

PARISH LINK

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Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade for 35 years



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When the Holy Spirit comes...

With the increase in daylight and the improvement in temperatures it is good to see spirits begin to lift. As our spirits lift, at this time of the year the church celebrated the falling down of a different Spirit – the promised Holy Spirit of God. In the days preceding the day of the Ascension, Luke’s account says: “While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (Acts 1.4-5)

And shortly thereafter whilst gathered in Jerusalem, the Spirit of God came upon them as though in tongues of fire and they began to ‘speak in tongues’. The event was astounding to all who witnessed it and as a result many asked to be baptised in the Way of Christ. This marked the beginnings of the Christian church. For over 2000 years the Christian Faith grew and hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world believed in Christ. Recently, the numbers of those following Christ continues to rapidly drop. The good news hasn’t changed, the love God in Christ is still assured, so how can we continue to testify and witness to this truth?

In the gospel of John, Jesus says this about the work of the Spirit:

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning...”

Having shared in the 10 days of the ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ initiative, where the church is praying to make Christ known and for all believers to be bold enough to increase their commitment to talking about Christ – having God conversations – I am encouraged to increase my commitment to talking about Christ to the people I meet or spend time with; to set aside time intentionally praying for the continued presence of God’s Spirit in our community as we share Christ in all we do.

Let us together share in the prayer for Thy Kingdom Come:

Almighty God,
 Your ascended Son has sent us into the world
 to preach the good news of your kingdom:
 inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts
 with the fire of your love,
 that all who hear your word may be drawn to you,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mmasape Zihle

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS: in June we shall pray for the residents of Common Road from the Methodist Church to Dovehouse Lane. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH: for all services, see page 14. All services (except the 8am Holy Communion) are followed by refreshments and a chance to enjoy the company of fellow members of the congregation (and catch up with the gossip!). Everyone is made very welcome.

If you are nostalgic for the traditional **Book of Common Prayer Evening Prayer**, there is a short said service on Tuesdays at 6pm in the church. Or perhaps you would like to see what it is like? All very welcome.

Choir News: the choir will sing at Sung Eucharist (Holy Communion) on 3rd June and at Sung Matins on 17th. The choir practises on Fridays, 6.15pm – 7.15pm in the church. If you would like to join, please contact Mike Palmer (524183 or medpalmer@gmail.com), or Nicola (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

Sunday School: on 10th June we'll learn about 'Divide and Unite'; on 24th June the subject for the younger children will be all about the birth of Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist.

If you would like your child to join Sunday School, or if you want to be a helper, please contact Katherine Huggins (607841). We welcome all children from 3+.

Messy Church: this will be held at 3.30pm on Friday 8th June in the Church Hall. All schoolchildren and their carers are welcome to a fun afternoon of crafts, story and song from Bible themes, followed by a hot meal for everyone. Older youngsters welcome to come along and help!

Church Charity Shop: this is in the Church Hall, open Saturdays, 10am – 12 noon and Wednesdays, 2pm – 4pm. Bric a brac, small household goods, books, toys, games: a real Aladdin's cave! It is manned by volunteers: if you would like to help, please contact Heather Woods (873492).

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 June Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 2nd. Do come along for delicious cake, coffee and a chat. Everybody is very welcome.

KENSWORTH LADIES' CLUB: on Monday 4th June there will be a talk about the Keech Cottage Hospice: ladies all ages most welcome to learn more about the vital work of this wonderful local charity. It is in the Church Hall at 7.30pm.

AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: in June we shall be praying especially for everyone living in Common Road, Clements End and Pedley Hill. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Children's Church is on Sunday 17th June at 10.30am. In line with the day's Gospel reading from St Mark, the children and young people will be learning about the parables of the seeds told by Jesus. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the service and to join in the celebration of all the June birthdays.

The **south aisle** of the church looks excellent after the completion of the recent repair and redecoration work and once again the church is open for day-time visitors. You are most welcome every day.

