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The Journey continues...goodbye for now

*God who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward, stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour marks the way that Christ defined.*

In September 2017 I wrote my first article as I arrived to take responsibility as a minister in the churches here. I reflected on how God set us on a journey, just as he did with Abraham, asking him to trust the goodness of God and to go wherever God would lead him. Abraham did not argue, Abraham did not question, but Abraham obediently gathered his family and set off into the unknown. Throughout his journey God provided, God encouraged, led, and Abraham responded with trust; even though at times his obedience wavered he kept going.

I find myself again in the process of packing up and moving on, as the journey with God continues for us all. I am also reminded of Saul, who was intent on preserving the old order of things (temple worship and law) and made it his life's work to find and persecute the followers of the Way. Saul longed for the "old days" and yet Christ had ushered a new dawn (a personal relationship with God through Christ). When Saul encountered the living Christ on the road to Damascus, he was changed – even his name was changed to Paul. With the same fervent spirit, Paul journeyed to all the corners of his world to tell people about Christ.

In the words of St Paul: as we continue on God's journey wherever He may lead us, I pray that you may "hold firm that which you have been given" (1 Timothy 4.14) and that "you may know how high, how wide, how deep is the love of God that is in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3.14-21). And when the journey seems hard, may you fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12.2).

Finally, may I commend Rev. Stuart Dyer to you, that you will serve with him in love for God and all God's people; just as we graciously served together, may your connection with Stuart bring you more and more to the realisation of God's vision for this place.

Yours in God's service,

Mmasape

PRAYERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

In July and August we will be praying for the people of Bushey Close and the Village Hall field, those who help with and use the Village Hall and the people who run and use Windy Sayles. Requests for special prayers can be written on the leaves of the prayer tree in the church, or given to the Rector or Churchwardens, Martin Rees or Isobel Randall.

WHIPSNADE VILLAGE LUNCH

Come along to the Village Hall to enjoy a two course meal with tea or coffee for £6. The July lunch will be on Thursday 11th July at 12.30pm. The selection of main course is roast pork with apple sauce, smoked fish quiche, roast chicken breast with stuffing or braised beef in Guinness. On 8th August there will be a choice from roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, fisherman's pie, chicken and mushroom pie or lamb hotpot (possibly venison if we have some). As always there is a selection of puddings with cream or custard, second-hand book stall and a raffle. Offers of help please, on the day, or offers of puddings, to Isobel Randall (872552) or Pam Ward (872406).

PATRONAL FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY 21ST JULY

The celebration of St Mary Magdalene's Day is when we will hold Evensong at 6pm instead of the morning service. The church and churchyard will be set up so that you can have a picnic from 4.30pm. The church will provide hot drinks and nibbles.

THE ROADWAY TO THE CHURCH

If you have visited Whipsnade Church recently you will have noticed that a new surface across The Green has been constructed, making it possible to drive onto The Green and up to the church without bumping on the ruts or getting stuck in the mud. This has been seeded so that when the grass grows it will be barely visible, and will not interrupt the lovely views across The Green.

Important: there is a turning space beside the church gate, especially important for wedding cars or hearses. Please do not park on it and block the access. Over the next few months, please allow the new grass to grow by avoiding the areas that are seeded – try to use the existing grass. This will allow the new surface to recover more quickly.

WHIPSNADE CHURCH FETE

Very many thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the fete a success. Special thanks to Kim Brown and her team of helpers. In spite of the weather forecast and heavy showers during the afternoon, around £1,200 was raised.

For photos of the fete, please see page 14.

KENSWORTH NEWSROUND

KENSWORTH CHURCH PRAYERS: in July our prayers will be for all who live in Common Road, from the start up to the Methodist Church, including Wick Hill. In August we shall say prayers for the residents of Bakers Lane, Woods Close, Grove Place, Dovehouse Lane and Malms Close. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, please contact Dorothy Blackburn (872670).

KENSWORTH PARISH CHURCH: services continue as usual throughout the summer months. There will be a Messy Holy Communion, beginning with breakfast, on 14th July, so do come along for this special service. 25th July: Compline for St James, 8pm. For services, see page 14.

