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# PARISH LINK

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Dear Friends,

On 9<sup>th</sup> April, I started a new role as a Lay Worker in the South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit for the villages of our Circuit, one of which is Kensworth. The congregation at Kensworth Methodist Church already know me, as I am a Local Preacher (Methodist version of Lay Reader) in the area, and my husband Nigel is the minister of Kensworth Methodist Church (along with seven other churches!)

As I travel around I always enjoy looking at the Whipsnade Lion. I have been hearing and seeing how it has been lovingly restored, and I'm sure all of us are glad for the tireless work of the volunteers who have re-created this work of landscape art. I have always been an avid reader, and at an early age discovered the Narnia stories by C.S. Lewis. The main character in those books is Aslan, the son of the great Emperor-over-Sea. Aslan, a loving, powerful, mysterious lion, dies to rescue Edmund and his siblings from the clutches of the White Witch. To the amazement of Edmund's sisters who keep a vigil over his dead body, he is raised back to life, to defeat the Witch and her army for ever.

One of the things that everyone says about Aslan, particularly when he does something unexpected is, "He's not a tame lion." Certainly no-one who sees him angry or confronting evil would ever think he was. Aslan is truly wild, yet he can be trusted – "He's good. He's the King, I tell you," says one character. It is no coincidence that Lewis, along with J.R.R. Tolkien, was a Christian. Aslan represents Jesus, and many of the events in the stories can be traced back to a Christian basis.

So does that mean Jesus is "not a tame lion" too? Yes, it does. To follow him is – or should be – an adventure, a challenge, particularly in today's world where most people are apathetic or hostile to faith of any sort. Too often we want to live comfortable, safe lives, but Jesus calls us to serve him in our communities, to make them better places because we follow him.

So when you glance up at the lion at Whipsnade as you drive round the area – I invite you to remember Christ's death and resurrection, and to serve him as best you can in the beautiful part of the world where we live.

God bless you all!

Elisabeth

*The front cover shows Sophie Carey and Hannah Crassweller after the Easter Egg Hunt at Kensworth Church on Easter Day. Thanks to Barrie Huggins for the photo.*

## VILLAGE LUNCH

Come along to Whipsnade Village Hall at 12.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May; enjoy a friendly gathering and a two-course meal with tea or coffee to follow. Everyone is welcome – choose from this month's main courses – roast beef, salmon and asparagus quiche, spicy chicken pie or pork goulash with herby dumplings, followed by a choice of pudding and tea or coffee, all for £6. There is also a bookstall and raffle. Offers of help or puddings to Pam Ward (872406) or Isobel Randall (872552).

## GARDEN PARTY

Tessa and Martin Rees are again inviting everyone to their colourful garden party among the rhododendrons at Kensworth Gorse on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm to 4pm. Wander round the garden, enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and sip a glass of wine or a soft drink with family and friends. Tickets £5 per person from Tessa or Martin (873117) or Isobel Randall (872552). Proceeds to Whipsnade Church funds.

## WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL

The AGM is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, everyone welcome. Please come along with new ideas for events we could hold in the Village Hall and discuss plans for the next phase of improvements.

## WHIPSNADE CONCERT

An enthusiastic audience enjoyed a lovely concert by the St. Mary's Spring Quartet and Chris Hazell. Many thanks to all who attended and particular thanks to Robert Kendrick (photo) who planned and organised the event.



## WHIPSNADE SUMMER FETE

**Saturday 23rd June 1.30 – 4pm** in the churchyard.

We are looking for offers of help beforehand and on the day to run stalls, help with the set up etc. We are also looking for help and donations for the following stalls:-

- Bottle Stall, Book Stall, Plants and Produce, Tombola, Quality White Elephant, Plate Smashing, Cake Stall, Refreshments.

Plans are in progress for our Dog Show and other entertainment. We are working hard to put everything together, but we do need your help as well please.

So now is the time to pot up your surplus plants, put those bottles to one side, and dig out your unwanted presents and books ready for collection / delivery in June. Details of where to leave them will be in the next Parish Link.

*Helen Wingate (whipsnadefete@hotmail.com).*

## KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

**KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS:** in May we shall pray especially for everyone who lives in The Ridgeway, Russell Close and Plewes Close. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

**KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH:** we celebrate our May Festival with a special Holy Communion on 6<sup>th</sup> May, followed by the crowning of the May Queen and lots of fun activities. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May is Ascension Day, marking the day Jesus, risen from the dead, was raised up to heaven, watched by the disciples. 20<sup>th</sup> May is Whit Sunday (sometimes called Pentecost) and Trinity Sunday is 27<sup>th</sup> May. Details of all services on page 14.

