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Dear friends and parishioners

As I write this, I keep being reminded of the harvest by the sounds of combines and tractors on the road outside. It's impossible not to be aware that they work to a very demanding schedule, and often continue late into the evening and night. I worked briefly as a farm labourer as a teenager, and remember clearly these long harvest hours, when everything can suddenly move very quickly, in response to the weather – and how that meant our working shifts would have to be flexible too.

We are blessed by those who grow the food we depend on. Often, we just consume without thinking about it, but without the farming families of these villages, and in other places here and abroad, things would be very different.

We owe those who provide for us a very real debt of gratitude. The Harvest thanksgivings and celebrations in our village churches enable us to mark this publicly – and will take place this year on:

- September 28 at 10.30am at St. Mary's Kensworth
- October 5 at 9am at St. Mary Magdalene, Whipsnade, and
- October 5 10.30am at St. Mary's Studham.

Why not come and join us – and if you can't, then I offer you one of my favourite Harvest hymns, written a few years ago by Brian Wren, which begins with these two verses:

**Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,  
praise God for the people who gather their yield,  
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,  
the patience of science, the power of machine.**

**Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,  
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:  
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown  
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.**

With my prayers and every blessing for the month of September,

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## WHIPSNADE INC. OLDHILL WOOD

### CHURCH NEWS

**Prayers for September:** in September we will be praying for all our friends who live in Whipsnade Park homes and thanking them for the support they give to our church. 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.

**Whipsnade Village Fete:** we would like to say thank you to Ken France and all the committee for organising a very successful and enjoyable afternoon. Thank you also for your contributions, which are very much appreciated.

**Bike 'n Hike:** join the sponsored Bike and Hike, raising money for Beds. and Herts. Historic Churches Trust on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Whipsnade church will be open and ready with refreshments.

**Sunday School:** the children meet in the church vestry on 14<sup>th</sup> September during the 9am service for activities connected to Bible stories. Bring your children along for fun and friendship.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** this will be hosted by the Church Coffee Morning on 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to midday: all are very welcome. Donations on entry: refreshments available (tea, coffee or soft drinks with scones and cakes). There are fun competitions, stalls to buy cakes and small objects, and a raffle. Come along for a chat and raise funds for a very worthy cause. Contact Isobel Randall (872552) or Jane Wright (07903 019188).

**Whipsnade Churchyard Working Party:** we will be meeting on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9am – midday. Come and join us. Refreshments will be provided.

**Harvest Festival:** held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. This is a family-friendly service, with the church filled with flowers and foodstuffs. We will be delivering gifts of flowers, biscuits and goodies to local people and to Dunstable Foodbank. The proceeds from the service and the October village lunch will go to the Bishop's Appeal supporting Mission Direct's work to increase access to education in the world's most under-resourced communities.

**Whipsnade 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. Thanks for all the donations of puzzles: we now have a good supply and so do not need any more.

## KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

### KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

**Our prayers for you:** If you would like a particular prayer to be said, perhaps for a loved one or a special event, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670 or [dorothy.godbod1@outlook.com](mailto:dorothy.godbod1@outlook.com)).

In September our prayers will be especially for those who live in Church End, Spratts Lane and Hollicks Lane.

**Harvest Festival:** the annual celebration for the Harvest will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

We will be decorating the church for the Harvest Festival on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. If you'd like to help, or can donate flowers, fruit or vegetables for the display, please contact Jo (07799 088864). You can bring gifts of produce to the service, where they are presented to the Vicar.

The gifts will be auctioned after the service, followed by our usual **Bring and Share Picnic**. Please bring your favourite picnic food and drink to enjoy and share. The church collection will go to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, which this year is helping build schools and improve education in Uganda and Zambia. Proceeds from the auction will go to Keech Hospice, and tinned goods will be given to Dunstable Food Bank. Please come supplied with cash, though a card payment service is available.

**Choir News:** the Choir will be singing on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September and also at the Harvest Festival. If you would like to join the Choir, contact the Rector (872223 or [revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com)). All voices are welcome, and instrument players also, for help with accompanying on special occasions.

