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Dear friends and parishioners,

We have to be careful about remembering. We ignore it at our peril, but it can easily become a way of escaping from the present, a kind of nostalgic diversion, a bit like a sad film: 'wasn't it awful for them, with their war horses and their steam trains and primitive ambulances'... Memory can distance as easily as it can connect. And some of the finest words about the Great War have become so familiar that they can cease to shock as these words and events should.

But part of what we must remember, as we rightly honour our past war dead, is that war and its horrors and uncertainties are daily occurrences in our own time. Nuclear weapons are still stock-piled around the world, and the threats many of us were used to thinking about during the Cold War still hang over the world. Real peace isn't just a lull in the fighting: it has to be made, by people's commitment and determination. The people who do that are the 'peacemakers' called 'blessed' by Jesus in his 'Sermon on the Mount'. Some people do that on the world stage, others within their family or community life, or with their vote.

It is our duty to remember, and it is our calling to be peacemakers.

With my love and prayers, this month and always,

Nicola Lenthall

1918-2018 From dawn till 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:

8.30am – an Act of Remembrance with the sounding of the Last Post in Whipsnade Tree Cathedral;

9am – a Service of Remembrance at St. Mary Magdalene, Whipsnade;

10am – a Service of Remembrance at St. Mary's Studham; followed by a procession to the restored village war memorial at around 10.30am for an act of Remembrance with the sounding of the Last Post and a two minute silence at 11am;

10.30am – a Service of Remembrance at St. Mary's Kensworth with the sounding of the Last Post and a two minute silence at 11am;

4pm – 'Was it for This the Clay Grew Tall?', a Eucharist for Remembrance and Peace at St. Mary's Kensworth with 'Music & Word'.

The front cover shows our Lay Minister, Dorothy Blackburn, being congratulated on her 80th birthday by the Revd. Nicola Lenthall. Happy birthday Dorothy!

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church prayers: in November, the main focus of our prayers will be remembrance and we shall be praying especially for all those who have lost a loved one in the past year. If you would like a prayer to be said, please contact the churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Our **harvest celebrations** were a great success. The service led by Revd. Nicola Lenthall, the Messy Church activities and the 'Bring and Share' lunch were enjoyed by everyone. The church looked at its very best thanks to the excellent displays arranged by village organisations; many thanks to them for their generosity. The Salvation Army was delighted to receive the fresh produce, the tins and packets were donated to the Dunstable



Foodbank and the collection has been sent to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

Remembrance Sunday is on 11th November. Our commemorations will take on a slightly different format this year. A short service at St Mary's at 10am will be followed by a procession to the War Memorial in the village centre and the Act of Remembrance will take place there at 11am.

Children's Church meets during our service of Holy Communion on 18th November at 10.30am. The children and young people will be reflecting on the theme for the day; that no matter how difficult a day may be, we can trust that God is with us, loving us and caring for us. Everyone is very welcome to the service and to stay afterwards for refreshments and the celebration of all the November birthdays.

The **Annual Quiz** is on Saturday 24th November at 7.30pm in 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).

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Future of the Village Hall: at the Parish Council surgery on 29th September, the preferred option was to complete the floor replacement, and review whether to improve and extend the existing building or do a complete rebuild. This was also the majority view of the Trustees at their last meeting.

Carols in the Hall: at 3pm on Sunday 25th November. This is an annual community get-together with traditional and new carols. We welcome the children from Studham School, and the 3 Villages Choir and musicians. Refreshments, with mulled wine, will be donated by Chrys Smith. Admission is free; no tickets are needed.

WHIPSNADE INCLUDING OLDHILL WOOD

THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING (the World's Largest Coffee Morning)

This was held in the church in September and raised over £250. Very many thanks to everyone who helped and supported it.

HARVEST APPEAL

Many thanks to all who worked hard to decorate the church for our Harvest Festival and to all who contributed to the Harvest Festival collection and the Harvest Lunch. Altogether we raised over £500 to send to the 'Give Peas a Chance' appeal for subsistence farmers in Malawi, and also donated to locals and the Food Bank. Well done, everyone!

