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## **Dear friends and parishioners,**

I'm writing this in the week before Easter, when we remember Jesus's last days and his death, and also look forward in hope to the celebration of his resurrection on Easter Day.

As you read it, we'll be moving towards the excitement of the coronation of King Charles III, which will bring to a close the period of transition which began last September in loss and sadness, with the death of his mother, the late Queen.

Life, in its fullness, consists of cycles like these. Its completeness embraces the opposites: joy and sadness, mourning and hope. Neither makes full sense without the other.

Our life is in this wholeness, and it's in the wholeness that God is to be found: knowing and sharing our fears and our hopes, our moments of deepest dejection and our times of greatest happiness. What underpins them all is God's undying love for us, his understanding and forgiving care for all people.

God will be present in the anointing and crowning of our new King in Westminster Abbey, but is equally alive in each of us in Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade, in our going out and our coming in.

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

**Nicola**

*The front cover photograph was taken by Studham resident, Graham Magor. Our grateful thanks to him. Please contact the editor (details on page 5) if you have any photos taken locally which you would like to be considered for inclusion in future Links. Photos should be originals and uncompressed.*



## KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

### KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

**Our Prayers for You:** if you would like a particular prayer to be said, maybe for a loved one or a special occasion, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670). In May we shall pray especially for people of The Lynch, Lynch Hill and Clayhall Road.

**Church Calendar:** the Coronation of King Charles III takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> May, so the service on the 7<sup>th</sup> will have special features: Holy Communion with celebration of the Coronation.

Rogation Sunday is 14<sup>th</sup> May. This traditional annual service will be held at Lynchfield Corner Farm, The Lynch, (LU6 3QZ), by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Philip Woods. All welcome to celebrate the blessing of the crops and agricultural life generally.

Ascension Day, when the risen Jesus ascended into heaven in front of his disciples, is celebrated on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, with Holy Communion at 7.30pm (see p.16).

Pentecost (Whitsunday), when the disciples received the gift of languages, is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**Choir News:** if you would like to take part in the choir, please contact the Rector (872223 or [revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com)). You do not have to be able to read music! We also welcome instrument players to accompany occasional services.

**Sunday School:** on 14<sup>th</sup> May, everyone is warmly invited to the Rogation Service at Corner Farm (see above). Come and explore the amazing farm machinery!

If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, please contact the Rector or Katherine Huggins (607841) for details.

**Messy Church:** this will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm in Kensworth Church Hall. Children and their carers are welcome to join in an afternoon of crafts, stories and songs and a hot meal for everybody. No charge, but we are grateful for donations.

**KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:** for all services, see page 16. Our coffee morning is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – 12 noon. All warmly invited for delicious cakes, coffee and a 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.

## WHIPSDADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

### KNIT AND NATTER



The group will meet in the church for company, refreshments and shared crafts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2pm – 4pm. Patterns, materials and support for beginners are available or bring along the project you are working on.

### WHIPSDADE VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER

Whipsnade Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 2pm – 4pm. Refreshments and a raffle will be available. Come along for a chat or to play cards and dominoes with old and new friends.

### KING CHARLES III CORONATION

**Whipsnade Parish Council and Whipsnade Village Hall** are pleased to confirm that celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III will be held at the hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 1.30pm – 5pm. Refreshments will be available including tea and cakes. The Jockey bar will be there with their wonderful choice of cocktails. There will also be various activities for children and music throughout the day.

**Whipsnade Church** will celebrate the Coronation of Charles III on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at the regular 9am service. Following the service there will be a get-together with refreshments including sparkling wine and Coronation cake. Do come along to mark this occasion.

### WHIPSDADE VILLAGE HALL HOLISTIC AND WELLBEING FAIR

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May between 11am and 5pm.

### PRAYERS FOR MAY

In May our prayers will focus on people living and working in Whipsnade from Chapel Cottage to The Old Hunters Lodge. If you have a special request for prayers, you could write it on a leaf and hang it on the prayer tree in the church or give it to the Rector or churchwardens.