**Sunday School:** for all young people on 14<sup>th</sup> September. All sorts of exciting activities are planned - the children will be finding out about *The Lost Sheep*. More fun will be had at the Harvest Festival on 28<sup>th</sup> September. 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:** Messy Church this month will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm in the Church Hall. Children and their carers are welcome to join in an afternoon of crafts, stories and songs on a theme of *Harvest*. This is followed by a hot meal for everybody. No charge, but we are grateful for donations.

**KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:** the September Coffee Morning is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am – 12 noon. Come and enjoy delicious tea/coffee and cakes and friendly chat. All are welcome.

## AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Church prayers:** we are continuing with the annual cycle of prayers around the village. In September we shall be praying especially for everyone who lives in Valley Road and Valley Close. 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)).

**Service of Evening Prayer:** this specially requested service will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm. There will be no morning service at St Mary's.

**Sponsored Bike 'n Hike:** this annual event takes place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Meg (details above) if you would like to take part. In 2024 we were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for raising over £500; can we do even better this year? (See page 14).

**Children's Church:** we resume on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10.30am. At the start of a new school year, new children and young people of all ages are particularly welcome to join in with discussions about Bible stories, related activities and singing. After the service, all are invited to stay to celebrate the September birthdays with a birthday cake.

**Harvest Festival:** this special harvest service with all the traditional hymns, takes place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Many thanks to the village organisations which have, once again, kindly agreed to decorate a window sill with harvest produce and foodstuffs. More information next month.

**Annual Quiz:** at an early planning stage but save the date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

100 Club winners were John Hanna and Lynne Moxon (July). John won again (with a different number!) in August with Val Grozier the runner-up.

As reported in the July Link, an incredible sum of over £9,000 was raised at the May Fair. The distribution has been decided by the Organising Committee and the following 12 village organisations, and one charity, have received funds – Friends of Studham Church, Friends of Studham Common, the Methodist Church, Mums and Tots, Playing Fields, Studham School, Scouts, Village Hall, Women's Institute, the Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs as well as St Francis Hospice.

The Call My Bluff wine evening (17<sup>th</sup> October) is now sold out. If you wish to be on the reserve list for returns (and for other information about the Friends) please e-mail John McDougal ([john.mcdougal@btinternet.com](mailto:john.mcdougal@btinternet.com)).





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**NB:** Unfortunately, we will be **closed** on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**, due to a lack of available volunteers. If you are over 18, and would like to help the charity for 2 hours on a Saturday morning, we would be very pleased to welcome you. Please contact Steve Hartley (872713) or Dorothy Blackburn (872670) for details.

### KENSWORTH ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD WORKING GROUP

Many thanks to the volunteers who made a big impression on the churchyard on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July. The one on 19<sup>th</sup> July unfortunately had to be cancelled because of rain – but we did need that rain!

Do you value this space as a beautiful place to sit, walk through or visit?

**We need your support to help us maintain the grounds for everyone.**

You can help:

- join our Churchyard Working Group WhatsApp;
- join the WhatsApp but do what you can when you can;
- independently feel free to do any weeding and tidying.

Please contact Jane Bedlington (07796 015292) if you would like to help.

**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:** do pop into the Village Hall on a Friday afternoon between 1pm & 4pm. Meet old friends for a chat, and make new ones while enjoying a snack and a drink.

### ANNUAL BIKE 'n HIKE:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 10am from Kensworth St Mary's Church. Jane Bedlington will be leading a family-friendly leisurely walk from Kensworth Church to Whipsnade Church and then on to Studham Church. Refreshments are available at each stop.

Funds raised are split 50:50 between Beds. and Herts. Historic Churches Trust and Kensworth St Mary's Church. Collect a sponsor form from the Church porch or just turn up, join in and give a donation towards the Trust.

WHIPSHADE FETE



## **MORE STUDHAM**

### **STUDHAM CHARITY BINGO**

Wednesdays September 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall. 'Eyes down' at 8pm. There is always room for more to join us. Prices: entrance 25p; books (10 games) 75p each (£4.50 for a strip of 6).

