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Dear friends and parishioners,

To have the words 'Platinum' and 'Jubilee' in the same phrase still seems more than a little miraculous to me. I have never known another monarch, and neither have most of the people I know – although I do count among my older friends people who still remember 'the old king', who died at the age of 56, far younger than his daughter. And the jubilees we have seen have touched our own lives. I was very young for the Silver Jubilee, but I remember my mother making my sister and myself copies of the Imperial State Crown out of cardboard, tinfoil and tissue paper... when the Golden Jubilee rolled round my husband recreated this idea for our own toddler son; we saved the crown and then my daughter wore it for the Diamond Jubilee, standing proudly on the Recreation Ground in Kensworth.

So our lives have been marked by the Queen's life, often seemingly the only constant in an ever-changing world. She has often spoken of the fact that her own concept of constancy is sustained by her strong faith and trust in God, and the central part of the Coronation Oath concerns her commitment to that faith; a faith which underlies her own understanding of the role to which she has been called, and which she has dutifully carried out with dedication over so very many years.

Long or short periods of service to one another – in our villages and neighbourhoods, in our personal relationships, in our work, in our giving of time or talents to charity – these things sustain and nurture community, whether we are people of faith or not, and whatever our calling. For me this is where the love of God is also clearly seen.

As we celebrate this very special anniversary, let us give thanks for the Queen's long years of service, and be reminded of our own call to love and to serve one another.

With my love and prayers, this June as always,

*Nicola*

*The front cover shows the May Queens and attendants of Kensworth, Rose B top right) and Studham, Ellie B. All Studham May Fair photos with grateful thanks to Bill Bowman. Apologies to Geoff Shute, who should have been thanked last month for the cover photo of Doris Spriggs.*

## KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

### KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

**Our prayers for you:** if you would like a particular prayer to be said for a loved one or a special event, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670). In June our prayers will be particularly for those who live in Common Road, from the Methodist Church to Dovehouse Lane.

**Choir News:** the Choir will be leading the singing at the special Platinum Jubilee Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to join the Choir, please contact the Rector (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). All voices are welcome, and instrument players also, for help with accompanying on special occasions.

**Sunday School:** for all young people, there are sessions for seniors and juniors on 12<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, please contact Katherine Huggins (607841) for details.

**Churches Count on Nature:** our Sunday School will be joining in the 'Churches Count on Nature' on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. We will be holding a Sunday School bug hunt. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy our beautiful churchyard, to be outdoors in nature while learning and understand more about our precious ecosystems and how we as Christians take our responsibility to protect God's creation seriously. Information page <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/love-your-burial-ground-week>.

**Messy Church:** Messy Church this month will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3.30pm in the Church Hall. Children and their carers are welcome to join in an afternoon of crafts, stories and songs on a biblical theme, followed by a hot meal for everybody. No charge, but we are grateful for donations.

**Church Calendar:** as well as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 5<sup>th</sup> June is the religious feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the Holy Spirit descending on the apostles, giving them the ability to speak in other languages. It is also called Whitsunday. 12<sup>th</sup> June is Trinity Sunday, which marks the start of the longest term in the church year, lasting until the week before Advent Sunday, 5 weeks before Christmas.

**The Bring & Buy Bazaar:** in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road is open 2 – 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays. All kinds of treasures are available – come and have a browse! Unfortunately, we cannot sell electrical goods, clothing or large items of furniture.

**KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:** for all services, see page 13. The June Coffee Morning is a Jubilee-themed Bonanza on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am – 12 noon. Come and enjoy delicious tea/coffee and cakes and friendly chat. All are welcome.

## WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

### ST MARY MAGDALENE

**Prayers:** in June we will be praying for all those who work in the Zoo, and for the people who live between the Zoo and Dell Farm. If you would like us to join in praying for people important to you, please contact Nicola, the Rector, or the churchwardens. Or you could call into the church and write a prayer on a leaf to be hung on the prayer tree.

**Village lunch:** this month's lunch is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall at 12.30pm. As this is in the week of the Jubilee celebrations, we are serving the Roast Beef of Old England, or if you want an alternative you could choose shepherd's pie, Huntsman's chicken or breaded sole.

**The Jubilee Tree:** as part of the Jubilee service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we will be planting a tree in the churchyard. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Whipsnade churchyard working party:** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am – 12pm. Coffee and tea provided. All are welcome.

### BYGONE DAYS

The swallows are late this year but summer is finally upon us; time to slow down and enjoy the warmth of the sun and the beauty of our surroundings, evocatively described in the lines below written by Jesse Wallsam (1915 – 2001) who was a young child growing up in the village between the two world wars:



*The grazing of cattle, and sheep to follow later in the year  
Made Whipsnade common like an immaculate green lawn,  
Except the wildflowers, all remained, so clever of those innocent useful animals.  
They were allowed an area for the day by their owners who shepherded them;  
Graze for hours then lie down comfortably to 'chew their cud'.  
And humans of all ages took advantage of lazing awhile,  
On this soft green pasture when time allowed, just avoiding the inevitable 'cow  
pats'.*

*Dog violets, hare bells, meadow sweet, scabious, red poppy, and cuckoo pint, to  
name a few,  
Happy children at play, Golden buttercups, Forget-Me-Nots, and Oxeye daisies too.  
Your sense of smell stimulated by a clean warm milky odour,  
Mixed with the freshly cropped grass,  
With sometimes a waft of May blossom elderberry flower and resin from the pines,  
A combination so pleasant and unique.  
Lamentable that so many did not see Whipsnade in all its Glory.*

## AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Church prayers:** in June, we shall be especially remembering all the residents of Common Road, Clements End and Pedley Hill. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, perhaps for a special person or events, please get in touch with the churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** there will be a special service to celebrate the Queen's years of dedicated service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

**Children's Church** meets on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. On this Fathers' Day, the children and young people will be looking at how God looked after Elijah and how he looks after us too. The service will be followed by refreshments and the celebration of all the June birthdays. Everyone is very welcome.

**800 year celebration of St Mary's** in Studham on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in church: this was deferred in 2020 but what's two years over an eight hundred year period! Everyone is warmly invited to this family event. There will be a presentation by village children which will take us through the many changes and happenings of the 800 years and will include singing by the children of Studham School. The afternoon will end with a barbeque, outside in the churchyard if the weather is kind.

**A Coffee Morning** is being held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10am. Everyone is warmly invited to this informal get together.

**Kids' Club:** 15<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30 - 5.30pm in church. Note the date; details to follow.

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

At the AGM, Eric Jacoby (who retired as Treasurer but will remain on the Committee), was presented with a gift in appreciation of his years as Chairman and Treasurer. The remainder of the Committee are: Chairman, John McDougal, Secretary, Peter Gee, Treasurer, Lindsey Glover, Members, Marjorie Metcalfe and Derek Spriggs.

The winners in the May 100 Club were drawn at the AGM with Nigel Wade winning £50 and Pam Rumfitt receiving £10 as runner-up.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the brilliant May Fair, where The Friends are one of the village beneficiaries – more about this on page 13.

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



## LOCAL NEWS

### PLATINUM JUBILEE SOUVENIRS

Shop shelves and the internet are groaning under the weight of souvenirs of this really unique and historic Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. Think they're a recent invention? No! Souvenirs have been a popular way of marking royal jubilees and weddings for over the last three centuries!

The earliest known items date from the Restoration of the Monarchy with Charles II in 1660. More followed for his Coronation in 1661 and his wedding to Catherine of Braganza in 1662. At first, they were expensive, only for the wealthy, but as mass production developed, it was cheaper to produce souvenirs for ordinary people.

Ceramics have always been popular royal souvenirs – jugs, vases, mugs and plates survive in significant numbers from the reign of George III onwards. In fact, everything from wallpaper to underwear has been given a royal twist in times past.

Special issue coins were first used to mark Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887, and are still issued for such occasions. They are of 'crown' size – nothing to do with the Queen's crown, but the size of an old crown coin, worth 5 shillings or 25p (a quarter of a week's wages then!).

Stamps were also issued for the 1887 Jubilee, though not specifically as commemorative stamps. The first such stamps were produced for George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935.

There will be people alive today with souvenirs from this, and the coronation of the Queen's father, George VI, in 1937. Even more people will have mementoes of the Coronation in 1953, her Silver Jubilee in 1977 and the Golden Jubilee in 2003, and all the royal weddings in between. Mass production means that they have little commercial value, but they are fun and remind us of times of national rejoicing.

### FOOD BANK

The local Foodbank has produced a list of items it urgently requires to help those struggling in these difficult times. It is reproduced below - if you can assist in any way, please leave donations in any of the 3 churches or on the Vicarage doorstep.

- tinned meat - UHT fruit juice and milk - tinned tomatoes - tinned fish - tinned rice pudding - jam and peanut butter - tinned carrots - sponge puddings.

We are well-stocked with baked beans, dried pasta and soup.

Thank you for your continued help.