### THE VILLAGE LUNCH

The lunch will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm. Come along with your friends or make new friends to enjoy a two-course lunch with tea and coffee to follow for £7. The main course this month is a choice of roast chicken with roast potatoes, stuffing and pigs in blankets, roast pork, beef in ale pie or fisherman's pie, with a choice of hot or cold pudding. Any offers of help on the day or puddings to Isobel Randall (872552 or e-mail [isobel.randall@btinternet.com](mailto:isobel.randall@btinternet.com)) would be very welcome.



## ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Church prayers:** in May we shall be praying specially for all the residents of Byslips Road and Kensworth Road. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, contact churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967/meg.bender4@btinternet.com) or you may prefer to visit the church, write your own prayer and hang it on the prayer tree inside the building.

**Children's Church** meets on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30am within the morning service of Holy Communion. The children and young people will be hearing about the new challenges facing the disciples after Jesus has returned to heaven. The service will be followed by refreshments and a celebration of all the May birthdays.

**Thy Kingdom Come:** once again, St Mary's is taking part in this worldwide prayer movement from Ascension Day to Pentecost (18<sup>th</sup> May to 28<sup>th</sup> May), which invites people to come to faith in Jesus Christ. The lilies in the church porch will remind us of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapter 6 v 28 – "consider the lilies, they neither toil nor spin") in which Jesus advises us against material things and encourages us to seek the love and care of God. Please visit the church and make your own prayer with the help of the worry beads which you can take home.

**Kids' Club** meets again on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, in church from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. More details will follow next month in the Link but the afternoon will include the usual fun activities for all ages and a hot tea. All are very welcome.

**St Mary's Summer Party** will be held in the churchyard on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 3 - 6pm. The afternoon will begin with a concert from the Shambles Band which will be followed by a BBQ and children's activities including the popular teddies parachuting from the church tower. Tickets at £10 per person (£25 for a family ticket) are available from Meg Bender (872967/meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

## FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

**The next work party for the Friends will be on 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

The work party will concentrate on West Common, where we will trim around the base of the cherry tree outside 'The Forge', the margins of the football pitch and the Rushmer Bench. We will also trim footpaths to improve access to the Common and remove any dead overhanging branches and any other branches near head height. We will also top young bracken shoots as this will help to reduce the vigour of the bracken in order to protect young plants and encourage a more diverse flora.

Everyone is welcome, especially new members. We meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am. All tools provided.

For further information please contact the work party co-ordinator Bob Wilkin (871268/Bob@afrormosia.com).

## **MORE STUDHAM**

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### **7.15pm Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> in Studham Village Hall: Resolution & Social Evening**

What a delightful surprise the West Country Biscuits were – all the taste of a hot cross bun but without the sticky fingers from the melted butter! Heaven! We tried 4 different biscuits from 4 different supermarkets and the Traditional Biscuits from Marks and Spencer won hands down – not only on taste but on price as well!

This month we will be having a discussion on the Resolution being put forward to the Annual Meeting in Cardiff, with a member vote to pass to our delegate at that meeting. The Resolution is "Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife". This will be followed by social time. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Hope you can join us.

### **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. We are currently looking forward to May Fair and Coronation events.

If you would like any further information or are interested in using the fields to host an event, please contact the Secretary, Paul Hocking (07500 849280).

Please remember to look after your dogs if walking on the playing fields.

### **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

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

Events planned: May: Coronation, May Fair

June: 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, John Knowles

All members should receive details of events etc. via e-mail. If you have not been receiving yours, make sure that your e-mail details are up to date with the bar staff.

We welcome visitors and new members. We provide competitively-priced drinks and the club is available for private events e.g. parties, birthdays, wedding celebrations. Contact Club Manager (Louise 07737 839596) to see what we offer.

From 1st April subscriptions were as follows:

Family (parents and children under 18) – £25; single (18-64) – £20; concessions (students in full time education and those aged 65 and over) – £10. Please pay your subscriptions as soon as possible. They are an important element of keeping our Club in the financial condition required for the future.

