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Dear friends and parishioners,

Climate anxiety, or eco-anxiety, is something which I've had a number of different people talk to me about – from teenagers to their grandparents, from parents of babies and young children to the very elderly, from farmers to pet owners. It can feel as though you are overwhelmed by dread and worry, and psychologically paralysed by fear about what might happen to the world as the climate changes.

It can very much feel as though there is nothing which can be done which might change things, either by individuals or even small groups of people. And this can make things feel even worse. But there are a number of things which we can do which do make a difference, both by helping us to engage with the reality of the situation and by changing the situation itself.

You may have noticed that this magazine carries hints and tips every month about how to live in a more sustainable way, thanks to the eco-church team in our three churches.

And this month we have a whole Sunday afternoon dedicated to 'Climate and Creation' with visiting speakers and some helpful workshops. Why not come and join us on Sunday 27th September at Studham Church (LU6 2NW), from 2-4pm (sign up if you can using the QR code on page 21), or contact me for more information.

God has always called his people to care for his creation, and this is a good opportunity to look at how we, like the generations before us, can meet the particular challenges of our own time.

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

Nicola Lenthall

The front cover shows girls just having fun at Whipsnade Summer event. More pictures on page 21.



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KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

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

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

Harvest Festival: the annual celebration will be on Sunday 27th September. We will be decorating the church on Saturday 26th September at 10am. If you'd like to help, or can donate flowers, fruit, vegetables and produce for the display, please contact Jo (07799 088864). On Sunday, please bring gifts of harvest produce, where they are presented to the Vicar during the service.

The gifts will be auctioned after the service, followed by our usual **Bring and Share Picnic**. Please bring your favourite picnic food and drink to enjoy and share. There is no Bishop's Appeal this year, as the new Bishop of St Albans will not be installed until the Autumn, so the church collection will go to local charities, and tinned goods will be given to Dunstable Food Bank. Please come with as much cash as you can, but card payments will also be accepted!

Choir News: the Choir will be leading the singing on Sunday 6th September and also at the Harvest Festival. 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 on special occasions.

Sunday School: for all young people, there will be Sunday School on 13th September. All sorts of exciting activities are planned – the children will be talking about ***The Parable of the Talents***.

More fun will be had at the Harvest Festival – please bring gifts of flowers, fruit and/or vegetables, jam etc to give in aid of our charities, and enjoy the picnic afterwards (see above).

If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, please contact Katherine Huggins (607841) for details.

Messy Church: there is no Messy Church in September; the next one is on Sunday 11th October, starting with breakfast at 10.15am. More details in the October Link.

Church Calendar: the 21st is the feast day of St Matthew, and the 29th is St Michael and All Angels (known as Michaelmas).

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: the September Coffee Morning is on Saturday 5th, 10.30am – 12 noon. Come and enjoy delicious tea/coffee and cakes and friendly chat. All are welcome.

AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S

Church prayers: following our annual cycle of prayers, in September we shall be praying for everyone who lives in Valley Road and Valley Close. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact the churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Sponsored Bike 'n Hike: this annual event takes place on Saturday 12th September. Please contact Meg (details above) if you would like to take part and raise funds for St Mary's and the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. In 2025 we were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for raising over £500; can we do even better this year? The church will be open from 9am until 5pm to welcome everyone, and we will be offering drinks and refreshments.

Children's Church: after the summer break, Children's Church meets on Sunday 20th September at 10.30am. As we start off a new school year, new children and young people of all ages are particularly welcome to join in and take part in these monthly meetings with discussions, activities and singing linked to Bible stories. After the service, everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments and to celebrate the September birthdays with a birthday cake.

Concert by the Vauxhall Luton Male Voice Choir, Sunday 20th September at 3pm: we're delighted to welcome the choir to Studham again for an afternoon of wonderful singing. Tickets at £12.50 are available from Philip Cornelius (07510 267466 or philip.cornelius2@btinternet.com) or from Meg Bender (contact details above).

