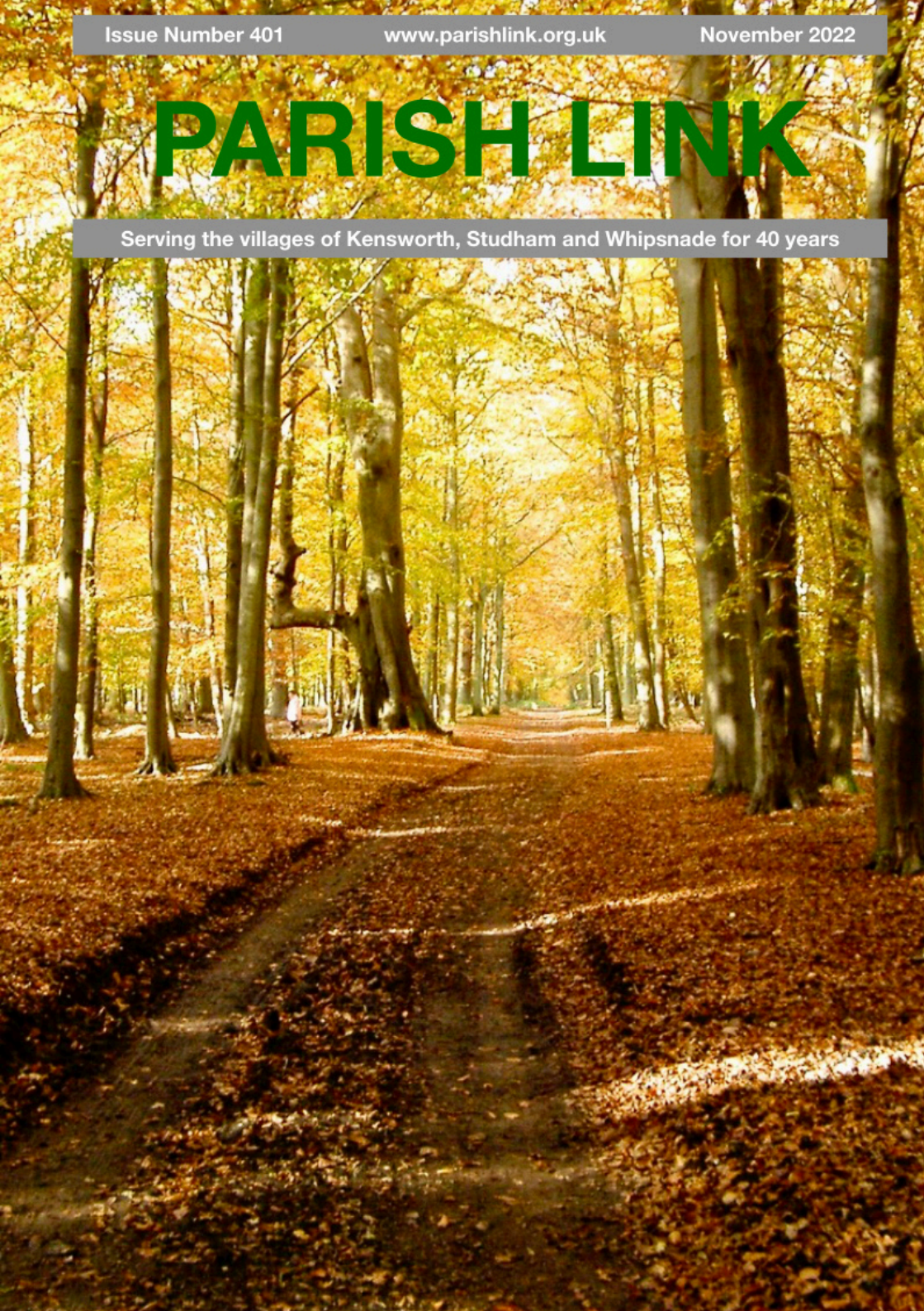


PARISH LINK

Serving the villages of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade for 40 years



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Dear friends and parishioners,

In this month of November, remembrance is at the front of our minds – not just in the context of Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, but also, at the very beginning of the month, when the Church commemorates *all* who have died, on the days which we call ‘All Saints’ and ‘All Souls’, the 1st and 2nd of November.

