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Dear friends and parishioners,

My paternal grandfather had the most beautiful garage I think I have ever seen. As well as the car (which, if memory serves, was a Morris Marina) there were row upon row of neatly kept shelves, with boxes labelled with meticulous accuracy, in which were all his tools, supplies and equipment. It was – dare I say it – very different from the garage at my childhood home!

So when it came to making my sister and me a pair of wooden stilts it was Grandad who got the job. They lasted for many years and I still remember what it felt like to use them. The wobbling, the precariousness, the feeling that at any moment things might collapse and then there would be the inevitable toppling into the grass...

When I feel wobbly now it's usually not because I am on a pair of stilts. When the world around us feels wobbly and unstable it can affect us. When every day the news seems to bring more worry, confusion and questioning it can be easy to feel as though we might fall over, burdened with fear. If it feels like the world might break, then so too might we.

And then I remember my Grandad's firm hands on the stilts as we learned to lean on him. He gave us the literal stability we needed, and the well-made stilts held our weight as we trusted in his workmanship and in the man himself as he held on to them, and – in some cases – to us, as we moved forward.

In the difficulties of our living, and a world which feels unstable, God, who is unchanging, and whose love is always to be relied on, will always be there to be leaned on. His faithfulness to us is never in question.

With my love and prayers, this June as always,

Nicola

The front cover shows the May Kings and attendants from Kensworth May Festival (top) and Studham May Fair (below).



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AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: following our annual cycle of prayers, in June we shall be praying especially for all the residents of Common Road, Clements End and Pedley Hill. If you would like a special prayer to be said, please contact churchwarden, Meg Bender (call 872967 or e-mail meg.bender4@btinternet.com). Alternatively you can write your own prayer on a 'leaf' to be found inside the church and hang it on the nearby prayer 'tree'.

Children's Church is on Sunday 21st June within the normal service of Holy Communion at 10.30am. Following the Bible reading for the day, the children and young people will be discussing how God understands us all and really cares for each one of us. After the service everyone is welcome to stay for refreshments, to enjoy the birthday cake and celebrate all the June birthdays.

Service with our pets: on 5th July our normal Sunday morning service will be replaced by a service at 3pm in the churchyard in which we shall celebrate the wonders of creation and the joy of our relationships with our pets. All pets are very welcome – dogs on leads, please and others safely contained. The service will be a short, relaxed one (about 30 minutes) and will be followed by refreshments (for humans!). It is open to all - do come even if you don't normally come to church; we'd love to see you and your pet.

Kids' Club is on Friday 10th July in church after school at 3.30pm. The afternoon will be a celebration of summer. More details will follow in next month's magazine but please put the date in your calendar; all children and their parents and carers are very welcome.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

The 100 Club is an important fundraiser to help maintain the structure of our 800+ year-old church. April's lucky winners were Pam Rumfitt, receiving £60, and Stewart Knighton, who won £10. Anyone wishing to join can contact the Friends (friendsstudham.wixsite.com/ or john.mcdougal@btinternet.com).

Our **AGM** will be held in the Church on Thursday 25th June starting at 7.30pm. All welcome – a short meeting and a glass of wine are promised.

STUDHAM MAY FAIR

A huge thanks to the organisers and approx. 150 volunteers who made Studham May Fair such a brilliant village community day. Early indications are that it was a record, both in attendance and money raised for good local causes. More information will be included in future Parish Links, but if your local charity or not-for-profit organisation wishes to be included in the distribution of funds, please e-mail Chris Morrell (1chris.morrell@gmail.com).

WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

WHIPSNADE LINK CORRESPONDENT

Jane Wright, who with the help of Jo King, has been the Whipsnade correspondent for several years, has decided to take a well-deserved break. We are very grateful to them both for all their work gathering Whipsnade information.



We are pleased to say that Liz Smith (see photo) has volunteered to carry out this role. Her contact details can be found on page 5. Liz says:

“I live in Whipsnade, with my husband, Jonathan, and German Shepherd dog, Sasha. We’re pretty new to the village, having moved from Milton Keynes 4 years ago. My passion is singing a cappella/barbershop style songs, and I travel around to perform and compete at various events in the UK and sometimes further afield.”

