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Soon it will be time to say 'Goodbye', yet it does not seem so very long ago that Elisabeth, Jonathan and I were just beginning to get to know the people of Kensworth.

How much has changed since then. You will know that Elisabeth, my wife, passed away over three years ago now. We were wonderfully supported by you all at that time, and there is not a day goes by but that I feel her loss. Jonathan and Anna have already left to make their first home together in Bedford, and Bernie and I (who were married last August) will be moving out of the manse and travelling the short distance to Silsoe in late August.

We have enjoyed the last nine years of our work together. There have been many opportunities and challenges along the way, and we have not always been able to grasp the opportunities, nor agree about the challenges. Sharing times of blessing, together with harder times is part of our life as God's family.

It is going to be hard to move on and to start again, as I seek to discover and respond to the call of God to serve Him (in retirement) in another place. This is the stuff of life; what doesn't move on can become stale and, in time, immovable. But we believe in a God who, whilst dependably the same from age to age, is always moving on, and in his love, finding fresh ways to bless all his children.

What we do know, above all else, is that without God's rescue plan for the whole world, we should be lost. He came, in person, in Jesus and in him has dealt with all our wrongdoing, greed, pride and selfishness. We pray that when people look at us, as his followers, they may see something of the humble, servant love of Jesus, who gave His very life so that all people may know God's love and forgiveness.

God's richest blessings surround you and those you love, now and always. Thank you and God bless.

The cover shows Studham May Queen, Alannah, and her attendants. More photos of the May Fair on page 12.



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AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: we are continuing with the annual cycle of prayers around the village. In July we will be praying for all the residents of Swannells Wood and in August for everyone living in Church Road, Church Close, Church Mead and Red Lion Cottages. If you would like a prayer to be said, perhaps for a special person or event, please contact the churchwarden, Meg Bender, (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Pets' service: on Sunday 6th July our normal morning service will be replaced by this special service at 3pm in the churchyard. We shall be celebrating the wonder of creation and the joy of our wonderful relationships with our pets. All pets are very welcome – dogs on leads please and others safely contained. The service will be a relaxed one lasting 30-40 minutes and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is very welcome especially those who walk their dogs through the churchyard. Do come even if you don't normally come to church; we'd love to see you.

Children's Church: on Sunday 20th July at 10.30am. The children and young people will be discussing how hard it is to picture what God is like, but the life of Jesus makes it easier for us. After the service, everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments and to celebrate the July birthdays with a birthday cake.

There will be no Children's Church in August but on 17th August the August birthdays will be celebrated with a delicious cake.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who came to the Friends of Studham Church AGM, where the Committee was re-elected for a further year.

The June 100 Club draw took place at the AGM and the lucky winners were Annette Moss and Anne Spriggs, winning £60 and £10 respectively.

More information can be found on our website (friendsstudham.wixsite.com/website) or if you want to join the 100 Club please contact John McDougal (john.mcdougal@btinternet.com).

STUDHAMBURY

Don't forget the free music event held at the Red Lion on 19th July from 1pm. Raising money for the charity Young Lives Vs Cancer; this event has been running since 2013 and has raised over £115,000. So come along and support this event which will feature many local bands throughout the day.

WHIPSDADE INC. OLDHILL WOOD

CHURCH NEWS

Prayers for July and August

In July we will be praying for the people who live between Old School House and Chequers Cottages; in August, between Chiltern Cottage, Whipnade Zoo and Dagnall Road. If you have a request for prayers, write it on a leaf and hang on the prayer tree in the church or give it to one of the Churchwardens.

Sunday School

The children meet in the church vestry on July 6th during the 9am service for activities connected to Bible stories. Bring your children along for fun and friendship.

There will be no Sunday school during the August school holidays.

We would like to thank Glenda Cox for her dedication to the children and their learning and for making it fun and interesting.

Whipnade Church Patronal Festival Evensong

Our annual evensong will be held on Sunday 20th July at 6pm. We will be serving tea and cake from 5pm. We look forward to welcoming you to this special service and if the weather is good, enjoying some tea and cake in our lovely churchyard.

St Mary Magdalene was a woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection.



Whipnade Churchyard Working Party

We will be meeting on Saturday 26th July from 9am – 12pm. Come and join us. Refreshments will be provided.

There will be no working party in August.

We would like to thank our team of dedicated workers for all they achieve. Pam Ward, Paul Wright, Teresa Williams, and Ben and Jane Wright.

Whipnade 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.

Whipnade Wednesday Coffee Morning

We are running a coffee morning in the church every two weeks from 10am - 12pm. The dates for July are Wednesday 2nd, 16th and 30th; for August, Wednesday 13th and 27th. Come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS: if you would like a particular prayer to be said, for example for a loved one or a special event, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670 or dorothy.godbod1@outlook.com).

In July our prayers will be for all who live in Common Road, from the start up to the Methodist Church, including Wick Hill.

In August we shall say prayers for the residents of Bakers Lane, Woods Close, Grove Place, Dovehouse Lane and Malms Close.

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH: services continue as usual throughout the summer months. For all services, see page 16.

Church Calendar: we are in the season of Trinity. Notable days are: 25th July: St James the Great; 6th August: the Transfiguration of the Lord; 15th August: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Messy Holy Communion: everyone is warmly invited to join our Messy Holy Communion on Sunday 13th July, starting with breakfast at 10.15am. There will be no Messy Church in August.

Sunday School: Messy Holy Communion is on 13th July (see above). There is no Sunday School during the school holidays, but please do come to the services anyway! We will resume on Sunday 14th September. If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, contact Katherine Huggins (607841 or hugginskatherine1@gmail.com) for details.

Compline for St James: on Friday 25th July, at 7.30pm, there will be our annual Compline service to celebrate the Feast of St James the Great. This short version of Evensong was initiated some years ago by the late Jim Putterill (then Choirmaster) and the tradition continues. All very welcome.

Choir News: the choir will lead the singing at Holy Communion on 6th July. There will be no choir in August. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Nicola (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). All voices and ages welcome, and you don't have to be able to read music, just enjoy singing. We also welcome instrument players to help accompany the choir on some occasions.

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: for all services, see page 14. The July Coffee Morning is on Saturday 5th July, 10.30am -12noon. Do join us for delicious coffee and cakes and a chat. There is no coffee morning in August – the next one will be on Saturday 6th September.



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MORE KENSWORTH

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The Committee will be looking to move to a joint 3-year contract for gas and electricity bills with hopefully a new smart meter fitted to the gas meter.

Next meetings: Wednesday 2nd July and Tuesday 2nd September, 7.30pm.
No meeting in August.

Kensworth Summer Fair: once again the weather set us quite a challenge, but it still went ahead!. We would like to thank everyone who came along for your support – especially the stall holders for their continued support and the wonderful display of various goods on offer. We would like to thank Harris Coachwork for sponsoring the Dog Show – a big thank you to Olivia Ciccone, the Dog Show judge, for braving the weather and doing such a great job.

Also, thanks to Faisal Maqsood, World Media Connect Ltd, for his kind donation, and Sam Lutts for providing one of their lorries for a stage. John Hagen took pictures that can be seen on Google Photos Kensworth Village Fair 2025 and on p21.

Grateful thanks to Whipsnade Golf Course, T C Feeds, Chelsea Direct, Morrisons and many others who donated the great raffle prizes.

Kensworth Flower and Vegetable Show – Saturday 6th September

Programmes with entry forms are now available in both village shops and the Village Hall. The Allotments and The Best Front Garden will be judged prior to the day of the show during August. There are categories for all villagers, but even if you do not want to enter flowers, vegetables, fruit, plants, flower arranging, cookery, children's or craft items, then please come along to view the exhibits from 2.30pm and see the presentation of awards at 3.30pm.

Enquiries to David Manton (01438 831184 or david.manton@aol.co.uk).

KENSWORTH CHAT & SNACK

Chat 'n Snack will continue through the summer on Friday afternoons, 1pm - 4pm in the Village Hall. Come along and meet other villagers – everyone welcome.

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ENJOYING STUDHAM MAY FAIR



MISC.

ECO LIVING: Plastic Free July

There is indeed a month for everything and July is giving up PLASTIC. *"I Have One Word for You: Plastics"* – you may recognise this quote from The Graduate when Dustin Hoffman is taken aside and given the key to financial success for the future, and so this material has taken over the world, sealing everything in plastic, and one more time for good measure.

I love the idea of living without purchasing any plastic, but when I look at my recycling bin and the black bin rubbish where the soft plastics pile up, I take a deep breath. How would I do this? No shampoo bottles, no grapes, no strawberries, no chicken tikka masala, no ham, no pasta packages, no crisps, no sweets, no milk cartons, the list is rather long...

So, I research the website dedicated to this month (<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>) and I feel a bit better. Have a look. The website has videos which are encouraging, and they ask you to 'choose to refuse' to keep buying plastics in July by choosing ONE single use plastic item that you can give up. There is even a Pesky Plastic quiz to fill in which helps you think about your usage. Perhaps everyone in your household could choose one thing to give up: for our oceans, for our planet, for our future. If we make one small step, we can make a difference.

DAY TRIP to CHARTWELL HOUSE and ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS Wednesday 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 will travel on 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, National Trust members will not pay for this, therefore reducing their total cost to £50.

MORE STUDHAM

STUDHAM MAY FAIR

Studham May Fair, once again, proved to be a very enjoyable and successful village event. Starting with the crowning of the May Queen, Alannah, we were entertained by the excellent Maypole dancing by the Children of Studham School. With fine weather all afternoon, the large crowd enjoyed a range of stalls, food and entertainment.

An incredible sum of over £9,000 was raised for distribution between many Studham organisations and local charities. Details of these organisations will be in future Parish Links once the allocations have been finalised.

Whilst numerous people were involved, a special thanks go to Derek Spriggs and Becky Salisbury, who co-chaired the Committee, Jo Majewska and the rest of the organising Committee. **See photos on page 12.**

STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB SUMMER CAMP

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VILLAGE HALL FETE, SATURDAY 5th JULY

We are really looking forward to our Village Hall Fete, it seems so long since our last one which was pre-Covid! Please come and join us.

There will be refreshments, a raffle, stalls and just games (mainly for the children of course!) for everyone to play like “Hook a Duck” or “Splat the Rat”, and even a Treasure Hunt! There will also be displays of our rebuild plans and from Friends of Studham Common – so informative as well as fun!



We would like to take this chance to officially thank all those who have helped arrange, are running stalls, or sponsored this event especially Town and Country and Jasper Green Limited. Without all the support we have received the day would not be happening – so ‘Thank You’ one and all.

NEWS

US AIRMAN, MAJOR GLENN E. HAGENBUCH – MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Whipsnade, and the Parish Council will this year be honouring a wartime American pilot, Maj. Glenn Hagenbuch, who was killed when his plane developed mechanical problems and crashed on Whipsnade Green during the war on the 9th October, 1943.

A short service of remembrance will be held at the crash site and afterwards at a special service of dedication in the Parish Church which will be attended by members of the Hagenbuch family who will be travelling from their homes in the USA. All are welcome to attend the services which will be on Thursday, 9th October this year on the 82nd anniversary of the crash. Please save the date. More details will be provided in the September issue of the Parish Link and on Village Facebook pages nearer the time.

The **next meeting of the Parish Council** will be held on Tuesday, 9th September in Whipsnade Village hall starting at 7.30 pm.

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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

Services and events:

July

Sunday 6 th	2pm	80th Anniversary and Tea, Gaddesden Row
Sunday 13 th	10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 20 th	3pm	Joint Service, Hemel Hempstead
Sunday 27 th	10am	Linda Hillier

August

Sunday 10 th	10am	Tony Higgins
Sunday 24 th	10am	Helen Roberts HC
Sunday 31 st	3pm	Joint Service, All Saints, Berkhamsted

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:

Services for July/August: Sundays: services at 10.30am unless otherwise stated:

13 th . July	11am	Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs, bring a chair & picnic
27 th . July	Morning Service	Led by Mr Roger Owers
10 th . August	Morning Service	Led by Mr Geoff Best
24 th . August	Morning Service	Led by Mr Michael Adams
See the chapel noticeboards for further details.		

WHIPSDADE VILLAGE LUNCH

There will be a village lunch on Wednesday 9th July at 12.30pm (please note, there will be no village lunch in August, the next one will be September 3rd). 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).

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).

KNIT and NATTER

The group will be meeting in the church for some friendly chat, refreshments and shared crafts on Tuesday 8th July and Tuesday 5th August 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.

The most recent project we have been working on is traditional knitted bunting which will be used in the first instance for the upcoming village fete at the Village Hall on 12th July. Thank you to all, who did the knitting and to all the ladies who helped string the bunting together, it looks amazing and your efforts are really appreciated.

WHIPSDADE VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER

Whipsnade Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd July and Tuesday 19th August 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.

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LUTON CHORAL SOCIETY

On 5th July at 7.30pm in St Augustine's Church, Luton (LU3 2JR), the Luton Choral Society presents "On Wings of Song", an avian musical journey. The programme includes Scarborough Fair, Mendelssohn's O for the Wings of a Dove, Handel's Nightingale Chorus and Mozart's Sparrow Mass.

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KENSWORTH EXTRA

KENSWORTH REUSE CENTRE (formerly the Church Shop)

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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 PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Christina Jones e-mail: clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Mix them together in a bowl. Taste as you go along and adjust as needed. You may need to add more sugar for sweetness or more vinegar for acidity, depending on your taste preferences.