**Choir News:** the choir will sing at Holy Communion on 6<sup>th</sup> May and at Sung Matins on 20<sup>th</sup> May. The choir practises on Fridays, 6.15pm – 7.15pm in the church. If you would like to join, please telephone Mike Palmer (524183) or the Rector (872223).

**Sunday School:** all children are invited to take part in the May Festival celebrations on 6<sup>th</sup> May; on 13<sup>th</sup> May the topic is how Jesus worked with his disciples; on 27<sup>th</sup>, the younger children will learn about the meaning of the Trinity.

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

**Messy Church:** this will be held at 3.30pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May in Kensworth Church Hall: children and carers welcome to join in the fun of crafts, singing and storytelling, followed by a hot meal for all.

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

**KENSWORTH CHURCH SHOP:** the charity shop (bric a brac, small household goods, toys, games, books) is open on Saturdays, 10am–12 noon, and Wednesdays, 2–4pm, in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road. Volunteers to serve in the shop always welcome. Contact Heather Woods (873492) or John Maryan (872291).

**KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:** for all services, see page 13. The May Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am – 12 noon. Do come along for delicious cake, coffee and a chat. Everybody is very welcome.

**KENSWORTH LADIES' CLUB:** on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May there will be a short walk around the area of the Church Hall, followed by a Chinese takeaway. Meet at 7pm. Please phone Shirley Hull (872351) to order your supper. All ladies are welcome and we always like to meet newcomers to Kensworth.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Church prayers:** throughout the month of May we shall be saying special prayers for everyone who lives in Kensworth Road and Byslips Road. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

During the ten days from Ascension Day (10<sup>th</sup> May) until Pentecost, we shall be taking part in the Archbishops' world-wide prayer movement, **Thy Kingdom Come**. On Pentecost Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> May) there will be an informal Family Holy Communion Service at 10.30am, which will include special prayers for our Studham village community. Everyone is very welcome and is invited to stay for refreshments afterwards and to the celebration of all the May birthdays.

(For more information about the **Thy Kingdom Come** initiative, visit [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)).

**Church repairs and redecoration:** whilst work is taking place in the south aisle, the church will be closed during the week but will be open as normal for Sunday services. We are very grateful to the Friends of Studham Church for agreeing to fund this work.

## FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

By the time you read this the **May Fair** will almost be with us. Please come along on 19<sup>th</sup> May and enjoy watching the May Pole dancing, the dog show, the book stall, the barbecue and numerous other events as you soak up the unique village atmosphere. See page 11 for more details.

**Caritas Choir** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July sees the return of Caritas Harmony in concert at St Mary's Church, Studham at 6pm. Tickets are £12 to include food and a cash bar will be available. Tickets available from Eric Jacoby (872872).



Other events organised by the Friends include our annual **Call My Bluff** wine evening and **Harvest lunch** later in the year.

We also run a **100 Club** which costs only £12 per year with £60 in prizes each month – the April winners were Gill Harris and Deirdre Brook. To join the 100 Club, download a form from the Friends website ([www.studhamfriends.co.uk](http://www.studhamfriends.co.uk)), or to find out more about the Friends, please e-mail or phone John McDougal (john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or 873257).

## SMILE-LINE

My 10 year-old niece says her prayers every night and instead of 'amen', she says 'click, send.'

## **BARBARA MARYAN**

It is with enormous sadness that we report the death of our colleague, Barbara Maryan, on 24th March. Barbara and John moved to Kensworth from Harpenden, where they had lived for 30 years, in 1988. John was Postmaster. Barbara was a Primary School teacher, but in Kensworth she mainly helped John, and immediately they both took enthusiastic roles in all aspects of community life. They both became prominent members of the Parish Church. Barbara was Churchwarden for a session and also helped John with his duties as Churchwarden. She was also a member of the PCC and in the choir. She was a valued Sunday School teacher. They were both involved with the Friends of St Mary's, and Barbara was Chairman for a time. Away from the church, Barbara was a founder member of the Kensworth Ladies' Club, when it evolved from the Women's Institute, and later on she and John were founder members of the Community Care Scheme, now the Kensworth Good Neighbours Scheme. Beyond Kensworth, Barbara and John were supporters of the Harpenden branch of the Mencap charity. Barbara was also President of the Harpenden Inner Wheel, the ladies' branch of Rotary. She was a Volleyball Girl – who will forget the Volleyball 'Calendar Girls' float? – and she so much enjoyed her time as a volunteer at Whipsnade Zoo.



