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On 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill broadcast the news that German armed forces had surrendered unconditionally in Europe to the Allied Expeditionary Force and the Soviet High Command. In the same speech, he uses the phrase “we may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing” (referencing the fact that the conflict against Japan still continued).

The black and white images of that ‘brief period’, poignant film and photographs of dancing and celebrating in Trafalgar Square and across the land, tempered with the knowledge of the loss so many had experienced in so many different ways, all go to build up what we will recall this May 8<sup>th</sup>, when we honour those who fought, and those who kept the home fires burning, the land and soil growing and producing the food so necessary, and who encouraged each other ‘never to surrender’ with an ordinary everyday bravery which needs commemorating with a time of thanksgiving.

We still pray for that peace so dearly won and so fragile, every week in our churches, and will continue to do so. May 8<sup>th</sup> allows us the space to do this together, and to commit ourselves to one another and to the service of the community – and to remember, with that rejoicing of which Churchill so movingly spoke, all who served, all who gave their lives, and all who lived through those years of war.

All are welcome to join us for a special VE80 service for the three villages, at St. Mary’s Kensworth, Church End, LU6 3RA, at 6pm, followed by a toast as the bells ring nationally – just as they would have done 80 years ago.

“Together, we honour the past and celebrate a future built on unity, hope, love and peace.”

With my love and prayers, this Eastertide and always,

**Nicola**

*The front cover photo was taken at the concert by The Gwalia Welsh Male Choir at Studham Church. For more details, see page 25 .*





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### CHURCH NEWS

#### Prayers for May

In May we will be praying for the people who live and work in Whipsnade, from Chapel Cottage, Sallow Springs and 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.

#### Easter Gardens

If you called into the church after Easter, you would have seen the lovely miniature Easter gardens that were made by children on Good Friday. Heartfelt thanks to the children and the adults who brought them along. There were also gardens in Studham and Kensworth churches made on the same occasion.

#### APCM

This was held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – full details of the meeting will be in the June Parish Link. Thank you to all who attended; your support is much appreciated.

#### Sunday School

Every second Sunday of the month (11<sup>th</sup> May) 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 17<sup>th</sup> May from 9am – 12 noon. Come and join us. Refreshments will be provided.

#### Decorating Whipsnade Church

For those of you visiting our church you won't fail to notice that the interior has been repainted, a job which was well overdue.

We would like to say a big thank you to Dan and Sam from DC Plastering and Decorating (details in the Parish Link) for doing this work. The church now looks fresh and clean and the job they did looks amazing. Their care of our church and attention to detail is very much appreciated, and thank you for the little extras, like cleaning the windows and making Pam a cup of tea, with a biscuit every morning!

#### **STUDHAM KENSWORTH AND WHIPSNADE (SKAW) GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME**

*Please see our article on page 14.*

## KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

### KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

**Our Prayers for You:** if you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670 or [dorothy.godbod1@virgin.net](mailto:dorothy.godbod1@virgin.net)). In May we shall pray for people of The Lynch, Lynch Hill and Clayhall Road.

### Church Calendar:

**Ascension Day:** this year Ascension Day is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. It commemorates Jesus rising up into heaven, watched by his disciples. It is always observed on the Thursday, 40 days after Easter. In St Mary's there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm for the benefice. All welcome.

**Rogation Sunday:** this is the service of the blessing of growing crops and farm animals. It will take place this year on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, at Lynchfield Farm (LU6 3QZ), by kind invitation of the Woods family, starting at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to join in the blessings around the farm, enjoy the refreshments afterwards, and explore the *amazing* machinery!

**Choir News:** the choir will be singing at the service on 4<sup>th</sup> May, and afterwards, at the May Festival, there will be some great May carols to hear and join in. All welcome!

If you would like to sing with 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 11<sup>th</sup> May, we'll be talking about 'People who do not believe.' On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> everyone is invited to the Rogation Sunday blessing of the farm animals and crops at Lynchfield Farm (see above).

If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, please Katherine Huggins (607841 or [hugginskatherine1@gmail.com](mailto:hugginskatherine1@gmail.com)).