Loss is something which so many of us have had to face. It can be a very isolating experience, but one way to express grief can actually be to come together. In a way, our whole nation did this in the recent period of mourning for the late Queen.

Christmas – the build-up, the time itself – can be particularly difficult: not just for those who are grieving, but for others too, for whom the whole rush and excitement can intensify feelings of depression or loneliness, or overwhelm in other ways.

Our local churches offer a special service of carols and readings for those who need space to remember those we have lost, and to hold them in love – and also for anyone who needs stillness and space in their Christmas. It is called ‘**Light out of Darkness**’, and this year will be at St. Mary’s Kensworth on Sunday 4th December at 2pm. All are, as always, welcome, whether or not you come with particular loved ones to remember.

May God bless us with love, and those we remember, this month and always.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Nicola' followed by a stylized flourish.

Nicola Lenthall

The front cover photo was kindly taken locally by Les Randall. More local photos are available on our website (www.parish.org.uk) under “Gallery”.

ST MARY MAGDALENE

How did we help people since the last Link?

On September 30th, the church hosted the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thanks to all who came along and raised £500 for the charity.

On 1st October, the record amount of goods donated at the Harvest Thanksgiving were distributed both to friends, and to the Dunstable Food Bank. The service collection and the profits from the Harvest Lunch were sent to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, to support refugees from famine and war in Mozambique.

A retiring collection of £205 was donated to the Pakistan flood emergency relief fund.

How are we planning to help people in November?

The proceeds from the Remembrance Sunday collection and the money raised from the sale of poppies will be sent to the Royal British Legion.

The charities to benefit from the church's annual giving will be selected at a meeting of the PCC on November 23rd. Ideas, please, to the Rector or churchwardens.

Our **prayers** in November are for Remembrance, and for all who have lost a loved one in the past year. If you have any prayer requests, put them on a leaf on the prayer tree in the church, or contact the Rector or the churchwardens.

The annual **Act of Remembrance** takes place in Whipsnade during the service in church (in front of the Whipsnade war memorials) on Sunday 13th November at 9am. Everyone is most welcome to join in this community tribute to those men of Whipsnade who served, and in some cases, died for their country.

The Village Lunch

The November lunch (£7 as usual) is on Thursday 10th November at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. This is the time when we buy our tickets for the Christmas Lunch (£10 for a four-course Christmas treat) on 12th December, so come along in November to get your Christmas tickets.

The November main courses are roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, lamb moussaka, orange chicken or salmon quiche. Follow this with a delicious pudding, and tea or coffee while the raffle is drawn.

Offers of help or puddings to Isobel (01582 872552/isobel.randall @btinternet.com).

We will be very sorry to lose Kim Brown, who has worked very hard for us, cooking, setting up the hall and helping during the lunch. Good luck, Kim and Christopher, in your new life in the north!

AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: in our cycle of prayers, November will be a time of remembrance and we shall be praying especially for those who have lost a loved one in the last year. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact the churchwarden Meg Bender (872967/meg.bender4@btinternet.com). The church is open during daylight hours so you may prefer to hang your prayer on the prayer tree located on a windowsill in the north aisle.

Charity donations: thanks to the generosity of the congregation, St Mary's collected £266 for the Pakistan Flood Appeal and £121 for the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal for vulnerable people in Mozambique. In addition, village organisations decorated the church at harvest time with produce and non-perishable food; a big thank you to them all. The church looked wonderful and everything was warmly received by the Salvation Army and Dunstable Foodbank.

Remembrance Sunday is Sunday 13th November. Once again we shall be setting up our Remembrance Garden in the churchyard. Crosses for you to place in the Garden can be found in the church porch. The Service of Remembrance will be held at **10am** in the church and it will be followed by a procession to the War Memorial on West Common where there will be an Act of Remembrance and a two-minute silence at 11am. The collection will be sent to the Royal British Legion.

Children's Church meets on Sunday 20th November at 10.30am. With a special song to help them, the children will be considering how Jesus said He was 'the Way' and how God's word is like the Highway Code showing us the road signs that help to keep us safe. After the service everyone is invited to stay for coffee and birthday cake as we celebrate all the November birthdays.

Quiz Night: thank you to those who have booked for the quiz at the village hall on Saturday 19th November. This is now a 'full house' with ten teams.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

We are a friendly organisation whose aim is to raise funds to maintain the church – the oldest building in our lovely village.

