

Link report for April 2011

Police matters; Distraction Burglaries. There have been several cases in the area recently of men claiming to be from the utility companies, and asking for admittance “to make checks on equipment”. They appear to be in uniform, and carrying ID cards. Their aim is to gain admittance to your property, then make off with money or small valuables. Please think carefully before you let them in. **If in any doubt, then send them away.** If they are the genuine article, then they will contact you at a later date. Don’t forget, if you are concerned in anyway then your **Neighbourhood Watch** representative is always there to help. Ask them about **Smartwater**; this is a good way of marking your property, but you can always paint it with many colours, like Joseph’s Coat. That usually puts thieves off.

Surgery: It was nice to see so many of you at our last surgery, so here’s the date for the next one; **Saturday, June 25th, at 10:00 in the Village Hall.** We have provisionally planned for it to be about our Neighbourhood Watch scheme. However, if you have any items that you would prefer us to discuss, or generally include within the surgery, please contact us. **Please tell us; if you don’t tell, we don’t know!!**

Friends of Studham Common: Following from the discussions regarding the common at our last surgery, the Five-year Plan has now been put on the Parish Council Website. The web address is www.studhamparish.co.uk.

School Headmaster: It was very nice to be able to meet Paul Burrett, our new headmaster. We’re sure he will be a great asset to our little school, and wish him well for the future.

Buses: You may have seen articles in the local press recently regarding the use of the Bus Pass, and proposals to remove some buses from rural routes. Please be assured that our bus is not affected. **There will no alterations to the X31 route between Luton and Hemel Hempstead, nor will there be any changes to the times at which you can use your Pass.** It’s nice to have some good news, isn’t it?

Elections: The Local Election will take place on 5th May, when seven Studham Parish Council candidates are elected to serve for the next four years. Candidates can be existing councillors, and any resident. As a Parish Councillor, there is a commitment in time, training and outlook to serve the community. Further information can be obtained from our Parish Clerk, Mrs Carol Stephenson on 01582 872231, or by email on clerk@studham.co.uk.

Date of next meeting: Our next meeting will be our **Annual Parish Meeting**, on **Monday 4th April**, starting at **8:15 pm** in the Village Hall. Due to the Mayday Bank Holiday, the following meeting will on **Monday 9th May at 8:00 pm** in the Village Hall. All members of the public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting.