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From Revd.Canon Nicola Lenthall (01582 872223)

For most people I know, the issue is not how they might work harder and give more, but how they might slow down and take time to rest. Sometimes this is, or feels, impossible. There are many people for whom the work of caring is unceasing. They might have a brief but precious five minutes, grabbed to themselves. Hard though it may be, slowing down and relaxing (what I once heard called 'resting on the breath of the Holy Spirit') isn't just 'a good thing' but a necessity. It allows our brains time to re-wire themselves. It allows our bodies the repose they need. It allows our souls the time to reconnect with God. And if we feel we can't? Well, there is a verse of the bible which I love, which invites us to come to God and give our burdens to him. An unknown writer, speaking in the voice of God, puts it like this:

*when all things were complete I rested
not because I was weary
but so that you could rest too
and take time*

*just
to
be
yourself*

*you are precious beyond words
priceless
just as you are*

*I love you
every particle
every fragment
every detail
every smile
every tear*

*when you feel unloved
when you don't love me still*

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always
come to me
and find
rest*

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WHIPSDADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

CHURCH NEWS

Church Prayers

In July and August we will be praying especially for those people living in Bushey Close, around the Village Hall Field and Windy Sayles.

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 (5). 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 12th July during the 9am service for activities connected to Bible stories. Bring your children along for friendship and fun. There is no Sunday School in August.

Whipsnade Churchyard Working Party

We will be meeting on Saturday 18th July and Saturday 22nd August 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.

Patronal Festival Evensong

On Sunday 19th July there will be no 9am service but we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary Magdalene, to whom our church is dedicated, with a special service of Prayer Book Evensong at 6pm. This will be preceded by refreshments from 5pm.

WHIPSDADE PARK HOMES

On 9th June a memorial was held at Whipsnade Village Hall to celebrate the life of David Kay, who died as the result of a traffic accident last December. It was a very well supported, sad occasion, not only for his neighbours but also for his family and friends. David was a keen cyclist and had lived on the Park Homes for many years.

We are delighted to announce that Doreen Longson, who has lived on the Park Homes for nearly 25 years, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on 8th July. We would like to take this opportunity to send her our love and best wishes and to wish her a fantastic birthday. Congratulations Doreen!

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KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS: if you would like a particular prayer to be said, contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670/dorothy.godbod1@outlook.com). In July our prayers will be for all who live in Common Road, from the start to the Methodist Church, including Wick Hill. In August we shall say prayers for the residents of Bakers Lane, Woods Close, Grove Place, Dovehouse Lane and Malms Close.

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

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

Messy Holy Communion: everyone is warmly invited to join our Messy Holy Communion on Sunday 12th July, starting with breakfast and crafts at 10.15am (the theme is 'The Parable of the Sower'), followed by an interactive family Communion Service where everyone can join in. There will be no Messy Church in August.

Sunday School: Messy Holy Communion is on 12th July (see above). On 26th July we'll talk about 'The Talents'. There is no Sunday School in August, but please do come to the services if you can! Sunday School will resume on Sunday 13th September. If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, please contact Katherine Huggins (607841; hugginskatherine1@gmail.com) for details.

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

Choir News: the choir will lead the singing at Holy Communion on 5th July. There will be no sung service in August. If you would like to join the choir, contact Nicola (872223/revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). All voices and ages welcome; you don't have to be able to read music, just enjoy singing.

KENSWORTH RE-USE CENTRE (formerly called the Church Shop): this is held in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road (behind the Vicarage), and is open 2 – 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am – 12noon on Saturdays. All kinds of treasures are available – come and have a browse! **Cash only.** We cannot sell: electrical goods, used clothing or large items of furniture. We still need volunteers to help vacancies on 18 July and 22nd August – under 18s welcome but must be with an adult. Please contact Steve Hartley (07710 420307).

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S

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

Pets' Service: on Sunday 5th July our normal morning service will be replaced by this special service at 3pm in the churchyard. We shall be celebrating the wonders of creation and the joy of our wonderful relationships with our pets. All pets are very welcome – dogs on leads please and others safely contained. The service will be a relaxed one of about 30 minutes and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is very welcome – do come even if you don't normally come to church.

Kids' Club is on Friday 10th July, 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the church. There will be lots of crafts and games to help the children experience the link to a loving God. The afternoon ends with a short worship and a hot tea. Children of all ages and their parents and carers welcome. To help with our catering, book with Caroline Child (07711 955070 or cjhitchman@hotmail.com). Donations to cover costs will be gratefully received.