Climate and Creation Sunday: we are pleased to be hosting this important conference on Sunday 27th September from 2pm to 4pm. Entrance is free and the afternoon will include presentations by two eminent speakers followed by a variety of workshops to discuss environmental issues (see p.21).

Harvest Festival: this service with all the much-loved traditional hymns, takes place on Sunday 4th October at 10.30am. Many thanks to the village organisations which have, once again, kindly agreed to decorate the church with produce and foodstuffs.

All the food will be delivered to the Salvation Army and to Dunstable Foodbank. After the service there will be a 'Bring and Share' buffet lunch at the back of the church. Everyone is warmly invited.

Kids' Club: the autumn meeting is at an early planning stage but please save the date – Friday 16th October at 3.30pm in church; full details next month.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Prayers

In September we will be praying especially for those people living from the Old School House to Chequers House and Chequers Cottages. 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 will meet in the Church Vestry on Sunday 13th September during the 9am Service for activities connected to Bible stories. Bring your children along for friendship and fun.

Confirmation Service

The Bishop of Bedford will lead a Confirmation Service in the Church on Sunday 13th September at 5pm. We have two members of our congregation being confirmed.

Whipsnade Churchyard Working Party

We will be meeting on Saturday 19th September from 9am to 12 noon. We will be raking the long grass and tidying around the graves and the two Gardens of Remembrance. Bring your own equipment and please come and join us. Refreshments will be provided.

Bike 'n Hike

The annual Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust sponsored Bike 'n Hike will take place this year on Saturday 12th September. Sponsorship forms are available in the Church. The Church will be open and ready with refreshments from 9am to 5pm to welcome those taking part.

'Good Book Club'

The 'Good Book Club' returns for the Autumn and Winter and the first meeting will take place at St Mary Magdalene, Whipsnade on Sunday 20th September from 5 to 6pm. Our new book is 'Oriël's Diary' – an archangel's account of the life of Jesus, by Robert Harrison. Come and join us for a friendly and informative discussion.

Macmillan Annual Church Coffee Morning

The annual Whipsnade Church Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place in the church on Friday 25th September from 10am to midday. (See page 11).



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MACMILLAN EVENTS + KENSWORTH RE-USE



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We are delighted that we are again holding the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 25th September in the Village Hall, starting at 10.30am. There will be a wonderful selection of homemade cakes and biscuits, along with a raffle and lots of tea, coffee and squash. If you are able to help by baking or donating prizes, please let us know (e-mail: twohappyfolks@btinternet.com or 07484 755404). If you are unable to come along on the day and would like some raffle tickets or have cakes etc. to be collected, please contact us and we can arrange that with you. Also, we are happy to take monetary donations for Macmillan. Last year we raised a magnificent £1,095 and we hope to increase that this year with your help.

Table tennis is held on Wednesdays (10am – 12 noon) and Fridays (9.30am – 12.30pm). For further details or to be added to the waiting list please do contact us. See you on the 25th.

WHIPSNADDE MACMILLAN

The annual Whipsnade Church Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place in the Church on Friday 25th September from 10am to midday. A donation to this very worthy cause on entry to the event gives you unlimited tea, coffee or soft drinks with cakes, scones and biscuits. You can buy cakes, scones, handicrafts or other small items, get raffle tickets or enter fun competitions and chat to your friends. Everyone is very welcome - do come along for the fifth year of this event. For details, contact Isobel Randall (07740 604336).

KENSWORTH RE-USE CENTRE

In the Church Hall, Clayhall Road (behind the Vicarage). We are open 2pm to 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays. 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 items you donate are clean and unbroken. **Cash only.**

NB: Unfortunately, we will be **closed** on Saturday **26th September**, due to a lack of available volunteers. If you are over 18, and can help the charity for 2 hours on a Saturday morning, we would be very pleased to welcome you. Please contact Steve Hartley (872713) for details.

