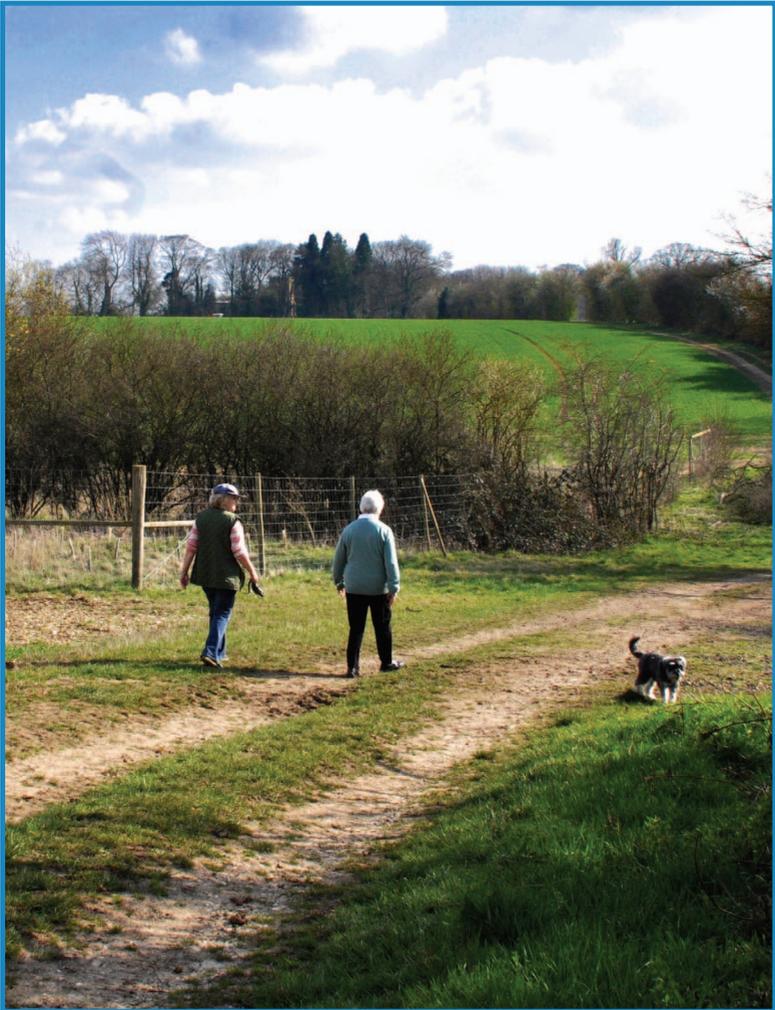

PARISH LINK

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Dear friends and parishioners,

There are very few pictures of the resurrection – unsurprising really when you think about it, for how do you paint that? Those that exist struggle to capture the moment (for there are no descriptions of it in the bible); usually there are Roman soldiers snoring in the corners, propped up on their swords, broken stones or the top of a tomb lying to one side, and Jesus, rising or risen, robed usually either in the white of grave clothes or sometimes draped in the more symbolic red of kingship – halo often glorious and glinting...

If your eye is drawn only to the red and to the gold you can easily miss the most profound part of many of the images. Jesus almost always has arms outstretched, as though still on the cross, and in his palms are the red marks where the nails pierced, and in his feet the same, and the gash in his side where the soldier's spear was thrust.

The risen Jesus is the wounded Jesus – he is one and the same. What does this mean? Well, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in the concentration camp from which he was taken to his death "Only a suffering God can help." To have written these words from such a world's end place as a Nazi concentration camp gives them a validity which neither you nor I could hope to give them.

God suffers because he loves, because he chooses to love, not to reserve the power which is his, but to expend it so that we can know that he experiences the pain, the suffering and the struggle that we as humans experience. God's love, like all authentic love, is not destroyed by the response that Jesus received from the hands of the humans who condemned him. God's love is crucified, but it is not killed; because it is faithful love, and therefore ceaseless and timeless. The rebuffed, the strained, the struggling love of God is to be trusted. It is held up before us on the cross, and it is still there on Easter Day; seen in the wounds of Jesus. The risen Lord is a wounded Lord; it is the suffering love of God which is indestructible and everlasting. To the one whose love they had known and whose suffering they had seen the disciples found themselves committed for all the future.

With my love and prayers, this Eastertide and always,

Nicola

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: during April we shall be praying especially for all those who live in Dunstable Road, Southern Way and Bell Farm Close. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Easter Day is on Sunday 1st April and the service of Holy Communion will begin at **10am**; **please note the change of time**. Everyone is warmly welcome to stay for refreshments after the service and especially to enjoy some traditional Simnel cake.



Children's Church takes place on Sunday 15th April at 10.30am. The children will be thinking about the many different ways in which they can be true friends with Jesus. After the service there will be refreshments and a celebration of all the April birthdays.

St Mary's Annual Meeting, the APCM, is on Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm in the church. It will be a good opportunity to reflect on the past year and to plan for the year ahead. Please come along and hear about what's going on and have your say about the future.

The Annual Wine Evening on Saturday 28th April is sold out but if you would like to join the waiting list, please contact John McDougal (873257 or john.mcdougal@btinternet.com).

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

This year's **May Fair**, a special day in the village calendar, is just a few weeks away. It's not too late to volunteer – perhaps you could help on the coconut shy, the BBQ, selling books or any number of other stalls. It's fun and very rewarding

We also have the very popular **Caritas Choir** returning on 7th July (tickets from Eric Jacoby 872872) and our annual **Call My Bluff wine evening** later in the year.

We also run a **100 Club**: it costs only £12 per year with £60 in prizes each month. Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership – the February winners were Carol Short and Leslie Martin. The March winners were Kyria Sherwin and Gill Hardy. We are looking for a kind volunteer to take over the running of the 100 club – its not too onerous, just managing the renewals once a year and doing the draw once a month. Please call Eric Jacoby (872872) if you can help.

To join the 100 Club, volunteer for the May Fair, or find out more about the Friends please e-mail: john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or call 873257.

WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

CONCERT

The young people's concert, following last year's very successful concert is on Saturday 14th April at 7.30pm in the church – 'A Spring Journey' featuring string quartet, voice, organ and guitar. Tickets (adults £10 children £5) from Robert Kendrick (07966 732850), Isobel Randall (872552) or Pam Ward (872406). In aid of Cancer Care and St Mary Magdalene Church.

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE LUNCH

On Thursday 12th April at 12.30pm; enjoy an Easter menu for £6, with a choice of roast lamb, stuffed chicken breast, fisherman's pie or beef and ale pie, followed by a choice of pudding and tea or coffee. Everyone welcome, come and meet new friends. Offers of help or puddings to Isobel Randall (872552) or Pam Ward (872406). Raffle and bookstall.

WHIPSNADE CRAFT AND PRODUCE FAIR

Sunday 15th April 10.30am – 4pm at the Village Hall. We have many exciting stalls signed up for this fair, and have a couple of outdoor spaces. We are looking for produce, plants etc. If you know anyone who might like to use this opportunity to sell items or raise their profile within the community, contact Pam Ward (872406). Other stalls include art of glass jewels, nails and charms, cards, dolls house miniatures, knitted/crocheted/sewn goods, and items using a fusion of Asian and Western designs. Light refreshments will be on sale throughout the day, as well as crepes and pizzas.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

On Thursday 26th April at 7.45pm in the church. The Easter Vestry, with election of churchwardens is followed by the APCM at 8pm in which the events of the year are reported and the Parochial Church Council is elected. Come and meet fellow members, enjoy refreshments and share the life of the church. Nominees for Churchwarden or members of the PCC are welcome – please check first that people are willing for their names to go forward – nomination forms are in the church.

CHURCH EXTENSION

At last the much-needed extension is complete, giving us a toilet, server and meeting room. Church members, villagers and donors will be celebrating on the church's patronal festival, the feast of St Mary Magdalene, on Sunday 22nd July. There will be further details in later editions of the Link.