Working party: we are very grateful to the team of volunteers who look after the church and churchyard week by week. We now need to get some extra jobs done and there will be a working party on Wednesday 6th June from 10am. Please spend an hour or two with us to ensure we keep everywhere up to the normal high standard. Please bring your own cleaning materials/tools.

Plans are now taking shape for a **Messy Holy Communion** on Sunday 15th July at 10.30am. With a BBQ and craft activities for children and young people, this is an event for all the family. Please put the date in your calendar.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH



By the time you read this the May Fair will be two weeks in the past. I hope you enjoyed the afternoon – more news on this next month. See front cover and the winner of the dog show relaxing (left).

The very popular Caritas Harmony Choir are performing at the Church on July 7th at 6pm. Tickets £12 (under 12's free) to include food. Tickets from Eric Jacoby (872872) or online at Get Tickets, www.caritasharmony.co.uk.

We also run a 100 Club which costs only £12 per year with £60 in prizes each month – the May winners were Clare Orchard and Val Grozier. To join the 100 Club, download a form from the Friends' website – www.studhamfriends.co.uk, or e-mail john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or call 873257.

ELECTIONS AT THE CHURCH MEETINGS

At the annual church meetings in April, Isobel Randall and Martin Rees were elected as Churchwardens. Sarah Ayres, Kim Brown, Bola Fola-Caleb, Christopher Hazell, Sylvia Kendrick, Les Randall join the above on the Parochial Church Council which is chaired by the Rector, the Reverend Nicola Lenthall.

WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL SERVICE

On Sunday 10th June at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to the ecumenical service supported by the Royal British Legion, including singing by children from the Kensworth and Studham schools and music by the Salvation Army Band. This year marks 100 years since the end of World War 1 and the preacher is the Bishop of St Albans. Bring a rug or chair to sit on. If wet the service will be in the church. Further information from Pam Ward (872406).



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

On Wednesday 13th June between 7pm and 9pm. Help needed to get the church and churchyard ready for the Summer Fete; everyone welcome, tools provided. Contact: Charles Baker (872718).

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE LUNCH

On 14th June – all welcome as usual: £6 for a two-course meal with tea or coffee, and raffle; the main course choices this month are roast pork, cottage pie, Mediterranean chicken or salmon en croute, with a selection of puddings. Offers of help or puddings would be very welcome to Isobel Randall (872552) or Pam Ward (872406)

WHIPSNADE SUMMER FETE

See the full page notice on page 11 for details of the Church Fete on Saturday 23rd June from 1.30pm in the churchyard. Come along to a traditional country fete with entertainment for young and old, including the annual exemption dog show, a steel band and lots more. The Friends of Whipsnade Church are having their own stall for bric-a-brac and toys, contributions for all stalls would be very welcome.

WHIPSNADE CHURCH

On **Mary Magdalene Day, Sunday 22nd July** there will be a Festival Evensong to mark the completion of the extension with afternoon tea from 4pm, followed by choral evensong at 6pm. The service will be led by the Revd. Nicola Lenthall and the Bishop of Bedford will preach. Everybody is welcome.

BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – BIKE 'N HIKE



In 2017 Whipsnade was one of two churches in the Dunstable Deanery who raised over £500 and were awarded a bronze certificate for raising £750. The photo shows Pam Ward and Roger Kendrick, the Dunstable Deanery Organisers presenting the certificate to Nicola Lenthall. The diocese raised over £86,000 and half the money raised is sent to the church of your choice. Whipsnade was very grateful for the grant of £10,000 towards their extension.

It's not too early to start planning for this year's Bike 'n Hike, on Saturday 8th September; sponsor forms will be available in June. You can plan your own route visiting different churches – many will have refreshments; you can walk or cycle between 10am and 6pm. Further details in the next Parish Link.

