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Dear Friends,

John Keats in his poem 'Autumn' wrote of this "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" of which many of us are so fond:

"The autumn light and mellow days together with the gorgeous colours in tree and hedgerow, conspire to allow one long, last glorious fling before the coming chill of winter".

This could allow some of us to become downcast, perhaps because of what we are losing. Surely however, that is just the way of things, as Exodus 8 v. 22 reminds us:

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease".

It is God, who through Jesus' self-emptying love accompanies us, now grants us reassurance for the journey. Not only this, He promises also that we ourselves will be found fruitful if we stay close to Him.

Keats wrote "Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?" It is as we look for the signs of God at work in His world whilst remaining faithful ourselves that we shall bring a harvest 'home'.

St Paul wrote "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6 v. 9).

So lift up your hearts, lift up your heads and lift up your voices in preparation for what God has in store for us as his children.

If we allow him, now and always he will be using us to change the world!

God bless us all!

Nigel

Front cover designed by Les Randall, photo courtesy of Belinda Neasham - for more on Studhambury, see page 12.

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS: in October our prayers will include all who live in Common Road from Dovehouse Lane to Hollicks Lane. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH: as the exact date of the foundation of the church is unknown (probably in the 11th century, as it was appointed by St. Edward the Confessor, who reigned 1042–1066), we celebrate it on the first Sunday in October. The present building dates from the 12th century, but the foundations of an earlier church are underneath. The first vicar recorded was in 1220, so a big anniversary is coming up! All services are on page 14, but note the enjoyable Messy Holy Communion on 14th October, preceded by breakfast at 10.15am.

Choir News: the choir will sing at Sung Eucharist (Holy Communion) on 7th October and at Sung Matins on 21st. The choir practises on Fridays, 6pm – 7pm in the church. If you would like to join, please contact Mike Palmer (524183/medpalmer@gmail.com), or the Rector (872223 or revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

Sunday School: all are welcome to Messy Holy Communion on 14th October (see above). The theme is about Jesus and the rich man. At the Family Service on 28th October, there will be Sunday School for the younger children, when we shall learn about St Simon and St Jude.

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

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 14. The October Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 6th. Everyone is very welcome for delicious cakes, coffee/tea and a chat.

Lunch after Harvest Festival: £7.50pp. Please book with Mrs Doris Folds (01582 968149). The proceeds will go to: Food Bank (please donate food items); monies to Chilli Children of Uganda and MHA Dementia Unit, Trembaths, Letchworth.

KENSWORTH DROP IN CLUB: everyone is welcome to 'Drop In' at Kensworth Village Hall every Thursday 9am – 11am for tea/coffee and biscuits (soft drinks and crisps for children). Enjoy a chat and games and get to know the locals! We also have outings.

KENSWORTH LADIES' CLUB: the next meeting is a theatre visit to the Grove Theatre, Dunstable, on 11th October, to see the tribute group 'Abbamania'.

AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: in October we shall be praying especially for our two village pubs, for local businesses and for Knoll House. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, perhaps for a special person or event, please contact churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

The Harvest Festival is on Sunday 7th October. Many thanks to the village organisations which have kindly agreed to decorate the windowsills. The fresh produce will be delivered to the Salvation Army; Dunstable Foodbank will receive the tins and packets of food. Our celebrations will begin at 10.30am with Messy Church activities which will be followed by the special harvest service led by Rev Nicola Lenthall. The morning will end with an informal 'bring and share lunch' in church. Everyone is warmly welcomed. Please contact Meg Bender for more information – see contact details above.

On Sunday 21st October at 10.30am we will be having a special **Family Holy Communion**. Following the message in the day's Gospel reading from St Mark, we will be reflecting as a congregation on how we can give ourselves in love and service to God and to one another. There will be refreshments after the service and a celebration of all the October birthdays.

The Annual Quiz is on Saturday 24th November, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets at £10 include a fish and chip supper. For tickets and tables of eight, please contact John McDougal (john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or 873257).



FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

We are a friendly group who aim to raise funds throughout the year to support the maintenance of the oldest building in the village, the Church. To find out more, please come to our AGM on Friday 16th November in the Church from 7.30pm – a short meeting and a large glass of wine promised!



You still have time to book tickets for our annual **Call My Bluff Wine** evening on Friday 19th October. An evening of humour, deception, fine wines and fun! Tickets are £17.50 from John McDougal (see below for contact details).

We also run a **100 Club** which costs only £12 per year with £60 in prizes each month. Pamela Alderson and Karen Wilkin were the lucky winners in September. For more information on any of the above, please e-mail john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or call 873257.

WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

HARVEST LUNCH

All are welcome to the Village Lunch on 11th October at 12.30pm in the Village Hall, which is a special occasion to celebrate the Harvest. For the past two years it has replaced the traditional Harvest Supper, and so the proceeds are going to the Bishop of St. Albans' Harvest Appeal. This year it is 'Give Peas a Chance' – to help subsistence farmers in Malawi to fund the planting of pigeon peas, which grow well there and are resistant to weather problems. The menu starts with vegetable soup, then there is a choice from roast pork, roast venison, a chicken dish or smoked fish in cheese sauce, with a choice of pudding and tea or coffee. The meal costs £6 as usual, but extra donations to the charity will be very welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Mary Magdalene will celebrate the harvest on Sunday 7th October at the 9am service, when gifts of produce will be presented in thanksgiving for our food. All are welcome on this joyful occasion.



The church will be decorated with flowers and food on Saturday 6th at 9.30am. Please come along to help, or give contributions to Anne Weir (873425). The food is given to elderly residents or donated to the food bank, and the service collection is sent to 'Give Peas a Chance'.

SCRUB CLEARING ON THE GREEN

This starts again on Sunday 14th October and 4th November from 10.30am until about 2pm. Meet on The Green on Chequers Lane. Wear gloves and stout footwear and bring your picnic lunch, soup provided. All helpers very welcome even if you can only spare a short time. For further information, contact Charles Frost (871417) or Ken France (872375).

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

On 13th October 10am – 12 noon, come to help tidy the churchyard for winter. Further details from Charles Baker (872718).

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Christmas Market is on Sunday 19th November from 10.30am – 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome, lots of stalls and light refreshments. The Christmas draw will take place at the Market. Please look out for tickets and sell them as widely as you can.

MORE KENSWORTH

FRIENDS of ST MARY'S, KENSWORTH

The winners of the **Monthly Draw Club** in September were Anthony Sinfield and Constance Wise.

KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

Despite the difficulties resulting from the extreme temperatures during the summer months, Kensworth Village Hall was full of colour on 8th September, for the Annual Flower & Vegetable Show. Whilst the quantity of produce was not as high as in previous years, the quality was exceptional and the judges were faced with some difficult decisions in arriving at the final winners.

A packed audience saw Nick Robinson of Ashtons Estate Agents present the trophy for the Best Front Garden to Chris and Maureen Venstone (see photo), whilst John and Maria Silva and Graham Lee were rewarded for the Best Allotments. Sue Moynes won the trophy for scoring most points on the day, whilst Bob and Annie Iles were popular winners for their tray of vegetables. Jan Harper won the award for the Best Flower with her superb orchid.



Other prize-winners were Anne McDonald, Judith Porter, Marion Tooley, Sue Foster and Gabrielle Porter. A special mention to the children from Kensworth School who exhibited some of their art work, solitary bee-hives and decorated pebbles. Special thanks go to Ashtons in their role as the major sponsor of the Show. The Committee are also indebted to other sponsors including TC Feeds, Farmers Boy, Horse & Jockey, Chicks Crop Shop and the Old Palace Lodge. Many thanks to everyone who contributed towards and supported the Show.

KENSWORTH ALLSORTS

An Entertainment at Kensworth Parish Church
on Saturday 6th October at 7pm

Entry: £5 adults, £2 children. Pay at door.

In aid of church funds and Multiple Sclerosis.
Refreshments and raffle

Enquiries to Jim Putterill (01582 872436)

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

Why not call in at the Club and see what great events we have planned for the next few months? Or just call in and have a friendly drink and chat. Families are always welcome.

SCRABBLE

Our small but enthusiastic Scrabble group meets 2pm every Tuesday afternoon at Studham Village Hall.