Thanks to everyone who helped or just came to the recent wine evening – a joint event with St. Mary's PCC. A hugely enjoyable evening with over £1400 raised.

We also run a monthly 100 Club draw. Congratulations to Gill Harris, winning £50 in the October draw and to the runner-up, Joy Hillier, who received £10.

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

KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS

In November our special prayers will be for all who have lost loved ones in the past year. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, maybe for a loved one or an important event, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670/dorothy.godbod@outlook.com).

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

November is the month of remembrance, starting with All Saints Day on the 1st, followed by All Souls Day on the 2nd. 11th November is Remembrance Day, when all those who have given their lives in war are remembered. Remembrance Sunday falls on the second Sunday in November. This year, it's on Sunday 13th, when there is a United Service of Remembrance at 10.30am in St Mary's, joined by our Methodist friends.

St Cecilia's feast day is on 22nd. She is the patron saint of musicians and there is a stained-glass window in our chancel dedicated to her. 30th November is St Andrew's Day, the Patron Saint of Scotland.

Grateful thanks to all who supported our Harvest Festival. Almost £200 was raised for the Bishop's Appeal and for Keech Hospice.

An important date: on Sunday 27th November, we shall be celebrating 40 years since the foundation of the North Chilterns Group of Churches with a special Thanksgiving Service here in St Mary's, Kensworth, in the presence of the Bishop of St Albans, at 3pm. All are welcome to take part in the service and join us for refreshments afterwards.

Choir News: this month, the choir will accompany the Remembrance Service on the 13th, and the North Chilterns Group 40th Anniversary Service on the 27th. If you would like to join us, please contact the Vicar, Nicola Lenthall (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). We also welcome instrument players to accompany some of our services.

Sunday School: we had a wonderful Messy Holy Communion on 9th October, when we were joined by the Bishop of Bedford, the Rt Reverend Richard Atkinson, and his wife, Dame Helen.

Remembrance Sunday Service will be held in the church on 13th November. Young people will take part in the ceremonies to pay tribute to the people who gave their lives for our country.

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.

MORE WHIPSNAD & LOCAL NEWS

KNIT AND NATTER

Tuesday 1st November and Tuesday 29th in the church from 2pm – 4pm.
Come along with your knitting, crochet, embroidery, or simply yourself, to enjoy an afternoon of good company and cake.

VILLAGE GET TOGETHER

On Tuesday 15th November at the Village Hall from 2pm – 4pm. Refreshments and a raffle will be available. Come along for a chat or to play cards and dominos with old and new friends.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

Whipsnade Village Hall Fair: on Saturday 10th December.

Whipsnade Church Christmas Fair: on Friday 2nd December between 10am and 12 noon.

CATHEDRAL LEAF SWEEP

Sunday 20th November 11am – 3pm. Come along and help the National Trust and our volunteers with our annual leaf sweep. Refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards.

HOLISTIC AND WELL-BEING FAIR

Saturday 5th November at Whipsnade Village Hall. 11am-5pm.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

After a Covid-imposed gap of two years, the Christmas card shop has re-opened in the United Reformed Church, Vaughan Road, Harpenden, AL5 4ED until Friday 16th December.

The opening times are 9.30am – 4.30pm Monday – Friday; 1.30 pm – 3.30pm Saturday. All types of cards are on sale, as well as Advent calendars and candles, stocking fillers, wrapping paper, decorations and other festive gifts. Some of the charities Cards for Good Causes will be supporting this year include Diabetes UK, RNLI, British Heart Foundation, Alzheimer's Society UK, Epilepsy Action, MS Society and many more.

SOUTH BEDS ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

This month's talk is by Emily Smith of the National Trust and is called "Countryside Matters" – about Ashridge and around. In the Salvation Army Hall, Bullpond Lane, Dunstable at 2pm on Monday 7th November. All are welcome - visitors pay £3.

MORE KENSWORTH

CHURCH BRING & BUY RE-USE CENTRE: the Church Hall, Clayhall Road (behind the Vicarage), 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). Cash only. Please ensure items for sale are clean and unbroken.

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: for all services, see page 15. The November Coffee Morning is on Saturday 5th, 10.30am – 12 noon. Come and enjoy delicious tea/coffee and cakes and friendly chat.

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 ST MARY the VIRGIN, KENSWORTH

The Friends’ Annual General Meeting took place on 13th October. Many thanks to all who attended and to all who serve on the Committee.