TWO WEDDINGS and a FUNERAL

This was the subject of a most enjoyable 'Bring & Sing' day for local singers at Totternhoe Parish Church, held on 28th April. The musical was composed by Roger Jones with a libretto by Alison Fuggle. It is based on the Bible story Martha and Mary and their brother, Lazarus, who was raised from the dead by Jesus after falling very ill and dying. With 35 adult singers and 16 children, the place echoed with the sounds of a lively and a positive expression of the Christian message and story. It was brilliantly conducted by Sarah Moreton. The day ended with a complete performance delivered to a large and enthusiastic audience, who donated generously to Keech Hospice, raising £360.



The day was organised by Derek Spriggs, who is owed enormous thanks for all his hard work; also Barrie Huggins for running the digital music accompaniment, and the members of Totternhoe Church who catered so well for everyone.

It is to be hoped that there will be more of these joyful occasions in the future!

WHIPSNADE FETE



For more information, please contact
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Whipsnade Summer Fete

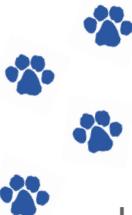


Whipsnade Summer Fete

Saturday 23rd June 2018

1.30 – 4pm

In the Churchyard



Join us for an afternoon of family fun and
entertainment, including a Steel Band!

To raise funds for the church building

Including our fantastic and fun exemption Dog Show . . .
Loveliest Lady, Most Handsome, Waggiest Tail, Best Rescue,
Best Puppy, Best Trick & Best in Show!

If you have anything that you could donate to our stalls, then please either contact Helen at the above email address, or contact people below directly.

We are particularly looking for cake bakers!

- ❖ **Books** – Chris France 872375
- ❖ **Refreshments** - Sheila Weatherhead 840750
- ❖ **Quality White Elephant** – Isobel Randall 872552
- ❖ **Plants & Produce** – Martin & Tessa Rees 873117
- ❖ **Bottle & Sweet Stall** - Hilary Cattle 01442 843433
- ❖ **Cakes** – Bola Fola-Caleb 07733 223988 & Jenny Kent 259480
- ❖ **Plates for plate smashing** – Kim Brown 872015
- ❖ **Tombola** – Lorna Kingham 01442 843575
- ❖ **Bric-a-brac & toys** – Lorraine Wright 664942

KENSWORTH EVENTS

GOLDBERGS

Can't get to the Sistine Chapel?! Then why not chalk up a different cultural milestone... this year St. Mary's Kensworth is proud to be hosting a performance of J. S. Bach's famous 'Goldberg Variations' on the instrument for which it was originally composed, the harpsichord; played by Adrian Lenthall, known to many of you already through his performances in London and locally. One famous writer on music has said, "What the 'Goldbergs' really bring to the listener is a world of experience otherwise unknown". We invite you to a summer's evening of sparkling delight, followed by a glass of sparkling wine on Saturday 28th July at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Kensworth, Church End, Kensworth, LU6 3RA. Tickets are £15 for adults, £5 for under-18s only in advance and available now from revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com or (01582) 872223. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**Kensworth Church of England
Primary and Pre-School**

Summer Fete & Dog Show
Saturday 23rd June
2.00pm til 4.00pm

BBQ	Face Painting	Archery	Pimms
FAIRY LIGHTS	Tombola		Coconut Shy
Welly Wanging	Police Dog Display		
Raffle	Dog Show	Dog Treats	Party in a Barrow
Pony Rides	FIRE BRIGADE	4 x 4 Response	
Lots and Lots of Other stalls			

*Come Along
Everyone is Welcome*

CHURCH NEWS

MESSY CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB

This year our club is running for a morning with lunch and is again based around the successful and enjoyable 'Messy Church' concept – and there will be lots of craft and games, with a short service at the end for children. We meet in Kensworth Church Hall in Clayhall Road, Kensworth on Wednesday July 25th from 9.30am – 1pm, with lunch included. The club is principally for children aged 5 to 11 (and gives hard-pressed parents some time off too!) If your child is under 5, we may be able to accommodate them, but you will have to stay with them, to ensure the right adult-child ratio. The day costs £5 and booking forms are obtainable from Kensworth or Studham schools, or contact Revd. Nicola Lenthall on (01582) 872223. Bookings need to be received by July 13th, through the school offices or direct to Nicola at the Vicarage. We look forward to seeing lots of you for lots of fun!

