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Dear friends and parishioners,

One thing I have never forgotten from my school French lessons was being told that in France the cornflower is the equivalent of the poppy which we wear for remembrance. I had not realised that the cornflower, like the poppy, had continued to grow in the devastated fields of France and Belgium during and after the First World War. The delicacy yet tenacity which both flowers share, symbolise both the fragile nature of life, and also the hope of something new, and something which could continue in the future.

I have used the reflective prayer below for a number of years; and in various services and with groups of all ages. I offer it to you this year, as you reflect on the poppies which many of us will wear in November:

Look at your poppy or that of someone sitting near you if you don't have one. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.

May God bless us with love, and those we remember; and bless the world with peace, this month and always.

Nicola Lenthall

The cover shows members of the family of Major Glenn Hagenbuch in Whipsnade at the commemoration of his life. For more photos and details see page 21.



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AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

St MARY'S CHURCH

Harvest Festival: thank you to the village organisations who so kindly donated fresh and non-perishable food. The church looked wonderful. All the foodstuff was delivered to the Salvation Army and Dunstable Foodbank; the collection was donated to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

Church prayers: in November our special prayers will focus on Remembrance and on all those who have lost a loved one in the last year. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com) or, if you prefer, please write your own prayer and come into the church to hang it on the 'prayer tree'.

Remembrance Sunday is on 9th November. There will be a short service in church at 10am, followed by a procession to the War Memorial on West Common, where the service at 10.55am will include the Act of Remembrance at 11am and the laying of wreaths. Everyone is very welcome to this important village occasion.

Kids' Club takes place on Friday 14th November at 3.30pm in the church. As we ask the question 'What's in a name?' the children will answer by making hats, bangles, chimes and biscuits to help them label who they are. The afternoon will conclude with a short worship and a hot tea. Children and young people of all ages and their parents and carers are very welcome. To help with catering, please book your places with Caroline Child (07711 955070 or cjhitchman@hotmail.com).

Children's Church is on Sunday 16th November at 10.30am. Through stories and songs, the children will be thinking about how they can do good things and help others, and they will be sharing their ideas with the congregation. After the service, everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments and to celebrate the November birthdays with a birthday cake.



The Annual Quiz is taking place on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm at Studham Village Hall. With ten teams, it is now a full house but if you would like to support the event, raising money for church funds, please donate a raffle prize and take it to the church or to Meg Bender, contact details above.

Village Carols with coffee and cake: everyone will be very welcome at the church on Sunday 7th December at 2pm for a lovely start to the Christmas season; no shopping or parking anxieties, just pure enjoyment!

WHIPSDADE inc OLDHILL WOOD

CHURCH NEWS

Prayers for November

In November our prayers are for Remembrance, and for those who have lost a loved one in the last year. If you have a special request, please hang it on the prayer tree in the church or give to the Rector or Churchwardens.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us. The coffee, scones, cake and raffle were appreciated by all, and we raised over £650.

HARVEST

On October 5th, goods donated at our Harvest Thanksgiving were distributed to friends and to the Dunstable Foodbank. The service collection and the profits from the village lunch (which amounted to £386) were sent to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Act of Remembrance takes place in Whipsnade during the service in the church (in front of the Whipsnade war memorials) on Sunday 9th November at 9am. Everyone is welcome to join in this community tribute to those of Whipsnade who served, and in some cases died for their country.

WHIPSDADE CHURCH JIGSAW EXCHANGE

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. Thank you for all the donations of jigsaw puzzles. We now have a very good supply and now do not need any more.

WHIPSDADE CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

We will be meeting on Saturday 15th November from 9am – 12 noon. Refreshments will be provided. We will be raking and collecting leaves. Come and join us and enjoy some company and exercise.

KNIT AND NATTER

The group will be meeting in the church for some friendly chat, refreshments and shared crafts on Tuesday 25th November 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

Our prayers for you: in November our special prayers will be for all who have lost loved ones in the past year. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, maybe for a loved one or an important event, please contact: Dorothy Blackburn (872670 or dorothy.godbod@outlook.com).

Church events: November is the month of remembrance, starting with All Saints Day (1st), followed by All Souls Day (2nd). 11th November is Remembrance Day, when all those who have given their lives in war are commemorated.