Concert Date: we look forward to seeing everyone at the (postponed) Christmas Concert by Caritas Harmony in the church on 3rd December (see page 20).

KENSWORTH ACADEMY PARENT TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION

In October, Kensworth Academy PTA held a very successful Scarecrow Festival (see article on page 21 and photo below).



MORE STUDHAM

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

Following the recent annual visit in October from our friends and colleagues in the Wendover Woods Volunteer Group (part of the Chilterns Society), a substantial amount of excess blackthorn, hawthorn and bramble was removed from the eastern edge of the Common, to stop encroachment onto the Common. This event was followed by our own October work party.

Our next work party will be on **Saturday 19th November**.

We are planning to plant hazel whips to infill gaps in the hedge on the southern boundary of East Common to provide a continuous habitat for nesting birds and generally tidying up on East and Middle Commons, with grass cutting and bracken removal to enhance the visual appreciation of the Commons and trees in the area.

Please do come and join us. **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. For further information contact the work party co-ordinator Pam Rumfitt (pamrumfitt@btinternet.com/872608).

CARPET BOWLS

2pm Thursdays in Studham Village Hall.

We are a friendly mixed group and new members will be made welcome. No experience is necessary and no equipment is needed. 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 Studham Village Hall

New players are welcome to a small friendly group.

Contact is Mary Must (alan.must@churchclose1pluscom) or just come along.

SENIORS TABLE TENNIS

10am – 12 noon Fridays in Studham Village Hall.

All welcome to a friendly morning. Contact is Felicity Cornelius (872038).

QUIZ NIGHT at the Red Lion on Tuesday November 1st at 8pm, so start swotting! 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 'W'), 4: entertainment (anything that entertains!), 5: anything we couldn't fit in the previous rounds! and 6: music (titles beginning 'C').

Please ring the Red Lion (872530) to book a table (and order food if required). See you there!

PARISH LINK RUBY CELEBRATIONS

We find it hard to believe that the Parish Link has been going for 40 years, but the first edition in the magazine format was October 1982! In October, a large number of Link volunteers gathered at Whipsnade Village Hall for a celebration party. It was hosted by the Editorial Committee: Chairman, Deirdre Brook; Editor, Fiona McDougal; Treasurer & Web Master, Les Randall; Secretary & Distribution Manager, Isobel Randall; Advertising Manager, Geoffrey Stone, and the Correspondents: Kensworth: Wendy Knowles and Deirdre Brook; Studham: Sally Cload; Whipsnade: Jane Wright and Jo King.

Rev'd Nicola Lenthall introduced the proceedings. We were joined by the Bishop of Bedford, The Rt Reverend Richard Atkinson, and his wife who were visiting St Mary's, Kensworth, for the Sunday service, and agreed to join the Link lunch.

The Chairman gave a short address about the history of the Link, which followed the creation of one Benefice formed from the three former parishes of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade in 1982. The idea was to link the parishes with a newsletter. Following the expertise of a retired journalist, Gill Noyelle, a committee was formed with representatives of each parish. Very soon a magazine format was designed, paid for by advertising and free to all households in the parishes.

We were very lucky to be joined by one of the original Committee members, Sheila Weatherhead and her husband John. We were also delighted to see a former Editor, Keith Milmer and his wife Loraine. It was Keith who brought us up to date in technology then handed on the baton to Fiona McDougal, current Editor, who introduced colour. Les Randall, Webmaster was thanked for looking after the Link website and taking us into the 21st century. Pam Ward is the only person to have been involved for the whole forty years, but was unable to be present.



The Chairman praised the dedicated team of distributors, without whom the Link could not be delivered, and thanked them for their immensely appreciated hard footwork.

Nicola then thanked the hosts and commented on how the Link maintains a wonderful sense of community and fellowship, pointing out how valuable it is for local information to people of all faiths and none, and how particularly valuable it had been during the lockdown, able to continue at least in online form.

A beautiful cake was cut by Sheila, and a toast was given to 'The Link'.

NORTH CHILTERN GROUP

The **annual NCG service** is a special one this year, at 3pm on 27th November, in Kensworth Parish Church. It will be led by the Bishop of St Albans and celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Orders in Council by which the Queen and Privy Council approved the formation of this organisation. The North Chilterns Group was the first group of its kind, and has succeeded in protecting our parishes and church communities from break-up or closure. In addition it has provided links that strengthen the friendship between the villages of the North Chilterns. We look forward to seeing as many as possible for this important celebration.