WHIPSNADE GREEN SCRUB CLEARANCE

The October meeting was cancelled due to heavy rain. We will continue on Chequers Lane on Sunday 4th November from 10.30am. Meet on The Green near Dell Farm. We always need more helpers and it is great fun; come along and see for yourself. Wear stout footwear and gloves. Soup provided. Information from Charles Frost (871417).



WHIPSNADE VILLAGE LUNCH

This is on Thursday 8th November at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, and if you would like to help in any way, e.g. by making a pudding, helping to set up on Wednesday pm and/or serving and clearing after the lunch, please contact Pam Ward (872406) or Isobel Randall (872552).

The menu is roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes, lamb hotpot or salmon en croute. Hot or cold pudding with tea or coffee to follow. All for £6.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On 11th November, marking the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice at the end of World War 1. There is a ceremony in the Tree Cathedral at 8.30am at which the Last Post will be played, then the 9am Remembrance Family Service at the church will commemorate those who fought in the war.

The collection, including Gift Aid, will be donated to the Royal British Legion. Everyone is welcome to join in this tribute to all who have fought or suffered in war.

WHIPSNADE CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

On Saturday 24th November 10am – 12 noon. All welcome to help to tidy the churchyard for winter. Details from Charles Baker (872718).

TREE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL 'LEAF SWEEP' DAY

On 9th December – further details will be in next month's Link.

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS

In November we shall pray for all who have lost a loved one in the past year. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

The 1st November is **All Saints' Day**, beginning the month of remembrance. This year Remembrance Sunday will be held on the 11th at this church, in a United Service with our Methodist friends. This is a very significant service as it is the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918. There will be refreshments afterwards. All very welcome.



Choir News: the choir will sing at Sung Eucharist (Holy Communion) on 4th November, Remembrance Day on 11th and at Sung Matins on 18th. The choir practises on Fridays, 6pm – 7pm in the church. If you would like to join, please telephone Mike Palmer (524183); medpalmer@gmail.com, or the Rector (872223); revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com.

Sunday School: on 11th November everyone is invited to attend the special centenary Remembrance Day Service followed by refreshments. There will be Sunday School for the younger children at the Family Service on 25th November when they will learn about Christ the King.

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

Messy Church: Christmas Messy Church will be held on Friday 30th November (note the date) at 3.30pm in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road. We welcome all children with their carers for an afternoon of crafts, Bible stories and songs, followed by a delicious supper. There is no fixed charge but we welcome donations as a contribution to expenses.

Tuesday Evening Prayer: this will take place in Kensworth Methodist Church during the winter months, at 6pm, by kind permission of our Methodist friends. Everybody welcome.

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 November Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 3rd. Everyone is very welcome for delicious cakes, coffee/tea and a chat.

MORE WHIPSNADE

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL

There will be a Tea Party on Saturday 10th November from 2pm – 4.30pm. All the family are invited to join us to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1. If you have any family memorabilia that has been passed down to you and you are happy for us to show at the event, please contact Carole Chant (873717).

We are having a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 1st December between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Entrance is free. This will be a busy event with craft and other stalls stocked with unusual gifts and original Christmas accessories, with light refreshments served throughout the day. No booking required, just turn up with your family, a smile and your money! To book a stall, please contact Carole Chant (873717)

Please look out for the books of tickets for our Christmas Draw which will be circulated in the next few weeks. There will be some super prizes including a Traditional Christmas Hamper. The draw will take place at the Christmas Craft Fair at about 2.30pm.

WHIPSNADE PARISH COUNCIL

Training HGVs: the HGV training vehicles using the local roads was once again a subject for discussion. Along with neighbouring villages, we had been led to believe that, following the opening of the new junction 11A on the M1, a general ban on commercial vehicles heavier than 7.5 tonnes would come into force in Whipsnade, the surrounding area and through Dunstable as part of the 'de-trunking' of the A5. Sure enough, that ban was implemented. However, the transport planners, in their wisdom, saw fit to allow an exemption in rural areas for training vehicles. No longer allowed to use their former training routes, they are now choosing instead to use the village roads, which are most unsuitable for this purpose and, we suspect, not very realistic training for the learner HGV drivers either. The Parish Council is seeking an explanation for this oversight and demanding that the exemption be removed.

