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Dear Friends

November is the month of remembering. Remembering our loved ones who have gone before us and also those who gave their lives for our freedom in the many wars of the last over one hundred years.

I really enjoy watching the BBC programme the Antiques Roadshow and I am always humbled by the stories of the medals of war veterans that are featured. The descendants of these veterans often bring grainy black and white photographs of their family member. The stories and the reasons for the medals shine a spotlight on the bravery of these people. We get to hear how they saved their comrades and battled on in impossibly difficult situations ignoring their own safety.

In September in Glasgow there was a man who had never been told by his father the story behind the Victoria Cross that his Sikh father Naik Gian Singh had been awarded in Burma in the Second World War. It was a story of incredible bravery and courage. As Mark Smith, the BBC expert, said, the medal was made of bronze because Queen Victoria said it should “not to be made of something precious because it is not about the medal but the deed behind the medal.” The Victoria Cross has been awarded to fewer than 1,400 people.

As we remember this month all our loved ones, both known and not known to us and the bravery of some, we ask God to comfort us in our loss and remind us of the promise of heaven.

Lord Jesus, when our time on earth is over, gather us with all your saints to be with you for ever. Amen.

Penny Fray  
Lay Minister

## KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

### Our prayers for you

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 or [dorothy.godbod@outlook.com](mailto:dorothy.godbod@outlook.com)).

**Church events:** November is the month of remembrance, starting with All Saints Day (1<sup>st</sup>), followed by All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup>). 11<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Day, when all those who have given their lives in war are commemorated. Remembrance Sunday falls on the second Sunday in November. This year, it's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, when there is a United Service of Remembrance with our friends at Kensworth Methodist Church at 10.30am, followed by refreshments.

St Cecilia's feast day is on 22<sup>nd</sup>. She is the Patron Saint of musicians and there is a stained-glass window in our chancel dedicated to her, along with one to St Christopher. The sketches of the designs were exhibited at the Royal Academy of Arts in London 1923. 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Choir News:** the Choir will be singing at the Service at 10.30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to join the Choir, please contact our Reader, Dorothy Blackburn (872670/[dorothy.godbod1@outlook.com](mailto:dorothy.godbod1@outlook.com)). We also welcome instrument players to accompany some of our services.

**Sunday School:** everyone is warmly invited to join in the Remembrance Sunday Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am at Kensworth Methodist Church. There will be a Family Service in St Mary's at 10.30am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

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.

**Messy Church:** the next Messy Church will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Churchyard Working Party:** there will be a churchyard working party on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 9am. Please come and help to get the churchyard ready for the winter. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own tools.

## WHIPSDADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

### CHURCH NEWS

Our prayers in November are for Remembrance, and for all those who have lost a loved one in the past year. If you want special prayers to be said, write them on the prayer tree in the church or contact the churchwardens.

The annual act of Remembrance takes place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November during the 9am service in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The collection is donated to the Royal British Legion. There is a small remembrance garden by the church door, where you can place a remembrance cross for people known to you.

**Last month was a time of generous giving:** £449 was sent to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal (£257 from the lunch and £192 from the Harvest service). In addition, a lot of goods were donated, some as gifts for local people and the remainder to the Food Bank. Their letter of thanks is displayed in the church.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning:** thank you to those who supported Whipsnade Church MacMillan coffee morning – we raised £585. A great morning's work by everyone!

**Electronic giving:** the church has entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century with an electronic device for giving by just card. There have already been some donations in regular services or by visitors to the church, and the system was well used at the Macmillan coffee morning. Cash donations are still welcome.

**Village Lunch:** the lunch is on the second Thursday of every month (9<sup>th</sup> November). We provide a choice of main course (roast venison, beef and mushroom pie, lemon chicken or fisherman's pie for November), pudding and tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome – there is no need to book. Tickets for the Christmas lunch (14<sup>th</sup> December) are on sale at the November lunch and you can contact Isobel Randall (872552) after that to see if there are any spare places.