If you wish to join us, we will be delighted to see you; membership application forms are available at the bar.

# STUDHAM MAY FAIR

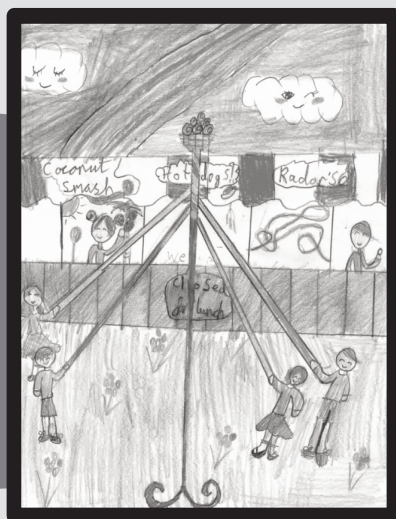
Saturday 13th May 2023

The Sports and Social Club Playing Fields  
at 1:00pm

Food &  
Drink

Morris  
Dancers

Brass  
Band



Maypole  
Dancing

Children's  
Games

Feasting

**All donations on the day welcomed:**

- Preloved ••• Nearly new ••• Jewellery •••
- Tombola prizes ••• Cakes & bakes •••

Buy tokens to pay for  
children's games.

Pay by cash or Credit cards  
(on some stalls)



*Can you volunteer?  
Any questions?*

Becky 07956 656794

Derek 07825 705380

*Raising money for local charities*

## MORE KENSWORTH



### KENSWORTH CORONATION FUN DAY

Coronation Fun Day Celebrations  
on the Recreation Ground  
on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - 1pm – 5.30pm.

Children's games, soft play, bouncy castle, face painting, dog show, cream teas, burgers, tasty bites, bar, plus many other stalls and the Eyes of Albion Band.

Come along, have fun, enjoy the day, love to see you!  
All proceeds will go to the Village Hall.



### KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

Please save the following dates:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Quiz Evening in Kensworth Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Annual Show.

Further information in future editions of this magazine but please also contact David Manton (01438 831184 or david.manton@aol.co.uk) for more details.

### CHURCH BRING & BUY RECYCLING CENTRE

In the Church Hall, Clayhall Road (behind the Vicarage), open 2pm – 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 make sure that items for sale are clean and unbroken.

(NB – closed on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May because of the Coronation).

### KENSWORTH WARM HUB

On Fridays, 1pm – 4pm, the Village Hall welcomes you to come and enjoy a chat and refreshments in the warm; bring your knitting or a book or enjoy board games.

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### SMILE LINE

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"



## LINK DELIVERY

Thanks to the loyalty of the people who work hard to deliver the Link regularly, we can boast that it is given to every household in the three parishes. However, there are three areas where we need volunteers to deliver a few magazines:

- the bottom of the Lynch. Mike Sawyer delivered here until his much-regretted death recently. We would be grateful if someone from that area would pass the magazine round;
- a small section of Dunstable Road, Studham from number 132 to the last bungalow;
- the flats in Plewes Close and Ridgeway, Kensworth.

Please let Isobel Randall (01582 872552 or [isobel.randall@btinternet.com](mailto:isobel.randall@btinternet.com)) know if you can help with any one of these areas.

## KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall have had a very good financial year, mainly due to the excellent work done by Sylvia Inns in promoting the hall to enquirers and making a lot of ad hoc bookings. We are also pleased to have some more regular bookings for village activities: early in May we have new regular weekly Pilates and Yoga classes starting, so if you are looking to get fit and trim for summer, come along and try it! Times and dates to follow on village notices.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee will take place on **Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm** in the main hall. This will be followed by a short Committee Meeting for urgent issues at 8pm. We hope that residents will come along to the meeting to show their interest in the use of the Village Hall for so many events and regular activities.