CHURCH NEWS

Church Prayers

In June we will be praying for everyone associated with Whipsnade Zoo. If you would like a special prayer to be said, please get in touch with the Rector or one of our Churchwardens; their contact details can be found on the ‘Parish Directories’ page. You are also welcome to write your own prayer on one of the ‘leaves’ on the table at the back of the Church and then hang it on the nearby ‘Prayer Tree’.

Sunday School

The children meet in the Church Vestry on 14th June during the 9am Service for activities connected to Bible stories. Bring your children along for friendship and fun.

Whipsnade Churchyard Working Party

We will be meeting on Saturday 20th June from 9am to 12 noon. We will be tidying around the graves and the two Gardens of Remembrance. Bring your own equipment and please come and join us. Refreshments will be provided.

Annual Parochial Meeting

At the Annual Meeting, Martin Rees and Mike Bailey were elected as Churchwardens. Congratulations to both of them and many thanks for their willingness to serve. Isobel Randall and Joan Bailey were elected to serve as Whipsnade’s representatives on the Dunstable Deanery Synod.

The following were elected to the Parochial Church Council: Sarah Ayres, Chris Hazell, Sylvia Kendrick, Les Randall and Pam Ward.

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

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

In June our prayers will be especially for those who live in Common Road, from the Methodist Church to Dovehouse Lane.

Church Calendar: 31st May was Trinity Sunday, ushering in the longest term in the Church calendar, lasting until November. It is time to focus on the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, God in three forms – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (just as we can be e.g. a parent, a sibling, an offspring, all at the same time).

21st June is the Feast Day of St Alban, Patron Saint of our Diocese.

Rogation Sunday: a crowd of parishioners took part in the annual service of blessing the crops and farm animals, led by Nicola, at Lynchfield Farm on 10th May. The weather was cool but thankfully dry. Huge thanks to the Woods family for their hospitality, and to Philip Woods for telling us about how the farm works. The children especially enjoyed exploring all the farm vehicles, which are truly awesome!

Choir News: the choir will sing at the Holy Communion service on 7th June. If you would like to join the choir, please contact the Rector (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). All voices are welcome, and instrument players also, for help with accompanying on special occasions.

Sunday School: for all young people, there will be special activities on 14th June - Telling the Good News - Matthew 9:35-10:8. 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.

Messy Church: save the date! There will be **no** Messy Church in June, but there will be a **Messy Holy Communion** in the church on Sunday 12th July, with lots of fun and crafts, starting with breakfast from 10.15am.

Repair to churchyard gatepost (photo): many thanks to Kensworth Sawmill for supplying the new post, and to Arlo (DofE volunteer), Mark, and Philip Woods for helping to remove the rotten stump, installing the new post, and refitting the gate.





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STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY

This term, our Christian values are focused on friendship and respect. We have been thinking carefully about how we treat one another, how to listen well, and how to show kindness and care in both the classroom and the playground. These values are evident every day in the way children support one another and take pride in being part of our school community.

Our pupils took part in Studham May Fair with both Maypole Dancing and flashmob performances, practising enthusiastically and working together with great commitment and joy. These shared experiences are a wonderful way of building confidence, teamwork, and a sense of belonging, and we celebrate the children's efforts.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the PTFA, who have recently purchased new lunchtime play equipment. This has already had a very positive impact, giving children more opportunities to play collaboratively, be active, and deepen friendships during unstructured times. The smiles and laughter at lunchtime say it all!

We are also hoping the community can help us with some creative resources. We would be grateful for Lego, colouring pencils, scrap paper, unused wallpaper and rolls of paper. These materials are used regularly in school to support learning, creativity, and imaginative play.

Finally, if you are interested in a place for your child, or would like to arrange a visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school office (872337) who will be happy to help. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Sarah Young Headteacher

FAMILY FUN AT KENSWORTH MAY FESTIVAL



ENVIRONMENT

ECO-LIVING: TIME TO GET INVOLVED

Caring for creation is something to which we all need to turn our attention. This month we want to focus on some of the environmental initiatives that are going on locally and around the world.

