

Kimpton Parish Magazine

Spring 2020

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**Kimpton's 'would have been' 2020
May Queen.**

Lexi will now be May Queen in 2021

Corona Virus - What Kimpton Church is doing now

To protect us all from the spread of COVID-19, the Government has ordered **ALL CHURCHES TO BE CLOSED TO EVERYONE** from 23rd March 2020 until further notice. That includes the Vicar!

ILLNESS If you are even slightly unwell, please stay home and look after yourself. **DO NOT GO OUT OR VISIT ANYONE** If your illness worsens call NHS 111.

FUNERALS may go ahead at this time. Call the Vicar for information

ALL OTHER CHURCH SERVICES & GROUPS ARE SUSPENDED.

This includes Bell ringing, BLAST, Tea, Toys & Tots and all other Church affiliated groups. **CHURCH HOUSE IS CLOSED.**

REFRESHMENTS All refreshments have been withdrawn.

NO PASTORAL VISITING PEOPLE IS PERMITTED.

VISITS TO PEOPLE IN CARE HOMES OR HOSPITAL ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED Care homes are in lock-down from 23rd March.

BOOK SWAP & PUZZLES a smaller selection is available from the Church Porch from 10am-5pm. You are reminded to keep at least 2metres apart from other people.

HAND WASHING Please wash your hands before you visit and afterwards. You might wear gloves. Wipe any books taken home with a disinfectant and you do not have to return the books-you are more important than a book.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE continues at homes around the village & vicarage for Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER If you have specific person(s) or situations you would like us to offer prayer for, please 'phone Rev'd Linda or Andy Morton or PM them using the kimptonchurchhertfordshire facebook page.

KIMPTON CARES During the Coronavirus outbreak a volunteer community support network has been set up to address the needs of those in self-isolation around the village. Use the help-line number if you have a problem. Call between 8am –8pm or leave a message on the answer phone at this number.

Call **07745 903539** or email **KimptonCares@gmail.com**

You can also use the 'Hello' notes to post through letter boxes of near neighbours you have not seen or are concerned about. 'Hello' notes are available from the church porch. If you are on your own or concerned about someone telephone the Vicar. All calls will be dealt with in confidence.

We are looking digital ways of providing spiritual support at this time. Audio recordings of talks/sermon will be available. Please ask. You can follow online church services by following this Church of England's website link www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

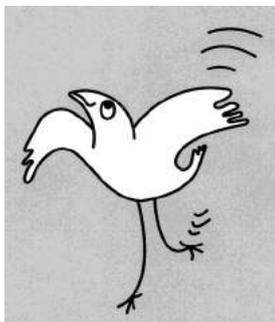
You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling (*name how you are feeling*) because (*reasons you are feeling this way*).

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today. **Amen.**



Your Soul Bird - are you listening to it?

Spring 2020 was not meant to be like this, was it? We are in a time of government imposed self-isolation and social distancing to combat this deadly Corona/Covid-19 virus. I am really sorry and upset that now even our churches at Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence are closed, as the fall out from this virus grips our daily life. So I want to find something positive to say and do during this difficult time.

Many of us are reading. (I can't tell you many 'weighty' tomes are on my bookshelves waiting to be read. Ugh!). So I have a recommendation for you. Once upon a time, I worked with an inspiring teacher who used Michal Snunit's book, "*The Soul Bird*" *, to help her class of 5-6 year old children begin to acknowledge and understand feelings**. I was so impressed with this little book's message; I began to give copies to adults...who found the simple language of this book, supposedly for children, conveyed a deeper message about ourselves and our relationship with God.

So what is a soul bird? We know deep within us lies our soul, and according to the story, within our soul lives the soul bird which feels everything we feel. When we are upset, the soul bird 'runs round in pain': when we are loved, the soul bird dances with delight! The soul is made up of drawers which contain all our feelings. There is a drawer for jealousy, one for happiness, one for every human emotion. Only the soul bird has the keys to the drawers and opens them when we ask. Sometimes the bird is contrary and opens the wrong drawer. Instead of silence we chatter endlessly without wanting to. Sometimes we are cross and angry when we want to be patient and calm. We know we are all different and there is a different soul bird deep inside everyone. So if your soul bird opens the angry drawer you'll be angry all day until the bird closes the drawer; if a soul bird feels bad it will open up bad drawers: if it feels good it will open up good drawers!