Place the sauce in a pot over medium heat and bring it up to a simmer. Simmer for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until it thickens up slightly. Once it has reached the desired consistency, let it cool, then transfer it into an airtight container for storage in the refrigerator. Now that you have created the perfect barbecue sauce, all that's left is to enjoy it!



## **STUDHAM EXTRA**

### **STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY**

So much has been going on at Studham Village CE Academy!

We were delighted to be involved in this year's May Fair, with our Years 3 and 4 doing a sterling job creating such fantastic maypole ribbon displays, alongside our May Queen and her attendants. Thank you to all our parents and families who came and supported the event as it is a special date in our school calendar and we love keeping this wonderful tradition alive.

This Summer half term we have been sorting Safari Animals by patterns, learning to 'move on' with a 'Cautious Caterpillar', creating cityscapes like the artist Rizzi and embracing Ancient Egypt!

To see what we are getting up to, why not look at the latest news on our website [www.studhamschools.org.uk](http://www.studhamschools.org.uk) or find and follow us on FaceBook.

In addition to all our wonderful school activities, we are continuing to fundraise for our wraparound care 'Pod' and have already hosted a fun evening of quizzing, eating and merriment. We would like to thank everyone who came, donated or raised awareness of this event. If you would like to help our cause then please go to <https://gofund.me/d69d704c> or e-mail [school@studhamschools.org.uk](mailto:school@studhamschools.org.uk). Alternatively, use the QR code that can be found on our website.

Finally, as I write this, we are busy preparing to say 'au revoir' to our Year 4 students; we wish them all the love in the world as they continue their academic journey and can't wait to get regular updates on how they are all doing. Best of Luck everyone!!!

Spaces are limited but if you are interested in a place for your child (preschool to year 4, from 2 years to 9 years) please contact the school (872337 or e-mail [school@studhamschools.org.uk](mailto:school@studhamschools.org.uk) for more information.

Best wishes for the Summer!

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

### **STUDHAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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 10 - 12 noon and Fridays 9.30am -12.30pm.

If you would like to come along and join us, please drop an e-mail to [twohappyfolks@btinternet.com](mailto:twohappyfolks@btinternet.com), with your name and level of experience. The members' abilities vary but all are welcome. Requirements are that you are over 18, fit enough to play table tennis and if you have a bat bring it with you, or we have bats available.

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

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

**Next meetings:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, both at 7pm at Studham Scout HQ, Clements End Rd, Studham, Dunstable LU6 2NG.

**Fly tipping:** can be reported on the CBC website: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste and recycling/report fly tipping or illegal waste dumping](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/report-fly-tipping-or-illegal-waste-dumping). Please then e-mail the clerk with the details of the report.

**Rubbish disposal:** residents are responsible for their rubbish, even if someone else has been paid to get rid of it, and you do need to check that your builder or the person taking it is going to dispose of it properly. The CBC website ([www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste and recycling/fly tipping/rogue rubbish collectors](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/fly-tipping/rogue-rubbish-collectors)) provides information on rubbish disposal, including spotting rogue collectors and finding a licensed waste carrier, including an example of a genuine waste carrier license.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** we are in the early stages of developing a Neighbourhood Plan, which is a local planning document developed by a community to guide the future development of their area. It outlines a vision for the area and sets policies for how land is used and developed, influencing planning decisions and shaping the community. More information will be available very shortly on the Parish Council's website.

**Community Governance Review:** CBC will be carrying out a Community Governance Review (CGR) over the coming months, conducting a consultation and inviting submissions. A CGR is a way to make sure that, at parish level, governance arrangements are working as efficiently and effectively as they should be. Please contact the clerk who can provide a link to the Studham Parish note on the Community Governance Review.

**Hedges:** residents are responsible for ensuring hedges, shrubs and trees do not spread over pavements or footpaths and inconvenience pedestrians. Please show consideration to users and cut all foliage back to within the boundary of your own property enabling walkers, pushchair, buggy and wheelchair users to use the tarmac pavement.

To report overgrown shrubs or hedges please go to [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste and recycling/street cleansing, litter and road sweeping](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/street-cleansing-litter-and-road-sweeping).

## STUDHAM EXTRA 2

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

Our next work party will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We will be checking the status of the hedges of the southern boundary of all 3 Commons and trampling any high vegetation in order to allow the hedge to grow well and provide a good habitat for birds and wildlife. Whilst on East Common we will be strimming around the car park to allow a clear view into and from the car park for the benefit of all visitors.

The August work party will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> when we will cut and clear grass and bracken on West Common from the glade by the school hedge, and areas south and west of the football pitch and beside Clements End Road. In addition, we will trim scalloped edges along the bridleway adjusting the cut so as to encourage the spread of the wild raspberries..