Remembrance Sunday falls on the second Sunday in November. This year, it's on Sunday 9th, when there is a United Service of Remembrance in Kensworth Methodist Church at 10.30am, followed by refreshments. All are welcome, especially if you or your family have connections with the Armed Forces. No service in St Mary's – please join with our Methodist friends.

Harvest Appeal: huge thanks to all who contributed to the service in September, when over £300 was raised and shared between the Bishop's Appeal for education in Uganda and Zambia, and Keech Hospice in Luton. Non-perishable items were sent to Dunstable Food Bank.

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

30th November: Happy St Andrew's Day to all our Scottish residents!

Choir news: the Choir will be joining in the Advent Sunday combined Holy Communion services for all three parishes, on Sunday 30th November at 10.30am.

To join the Choir, contact the Vicar (872223 /revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). We also welcome instrument players to accompany us.

Date for your diary: the Carol Service will be held on Sunday 21st December at 4pm, followed by refreshments and raffle (see below).

St Mary's Kensworth Christmas Hamper Raffle

We will be selling raffle tickets for our tremendous hampers at the Christmas services, to be drawn at the Carol Service. If you would like to contribute any quality food or cosmetics/smellies, please place in the plastic box by the door of 194 Common Rd from 3rd to 18th November.

For Kensworth Messy Church and Sunday School, see page 15.



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

STUDHAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Following the successful Macmillan Coffee Morning we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all who supported us. We raised £1,095 with gift aid and QR donations to be added when Macmillan claim them.



We meet on Wednesdays at 10am to 12 noon and Fridays at 9.30am to 12.30pm to play, with some coaching if required. Only two people have said 'yes' to the evening session. If you are interested in joining the waiting list for daytime play or are interested in the evening sessions, conatc us (e-mail twohappyfolks@btinternet.com).

STUDHAM CHARITY BINGO

Wednesdays 5th and 19th November at 7.30pm in Studham VH

There is always room for more to join us, so why not come along and join in the fun? Entrance 25p, books (10 games) 75p each (£4.50 for strip of 6), raffle 25p strip (entered singly so 5 chances!).

QUIZ

Tuesday 4th November at 8pm in Studham Red Lion

£3 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; however, ring the Red Lion (872530) to book a table (and order food).

The rounds for September will be: 1: sport & recent news; 2: school days (all the things you learnt at school – and have forgotten!); 3: alphabet (answers start with B); 4: entertainment (anything that entertains!); 5: what's left? (anything we couldn't fit in the previous rounds!) and 6: music 1960s-2020's, (only need title and they all start with B).

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.

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Soon after arrival at the NMA there will be a land train which covers two thirds of the site. After this, there will be free time to further explore before leaving to visit Lichfield. Arrival back locally will be 8.30 – 9pm.



The cost will be approx. £55-60 depending on numbers.

Please send £10 deposit per person asap to Margaret Maddox at 7 Oakway, Studham to reserve a place.

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 (872406) know. Collection starts in October.

PARISH LINK AGM

Our AGM will be held on Saturday 8th November at 10am in the Church Hall behind the Vicarage in Clayhall Road, Kensworth. All are welcome to come along and find out more about how the magazine is put together, and also to ask any questions or make suggestions.

4 FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNTS

Village Quiz/Scavenger Hunts available, £5 each and £15 for all 4. We hope you enjoy seeing each village with a different focus and getting out by foot, bike or by car.

1. Kensworth to Whipsnade to Studham and back to Kensworth
5.25km (3.2m)
2. Kensworth Village
3. Studham Village
4. Whipsnade Village

By foot or by bike, follow a trail with riddles and clues along the way. Collect the clues and get to know your environment.

Contact Jane for the trail (janezbedlington@gmail.com/07796 015292).

All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Kensworth. BACS details will be sent, or pay by cash. Each quiz is £3.

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National Tree Week

National Tree Week (running from 22nd to 30th November) is an event organised by The Tree Council. It aims both to mark the start of the tree planting season, including the planting of thousands of trees and hedgerows annually, and to celebrate the beautiful and essential trees that form a part of our landscapes.

What will be happening?

Events take place across the UK and include a wide range of activities from planting sessions and tree talks, to exhibitions and celebration parties. There are even free tree giveaways in some areas.

How to get involved.