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Thursday 4th October at 7.45pm in the Village Hall - "**A Passion for Pearls**".

At our October meeting Frances Benton will tell us all about pearls and she brings a wonderful selection for sale – all ladies and girls should have at least one string of pearls, shouldn't they? So mark the date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you. This may be the last chance to see Frances as she is talking of retiring – so don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear her talk or see her collection – pearls are not all round and white, you know!

QUIZZES

On Tuesday 2nd October at 8pm in the Red Lion. Money raised for the Village Hall. £3 per head for quiz and raffle £1 a strip (5 chances); all proceeds will go to the Village Hall Improvement Fund. Quiz starts at 8pm, any size of team, food is available (but be warned – you need to book the curry 'cos it sells out; ring Garry Ellis 872530). To whet your appetite, the 6 rounds in October will be: Sport and Recent News, School Days, Alphabet – all start T, Entertainment, Anything Else, and Music – Title beginning B. Now you have no excuses – looking forward to seeing you.

STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

As I sit and write this, we have only been back at school a couple of days but we already have lots planned for the term.

Apart from the usual events such as Harvest Festival and Christmas plays, we took part in the Beds & Herts Historic Church's "Bike 'n Hike", doing a sponsored walk from the Methodist Church to Whipsnade Church via St Mary's, Studham. Look out for pictures in the next edition.

LOCAL NEWS

STUDHAMBURY 2018 (see front cover)

Blue sky and sunshine greeted the 6th annual free Studhambury Music Festival at The Red Lion, Studham. A huge relief to the organisers and audience alike.

Over the years the festival has grown from humble beginnings into the hugely popular and successful event it is today. Almost year on year, the number of bands has increased, the types of musical entertainment have widened, the audiences have grown and donations to CLIC Sergant, the events beneficiary charity, have increased.

We are happy to say that this year was no exception. Record crowds, bands and pledges made it an exceptional day. Everyone involved in Studhambury still gives their time and expertise for free and, although not quite finalised yet, it looks as if last year's record of £8100 will be surpassed, taking the 6-year total to over £36000. Another really pleasing aspect of the festival is that more and more of the community of Studham are getting behind the event and supporting in any way they can.

We know it is not everyone's cup of tea and does make the village noisy for a day, but to see so many people of all ages coming together and enjoying themselves is a great thing.

Here's to Studhambury 2019; maybe we'll get Ronnie Wood!

PARISH LINK AGM

This is to be held on Saturday 20th October at 10am in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road, Kensworth (behind the Vicarage). All are welcome to meet the team and share views and ideas on the Parish Link magazine.

HOLIDAY TO SOUTHERN IRELAND – MAY 7th - 17th 2019

A holiday to Ireland has been organised, to visit Dublin and Killarney. There will be visits to the Guinness Storehouse, Kilmainham Gaol and a panoramic guided tour whilst in Dublin. We will stay at the 3-star Wilton Hotel in Bray from which the Dublin visits will be made.

After 2 days there, we will travel to the 4-star Innisfallen Hotel for 6 nights in Killarney. There will be a guided walk in Killarney, a Lake Cruise and Jaunty Car Rides. There will be a day to the Ring of Kerry and a day to the Dingle Peninsula, both with courier guides. We will drive to Cobh where a visit to the Titanic Experience and Trail will be made. On the last day in Killarney, we will take a ferry to Garnish Island to see an Italian garden and to see the seals. After the ferry back to Holyhead, one night will be spent at the 4-star Tre-Ysgawen Hall Hotel near Llangefni, before the drive home.

If you are interested in this holiday, please phone Margaret Maddox (01582 873225) for more details.