KENSWORTH MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church will be held on Friday 2nd December at 3.30pm in Kensworth Church Hall. Children and their carers are welcome to join in an afternoon of crafts, stories and songs, followed by a hot meal for everybody. No charge, but we are grateful for donations.

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services are usually at 10.30am. Services for November:

6 th	Morning Worship	Led by The Reverend Wallace Edwards
13 th	Remembrance Sunday Service	Led by the Rev. Canon Nicola Lenthall at St. Mary's Parish Church, Kensworth Church End
27 th	Morning Worship	Led by Mr John Enejo

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

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Linda Hillier is our pastoral contact. If anyone has any concerns they would like to discuss with one of our ministers, please let Linda know (872860) and she will make the necessary arrangements.

November Services:

13 th	Remembrance Service	Joint service with St Mary's, Studham
27 th	10am Service	Linda Hillier

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.

FOOD BANK

Recent Foodbank donations from the churches and schools in our villages totalled 214.48kg of food - nearly a quarter of a ton! This is a tremendous effort but unfortunately the need continues. Please see announcement on page 27 to see how you can help.

WARM HUBS

Northumberland Council were the first to set up "Warm Hubs". These are places within the local community where people can be assured of finding a safe, warm and friendly environment in which to enjoy refreshments, social activity, information and the company of other people. There is a nationwide agenda to tackle the problems associated with fuel poverty but rural isolation presents a significant barrier to reaching many of those most in need.

It has been decided by members of Studham Methodist Chapel and Studham Village Hall Trustees that a "Warm Hub" will be provided between 10am and 12 noon one morning a week in Studham. There will be a warm shelter, warm refreshments, and a warm welcome to all those who wish to join us. Bring your knitting, your book, your friendship and we will provide the rest.

November – all between 10am and 12 noon

Tuesday 8 th	Studham Methodist Church
Monday 14 th	Studham Village Hall
Tuesday 22 nd	Studham Methodist Church
Monday 28 th	Studham Village Hall

This will continue through the winter – more dates in next Parish Link.

MAY FAIR PROCEEDS BUILD A SWAP BARROW FOR STUDHAM SCHOOL

What's that then? It's a two-wheeled barrow that street traders used in Victorian times, heavy enough to carry goods and light enough that a single person could push.

Studham School asked for one to swap plants, eggs and produce from the children's efforts in their garden. The school is following a keen interest in rural ways of life and this is part of the project.

So the May Fair 22 provided money for the materials. Derek Spriggs will make the carpentry side, Steve and Paul at Whipsnade workshops the axle and bearings, Dave the trim and the roof and Dave Marsden, turning work on the cartwheels.

Just a fun project over the winter, drawing people together. It's a "Yes We Can" May Fair project. For more information, contact Derek Spriggs (873468 or derekspr28@gmail.com).

SMILE LINE

A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern: "What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?"

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/07833 111682/www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk).

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our regular users include carpet bowls (2 groups, Thursday morning and afternoon), Mums and Tots (Tuesday morning), Scrabble (Tuesday afternoon), table tennis (Friday morning), Parish Council (first Monday evening), yoga (Tuesday evening), bingo (alternate Wednesday evenings), Gong Therapy (alternate Wednesday evenings), WI (first Thursday evening) and tap dancing (other Thursday evenings). There is room for other groups, for example: chess club, or book club, perhaps whist, or family games night. If you would like to organise any of these, or any other group, hold a single meeting or become a regular user, then please contact one of the Trustees.

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.

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Sports activities are running at full pace at the Playing Fields, so if you are interested in joining any of them, 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, including the May Fair and Jubilee celebrations. 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).

Caritas Harmony
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On SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2022 at 3pm
Tickets (inc mince pie) £8 pre-booked, or £10 on the door
To book: 01582 873242 or 'Get Tickets' at
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KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Website: www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact: Christina.clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Job Vacancy – Grounds Person / Handy Person (Part Time): 10 hours per month. We are looking for a person to take on general outside maintenance work within Kensworth. Contact us for further information.