Advance notice: there will be a Pet Blessing Service on 15th September, along with Kensworth Methodists!

Choir News: 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, revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). If you play an instrument which could help accompany the choir, please contact the Rector or Mike.

Sunday School: all children are welcome to join in our Messy Holy Communion (see above) on 14th July, starting with breakfast at 10.15am. There is no Sunday School during the school holidays, but please come to the services anyway.

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.

CHURCH SHOP: the shop, in the Church Hall, Clayhall Road (behind the Vicarage), is open 2 – 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am – 12 noon on Saturdays. All kinds of treasures are available – come and have a browse! (Unfortunately, we cannot sell electrical goods, clothing or large items of furniture).

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH: for all services, see page 15. The July Coffee Morning is on Saturday 6th July, 10.30am – 12 noon. Do join us for delicious coffee and cakes and a chat. There is no coffee morning in August – the next one will be on Saturday 7th September.

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 July meeting will be a Bring and Share picnic in the grounds of the Church Hall, Clayhall Road, on Monday 1st July, commencing at 7pm (inside if wet).

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd September.

AROUND ABOUT STUDHAM

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Work in the church: the decoration of the north aisle and the refitting of the kitchen and toilet are now complete. The old building (800 years old next year!) is looking at its very best and is once again open during the daytime. Everyone is very welcome to visit the church – it's your parish church.

Church prayers: in our cycle of prayers, in July we shall be praying especially for everyone in Swannells Wood and in August for all the residents of Church Road, Church Close, Church Mead and Red Lion Cottages. If you would like a particular prayer to be said, perhaps for a special person or anniversary, please contact the churchwarden, Meg Bender (872967 or meg.bender4@btinternet.com).

Children's Church takes place on Sunday 21st July at 10.30am. The children and young people will be thinking about the story of Martha and Mary and how, in our busy lives, it is important to find time for stillness and quietness so that we can be receptive to the word of God. After the service, there will be refreshments and the celebration of all the July birthdays. There will be no Children's Church in August but after the 10.30am service on Sunday 18th August we shall be serving refreshments and celebrating the August birthdays.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM CHURCH

Firstly, huge thanks to everyone who planned, helped and attended the **May Fair**. The best ever in attractions, numbers, entertainment and a lot of money was raised for The Friends of Studham Church and also other village charities.

Two dates for your diary – our next social events are a **Race evening** on October 4th and the **Call My Bluff wine evening** on November 1st. More details in the next Parish Link.

We also run a **100 Club** which costs only £12 per year with £60 in prizes each month. Pam Rumfitt and Emma Mulder were the lucky June winners. To join the 100 Club, or to find out more about the Friends, please e-mail john.mcdougal@btinternet.com or call 873257.

STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

On Saturday 13th July from 1pm – 4pm at Studham Village School. There will be a BBQ, cakes, craft stall, face painting, raffle, tombola and the "Soiree in a Barrow" – everything you need for a night in – plus a wheelbarrow!

Raffle tickets available in advance (via ptfa.studhamschool@gmail.com) and on the day for a variety of fabulous local prizes; family tickets to soft play, tour of the House of Commons, meals/vouchers for local pubs. Do come along.

STUDHAM EXTRA

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 6th July

Saturday 20th July

Rugby Tournament

Tony Bignell (ticket only event)

Full details of events are shown in the bar, but, to whet your appetite, how about coming to see Studham Cricket versus Young Farmers on 4th or 5th July, or the rugby tournament being held on the 6th July. Tickets are also available from the bar (£2.50 each) for the Tony Bignell Evening of Entertainment on 20th July (further details on parish noticeboards).

STUDHAM TENNIS CLUB

We are delighted to announce we are offering free annual Junior Membership (with every full adult member) and annual Family Membership from £75.

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, Megan, is also available for private individual or group lessons. Please contact Megan (07826 855 388) for more information. Family social play takes place on a Saturday between 2pm and 4pm.

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

STUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Quiz Night: £295 was raised. Our thanks to Chrys Smith and family for again being the Quiz Masters.