CHURCH AND LOCAL EVENTS

1918-2018 FROM DAWN 'TIL DUSK

Commemorating 100 years since the signing of the treaty of The Armistice of Compiègne on Sunday 11th November with the churches in our area:

- The day begins with the sounding of the Last Post in Whipsnade Tree Cathedral prior to a walk to St. Mary Magdalene at Whipsnade for a Service of Remembrance at 9am;
- There will be a Service of Remembrance at St. Mary's Kensworth at 10.30am, with a two minute silence at 11am;
- There will be a Service of Remembrance at St. Mary's Studham at 10.30am, with a two-minute silence at 11am; followed by a procession to the village war memorial for an Act of Remembrance;
- In the afternoon all are welcome to 'Was it for This the Clay Grew Tall?', a Eucharist for Remembrance and Peace with 'Music & Word', incorporating music by J.S.Bach and modern poetry at St. Mary's Kensworth at 4pm;
- Church bells across the country will ring out messages of peace at various times during the day.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2018

This year, the Appeal runs from 25th October to 11th November. The Legion continues to need our support; if you pay tax and are able to Gift Aid your donation, that also helps the fundraising - please ask your Poppy Person for a form. The door-to-door collectors will be coming round the villages as usual.



More Poppy People are always needed. Please contact Local Poppy Appeal Organiser, Pam Ward (872406) if you would like to help.

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 14 th October	10am L. Fowler	Prisons Sunday
Sunday 28 th October	10am Rev. Mmasape Zihle	Holy Communion

Messy Church

This will be held at Studham Methodist Church on 19th October at 3.30pm

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services are usually at 10.30am:

7 th October	Harvest Festival led by Mr Stephen Poxon (followed by lunch, p.7)
21 st October	Holy Communion Service at 11am (NB time) Rev. Nigel Bibbings
28 th October	United Service at Eaton Bray. No service at Kensworth.

Growing Together – please see Notice Board

KENSWORTH EXTRA

KENSWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

We are now well into the throes of the Autumn term, with the children learning new topics and settling in happily. We have unveiled some brand new playground equipment in our front playground, which the children will be able to use at playtimes and in PE lessons. A huge thank you to all who invested in this for us.

On 1st October our Year 3 and 4 class will be joining together with many other schools in a Harvest celebration at St Albans Cathedral. They will also be going on a Multifaith tour in Bedford, as part of their Religious Education.

We have a Harvest Assembly on 11th October, led by Reverend Nicola Lenthall, when the children will be singing some Autumn songs.

There is a lot going on this term, including some new lunchtime clubs; Storytime & Art, DT & Textiles, Gardening, Wake & Shake and Collective Worship. The children raised just under £1000 in July for Keech Hospice, by holding a sponsored walk.

Finally, we are delighted to announce the birth of our Preschool Leader's twin boys! We hope the family are all doing well.

For further information regarding the school, please contact us on 873226.

Kensworth School Parent Teachers' Association asks for your support:

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 24th November in Kensworth Village Hall at 7.30pm prompt.

Tickets £5 each, BYO food & drink.

To book a table or a place on a table, call Gina Owen (07506 722053)

or email kspta@outlook.com

All proceeds will go to Kensworth School PTA to provide extra resources for Kensworth Church of England Primary Academy.



Many thanks to everyone who came out to support another successful fete this year. We raised over £1,500, which is amazing. A big thanks to Mrs Riach for being such a good sport by going in the stocks. If you would like to offer any help/fundraising ideas, please get in touch with us via e-mail (kspta@outlook.com) or contact Gina Owen (07506 722053). We always welcome new members.

KENSWORTH & LOCAL HISTORY

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

New Website: we are pleased to announce our new website: www.kensworth.bedsparishes.gov.uk. We hope you like it and find lots of useful information.

Meetings: usually held at 7.30pm at Kensworth Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month except August. Members of the public are welcome to all meetings and there is a section at the beginning of each meeting where you can raise any issues. Please check our website for further details. Forthcoming meeting dates are 11th October, 8th November and 13th December.

WW1 Centenary: in honour of the WW1 Centenary, we are looking to purchase Royal British Legion soldier silhouettes.

Allotments: plots are available and prices have been kept the same at £24pa for a full plot. Please contact Cllr Jamie Bradley if you're interested (e-mail jamiebradley63@msn.com, tel 873981 or 18 The Chilterns, Kensworth).

EB Lions Football: we are pleased EB Lions Football Club will again use the recreation ground to provide football training and matches for boys and girls from U5 to U18 years. For further information e-mail facilities@eblions.co.uk.