Our Thanks – Allotment Plot Holders: to those who attended the October Parish Council meeting, willing to work with the Council by talking with other plot holders and coordinating responses back to the Council.

Volunteers Wanted - Kensworth Village Enhancements: there is much to do! Please contact us to show your support and for further information about the works on improvements in the village.

London Luton Airport - Meeting in Kensworth: we will be holding an open meeting for residents on 10th November from 3.30pm until 7.30pm. We wish to advise that there may be a slight delay to the start of the Parish Council meeting due to commence at 7.30pm.

Aircraft - Noise Monitor: there is a noise monitor set up in a private garden in Kensworth.

Next Parish Council Meeting:

10th November 7.30pm Kensworth Village Hall, The Chilterns, Kensworth LU6 3RJ.

KENSWORTH CHURCH of ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

We are so grateful to our wonderful PTA for organising a great Scarecrow Festival, and I know you will enjoy the article about it.

On the theme of Autumn, we were delighted to go to St. Albans Cathedral for a thanksgiving service, where all the schools joined together for this special occasion. We enjoyed singing and musical performances as well as thought-provoking words from Bishop Richard, who was helped by three children from Hornbeam Class in front of a packed cathedral - we were so proud of our children doing this, as well as parading the Kensworth banner in the procession, and doing some readings.

We are holding an Open Morning on Thursday 3rd November for those interested in a Reception place for September 2023. If you are interested, please do contact the school office to book your place (872336 or e-mail: office@ken.dsamat.co.uk). If you would like to come and see us for yourselves, but unable to make this day, we would be happy to arrange another time with you.

Kensworth Academy Parent Teachers' Association: we held our Scarecrow Festival in October. Having been postponed following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II we were ready and raring to put on a fun day for all the family. The sun shone and the rain kept away, making for a lovely day to wander around the village, seeking out the amazing Scarecrows. The thought and effort that went into them was outstanding. The winners, as voted for by the public, were:

1st: The Wizard of Oz (Tammy, Paul, Abi & Leo) won a family tour of Wembley Stadium courtesy of Urban & Rural;

2nd: Revelation Majorettes (Rebecca, Aaron, Cara & Rowan) won tickets kindly donated by Woodside Animal Park;

3rd: Butterfly (The Benoy family) won a ticket kindly donated by Tring Brewery for a tour of their brewery.

We would like to extend a BIG thank you to everyone who supported and helped out; we are very pleased to report we raised £472.53, which will be of great value to the pupils.

A special thank you to Urban & Rural, TC Feeds, The Farmers Boy, We Bake 4U, Basils Farm, Tring Brewery, Woodside Animal Farm, Chelsea Direct, Majestic Wines & Jay for their donations and support.

If you would like to offer help/fundraising ideas, please get in touch with us via email (kensworthacademypta@gmail.com). We always welcome new members.

MORE STUDHAM

BINGO

Wednesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th November at 8pm in Studham Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm for 'eyes down' at 8pm. Whether you are new to bingo, or an old friend looking to renew your bingo skills – everyone is most welcome.

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7.15pm Thursday 3rd November in Studham Village Hall

The flower demonstration last month was cancelled at short notice, so we had a Beetle Drive instead. So long since we played, no-one could remember the rules! A great time was had by all and we will not leave it so long next time.

Our November meeting will be another of our "Taster" evenings. This time we will be tasting 'All Things Chocolate' – so if you fancy "a night out with the girls eating chocolate!" what could be nicer?! December will be our Annual Dinner.

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. Also available for private events such as parties, birthdays, music evenings, etc – with full bar service and food options if required. If you are planning an event, please contact us to see what we can offer.

Membership fees are £23 for family, £17 for single and £9 for concession. All members should receive details of events etc. If you have not been receiving yours, check your e-mail details are up-to-date with the bar staff. If you wish to join us, we will be delighted to see you.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

Celebrating winning
their 15th
consecutive Green
Flag.



FOSC AWARDED 15TH GREEN FLAG - OCTOBER 2022

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our **next meeting** will take place in Studham Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 7th November – all members of the parish are welcome to attend. There are also plans to hold de-fib training; the date has yet to be finalised. Keep an eye on the website and notice boards for details. If you would like to be advised of important issues by e-mail, please contact clerk@studhamparish.co.uk and ask to be added to the list.

If you have recently moved into our Parish and have not yet received your **Welcome Pack**, please contact the Clerk. The pack contains information on the amenities and activities in the local area.