5th June UN World Environment Day to highlight that the protection and health of the environment is a major issue, affecting the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world. The 2026 theme underscores that climate action is not just about reducing carbon emissions.

8th June UN World Ocean Day; the theme this year: Strong Marine Protected Areas for Our Blue Planet. It brings together the momentum of recent themes – *Catalysing Ocean-Climate Action* and *Protecting at Least 30% of Lands, Waters, and Ocean by 2030 (30×30)*. World leaders have committed to 30×30 both within national waters and across the High Seas – an area covering two-thirds of the ocean and nearly one-half of Earth's surface (<https://worldoceanday.org/take-action/action-theme/>).

6th – 14th June marks **Great Big Green Week** in the UK, a nationwide celebration of community action tackling climate change and protecting green spaces. Have a look at your Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust to see what they are doing and how you can get involved (<https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events>).

ECO-CHURCH GROUP

The Eco-Church Group are hosting an environmental afternoon entitled **Climate and Creation Sunday** on the 27th September 2pm – 4pm. We have two brilliant leading environmental speakers, Dr Martin J Hodson and Revd. Margot Hodson. More details next month.



MIDSUMMER'S DAY - SUMMER SOLSTICE

In 2026, the Summer Solstice in the UK will occur on Sunday June 21st at 9.24 AM.

The solstice happens when the Earth arrives at the point where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt in relation to the sun. This is why days are longer during the summer.

The word 'solstice' is derived from 'sol', which is Latin for 'sun' and 'stitium', which means 'stop' or 'still'. This is because, during the June Solstice, it looks as if the sun is standing still. It rises north of east and sets north of west because it is at its northernmost point in the sky. Hence, the sun is visible in the sky longer than usual, making Summer Solstice the longest day of the year.

TREE CATHEDRAL SERVICE & FOSC

WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL PICNIC, SERVICE AND CELEBRATION, SUNDAY 7TH JUNE, 11AM - 4PM

Bring your family, friends, and the dog and join us for a community picnic at Whipsnade Tree Cathedral. The beautiful surroundings of the Tree Cathedral are the perfect setting for a day in nature. You bring the picnic and we will bring family-friendly games to keep all entertained.



There will be guided history tours throughout the day, a teddy bear hunt for little explorers, as well as lots of other fun activities. We'll have members of the National Trust team and our wonderful volunteers on-site, so, if you're interested in finding out more about the conservation work we do here, or how you could get involved, come and chat to us.

At 2pm, there will also be an optional service with Whipsnade Church who will be accompanied by the Salvation Army band.

Please bring your own seating and/or blankets, as we have limited chairs and picnic benches.

No need to book, it's all free. Simply turn up and enjoy the day. See the National Trust website for more details (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/essex-bedfordshire-hertfordshire/whipsnade-tree-cathedral).

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next work party for the Friends will be on Saturday June 20th.

The work will include mowing the main paths through grassland to improve the access on Middle and East Common and the trimming back of any overgrowth of brambles and nettles around the access points, notice boards and benches, on all the Commons. This will improve access for all and also help any groups of volunteers provide wildlife surveys and guided walks, over the summer months.

We will also lightly trim gorse shoots, where flowering has finished, to improve the habitat for gorse-feeding insects and associated nesting birds.

Please note, everyone is welcome to the work party, especially new volunteers - please come and help out; 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 further information on the work party, please contact the Work Party co-ordinator Joan Stone (geone.stone@gmail.com or 01582 872444).

CHURCH NEWS

MAY KINGS

Interestingly, both Kensworth and Studham schools chose to crown a May King this year rather than a May Queen (see front cover). This isn't a modern development! The May King, sometimes called Lord of the May, is as ancient a tradition as the May Queen.

Having pagan roots, festivals which celebrate the coming of spring and summer were then incorporated into the church festivals of Easter (new life through Christ) and Rogation (a blessing of the land and crops). They usually involved the crowning of children or young people as May King and Queen, who represented youth and fertility, as the land begins to yield blossom and bud, which will later fruit, and green arable crops which will ripen and produce grain.