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 10th June 10am Mr David Williamson

Sunday 24th June 10am Rev. Mmasape Zihle

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services are usually at 10.30am:

3rd June: United Service at Edlesborough (no service at Kensworth)

17th June: Holy Communion Service led by Roger Owers

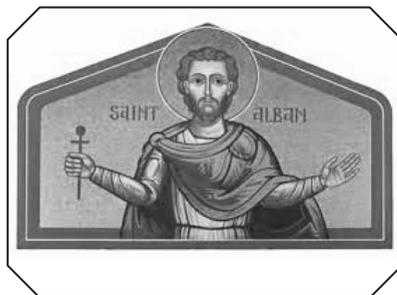
24th June: Summer Circuit Celebration and Picnic on Dunstable Downs.

Starts at 11 am National Trust Car Park (no service in KMC)

No **'Growing Together'** in June.

ST ALBAN

Alban was from Verulamium (now St Albans), born around 200AD, who converted to Christianity after sheltering a priest, who was fleeing from the Roman pagans. Alban did many good works. When the Romans came for the priest, Alban took the priest's cloak and presented himself to the judge. He realised he was not the priest but sentenced him to have the same punishment. In spite of horrible tortures, Alban refused to renounce his faith.



As a result, he was sentenced to death by being beheaded. When his head was cut off, it rolled down the hill and a spring gushed out where it came to rest. The hill is now called Holywell Hill, and, in recognition of his martyrdom, Alban became a saint – he was the first English martyr. St Albans Cathedral now stands on the spot where he was executed. You can visit his shrine there and learn more fascinating details of his life. The three parishes of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade belong to the Diocese of St Albans. His feast day is celebrated on 22nd June.

KENSWORTH EXTRA

KENSWORTH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Once again, our fantastic PTA held another round of school discos on 24th April and they were a great success, as always. The children played games and danced and there was also a rumour that our head teacher got her groove on!!!



On 6th May, Kensworth had their May Festival at the Church and the weather was just what we ordered, perfect. Our beautiful Year Four May Queen (Nicole Cutler) opened the Festival accompanied by her two attendants (Abigail Lethridge and Demi Cassidy) - see front cover, also children enjoying a game, left. We are always so proud of our children here at the school.

Years 4 and 5 had Bikeability in the week beginning 7th May, where they have their bikes safety checked and learn the skills they need for riding, especially on our busy roads. Well done, all of you, for your concentration and great behaviour.

May is always a little bit daunting for our Year Six pupils, as it is the month when they have to face the challenges of their SATS tests. We are sure they have all done their very best and look forward to the results.

We return to school on Tuesday 5th June after a week's break, ready for the last half term of the school year (where does the time go?). Let's hope for great weather and plenty of fun!

For any information regarding the school, please contact Mrs G Riach (head teacher) on 872336.

Kensworth School Parent Teachers' Association asks for your support: we hope to see lots of people at our Summer Fete and Dog Show at 2pm on 23rd June. We promise you an afternoon of great fun! See page 12.

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

KENSWORTH DROP IN CLUB

Do drop in to our friendly sessions for all ages, 9am – 11am every Thursday morning in the Village Hall for tea & coffee, biscuits, toddlers' snacks, chat and games. We also organise outings. All are welcome to come and meet other residents of our village.

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The Committee would urge all hirers to make sure the lights are all switched off before leaving the building. The Chairman, Mike Sawyer, also requested that tables and chairs are correctly stacked to allow access for the next users.