**A plea for help:** do you like cooking? Cooking for up to 60 people is a bit strenuous! If you can help with the continuation of the village lunch, please contact Isobel (872552) Perhaps you could cook one of the choices – making portions for about 15 people and bringing the dish hot to the hall before the lunch. No-one is out of pocket! The ingredients for the main course are either supplied by the organizers or the cost is refunded. Please think about helping.

**Sunday School:** every second Sunday of the month (12<sup>th</sup> November) the children meet in the church vestry during the 9am service for activities connected to Bible stories. Bring your children along for fun and friendship.

**Whipsnade Churchyard working party:** we will be meeting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. 9.30am – 12pm. Refreshments will be provided.

## AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Church prayers:** in our annual 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 or [meg.bender4@btinternet.com](mailto:meg.bender4@btinternet.com)).

**Harvest donations:** thanks to the generous congregation, we donated £133 to the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal for impoverished farming communities in Uganda. In addition, village organisations decorated the church with produce which was warmly received by the Salvation Army; a very big thank you to them all.

**Remembrance Sunday** is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Once again, we shall be setting up our Remembrance Garden in the churchyard and crosses for you to place in the Garden can be found in the church porch. The Service of Remembrance will be held at the church at 10am and 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 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. The children and young people will be thinking about the message from Jesus that we all have talents given to us by God and though we may feel afraid or shy, we must try to use them. After the service, everyone is invited to stay for coffee and birthday cake as we celebrate all the November birthdays.

**Dates of Christmas celebrations:** by popular request, Carols, Coffee and Cake is back again on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm, the Christingle Service is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am and on Christmas Eve, the Carol Service is at 4.30pm and Midnight Mass begins at 11pm. More details in the December issue.

**St Mary's Quiz Night** is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tickets at £12 include a fish and chip supper. Please contact John McDougal (873257/[john.mcdougal@btinternet.com](mailto:john.mcdougal@btinternet.com)) to book your table of eight or for more details.

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

The aim of the Friends of Studham Church is to raise money to help maintain the fabric, but not the running costs, of our lovely 800+ year old church building.

Our monthly 100 Club draw helps this aim so congratulations to our October winners – Sheila Russell (£50) and runner-up, Geoff Shute (£10).

If you would like to know more about the Friends of Studham Church or would like to join the 100 Club, then contact [john.mcdougal@btinternet.com](mailto:john.mcdougal@btinternet.com) or 873257 or look at our website <https://friendsstudham.wixsite.com/website>.

## STUDHAM MAY FAIR 2023 BENEFICIARIES

As announced in a previous Parish Link, this year's May Fair made approx. £7,500. The distribution is decided by the May Fair committee and this year the beneficiaries were:

The Friends of Studham Church  
The Friends of Studham Common  
Studham Playing Fields  
SKAW  
Studham Village Hall  
W.I.

Methodists  
Mums and Tots  
Studham School  
Table Tennis Club  
Studham Tennis Club  
Studham Cricket Club

Hospice at Home

St. Francis Hospice

## FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next work party for the Friends will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We plan to work on East Common, where we will be undertaking a general cut and clearance as necessary, including scalloping grass edges to enhance the visual appreciation of individual trees and provide a more natural look to the finish.

Cutting back vegetation will also reduce nutrient levels for the more vigorous plants and thereby create a variety of habitats for small mammals and birds.

We will focus along the east side of East Common, cutting back around the hazel plantings and also on the north side of the Common, near the concrete road. Trimming a 1 metre wide strip along each side of the concrete track will stop bushes intruding onto the track and thus forcing vehicles onto the opposite grass verge.

Everyone is welcome, especially new members. We meet at the War Memorial on West Common at 10am; all tools will be provided. For further information please contact Bob Wilkin (e-mail [bob@afrosmosia.com](mailto:bob@afrosmosia.com) or mobile 07796 446031).

## TABLE TENNIS GROUP

### 9.30am – 12.30pm Fridays in Studham Village Hall

The table tennis group meets for coaching on Wednesday morning between 10am and noon, with group/individual coaching sessions and some play afterwards.

The group has a waiting list for play on Friday, to join the list please e-mail: [twohappyfolks@btinternet.com](mailto:twohappyfolks@btinternet.com) with your contact details and experience.