### **WI**

#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm in Studham Village Hall**

Studham WI enjoyed a very pleasant and enjoyable picnic evening in July and, in August, we learned some chair exercises to help us keep fit and active. Our September meeting will start with a discussion of changes to "Articles of Association". There will be a short quiz, chat and refreshments to finish off the evening.

Heads up for October!! Our meeting will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. The speaker will be Julia Opperman asking the question: "What did the Romans ever do for us?" This will be an open meeting. Entrance for non-members is £5.

### **QUIZZES**

We are back! Quiz night at the Red Lion will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8pm. £3 a head to enter and £1 per strip raffle (5 entries). There is no fixed team size – so you can go solo or bring all the family; please ring the Red Lion (872530) to book a table, (and order food).

The rounds for September will be:

1: sport & news; 2: school days (all the things you learnt at school); 3: alphabet (all answers start with A); 4: entertainment; 5: what's left? 6: music 1960s-2020's (only need title and they all start with "A").

### **SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

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### **STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

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

We are always happy to welcome others 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 Chrys Smith (07907 974091/e-mail smithlaws@hotmail.co.uk) know.



## ECO & LOCAL

### ECO LIVING

As summer ends, many of us are looking at refreshing our wardrobes: ready for a return to work or school or simply to reflect the changing seasons. But do we need to buy all new clothes as Autumn begins?

**What is second-hand September?** Second hand September is a yearly campaign, designed to encourage people to consider their clothes shopping habits and the impact of fast fashion, and to explore other options – looking at ways to utilise pre-loved clothing, instead of always buying new.

**Why is it important?** Fashion is a significant contributor to pollution and the industry generates millions of tonnes of waste each year. Many items of clothing are worn only a handful of times before ending up in landfill and the environmental impact of this high demand for new clothes is considerable.

### What can we do?

- \* Buy clothing second hand: use thrift/charity shops, vintage stores or online marketplaces.
- \* Host/attend clothing swaps with friends or family, exchanging items that are no longer worn.
- \* Repair, alter or repurpose clothes to extend their life.
- \* Donate unwanted clothing, rather than throwing it away.

### HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE 'n HIKE

**13<sup>th</sup> September between 9am and 5pm.**

This is an annual sponsored event with half the sponsorship money going to the Trust and half to the participating churches. The Trust gives grants to churches and chapels for the care and repair of their buildings.

Our village churches are taking part – see below for contacts if you wish to join in either on your bike or on foot! Or you may wish to sponsor someone who is taking part. Refreshments provided.

Kensworth: Jane Bedlington (07796 015292) (p.11)

Studham: Meg Bender (872967) (p.9)

Whipsnade: Jane Wright (07903 019188) (p.7)

### POPPIES

If you would like to join the helpers for this year's collection either by doing a door-to-door collection round or manning the stall at the Gateway Centre on the Downs for a couple of hours, please let Chrys Smith (07907 974091) or Pam Ward know. Collection starts in October.

## CHURCH NEWS

### NORTH CHILTERN GROUP QUIET MORNING

There will be a quiet morning at Whipsnade Church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am–12.30pm. There are some strong images of gardens in the bible – Garden of Eden, Garden of Gethsemane, and several others. We will use the theme of a garden to help you explore your life and relationship with God. You will be able to reflect and be creative as the mood takes you. Come and experience some peace and quiet with a garden theme.

### THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Whipsnade Church is also hosting the first session of the new Good Book Club on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 5pm–6pm. The group will meet monthly in one of our three churches to read and discuss devotional and informative books that give us insight into different aspects of the bible and scripture. The first book will be “The Meaning in the Miracles” by Jeffrey John. For more information or to join us, please contact Nicola or Penny.

### KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

All services are on Sundays at 10.30am:

14 <sup>th</sup> . September	Morning Service	Led by Mrs. Belinda Freeman
28 <sup>th</sup> . September	Holy Communion	Led by the Reverend Patrick Kandeh

### 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).

September services and events:

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Helen Roberts	Harvest Festival
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Local Arrangement	

'Local Arrangement' means that members choose the readings, prayers and hymns.