Overgrown hedges: we have received complaints regarding overgrown hedges onto footpaths. If your property has a boundary hedge beside a public footpath, please ensure you keep this cut back to ensure footpaths are accessible to all. If you notice any overgrown hedges, report these direct to Central Bedfordshire Council who will contact the owner to take action (0300 300 8302, e-mail customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or www.cb-report-it.co.uk/index.aspx).

Email Addresses: in accordance with GDPR, Parish Councillors will shortly have new email addresses. Please see our website for details or contact the Clerk (kensworthpc@gmail.com).

KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club would like to thank players, sponsors and supporters for a successful and enjoyable season. We can all look forward now to the club's presentation dinner on Saturday 3rd November at Dunstable Downs Golf Club.

DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On Tuesday 9th October at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Dunstable, a talk about the Annals of Dunstable Priory. The first complete translation into English of the annals (a year-by-year account of local and national affairs written here between 1201 and 1300) is to be launched in November. This is the story behind this publishing coup told by Stephen Williams.

MORE STUDHAM

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

The month of October is the time for the autumn clearance and general preparation for next year's events. Therefore, this month we will welcome back our friends from Wendover Woods on 2nd October in order to help with general clearance and assist with the installation of waymark signs on the Common.

The Friends' next working party will be on Saturday 20th October. This month's tasks will also include bracken and bramble clearance and to complete any unfinished work from the Wendover group; this will help to maintain good hedgerows for all nesting birds, reduce the vigour in the more invasive plants on the Common and ensure good well marked routes across the Commons.

Everyone is welcome, especially new members. All tools and lunch will be provided - please come and help out; we meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am.

For further information on the work parties please contact Secretary, Denis Davison (Denis@den-jen.co.uk or 872650).

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Floor replacement: we are continuing to source grants to help fund the work. The Village Hall will be contributing from its own funds. We would welcome help in identifying grant sources – please contact Des Salmon (tel: 872082/e-mail desstudham@btconnect.com) or the trustees.

The Village Hall is an independent registered charity which covers the day-to-day running of the hall from letting income, but needs to have outside support for any major items such as the floor project.

Carols in the Hall will be at 3pm on Sunday 25th November. This is a community get together for traditional and new carols, supported by the 3 Villages Choir and Musicians. It is free and no tickets are needed. More details in the next Link.

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 10th and 24th October 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 EXTRA 2

STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB

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

Our winter league is now up and running with regular sessions until Easter – please contact Sarah Thompson (sarah_lou_26@hotmail.co.uk) or Andrew Jones for more information.

Junior and adult tennis coaching takes place every Saturday morning between 9am and 11am (juniors 9am -10am, adults 10am – 11am). All are welcome – non-members £6 per session, members £4 per session. Our coach, Justin, is also available for private individual or group lessons. Please contact Justin (just.brooketennis@gmail.com or 07807 721810) for more information. Family social play takes place on a Saturday between 2pm and 4pm.

For more information on the club, contact Andrew Jones (andrew.jones@expressvending.co.uk / 07833111682 / www.studhamtennisclub.co.uk).

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

This year Remembrance Day falls on 11th November, marking exactly 100 years from the signing of the original Armistice. As usual, there will be services both in St Mary's Church, and at the clock memorial in the village. There is always a good turn-out for this, but we hope as many as possible will attend in this special year.

We are proud to announce we now have two defibrillators in the village: one on the outside wall of the Red Lion, and the second at the Sports and Social Club. We are considering installing at least one other and would appreciate parishioner's thoughts as to where it may be sited. Please e-mail the Clerk (clerk@studhamparishcouncil.co.uk), if you can help.

It's coming to be that time of year, and we are taking bookings for our annual Senior Citizens Lunch, for a December date yet to be decided. This is a popular event, so if you would like to attend please e-mail the Clerk (see above) and make a reservation. Further details, when finalised, will be in the next Link.

Finally, but also importantly, you may have noticed that the small triangle of land between Common Road and Valley Road has been planted! The Parish Council thanks Dave Hawkrige (Zeb), who kindly took it upon himself to undertake this: he also made the flower beds and supplied all the plants at his own expense.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 1st October, starting at 7pm in the Village Hall: our November meeting will be on 5th November (Bonfire Night) at the same time and venue.