If you are interested, please come along for a taster session on Wednesday, or if you are the shy type, please feel free to pop down either day around 11am, we have a tea/coffee break with biscuits and you will be welcome to join us and meet the players.

## KENSWORTH EXTRA

### KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

The November Coffee Morning is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 12 noon. Come and enjoy delicious tea/coffee and cakes and friendly chat. All are very welcome.

### RE-USE CENTRE (formerly called the Church Shop)

This is held in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road (behind the Vicarage). Open 2pm – 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays. Unfortunately, we cannot sell electrical goods, clothing or large items of furniture. **Cash only.** Please ensure items you bring for sale are clean and unbroken.

### We need volunteers!

The Centre focuses on selling bric-a-brac, kitchenware, games, books and toys. It is a real treasure trove, especially in these times of environmental awareness and the cost-of-living crisis.

If anyone can help out on the volunteer rota to open the Centre, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670 or [dorothy.godbod@outlook.com](mailto:dorothy.godbod@outlook.com)).

### KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

Kensworth Academy held a Harvest Festival, alongside a MacMillan Coffee Morning. Families were invited to join us throughout the morning to buy a coffee and a cake and then to enjoy some Autumn songs, prayers and poems performed by our children. We were so pleased to have so many parents and family members join us to celebrate harvest and to raise money for a great cause. We also had donations for the local food bank. Our coffee morning raised a whopping £125.00!

Our early years and KS1 children have been learning about people who help us, and they had an exciting visit from our very own parent paramedic and his ambulance. The children loved listening, dressing up, sitting in the ambulance and, of course, turning on the sirens and blue lights!

All our children are fully engrossed in their learning and produced fantastic pieces of work throughout the curriculum.



If you are looking for a reception place for September 2024, we are holding an open afternoon for new starters on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Please contact the school office to book a place ([office@ken.dsamat.co.uk](mailto:office@ken.dsamat.co.uk)).

### Kensworth PTA

If you would like to offer help/fundraising ideas, please get in touch with us via e-mail ([kensworthacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:kensworthacademypta@gmail.com)). We always welcome new members.

## **WHIPSDADE 2 & STUDHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

### **VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER**

Whipsnade Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 2pm and 4pm. Refreshments and a raffle will be available. Come along for a chat or to play cards and dominoes with old and new friends.

### **KNIT AND NATTER**

The group will meet in the church for company, refreshments and shared crafts on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm – 4pm. Choose your project, bring it along, and one of our many knitters will be there to help you along your journey to achieve amazing results.

### **WHIPSDADE CHURCH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am until 12pm. Coffee, cakes, Christmas cards and paper and a great selection of Knit and Natter gifts. Come and join us for a coffee and enjoy the beginning of the festive season.

### **STUDHAM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

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

Special evenings are in the pipeline, so watch the noticeboard for times and dates. All members should receive details of events etc. via e-mail. If you have not been receiving yours, please ensure your e-mail details are up to date – tell the bar staff, or Sarah Thorne (Studhamssc@icloud.com)

There is a Table Top Sale on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Tables cost £15 and stallholders keep all their takings. If you have a craft, especially a Christmas one, and want an outlet for your wares, or if you just want a stall for your group or charity please let us know. We are also organising a ball on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Tickets are £65pp with tables of 10 – ticket price includes a 4-course meal with wine, welcome drinks on arrival, live music and a raffle. The evening starts at 6.30pm with welcome drinks, followed by dinner at 7pm, with carriages at 11.45pm. Full details of all events are on the club notice board, Facebook or via e-mail.

The Sports and Social Club welcomes all visitors and new members. We provide competitively priced drinks and the facility is also available for private events. If you are planning an event, please contact Sarah Thorne to see what we can offer.

Subscriptions: 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. Membership application forms are available at the bar and from Sarah Thorne.

## LIFESTYLE

### POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion have again arranged for poppies to be sold door-to-door in all three of our villages as well as local shops, businesses and at the Gateway Centre on Dunstable Downs. Please support the appeal and wear your poppy with pride.

The Poppy Collection lasts until 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you would be willing to assist in helping raise money for this worthwhile cause, especially at the Gateway Centre, please ring Chrys Smith (01582 872989) or Pam Ward (01582 872406).