We will be holding our biennial Christmas Tree event on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, with a Carol Service in the trees at 3pm. If any organisation or individual would like to submit a tree please let either Linda Hillier or Chrys Smith (872989) know.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

21<sup>st</sup> September is the feast day of St Matthew, and the 29<sup>th</sup> is St Michael and All Angels (known as Michaelmas).

### **KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

After the lull in bookings over the school holidays, the hall is now back to full regular bookings during the week and hiring at weekends. Plans are being formulated for Halloween and Christmas events (see below).

Once again, the weather managed to spoil our summer events at the Village Hall. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that still came along and supported us. Especially a big thank you to Tring Brewery for their support - they saved the day!

Coming events:

**Childrens Halloween 🍊Party👻 4pm - 6pm, Friday 31st October:**  
games, fancy dress competition, prizes, food and drinks.

**Christmas Fayre Sunday 7th December 1pm - 4.30pm**

If you would like to book a stall, please contact Sylvia (07831 538682).

The Management Committee would like to acknowledge a kind donation from the late Steven Saxon.

The next Committee Meeting is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

### **KENSWORTH FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW**

Just a reminder that Kensworth Flower & Vegetable Show is on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September** from 2.30pm. There will be stalls in the car park for visitors to browse; any enquiries, please contact the Show Secretary, Sylvia Inns (07831 538682 or [sylvia.inns@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.inns@gmail.com)).

Please remember to return your entry forms for your vegetables, flowers, baking, preserves and craft work to Sylvia no later than Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Programmes are available with entry forms in both Village Stores and the Village Hall.

### **SEEKING DUKE of EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERS!**

Are you looking for some local volunteering as part of your Bronze, Silver or Gold Award?

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1 hour a week for 3/6/12 months is all you need to be signed off for your Volunteering Section of the Award.

Contact Jane Bedlington, Warden of St Mary's, Kensworth (also a D of E Expedition Leader) (07796 015292).

## MORE WHIPSDNAE & STUDHAM

### WHIPSDNAE VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER

Whipsnade Village Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 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.

### WHIPSDNAE WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING

We run a coffee morning in the church every two weeks from 10am–12 noon. The dates for September are Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. (The coffee morning on 24<sup>th</sup> will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning, with all the funds raised going to Macmillan). Come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

### WHIPSDNAE KNIT AND NATTER

The group will be meeting in the church for some friendly chat, refreshments and shared crafts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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.

### STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY

September has seen us welcome back the pupils, parents and staff (including new teacher Mrs Rolfe!). The children have launched themselves back into learning and have showed enthusiasm for the new school year. We can't wait to see what the rest of the Autumn term has in store!

We are continuing to raise money for our new 'Pod' building so watch this space for further fundraising events. To donate, see our Go Fund Me page.

If you would like to see what else we have been doing, or for any further enquiries, visit our website [www.studhamschools.org.uk](http://www.studhamschools.org.uk) or our Facebook page.

***Miss K Flowers, Deputy Headteacher***

### STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

You are welcome to come as a spectator to any of the events held; all details are on the club noticeboard, Facebook and website.

The playing fields are also available for other events – if you 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'.



## WHIPSNAD E EXTRA

### WHIPSNAD E VILLAGE LUNCH

There will be a village lunch on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 or Jane Wright (07903 019188).

### WHIPSNAD E PARISH COUNCIL

**Fete:** taking advantage of the gorgeous weather, this took place on 12<sup>th</sup> July bringing together all members of our community. Thanks especially go to the Village Hall Trustees and Management Committee for hosting this year's event and for the participation of many individuals and different groups who helped with the planning, preparation and running of the event.

The fete made over £1,500 which will be shared between the Village Hall and PCC, helping to sustain these organisations and fund future activities; donations were also made to the East of England Air Ambulance Service, Pancreatic Cancer Research and Gaddesden Place Riding for the Disabled. In addition to £500 from the Parish Council, we had donations from Burgundy Developments and Fine & Country Estate Agents, who also provided the beautiful signage. Thanks also to David and Becky Salisbury for their kind generosity. (***See photos on page 12 – thanks to Les Randall***).