Barbara and John still managed to find time to enjoy their lovely family – daughters Debbie, Sandra and Lisa, and their grandchildren, and also entertaining and going on cruising holidays with their many friends.

It is as a valued member of the editorial team here at The Link that we will most miss Barbara. For several years she was the Kensworth Correspondent, but when she retired from that, she stayed on as a member of the team and deputy correspondent.

Barbara's passing has left gaps in all these organisations that will be very difficult to fill, but it is as our friend she will be irreplaceable. We send our deepest condolences and sympathy to John and all the family and know that her memory will live on in our love and gratitude for a life lived so much to the full.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO PAM WARD**

Pam has won another 'World Award' for her marmalade. This year she has won two silver and a bronze certificate – not bad with over 3,000 entries from all over the world! The new 'award winning' essential for breakfast toast can be had from Whipsnade Church at £2 a jar and has helped raise church funds for many years.

## STUDHAM MAY FAIR 2018

**Saturday 19th May at 2pm  
On the Common**

Our May Queen Chloe Sweetman will be crowned  
and open the May Fair at 2pm, helped by her attendants  
Freya Mayes & Ella Stafford  
with *Chaperone Heather Wright*

Gifts for Stalls or Competition Prizes, or help to run a stall gratefully  
accepted. Please contact Mike Bailey (872318) or Stall Holders:

Books	Peter Gee	873154
Church Gift Stall	Meg Bender	872967
Grand Draw	Emma Mulder	873089
Homebake & Cakes	Emma Mulder	873089
Plants	Sally Cload	871205
Refreshments	WI (Chrys Smith)	872989
Tombola	Eddie Perry	873909
Toys	Jane Jacoby	872872

### Events, Side-Shows & Stalls include:

- Crowning of May Queen by 2017 May Queen, Louisa Toffis
- Maypole Dancing by the Children of Studham School
- Raffle for Meal for Two at The Bell, donated by The Bell, Studham
- Grand Draw - Prizes include:
  - £100 cash
  - Meal for Two donated by The Alford Arms, Frithsden
  - Meal for Two at The Red Lion, donated by The Red Lion, Studham

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| - Children's Animal Corner | - Classic Cars            | - Giant Darts     |
| - Kid's Treasure Hunt      | - Pimms Tent              | - Cactus Toss     |
| - Coconut Shy              | - Swingboats, Roundabout  | - Photo Booth     |
| - Face Painting            | - Kids Arts & Crafts Tent | - Beat the Goalie |
| - BBQ & Hot Dogs           | - Fun Dog Show            | - Milk the Cow    |

### Refreshments in the Village Hall

### SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS: New Moon Morris Dancers

**Master of Ceremonies:** John McDougal

Thanks to our Sponsors for their support and everybody who helps to make the May Fair such an enjoyable afternoon. Public Address System by Peter Owen.

Sponsored by Fine & Country.

**Presented by the Friends of Studham Church**

## KENSWORTH EXTRA

### FRIENDS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, KENSWORTH

The Committee and supporters of the Friends were saddened to hear of the passing of Barbara Maryan after a short illness. Barbara had been a loyal member for many years in addition to the many other charities that were part of her life. The Committee offer their condolences to John and his family.

### KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Mike Sawyer thanked the members of the committee who came to help with the **Spring Clean**. We filled the skip we had hired! Thanks also to Johnny Cox, who donned a mask to go under the stage to remove all the rubbish accumulated over several years – he cleared up the floor with a dustpan and brush and the vacuum cleaner! The committee also cleared out the rear storage area so that the football club can now access both changing room toilets. We also sorted out items for the skip from the upstairs storeroom to make space for filing cabinets, that were kindly donated, for Village Hall documents. We still have some work to do in the boiler room and the chair store to make this suitable for the Toddler Group equipment.

We are applying for **grants** from various organisations to complete the refurbishment of the Hall, as it is in need of maintenance work, repainting and new equipment. These applications take time to complete and awaiting decisions before we can start any work. We are pleased that the Village Hall has a new group starting, AGA Yoga, and also that weekend bookings continue to come in for the ad hoc hirings.