AGM: Friday 12th July at 8pm: The Village Hall is an independent Registered Charity run by volunteers on behalf of the community. The hall is well supported during weekdays with Fridays and weekends popular for social and other events. Currently, funds are being sourced for replacing the wooden floor as the wood in parts is infested. Parts of the wall also need attention.

Following the Public Meeting on the future of the hall, a steering group has been formed to progress the options of structural improvements or a complete rebuild. The Steering Group comprises two Village Hall Trustees and two Parish Councillors.

The business part of the AGM is short, which leaves time to discuss thoughts. This is an open meeting to meet the team running the hall and stay for refreshments. This is also an opportunity to join the team but there will not be pressure to do so!

MORE KENSWORTH

FRIENDS of KENSWORTH CHURCH

A reminder about the Summer Serenade Concert, to be given by the ladies from Caritas Harmony, in the church on Saturday 6th July. There are only a few tickets available, and admission will be by ticket only, so please contact David Jones (873242) if you wish to attend.

Cost is £12, which includes a finger buffet, and a cash bar will be available. Doors open at 6.30pm and the concert starts at 7pm.

KENSWORTH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall held its **AGM** on 18th June. The Chairman gave a report on the very eventful year we have had in 2018/2019. When the boiler broke down in October, we were helped by generous donations from residents and the Parish Council. We also benefited from BlackRock investments from the old Kensworth Men's Club and were pleased to receive approx. £13,000. We are now on a sound financial footing.

Following generous donations of time and materials from some local contractors, we have started much-needed renovations. We also received grants from Wixamtree Trust (£3,000) and from the Rugby Cement Benevolent Fund (£6,651.60), to fund redecoration and replacement furniture. The old boiler room will be used to house equipment.

We hope that the improvements will allow us to increase the rates for hirings.

David Manton is standing down from the Committee. We are sorry, but we do understand that, as he now lives in Breachwood Green, it is proving more difficult to attend meetings. We would like to thank David for his work since he moved to the village in 2002.

We are still desperately looking for a **new Treasurer**, as the Secretary has been covering this for two years and it is difficult to manage both roles. If anyone can spare about four hours a month to attend the regular meeting and to keep the spreadsheets up to date, please contact Pat Mitchell (871178).

If anyone would like to join the Committee to help manage the Village Hall, please come along to the 3rd July meeting at 7.30pm in the Committee Room. We hope that younger residents will want to get involved in running the Village Hall to keep it going for the next generation.

The next **Village Walk** is on Saturday 13th July meeting at 10am at the Village Hall; there is none in August. Well-behaved dogs welcome.



THREE VILLAGES TRIP TO IRELAND



In Dublin we had a guided tour, a visit to the Guinness Storehouse to learn about Guinness and then on to the Gaol, where we learned how bad the English were. The next day we set off for Killarney with the sun shining. We had a lunch stop in Limerick. The next day we had a guided walk through the Killarney National park and in the afternoon we had a lake cruise and were taken

back to the town in Jaunting Cars. Another guided tour around the Ring of Kerry in beautiful sunshine. Monday we went to Cobh to the Titanic exhibition and a tour of the town. Tuesday was a journey around Dingle with a guide. The scenery was wonderful as was the weather. The next day we went to Bantry Bay to go by Ferry to Garnish Island with its formal gardens. Then it was goodbye as we journeyed via Dublin to Anglesey with an overnight stop. Margaret had yet again planned a super holiday and even organised the weather so that we could see the hills every day. Thank you so much from all of us on the trip.

SPONSORED BIKE 'n HIKE

On Saturday 14th September from 9am to 5pm. Organised by Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust, the Bike 'n Hike raises money to give grants for urgent repairs to historic churches of all denominations in Beds & Herts. Half the money raised is returned to the church of your choice – a splendid way to raise funds for your own church and enjoy visiting other churches at the same time.

Choose your own route to ride or walk to as many churches as you wish. Sponsor forms are available in the local churches and from the following:-

Kensworth – Jane Bedlington (871139)

Kensworth Methodist – Anita Shury (872117)

Studham – Meg Bender (872967)

Whipsnade – Roger Kendrick (413564) or Pam Ward (872406)

If you want to take part you need to reserve the date in your diary and find your sponsors. You can also help and be sponsored by manning your church to welcome and offer refreshments for the participants.