**Messy Church:** this will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm in Kensworth Church Hall. The question this time is 'Is God Real?'. Children and their carers are welcome to join an afternoon of crafts, stories and songs, followed by a hot meal for everybody. No charge, but we are grateful for donations.

**Kensworth May Festival:** after the 10.30am service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – see page 12. Don't miss it!

**VE DAY:** St Mary's, Kensworth, is hosting the benefice **VE80 Service** on 8<sup>th</sup> May, see pages 3 & 15.

**STUDHAM KENSWORTH AND WHIPSNADE (SKAW) GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME**

*Please see our article on page 14.*



## AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Church prayers:** in May, we shall be praying especially for everyone who lives in Byslips Road and Kensworth Road. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, perhaps for a special person or event, please contact the Churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or [meg.bender4@btinternet.com](mailto:meg.bender4@btinternet.com)).

**Children's Church:** on 18<sup>th</sup> May within the main service at 10.30am. We will discuss the challenge facing Peter in our story from Acts – whom to love and whom to hate – but Jesus had said, "Love one another, just as I have loved you". Why not join us to hear the rest of the story?

After the service there will be refreshments and the celebration of all the May birthdays with a delicious birthday cake. Everyone is very welcome.

**Thy Kingdom Come:** from small beginnings ten years ago, Thy Kingdom Come has become a world wide prayer movement. From Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday we are all encouraged to pray for five people, asking that they might come to a closer relationship with God and an understanding of God's promises of love and hope.

This year, at St Mary's, from 29<sup>th</sup> May until 8<sup>th</sup> June, we shall be focusing on the Lord's Prayer. Please come to the church and the churchyard, keep your eyes open and join with us in the words that so many of us know by heart.

**ECO Church Guided Walk:** on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, beginning at the War Memorial on West Common at 2pm. See page 18.

**May Fair:** please come and see us on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May and enjoy our ECO church display and activity and our children's crafts and games.

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

Many thanks to all our 100 Club members – it is an important fundraiser for us. April's winners were Eric and Jane Jacoby, winning £60, with Paul Bennett receiving the £10 second prize.

More information can be found on our website (<https://friendsstudham.wixsite.com/website>) or contact [john.mcdougal@btinternet.com](mailto:john.mcdougal@btinternet.com).

### **STUDHAM KENSWORTH AND WHIPSNADE (SKAW) GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME**

*Please see our article on page 14.*



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## **MORE STUDHAM**

### **STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Next meeting:** our next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at Studham Scout HQ, Clements End Rd, Studham, LU6 2NG.

**VE Day Dunstable Downs Beacon Lighting:** a beacon will be lit on Dunstable Downs on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate VE80. Please note that the B4541 will be closed from West Street, Dunstable to the Whipsnade roundabout between 6.30pm and 11pm.

**Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC):** a reminder that CBC HWRCs now have a new online booking system, meaning residents will need to book a 20-minute time slot at any of the four recycling centres. Slots can be reserved up to two weeks in advance, with same-day bookings available. ([www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste) and recycling/tidy tips).

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### **EDDIE PERRY**

Studham Parish Council was saddened to learn of the death of Eddie Perry, former Chairman of the Parish Council and former CBC Ward Councillor and offers sincere condolences to his family.

### **STUDHAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

With many regular players, we have had a waiting list for some months now BUT, as the holiday season is approaching, numbers will be reduced, so you are welcome to come along and have a play. We play on Wednesdays at 10am-12noon and Fridays at 9.30am –12.30pm.

If you would like to come along, please do drop an e-mail to [twohappyfolks@btinternet.com](mailto:twohappyfolks@btinternet.com) so we can make sure all are welcome. Requirements are that you are over 18 and are fit enough to play table tennis. If you have a bat bring it with you, or we have bats available.

### **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.



## MAY FESTIVALS



**KENSWORTH MAY FESTIVAL**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 11.30 AM

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### STUDHAM MAY FAIR

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Saturday during the event and clearing up in the evening.

We still need more bottles for the booze barrel.