WHIPSNADE GARDEN PARTY AND FETE

For information about these two events on 27th May and 23rd June, please see page 11.

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS: in April we shall say prayers especially for the residents of Common Road from Hollicks Lane to Isle of Wight Lane. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH: Sunday 1st April is Easter Day. All are very welcome to the service at **11am – note change of time**. The service will be followed by refreshments and the Easter Egg Hunt for the children. On Rogation Day (29th April) the special service will be at Lynchfield Corner Farm, by kind invitation of the Woods family.

Choir News: the choir will be singing on Easter Sunday and at Matins on 15th April. The choir practises on Fridays between 6.15pm and 7.15pm in the Church. If you would like to join, please contact Mike Palmer (e-mail: medpalmer@gmail.com or phone 524183) or the Rector (e-mail: revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com or 872223). We also welcome instrument players to help accompany us on some occasions.

Sunday School: lots of interesting things in church for young people in April: on Easter Sunday (see above) there are special activities and singing for children, not forgetting the Easter Egg Hunt afterwards! On 8th the topic is the Resurrection and what Thomas did; on 22nd the younger children will be talking about the Good Shepherd. Then on 29th it is Rogation Sunday when the growing crops and farm animals are blessed and we all go to Lynchfield Corner Farm to join in this and explore the amazing farm machinery (see also page 13 for details about Rogation)! If you would like to take part, either as a helper or pupil, please contact Katherine Huggins (607841).

Messy Church: because of the Easter holidays, the next Messy Church will be held on 11th May.

Wheelchairs are available for short-term loans from Kensworth Church Hall, for a small donation. Please contact Heather Woods (873492).

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: for all services, see page 13. The April Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 7th. Do come along for delicious cake, coffee and a chat. Everybody is very welcome.

KENSWORTH LADIES' CLUB: on Monday 9th April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road. This will be a Pampering and Indulgence Evening. Don't miss it! We are open to ladies/girls/women of all ages and especially welcome newcomers to Kensworth.

LOCAL NEWS

KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL



Despite the “Beast from the East” bringing us cold and unpredictable weather, Oak Class managed to go ahead with their trip to Verulamium to learn about The Romans. They had the whole place to themselves (other schools had cancelled) and made the most of a fun-packed day.

We held our annual Mother’s Day assembly on 9th March, where the children sang, delivered poems and talked about their wonderful mums. They made cards and took home some beautiful Spring daffodils to each one.

Our Easter assembly was held on the 29th March to end our Spring term. It is hard to believe that we start back on 17th April with our new Summer term topics. Happy Easter to everyone from all the children and staff at the school.

For further information regarding the school please call 872336.

Kensworth School Parent Teacher Association

Our Summer Fete and Dog Show will take place on Saturday 23rd June, 2 – 4pm. Put the date in your diary for an afternoon of fun. If you would like a stall at the Fete, please contact Gina Owen (07506 722053). If you can offer help/fundraising ideas, get in touch via e-mail (kspta@outlook.com) or contact Vanessa Durham (07788 990364).

STUDHAM WI

On Thursday 5th April at 7.45pm in Studham Village Hall. The subject is “Burglary Prevention and Home Security Advice”. (The Bobby Van Man – Beds Police)

This is the first meeting of our 100th year and is an open meeting. The Bobby Van is a part of Bedfordshire Police and is there to advise the elderly and vulnerable about home security, particularly after a burglary. All are welcome to attend, visitors entry £3.50 includes refreshments. There will be a bring and buy and a raffle. Please see our Facebook or webpage for further details. (Studhamwi.wordpress.com facebook/studhamwi or contact studhamwi@hotmail.com).



WHIPNADE SUMMER FETE

This year's Whipsnade Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 23rd June from 1.30pm – 4.30pm. This is a major fundraising event for the church. We are looking for offers of help beforehand and on the day to run stalls, which would be very much appreciated.

If you helped out last year and have not already been contacted by Helen Wingate, then please do get in touch (whipsnade_fete@hotmail.com).