Bonfires: a timely reminder to everyone to be careful not to cause annoyance by lighting bonfires at unsuitable times. Councillors reported several examples of 'serial offenders' in the village guilty of such anti-social behaviour. Care should be exercised when lighting bonfires. Applying a bit of common sense and keeping your neighbours informed can go a long way toward avoiding any friction.

Congratulations to Cllr. Craig White, Vice-Chair of the Council for his Long Service Award from his employer, ZSL, having completed 25 years of service at the Zoo; also to the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Helen Matthews, who recently completed her clerkship qualification (CiLCA) of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Residents are always welcome and have the opportunity to raise local issues.

VILLAGE TRIP AND KENSWORTH PC

THE VILLAGES HOLIDAY TO YORKSHIRE



We left the rain behind to travel to the sunshine of the North! After a pleasant journey, we arrived with time for lunch before meeting for a guided walking tour of York. Monday we went to Castle Howard and on Tuesday we went to Haworth to visit the Bronte Parsonage, where we were given a very interesting talk about the family before going round the house. On

Wednesday we drove to Harrogate for another guided tour before having free time for lunch and a walk around.

On Thursday we drove to Pickering to join a steam train for the journey to Whitby. Friday we had a drive to Skipton taking the scenic route via Wetherby and Ottley. We had time for lunch before going on a canal trip which included a very amusing and interesting commentary. Saturday we had some free time in York before making our way home in the afternoon.

Our hotel was very near York Minster and looked after us well. As ever, Margaret organised the very best weather and so to drive through the Yorkshire countryside in the sunshine was a treat. Thank you again, Margaret, for another fantastic trip.

KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Dog Fouling: dog fouling in a public place is an offence and responsible owners are required to clean up any mess immediately. This includes the Recreation Ground where dog mess has to be regularly cleared prior to football matches. Please report any owners not complying with this to CBC Anti-Social Behaviour Team (0300 300 5686, email community.safety@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk). The maximum penalty for committing an offence is £1,000. A restriction to keeping dogs on leads at the Recreation Ground may be enforced if this issue continues.

Report Direct: CBC now has a quicker, more accurate website (www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/reportit) for reporting issues such as potholes, damaged pavements, road obstructions, faulty lights, overgrown trees and hedges, etc. This will give feedback and enhanced feedback if you provide an e-mail address. To report issues by phone, call Customer Services Department (0300 300 8000).

Police: please report non-serious crimes and antisocial behaviour on 101 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers (0800 555111). Unless crimes are reported, Police cannot obtain a true reflection of issues residents face or allocate the necessary resources to the village.

MISCELLANEOUS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2018

Please support the Poppy Appeal when the Poppy People call, or buy a poppy at the local shops. There will be a Garden of Remembrance in each of the churchyards to place small crosses to remember loved ones. Last year our three villages raised over £3,000, – many thanks for your support.

Local Poppy Appeal Organiser, Pam Ward (872406).

WHAT IS BONFIRE NIGHT?

Hallowe'en is now widely celebrated, but it's closely followed in England by the festivities of Bonfire Night. It all started from an incident in 1605.....

King James I was on the throne. England had become a Protestant state, but there were still many Catholics in the country. Guy Fawkes joined up with a group of thirteen Catholic plotters, led by Robert Catesby, who planned to overthrow the King and put a Catholic monarch back on the throne.



The plotters rented space in the cellars of the House of Lords and filled it with gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was put in charge. They planned to set off the gunpowder during the opening of Parliament, on 5th November 1605. Some of the plotters, however, were worried that some of their fellow Catholics and friends would be at the opening and get caught in the explosion. That day, Lord Monteagle received a letter warning him not to go to Parliament because it would “receive a terrible blow”. He showed the letter to the King; the cellars were thoroughly searched and Guy Fawkes was caught.

After several days of horrible torture, Guy Fawkes gave up the names of his fellow plotters and eight of them went to trial in January 1606. All were found guilty and executed in the terrible fashion of the times.