**STUDHAM 2025**

# MAY FAIR

**Saturday 17th May**

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## POPPIES & EXTRA KENSWORTH

### POPPIES

The 2024/25 poppy collection figures have now been finalised. Bedfordshire raised £414,670.86p overall, and Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade were 8th highest, on a list of 28 collection areas, with a total collection of £7,340.28p, up 32.69% on the previous year.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped with door-to-door collections, manning the Gateway Stall or just buying your poppy and supporting the Royal British Legion allowing them to raise a magnificent £41,520,116.

If you would like to join the helpers for this year's collection which begins in October, please let Chrys Smith (872989) or Pam Ward (872406) know.

**KENSWORTH CHURCH RE-USE CENTRE** (formerly the church shop): 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 and bring your own unwanted items (unfortunately, we cannot sell electrical goods, clothing or large items of furniture). **Cash only.** Please make sure that items you offer for sale are clean and unbroken.

**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:** come and join your friends on a Friday afternoon, 1pm – 4pm in the Village Hall, for a catch up, light refreshments, a quiz/games or just enjoy the company. However, this month, because of holidays, we are **not** in on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May.

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

Because of the Easter holidays, our report has been held over until the next issue.

If you are interested in a place for your child (Preschool to Year 6, from 3 years to 11 years old), please contact Mrs Rooney in our School Office (01582 872336 or e-mail: [office@ken.dsamat.co.uk](mailto:office@ken.dsamat.co.uk)).

**KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:** for all services, see page 15. The May Coffee Morning is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10.30am – 12 noon. All warmly invited for delicious cakes, tea/coffee and a chat!

## LOCAL

### **STUDHAM KENSWORTH AND WHIPSNADE (SKAW) GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME**

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### **DAY TRIP TO CHARTWELL HOUSE & ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS 11TH SEPTEMBER**

There will be a day's outing to the above places. On arrival at Winston Churchill's former home, there will be refreshments served and then time to visit the house and gardens.

After this we go to Royal Tunbridge Wells where there will be time to find a light lunch before joining our guide for a walk around the town and the Pantiles.



There will then be free time to further explore and find something to eat before our journey home.

The approximate cost for all travel, entry to Chartwell with refreshments, guide and driver's tip is £70 according to numbers. As Chartwell is a National Trust property, NT members will not pay for this, therefore reducing their total cost to £50.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### OUR CURATE, DAVE HEATHER

Our curate for the last three years, the Reverend Dave Heather, has completed his time of training with us here in the benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade. Dave will be licensed to the Ouzel Valley Team in his home town of Leighton Buzzard, at a special service which will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at All Saints Leighton Buzzard at 4pm. All are welcome to come and celebrate this special occasion.



We are really grateful to Dave for all his ministry with us over the past years. We have benefited hugely from his wise sermons and grace-filled leading of worship and are all very glad that Dave has generously committed to maintaining his ministry with us for one Sunday every month – so we won't be losing him completely! Our best wishes and heartfelt thanks go with him as he returns to his home church.

**VE80 CHURCH SERVICE:** there will be a benefice service of commemoration and celebration for VE80 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at St Mary's Church, Kensworth, LU6 3RA. See Nicola's letter on page 3.

**KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:** Sunday services are at 10.30am. Services for May:

11 <sup>th</sup> . May	Morning Worship	Led by Mrs. Sheila Norris
25 <sup>th</sup> . May	Morning Worship	Led by Mrs. Belinda Freeman

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

### KENSWORTH MESSY CHURCH

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm in Kensworth Church Hall – see page 16.

### STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH




Our minister is Rev. Helen Roberts (713773 or revhelen2015@gmail.com). Or you may contact our local pastoral contact Linda Hillier (872860).

### May services and events:

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Tony Higgins
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Linda Hillier

We also have monthly Circuit Worship Services. Join us on Zoom at 6pm on 4<sup>th</sup> May – led by Rev. Mark Hammond. Details from Linda.

