalty Over the Ages” costumes and join the procession, led by Cheerleaders, along Common Road to the Recreation Ground for a brilliant fun day. There will be a prize for the best fancy dress.

Parish Council Meetings:

Next meeting: 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm (Annual Parish Council) at Kensworth Village Hall, The Chilterns, Kensworth LU6 3RJ.