See also page 24.

COMMUNITY NEWS 2

TREE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL SERVICE



About 200 people, including the Salvation Army Band and nine Royal British Legion standard bearers, attended. The Archdeacon of Bedford preached and the children from Studham and Kensworth Schools sang their song. The Archdeacon also licensed our very own Nicola Lenthall as Rural Dean. The weather was brilliant sunshine, which everyone enjoyed, together with the teas afterwards in the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped.

DUNSTABLE FOODBANK IS GETTING BUSIER

Sadly, there is an increasing need for a foodbank in Dunstable and the surrounding villages – we supply clients who have LU5 and LU6 postcodes. We have seen an 18% increase in food distributed since this time last year.

We moved into our new warehouse in Leighton Buzzard in January. We were unable to find free or subsidised accommodation so this is a commercial warehouse. We will need to raise over £15,000 annually to pay for it. All our income goes on supporting our work and buying food. None of our volunteers is paid.

We need more help to maintain our service:

- increased regular giving of food – to the collection points in the villages or in the major supermarkets
- more money – ideally by regular contributions that can be gift-aided
- more volunteers to help with the collection and distribution of food

If you can help with money or time, please contact Mike Pittam (info@dunstablefoodbank.org.uk or on 07874 200056).

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to those who were confirmed at Kensworth Church by the Bishop of Bedford on Sunday 16th June: Katy Carey, Hannah Crassweller, Freda Fountain, Susanna Lenthall, Joanne Power, Amelia Rossiter-Norwood, Imogen Rossiter-Norwood, Marilyn Wilder and Jane Wright and to Bola Fola-Caleb, who was received into the Church of England.



PHOTOS

We have enjoyed some lovely events in our villages over the last month. This is a selection of photos from some of them – the Soap Box Derby in Studham (also front cover), Whipsnade fete, the Rees' garden party and the opening of the Whipsnade playground. Please see more photos on the Gallery page of www.parishlink.org.uk.



CHURCH NEWS

KENSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH:

7 th . July	10.30am: Worship led by Mr Geoff Best
14 th . July	11am: Holy Communion led by Rev. Nigel Bibbings
21 st . July	10.30am: Worship led by Mrs. Elisabeth Bibbings
28 th . July	10.30am: United Service at Edlesborough: Worship led by Mr Peter Baker: no service at Kensworth
4 th . August	10.30am: Worship led by Mr Roger Owers
11 th . August	10.30am: Worship led by Mr John Enejo
18 th . August	10.30am: United Service at Edlesborough: Worship led by Mrs Fiona Arscott-Smith: no service at Kensworth
25 th . August	10.30am: Holy Communion led by Mr Colin Quine
25 th . July	Growing Together – Bible Study and fellowship 7.30pm (refreshments) for 7.45pm. Come and join us! (NB: No Growing Together in August)

Advance notice: 15th. September, United Pet Blessing Service with St. Mary's.

STUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 14 th July	10am	Ms J.Harris
Sunday 28 th July	10am	Mr D.Crew
Sunday 11 th August	10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 25 th August	10am	Mrs J. Ivey

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

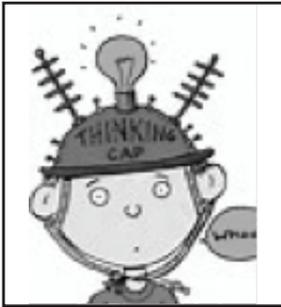
Baptism	19 th May	Mason Harris	Studham
	9 th June	Phoebe Busfield	Kensworth
Thanksgiving for the birth of a child	19 th May	Freddie McGoey	Studham
Marriage	18 th May	Charlotte Tearle & Anthony Smith	Kensworth
	22 nd May	Lesley Skinner & Michael Stanley	Whipsnade
	31 st May	Joanna Woods & Lewis Hutchinson	Kensworth
Confirmation	16 th June	Katy Carey, Hannah Crassweller, Susanna Lenthall, Amelia & Imogen Rossiter-Norwood, Jane Wright	
Reception into the Church of England	16 th June	Bola Fola-Caleb	
R.I.P.	14 th May	David 'Wag' Hull	Studham
	30 th May	Hilary Cantle	Whipsnade
	30 th May	Ian McGregor	formerly Studham

KENSWORTH EXTRA

PILATES

Come to Pilates in Kensworth Methodist Church Hall from 11.30am until 12.30pm every Wednesday. Open to everybody, men and ladies, and not just Kensworth residents; nothing too strenuous; with a very caring local lady instructor. £5 per session.