The **village walks** continued throughout the winter, despite the rain and mud, but we are looking forward to dry weather and some sunshine! It may be worthwhile to have a weekday evening walk: keep a lookout for the notices. The next walks are 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm. The AGM has been postponed until June; date will be announced next month.

### KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

The ever-popular Margo's Quiz will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall to raise funds for the Annual Show. The event starts promptly at 7.30pm and tickets, including supper, are £7.50; please BYOD. To book a table or individual places, please contact David Manton (01438 831184 or david.manton@aol.co.uk).

This year's Show will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September and further details will appear in the Parish Link and on our Facebook page.

### KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The April meeting, the AGM, was too late for our print run. There will be a full report in the June issue. Our next meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## CHURCH NEWS

**MUSIC & WORD:** our occasional opportunity for meditative spirituality, returns in May with Fire of Love, a meditation for Pentecost, which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let yourself be found in the stillness – and be renewed and stimulated by poetry from our own time, organ music across several centuries (played by Adrian Lenthall) and readings from the bible, all chosen to resonate with each other. Music & Word is influenced by age-old Judaeo-Christian themes, but links them with creative work by women and men of diverse faiths and none. St. Mary the Virgin, Church End, Kensworth on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.

### NORTH CHILTERNERS GROUP

**Annual Outing:** the outing this year is a day trip on 16<sup>th</sup> June to Southwell, a lovely historic town in Nottinghamshire with a stunning High Street and Minster church. There is a stop in Newark with enough time for lunch and a look round the Georgian town centre. Details from your NCG representative (Deirdre Brook, 01525 852557, Derek Spriggs, 873468 or Isobel Randall, 872552) or direct from Jean Waldock (01525 210782 or jean-waldock@outlook.com).

**AGM:** the annual general meeting is at Dunstable Downs Golf Club at 7pm on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Excellent refreshments are followed by a presentation of what goes on in the group, and discussion of plans for the following year. Do come along to support our links with the other villagers in Totternhoe, Stanbridge, Tilsworth, Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Dagnall. All are welcome.

### STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May            10am    Mr David Williamson

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May           10am    Rev. Mmasape Zihle    Holy Communion

**Messy Church:** at the May Fair (19<sup>th</sup> May) in the Messy Church tent.

### KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services are usually at 10.30am:

20<sup>th</sup> May            Holy Communion Service led by Mr Roger Owers

27<sup>th</sup> May            11am            Please note later start

**Growing Together:** 31<sup>st</sup> May            7.45 pm

### PENTECOST

Pentecost Sunday is the day of the Pentecost festival, a prominent feast in the calendar of Ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai, and also later in the Christian liturgical year commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the remaining eleven disciples of Christ (Judas had hanged himself) after the Resurrection of Jesus. It is also called Whit Sunday, Whitsun, or Whit, especially in the United Kingdom. It always falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Pentecost (in Greek) means “fiftieth day”: it is celebrated 50 days from Easter Sunday (including Easter Sunday in the counting), hence its name.

## MORE STUDHAM

### BINGO

On Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 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.

### STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Would all those who walk their dogs through the Playing Fields, please keep them on a lead whilst in the grounds and remember to clean up after them. Dog faeces can be dangerous to the health of young children as well as being 'anti-social' to those using the sporting facilities.

### SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

**Bingo evening:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7 for 7.30pm start.

**Memberships:** a big thanks to all those who have already paid for this year, a gentle 'nudge' to those who haven't! 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 (all of which have junior sections) or just have a social drink in friendly surroundings. Families are always welcome.

**Spud in a Bag:** due to illness, this event has been cancelled. We wish Bob all the best, and hope that he is soon well enough to join us again.

**Club Steward:** you may know that Alan has decided to leave us. He has been an excellent Steward and will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his next venture. If you, or someone you know, would like further details of the position, please e-mail [studhamclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:studhamclub@hotmail.co.uk) and we will be pleased to talk to you.

**Events:** there will be a bingo evening held at the Club on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May in aid of Kensworth Cricket Club Funds. There will be raffle and refreshments.

Keep an eye on Facebook and the notice board for events throughout the summer, we hope that many of you will come and join us.

### SCRABBLE

Our small but enthusiastic Scrabble Group meets 2pm every Tuesday afternoon at Studham Village Hall – the weather (13) may be wet (8) and chilly (14), but we can assure (6) you of a warm welcome (14).

### SMILE-LINE

Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?  
Because even back then men wouldn't ask for directions.