For a list of events taking place across the country, you can head to The Tree Council's website (<https://treecouncil.org.uk/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/>). There is also an option to set up and share your own public event, or you could just celebrate the week in your own way:

- plant a tree
- volunteer for some tree conservation
- explore forest bathing
- hold a tree party.

The Tree Council website also has a tree party soundtrack as well as an audio guide for forest bathing, for those that are new to this, available on their website.

However we decide to mark it, this week provides us all with an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the trees around us, and to remember the vital role they play in our lives and the life of our planet.

KENSWORTH RE-USE CENTRE (formerly the Church Shop)

In the Church Hall, Clayhall Road. All kinds of treasures are available – come and have a browse! Unfortunately, we cannot sell electrical goods, used clothing or large items of furniture, and please ensure that any items you wish to donate are clean and unbroken. Cash only.

We need Volunteers!

As we become more aware of the need to recycle and re-use, the Centre plays a vital part in this process. We open on Wednesday 2-4pm and Saturday 10-12 noon but need your help to keep it open. If you are 18 or over, (or under, with an adult who will stay with you) 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.

CHURCH NEWS

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).

November services and events:

Sunday 9 th	10am	United Remembrance Service
Sunday 23 rd	10am	M Pearson
Sunday 30 th	3pm	Rev. Helen Roberts Advent in the Trees

We will be holding our Biennial Christmas Tree event on Sunday 30th November, with an Advent Carol Service in the trees at 3pm. If any organisation or individual would like to submit a tree, tell either Linda Hillier (872860) or Chrys Smith (07907 974091). There will be the opportunity to fundraise for your group or charity at your table. No entry charge.

Heads up! If you are having a clear out before Christmas, our "Giving Service" will be on 7th December. Items 'given' will be divided between the Salvation Army, DENS Hemel, NOAH Luton, and Autism Bedfordshire. Everything is welcome - clothes: new, nearly new, well loved - even rags!, books, toys, games, bric-a-brac, even whatnots! Just bring to the Chapel either at 10am, if you want to join our service, or 11am - 1pm. Have a coffee and help us sort. We'll do the rest, taking things to the charities in time to pass round for Christmas.

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday services are at 10.30am:

9 th . November	Remembrance Service with our Anglican friends Led by Mr Peter Baker
23 rd . November	Morning Worship Led by Mr Colin Quine

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

KENSWORTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: everyone is warmly invited to join in the Service of Remembrance in Kensworth Methodist Church on Sunday 9th November at 10.30am.

There will be a Family Service at 10.30am on Sunday 23rd November. It is the day we talk about Christ the King.

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.

KENSWORTH MESSY CHURCH: Christmas Messy Church is on 5th December at 3.30pm in Kensworth Church Hall. Children and their carers are welcome to join in an afternoon of crafts, stories and songs about 'Christmas', followed by a hot meal for everybody. No charge, donations appreciated.

MORE WHIPSDNADE

WHIPSDNADE VILLAGE LUNCH

There will be a village lunch on Wednesday 5th November at 12.30pm. Come and enjoy a light hot lunch, cakes, tea and coffee – all for £7.

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 or Jane (07903 019188).

The Christmas village lunch (ticket only) will be held on Wednesday 3rd December and will include a live entertainer. Tickets for this lunch will be £12 and will be sold at the November village lunch.

VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER

Come and join us on Tuesday 11th November between 2pm and 4pm for tea, coffee, cakes and a good catch-up with new and old friends. Various activities go on at different weeks, including bingo and quizzes. There is always a raffle with plenty of prizes. Please come along and join us.

WHIPSDNADE WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING

We run a coffee morning in the church every two weeks from 10am - 12 noon. The dates for November are Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 26th. Come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

TREE CATHEDRAL LEAF SWEEP

Sunday 16th November 11am – 3pm. Come along and help the National Trust and our volunteers with our annual leaf sweep. Equipment will be provided.

WHIPSDNADE VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 29th November from 11am – 3.30pm. The stalls will be selling a variety of Christmas and home-made products including table decorations, jams, chutneys, bags, table mats, and light up displays.

In addition to the stalls, there will not only be our usual tombola but there will be an extra special tombola for children to enjoy. There will, of course, be refreshments for you to enjoy, including bacon rolls. We look forward to seeing you.