Children's Church meets on 19th July at 10.30am. The children and young people will be thinking about how to find God and will follow the story of Jacob. After the service, everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments and to celebrate the July birthdays with a birthday cake. There is no **Children's Church** in August – but on Sunday 16th August the August birthdays will be celebrated with a delicious cake.

Concert by Vauxhall Luton Male Voice Choir: it's a pleasure to be welcoming this popular choir again for a concert on Sunday 20th September at 3pm. Tickets at £12.50 are available from Philip Cornelius (07510 267466/philip.cornelius2@btinternet.com) or Meg Bender (details above).

Climate and Creation Sunday: we are delighted to be hosting this conference on Sunday 27th September at 2pm. See page 21 for details.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

The 100 Club is an important fundraiser to help maintain the structure of our 800+ year old church. June's lucky winners were John Hanna, receiving £60 and Duncan Wingfield, who won £10.

Anyone wishing to join the 100 Club can contact the Friends via the website (friendsstudham.wixsite.com/website) or john.mcdougal@btinternet.com.



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New Council Members and Locum Parish Council Clerk/RFO (Responsible Financial Officer): we are pleased to have strengthened our representation through the successful co-option of four new Parish Councillors and appointment of a Locum Clerk/RFO.

There were nine candidates applying for the four Councillor vacancies. The Parish Council extends its thanks to everyone who expressed an interest and to those who formally applied. Councillors will serve the remainder of the current term, which runs until May 2027. Parish Council Elections for the next four-year term will then take place.

Thank you: the Council would also like to express its sincere thanks to the outgoing Clerk/RFO and departing Parish Councillors for their service, commitment and valuable contributions.

WHIPSNAD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council together with the Church and Whippsnade Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce this year's Summer Celebration event to be held at Whippsnade Village Hall and Meadow on the afternoon of Saturday, 25th July between 1.30pm and 4.30 pm.

Attractions will include: live entertainment, children's and adults' games, prize raffle with a top prize of £150, children's tombola, plus a range of interesting stalls. Lots to eat and drink (see poster on page 12).

Hopefully this year the Dog Show will be able to take place with categories: Pretty Girl, Handsome Boy, Best Rescue, Waggiest Tail and Best Trick at £1 each entry. Parking is available at the Village Hall meadow from 1pm.

Please look out for information to be displayed on noticeboards and on posters around the village. We would especially welcome any offers of help – either on the day to help run some of the attractions, or with the set up. If you have a stall or would like to donate a raffle prize or have anything you would like to add to the pre-loved or book stalls, please get in touch with Pam Wilkins (07989 157283), Jo Majewska (07815 120390) or Ken France (872375).

Next meeting: on **Tuesday, 8th September** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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SUMMER PARTY



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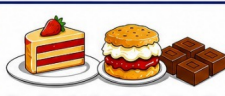
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ZSL WHIPSNAD: a gigantic bundle of joy has been delivered to Whipsnade Zoo, after an endangered Asian elephant was born on Monday 8th June. Following a 22-month gestation, the not-so-tiny infant was born to mum Donna late at night, surrounded by the other females in the herd.



Standing at less than a metre tall and weighing 110kg, the baby boy is a vital addition to the European breeding programme.

There is now a naming competition for the new arrival. To enter a prize draw, (the winner gets the opportunity to help pick a name from a shortlist, join the elephant team for a morning caring for the herd, and have an overnight stay in the lodges), visit website: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/elephant-calf.

SUMMER EVENTS ON DUNSTABLE DOWNS

Pottery Making and Artefact Show and Tell

18th and 19th July between 10am and 4.30pm. Join Dr Wendy Morrison, archaeologist from the Chilterns Heritage & Archaeology Partnership, for creative pottery workshops designed for young explorers. Children can craft and decorate their own ancient-style 'pinch pot' using air-drying clay and natural materials such as feathers and flowers, then take their creation home as a special keepsake.

Annual Kite Festival

1st and 2nd August between 10am and 5pm.

More details at www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

GARDENING IN A DRIER CLIMATE

As our climate changes, it's very important to think about ways that we can create a thriving and colourful garden without having to water regularly.

Perennial flowers like Dianthus, Gaura, Thyme, Lavender and Veronica all do well without much water – look to Southern Europe for ideas on beauties to plant out.

Cabbages, leeks, carrots and parsnips are all good in a drought – they do not require a great deal of attention or watering, and will produce well.

Most plants don't need nearly as much water as we tend to give them in the UK. Herbs and vegetables will benefit from a good soak when you plant them, but their flavour is enhanced when you reduce the amount of water you give them.