We are asking younger people to come and join the Committee for the coming year, as we have a busy year with the **Coronation event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, and we have bookings for the hall into 2024. We are also planning redecoration and other improvements to make sure the hall retains its excellent reputation and standards.

We urgently need new people to become Trustees of the Village Hall Charity, as the three remaining Trustees are in their 70s and 80s – should anything happen to these three Trustees, then the Charity would not be able to continue and the Hall would have to close. This would be devastating for the village, as we have so many regular village meetings, but the rules for charities are very strict. We recently lost our Chairman, Mike Sawyer, and other Trustees who have moved away from the village, so we need more people to become a Trustee. The role is not arduous, but they must ensure that the management committee are running the charity correctly, and submitting annual accounts to the Charity Commission.

## ECO LIVING

As the weather begins to warm up, May is a wonderful time to start getting out into our beautiful countryside. It is also a good time to consider how we can enjoy ourselves outdoors, whilst still taking care of our precious environment.



\* Take all rubbish home with you. Whether having a snack or a full picnic, ensure all litter is put into a suitable bin or taken home for sorting and disposal.

\* Better yet, aim to have a zero-plastic picnic. Packing your food and drinks into washable, reusable containers which won't end up in landfill, helps protect the land.

\* Keep to marked footpaths or other open access areas to avoid damaging delicate plants or disturbing animals' homes. Some areas may be home to endangered species.

\* Reduce the carbon footprint of your time outdoors by exploring locally on foot as much as possible. Make use of a bike, scooter, or public transport if you need to travel further from home to enjoy the countryside. There are often more natural areas to explore near our homes than we realise.

\* Look out for opportunities to help your environment while spending time outside. This might include activities such as; clearing litter from wild areas or beaches or volunteering with other conservation projects, such as planting trees.

## NORTH CHILTERNNS GROUP

This year there is a **day trip to Coventry** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a tour of the famous twin cathedrals – the ruins from the Blitz and the magnificent new cathedral that was built beside it. In the area around the cathedrals there are plenty of interesting places to visit – the Blitz museum, the Coventry car museum, the medieval streets full of ancient buildings, cafes, pubs and shops, and the Hunter Museum of life in Coventry over the centuries. The cost including coach travel and the guided tour of the cathedrals is £30. Contact Isobel Randall (01582 872552 or [isobel.randall@btinternet.com](mailto:isobel.randall@btinternet.com)) by 20<sup>th</sup> May for more details or to book a seat. You can also book via your NCG representative - Caroline Child for Studham (872779) and Deirdre Brook for Kensworth (07935 305925).

The **Annual General Meeting** of the NCG is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Kensworth parish church after the Ascension Day Service. Come for refreshments before the meeting, or you can come beforehand to the Ascension Day service in the church at 7.30pm. At the meeting the officers of the NCG will be elected, and there will be a presentation of the activities of the previous year.

The NCG are grateful to Martin Rees for his fascinating **Lent course**, which took attendees through Christianity from A to Z. The course was well attended throughout the five weeks. The next event will be the **annual confirmation service** on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## **KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL**

The children in Hornbeam class have enjoyed a visit to Chichester for a few days with the Christian Youth Enterprise. They took part in a wide range of adventurous activities from kayaking to sailing, and even a tunnelling experience. A brilliant time was had by all and I have it on good authority that the food was delicious!

Back in school, the children have also been enjoying their learning – this term's themes have included Ready, Steady, Grow, Magnificent Monarchs and Misty Mountain Winding River.

Enquiries to: [office@ken.dsamat.co.uk](mailto:office@ken.dsamat.co.uk) (01582 872336).

### **Kensworth School Parent Teachers' Association**

The St Patrick's Day Quiz Night was a great evening, with lots of head scratching and laughter had by all. Marie was a fantastic quiz mistress – a huge thank you and well done! We are incredibly pleased to announce it raised £365. A special thanks to Kenco, Lutts, Bennetts Wembley, Costa, Dyson Cycles, local offy, Bargain Booze, The Paleo Foods Co, Sun Trap, Emperors Barbers, fruit & veg stall outside Wilkinsons, Waldon's Emporium, The Butchers (Lowther Rd) and Morrisons for their kind donations.