On 5th November 1605 Londoners were encouraged to celebrate the King's escape from assassination by lighting bonfires, provided that *“this testimony of joy be carefull done without any danger or disorder”* - and indeed an Act of Parliament soon followed, declaring 5th November as a day of thanksgiving throughout the country for *“the joyful day of deliverance”*.

And so it has done ever since! The cellars under the Houses of Parliament are still ceremoniously searched every year before the State Opening of Parliament in November.

TIME FOR A SMILE

Stewardess: I am very sorry, Sir, we left your wife behind in San Francisco.

Passenger: Thank goodness! I thought I had gone deaf!

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR CLAVICHORD

Tickets are now on sale 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, Church Road, Studham, LU6 2NW. Tickets are £15 for adults, £5 for under-18s only in advance, raising money for the church and for a local charity, and are available now from revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com or (01582) 872223. Book early to avoid disappointment, as numbers will be limited.

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services are usually at 10.30am

4th November: Morning Worship, led by Mr Geoff Best

11th November: United Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's, Kensworth
(No service at Kensworth Methodist Church)

18th November: Morning Worship, led by Mrs. Hyacinth Taylor

25th November: Holy Communion Service, led by Rev. Wallace Edwards

Growing Together: 22nd November, 7.45pm (no further meetings until March 2019)

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 11th November 10.30am Rev. Mmasape Zihle Remembrance Service

Sunday 25th November 3pm Carols in the Hall

December will see our **Annual Christmas Tree Festival** taking place on the 8th from 10am – 4pm. Entry for trees in the festival is free, as is the festival itself and there will be tea, coffee and lunches available all day. On Sunday 9th there is a Carol Service at 3pm among the trees – like carol singing outside but in the warm! For further details of how to enter a tree, please e-mail: studhamchapel@hotmail.com.

NORTH CHILTERN NEWS

Following last year's highly successful 'Sing in a Day' event, there will be a production of the musical '**Angel Voices**' on 26th January. If you would like to take part, contact Derek Spriggs (873468) for details.

The annual **Advent Service** for the North Chilterns Group will take place on Sunday 2nd December at 4pm at Whipsnade Church. Contact your NCG representative if you are interested – Deirdre Brook (01525 852557), Derek Spriggs (873468) or Isobel Randall (872552).

If you or your children are interested in being confirmed as a member of the church, the Rector would be pleased to hear from you. Contact Revd. Nicola Lenthall for details (872223 or e-mail: revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com).

KENSWORTH EXTRA

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

A **cigarette bin** has been fitted at the front of the building. Use of this should prevent litter in the car park. New coat hooks will be fitted in the small cupboard in the inner hall to act as a cloakroom.

No response has yet been received from **BlackRock Investments**, which should be providing a dividend income from the Kensworth Men's Club Fund for the upkeep of the Hall. A formal letter will be sent, requesting the reinstatement of this, at approximately £560 per year.

The next **Village Walk** will take place on Saturday 10th November, commencing at the car park at 10am. Please join in with these walks; it is a good way to get to know the village. Coffee and biscuits are served at the end of the walk, in the Hall.

The Committee agreed to hold a **Christmas Fair** in December, on 15th or 16th December. The exact date will be in the next issue.



The Committee would like to thank **Johnny and Pauline Cox** for voluntarily clearing the weeds around the Village Hall. It looks fantastic (see photo).

The **next meeting** of the Village Hall Committee is 7th November, at 7.30pm.

FRIENDS of ST MARY'S, KENSWORTH

After our enjoyable AGM in September, we will be holding our annual New Year Quiz early in 2019. Details in the next issue.

Winners of the **Monthly Club** in October were Philippa Fray and Heather Woods.

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 at 7.30pm on Monday 5th November in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road. We welcome women of all ages, and especially newcomers to Kensworth.

STUDHAM EXTRA

BINGO

On Wednesdays, 7th and 21st November 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 'antisocial'.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 10th November sees "Melvis in the Building!" Entry by ticket only: £5 available at the bar. Please note that the Club will be closed to non-ticket holders from 7pm.

Every Tuesday evening sees Classic Poker Club starting at 7pm. Why not call in at the Club and see what other great events we have planned for the next few months, or just have a friendly drink and chat. Families are always welcome.