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

	<b>KENSWORTH</b> 	<b>STUDHAM</b> 	<b>WHIPSNADE</b> 
4 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 3	10.30am Holy Communion with Festivities	10.30am Family Service	9am Holy Communion
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May. 6pm VE 80 – three villages service at Kensworth followed by national ringing of bells			
11 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 4	10.30am Morning Service with Sunday School	10.30am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion with Sunday School
18 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 5	10.30am A Service of Stillness and Reflection	10.30am Holy Communion with Children's Church	9am Family Service
25 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 6 Rogation	8am Holy Communion 10.30am Rogation Service at Lynchfield Corner Farm, The Lynch Kensworth LU6 3QZ	10.30am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm Holy Communion for Ascension Day at Kensworth		

**Messy Church** is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May in Kensworth Church Hall, Clayhall Road, LU6 3RF from 3.30pm. This event includes craft activities and other fun, ending with a short service and then a shared hot meal. If you'd like to know more about any of these church activities, please contact the Revd. Canon Nicola Lenthall (01582 872223 or [revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com)).

### Parish Registers R.I.P.

11<sup>th</sup> March  
28<sup>th</sup> March  
30<sup>th</sup> March  
4<sup>th</sup> April

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Martin Roch  
Elaine Rushmer  
Eddie Perry

Studham  
formerly of Studham  
Studham  
Studham



## May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kensworth Drop in Club, VH, every Thursday, 9am-11am (p.13)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Carpet Bowls, Studham VH, every Thursday, 2pm (p.11)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Studham WI, VH, 7.15pm (p. 25)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kensworth Chat 'n Snack, VH, Fri, NOT 16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-4pm (p.13)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Table Tennis, Studham VH, every Friday, 9.30am–12.30pm (p.11)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kensworth Methodist Church Coffee Morning, 10.30am–12 noon (p.13)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kensworth Re-use Centre, Church Hall, Sats 10am-12noon (p.13)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kensworth May Festival, St Mary's Church, 11.30am (p.12)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Whipsnade Tree Cathedral Work Party, Tuesdays, 9am-12pm (p.18)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Scrabble, Studham VH, every Tuesday, 2pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Studham Parish Council AGM, Studham Scout HQ, 6pm (p.11)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Studham Red Lion Quiz, Red Lion Studham, 8pm (p.22)
- 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Church Walk Studham Common, War Memorial, 2pm (p.18)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Kensworth Re-use Centre, Church Hall, Weds, 2pm-4pm (p.13)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Whipsnade Coffee Morning, Church, also 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am-12pm (p.20)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Studham Charity Bingo, VH, also 21<sup>st</sup> (p.25)
- 8<sup>th</sup> VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (p.3,11)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kensworth Parish Council Meeting, VH, 7.30pm (p.22)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Kenworth Village Hall AGM, VH, 7pm (p.19)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Whipsnade VH Holistic Fair, VH, 11am-5pm (p.20)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Friends of Studham Common work party, War Memorial, 10am (p.23)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Whipsnade Church Knit and Natter, 2pm-4pm (p.20)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Whipsnade Village Lunch, VH, 12.30pm (p.20)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Whipsnade Churchyard Working Party, 9.30am-12pm (p.7)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Studham May Fair (p.12)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Friends of Studham Church, AGM, Studham Church, 7.30pm (p.9)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Whipsnade Village Get-together, VH, 2pm-4pm (p 20)

## June

- 7<sup>th</sup> Kensworth Village Hall Summer Fair, VH, 1pm-5.30pm (p.19)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Kensworth Midsummer Madness Evening, VH, 6pm-10.30pm (p.19)

## July

- 5<sup>th</sup> Studham Village Hall Fete, 2pm-4.30pm (p.19)

***Please submit items for the June issue Parish Link by Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May via your village correspondent. For contact details, see p 5.***

**ECO-LIVING: Why compost?**

Composting at home is a great way for families to reduce waste, care for the environment, and teach kids valuable lessons about sustainability. Instead of throwing food scraps and some garden waste in the rubbish, you can turn them into nutrient-rich compost that feeds gardens and plants. This keeps organic waste out of landfills, where it would otherwise create methane gas—a harmful contributor to climate change.

Starting a compost pile or using a compost bin is simple and fun. Kids can learn how natural materials break down over time and see first hand how their food waste becomes something useful. It's a hands-on way to teach responsibility, science, and eco-conscious living.