Under Oliver Cromwell, practices like this tended to be suppressed, and were only later re-established, following the Restoration. In Victorian times the May Queen was elevated above the May King, but in the twentieth century the balance was restored. Many areas of England keep the tradition alive today, as do our villages. Thank you to all our May Queens and Kings, past and present!

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services are at 10.30am:

14 th June	Holy Communion	Led by the Rev. Patrick Kandeh
28 th June	Morning Worship	Led by The Rev. Claudia Lupi

See the Chapel Noticeboards for further details.

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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

June services:

Sunday 14 th	10am	Michael Pearson
Sunday 28 th	10am	Rev. Helen Roberts HC

We are an All-Inclusive Church and all are welcome to join us. We also have monthly Circuit Worship Services. Join us on Zoom on Sunday 28th June at 6pm. Zoom link details available from Linda Hillier.

WHIPSDADE KNIT AND NATTER

The group will be meeting in Whipsnade Village Hall for some friendly chat, refreshments and shared crafts on Tuesday 16th June 2pm – 4pm. Choose your project, bring it along, and one of our many knitters will be there to help you along your journey to achieve amazing results.

WHIPSDADE VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER

Come and join us on Tuesday 2nd June and Tuesday 30th June between 2pm and 4pm for tea, coffee, cakes and a good catch-up with new and old friends. Various activities occur on different weeks, including bingo and quizzes. There is always a raffle; with plenty of prizes. Please come along.

WHIPSDADE WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING.

We run a coffee morning in Whipsnade Village Hall every two weeks from 10am - 12 noon. The dates for June are Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 24th. Come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

WHIPSDADE VILLAGE LUNCH.

There will be a village lunch on Wednesday 17th June 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 on the e-mail above or Jane on 07903 019188.

FEEDING BIRDS

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Leaving too much food out. It attracts rodents. Instead, the RSPB advises that little and often is best.

Feeding bread. This can lead to malnutrition. Bread is high in carbohydrates, while birds require a protein-rich and high-calorie diet.

Forgetting to provide water. Birds need to drink and bathe daily, especially in hot weather. Change the water daily and keep the basin clean.

Putting feeders in the wrong place. Place your feeders near to shrubs, trees and bushes, to provide cover.

CHURCH RE-USE CENTRE: in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road (behind the Vicarage), open 2pm – 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays. All kinds of treasures are available. Cash only. (Unfortunately, we cannot sell electrical goods, clothing, or large items of furniture). Due to illness and people moving away, we are short of volunteers, especially on Saturday mornings. If you could help out for two hours occasionally, please contact Steve Hartley (07710 420307).

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: for all services, see page 15. The June Coffee Morning is at the chapel on Saturday 6th, 10.30am – 12 noon. Come and enjoy delicious tea/coffee and cakes and friendly chat.

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 FRIDAY AFTERNOONERS, Chat ‘N Snack: Fridays, 1pm – 4pm in the Village Hall. Nothing to do on a Friday afternoon? Don't sit at home feeling lonely: come along and meet other villagers. Enjoy a cuppa, snacks, play games/quizzes or just sit and chat. Everyone welcome.

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The AGM was on 5th May. We would like to thank all who attended the meeting - it was very encouraging to see so many taking such an interest. We were delighted that three people have joined the Committee – they will bring much-needed help and ideas to the table.

We would like to offer our condolences to Shirley Hull and family on the death of husband Terry, after a long illness. Shirley is the longest-serving member of the Committee; Terry also gave a lot of time helping with events.

The Committee would like to congratulate the Lutts Group on 25 years of business in the village. Lutts have supported many group/organisations with their events. Thank you for your help over the years - it's been great!

What's happening in Kensworth on the 4th July?? 🤔

We will be there again this year with the Lutts stage waiting for all talented people to come to our Family Fun Day to give us a tune 🎵, play an instrument 🎹🎸🎺 or just 🧑. We have a dog show, so make sure your pooch 🐕 is ready! We haven't forgotten the rest of you...we have various stalls, BBQ, bar, refreshments, children's soft play, face painting & glitter art, ice creams and much more.

Next Village Hall Committee Meeting: Wednesday 8th July at 7pm.

STUDHAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The club is a social gathering as well as some table tennis being played! The club has 30 regular players who come on Wednesdays and/or Fridays and several members who, depending on schedules, come along when available. There is a waiting list for both sessions with coaching available on Wednesdays.

Sadly, the evening session did not attract enough players to hold it again, but, if you would like to learn to play, or maybe haven't played since the children were young, or you only now have time and you would like to have a go, please e-mail us (twohappyfolks@btinternet.com).

If there is enough interest, a starter session will be arranged one evening. If you want to be added to the waiting list, please e-mail (as above) and include your level of experience and which day you are interested in.

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 Geoff Duke (07786 663089) or please just come along.

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

The cricket season is well underway and tennis continues with more players than ever, so why not come up and watch the action?

If you are more energetic, cricket, football and tennis are always open to new players; 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. Junior training is also available in some sports.

The playing fields are also available for other events: if you would like any further information, or are interested in using the fields to host an event, please contact Allan Wright (01582 871495).

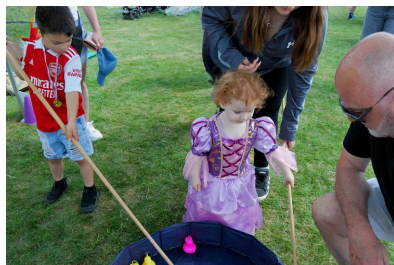
Please remember to look after your dogs if walking on, or visiting, the playing fields and clear up all mess and take it away. The bins inside the playing fields are for general rubbish only and not 'dog poop'.

STUDHAM CHARITY BINGO

Wednesdays 3rd and 17th June at 8pm in Studham Village Hall.

Why not come and join us? Doors open at 7.30pm. What's more, it won't break the bank. 25p entrance, £4.50 for a set of 6 books and 25p for a strip of raffle tickets.

FUN AT STUDHAM MAY FAIR



KENSWORTH EXTRA

KENSWORTH PRIMARY ACADEMY AND PRESCHOOL

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have recently returned from an exciting residential visit to PGL Liddington, where they showed incredible courage and resilience. During the weekend they faced their fears and challenges in activities including zip wiring, canoeing and archery. The children supported one another throughout, building confidence, teamwork and memories for a lifetime.

We have recently celebrated Earth Day and the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, using these events as opportunities to think carefully about global sustainability and our responsibility to care for God's world.

We were also delighted to welcome Ofsted to Kensworth CE Academy recently and are pleased to share that it was a successful inspection. Inspectors described us as a *"lovely school"* and recognised the significant improvements and changes made by leaders over time. We look forward to sharing the full report with the community once it is published.

Three of our Year 5 and 6 pupils proudly represented the local community at St Mary's Church May Festival, and for the very first time we were excited to celebrate the crowning of a May King – a truly special moment! Kensworth Academy PTA wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Lutts for generously sponsoring our stall at the Kensworth May Festival.

Looking ahead, the rest of the Summer term is packed with exciting events, including Pre-School Stay and Play sessions, further school trips, a movie night, Sports Day, and our much-loved Summer Fayre.

We currently have Reception places available for September 2026 and would warmly welcome families to come and visit our school. Contact: office@ken.dsamat.co.uk/01582 872336/www.kensworthacademy.co.uk.

Sarah Bowley, Headteacher

KENSWORTH MAY FESTIVAL

The weather was fine for the St Mary's Church May Festival, and a big crowd turned up to watch the crowning of the May King and to enjoy the many exciting activities on offer. As well as being great fun, the event raised over £2000, which will help us to maintain our beautiful village church. We are very grateful to everyone who donated raffle prizes, cakes etc., helped on the stalls and who supported the event by coming along. Special thanks, as always, to Julie Copcutt for providing the beautiful green leaf and flower headdresses for the May King and his lovely attendants.

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Thursday 4th June at 7.15pm Annual Picnic

At our May meeting we discussed the two resolutions going forward to the National AGM in June. They are: **Accessible Public Toilet Facilities:** a call for clean, free, and accessible public toilets, and **Action on Women's Homelessness:** urging more government action to reduce women's homelessness and improve temporary accommodation. These were unanimously agreed, and our decision has been passed to our delegate for the National Meeting. The evening concluded with a very enjoyable Chinese Raffle, followed by refreshments and plenty of pleasant chat.