LOCAL NEWS

STUDHAM TODDLER GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 11.30am at Studham Village Hall. For the children, there are plenty of ride-on trikes, a well-stocked garage of all sorts of little vehicles, slides and see-saws, a play kitchen for our budding chefs and plenty of prams and dolls that need love and care! For babies, there is a cosy mat area with musical toys and plenty of sensory things to investigate. For the grown-ups, the kettle is always on and there are plenty of friendly faces for a chat. Halfway through, the children all sit around the table for a healthy snack together to recharge their batteries for some more play. Then we all muck in to pack away the toys and say goodbye.

The group is run by Heather and Marion who always make sure to welcome any new arrivals. As lots of our older toddlers have graduated up to nursery and reception, it would be wonderful to meet some new babies and toddlers to keep this lovely group going. Mums, dads, grandparents, childminders or any other carers of children from 0 upwards from Studham and the surrounding villages are very welcome! Come and join the fun! Check the Facebook group page for details, upcoming events or to say hello.

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Chairman, Mike Sawyer, reported that we had received an offer of a grant from Wixamtree for £3000, dependent upon the Village Hall raising £7000 from other sources before November. Hopefully, we will be able to raise more money from grants to complete the very much-needed remedial work. Urgent attention was needed to the guttering and fascia and other outside work. This was carried out by Maplebrooke at no charge, for which the Committee are very grateful.

Following the annual fire and safety audit, recommendations were made to change the kitchen door and also the serving hatch should be left securely closed when not in use. Safety decals were purchased to go on the Fire Exit/Emergency lights. It was agreed that now the outer door has a security lock, the small cupboard in the inner hall can be converted into a cloaks cupboard.

We provided information to Blackrock Investment Company to show that the Kensworth Men's Club Fund Charity was set up to provide funds to the Village Hall for the "upkeep and repair of the hall". We are pleased to report now that this fund stands at £14,000.

The next Village Walks are 13th October and 10th November. The evening walks in the summer were well attended. Do come and join in, starting at 10am from the Village Hall and finishing there with coffee and biscuits.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd October.

MISCELLANEOUS

DERRICK HADEN

Derrick, who died at the age of ninety in September, is well-remembered in the three villages for his generosity, hospitality and active involvement in the life of all communities. Along with Pat, he threw himself into support for local organisations such as FOSC, the church fetes and the May Fair. With a faithful band of supporters, they started the Whipsnade Village Lunch. The Hadens' parties, such as their Christmas Coffee Morning for charity, were legendary. Derrick was a highly successful businessman whose innovative ideas and energetic approach spilled over into his post-retirement. Both he and Pat were very much missed when they moved to Yorkshire. We join her in mourning the loss of an inspiring and much-loved friend.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR CLAVICHORD

Following the standing ovation and the packed audience at St. Mary's, Kensworth for Adrian Lenthall's performance of J. S. Bach's 'Goldberg Variations' on the harpsichord this July (with reviews such as 'truly beautiful' and 'amazing playing – I don't know how he does it') tickets are expected to sell fast for a concert of Christmas Music for Clavichord hosted by St. Mary's, Studham this December. Join us in church for a very special moment of quiet and stillness in the run-up to Christmas on Saturday 15th December at 3.30pm at St. Mary's, Studham, Church Road, Studham, LU6 2NW. 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, as numbers will be limited.

SOUTH BEDS ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

On 3rd October at 7.45pm, we will have the continuation of Hugh Garrod's talk on "The Dunstable Priory" in the Salvation Army Centre, Bull Pond Lane in Dunstable.

BUS SERVICE

There is a new service for Whipsnade and Kensworth. The route 35 connecting to Dunstable and St Albans has been discontinued. It is replaced by route 40 which is a Dunstable circular route which takes in Dunstable town centre, the supermarkets of ASDA, Sainsbury's and Tesco together with Whipsnade and Kensworth. Full details and timetable are on the website (www.parishlink.org.uk).

PARKING

Please would all residents be considerate and courteous when parking in our villages; and particularly do not park on grass verges which can be dangerous and also spoils the verge when muddy or wet?