Composting also improves your soil, helps your garden grow better, and reduces the need for chemical fertilisers. Plus, it cuts down on the amount of rubbish your household produces, saving money and making less work for waste collection services. For families looking to live more sustainably, composting is an easy, everyday habit that makes a big impact. It's not just good for the planet – it's a meaningful way to work together and create a greener home.

**ECO WALK: Studham Common 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm** with John Hanna. Meeting point - Studham War Memorial opposite the Red Lion pub. John has walked in Studham Common all his life and is going to take us on a guided tour of the Common looking for the rare green-winged orchid and listening to birdsong. Come and join us, all abilities are welcome.

**WHIPSNADDE TREE CATHEDRAL – VOLUNTEER'S DIARY**

The NT rangers and the volunteers met to discuss the planting of the Christmas Chapel. At the end of last year, six Norway Spruce were taken down as they had become too large for their positions. It is now time to think of replacing them. There is now the threat of a national disease affecting Norway Spruce trees, so it has been decided to plant similar trees but a different species. The aim is to create a magical Christmas Chapel where children can play in and around the trees. We will then mow paths through the chapel and around some of the trees – most of the chapel is then left to long grass. On the left hand side of the car park, and through the gate on the right hand side, the NT have planted hundreds of new trees, which are all native to our countryside. These include Wild Cherry, Hornbeam, Field Maple, Hazel and Hawthorn. They are all protected by biodegradable guards. These are necessary to help them flourish without being nibbled!

We meet on Tuesday mornings 9am – 12 noon – come and say “hello”.

## KENSWORTH & STUDHAM VILLAGE HALLS

### KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The work on refurbishing the rear changing room facilities is now complete; the EB Lions have a fresh clean storage and changing area for their use, with two toilets and hand washing facilities. This will allow their supporters to use the facilities while watching any matches.

The Committee still have more remedial work to do on the hall in the summer: we are running two fundraising events to ensure we have the money to complete it:

#### **Kensworth Village Fair**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1pm – 5.30pm**

Bring the family (including the dog!) and enjoy the afternoon's events.

Dog show, children's disco, talent contest, various stalls, bar. Sample our selection of foods and ice cream.

#### **Midsummer Madness Evening**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 6pm – 10.30pm**

Disco, live bands, Karaoke, bar and food available. Entry online £8 adults, children £2. At the door, £10 family tickets available. For further information please call 07831 538682.

**AGM:** everyone is welcome to our Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

### STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

The Hall is in use nearly every day – sometimes twice or even three times a day! Our regular users include carpet bowls, mums and tots, Scrabble, table tennis, yoga, bingo, Gong Therapy, WI and tap dancing. If you want to join any of these activities, details are on the Contact Page or contact one of the Trustees.

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 help.

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) or [smithlaws@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:smithlaws@hotmail.co.uk) know.

**Village Hall Fete, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** between 2pm and 4.30pm. If you would like to be a stallholder (£20/pitch), sponsor the event or donate raffle prizes please contact either Lynne, Chrys or Des (details above).



## **MORE WHIPSNAD**

### **WHIPSNAD CHURCH JIGSAW EXCHANGE**

If you enjoy doing a jigsaw puzzle, we are running an exchange at the church. Bring along a jigsaw and exchange for another or just come and select a jigsaw and exchange it next time. The church is open during the day, so come along whenever suits you.

### **WHIPSNAD WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING**

We are running a coffee morning in the church every two weeks from 10am – 12 noon. The dates for May are Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. Come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

### **KNIT AND NATTER**

The group will meet in the church for company, refreshments, and shared crafts on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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.

### **WHIPSNAD VILLAGE LUNCH.**

There will be a village lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm. Come and enjoy a light hot lunch, cakes, tea and coffee – all for £6. There will be the usual raffle; any donations gratefully received.

If you have any dietary requirements or any questions, please contact Tracy (07889 387957 or e-mail: [tracy@stockdalemartin.co.uk](mailto:tracy@stockdalemartin.co.uk)). If you would like to volunteer your help, we would be pleased to welcome you. Please contact Tracy on the e-mail above or Jane (07903 019188).

### **WHIPSNAD VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER**

Whipsnade Village Hall on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm – 4pm. Refreshments and a raffle will be available. Come along for a chat or to play cards and dominoes or a quiz with old and new friends.