He confirmed that he had approached five **funding** organisations asking if they can help with funding to complete the much-needed maintenance and refurbishment of the hall and equipment.

There were discussions on the issue of the **large refuse bin** outside the hall. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee would take over this cost with a grant from the Parish Council, including use by the play area.

The **village walks** are continuing, with the next monthly walks taking place on 2nd June and 21st July. It was agreed that two mid-week evening walks would be arranged: this might encourage more people to get involved in the light summer evenings. The dates for these walks are 20th June and 17th July, meeting at the Village Hall car park at 7pm; the walk will last about one hour and end up with a drink at the pub. Please do come along and enjoy a walk around the village for a social evening!

The **next meeting** of the Village Hall committee is the AGM on Tuesday 5th June in the main hall at 7.30pm, followed by the normal monthly meeting. Please come along and support your Village Hall: we are a group of volunteers who do our best to offer suitable facilities for all sorts of events, clubs and exercise classes. The hall is well used by hirers who say it is one of the nicest halls in the area, but we need to make sure it keeps going, so please come along and support us and suggest how we can improve facilities to meet everyone's needs.

KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

A few tables are still available for Margo's Quiz on Saturday 14th July, starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets are £7.50, which includes supper but BYOD. To book a table or individual places, please contact David Manton (01438 831184 or david.manton@aol.co.uk). (Apologies for the typo in the last issue for giving the wrong date)



The Annual Show will be held on 8th September and programmes should be available early in July. A number of pitches are available to anyone interested in having a stall outside on the day and all enquiries should be directed to David Manton (see above).

STUDHAM EXTRA

STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

This year the school has taken part in an initiative called 40 Acts of Kindness. Instead of giving something up for Lent, the children were encouraged to try to do 40 kind acts over the period of Lent. These acts included helping Mum and Dad or tidying their room – things all the children could achieve.



We had a wonderful response and the children who had done best in each class were invited to a special breakfast with Revd. Nicola.

Apart from the inevitable tests, May is always busy with preparations for the May Fair and our Annual Charity Concert performance at Dunstable Methodist Church. All of these will be over by the time you read this but they keep all us on our toes throughout May.

STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB

We are delighted to offer Free Annual Junior Membership* and Annual Family Membership from £75, (*with every full adult member).

Book your places at the coaching clinics for juniors and adults, beginners & experienced players alike, being run by former Davis Cup Players Danny Sapsford and Luke Milligan, on Sunday 17th June by contacting Andrew Jones.

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 (just.brooketennis@gmail.com/07807 721810). Family social play takes place on a Saturday between 2pm and 4pm. For more information on coaching or joining the club, please contact Andrew Jones (andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk or 07833 111682/www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk).

PARISH LINK: Les Randall, Treasurer, is very grateful to a reader for a donation of £20 and also to Kensworth Parish Council for a donation of £100 this month. If you would like to make a donation to help keep the Parish Link free, contact him on 01582 872552 or e-mail: lesrandall@btinternet.com, or send a cheque to 14 Holywell Road, Studham, LU6 2PA. Thank you.

MORE KENSWORTH AND POPPY WALK

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting (report held over from last issue): this was held on Thursday 19th April. The meeting was open to all members of public and the Parish Council were pleased to see so many residents in attendance.

The Chairman awarded grant cheques to local groups and organisations and welcomed Bedfordshire Police PCSO's Geary & Arnold.

The **PCSO's** have requested help from the community to be their eyes and ears and to gather information and report to them. This will help them build intelligence data in order to use their resources effectively and target areas most needed. Concerns can be reported in many ways including by ringing 101, on-line webchat, www.bedfordshire.police.uk for online reporting or via Crimestoppers (0800 555111).