Please be aware of the hazard your **fireworks and bonfires** may cause to pets in the area. Tell your neighbours if you intend to let them off on nights other than 5th November, and if you are a pet owner, try to keep them indoors on that evening.

Remembrance Sunday will be held on 13th November (see pp. 8 and 16). Poppies will be on sale at local businesses and door-to-door from 27th October, as well as at the Dunstable Downs Gateway Centre.

Finally, we would remind you of a quick way to record highway issues to CBC. It is called 'FixMyStreet' and can be accessed on CBC website. We do ask that you let a councillor know what you have reported, only so that we can chase it up for you.

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

We are having a Lights and Lanterns Festival on Friday 2nd December. This is a family evening to start the Christmas festivities with pizza, mulled wine, Prosecco, games and entertainment. Christmas festivities continue with a Christmas Prize Bingo on Friday 9th December and our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 4th December. The Committee meet every two months and we will be finalising our Christmas events at our next meeting on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm. We welcome all new members who want to get involved with keeping our Village Hall available for residents and ad hoc hirings.

KENSWORTH BARN DANCE AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Held in aid of St Mary's Church, this was a great success on Saturday 15th October. It was good to be back with the live ceilidh band, The Barn Rat Band and caller. Everyone had a great time and many thanks to local businesses for providing the raffle prizes.



STUDHAM SCHOOL

Autumn is well and truly here! We enjoyed our annual Harvest Festival Service at Studham church, with Rev Nicola. Our theme this year was 'water' and the children shared facts, songs and prayers highlighting the importance of water in all its forms.

Maple class (*pictured*) visited St Albans Cathedral to celebrate Harvest with other schools in the diocese. They joined in the Cathedral procession with our school banner and had a really memorable trip as well as saying "hello" again to the Bishop of Bedford who has previously visited the school.

There's been much excitement in our Early Years area after having new play equipment delivered. The children have been busy exploring, climbing, weaving, travelling and so much more!

Several members of our staff have begun their Forest School training and we are developing our green spaces to allow our children to experience outdoor learning throughout the seasons.

We now have a 'Studham Stick Drop' at the front of the school! If, whilst out walking, you like to collect sticks, you could drop them here for our forest school activities. We would like sticks of all shapes and sizes...just pop them in our drop area. Thank you in advance!

If you have children between the ages of 2 and 9 years old and you would like to tour our school to see what we can offer, please give our school office a ring (872337) or e-mail school@studhamschools.org.uk.

Sarah MacKenzie-Skea, Headteacher



VILLAGES COACH TRIP TO TENBY

In September we went to Tenby on a long-postponed trip organised by the indefatigable Margaret Maddox.

Our hotel in Tenby was delightful – clean and comfortable, with very helpful staff, delicious food and a pool and spa. From it we had fun-packed trips to lots of memorable places: Tenby itself, with its ancient walls, several interesting museums and lovely beaches (with Punch and Judy!). Close to Tenby is Caldey Island, owned by a monastery. We had a boat trip around it, with amazing rock formations, watching the seabirds and families of seals sunning themselves. We visited Dylan Thomas's boathouse at Laugharne, with his writing shed and spectacular views over the Taf estuary.



On other days we saw the National Wool Museum; we visited a Coracle Museum, which was unusual and interesting. We saw round Pembroke Castle, where Henry VII was born. We drove to St David's and toured the Cathedral, small but fascinating, with its shrine

to St David, the Patron Saint of Wales. Then to Fishguard, where there is an amazing tapestry, sewn by local ladies some 25 years ago, in the style of the Bayeux Tapestry.

As usual, huge thanks to Margaret for her expert organisation and care for all of us. Thanks also to Danny, our driver, for his patience and expertise in negotiating some challenging mountain roads.

GRAND DESIGNS

If you watched the Channel 4 programme 'Grand Designs' on 5th October, you will have seen a programme about a new house in Kensworth. It has been built by John Worboys, whose wife, Helen, suffered a very serious stroke four years ago. John's son, Olly, was the project manager, and the house, styled a pavilion, has been built to accommodate all Helen's needs. The design is inspiring, with many innovations and features which make life easier for a wheelchair user and indeed the whole family. The best news is that Helen is defying all the odds and slowly regaining her powers of speech and mobility. We wish them all well.