**WHIPSNADE EXTRA****WHIPSNADE VILLAGE****QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE  
CELEBRATION PARTY****Village Hall & Meadow****Saturday, 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1.30 – 6.00 P.M.**

Please do remember to come along to our very own village Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party which is being held at the Village Hall & Meadow on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30 to 6pm. Bring along your family and friends, sons, daughters, and grandchildren. Dedicated children's play area with games and competition to see who can make the most original Crown.

Teas, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, and savoury snacks provided FREE, plus reasonably priced hot food options: delicious hot roast pork in a bun with stuffing and apple sauce, vegetable curry vegetarian option served with naan bread, pickles, and relishes. See posters and flyers around the village for further details.

If you would like to do some home baking for the event please contact Carole Chant, Pam Wilkins or Isobel Randall. We would also be very grateful for any help in preparing for and running the event on the day.

**'KNIT AND NATTER'**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June in the church 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 ([sallowsprings@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sallowsprings@hotmail.co.uk)) for details.

**WHIPSNADE VILLAGE GET TOGETHER**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 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.

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**ASHRIDGE SPONSORED DOG WALK 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

To raise money for Gaddesden Place Riding for Disabled Centre, the 5 mile route will start at Ashridge House and take in the beautiful surrounding scenery and their informal gardens. Registration will be from 9.30–11am. To register in advance and start getting sponsors for the event, please contact [info@gaddesdenplaccerda.org.uk](mailto:info@gaddesdenplaccerda.org.uk) or call 01442 246924 and we'll send you a registration form.

## **ECO NEWS AND MORE STUDHAM**

### **ECO LIVES : MORE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT**

When it comes to saving the planet, sustainable transport must be one of our top goals. According to the International Institute for Sustainable Development, transport accounts for 64% of global oil consumption, 27% of all energy use and 23% of the world's energy-related CO2 emissions. Read more at <https://www.iisd.org/articles/deep-dive/road-sustainable-transport>.

Can we, in the post-COVID era, sustain some of the temporary reductions in emissions and improvement in air quality seen because of COVID travel restrictions? Whilst governments have a huge role to play in expanding walkable and bike-friendly environments, and improving public and sustainable transport systems, you too can play a role by :

- Reducing unnecessary travel;
- Considering walking or using a bicycle or scooter instead;
- Using public transport or car pooling;
- Switching to greener transport options such as electric vehicles.

### **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@churchclose1pluscom) or just come along.

### **STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting is at Studham Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, and all members of the Parish are welcome.

We are collating a "Royal Remembrance Book" as a record to be enjoyed for generations. Please take lots of photos and write down your experiences, feelings etc, so that they can also be added. Details of how and where your photos and comments can be sent will be in the July Link and on the noticeboards later in June.

Details of our events have also been added to the official countrywide "Map of Events" (<https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/events>) so you can check times and places. If you have recently moved into our Parish and have not yet received your Welcome Pack with lots of useful local information, please contact the Clerk (clerk@studhamparish.co.uk) who will arrange this for you. The Clerk can add you to our e-mail list so we can inform you of things like road closures, and other information.

## LOCAL NEWS

### STUDHAM MAY FAIR

Thank you to everyone who attended the Studham May Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> May. After a dreary morning, the sun came out and so did the village. It was the busiest Studham May Fair ever and it was wonderful to see our community together once again. Whilst figures are being finalised, a total in the region of £10,000 was raised. This will be split between various local charities, details of which will be published when finalised. A special thanks to Liesa Coates for her endless drive and enthusiasm and to her brilliant, hardworking committee.

### 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.

5 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	United Service at St. Mary's, Church End Led by The Revd. Canon Nicola Lenthall
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26 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Morning Worship Led by Mrs. Fiona Arscott-Smith
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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, Rev. Stuart Dyer, please let Linda know (01582 872860) and she will make the necessary arrangements.

#### Services:

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Rev. John Fellows	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Len Fowler	

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

### HELP FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

A list of people in Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade who have signed up for one of the schemes to offer a home for Ukrainian refugees, or who are already hosting a refugee family, is being set up on behalf of the village churches, the parish councils and SKAW Good Neighbours scheme. The vicar, the Revd. Nicola Lenthall, is going to maintain the list so that it can be held and updated centrally.

The purpose of the list is to ensure that any host couples or families are receiving the support they need. If this applies to you – or if you are already hosting a refugee family and would like to let us know so that we can support you in this most important role – please e-mail Nicola (revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

## STUDHAM EXTRA

### SENIORS TABLE TENNIS STARTING SOON

A get together at 10am Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June in Studham Village Hall. Planned for Fridays at 10am. Des Salmon (01582 872082 or e-mail [desstudham@btconnect.com](mailto:desstudham@btconnect.com)) is the contact if needed. There will be a warm welcome and some relaxed exercise!



### STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY

How lovely it was to be part of the Studham May Fair! The children enjoyed learning about the traditions of the May Fair, their Maypole dances and adding their own modern twist this year.

Now the weather is getting warmer we are able to begin growing and nurturing plants and vegetables in our newly created outdoor area. If there are any keen gardeners among you we would really appreciate any seeds or seedlings to help us on our way!

Our school is increasingly becoming somewhere domestic and, in some cases, programme specific animals are visiting, staying and even calling home. Currently we have our school dog Cookie, chickens, harvest mice and 2 visiting domestic rabbits onsite. The children are learning about their habitats, needs and what it takes to look after animals.

Our whole school project for the summer term is the History of Studham Village. We would love to hear from you if you have any memories, photos or memorabilia you would love to come and share with us. We will be walking around the village, taking note of the buildings and the land. If you see us please wave!

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

*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.

For more information on coaching or joining the club please contact Andrew Jones ([andrew.jones@selecta.com](mailto:andrew.jones@selecta.com) or 07833 111682/[www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk)).

## MORE WHIPSNADE NEWS

### WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEERS DIARY

May is a busy month in the Tree Cathedral. The grass is now growing vigorously and needs regular cutting, which is a very time-consuming job. Strimming also becomes a major task now, around the many trees and all the stub posts which prevent people from driving over and parking on the grass. It's amazing how quickly it all comes to life at this time of year especially now the warmer sunshine is with us.

We have been working on our holly hedge, on the perimeter of the Christmas Chapel, which was planted a few years ago. Holly is an excellent evergreen hedging plant and is low maintenance, but very slow growing. We are having to clear around it as a lot of weeds take over and can quickly strangle the shrubs. Some parts of the hedge are flourishing, more so in the shaded area, and the hedge seems less happy in the full sun. We have laid weed suppressor around it and wood chip, and it is surrounded by a fence to try and keep the rabbits out.

We had a surprise visitor to the Tree Cathedral a couple of weeks ago when a dog walker found a young badger hiding in the hollow of an old tree stump right by the entrance gate. It may have been slightly injured or had got disorientated and taken refuge in the tree stump. The NSPCA and National Trust were called but by the time they arrived and we had completed our morning tasks, it had made its escape! We were all relieved and hopefully it made it home ok!



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

### **Whipsnade Summer Fete 2022 is back**

**Saturday 9th July 13:30 – 16:00 - Whipsnade Church**

*Join us for an afternoon of family fun and entertainment to help raise funds for the Church*

We need your help if you :

1. • have anything you can donate to the stalls
2. • are able to help run a stall
3. • know someone who would like to have a stall at the fete

Contact [whipsnade\\_fete@gmail.com](mailto:whipsnade_fete@gmail.com), or Kim Brown (07748 333089)

## 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 other events and have previously hosted marquee parties, school sports and village events. If you would like any further information, please contact 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. Please do pop in 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 with full bar service and food options if required.

A reminder that all memberships were due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April; there has been no increase in membership fees this year and they remain at £23 for family, £17 for single and £9 for concessions.

### BINGO

**Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in Studham Village Hall**

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

### WI

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.15pm in Studham Village Hall**

Jane Dismore: "Princess – the Early Years of Queen Elizabeth II"

We will be the opening event of the Studham Jubilee Celebrations, and in true WI manner, we will be having a talk from Jane Dismore who has written many books about royalty and the Royal Family and will be talking about her book "Princess – the Early Life of Queen Elizabeth II".



The meeting is free and open to all, but you do need to register your attendance. Please e-mail [studhamwi.jubilee@gmail.com](mailto:studhamwi.jubilee@gmail.com) stating your name and how many in your party. There will be a raffle and wine and nibbles afterwards, along with a couple of other 'memorable events' – so please come and join us, you are most welcome.

## KENSWORTH EXTRA

### 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! We also have outings.

### FRIENDS of KENSWORTH CHURCH

**Postponement:** unfortunately, due to the unavailability of some choir members, the concert on 2<sup>nd</sup> July has had to be postponed. There will be a Christmas Concert on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, so put the date in your diaries! More details later.

### KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Clerk:** Christina Jones e-mail: [clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Website:** [www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Kensworth under-18s** – collect your Commemorative coin – Queen's Platinum Jubilee: coins for those who have registered for them will be available during the Jubilee Day celebrations, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, at the Recreation Ground. You must pre-register your child and reside in Kensworth to qualify for a coin.

To apply, e-mail the Clerk with your contact details, and the age of the child. Once registered and acknowledged, a coin will be allocated.