SCRABBLE

Our small but enthusiastic Scrabble Group meets at 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).

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On Thursday 1st November at 7.45pm in the Village Hall – "Festive Flowers". A demonstration by Jonquil Florists of festive flowers. Why not come and see how easy it is to make your festive table into something special? Presents will also be taken for the local Refuge. Presents for ladies – anything you think will help to make their Christmas special; toiletries, chocolates, etc. and presents for girls and boys aged 1 to 14. All presents may be wrapped, but please add a post-it note to the children saying age and gender please. If anyone, WI member or otherwise, feels that they would like to give to this worthy cause, please come to the meeting or give your donation to a WI member who will pass it on.

QUIZZES

On Tuesday 6th November at 8pm in the Red Lion. £3 per head for quiz – 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 November will be: Sport and Recent News, School Days, Alphabet – all start U, Entertainment, Anything Else, and Music – Title beginning C. Now you have no excuses – looking forward to seeing you.

MORE KENSWORTH

KENSWORTH SCHOOL PTA

Please support our **Quiz Night** on Saturday 24th November in Kensworth Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each - BYO food and drink. To book a table, or a place on a table, please call Gina Owen (07506 722053) or e-mail:kspta@outlook.com. All proceeds will go to Kensworth School PTA.



KENSWORTH C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

Oak class have been very busy throughout October with an afternoon visit to St Albans Cathedral on the 1st, where they helped to celebrate Harvest time, along with many other schools. It was a very interactive service for the children with songs and readings. They then had a day trip on 3rd October, accompanying Totternhoe School, on a Faith tour in Bedford. They visited a Mosque, Parish Church and a Gurdwara (a worship building for Sikhs). They were shown around and learnt about the different religions.

On Thursday 11th October we held our Harvest assembly and invited parents/carers to come along and listen to the classes perform songs and poems to celebrate Harvest time. Revd. Nicola Lenthall joined us to talk about this special time of the year.

On 13th October we entered some children into a football tournament at Totternhoe school, where they all played very well and did us proud!

We had to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Walayat who left us mid-October after covering a maternity vacancy in Hornbeam class. The children and staff will all miss her and wish her well with her forthcoming new member of the family. Mrs McParland returned to Hornbeam class last week after her maternity leave. She is raring to go and we are happy to see her back in action!

Our fantastic PTA held a pumpkin party for the children, which had a good turnout. They played games, danced and plenty of laughter from all could be heard.

For further information about the school, contact Head Teacher, Mrs Bates (872336).

KENSWORTH ALLSORTS

A magical evening was enjoyed by a large audience at the Entertainment on 6th October. There were entertainments of all sorts: singing, dancing, piano recitals, along with community singing. A more solemn note was struck when some WW1 songs and poems were performed and Revd. Nicola Lenthall read out the names of the fallen of both World Wars.

Enormous thanks to all who contributed and attended – over £500 was raised for Church Funds and Multiple Sclerosis research. Special thanks to Jim Putterill and his daughter, Helen, for organising and inspiring the whole event.

STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

It has been a very busy but enjoyable start to the school year at Studham School, one of the highlights so far being our Churches Hike.



With rucksacks on their backs, the children set off from Studham Methodist Church and followed the footpath to Studham Church. They were greeted by the churchwarden, who invited the youngest children to look around the church. After a picnic of healthy fruit, children from Years 2, 3 and 4 followed a photographic map trail to Whipsnade Church. They tramped through the woods, trekked around the fields and walked up the lanes, eventually arriving to a warm welcome of cakes and

drinks. The organ was playing, the church bells rang and the children listened to a short talk about the church. After saying the School Prayer and thanking Revd. Nicola Lenthall and all her helpers, the children returned to school.

The children had been challenged to join in the Sponsored Hike to raise funds for the Historic Churches Trust and our local churches. They certainly met that challenge with enthusiasm, determination and fun whilst enjoying the great outdoors.

Congratulations to the children for raising £550 for this cause.

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!

A special thank you to the Studham Allotment holders who donated their produce for the Friends' Harvest Festival display. Not only did it look splendid, but it went to help local people.