We will be having another Bag2School collection on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June from Main Reception. Please consider donating unwanted clothes if you're having a clear-out over the Easter holidays.

If you would like further information, go to [kensworthacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:kensworthacademypta@gmail.com).

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## **WILDLIFE TRUST FOR BEDS, CAMBS & NORTHANTS**

Join local experts, Dr Wilf Powell and Senior Reserves Officer Richard Knock on a butterfly walk on Totternhoe nature reserve. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Pre-booking essential – visit [wilflifebcn.org/events](http://wilflifebcn.org/events). £5 Wildlife Trust BCN Members, £7.50 non-members.

## **DUNSTABLE DOWNS ORCHID & WILDFLOWER WALK**

A 2-hour walk to learn about the wonderful flora and fauna found on Dunstable Downs. The Rangers will be there to point out the hard-to-spot beauties in the grass chalkland landscape and answer any of your questions. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Adults £8, children £6. For more information, call 0344 249 1895.

## **DUNSTABLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> May: A talk by Paul Brown on "The Missing Mansion", Linslade's largest house (now demolished) built by Henry Finch. At 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, The Square, Dunstable. Visitors welcome, £2.

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Like previous coronations, it will combine ancient traditions and adaptations reflecting our modern world. Since 1066, with the coronation of William I, English, (later British, since the Act of Union with Scotland), coronations have taken place in Westminster Abbey, and the service is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The coronation traditionally contains several key parts, including:



### **The Oath**

The monarch promises to rule according to the law and with mercy.

### **The Anointing**

The monarch is anointed with holy oil on the hands, breast, and head, using the 12th-century Coronation Spoon.

### **The Investiture**

The monarch is presented with items from the Coronation Regalia, which are special clothes and objects symbolising their powers and responsibilities. The final object is St Edward's Crown, placed on the monarch's head as a sign of royal majesty and dignity. Later in the ceremony the monarch wears the Imperial State Crown to process from the Abbey.

King Charles will sit on the Coronation Chair during the ceremony, as his predecessors have done since 1300. The chair houses the Stone of Scone, sometimes called "the Stone of Destiny", which is an ancient symbol of Scottish monarchy. The Stone was taken from Scotland by Edward I in 1296 and sent to Westminster Abbey. (Google it to follow its many adventures!)

### **Crowning a New Queen Consort**

For the first time since 1937, the coronation of King Charles III will include the crowning of a Queen Consort. Queen Elizabeth, wife of King George VI, was the last Queen Consort to be crowned in 1937. Her Majesty Queen Camilla will be crowned in a similar, but simpler, ceremony after the crowning of the King.

### **The Coronation Procession Route**

After the coronation service there will be a procession through the streets of London, following a traditional route that will allow as many people as possible to view the newly crowned King and Queen Consort.



## **WHIPSNADE PARISH CHURCH**

Invites you to;

A SUMMER CONCERT

WITH CHEESE AND WINE, RAFFLE,

LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT. On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
June 2023.

Start time 5.30pm.

Only £10.00 per ticket. (Children Free)

Available from;

Jane on 07903 019188 or Jo on 07943 565555

## **FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH**

The Friends believe that, whether you are religious or not, the church is an important part of Studham's history and heritage. Our aim is to raise money to help maintain the fabric, but not the running costs, of this lovely building.

Increasingly our fundraising efforts are in collaboration with other village groups – we were delighted to partner with the Friends of Studham Common at the recent wine evening which raised approximately £500 for each of these two good causes. We will also be working hard with others to make the May Fair (see details on page 12) on May 13<sup>th</sup> a great success.

Another fundraiser is the 100 Club where the winner in April was Meg Bender, with Gill Glover the runner up.

A date for your diary - the AGM of the Friends of Studham Church will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the church. So, if you would like to know more why not come along? Or, alternatively, please contact John McDougal (john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or 873257) or look at our website <https://friendsstudham.wixsite.com/website>.

## STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

At last spring has sprung and our bulbs that were planted in the autumn term by our children are now providing a beautiful splash of colour.



Our outdoor Forest School classroom is in full swing with afternoon sessions of wood whittling and den-making taking place for all year groups.

*Don't forget our 'stick store' located at the front of the school for all those sticks you can collect on your walks.*

It was Maple Class's turn to perform a show at the end of the Easter half term, 'The Tale of 3 Trees', by Ann Beresford, which tells the story of three saplings who each end up being used to make three very important objects, a manger, a fishing boat and a cross. The children showcased their acting and singing and it was a wonderful start to the Easter celebrations.

We are all enjoying the summer term so far and our children continue their learning through our curriculum themes. In Acorn Class (preschool) exploring 'Sunshine and Sunflowers'; in Oak Class (reception), 'Once upon a Time', encouraging our children to continue developing a love of stories and reading. In Sycamore Class (Years 1 and 2), 'Movers and Shakers' where the children will learn about historically significant people, and in Maple Class (Years 3 and 4), 'Ancient Civilisations', focusing on the rise, life, achievements and the eventual end of Ancient Sumer and Ancient Egypt.

### Studham Village CE Academy PTFA

Our PTFA work tirelessly to plan and deliver exciting activities for the children and their families and to raise money to enhance the education experiences. We are grateful for their support and all the work they have done so far this academic year.

The PTFA have hosted a range of events during the spring term. The Mother's Day tote bags event raised £210. Our children enjoyed a carousel of Easter crafts with an Easter Egg hunt on the last day of term.

We still have lots to look forward to especially our School Summer Fayre. **Save the date! SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY.** There will be so much to do and monies raised will be spent on enriching our children's education. Come along and say hello!

New PTFA members are always welcome, you can look on the school PTFA Facebook page or e-mail the school for more details.

If you are interested in a place for your child (preschool to year 4, from 2 years old to 9 years old) please contact the school office (01525 872337/e-mail: [school@studhamschools.org.uk](mailto:school@studhamschools.org.uk)) for more information.

## STUDHAM EXTRA I

### STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel**. All members of the parish and the press are invited to attend. Please note the change of day and date from normal – this is because of elections and hall usage.

If you would like to be advised of **meetings** and other important issues by e-mail, go to our home page to register ([www.studhamparish.co.uk](http://www.studhamparish.co.uk)) or e-mail [news@studhamparish.co.uk](mailto:news@studhamparish.co.uk) asking to be added.

If you have recently moved into our parish and have not yet received your **Welcome Pack**, please contact the Clerk ([clerk@studhamparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@studhamparish.co.uk)) who will be pleased to arrange this for you. The pack contains information on the amenities and activities in the local area.



We would remind you of a quick way to record highway issues to CBC. It is called '**FixMyStreet**' and can be accessed via CBC website, or downloaded as an app to your smartphone. Sending a photo is always good. We do ask that you let a councillor know what you have reported, with the reference number, only so that we can chase it up for you.

### BINGO

**Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Studham Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

You may not have joined us before or you may be one of our regulars, whichever it is, we will be pleased to see you. Doors open at 7.30pm and 'eyes down' at 8pm.

### QUIZZES

**May Quiz Night at the Red Lion on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 E), 4: entertainment (anything that entertains!), 5: anything we couldn't fit in the previous rounds! and 6: music (titles beginning I – it should be said that we ignore the words 'a' and 'the' at the beginning of a title!)

There is no fixed team size – so you can go solo or bring all the family; however, please ring the Red Lion (872530) to book a table (and order food if required). See you there! This will be the last one for this season. We will be starting again in September!

**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. 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 Studham Village Hall**

New players are welcome to a small friendly group. Contact is Mary Must (alan.must@churchclose1pluscom) or please just come along.