MARGO'S QUIZ and KENSWORTH FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW



Don't forget Margo's Quiz on Saturday 27th July in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All profits go towards the cost of running the Show, so your support is much appreciated. Cost is £7.50, and this includes the usual platter, but please BYOD. To book a table or individual places, please contact David Manton (01438 831184 or david.manton@aol.co.uk).

The Show is on Saturday 7th September in the Village Hall, open to the public from 2.30pm. Programmes, including entry forms, will be available from both village shops at the beginning of July. Committee members will be walking around the village in the next few weeks looking for the Best Front Garden, and the children from Kensworth School have already submitted entries for the front cover of the programme. Anyone interested in having a stall in the car park at the Show, or for any other enquiries, please contact David Manton (01438 831184) or Sylvia Inns (07831 538682).

KENSWORTH CRICKET CLUB

July fixtures:

7 th	TBA		
14 th	Roadrunners	Away	1.30pm
21 st	Charity Match	Home	1pm
28 th	Roadrunners	Away	1.30pm

August fixtures:

4 th	TBA		
11 th	Indus Valley	Home	1.30pm
18 th	Milton Bryant	Away	2pm
25 th	Boxmoor	Away	1.30pm

Outdoor Nets

At Markyate Cricket & Football Club on Tuesday evenings.

If you are interested in joining your local village team then please contact Duncan Wingfield (872 743) or Jon Holt (872 896) for further details.

WHIPSNADE AND BANK HOLIDAY ITEM

WHIPSNADE GARDEN PARTY

Tessa and Martin Rees' garden party on 19th May was greatly enjoyed. Thank you Tessa and Martin for your hospitality. Over £400 was raised for Whipsnade Church. *The photo shows Nicola presenting raffle winner, Gill Downing, with a wonderful cake donated by Sue Barrett.*



WHIPSNADE VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Please support the following events in the Village Hall:

Friday 12th July Bingo at 7pm;

Friday 16th August Bingo at 7pm.

HOW DID BANK HOLIDAYS ORIGINATE?

In the United Kingdom and Ireland, a Bank Holiday is a public holiday, when banks and many other businesses are closed for the day. Bank Holidays are often assumed to be so-called because they are days upon which banks are shut, but days that banks are shut aren't always bank holidays. For example: Good Friday and Christmas Day are not bank holidays, they are 'common law' holidays.

In 1871, Sir John Lubbock, who coined the term to differentiate the two types of holiday, introduced the Bank Holidays Act, which initiated the concept of holidays with pay, and designated four holidays in England, Wales and Ireland, and five in Scotland. These were: Easter Monday, the first Monday in August, the 26th December, and Whit Monday (England, Wales and Ireland), and New Year's Day, Good Friday, the first Monday in May, the first Monday in August, and Christmas Day (Scotland).

In England, Wales and Ireland, Good Friday and Christmas Day were considered traditional days of rest (like Sundays) and it was felt unnecessary to include them in the Act. The move was such a popular one that there were even suggestions that August Bank Holiday should be called St Lubbock's Day!

In 2006, the Scottish Parliament designated St Andrew's Day, 30th November, as an official Bank Holiday in Scotland. In Northern Ireland, St Patrick's Day, 17th March, and 12th July (Battle of the Boyne) are Bank Holidays. But there is no public holiday for St David's Day in Wales, or St George's Day in England.

In 1965 the date of the Whitsun Bank Holiday (Whit Monday) was replaced by the late Spring Bank Holiday - fixed as the last Monday in May. The August Bank Holiday was changed to the end of the month in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Have a great day!