VILLAGE SUMMER EVENTS

STUDHAMBURY

(See page 19. Photos courtesy of Belinda Neasham)



KENSWORTH FAMILY FUN DAY

Photos courtesy of John Hagen



LOCAL NEWS

PAT HADEN

We learned with sorrow of the death of Pat Haden last month. Many of us in the villages remember Pat and Derrick Haden with real affection and gratitude for all that they did for us. We think back to their magnificent parties raising funds for the churches and for many charitable causes. They worked especially hard for Whipsnade, caring for the churchyard, running the fete, organising the village lunch and providing refreshments for every event. In Studham they were founder members of the Friends of Studham Common, providing and storing much of the equipment needed by volunteers. Pat was a member of Whipsnade PCC, at one point the churchwarden and often the secretary. They hosted events held by the North Chilterns Group, especially the fantastic "Winter Warmup". When they moved to Yorkshire, we missed the Village Hall parties, fashion shows, charity auctions and so on – so many events!



Sadly, Derrick died several years ago and Pat later moved into residential care – where she organised the social life of the residents until she became too ill with Alzheimer's to continue. We send our sympathy to Helen, Tony and David, who have lost a wonderful mother.

SKAW NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS – ESPECIALLY DRIVERS



Studham Kensworth and Whipsnade Good Neighbours Scheme volunteers undertake a variety of jobs, mostly transport to medical appointments, collecting shopping or prescriptions and a number of befriending tasks.

We are currently looking particularly for drivers who are available in daytime hours.

If you would like further information please contact Mike Pittam via SKAW_GNS@outlook.com.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for an opportunity to complete your Volunteering Section of your Bronze, Silver or Gold Award? In Kensworth we have many varied opportunities to help maintain our beautiful 12th century church and churchyard.

Look no further; contact Jane Bedlington (07796 015292).

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

The Call my Bluff Wine Evening of fine wines, good food, humour and deception is returning on Friday 30th October at Studham Village Hall. This popular event is already sold out but if you want to go on the reserve list for returns, please contact John McDougal (details below). The proceeds are split between Studham's two Friends organisations – Friends of the Church and Friends of the Common.

Another fund raiser is The 100 Club. The lucky winners for July were John Hanna, receiving £60, and Eric and Jane Jacoby, who won £10, whilst in August the winners were Jo and Nigel Wade, with Dee Claassen the runner-up.

For information on the Wine Evening or the 100 Club, please contact John McDougal (873257 or john.mcdougal@btinternet.com).

BIKE 'N HIKE

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



This year, this will be on Saturday 12th September. For details of events: Studham Church, page 8. Whipsnade Church, page 9.

There is also a Benefice Walk starting at Kensworth St Mary's Church (at the bottom of Hollicks Lane), walking to Whipsnade Church and then on to Studham Church; refreshments available at each church. Complete all or just part – it's up to you!

Transport back can be provided; please inform Jo Cook if required.

Sponsor details available from Jo Cook or can be downloaded from the QR code on the posters or give a donation instead of being sponsored.

Contact Jo (07799 088864) or just turn up at 10am.

If you prefer to make up your own route on foot or by bike, the QR code on the posters or the website (<https://bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike/>) has all the details.

CHURCH NEWS

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

13th September 10.30am Morning Worship Led by Mr Colin Quine
 27th September 10.30am Morning Worship Led by Mr Chris Berry
 Details of other services can be found on the chapel noticeboards.

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).

September services and events:

Saturday 12 th	9am-5pm	Historic Churches Bike and Hike
Sunday 13 th	10am	Rev. Helen Roberts
Sunday 27 th	3pm	Joint Anniversary and Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Diamond Anniversary of the 'new' building and Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September at 3pm. All are welcome to join us for this very special occasion.

Medicinal Blister Packs: as you will 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 at home in the normal way.

HARVEST - CARING FOR THE WORLD BY WHAT WE EAT

Harvest is a time to give thanks for the food on our tables and for all those who help produce it. From farmers and growers to shop workers and cooks, many hands play a part in bringing food from field to fork.