Fortunately, most plants are also brilliant in attracting bees – so not only will you save the water supply, but you'll also be helping your local pollinators.

Tips for Water Saving

- water first thing in the morning before the heat of the sun has taken hold, or in the evening after sunset;
- fill a wheelbarrow or large container with some water and place your pots inside whilst the temperature is cool;
- clearing weeds will stop valuable water being soaked up by the competition;
- avoid using a hosepipe and sprinkler (obviously in the case of a hosepipe ban!); you should be able to keep your gardens hydrated without. It is NOT necessary to water lawns; they are incredibly resilient;
- plant in larger pots that will retain moisture better. Invest in a water butt. Fill watering cans up and leave them out to warm up in the sun – this removes the harmful chlorine from the water;
- the most important thing is to plan ahead. Dig in some good mulch to help the soil absorb and retain as much H₂O as it can.

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Summer Term Update

We have continued to focus on our core Christian value 'Respect' this term. It has been wonderful to see our pupils demonstrating this in learning, play and daily interactions.

It has been a very exciting and busy term. Our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of enriching opportunities, including school sports events, summer fayres and a number of educational visits. Trips have included visits to St Albans Verulamium, a Bedford Faith Tour, Whipsnade Zoo and the RAF Museum.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our parents and our fantastic PTA for their continued support. Their time, effort and generosity make such a positive difference to our school community. Our recent school clean-up/help-out day was a great success, and it was lovely to see so many families working together to enhance our environment.

We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they prepare to move on to their secondary schools. We are very proud of the young people they have become. They are looking forward to celebrating the end of their time with us with a special trip to Ninja Warrior and our Leavers' Service at St Mary the Virgin Church.

We are excited to welcome new pupils and families in September. We currently have spaces available: if you would like to arrange a visit, please contact the school office at office@ken.dsamat.co.uk.

Find out more about our school on our website (Kensworth CE Academy website) or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KensworthCEAcademy>.

We wish everyone a happy and restful summer.

***Sarah Bowley* Executive Headteacher**

KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW 5th September

Programmes will be in the two Kensworth shops and the Village Hall from mid-July. Also available on the website.

If you wish to nominate your front garden for the Best Front Garden prize, please e-mail Sylvia Inns (sylvia.inns@gmail.com).

CHURCH NEWS

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:

Sunday services at 10.30am unless otherwise stated:

12 th July	Morning Worship	Led by Mrs. Fiona Arscott-Smith
19 th July	11am Circuit Service & Picnic on Dunstable Downs	
26 th July	Morning Worship	Led by Takudzwa Chiwade
9 th August	Morning Worship	Led by John Enejo
23 rd August	Morning Worship	Led by Mrs. Belinda Freeman

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).

Services and events:

July

12 th	10am	Linda Hillier
19 th	3pm	United Service at Flamstead
26 th	10am	Lewis Cox

August

9 th	10am	Rev. Helen Roberts HC
23 rd	10am	Linda Hillier

Date for your diaries: We will be celebrating our Diamond (60th) Anniversary of our 'new' building and Harvest Festival on 27th September at 3pm.

Although our own services are not being streamed, services are available from one of our circuit churches. If you would like details of these, or of Zoom fellowship meetings, please contact Linda Hillier.

We also have monthly circuit worship services. Join us on Zoom on Sundays 26th July and 23rd August at 6pm. Zoom link details are available from Linda Hillier.

Medicinal Blister Packs: as you may be aware, CBC are currently **not** recycling these and so they are going to landfill! However, we have found a place that will recycle them, so there is an orange lidded bin by the door of the Chapel where you may put your blister packs and we will deal with them for you. Please only put in the blister packs; the cardboard outer boxes may be recycled in the normal way.

WHIPSDADE KNIT AND NATTER: the group will be meeting in Whipsnade Village Hall for some friendly chat, refreshments and shared crafts on Tuesday 14th July and Tuesday 11th August, 2pm – 4pm. Choose your project, bring it along, and one of our many knitters will be there to help you along your journey to achieve amazing results.

WHIPSDADE VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER: come and join us on Tuesday 28th July and Tuesday 25th August 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.

WHIPSDADE WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING: there is a coffee morning in Whipsnade Village Hall every two weeks from 10am – 12noon. The dates for July are Wednesday 8th and Wednesday 22nd. We only have one coffee morning in August, which is Wednesday 19th. Come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

WHIPSDADE VILLAGE LUNCH: the village lunch will be on Wednesday 15th July 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 (07903 019188). We are taking a break in August and will return on September 9th. Thank you for all your continued support.