VILLAGES' HOLIDAY AND STUDHAM WI

HOLIDAY TO GERMANY (TRIER) - MAY 7th - 15th 2020



I am planning a holiday to the beautiful Mosel and Saar region. We will be staying in Germany's oldest city – Trier. It was founded by the Romans and has several well-preserved Roman structures including the Porta Nigra, amphitheatre, Basilica and the oldest cathedral in Germany.

We will be staying in the centrally-located Deutscher-Hof hotel for 8 nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. There will be a guided tour of

Trier's main sites, visits to: Traben Trarbach, with a wine tasting; Luxembourg; Bernkastel-Kues; Saarburg, with a river trip back to Trier on the Saar and Mosel rivers; and a visit to a hotel near Trittenheim for 'Kaffe und Kuchen' and a panoramic view of the Mosel.

Please contact me (873225) for more details if you are interested in this holiday, obviously subject to price.

Margaret Maddox

STUDHAM WI

Thursday 4 th July	7.45pm	Village Hall	Stay Younger Longer
Thursday 1 st August	7.30pm	Studham Common	Summer Party

WI - Jam and Jerusalem not! A call out to all the ladies of Studham. Forget the old traditional idea of the WI of yesteryear. The updated WI of the 21st century is very different. We have fun! We go to lunch at different venues every month, we have a summer party on the common, we celebrate our birthday with a party every December, and we have interesting and fun speakers at seven of our meetings every year. We have group meetings with five other neighbouring institutes four times per year and we go on days out with our group colleagues. We have the opportunity of attending courses at our college, Denman, near Oxford, at any time.

There are over 215,000 members in over 6,300 WIs in the UK and it is the largest voluntary women's organisation. It plays a unique role in enabling women to develop new skills, and gives them opportunities to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities. HRH The Queen is a member, as is Princess Anne.

Why not give us a try? We meet every first Thursday of the month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Entrance for non-members is £4, which includes refreshments.

STUDHAM EXTRA 2

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

There have been reports of people using metal detectors and digging holes on the common. May we remind you all of the by-law which states: "Excavation of any sort will now require approval of the Central Beds department concerned"?

We all have a lot of garden rubbish at this time of year, and the green bins are soon full, but can we ask that you are aware of your neighbours if you decide to burn any remaining rubbish? It is tempting, when the rain eases off, to just 'put a match' to it, but the resulting smoke can cause problems, and in the dry spells please be aware of washing!

Ash trees all over the country are suffering from Ash Dieback and other diseases. As there are a lot of ash trees in the parish, the Council felt it would be a good idea to hold an "Information Meeting" later in the year explaining the problem and the responsibilities of landowners who have affected trees. If you have an ash tree on your land, or if you just want to know more about it, then keep watching the noticeboards for details.

Next meetings: Monday 1st July at 7pm in the Village Hall. No meeting in August. Any subsequent meetings will be published on the website and the Parish Council noticeboards.

BINGO

On Wednesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st July and 14th and 28th August at 7.30pm in Studham Village Hall. Why not come and join us? £5 will pay your entrance, set of 6 books, strip of raffle tickets and even a cup of tea/coffee! New players always welcome.

STUDHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Please contact us if you would like to use the space for a function or activity – contact is Paul Hocking (pdhocking@btinternet.com or tel: 07500 849280). 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.

SCRABBLE

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 on page 17. 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).

KENSWORTH SCHOOL NEWS

SATs are done and the summer holidays are close. Well done to Year 6 for all their efforts – they powered through and enjoyed their water fights and pizza at the end! Cherry Class have been busy learning; Year 2 showed super perseverance on those assessments and Year 1 have been wowing everyone with their phonics.

We welcomed our new Reception children at our starter meeting – we look forward to seeing everyone at our move-up days.

The Summer Fair is fast approaching – the staffroom was full of sweet donations on mufti day - very tempting.

Holly Class are off to Tring; Cherry Class are venturing to Milton Keynes to visit the museums – they are very excited! Year 4 are travelling all the way toDell Farm for their residential very soon. There are lots of exciting activities and animal care in store for them, as well as two nights away.

Details of the Preschool 30-hour funding are available from the office – don't forget to sign up for those all-day spaces.