New Bus Shelter: following bus users' requests, Kensworth Parish Council approached Central Bedfordshire Council to install a new bus shelter at the Ridgeway bus stop. This is now the Parish Council's responsibility to maintain and we hope that it is used well and looked after by residents. There is also a notice board inside and we will use this as an information point as well as our other boards at the Village Hall and Methodist Church.



KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB

June fixtures:

3 rd	Wendover	Home	1.30pm
10 th	President's Day	Studham	1pm
17 th	Carpenters	Away	2pm
24 th	Ashridge	Away	1pm

If you are interested in joining the club, please contact Duncan Wingfield (01582 872743) or Jon Holt (01582 872896) for further details.

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POPPY WALK FOR HONOUR 2018

Calling families, dog walkers and ramblers! Get walking and raise funds for The Royal British Legion, Bedfordshire's Poppy Walk for Honour. The Poppy Walk returns to commemorate the end of the First World War and to say thank you to the First World War generation – all who served, sacrificed and changed our world. Come to Bedford Priory Country Park in Bedford, Barkers Lane, Bedford MK41 9SH on Sunday 12th August at 11am. Join the Poppy Walk Squad and be part of the fun! Register online at: bedspoppywalkforhonour.co.uk or upon arrival on the day

MORE STUDHAM

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Quiz Nights at the Red Lion: our thanks to Andrea and Simon Maxted and Chrys Smith for running the Quiz Nights which raised £1,500 towards the cost of the replacement floor. Our most grateful thanks to Garry Ellis for the use of such an hospitable setting.

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

AGM: On Friday 20th 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 and suggestions will be most welcome, especially ideas for new use of your hall.

STUDHAM SCRABBLE CLUB

Our small but enthusiastic Scrabble Group meets at 2pm every Tuesday afternoon at Studham 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).

BINGO

On Wednesdays 6th and 20th June 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 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

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.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

STUDHAM WI

On Thursday 7th June at 7.45pm in Studham Village Hall. Our June meeting is an 'Open Meeting', which means that we are pleased to invite the men to join us, and the speaker will be our own Julia Opperman, talking to us about the Minoan Civilisation, particularly in relation to Crete.

There will be a raffle, a bring and buy table with the theme of holiday/summer, a competition: "Holiday", a photo of your favourite place, you suntanned on the beach – the list is endless! – and of course, we will be taking donations for Dunstable Women's Refuge: toiletries (adult and child), children's clothes, toys, books etc. Entrance (including refreshments) is £3.50. We can guarantee a fun evening for all. Please see our Facebook or webpage for further details. Studhamwi.wordpress.com facebook/studhamwi or contact studhamwi@hotmail.com.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

As summer is now upon us, it's time to remind everyone to be especially friendly to unknown individuals on the Common as we are due to be inspected for our 11th Green Flag award this month. So now is the time to come and join the next Studham Common work party on **Saturday 16th June** to make that extra difference!

Likely tasks are checking plantings of hazel and clearing nettles and bracken from around each young tree, including last winter's planting. This will reduce the vigour of the bracken and nettles to protect the young plants and encourage a more diverse flora; also mowing the main paths through the grassland, in order to improve access for all.

We will be meeting at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion pub at 10am as usual. For further information, the work-party organiser will be Bob Wilkins, whose contact details are 01582 871268 or Bob@afroremosia.com.

NATIONAL TRUST

Ashridge Events

- Thursday 7th June – **Gentle Stroll** – Ashridge House Gardens – 2.30 – 4.30pm. Meet outside Ashridge House HP4 1NS. £3 per person. No need to book.
- Friday 8th June & 6th July, 8.30pm – 10pm – Totally Batty Walk – Booking essential Adult £8, child £5.
- Sunday 24th June, 11am – 2pm – Dovecote – A rare chance to see inside Ashridge's 18th century dovecote. No parking on site. Park in the recreation ground carpark on Stocks Road in Aldbury and walk. HP23 5RX free of charge.
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To book onto events please ring the Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre on 01442 851227.