### STUDHAM WARM HUBS



The Warm Hubs in Studham are back! Monday or Tuesday mornings 10am-12 noon, alternating between the Village Hall and the Methodist Chapel – November through March.

We all look forward to Spring and Summer, but not many look forward to the dark, cold and wet days of Autumn and Winter. Let's change that! Come and join the Warm Hub, have coffee, or tea, nibble a biscuit or two, or even three – who's counting? Join in the chat and the laughter in an area that is not only warm in heat but also in friendship. What's more it is all free thanks to the kindness of others, who maybe cannot join us, but who have generously donated the tea or coffee or biscuits or money towards the heating and electric bills. Thank you, your generous donations are gratefully received.

The dates and venues for the hubs for the next 2 months are:

#### Day & Date

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December

#### Venue

Studham Village Hall  
Studham Methodist Chapel  
Studham Village Hall  
Studham Methodist Chapel  
Studham Village Hall  
Studham Methodist Chapel  
Studham Village Hall  
No Warm Hub

Don't forget about the Kensworth Drop In Club on Thursday mornings and the Chat 'n Snack on Friday afternoons. More details on page 19.

### NICOLA'S SABBATICAL

The vicar, Revd. Canon Nicola Lenthall, is currently on study leave, returning to ministerial work on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All services will continue as normal. If you need support with something going on in your life, there will still be people to help and to listen.

For pastoral help, please contact:

Dorothy Blackburn      01582 872670 (dorothy.godbod1@outlook.com)

Penny Fray                (pennyfray15@gmail.com)

Revd. Dave Heather      (dheather@pulfordschool.org)

For funerals, please contact:

Dorothy Blackburn or if unavailable then the churchwardens (see p.5)

For baptism/christening bookings or wedding bookings, please contact:

Glenda Cox, parish administrator (glendaecox@hotmail.co.uk).

Interments of ashes will resume in December.

### STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Our minister is Rev Helen Roberts, who can be contacted on 01582 713773 or at revhelen2015@gmail.com. Or you may wish to get in touch with our local pastoral contact Linda Hillier (01582 872860). For details of our services, please see page 16.

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

It has been decided that the village will, once again, be holding a Warm Hub each week during the winter period. Days will alternate between Monday at the Village Hall and Tuesday for the Methodist Chapel but will both be 10am to 12noon. All are welcome to come and join us – please see page 14.

### KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

For services, see page 16 – and don't forget the coffee morning on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – 12 noon.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The November full moon is called the 'Beaver Moon' from the name given by North American natives. Frost gathers on blades of grass and beavers begin to build their dams before the ground freezes. Hence the traditional full moon name, 'Beaver Moon.' Winter is coming!

## WHIPSNAD PARISH COUNCIL

### **(New) Telephone Mast Consultation**

Following a suggestion we made to ZSL, a proposal has now been worked up for siting of a new **4G/5G telephone mast** on zoo land to provide enhanced mobile signal coverage in our area. The proposal is for a 25m monopole structure, situated on the Eastern Zoo boundary, providing signal coverage across the zoo and across Whipsnade, Oldhill Wood and Studham but, unlike previous unsuccessful proposals, the new mast will not be close to any residential properties.

The proposal will be going out to wider public consultation very shortly and our plan is to work with ZSL, the scheme promoters, and all other stakeholder groups to assist with this process and ensure a smooth passage through planning. Please watch out for further announcements on parish noticeboards, here in future editions of the Parish Link and on community Facebook pages.

### **Winter scrub clearance on Whipsnade Common (“The Green”)**

As we have lost a few of our volunteers recently, we are appealing for some new blood to join us to help to preserve and maintain our Common and have lots of fun in doing so! It's a very sociable activity, great for our wellbeing, and a great opportunity to involve the youngsters for them to learn about the importance of wildlife and our landscape. All tools and equipment are provided so just bring yourself along plus any family and friends etc. All will be very welcome.

### **Dates for this winter season's pre-Christmas sessions**

(There will be two more sessions in the New Year, dates to be confirmed).