We will be saying goodbye to Year 6 all too soon. We have a service at St Mary's Church; they then have a performance in store for us! We would like to say a huge "well done" for their time at Kensworth and wish them good luck in all they go on to do. Not that you need it – "you got this!"

Have a fantastic summer, stay safe and fingers crossed for some sun!

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

Kensworth School Parent Teachers' Association:

As the school year draws to a close, the PTA would like to thank you for your amazing support throughout the year. We have raised over £3,000 through various events and donations. Quiz nights, discos, raffles, Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day activities, our amazing Summer Fete and Dog Show - all were brilliant successes. We held an afternoon tea which was a wonderful event and will be holding more in the next school year. We have purchased white boards, preschool equipment, musical instruments, equipment for reading, writing, etc. We also updated the KS2 toilet area to make it more age-appropriate and continued to raise funds for the KS2 playground.

We wish Year 6 the very best of luck for the future. Thanks to everyone again, have a great summer and watch this space for an update on how we did with our Summer Fete and Dog Show.

MORE STUDHAM

STUDHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

As always, the SATs period has been a hectic one in school. We don't yet have the formal results but it looks very likely that some school records are going to tumble!

It is also a sad time as one of our superstar teachers, Mrs Janet Rhodes, leaves us for a well-earned retirement. Mrs Rhodes has left some very big shoes to be filled and we look forward to welcoming Miss Laura Atkins to take on the challenge.



As always in the post-SATs period we have lots of exciting trips and sports events. One which has already taken place is our annual sponsored charity Pro-Kick Challenge. Children were sponsored to score a goal with the fastest kick possible. The staff were also offered a chance and our very own Sports Coach Mr Macleod recorded the third fastest time in the County so far. At over £400 it is a new fundraising record for the school.

Our annual leavers' service is at 9.15am on Friday 19th July at the church – we would love to see members of the community there as well as parents and children.

FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON

Please note there will be no work party in July – time to take a break while we await the results of this year's Green Flag Inspection. Instead, we have the 'FOSC Day Out' on **Saturday 13th July**. We start with a trip on the Chinnor and Princes Risborough railway. Then transferring to Cholesbury, where, after lunch at the pub, we will explore the Iron Age Hill Fort of 'Cholesbury Camp'. We set off by car (sharing where possible) at 10am from the War Memorial.

The next work party will be on **Saturday 17th August** where the tasks will be to cut and clear grass and bracken on West Common from the glade by the school hedge, and areas around the football pitch and beside Clements End Road. This will reduce nutrients in some areas, whilst leaving other areas uncut will help to provide ground cover for small mammals and birds. We will also check the footpaths and the scalloped cut along the southern edge of the bridleway, trimming as necessary, in order to encourage the spread of wild raspberries. As usual we will meet at 10am, by the War Memorial on West Common, opposite the Red Lion pub. A light lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

For further information on the 'Day out' or the work party, please contact Denis Davison (Denis@den-jen.co.uk or 872650).

MORE KENSWORTH

BARN DANCE

Family Barn Dance at Kensworth Village Hall on Saturday 5th October, 5.30pm – 8.30pm with live ceilidh band and caller, including fish/alternative supper. BYOD. Open to all ages. Tickets now available and selling fast.

Adult = £16

Family = 2 adults + 2 children (under 16) £42

Children = (under £16) £7.50

Ring Jane Bedlington (871139) to buy tickets early.



KENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Play Area Improvements

The new play area equipment should be delivered the first week of July and installation completed within a few weeks, just in time for summer school holidays. Following a site meeting with play equipment provider and installer, it was found that a bench, bin and four items of BMX equipment need to be relocated prior to 1st July. The BMX items will be stored until a proper assessment is made of the feasibility of reinstating these, due to the age and condition of items.

Parish Council Meetings

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held at 7.30pm at Kensworth Village Hall, The Chilterns, Kensworth LU6 3RJ. Please note there are no meetings in August and the next scheduled meeting is on 12th September.

SPONSORED BIKE 'n HIKE

Saturday 14th September: 10.30am start at St Mary's, Kensworth. The church is leading a gentle, children-centred, off-road, family walk from Kensworth Church to Whipsnade Church and then on to Studham Church.

Choose to do just 2 churches or do all 3 in our benefice.