This harvest time also reminds us of our responsibility to care for the environment. Healthy soil, clean water, insects, birds and pollinators are all essential for growing crops. Without bees and other pollinating insects, many fruits and vegetables would become scarce.



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As weather patterns become less predictable, farmers face new challenges. By reducing waste, recycling, composting, growing some of our own food, and supporting sustainable farming, and buying local and uk grown seasonal food, we can all help protect our world.

WHIPSNAD PARISH COUNCIL**Summer Party**

A big thank you to all those who made our village summer celebration in July a success: to all the helpers, people who donated prizes and to those who attended. Our younger residents clearly had a great time participating in the games (see cover photo and page 21). We'll be back next year for more fun and festivities. If you have any ideas of things to include, please get in touch or come along to one of our meetings. The event raised £2,000 which will be going to support the village, the Church and nominated charities; to be announced in the next issue of the Link.

Extra funding for highways

CBC has allocated funding to support Parish Councils to improve their road networks which can include road signage, street furniture and speed control devices such as Vehicle Activated Speed signs (VAS). We will be applying for one of these grants; we will be in competition with other parishes throughout Central Beds. We are prioritising a bid for one of the newer VAS signs. Please look out for information on local Facebook pages and parish noticeboards so that you can express your views and opinions, or e-mail our Clerk at clerk@whipsnadeparishcouncil.org.uk.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 8th September**, at Whipsnade Village Hall at **7.30 pm**.

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Christina Jones email: clerk@kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Autumn Bulb Planting – Seeking volunteers

We are continuing our tradition of planting additional spring daffodil bulbs around Kensworth. The aim is to enhance the already much-loved and vibrant display of daffodils that brightens the village each spring.

We are, once again, looking for volunteers to help with bulb planting during September/October; your help would be much appreciated. If you would like to get involved, contact the Clerk to register your interest.

Kensworth Allotments – Plot Availability

There may be allotment plots becoming available from 1st October, with priority given to Kensworth residents. We currently have a short waiting list, so please contact us to register your interest. Half plots are £25 per year, with a *returnable deposit of £50 *subject to conditions.

Next Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm, 10th September, Kensworth Village Hall, The Chilterns, Kensworth LU6 3RJ.

STUDHAM VILLAGE CE ACADEMY

Welcome back from everyone at Studham Village CE Academy. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and were able to enjoy some of the very warm weather. As we move into the autumn term, we are delighted to be launching our new curriculum based on Kapow, which will provide exciting, engaging and well-sequenced learning opportunities for all our pupils. We are looking forward to a busy and successful term ahead.

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Sarah Young, Headteacher

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FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next work party for the Friends will be on Saturday 19th September.

On Middle Common, we will clear around the trees in the Enright Orchard and the Platinum Jubilee trees to ensure continued visual appreciation of some trees, as well as ensuring the preservation and development of the Memorial Orchard.

Other work envisaged this month will be cutting and clearing grass, bracken and bramble as necessary, including mowing around the benches and main trees and clearing along the base of the hedges. This will reduce nutrient levels in order to create a variety of habitats for small mammals and birds and prevent the gorse being smothered by more vigorous plants.

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 party, please contact Bob Wilkin, Operations Manager (07796 446031 or bob@afrrormosia.com).

STUDHAM CHARITY BINGO**Wednesdays 9th and 23rd at 8pm in Studham Village Hall**

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KENSWORTH FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW

In the Village Hall on **Saturday 5th September at 2.30pm.**

Programmes are now available in both village stores and the Village Hall. You can also enter online at **kensworthflowerandveg.org.uk**.

It's been very difficult for growing vegetables, flowers and fruit this year, with the exceptionally hot, dry weather we have experienced. Just because your items may not be up to your usual high standard, please don't let it put you off entering, as everyone is in the same situation.

Well done, everyone, for all the hard work you have put in already; it will be good for people to see how the change in climate conditions can affect growth, and maybe our food supply in the future.