GARDEN PARTY

On Sunday 27th May at 2pm at Kensworth Gorse in aid of Whipsnade Church. Children's activities and cream teas. Book the date. More details in the May Parish Link.

WHIPNADE PARISH COUNCIL**Coming soon: a new speed sign near you!**

The Parish Council will buy a new type of 'Smiley' speed advisory sign for installation on the B4540 across Whipsnade Green. We hope this will slow the habitual speed merchants who commute daily through the village. They will be confronted by a 'Mr Cross' icon if they exceed the limit, while keeping to the 40 mph limit will be rewarded by a green 'smiley'.



The new sign is bi-directional and measures and records the speed of a vehicle on approach and going away. The data is downloadable and can be analysed by the road traffic safety partnership officers replacing other special monitors laid across the road. This new sign, complements the existing 40 mph warning along the straight stretch of road before Rosemary Cottage bend, is solar-powered and movable to different positions along the road.

Play time for Children in Whipsnade

The Parish Council have consulted with the Village Hall Committee about investing in new outdoor play equipment to be installed on the Village Hall Meadow. The equipment will be a log-framed double swing, a climbing frame and slide, together with a picnic table and chairs, enclosed by a palisade fence. All-weather safety matting will be laid, allowing the grass to grow through to retain the meadow's appearance. The equipment is for children up to 8 years old and for supervised play. A planning submission is in preparation. Subject to approval, the playground could be available by this summer.

Annual Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 8th May at 7.30pm in Whipsnade Village Hall. All are welcome.

STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Having survived the “big freeze” we are now, hopefully, full steam ahead towards sunnier days. Despite a brief snow closure, there has been plenty happening at Studham School.

To help stimulate ideas for writing, we hosted an excellent drama workshop which left our children brimming with potential new stories. World Book Day was postponed by a week due to it falling on a snow day but once we got it up and running, it proved to be another great success. Many parents and grandparents joined us for “The Big Read”.



Maple Class (Years 3 & 4) have been on a visit to St Albans Abbey where they spent a day visiting important sites connected with Saint Alban and heard all about his story.

We had many Easter activities including a concert and a service at the Church and are now enjoying a well-earned rest.

STUDHAM ART CLUB



Started on 21st March in Studham Village Hall and meeting every two weeks (next one Wednesday 4th April from 7.30pm – 9.30pm). A teacher-led club and all are very welcome. For more information, please e-mail: jebrown25@hotmail.co.uk.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

If you missed our “Renewal Event” at the end of March, please contact the Club to renew your membership. Thought about joining but never got round to it? Well now is your chance, come and see what we are all about. Have a game of pool, dominoes, cribbage, darts or join one of our Sports sections – tennis, cricket, football, or just have a social drink in friendly surroundings.

Defibrillator training will take place at the Club on Thursday 26th April starting at 7.30pm. This is free training for anyone who would like to attend. It will cover CPR as well as how to access and use the new de-fib machine installed at the Club.

Pool Tournament: congratulations to Jack Thompson the winner of the Tournament and to Richard Webb (jnr) the runner up.

For information about the postponed “**Spud in a Bag**” event, please contact the Club.

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

May Day Celebrations with the Crowning of the May Queen this year on Sunday 6th May in Kensworth Church and churchyard. After the 10.30am Holy Communion, we will be crowning the May Queen who will then open the festivities in the churchyard at about 11.30am. There will be a barbeque, hot and cold drinks, stalls, games and a repeat of the Fun Dog Show, which went so well last year. All are most welcome. For further information, or to help with planning the event, please contact Jo Cook on (01582) 871110.

WHAT IS ROGATION?

“Rogation” is connected to the Latin word for “asking,” and refers to a traditional time of praying for agriculture. Traditionally celebrated after Easter and before Ascension Day (40 days later), Rogation Services have been a time to pray for planting and for those working with the land. In rural areas, many people bless the elements used in farming, the fields, the seeds and the farm animals. In urban areas a blessing of gardens, and local businesses can be done. It might also be a time to show gratitude for soil, water and growth, and to challenge congregation members to think carefully about the food they eat, their care of water, earth and seed. A successful Rogation should be followed in the Autumn by a successful Harvest Festival!