### Parish Council Meetings:

Next meetings: 9<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm and July 14<sup>th</sup> at Kensworth Village Hall, The Chilterns, Kensworth LU6 3RJ.

### KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

Our Jubilee Year Show - this year's event will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Programmes will be available from the two shops, from the beginning of July. Entering into the spirit of the Jubilee Year, children under 12 years of age are invited to write a poem of no more than 12 lines, relating to this topic.

There will be stalls in the car park for visitors to browse; anyone interested in running a stall, or for any other enquiries, please contact Show Secretary, Sylvia Inns (07831 538682 or [sylvia.inns@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.inns@gmail.com)).

### BOLLYWOOD EVENING

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 7pm @ Kensworth Village Hall. We will join Dunsia Chauhan of Dunsia's Dance Academy who 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 Bedlington for tickets ([jane.bedlington@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.bedlington@btinternet.com) or 07796 015292).

## STUDHAM EXTRA 2

### A FAMILY DAY OUT

**1.30pm**

Jubilee raffle draw

**2.30pm**

**Cricket match**

President's XI vs Chairman's XI

**6.30pm – 10.30pm**

**Live music**

Common People and local bands

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Studham Sports and Social Club are holding a cricket match and have arranged a live music event to follow in a marquee starting at 6.30pm.

There will be four local bands to enjoy and the club are putting on a BBQ. Alongside having some fun, they will be passing buckets round to collect money for Ukraine. Free entry.



### RING THE BELLS

We held an “open tower” at Kensworth May Fair trying to get some new bell ringing recruits for Kensworth and Studham. It was lovely to welcome so many people to the tower, ringing chamber and bells. Church bells are rung for church services and to celebrate national and local events such as the Jubilee, weddings and other significant occasions. They are also rung for the pleasure of ringing.

Anyone interested in learning to ring is most welcome to the Studham bellringing practice every Monday 8pm-9pm. The ringing chamber is ground floor, no narrow stairs to climb. For gentle exercise and a friendly welcome, just come along on a Monday evening or contact Angela Blackburn ([studham@bacbr.org.uk](mailto:studham@bacbr.org.uk)).

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next work party for the Friends will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. On Middle and East Common, we will be mowing the main paths through the grassland, to ensure a good access to the Commons and will also be trimming gorse shoots to encourage regeneration of the plants; in order to provide a good habitat for gorse-feeding insects and nesting birds. Everyone is welcome, especially new members. We meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am. All tools will be provided. Contact Denis Davison (872650 or e-mail [denis@den-jen.co.uk](mailto:denis@den-jen.co.uk)) for further information.

In addition, please note, that in the coming months we are planning biological surveys, to monitor trends and identify any areas of concern for the biodiversity on the Common. The surveys will include invertebrates, bats, flowering plants, fungi and small mammals. If you wish to help, please contact us. All future details will be available in the Friends' monthly newsletters and on our website.

**Winners:** at the May Fair, the winners of our nature quiz were Sienna & Darcie (under 10) and Catherine & Will. The winner of “Name the Newt” was Sophie J with “Marko”.

## KENSWORTH EXTRA 2

### KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

We enjoyed a very special May Day Service followed by the May Fair at the Church. The children took part in the service with singing and readings and then it was the crowning of the May Queen and her attendants, who looked resplendent in their beautiful fresh-flower crowns with matching posies (see cover). It was lovely to see so many school families and staff there.

In school, the children have been enjoying finding out about their new themes from building to Vikings to pirates – Holly class even have their very own pirate ship to enjoy! We do have available places across the school so if your child or someone you know would like to come and join the fun, please get in touch – we would love to meet you and show you round.



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### KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee held its **Annual General Meeting** on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The Committee were saddened to learn that two members would not be standing in the coming year: Rita Mahammad and Josie Harrison. They were thanked for their contributions over the years. One member of the public attended the meeting.

The Chairman sent his report, as he was unwell, read by the Secretary. Mike wished to thank the Secretary, Treasurer and Bookings Clerk for all their hard work in getting the hall back into the position of hiring. The hall reopened in May 2021; specialist Covid cleaning helped in getting the hall ready for hiring safely. New rules have been agreed for the use of bouncy castles and inflatables in the hall.

The Treasurer reported that we had £27,277.72 in the bank in two accounts: a Reserve Account holding £13,300 from the Kensworth Men's Fund, and the normal Service Account for the Committee holding £13,977.72. The profit for the year was £3,336.12.

The Committee agreed that meetings will be every two months, going forward. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The following meetings are: 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> November; and in 2023: 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the AGM.

There are no village walks planned for the coming months but watch this space for news on planned walks later this year and early next year.