**VE-80 Special Event:** we shall be holding a special open air service on Whipsnade Green to commemorate a US airman, ***Major Glenn E Hagenbuch*** who died in October 1943 when his plane developed engine trouble while flying over Whipsnade and crashed into the gardens of the Women's Land Army then billeted in Zoo accommodation on the edge of The Green. The service will be attended by members of Major Hagenbuch's family who will be coming over from America, together with representatives from the Royal British Legion, Air cadets and USAF personnel now stationed at the major's former wartime base in Cambridgeshire. We hope that as many residents as possible will attend the observances which will be held at the crash site on the morning of **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** followed by a short service in the church. Full details will be announced as soon as plans are finalised and they will be published in the October edition of the Parish Link.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at Whipsnade Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

## STUDHAMBURY 2025



We thought that the weather warnings might dampen enthusiasm for Studhambury this year. No one could have blamed visitors for being put off from venturing to an open-air music festival in the rain. How wrong were we to underestimate the loyalty and charitable spirit of our brilliant village!

The village was up for a party and the musical entertainment didn't disappoint. We enjoyed newcomers and Studhambury stalwarts on stage, all of whom entertained us with their wonderful eclectic music. Studhambury is a true community event and there are so many people without whom it just wouldn't happen.

Young Lives vs Cancer are delighted with the £39,334 raised both on the day and with other events. The BBC's 'Make a Difference Awards' are so impressed that we have been shortlisted in their annual Fundraiser category. Thanks to all for their support.

***Ian Milne***

## **STUDHAM EXTRA**

**STUDHAM MAY FAIR:** The May Fair has been a regular part of the Studham calendar for many years and is a much-loved village get-together. It attracts people from many local villages and towns and, as probably the largest local annual event, has been a major focus of village life.

Village organisations, e.g. the Sports Fields, Churches, Scouts and Village Hall have benefited from the money raised - £9.5k was distributed this year.

A small number of hard-working volunteers on the committee have run the May Fair for the last few years and all feel they have done their time and are stepping down.

The May Fair can only continue in 2026 and beyond if new folk are willing to step up and join the committee and yet more come forward to join the amazing bunch of volunteers who help on the day and contribute to set-up and take down. We need to recruit a team who will be the driving force for the event and who are prepared to give some time to ensure the May Fair not only takes place in 2026, but is an ongoing success into the future.

There will be a village meeting in January 2026, (date tbc) when the next May Fair is traditionally planned, to gauge interest, but if there is not enough support at that meeting, there will be no Studham May Fair in 2026. For more information and details of what volunteering would involve, please contact Derek Spriggs ([mayfair.studham.derek@gmail.com](mailto:mayfair.studham.derek@gmail.com)).

## **FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON**

Following our 18th successive annual Community award for Green Flag status, the next work party for the Friends will be on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

On the East Common we will be cutting and clearing grass, bracken and bramble from the southern boundary. On Middle Common we will clear around the Enright Orchard and Platinum Jubilee trees and ensure the heather clumps are kept well maintained.

By East Common car park, we will reduce brambles etc. by the planted gorse and also opposite on Middle Common. This will help to prevent the gorse becoming smothered by other vigorous growth.

Everyone is welcome, especially new members. We meet at the War Memorial on West Common at 10am; all tools and a light lunch will be provided. For more information contact work party co-ordinator Keith Draine (07807 363629 or [k.draine@draines.co.uk](mailto:k.draine@draines.co.uk)).

## STUDHAM EXTRA 2

### 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.

### TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The club continues to grow and several new members have joined us during the summer. We play on Wednesdays 10am–12noon and Fridays 9.30am–12.30pm.

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and noon, in the Village Hall. To support this, we need cake bakers, raffle prizes and lots of people to come through the door to eat drink and buy raffle tickets to support Macmillan Cancer Research.