Remember, it's a friendly community event, a chance to meet up with old and new friends; do come along and enjoy the day.

WHIPSNADE KNIT AND NATTER

The group will be meeting in Whipsnade Village Hall for some friendly chat, refreshments and shared crafts on Tuesday 8th September. 2pm – 4pm. Choose your project, bring it along, and one of our many knitters will be there to help you along your journey to achieve amazing results.

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER

Come and join us on Tuesday 22nd September 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.

WHIPSNADE WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING.

We run a coffee morning in Whipsnade Village Hall every two weeks from 10am - 12 noon. The dates for September are Wednesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th. Come along and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE LUNCH.

There will be a village lunch on Wednesday 9th September at 12.30pm. Come and enjoy a light hot lunch, cakes, tea and coffee – all for £7.

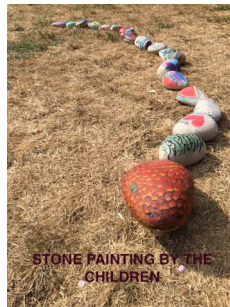
There will be the usual raffle; any donations gratefully received. If you have any dietary requirements or any questions, please contact Tracy (07889 387957 or e-mail: tracy@stockdalemartin.co.uk).

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).

MORE VILLAGE EVENTS

WHIPSNADE FAMILY FUN DAY

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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, Cumbria and All Nations Christian College, Oxford. She is a member of Green Ethics Committee, Chair the steering group of the Theological College Environment Network (TCEN) and is on the Global Committee of the Oxford Group. Margot has published several books.

There will be two lectures followed by smaller groups to discuss the following topics:

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MORE STUDHAM

QUIZZES WE ARE BACK!

Tuesday 1st September at 8pm in Studham Red Lion

£3 head to enter and £1 per strip raffle (5 entries). This season we will be supporting both the Village Hall rebuild and also Young Lives vs Cancer. There is no fixed team size – so you can go solo or bring all the family. Please ring the Red Lion (872530) to book a table (and order food). The rounds for September will be: 1: sport & recent news; 2: school days ; 3: alphabet (J); 4: entertainment; 5: what's left? 6: music 1950s-2020.

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Thursday 3rd September at 7.15pm in Studham Village Hall

In August, we enjoyed an informative talk from Whipsnade resident, Pam Ward, on the subject of local attraction, Whipsnade Tree Cathedral.

After explaining its history, the inspiration behind it, and how it was created and maintained over the years, Pam shared recently-taken photographs.

Our September meeting will see the return of Adam Smith, who previously enthralled us with a talk about Ashridge House. This time he will be talking about two Victorian homes in the Chilterns, Cliveden and Hughenden.

This will be an open meeting so all are welcome. Entrance to non-members is £5, and there will be a raffle. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served to end the evening.

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

The football season is about to start; we will be fielding two teams this year, so plenty of action for you to watch and enjoy.

If you are more energetic, cricket, football and tennis are always open to new players, so if you are interested, get in touch (Studhamssc@icloud.com) or call in and leave your details. Junior training is also available in some sports.

The playing fields are also available for other events. If you are interested in using the fields to host an event, please contact Allan Wright (871495).

Please remember to look after your dogs if walking on, or visiting, the playing fields; clear up all mess and take it away with you.

KENSWORTH

Kensworth Family Fun Day – they say be careful what you wish for! On the last two years' Fun Days we have had rain and wind, so this year we were looking forward to a nice sunny day. Unfortunately, it turned out to be an extremely hot sunny day, too hot for some dogs at the start of the Dog Show, although many came later in the afternoon when it got cooler.

Even in the heat everyone enjoyed the afternoon, checking out the great selection of stalls, children's activities, sampling the delicious food and drinks, and listening to great music from the different groups.

We would like to thank the following for donating wonderful raffle prizes: Old Hunters Lodge, The Farmers Boy, Moss Products, Witness the Fitness, Chelsea Direct, TC Feeds, Business Brilliance and both Kensworth village stores as well as everyone else who donated prizes.