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## **SMILE LINE**

### **Adopted**

The teacher's young pupils were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair colour than the other members. One of the children suggested that he was adopted.

A little girl said, "I know all about adoption; I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

**STUDHAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

The group is made up of a variety of ages, from 50s to two players who are 90. Everybody is steady on their feet, enjoy playing and, of course, the social side that comes with a group of like-minded folks. Many friendships have been forged through the group and when we stop for tea and coffee and, of course, biscuits, the chat volume increases. If you are considering joining the waiting list and would like to pop down on a Wednesday or Friday around 11am, you can meet the players and have a cuppa too.

Please contact [twohappyfolks@btinternet.com](mailto:twohappyfolks@btinternet.com) if you are interested and want to join the list, stating your level of play and confirming that you are steady on your feet! On Wednesday we play between 10am and noon and Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm; it is a great way to get some exercise too.

**FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON**

The next work party for the friends will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

We will be checking the hedges of the southern boundary of all 3 Commons and trampling the high vegetation in order to allow the hedges to grow well and provide a good habitat for birds and wildlife. Whilst on East Common we will be strimming around the car park to allow a clear view into and from the car park for the benefit of all visitors; this will also help to deter any car crime in the area. Whilst work is in progress we will be watching out for any lizards that may be present!

Please note the August work party will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, when we will be mowing grass paths and clearing bracken.

Do come and join us, everyone is welcome to the work party, especially new volunteers - all necessary tools, and a light lunch will be provided. We meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am.

For further information on the work parties, please contact Bob Wilkin Operations Manager (07796 446031 or [bob@afrrormosia.com](mailto:bob@afrrormosia.com)).

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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.

**RED LION QUIZ**

We look forward to seeing you fully refreshed and raring to go on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.



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This half term our school is focusing on our core value of Respect. It has been wonderful to see pupils demonstrating kindness, listening carefully to one another, and taking pride in their learning environment.

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We would also like to ask for your support. If you have any spare resources at home, we would be very grateful for donations of items such as Lego, bubbles, scrap paper, and crayons. These simple resources make a big difference in our classrooms and playtimes, supporting creativity and exploration.

We are looking for a **new school governor** from the community. School governors play a vital role in supporting school leadership, helping to shape the school's vision, and ensuring the best outcomes for pupils. No special qualifications are required: just a commitment to education, good judgment, and a willingness to contribute your skills and experience. The role requires a commitment of approximately 6 meetings a year, usually held in the early evening and a few school visits during the day. Full training and induction are provided to help you settle into the role. If you are interested, please contact the school ([school@studhamschools.org.uk](mailto:school@studhamschools.org.uk)).

If you are looking for a placement, we invite you to visit us (872337). We are always delighted to welcome visitors and share what makes our school so special. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

***Sarah Young, Headteacher***

**STUDHAM CHARITY BINGO**

**July:** Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Studham Village Hall

**August:** Wednesdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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 and £4.50 for a set of 6 books.

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July      7.15pm      Studham Village Hall

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August    7pm – 9pm      Kensworth Pottery

The cold wet weather in June might have meant that our picnic became an indoor event, but it could not dampen the enthusiasm of the evening. A huge 'Thank You' must be given to our host for such a wonderful warm and friendly evening.

**RED LION QUIZ**

Looking forward to seeing you fully refreshed on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

# CLIMATE & CREATION SUNDAY



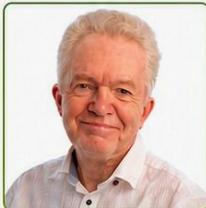
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## **Dr Martin J Hodson**

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## **Revd Margot R Hodson**

is Director of Theology and Education at the John Ray Initiative, and is focused on teaching and researching how faith, community and the environment connect. She is associate tutor for Environmental Theology at Ripon College, Cuddesdon and All Nations Christian College. Margot is ordained in the Anglican Church and has previously been Rector of Wychert Vale in Buckinghamshire and Chaplain of Jesus College, Oxford. She is a member of Grove Ethics Committee; Chairs the steering group of the Theological Colleges Environment Network (TCEN) and is on the Glebe Committee of the Oxford Diocese. Margot has published several books.

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## **KENSWORTH EXTRA**

### **KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

**Kensworth Family Fun Day** - don't forget to come along on Saturday 4th July 1pm – 5pm. Enjoy a lovely afternoon with the family...not forgetting the dog  – something for everyone! Free parking available.