- **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November** 10.30 am - 2pm
- **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December** 10.30 am – 2pm

Meeting outside the Church on the Green; even if you can spare just an hour or so, you would be most welcome. If you require further information please call either Jo Majewska (07815 120390) or Ken France (872375).

### **New Parish Clerk**

We are very pleased to welcome our new Clerk, Mrs Sally Harrop (e-mail: [clerk@whipsnadeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@whipsnadeparishcouncil.org.uk)) and extend to our outgoing Clerk, Helen, our very best wishes and thanks for all her hard work over the years in that role.

**The next meeting** of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.30 pm in Whipsnade Village Hall.

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### **SMILE LINE**

Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. “Oh Auntie, come quick,” cried George. “The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running.”

## MORE KENSWORTH

### 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.

### KENSWORTH CHAT 'n SNACK

Friday Afternooners will be going strong on Fridays in the Village Hall, 1 – 4pm. Everyone welcome, including dogs! Do pop in and see us. Snacks and drinks are available.

### KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Looking for Christmas presents? Then come along to the **Christmas Fayre** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 1pm and 4.30pm. Various stalls will be offering great ideas for Christmas gifts, delicious Christmas cakes and lots of other goodies. Pine Christmas trees 🎄 will be on sale in the Village Hall car park. Warm up with a glass of mulled wine and a mince 🍷!

How are your **dancing skills**? Why not come along to the Village Hall on a Monday evening to *The Moon & Back Dance Academy* and brush up on your dancing skills, in time for all those Christmas parties! Great for socialising, fitness, co-ordination and memory.

For further details please contact [fay\\_benoy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fay_benoy@hotmail.co.uk)

Don't forget to drop in the Village Hall on a Friday afternoon for a **Chat and a Snack** with the Friday Afternooners between 1pm and 4pm - all ages welcome.

**Christmas Family Bingo** - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Join us for a fun evening.

Kensworth and Whipsnade residents are looking forward to a joint trip to London on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December to see the Christmas lights, visit the German Market and a Fish & Chip Supper. We hope it will be the first of many more to come. Booked out!

The next meeting is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at **7pm** (NB new time). If you are interested in joining the Committee, please come along to see us in the VH Committee Room.

### SAVE the DATE!

Barn dance for all ages, live ceilidh band and caller – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 5.30pm - 8.30pm with supper, in Kensworth Village Hall. Proceeds to St Mary's, Kensworth.



## Whipsnade Village Hall Christmas Fair

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
11am – 3.30pm

Craft stalls stocked with locally made gifts  
and original Christmas accessories  
Cakes, Jams, Chutney, Knitted gifts, Christmas Cards, Decorations etc.

Christmas Tombola  
Light Refreshments  
For any further information please contact  
Carole on 01582 873717

## WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL – VOLUNTEERS DIARY

Its leaf collecting time again! We start with the main bridle ways and then turn our attention to the four chapels. The summer chapel is the most challenging with its large oak tree depositing a deep layer of leaves and bucketfuls of acorns this year particularly. When the weather is dry and bright it is a very satisfying job and great exercise.

This year, we are also starting to cut the laurel hedges, and when collecting the laurel cut-offs, we tend to separate them as laurel leaves have a heavy structure and are very slow at composting. Laurel is an evergreen and gives structure and delineation, providing the walls for the outer perimeter and internal chapel areas. It needs very little care and grows very well in challenging environments. We must avoid cutting during the main bird nesting season, which tends to be between March and August.

The new holly hedge on the north of the Christmas Chapel is finally starting to show signs of growth after some nurturing throughout the last year and there are lots of new berries.

One day each year we have a dedicated **leaf sweep day** where everyone is invited to come along and help out in the mammoth task of clearing all the fallen leaves throughout the entire site. This year's operation will be on 26<sup>th</sup> November starting at 11am. It usually goes on till about 3pm and then refreshments are served in the Village Hall where everyone can relax and discuss their aches and pains from all the hard work!

Come and say hello or come along with a rake on Tuesdays between 9am and 12pm.

## MORE STUDHAM

### STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY AND PRESCHOOL

What another busy month! And with the late sunshine bringing some warm weather, we have been able to truly enjoy our outside spaces fully!