WHIPSDNADE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Whipsnade Parish Council will be on Tuesday 11th November in Whipsnade Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

STUDHAM EXTRA

STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY

What a wonderful time of year Autumn is for our lovely village; the days may be shorter but the colours of the leaves are bright and beautiful!

This half term we were lucky enough to have a visit from local MP Rachel Hopkins! She came to speak to all the children about Parliament, the role of an MP and how we are all global citizens. The pupils asked some fantastic questions and learnt a great deal.



Rachel also toured our school and has kindly offered to help us find new ways to fundraise for our Pod building. If you too would like to help, then go to <https://gofund.me/d69d704c> or e-mail school@studhamschools.org.uk. Alternatively, use the QR code that can be found on our website.

If you are interested in a place at our setting for your child (preschool to year 4, from 2 years old to 9 years old) please contact the school office (01582 872337 or e-mail school@studhamschools.org.uk) for more information.

To see what we are getting up to on a regular basis why not look at the latest news on our website (www.studhamschools.org.uk)?

Miss Katie Flowers, Interim Head

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 and we will pass on your enquiry.

We still have room for other groups. If you would like to organise a group, hold a single meeting or become a regular user, then please contact one of the trustees; their details are displayed in the 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 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 contact Chrys Smith (07907 974091 or e-mail: smithlaws@hotmail.co.uk).

MORE KENSWORTH

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Next Meetings: 13th November and 11th December 7.30pm Kensworth VH

KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

November News from Kensworth CE Academy

As the golden hues of Autumn settle over Kensworth, November brings a vibrant mix of reflection, celebration, and community spirit to our school.

Remembrance and Reflection

We begin the month with a heartfelt Remembrance Assembly, honouring those who have served and sacrificed.

Glow Disco Success & Upcoming PTA Events

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising the fantastic:

- **Glow Disco** – a brilliant evening of music, dancing, and neon fun! Building on this success, we're excited to announce upcoming events:
- **Monthly Coffee Mornings:** starting this month, the PTA will host a coffee morning on the first Friday of each month, welcoming parents and family members to connect and chat over a warm drink.
- **Children in Need Day:** on Friday 14th November, we'll be dressing up and raising money through fun activities.

School Council Initiatives

Our newly elected School Council has hit the ground running! They've been busy brainstorming ideas for Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on kindness, inclusion, and respect. We're proud of their leadership and look forward to seeing their plans come to life.

Looking Ahead

Preparations are underway for our **Christmas Fayre** and **Nativity Service**. Dates will be shared soon. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Sarah Bowley
Headteacher

SEEKING DUKE of EDINBURGH AWARD VOLUNTEERS

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

Look no further – we need your help to maintain the perimeter of our medieval church in Kensworth from encroaching weeds. 1 hr a week for 3/6/12months 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 DofE Expedition Leader) (07796 015292).

MAJOR GLENN HAGENBUCH

A selection of photos from the memorial service held in Whipsnade to honour Major Glenn Hagenbuch, an American bomber pilot who was training other pilots when his plane crashed in Whipsnade after he had completed 25 missions. For decades, his family did not know exactly where his plane had crashed, until a chance meeting with a zookeeper confirmed the spot near Whipsnade. Family members including David Hagenbuch and Mark Strong flew over to attend from the USA. They said that Whipsnade Parish Council and the parish church of St Mary Magdalene had "done a wonderful job" of putting together the memorial service. (Photos courtesy of the Old Hunter's Lodge and Les Randall).



STUDHAM EXTRA 2

SCRABBLE

2pm Tuesdays in Studham Village Hall

Come and join us on Tuesday afternoons for a game of Scrabble. All ages and skill levels are most welcome. So much more fun to play in good company than alone on your phone. Refreshments included so why not visit (8), participate (19), and enjoy (15). Total 42 points for a great afternoon of fun!

WI

Thursday 6th November at 7.15pm in Studham Village Hall

Studham WI's October meeting was well attended, with visitors and husbands or partners joining members. They all enjoyed a very interesting evening with Julia, one of our members, speaking on the topic of 'What did the Romans ever do for us?' Julia had picked ten important Roman introductions, ranging from the road system and sanitation, to education, the written word and theatre and drama.