Please e-mail [twohappyfolks@btinternet.com](mailto:twohappyfolks@btinternet.com) or call 07484 755404 or 07958 350002 if you are able to help in any way.

### STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Next meetings:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm, both at Studham Scout HQ, Clements End Rd, Studham.

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

**Dog mess:** we would like to remind dog walkers to please respect our village and clear up after their dogs. You can be fined £100 if you allow a dog, which you are responsible for, to foul and not clear it up immediately when in a public place. Dog fouling can be reported to CBC at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/waste](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/waste) and recycling/street cleansing, litter and road sweeping.

**British Heart Foundation (BHF) online training:** the BHF have simple and straightforward online training on cardiac arrest, CPR, and defibrillator use on their website <https://revivr.bhf.org.uk/>.

**Nuisance drones:** drone-flying is regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority, but the police take the lead on drone misuse. The Beds Police website contains information on the use of drones: ([www.beds.police.uk/advice](http://www.beds.police.uk/advice)).

## KENSWORTH EXTRA 2

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

The summer term passed with very positive feeling around the school (helped by the sunshine!), which really brought enjoyment to staff and children alike. We have been so impressed by the children and their application towards revision, practice and the tests themselves.

Year 6 pupils enjoyed an afternoon at a local inflatable/virtual reality experience, as well as a special lunch, as we waved goodbye and wished them every success in this big new step in their lives. The majority of pupils are attending Manshead CE Academy, a secondary school within our trust.

The Year 2 children were delighted to welcome the Fire Service into the school. They showed them the fire engine and the equipment that they used. A few lucky students also got to try the equipment.

The year ended with the annual Sports Day and the School Fete, organised by our School Council. To conclude the year, we welcomed the parents to our final day picnic with a chance to reflect on the fantastic progress of our school.

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

**Farewell note** from **Steven Wareham**, Deputy Head: personally, I have really enjoyed my time at Kensworth and it is with sadness that I left the school at the end of the summer term. I will remember the school and community with fondness and have wonderful memories of the children.

### **KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Autumn Planting:** Spring bulb planting across the village and native hedgerow planting – volunteers needed.

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**Next Parish Council Meetings:** 11<sup>th</sup> September & 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, Kensworth Village Hall.



## IN MEMORIAM

**CAROLE BLACK:** the Parish Link editorial team were saddened to hear of the death of Studham resident, Carole Black. Carole used to provide secretarial support to the Link in the days when Barry Harris was Editor (in the early 2000's). In those days Carole received all articles handwritten; she then typed them all out and passed them on for publishing. Some task! We certainly owe her huge gratitude for her splendid work over many years. Our thoughts are with her husband, John, and her family.

### **SAD FAREWELL to MARGARET PUTTERILL 15/09/1936 – 27/07/2025**

Everyone in the community knew and loved Margaret. Her influence on her family, friends, pupils and Kensworth life was huge.

She moved to the village with her husband, Jim, and young family in 1964. In 1969, she was a founder of St Mary's Sunday School. Her enthusiasm and, specifically, teaching skills helped the Sunday School to grow rapidly. Margaret served the church in many ways – as Churchwarden, bellringer, choir member, and member of the PCC..



She joined wholeheartedly in so much community life: through her membership of the cricket club – she had been a proficient cricketer at school; she was a “volley ball girl” and a gifted actor, participating in the numerous plays, pantomimes and music hall productions in the Village Hall.

Kensworth School was lucky to have Margaret as a governor and volunteer for many years.

For her final 10 years before retirement, and, as she would often say, her most rewarding years, Margaret worked with children with special needs at Richmond Hill School in Luton. Her pupils were fortunate indeed.

Everyone who met Margaret was touched by her generosity, spirit of adventure, love for life and empathy. She will be truly missed by her children – Helen, Jane, Adam, Matthew and Benjamin – their partners, her six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and indeed, by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

**THE TREASURER,** Les Randall, would like to thank Studham WI for a donation of £10. If you would like to make a donation, please contact him (872552 or e-mail [lesrandall@btinternet.com](mailto:lesrandall@btinternet.com) or drop in to 14 Holywell Road, Studham).





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