### **WHIPSNAD VILLAGE HALL HOLISTIC AND WELLBEING FAIR**

Our very popular Holistic and Wellbeing Fair returns to Whipsnade Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 5pm. There will be a range of one-to-one healing opportunities with different professionals, as well as retail stalls including crystals, jewellery, candles, medicinal CBD products and many more.

Come and enjoy a coffee, bacon sandwich and cake.

### **SMILE LINE**

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Childrens Church; a slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. "Sorry, mum," he confessed. "I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer".

VARIOUS



**CHILDREN FROM STUDHAM SCHOOL ENJOYING THEIR  
PLAY (SEE PAGE 23 )**

**KENSWORTH VILLAGER OF THE YEAR FAY DAVIS-  
ADKINS (PAGE 22)**

**KENSWORTH COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS (PAGE 22)**



## **KENSWORTH & STUDHAM**

### **KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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Contact: [clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) Tel: 07387 789897

### **Annual Parish Meeting held for residents of Kensworth**

Many residents came to the meeting to hear about, and to share, matters of local interest.

The Villager of the Year was awarded, and round one of Community Grant donations were presented. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Thank you for everyone who attended, and to those who presented.

### **Kensworth Villager of the Year – Fay Davis-Adkins**

After receiving a number of nominations, Fay was presented with a certificate for exemplary service to the community by Parish Council Chair, Pat Mitchell.

### **Community Grants – awarded**

Six Grant donations were approved in the Parish Council's first round of Community Grants. These went to the Parish Link, Kensworth Flower & Vegetable Show, Kensworth Village Hall, Kensworth Methodist Church and East Anglian Air Ambulance – all worthy causes benefitting our residents. There is a small amount of funding left for a second round later in the year.

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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm, Kensworth Village Hall. This will be the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**. Everyone is welcome.

### **KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW**

The Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Programmes, with entry forms, will be available early July. More details in the next issue.

### **STUDHAM QUIZ**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the Red Lion, Studham.

This will be the last quiz until after the Summer.

The rounds for May 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, X, Y & Z); 4: entertainment (anything that entertains!); 5: what's left? (anything we couldn't fit into the previous rounds!) and 6: music 1960s-2020s (Summer).

## STUDHAM COMMON & SCHOOL

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next work party for the Friends will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. This is a week earlier than usual, due to the Studham May Fair on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The envisaged work party will be on West Common, where we will trim around the base of the cherry tree outside the Forge, as well as the margins of the football pitch. We will also be trimming footpaths to improve the access to the Common and remove dead overhanging branches.

Everyone is welcome to the work party: do come and help out if you can; new volunteers are always welcome. All tools, and a light lunch, will be provided. We meet at the War Memorial opposite the Red Lion at 10am. For further information please contact the work party co-ordinator, Bob Wilkin ([bob@afrosmosia.com](mailto:bob@afrosmosia.com) or 07796 446031).

### STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY

With the days getting sunnier and longer we have been experimenting growing grass and cress, writing creative stories and enjoying problem solving. Everyone has been taking the chance to enjoy nature: exploring our brand-new Orienteering course and taking on water challenges in our continuous provision!

Woodpecker class delighted us with a play about how we can help save our planet! With Aliens, Spaceships and help from a celebrity, the Earth and planet Zarkonia both became better places and everything on them was saved! The children worked hard preparing for their parts as well as creating all the scenery, props and programmes (see page 21)

We lived one of our values of care as we helped raise £80 for Red Nose Day – transforming the school hall into a sea of bright red! We are also starting our own fundraising journey to help us raise money for a brand-new Learning Pod. We hope to raise the £60,000 needed through a variety of activities; if you would like to help or contribute, please get in touch!

We cannot wait to perform our Maypole dance at the Studham May Fair! Every year Woodpecker Class make us very proud and the whole school also get to boogie along with our creative flash mob dance spectacular!

If you would like any more information, the latest school newsletter is on our school website [www.studhamschools.org.uk](http://www.studhamschools.org.uk). If you are interested in a place for your child (preschool to year 4, from 2 years old to 9 years old) please contact our school office (01525 872337 or e-mail [school@studhamschools.org.uk](mailto:school@studhamschools.org.uk)).