**TABLE TENNIS GROUP**

The table tennis group is thriving and we now have two tables, which are used every Friday morning. Anyone over 12 years of age is welcome to come along and join us between 10am and noon in Studham Village Hall, for £3 a session. We are a friendly group of varied standards, why not give it a try? Please contact Felicity Cornelius (872038) for more information.

**STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB**

We offer free annual junior membership (with every full adult member) and annual family membership from £75.

Coaching takes place 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 (07826 855 388) for more information.

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

**STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Our regular users include carpet bowls, Mums and Tots, Scrabble, table tennis, and yoga, to name but a few. We have room for other groups, for example: chess or book club, perhaps whist, video games, table-top games, or just a 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 happy to welcome anyone to be a Trustee; the work is not onerous and we have around 4 meetings a year. Des Salmon (872082) or Chrys Smith (872989).



## KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Contact: [clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)



### **Villager of the Year – Sylvia Inns**

Residents nominated Sylvia as their Villager of the Year. Citation: “Sylvia runs the Village Hall, leads the organising, and helps with many activities for the community, a true asset to the village” Sylvia was recognised by the Parish Council for her exemplary service to the community and receives a VOY certificate.

### **Community Grants – Awarded**

At the annual Parish meeting, for the benefit of the community, the following groups were awarded grant donations: Kensworth Academy PTA, Kensworth Village Hall, Parish Link, Kensworth Methodist Church, Kensworth Warm Hub, Kensworth Flower & Vegetable Show.

### **CBC align with a New Highways Contractor - Milestone Infrastructure**

Residents who notice a new pothole are asked to report it via Fix My Street: (<https://fixmystreet.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>). In an emergency, dangerous potholes or other highway safety-related issues can be reported to the 24-hour emergency team (0300 300 8049).

### **Next Parish Council Meeting:**

AGM 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, Kensworth Village Hall – public participation will be at the later time of 9.15pm.

### **SMILE LINE**

There was a fire at the main Inland Revenue office in London but it was put out before any serious good was done. **(Ronnie Corbett)**

## CHILTERN WALKING FESTIVAL

The 11<sup>th</sup> Chilterns Walking Festival will take place between 20<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June. It will feature a programme of over 60 walks and events throughout the Chilterns. A chance to enjoy the splendour of the landscape at its springtime best. For more information visit [www.chilternsaonb.org/walkingfest](http://www.chilternsaonb.org/walkingfest).



## WHIPSNADDE TREE CATHEDRAL – VOLUNTEERS DIARY

A job that has been on our agenda at the Tree Cathedral for some time now is to reinstate the view from The Chancel and all the way down The Nave looking west for many miles. This view has become totally obscured, due to the perimeter hedge getting overgrown and holly bushes spreading and maturing into substantial trees. We have now started to return this portion of the boundary hedge to its former state and thus revealing the amazing view beyond.

The first job was to check the area for any signs of birds starting to nest but a lot of the area is dead wood, and brambles, and we are happy that we are not disturbing anything. Once we started, we realized that a lot of the area was holly trees and bushes. Holly leaves once fallen form a spiky dense carpet of leathery leaves and this can take years to rot. It also self-seeds with lots of little holly bushes making it some task to clear the area. The good thing about this project is the proximity to the bonfire area! Saves us time and energy! We have only managed a couple of bonfires so far this year, mainly due to the very wet spring, but it's a job we need to keep on top of.

Shady areas are very important as we come into the summer months and we have lots of areas in the Tree Cathedral with shade and seats. The dew pond area is very popular and it offers both shade and sun. It is framed by tall mature cypress trees, which provide shade, and it is also a great area for children to run around. The Summer chapel with the Gospel Oak is another shady area where the grass and vegetation are left to flourish, providing a great habitat for the many butterflies to thrive. The Christmas chapel is a great area for children to explore and run around and we keep a mowed path through it and around the Christmas trees. The rest of the area is strimmed regularly to prevent the brambles and stinging nettles taking over and restricting the growth of the Christmas trees.

Come and explore and say hello on Tuesday mornings!