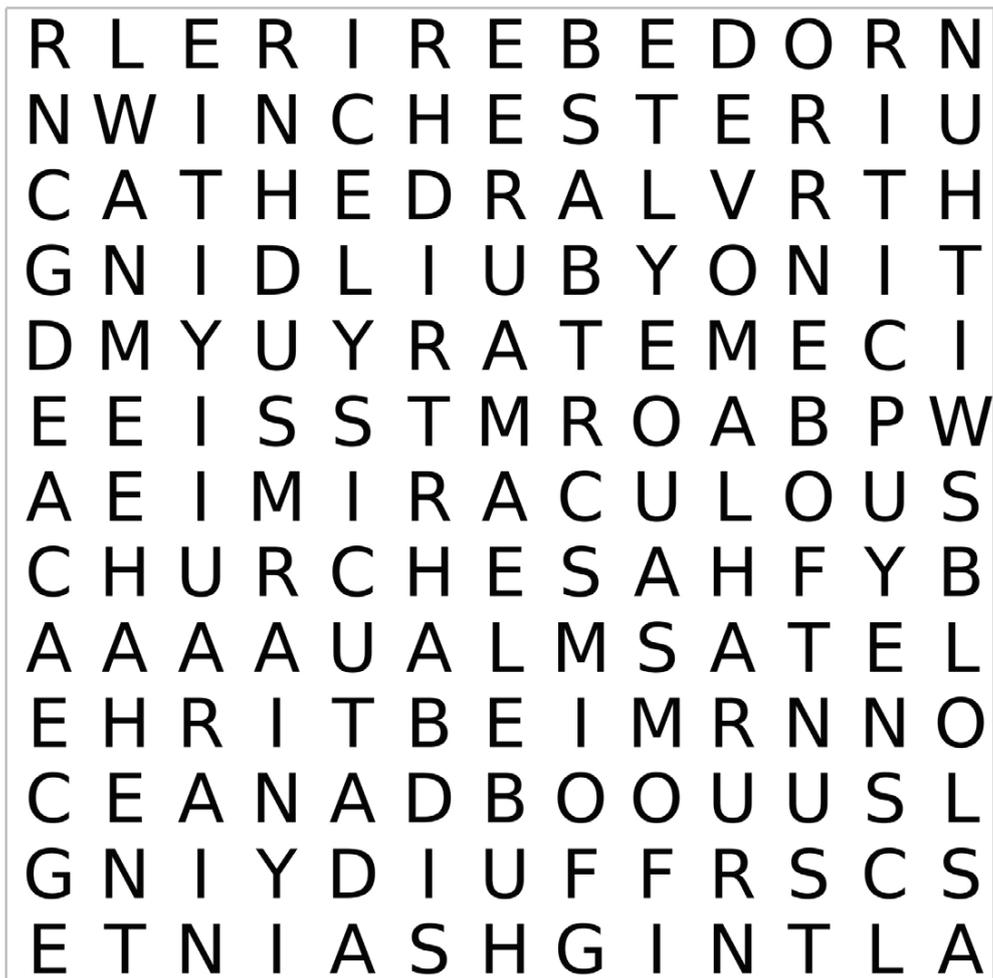


Led by an experienced D of E Award expedition leader and outdoor First Aider. All children must be accompanied by, and be the responsibility of, the accompanying adult. Refreshments at every church.

50% of proceeds go to Beds & Herts Historic Church Trust who help with care and maintenance of our churches and 50% to St Mary's Church, Kensworth.

To get your sponsor form, contact Jane Bedlington (01582 871139).

WORDSEARCH - ST SWITHUN



St. Swithun is the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. Swithun was Bishop of Winchester in the 9th century, and famous for his charitable gifts and for building churches.

When he was dying in 862, he asked to be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door. But on 15th July 971 Swithun was dug up and moved into the cathedral itself. That same day many people claimed miraculous cures, but the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and for days following, was attributed to the power of St. Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester Cathedral.

The words for the wordsearch are all in the above text (20 words)

Q: What do you call it when it rains chickens and ducks?

A: Foul weather.

Q: What did one raindrop say to the other?

A: Two's company, three's a cloud