***Miss Katie Flowers, Deputy Head***

## **STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS & SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

### **STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS**

Well done to both Studham football teams, another great season. This is only their second season; last year the first team won their league and were moved up two leagues because of their outstanding performances. This year has been a little more challenging but with some fantastic results along the way. The best one was a 5-0 win in the semi-final of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division League Cup. Unfortunately they lost 2-0 in the final against Interluton on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

The reserve team have also had a wonderful season, but again no silverware. There are still a few matches to be played, so why not come and see them in action. Details of matches are on the club notice board.

The cricket season started at the end of last month and we are not forgetting that we are the hosts for the VillageT20 final to be played on 25<sup>th</sup> August, Bank Holiday Monday. So why not come and watch the fun? No idea who the teams will be but a fantastic day of T20 cricket will be guaranteed!

Cricket, football and tennis are always open to new players, so if you are interested in joining any of them, please get in touch ([Studhamssc@icloud.com](mailto:Studhamssc@icloud.com) or call into the clubhouse and leave your details). Junior training is also available in some sports.

### **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Opening times are: Saturday and Sunday 12 noon and Monday – Friday 4.30pm.

A reminder that club memberships were due on 1st April. Subscriptions are: family (parents and children under 18) – £25; single (18-64) – £20; concessions (students in full time education and those aged 65 and over) – £10. Memberships are an important element of keeping our club in the financial condition required for the future. Application forms are available at the bar.

Special evenings are in the pipeline, so watch the noticeboard, Facebook or website for times and dates. All members should receive details of events etc. via e-mail. If you have not been receiving yours, please make sure that your details are up to date by letting the bar staff, or Vicky Roche ([Studhamssc@icloud.com](mailto:Studhamssc@icloud.com)) know.

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 such as parties, christenings, birthdays, wedding celebrations, wakes, music evenings, etc. If you are planning an event, please contact Vicky Roch ([Studhamssc@icloud.com](mailto:Studhamssc@icloud.com)) to see what we can offer.





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## MISC.

### SONGS FOR STUDHAM



In April, St Mary's church in Studham hosted the Gwalia Welsh Male Choir who gave a delightful concert entitled "Songs for Studham". Some 100 people packed into the church and enjoyed a varied and entertaining afternoon (and also enjoyed some lovely cakes!). The choir was directed

by Wyn Hyland and accompanied by Christopher Duckett: we also enjoyed the bonus of soloist performances by Annamaria Macchi and Susannah Christou.



Some photos of the afternoon are shown here – the front cover shows Revd. Nicola Lenthall, organisers John Hanna and Julia Holder and Musical Director Wyn Hyland – our thanks go to them all, as well as to a whole host of volunteers and especially Churchwarden, Meg Bender, for making the afternoon so successful. £713 was raised.

### STUDHAM CHARITY BINGO

Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall.

There is always room for more, so why not come along and join in the fun? Prices: entrance 25p, books (10 games) 75p each (£4.50 for strip of 6), raffle 25p strip (free tea, coffee and biscuit during the interval).

### WI

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.15pm in Studham Village Hall.

Adam Smith, a former museum curator, was the guest speaker at the April meeting, and his topic was 'Ashridge through the Ages'. We were interested to hear about the history of the house from its origins as a monastic community, seized by Henry VIII in the dissolution of the monasteries in the 1530s. The house then belonged to his daughter, later Queen Elizabeth I, and then King James I, before it was sold to the wealthy and aristocratic Egerton family, in whose possession it remained until the 1920s. It was a hospital during the Second World War and is now a management college. Our May meeting is to discuss this year's Resolution for the National AGM.

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**YOGA CLASS:** Tuesday evenings in Studham Village Hall 7.30pm – 8.30pm All levels welcome. Please bring mat, blanket and water. Chair can be used. All proceeds to charity. Contact Helen on 07581 132418 or [hc.thompson@me.com](mailto:hc.thompson@me.com).

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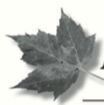
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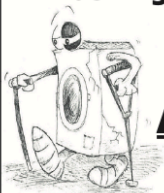
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