Do come and join us, everyone is welcome to the work party, especially new volunteers - all necessary tools, and a light lunch will be provided. We meet at the War Memorial on West Common at 10am. For further information contact work party co-ordinator (July) Joan Stone (geone.stone@gmail.com or 872444) or (August) Bob Wilkin Operations Manager (bob@afrormosia.com or 07796 446031).

### 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.

### STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

The hall is in use nearly every day – 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 Village Organisations page or contact one of the Trustees..

We still have room for other groups; if you would like to organise one, or hold a single meeting or become a regular user, then please contact one of the Trustees, their details are displayed in the Village Hall. Contact Lynne Smith, (bookingstudhamvh@gmail.com) for more information.

If you would like to become a Trustee, please let either Des Salmon (872082) or Chrys Smith (872989 or smithlaws@hotmail.co.uk) know.

Our **AGM** this year is to be held on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**. All are welcome.

## STUDHAM EXTRA 3

### SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Opening hours: Saturday and Sunday 12pm and Monday - Friday 4.30pm.

**AGM Thursday 24th July 7pm** at the clubhouse. All members are welcome.

Club membership 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. Application forms available at the bar.

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### STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

**AGM Monday 14th July 7pm** at the Sports & Social Club. All Studham parishioners are welcome to attend.

Cricket season is well and truly here so why not come and spend a glorious afternoon or evening, sitting in the sunshine watching a game with a glass of something cold and refreshing? One date not to be missed is August Bank Holiday, Monday (25th), when we are hosts to the Villages T20 Final - 3 matches all in one day - and they will all be thrillers!

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.

You are more than welcome to come just as a spectator to any of the events held and we look forward to seeing you. All details are on the club noticeboard, Facebook and website.

The playing fields are also available for other events and have previously hosted marquee parties, touch rugby tournaments, school sports and of course, the May Fair. If you would like any further information, or are interested in using the fields to host an event, please contact the Secretary, Tricia Harris (871293).

Please remember to look after your dogs if walking on, or visiting, the playing fields and clear up all mess and **take it away** with you to protect sports users and children using the grounds. The bins **inside** the playing fields are for general rubbish only and not 'dog poop'.



## LOCAL PLACES to VISIT in the SUMMER MONTHS

(Updated from last year by popular request)

Here is a list of just some ideas for where you can go, with children, during the long holidays. They can all be googled for details of contact, directions and facilities: *[Postcodes direct you to the car parks]*

**Whipsnade Heath** (LU6 2PG); **Whipsnade Tree Cathedral** (LU6 2LQ); **Dunstable Downs** (see below) (LU6 2GY); **Kensworth Chalk Quarry** (Rugby Cement), the largest in the country. Public footpath around it, from the Isle of Wight Lane opposite the Gateway Visitors' Centre (LU6 2GY); **Ashridge Estate** (HP4 1LT); **Coombe Hill**, highest point in the Chiltern Hills (HP17 0TZ); **Sharpenhoe Clappers** (MK45 4SH); **St Albans Cathedral** (AL1 1BY); **Verulamium Park, St Albans** (AL3 4SW).

The above are places where admission is free, though there may be car parking charges. Here are some suggestions for other visits:

**Whipsnade Zoo** (LU6 2LF); **Woodside Animal Farm** (LU1 4DG); **Mead Open Farm** (LU7 9JH); **Leighton Buzzard Railway** (LU7 4TN); **Pitstone Windmill** (LU7 9ER); **Pitstone Museum** (LU7 9EY); **Roman Verulamium** (AL3 4SW); **Ascott House** (LU7 0PS); **Wrest House** (MK45 4HR); **Waddesdon Manor** (HP18 0JH); **Curly Tails Pig Sanctuary** (MK17 0BH); **Bletchley Park** (MK3 6EB); **Woburn Safari Park** (MK45 0TU); **Plane-spotting at Luton Airport** (LU2 9QT); **Perfect Playland, Shefford** (SG17 5HQ) (for children 0-8).

*[If you are a member of the National Trust or the Woodland Trust, some of the above are free entry].*

**Leisure Centres:** Dunstable: (LU5 4JD); Houghton Regis (LU5 5PY); Flitwick (MK45 1TH); Tiddenfoot, Leighton Buzzard (LU7 2AF); Bletchley (MK2 2HQ); Westminster Lodge, St Albans (AL1 2DJ).

### DUNSTABLE DOWNS

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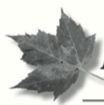
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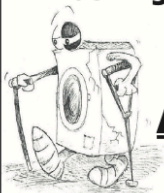
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