## STUDHAM EXTRA

### STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

As ever, the end of the school term was incredibly hectic with all sorts of extra events taking place.

Our Easter service was once again taken by Revd. Nicola Lenthall and it was lovely to see so many parents there. When we got back to school after the service, the PTFA had arranged an Easter Egg Hunt which the children loved despite the somewhat inclement weather. Our Easter Concert was also very well attended with many of the children playing instrumental solos as well as class songs, the choir and the school Jazz Band. Our Pre-School and Year R had a visit from the Blue Cross who told the children all about how to look after animals.

The Summer term looks just as full. There are the inevitable tests but more importantly, we will be getting ready for the May Fair. The Maypole will be prised out of hibernation and the children drilled in their moves (the photo shows last year's May dancing). On the same day as the May Fair, our choir will be performing at a charity concert in the Dunstable Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Any support would be most welcome. Contact Head Teacher, Paul Burrett (872337)



### STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

**Village Hall floor:** we soon hope to have the final costings. More news in next month's Parish Link.

**Annual Village Hall Quiz Night:** on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7 for 7.30pm start. Fish & chip supper but bring your own drink. Tickets (£10) from Des Salmon (872082/ desstudham@btconnect.com), and the trustees. Proceeds will go towards the cost of renewing the floor which has been in place for several years.

**AGM:** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm. An opportunity to meet the team, hear what we are doing and have some refreshments. This is an open meeting and any thoughts, suggestions will be most welcome, especially ideas for new groups or use of your Village Hall.

### 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 are most welcome – or just come for a taster. Contacts are Pat Thorne (872751) or Des Salmon (872082).

## STUDHAM COMMON AND SPORTS CLUBS

### FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The Friends' main work party will be on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Please note this is one week earlier than usual, as the following week is the Studham May Fair. Therefore, the main tasks for the day will be to ensure that West Common is in perfect condition for this annual spring event.

If time permits we will also continue to tend new whips and plantings from earlier work parties, especially those in East Common hedgerow, to ensure they are in great condition for the summer season. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

**Everyone is welcome, especially new members.** Do please come and help. We meet at the war memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am. Please contact Denis Davison for more information (872650 or [denis@den-jen.co.uk](mailto:denis@den-jen.co.uk)).

### STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB

Our new membership year began on 1<sup>st</sup> April and we are delighted to announce we are now offering free Annual Junior Membership\* and Annual Family membership from £75. (\*with every full adult member).

We have a really exciting event in June coming up where we have two Davis Cup players coming to the club to run some clinics/open day. Please contact Andrew Jones to book your place!

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.brooketennis@gmail.com](mailto:just.brooketennis@gmail.com) or 07807 721810) for more information.

For more information on coaching or joining the club, please contact Andrew Jones ([andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk](mailto:andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk) or 07833 111682/[www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk)).

### KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB

13 <sup>th</sup>	Milton Bryan	H	2pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Studham	A	2pm
27 <sup>th</sup> (T20)	Markyate	A	10.30am

There will be a Bingo Evening on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at Studham Sports and Social Club. All welcome. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact Duncan Wingfield (872743).

## WHIPSNAD PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Council and will be held in Whipnade Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

## JILL TAYLOR FROM WHIPSNAD

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Jill Taylor died suddenly, but peacefully, at her home in Mirfield aged just 63. Many of you would have known Jill when she lived in Chequers Cottages for 40 years with her husband Ken Taylor (who sadly passed away in 2015), before moving up to Mirfield in 2014. Jill was seen walking to the bus stop early every morning for work, and walking her dogs around the common. As a child I remember running between our house and Jill and Ken's house (my Aunt and Uncle) – an amazing opportunity for a child growing up. Jill's funeral took place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April in Mirfield, where she was buried with Ken. She will be greatly missed and has left a huge hole in our lives.

*Helen Wingate*



## KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

After a two-week Easter break and recharge of our batteries, we are all getting stuck into the Summer term with new topics, including Mini Beasts in Reception and Holidays and The Local Area in KS1. Oak Class are looking at British clothing since 1066 to present day and climates of the world, whilst in Hornbeam Class they are finding out about The Benin Kingdom, Shang Dynasty, Africa and China Today. In Art the children will be creating work based on artists Claude Monet and Georges Seurat, as well as a Summer sewing project.

We are looking forward to our new playground equipment, which our School Council has been involved in choosing. A huge 'Thank You' to our fabulous PTA, who are helping to make this all possible.