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services are usually at 10.30am:

1 st April	Easter Day Service	led by Robert Squires	All most welcome
8 th April	United Service at Edlesborough	(no service at KMC)	
22 nd April	Holy Communion Service	led by Rev. Nigel Bibbings	
19 th April	Growing Together		7.45pm

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 8 th April	10am	Rev. Mmasape Zihle	
Sunday 22 nd April	10am	Rev. Mmasape Zihle	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th April	10am	Linda Hillier	United Service

A big ‘thank you’ to all those who attended the Methodist Quiz in March; we hope all had a fun evening and a substantial amount was raised for Chapel Funds.

On 28th April we are holding a “Spring Clean Table Top Sale”. Entry is free, and there will be a variety of new and nearly new items and crafts for sale. Tables are available at a cost of £10 if you would rather sell than buy! 10am – 4pm with refreshments available throughout the day. See our posters around the village or on Facebook for further details.

KENSWORTH EXTRA

CONGRATULATIONS!! Huge congratulations to Harry Constantine of Kensworth, who has been selected to swim for Great Britain at the Junior European Championship in Helsinki in July! This is a great follow up to last year when Harry represented GB at the European Junior Championships in Israel and represented England at the Junior Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas – and the culmination of years of hard work and training (not to mention parental support) – well done Harry and we hope you go on to even greater things.

KENSWORTH FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW: a couple of diary dates:
Saturday 14th July - Margo's Quiz;
Saturday 8th September - date of this year's Show;
Following the successful experiment with a small number of outdoor stalls at last year's Show, there are a limited number of spaces for craft or community stalls this year. Further details for both events will appear in future editions of the Parish Link, but in the meantime all enquiries should be directed to David Manton (01438 831184 or david.manton@aol.co.uk).

FRIENDS of ST MARY'S, KENSWORTH: if you would like to join the Friends and share your ideas on helping with fundraising for our 12th century church building, please contact David Manton (01438 831184 or davidmanton@aol.co.uk).

KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB: next fixture on 29th April, Wendover away at 1pm.

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 have outings as well.

SPEEDWATCH UPDATE: I am sure it won't surprise many of you to hear that the bad weather since before Christmas has prevented us from carrying out our Speedwatch sessions, although we managed a few. Fortunately, we're moving into Spring when we hope to return to a semblance of normality.

We have noticed a reduction in the number of speeding vehicles during our Speedwatch exercises, which is good news, and now we are able to monitor the lorries which exceed the weight restriction of 7.5t.

If you would like to be a part of our team, please call me on 07919 895456 or e-mail: cstreek@btopenworld.com.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement.

Caroline Streek

FLOWER GROUP: unfortunately, we have had to suspend the Flower Group for the time being.

MORE STUDHAM

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The next Friends' work party will be on Saturday 21st April. Everyone is welcome to the work party – please come and help out; we meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers. Contact Denis Davison (872650 or denis@den-jen.co.uk) for further information.

As spring takes firm control on the Common this month, a new year of maintenance and care begins, and so the Friends wish to express a huge “Thank You” and acknowledgement of debt to Charles Baker, our Operations Manager, as he begins a well-earned retirement from his role. Charles, a conservation expert and ecologist, has guided and directed the monthly work parties over the past years to restore the hedgerows, reclaim grasslands and create woodland glades on the Common.



A close liaison between Charles and Central Bedfordshire Council saw the introduction of a FOSC 5 Year Management Programme for the entire Common, which due to its success, has now been re-formulated as the new 5 Year Maintenance Programme.

Overall, the Friends could not have achieved the progression and enhancement of the Common and our Green Flag status without Charles' support and knowledge, which has been given freely, selflessly and consistently over the last 20 years.

STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB

Our new membership year begins on 1st April and we are delighted to announce we are now offering Free Annual Junior Membership* and Annual Family membership from £75.