Our Preschool, Hedgehog Class, have been learning about our community. We have posted letters and learnt about many different jobs. We had a visit from Ms Jordan who told us all about the Police force. We could try on uniform and then we became detectives!



Squirrel Class have been busy learning about local farming. We went on a walk over the fields to see a Big 'Yellow' Combine Harvester!

In Owl Class we have embraced our Forest School Lessons and have been learning about seasonal changes. In particular we have been looking at the lifecycle of an apple tree which is just outside our classroom door. In our Harvest church celebrations, we told the story of Johnny Apple Seed. This term we are visiting Wardown Museum, Luton, where we will

be learning about toys as well as helping a Victorian Housemaid with her daily jobs! Woodpecker Class helped pick apples in a local orchard. These were then taken to a local press to be made into delicious apple juice that will be on sale at the school to raise funds for our Forest School and Outside Areas. We are looking forward to our visit to St Albans Museum where we discover everything Roman!

If you would like to visit the school then please contact the office to make an appointment for a personalised tour. Details of open day tours will be posted as soon as they are finalised.

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 (872337 or e-mail [school@studhamschools.org.uk](mailto:school@studhamschools.org.uk)). We look forward to seeing you soon.

***Sarah MacKenzie-Skea, Headteacher.***

### 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 in a small friendly group. Contact is Mary Must ([alan.must@churchclose1.plus.com](mailto:alan.must@churchclose1.plus.com)) or please just come along.

## MORE STUDHAM 2

### STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at Studham Scout Group Headquarters, 3 Clements End Rd, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2NG. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend. Parking is available and the meeting room is accessible.

**New Vice Chair:** Studham Parish Council met on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Councillor Mo Rashid was elected as Vice Chair.

**Fireworks and bonfires:** please be aware of the hazard that these may cause to pets in the area. Tell your neighbours if you intend to let them off on nights other than 5<sup>th</sup> November, and if you are a pet owner, try to keep them indoors.

Regarding bonfires for garden waste, CBC has no specific by-laws that prohibit bonfires but advises that they should be avoided to prevent smoke and pollutants. The composting page on the CBC website has greener ideas on how to dispose of your organic waste, or you could also take it to the tidy tip.

**Hedges:** a reminder to residents that they are responsible for ensuring that their hedges and vegetation do not block footpaths, pavement and highways.

**Defibrillators:** defibrillator locations: post box outside 5 Holywell Road; Studham Sports and Social Club, Clements End Road; The Red Lion, Church Road.

**Highways issues:** any issues can be reported to [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com). Please then e-mail the clerk ([clerk@studhamparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@studhamparish.co.uk)) with details of the report.

**Fly tipping:** fly tipping incidents can be reported on the CBC website. Please then e-mail the clerk with details of the report.

### STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our regular users include carpet bowls, Mums and Tots, Scrabble, table tennis, yoga, bingo, Gong Therapy, WI and tap dancing, but we still have room for other groups, for example: chess or book club, perhaps whist, video games, tabletop games like Dungeons & Dragons, or a board games night like Monopoly. 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.

It has been decided that the village will, once again, be holding a Warm Hub each week during the winter period. Please see page 14 for details

The Hall is ideal for parties and hire rates are very reasonable. Contact Lynne Smith, ([bookingstudhamvh@gmail.com](mailto:bookingstudhamvh@gmail.com)), who will be happy to discuss your needs.

## KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

### Bulb Planting – Village enhancement

A big thank you to those who attended and helped with the planting of spring bulbs in Kensworth. (And for the cleaning of road signs along the way).

There are bulbs remaining to be planted around the village, and this needs to be completed very soon, ready for spring flowering. Volunteers are needed: if you are able to help, please contact the Clerk.



### Allotments – Community payback team

A working party will be providing services free of charge to help tackle certain tasks around the allotments, clearing and general tidying of areas. The Parish Council is delighted to be hosting this initiative and is grateful for the support of the probation services.