Two very exciting things have happened since the last edition of The Parish Link: Mrs McParland has had a beautiful baby daughter and we have all met her. Mum and baby are doing well and big sister is being very helpful! At the beginning of April, Miss Finnegan had her wedding and looked stunning in her dress. She has now returned as Mrs Cowell, which we are all getting used to! Congratulations to you all.

**Kensworth School Parent Teachers' Association** asks for your support: don't forget our Summer Fete and Dog Show on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2 – 4pm.

If you would like to offer any help / fundraising ideas, please get in touch with us via email ([kspta@outlook.com](mailto:kspta@outlook.com)) or contact Gina Owen (07506 722 053). We always welcome new members.

## **STUDHAM EXTRA 2**

### **STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

The April meeting was the last meeting of the old Council year. Our Council remains unchanged in membership at present, and portfolios will be allocated next month. This meeting began at 6pm and ended just in time to start our Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm.

8 members of the public attended the APM, and a report was presented by Chairman, Eddie Perry, covering some notable events of the last 12 months, whilst Vice-Chair and Chair of Planning, Mark Poyner, gave a resume of planning over the previous year. During Public Question Time, several items of interest were discussed – noticeboards, muddy pathways, parking and the ever-present problem of poo-bags. A resident showed a photograph of a large vehicle passing through the centre of the village; which led to a discussion regarding possible weight restrictions: these are not always possible, as, being a rural community, we must allow access for agricultural vehicles. The meeting ended at 9.40pm. Sadly, no-one took up our offer of refreshments!

Due to the May Day Bank Holiday, our next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 7pm in the Village Hall. The late date for this meeting means that there will be no Council report in the Parish Link for June, as it occurs after the deadline for inclusion.

The Parish Council would like to thank all Studham residents for their help and support during the last 12 months, and hope that we may continue to provide good service to the best of our abilities in the coming year.

### **WI**

On Thursday, 3rd May at 7.45pm in Studham Village Hall. There is one Resolution going forward to the AGM in Cardiff next month so we will be discussing that, then we will have some cheese and wine and finish off the evening with a Chinese Raffle. Don't know what that is? Well now is your chance to find out! Just £1 to take part and the entrance (including refreshments) is £3.50. We can guarantee a fun evening for all. See our Facebook or webpage for further details (Studhamwi.wordpress.com /facebook/studhamwi or contact studhamwi@hotmail.com).

### **QUIZZES**

The next Red Lion Quiz Night is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 8pm. This will be the last Red Lion Quiz night of the season with all the proceeds 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) – help us finish this season with a ‘bang’ – we had 11 teams in March – can we beat that?

## THE BELL INN, STUDHAM

Many congratulations to the Bell Inn which has just won the “Best Pub in Bedfordshire” in The National Pub and Bar Awards 2018.



## STOP PRESS - HELP NEEDED!

Studham May Fair Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May – can you help? We need 6 people in pairs of 2 to run three stalls:

- Horseshoe throwing
- Cactus tossing
- Milk the cow

Sound intriguing?? It's great fun to be involved in the May Fair so if you can help, please call Mike Bailey (872318).

## NATIONAL TRUST

### Ashridge:

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 10.30am – 12.30pm – Gentle Stroll – Bluebells – No need to book. Meet at the Ling Ride car park, off Beacon Road. HP4 1NF. £3 per person.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 6pm – 7.30pm and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am –12.30pm: Bluebell walks – Booking essential. Adult £8, child £5.
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 11am – 4pm: Plant Fair.

A full event listings can be found at: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge). To book onto events please ring the Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre (01442 851227).

### South Beds Association of National Trust Members:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.30pm, the AGM with a talk by Emily Smith entitled “My Work at Ashridge”. In the Salvation Army Centre in Bull Pond Lane, Dunstable.

## DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall in Dunstable, “The Rebel Preacher” – Jeremy Walker tells the tale of the turbulent life of Edward Harrison, who served in the Parliamentary garrison at Newport Pagnell during the civil war and who, as a well-known leader of non-conformist religion, was famously appointed to replace the vicar of Kensworth. Visitors welcome (£2).

## MARKYATE PLANT SALE

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10am at 64 High Street, Markyate in support of The Hospice of St Francis. Over 7,000 colourful bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables and herbs for sale. Homemade cakes and refreshments, live music, children's entertainment and great raffle prizes. More information from Ian Bradley (ie.bradley@talktalk.net or 943133).