We also run a 100 Club which costs only £12 per year with £60 in prizes each month. Emma Mulder and Dee Claasen were the lucky 100 club winners in October. We are looking for someone to run the 100 Club – to volunteer or just to join, please contact John McDougal (john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or call 873257).

CARPET BOWLS

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

STUDHAM EXTRA 2

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on the 11th day of the 11th month and is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Please see pages 3 and 7 for details of commemorations.

We would like to extend our thanks once again to **Nick Oppermann** and his dedicated team for all the hard work that they have put in this summer on the Clock, and more recently on completing the doublegates and the new path.

If you are over 60, and a Studham resident, we would like to invite you to our **Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch**, which will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th December. If you would like to be included, please e-mail our Clerk. We would suggest that you book early as space in the Hall is limited.

With the coming of the dark nights, we would like to ask all Parishioners to keep a watch on our **street lights** and report any that are faulty. If you e-mail our Clerk, then we will do our best to get them fixed as soon as possible.

Elections for the Parish Council will take place in May 2019. If you have ever considered joining us, or would just like some more information on what we do, then please e-mail our Clerk, or any Councillor, who will be happy to help. It is not an onerous job, but can be a very rewarding one, so do please give it a thought.

The e-mail for our Clerk is clerk@studhamparish.co.uk. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 5th November** at 7pm in the Village Hall. Our December meeting is on **Monday 3rd December** at 6pm.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

We held our **AGM** on 21st September where those present were treated to an engaging, illustrated talk by Steve Halton, Senior Countryside and Conservation Officer for Central Bedfordshire Council. Steve recounted his life experiences as a wildlife enthusiast and artist and his work for the Local Authority.

The Common has now been cut and the hay baled, which means that the next Friends' main **workparty** will be on Saturday 17th November. This will be the last workparty of the year, to finish any uncompleted tasks from our previous workparties in September and October. Please do come and help, everyone is welcome especially as this is the last one until after Christmas. Tools and lunch will be provided. As always we meet at the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion at 10am.

For further details, please contact Mike Crawley (477525 or e-mail crawley-m@sky.com).

MISCELLANEOUS

STUDHAM SCRIBBLERS ART CLUB

Come along to Studham Village Hall for our Art Club – all standards welcome. Taught by artist Beverley Sweetman. Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. 14th, 28th November and 12th December.



A HUGE THANK YOU

Kim Harris and her husband, Ken, have delivered 45 copies of the Link every month since issue no 1 - i.e. for 36 years!! Unfortunately, they are moving to Dunstable – they have already found a replacement volunteer deliverer! We wish them well and offer our heartfelt thanks for everything they have done.

BUS TIMETABLE UPDATE

For details of the buses serving Whipsnade and Kensworth through to Dunstable, please contact Centrebus (01164 10 50 50) or see their website (www.centrebus.info). Sorry no service on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Full details on the Parish Link website (www.parishlink.org.uk).

KENSWORTH GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

If you need transport for medical appointments or shopping, and the public transport isn't convenient, do contact the Kensworth Good Neighbours Scheme (07919 081473), who will be happy to try to help you.

CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING NOTICE

Whipsnade Roundabout, Dunstable Road, Common Road, and including up to Buckwood Lane.

The closure will be in place from Monday 19th November until Friday 23rd November, between 9am and 3.30pm. Diversion signs will be in operation.

SOUTH BEDS ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

"The Bedfordshire Secret War" - a talk by Jean Yates on Wednesday 7th November at 7.45pm in the Salvation Army Centre, Bull Pond Lane in Dunstable. Visitors welcome (£3). Bedfordshire's key but secret role in World War Two.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP

The Cards for Good Causes charity Christmas card shop opened in the United Reformed Church, Vaughan Road, Harpenden, AL5 4ED on 19th October. The opening hours are 9.30am – 4.30pm Monday-Friday, 9.30am – 3.30pm Saturdays.

DUNSTABLE FOODBANK

We are always grateful for food donations – which can be left in donation boxes in the 3 parish churches or in the collection points at the major supermarkets. Specific needs are on our website – Dunstable.foodbank.org.uk