### Next Parish Council Meeting:

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 7.30pm in Kensworth Village Hall, The Chilterns, Kensworth LU6 3RJ

## STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Sports activities are running at full pace at the playing fields, with tennis and football in full swing; we are open to new players so if you are interested in joining, please get in touch ([Studhamssc@icloud.com](mailto:Studhamssc@icloud.com)).

The playing fields are also available for other events and have previously hosted marquee parties, touch rugby tournaments, school sports and other village events: please contact Tricia Harris (07354844542).

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.

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## SOUTH BEDS NATIONAL TRUST

The November talk will be by Hilary Tuohy of Age Concern, Bedfordshire. It takes place at 2pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> in the Salvation Army Centre in Bull Pond Lane, Dunstable, LU6 3AH. Refreshments available - £2 for members, and guests are welcome at £4.

## BINGO

**Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall**

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.

## WI

**7.15pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Jill Lee**

At our October meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful and humorous talk from two officers from Hertfordshire Police. One a DI and the other recently retired. Both have served for over 30 years, and told us of all the changes in the job and uniforms over that time. They had brought several of the uniforms with them and some members had a great time trying them all on. The major comment was how heavy everything was and how could you walk or run in this!! They answered all members' questions and the evening concluded with the drawing of the raffle.

Please join us on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.15pm, when Jill Lee, will be telling us about how she managed a home whilst being a CEO of a major company. This will be an open meeting so all are able to attend. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy table. Entrance is £4.

## QUIZZES

Quiz Night in Studham Red Lion is at 8pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The rounds will be: 1: Sport and recent news; 2: School days (all the things you learnt at school – and have forgotten!); 3: Alphabet (all answers start with H); 4: Entertainment (anything that entertains!); 5: What's left? Anything we couldn't fit in the previous rounds! and 6: Music 1960s-2020's, (titles containing the word "love").

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).

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## ALL IN NOVEMBER

**12<sup>th</sup> November - 90th anniversary of the first photo of Nessie.**

The first ever image of Scotland's Loch Ness Monster was taken by Hugh Gray.

**14<sup>th</sup> November – 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of HM King Charles III**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November - 60th anniversary of the assassination of JFK.**

American President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed by Lee Harvey Oswald.

**23<sup>rd</sup> November - 60 years since the first episode of Doctor Who aired.**

On this day in 1963, English actor William Hartnell became the first of many to play The Doctor. The show is now the world's longest-running science fiction drama.

## THE STORY of GUY FAWKES and BONFIRE NIGHT

Here are some interesting facts about **Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot**:

James I was King of England in 1605. Many people did not like the King's Protestant religion. Thirteen young men, including Guy Fawkes, decided that they needed to take action to get rid of the King.



- Guy Fawkes was born in York on April 13, 1570;
- He was born Protestant but converted to Catholicism at the age of 16;
- Guy became a soldier in the Spanish Army and fought in a war called the 'Eighty Years' War,' fighting for the Catholics against Dutch Protestants;
- In Spain, he was given the nickname 'Guido';
- He made friends with Robert Catesby. It was Catesby's idea to blow up the Houses of Parliament to kill the King;
- Guy Fawkes' role in the **Gunpowder Plot** was to look after the 36 barrels of gunpowder, hidden in a basement underneath the House of Lords;
- This amount of gunpowder was enough to blow up the Houses of Parliament and everything else within a mile;
- One of the plotters was a traitor and informed an MP, who told the King;
- Guy Fawkes was arrested in the basement on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1605 and was taken to the Tower of London;
- King James I decreed that the day of November 5 should be celebrated as the day on which the Gunpowder Plot failed;
- Every year, people set off fireworks and light bonfires on **Bonfire Night**;
- There is an island called 'Guy Fawkes' in the Pacific Ocean where nobody lives. No one knows why it was named after him!
- Beefeaters still search the Houses of Parliament before the King visits at the State Opening of Parliament (this year 7<sup>th</sup> November).

## HAVING A FIREWORKS PARTY?

### Top Tips for a safe evening



- Leave plenty of space around the firework area;
- Check the area for animals;
- Check the wind direction;
- Prepare an emergency water supply;
- Protect your pets;
- If your bonfire is getting out of control, don't hesitate, call the fire service immediately.