**Next Village Hall Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 7pm.

**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.

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

### **KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

### **New Parish Councillor**

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome new member Milo Galler, who was co-opted onto the Council at its June meeting, bringing the team back to full strength. We look forward to working with Milo and benefiting from his contribution within the Council for the benefit of the community.

### **Thank you**

The Council would also like to note its sincere thanks to departing Councillor Graham Starkey, who has now left the Council after providing several years of dedicated service. His experience and work have been greatly valued, and we wish him all the very best for the future.

### **Kensworth Allotment Holders**

**Kensworth Annual Flower & Vegetable Show** – 5<sup>th</sup> September.

The Parish Council is a sponsor of the community show and allotment plot holders are encouraged to take part. The event is a great opportunity to showcase your hard work, with classes for flowers, vegetables, best allotment, newcomer and more.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm at Kensworth Village Hall.

**KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:** for all services, see page 15. The July Coffee Morning is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am – 12noon. Do join us for delicious coffee and cakes and a chat. No coffee morning in August – the next one will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS** Now “flaming” June has disappeared, it is “All Action” at the Club with cricket underway, so why not come up and watch the action? Nothing like a sunny afternoon spent watching others rushing about, whilst you enjoy a pleasant sip of something cool and refreshing!

**Home matches (1pm start):**

July: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>.

August: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>.

For further details and other T20 Sunday matches, see board at the Clubhouse.

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](mailto: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 and have previously hosted marquee parties, touch rugby tournaments, school sports and, of course, the May Fair. If you would like any more information, please contact Allan Wright (871495).

Please 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.

**SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Opening hours for July and August are: Saturday and Sunday 12 noon and Monday to Friday 4.30pm.

Club memberships subscriptions for 26/27 will be: 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

We welcome visitors and new members. We provide competitively priced drinks and the facility is also available for events such as parties, christenings, birthdays, wedding celebrations, wakes, music evenings, etc. If you are planning an event, please contact Michelle Hughes to see what we can offer ([studhamssc@icloud.com](mailto:studhamssc@icloud.com)).

## GLIS GLIS OR EDIBLE DORMOUSE

Bedfordshire Natural History Society is hoping to gather up-to-date records to establish the current distribution of edible dormice in our county. If you have any recent information, Ken Winder would be very pleased to hear from you: [jkwinder@btinternet.com](mailto:jkwinder@btinternet.com).



## DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON



We are planning a day to Brighton for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

On arrival in Brighton there will be refreshments in a café adjacent to the Palace, followed by a visit to the Pavilion and Gardens with Palace Guides.

The Palace was built as a seaside pleasure place for King George IV. There will then be free time for exploring Brighton and all that it has to offer including the i360 and The Lanes.

The cost, which will be a maximum of £70 per person, includes coach travel, refreshments, Palace entrance with guides and driver's tip.

Please send a deposit of £15pp to reserve a place to Margaret Maddox at 7 Oakway, Studham or phone 07778 993298 for more details.

## 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, table tennis, yoga, bingo, 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, for example, how about chess, book club, whist, cribbage or video games, maybe tabletop games like board games, beetle or dungeons & dragons – apparently board games are all making a big comeback! Perhaps you can think of something else? They don't have to be held every week, perhaps every other week or once a month would suit better?

If you would like to organize any of these, or any other 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](mailto:bookingstudhamvh@gmail.com)), who will be happy to discuss your needs.





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Here is a list of just some ideas for where you can go, with children, during the long holidays. They can all be googled for details of contact, directions and facilities:

*[Postcodes direct you to the car parks]*

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

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

**Whipsnade Zoo** (LU6 2LF); **Woodside Animal Farm** (LU1 4DG); **Mead Open Farm** (LU7 9JH); **Leighton Buzzard Railway** (LU7 4TN); **Pitstone Windmill** (LU7 9ER); **Pitstone Museum** (LU7 9EY); **Roman Verulamium** (AL3 4SW); **Ascott House** (LU7 0PS); **Wrest House** (MK45 4HR); **Waddesdon Manor** (HP18 0JH); **Curly Tails Pig Sanctuary** (MK17 0BH); **Bletchley Park** (MK3 6EB); **Woburn Safari Park** (MK45 0TU); **Plane-spotting at Luton Airport** (LU2 9QT); **Perfect Playland, Shefford** (SG17 5HQ) (for children 0-8); **Stevenage Leisure Park** (SG1 2UA); **Planet Ice, Hemel Hempstead** (HP2 4JS); **Orbital Trampoline Park, Luton** (LU4 8EZ).

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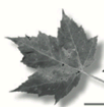
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