Junior and adult tennis coaching takes place every Saturday morning between 9am and 11am (juniors 9 - 10, adults 10 - 11). All are welcome – non-members £6 per session, members £4 per session. Our coach, Justin, is also available for private individual or group lessons. Family social play takes place on a Saturday between 2pm and 4pm. Please contact Justin (just.brocketennis@gmail.com or 07807 721 810) for more information.

For more information on coaching or joining the club, please contact Andrew Jones (andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk or 07833 111 682. www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk).

*With every full adult member.

LOCAL NEWS

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Great British Spring Clean

Thank you to all those that took part in the 'Great British Spring Clean' event on Saturday 10th March. It was a great community event – 12 bags of litter were filled by the volunteers. It gave a feeling of pride to see the village looking much tidier after all our efforts. Great thanks to all concerned.

Annual Parish Meeting

Kensworth Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th April at 8:15pm at the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all members of the public and the Parish Council will award grant cheques to local groups and organisations.

LOCAL NEWS

Changes to Bin Collections

Central Bedfordshire Council are looking at a number of options to change the way it offers waste and recycling services. Options include changes to future arrangements for recycling, food waste, domestic waste (black bins) and garden waste.

More information is available at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/bin-change or you can pick up a paper copy from your local library or Household Waste Recycling Centre (tidy tip).

Poor Mobile Phone Coverage

South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous is asking constituents to contact him directly to let him know if they have no or poor mobile phone signal coverage where they live or work in South West Bedfordshire.

Andrew says "I'm aware of certain parts of my constituency which have no mobile phone coverage and I am talking to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Ofcom and the mobile phone companies to try to get these 'not-spots' covered by a mobile phone signal as soon as possible.

If you suffer from poor mobile phone coverage, please e-mail details to MP Andrew Selous directly on andrew.selous.mp@parliament.uk.

Potholes

Following recent freezing weather, there has been an increase in potholes. Please report these direct to CBC Highways Department so they can take action. (Tel 0300 300 8302, e-mail: customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or report online via www.cb-report-it.co.uk/index.aspx).

The above numbers also deal with any complaints regarding general highways issues such as overgrown hedges, damaged footpaths, street lighting and tree issues.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The chairman, Mike Sawyer, will be approaching some charitable organisations to help with the cost of refurbishments.

The bookings clerk, Lynn Lewis, provided details of the payments received for February, which showed how good the ad hoc hirings were and very positive comments have been received.

Sally Catling is slowly taking over the role of Treasurer but there is a lot of form filling and time just to change a signature at the bank!

The Village walks continue to be well attended and residents are encouraged to come and join in on these monthly walks. The one on 10th March included coffee at the Gateway Centre on the Downs. The next walk is planned for 14th April at 10am, with coffee at the Village Hall the end of the walk. The next date for your diary is 5th May.



The spring cleaning day was planned for 17th March with a skip arranged to remove unwanted items. Document storage facilities are needed in the hall and also other hall decorations. The improved space in the rear changing area will be helpful for the football teams playing matches on the recreation ground for storing their football nets.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday 4th April at 7.30pm. New volunteers are always welcome to join the committee to bring fresh ideas.

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Parking: there are complaints that Village Hall users cannot park in the layby outside the Village Hall because commercial vehicles and cars seem to be almost permanently parked there. It is understood the layby is on a public highway and there is a right to park. The trustees recognise the problem and are asking the Parish Council if it is possible to have some form of signage to dissuade parkers. The problem is enforcement even if such help is available.

Red Lion Quiz Nights: the proceeds until May are being donated towards the floor replacement cost. A Village Hall team has been competing with varying results. Our thanks go to Garry Ellis, Chrys Smith and Andrea and Simon Maxted for running the evenings.

Diary: Some way off but 2nd June: Annual Quiz Night and 20th July: AGM.

STUDHAM EXTRA

CARPET BOWLS

The Club meets at 7pm on Thursdays and dates are in the diary section. We are a small friendly group and new members most welcome or just come for a taster. Contacts are Pat Thorne (872751) or Des Salmon (872082).

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

New defibrillator: we have now installed a second defib machine in the Sports and Social Club on Clement's End Road. There will be a training session on how to use the machine on Thursday 26th April, starting at 7.30pm, in the Social Club. All those interested are welcome to attend.