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Website: www.studhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact: clerk@studhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Next meeting: 7pm on Tuesday 2nd June at Studham Scout HQ.

Possible parish poll – CBC proposed traffic restriction order: at our meeting on 5th May, residents proposed a Parish Poll regarding CBC proposed Traffic Restriction Order for Studham. Regardless of the outcome of CBC's consultation, it would be appreciated if drivers park legally and considerately, and not on junctions or corners.

Parish information: a reminder that parish information is always available on the Parish Council website and through the parish e-mail service, which can be signed up to on the website at **Studham Parish Council**.

Congratulations: congratulations to Paul Rushmer on receiving a Silver Acorn award from the Scouts Association, marking 44 years as an adult volunteer leader and recognising specially distinguished service.



Fly tipping: fly tipping incidents can be reported on the Central Bedfordshire Council website 'report fly tipping or illegal waste dumping' Please then e-mail the clerk with the details of the report.

Potholes and highways problems: the Central Bedfordshire Council web pages for highways problems can be found at: 'report or track roads and highways problems – potholes, street lights'.

The CBC web page for reporting potholes is: 'potholes'. Potholes that have caused damage and require urgent repair can be reported to CBC's emergency contact line 0300 300 8049.

MORE KENSWORTH

KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEG SHOW, SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

Are all your gardens/allotments cleaned up after winter and ready for planting for this year's Show? Programmes will be available in the village shops and in the Village Hall at the beginning of July. It will also be available to view on the Flower & Vegetable website (kensworthflowerandveg.org.uk). Happy growing season!

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Allotments

The Parish Council remains committed to supporting allotment plot holders and promote sustainable cultivation of local food produce within the community. To help tenants during the busy planting and growing season, additional water taps have recently been installed across the allotment site, improving access to water to help plots flourish throughout the season. The allotments continue to be a valued community resource, encouraging healthy outdoor activity and wellbeing.

Native Hedgerow

Alongside these practical improvements, native hedgerow infills have also been planted around the allotment site to enhance biodiversity and strengthen local wildlife habitats. These native species provide valuable shelter and food sources for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife, while also improving the natural landscape of the allotments. Through these initiatives, the Parish Council is helping to create a thriving environment that benefits both plot holders and nature.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy and is encouraging residents with an interest in the local community to apply. Becoming a Parish Councillor is a rewarding opportunity to help make local decisions, support community initiatives, and make a positive difference to the area.

The Council welcomes applications from people of all backgrounds and experiences who are passionate about improving and representing the community. If you would like to play an active role in local matters and help influence the future of the parish, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Next Parish Council Meeting

11th June, 7.30pm Kensworth Village Hall.

STUDHAM EXTRA 2

QUIZZES

Quizzes are over for the Summer – so let your brains enjoy their Summer break and we look forward to seeing you fully refreshed and raring to go on Tuesday 1st September.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Opening times for June are: Saturday and Sunday 12 noon and Monday to Friday 4.30pm.

Club memberships subscriptions for 26/27 are: family (parents and children under 18) – £26; single (18-64) – £20; concessions (students in full time education and those aged 65 and over) – £11.

All club memberships were due on the 1st April, but can still be paid over the bar. Please complete a form just so we can check that your details are up to date. New members are welcome.

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

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

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).

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DUNSTABLE FOOD BANK: we always need foodstuffs but especially long-life fruit juice; sweets/chocolates; tinned meat in sauce; jars of jam; instant mash; pulses; long-life milk; tea and carrier bags. Please leave items in any of the three village churches or take to the Vicarage.

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THE PARISH LINK TREASURER, Les Randall, acknowledges with thanks a donation of £50 from Studham Parish Council. If you would like to make a donation to help with running costs of the Parish Link, please contact him (01582 872225/e-mail lesrandall@btinternet.com or drop in to 14 Holywell Road, Studham).

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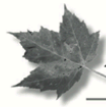
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