Thank you to Harris Coach Works for sponsoring the Dog Show and, once again, The Lutts Group for providing one of their lorries to use as a stage. Also all the stall holders for a great selection of products and crafts. Without your support we wouldn't be able to hold these events, which raise funds for the ongoing upkeep of the Village Hall. You can view pictures of the event on page 12 and on Spotted Kensworth.

Next Management Committee Meeting on 9th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

STUDHAM

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 Village Organisations page 29 or contact one of the Trustees.

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 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; we have 4 meetings a year. If you are interested, contact Chrys Smith (872989 or smithlaws@hotmail.co.uk).

STUDHAM EXTRA 2

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Website: www.studhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact: clerk@studhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chair of Parish Council elected

At an Extraordinary Meeting on 14th July, with its existing, and four new Councillors in attendance, Councillor Chris Morrell was elected as Chairman, marking an exciting new chapter for the Council. Members also agreed the allocation of portfolios, ensuring responsibility for key areas of Parish Council business, and liaison with outside bodies is shared across the team.

Return to Monthly Meetings

To help maintain momentum and respond more effectively to local priorities, the Council has decided to return to monthly meetings. Meetings will normally be held on the second Monday of each month, starting in September, at the Village Hall, Dunstable Road.

With a number of important matters already requiring attention, an Extraordinary Meeting was also scheduled for August. This reflects the Council's commitment to making progress on outstanding issues and working proactively. The Council looks forward to working together and engaging with residents as it moves forward with renewed energy and focus.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 14th September at 7pm in the Village Hall, Dunstable Rd, Studham LU6 2QG.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Opening hours for September are: Sats & Suns 12 noon, weekdays 4.30pm.

Club membership subscriptions for 26/27: family (parents and children under 18) – £26; single (18-64) – £20; concessions – £11.

All club memberships were due on the 1st April, but can still be paid over the bar. 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 let the bar staff or Michelle Hughes/Vicky Roch (Studhamssc@icloud.com) know.

The Sports and Social Club welcomes visitors and new members. We provide competitively priced drinks and it is also available for events. If you are planning an event, please contact Michelle Hughes to see what we can offer.

DONATIONS & MORE KENSWORTH

FROM THE PARISH LINK TREASURER: we are grateful for a donation of £10 from a reader. If you would like to make a donation to help with running costs, please contact me, Les Randall (01582 872552/e-mail lesrandall@btinternet.com) or drop it in to 14 Holywell Road, Studham

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

KENSWORTH CE PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

As another successful school year came to a close, there was plenty to celebrate at Kensworth CE Academy.

The final weeks of term were packed with exciting events and opportunities for our children and families to come together. One highlight was our Sports Day, where pupils demonstrated determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship as they took part in a range of activities and competitions.

Our Summer Fayre, organised by our fantastic PTA, was another great success. The afternoon was filled with fun, games and community spirit, and a particular favourite was the chance for children to soak their teachers in the stocks by throwing wet sponges!

To round off the year, families joined us for a picnic on the final afternoon of term. The PTA also arranged a wonderful surprise for the children with a visit from an ice cream van, providing a memorable end to a busy year.

As we begin the new academic year, we will be focusing on our new school value of **Thankfulness**. We look forward to exploring what this means with our pupils and encouraging them to recognise and appreciate the people, opportunities and blessings in their lives. We have an exciting term ahead and are looking forward to opportunities, experiences and achievements that await our school community.

We currently have spaces available for admissions in all year groups, as well as places in our Pre-School and Reception Class. If you would like to visit the school or find out more about what we can offer your child, contact the school office (01582 872336 or e-mail office@ken.dsamat.co.uk).

Sarah Bowley *Headteacher*



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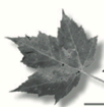
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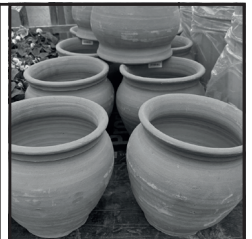
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