On 6th November, our speaker will be Michael Barbakoff, a guide at Bletchley Park, talking about the women workers there during the war. This is an 'open' meeting so everyone who is interested may join us. Entrance for non-members is £5, with raffle, bring and buy and light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next work party for the Friends will be on Saturday 15th November.

The envisaged work will be on Middle Common, where maintenance of the western and southern boundaries will be undertaken. This will involve cutting and clearing grass, bracken and bramble, where necessary, along the boundaries in order to reduce nutrient levels.

We will also be trimming and maintaining the hedgerow on the southern boundary in order to maintain its height and line of growth; this will include re-laying and re-weaving the hedgerow where necessary.

This will be the last work party of the year so why not come along 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, opposite the Red Lion at 10am.

For more information, contact work party co-ordinator Pam Rumfitt (07710 525146 or pamrumfitt@btinternet.com).

KENSWORTH EXTRA

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:

November Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st, **10.30am – 12 noon.**

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 - there is always a warm welcome for you on a Friday afternoon at the Village Hall between 1pm & 4pm.

NEW CHRISTMAS PICTORIAL QUIZ 2025

Many of you enjoyed last year's Pictorial Quiz, so now it's time for a new one for 2025. With many thanks to St George's Church, Langton Matravers, Purbeck, Dorset for allowing us to use their quiz to raise money for St Mary's Kensworth.

Work out 50 place names from the British Isles, and one song title from the picture clues. E-mail Jane Bedlington (janezbedlington@gmail.com or text your e-mail to 07796 015292) for a copy of the quiz.

BACS details will be sent or pay by cash. Each quiz is £3.

KENSWORTH ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD WORKING GROUP

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

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You can help:

Join us on 8th/15th/22nd November from 9am. Bring some basic tools e.g. rake, shears to help in the autumn clear-up. Refreshments provided.

- Join our Churchyard Working Group What's App
- Join the What's App 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 - all support is appreciated.

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Christmas Family Bingo - Friday 28th November

Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Bring the family and start the festive season with a fun evening for all the family!

Christmas Fayre 🎄🎁 - Sunday 7th December 1pm - 4.30pm

Save the date. Lots of stalls; more details next month.

There is room for a couple more stalls; if you would like to join us, call Sylvia (07831 538681). We welcome more raffle prizes; please contact Sylvia.

The date of our **next meeting** is Wednesday 5th November at 7.30pm.

STUDHAM EXTRA 3

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Next meetings: Tuesday 4th November and Tuesday 6th January 2026 at Longrove Scout Site, Byslips Road, Studham, Dunstable LU6 2ND. Both meetings are at 7pm.

Dog mess: we remind dog walkers to respect our village and clear up after their dogs; always ensure that dogs are kept under control. 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.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November: there will be a service at 10am at St. Mary's Church, followed by an Act of Remembrance at the memorial on the Common, starting at around 10.50am (see page 7).

Fireworks and Bonfires: please be aware of the hazard fireworks and bonfires may cause to pets. Tell your neighbours if you intend to let them off on nights other than 5th November. Bonfires smell, cause pollution and can be a real problem for those with respiratory problems. You can fill in the CBC online complaint form. Alternatively, contact CBC (03003 008302 or e-mail snt@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk).

Overgrown Hedges, Shrubs and Trees: residents are responsible for ensuring that hedges, shrubs and trees do not spread over pavements, footpaths and the highway. Please show consideration to users and cut all foliage back to within the boundary of your own property. To report overgrown shrubs or hedges please go to the CBC website.

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Football is well underway, and tennis plays on an all-weather court so why not come and watch a game or two? If you are more energetic, 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 or call into the Clubhouse and leave your details).

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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"In Flanders Fields":

In 1915, Canadian doctor John McCrae, deeply affected by the loss of a friend, wrote his famous poem, which captured the vibrant red poppies blooming in contrast to the death and destruction.

A Symbol of Remembrance and Hope

Spreading the message:

After the poem's publication, people were inspired to adopt the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and hope for peace.

The Poppy Appeal:

The Royal British Legion adopted the poppy for its Poppy Appeal in 1921, cementing its role as a vital symbol for remembering the sacrifices of the Armed Forces.

In Flanders Fields



In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
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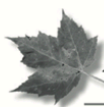
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