Poo-bins: we have installed a new doggie-bin in Whipsnade Lane, (by Knoll House). Whilst most seem to have found it, as it's nearly full, there appear to be one or two folks who haven't found it yet. There is a village in Cambridgeshire that has an active map, with photos for offenders: could be a good idea for Studham!

War Memorial clock: most of you seem to approve of the change that removing the old fencing and hedge has made. When the work is completed, there will be a Service of Re-dedication on Saturday 16th June. We are planning to make this a full day of various village events – more details next month. Any ideas you may have for activities will be welcomed.

Changes to bin collection: CBC are proposing changes to bin collections: please visit the website below for the details, and to make your comments:
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/bin-changes.

Next meeting: our next meeting will be on Monday 9th April starting at 6pm in the Village Hall Committee Room, followed by our Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

BINGO

On Wednesdays 11th and 25th of April at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall. Come and play bingo in friendly surroundings. £5 will pay your entrance, books and even a strip of raffle tickets! We would love to see you.

SCRABBLE

Our Scrabble Group meets 2pm every Tuesday afternoon at Studham Village Hall.

QUIZZES

The next Red Lion Quiz Night is on Tuesday 3rd April; all the proceeds will be going toward the repairs of the Village Hall floor. £3 entry per person to the quiz, raffle tickets £1 per strip and teams can be any size. If you would like to reserve a table or have a curry first, then ring Garry Ellis (872530) – we look forward to seeing you there. So far 3 different teams have won – will your team be next?

DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th April at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall in Dunstable. The topic will be “Failed to Return” – popular speaker Tony Eaton talks about the fatal flights of pioneer Amy Johnson and film star Leslie Howard, who crashed in the sea and whose bodies were never recovered. (This is a postponed talk originally scheduled for last year). Membership is £8 although visitors to meetings are welcome at £2. Visit www.dunstablehistory.co.uk for more information.

SOUTH BEDS ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

On Wednesday 4th April, a talk by Stuart Nicholls on “Code Breakers of Bletchley Park”. Held in the Salvation Army Centre, Dunstable, guests are very welcome at £3. For more information, contact Jane Lingham, Secretary (01582 606838).

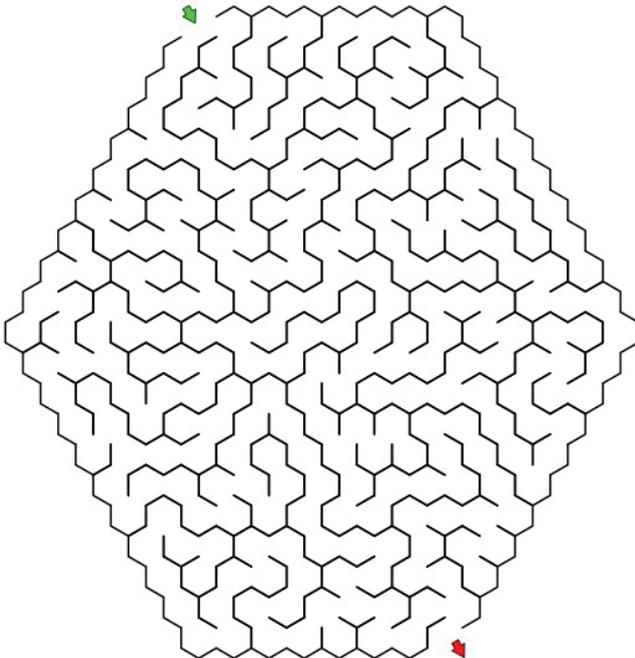
FOR YOUNGER READERS

Q: What kind of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear? A: 14 carrot gold!

Q: Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? A: because it might crack up!

Q: How does the Easter Bunny throw a tantrum? A: he gets hopping mad!

Q: What do you get if you cross a rabbit with an insect? A: Bugs Bunny



**FIND YOUR WAY
FROM THE TOP
TO THE BOTTOM
OF THE MAZE**