Is it that simple? Well no. We can learn to listen to our soul bird. Sometimes it calls to us to teach us about ourselves and the feelings locked up in the soul but we are too busy to hear it. Some hear the soul speaking all the time and some never hear it or hear it only once in a lifetime. It can be a good idea---late at night or when we can be quiet---to listen to the soul bird deep, deep down inside ourselves. So it is with God also.

We need to listen for God's calling to us. Sometimes we are too busy talking to God to listen for His answer. Sometimes we are too busy asking God for stuff. Conversations with best friends are two way: we talk, we listen. So it is in our relationship with our best friend ever: God. We use the forty days of Lent before Easter are a time for listening. A quiet time to give ourselves a spiritual spring clean. We use the forty days after Easter to celebrate Jesus' resurrection-Easter party time.

Now we have an extra incentive for listening to our soul bird. In the unusual imposed quiet of our usually noisy busy world I encourage you to listen for your soul bird. I would encourage you to listen for God. For the more we take the time to be still and listen for what God may be calling us to do or be, the more we will build that strong loving relationship with our Creator and hear Him speaking to us all the time.

Stay safe and well. I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Rev. Linda Williams

*Available from Amazon from about £3

**Michal is a poet and journalist who lives in Tel Aviv. She was born on a kibbutz in 1940 founded by her Belgian parents.

What does that first Easter Day mean? Is it just a story about angels who roll away a stone?

It's dawn... and as the sun creeps out on a new day,..... that cool, bright, grey-white light which heralds the sun hovering momentarily below the horizon.... about to rise...then BANG... CRASH... the world two thousand years ago and our world today, across the centuries are rocked and shaken by a cataclysmic event.

If you've read the Bible story of that 1st Easter, did you notice St Matthew's story has Easter happening in the midst of violent earthquakes? The whole earth shook... twice; shaking doors from tombs so that the dead walked the streets of Jerusalem. An immovable stone across Jesus' tomb is flicked away like a polystyrene prop! What an apposite description for Resurrection that is! Literally an earth shattering event after which nothing is ever the same again for humankind.

And what is earthquake? What is it like? A friend living in Islamabad was caught in the 2005 earthquake there. It was recorded as 7.6 magnitude, and claimed 80,000 lives. She told me how it felt. It woke her at dawn, where in the cool grey white light she watched the ceiling fan above her bed gently shake and rotate....but the wrong way. In her disbelief, it slowly began to dawn on her that something out of the ordinary was happening, something dangerous and life changing requiring an immediate response. She dashed out of bed, grabbed the children and ran outside to avoid being trapped—should the building fall. In Herefordshire on 14th March 2019 there was a 2.4 earthquake described as a tremor, a wobble, just shaking people.

No wonder the Roman guards, set to watch Jesus' tomb, run away. No wonder the Mary Magdalen and friends felt frightened outside the tomb. They are caught up in an earthquake taking place as God's dazzling messenger comes down from heaven, rolls away the stone, sits upon it and delivers his wonderful message of resurrection to the women. And everyone is terrified! These first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection saw grave clothes and angels, and then went home in disbeliefjust went home again...as if nothing special had happened; as if earthquakes, angels, resurrection are just some of those everyday things! *Turn to page 5*

From the Registers

Baptisms and thanks for the gift of a child

19th January Heidi Victoria Brita Ramsay

16th February Lexi Tara Gibson

Weddings and Blessings of Marriage

7th March Jacqueline Louisa Holmes-Walker to Mark Richard Brereton (at Hitchin)

Burials, Interments and Cremations

5th December Victoria Pleydell-Bouverie

20th December Graham 'Bill' Durrant

15th January Edward William Barnes

15th January Sylvia Irene Lucy Barnes

27th January Richard Dollin

14th February Muriel Joyce Crumplin

1st March Maureen Constance Harding

23rd March Doris Valerie Goodge



Richard (Dick) Dollin

**30/07/25 -
28/12/2019**

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Richard Dollin (Dick) a man who was born, bred and lived his 94 years in the village of Kimpton.

Julie, Tony and family would like to thank all of those that attended his funeral on the 27th January and to Andy Morton who led the tributes celebrating the life of Dick Dollin.

From page 4 We are not meant to be left in disbelief, we are not meant to be left unchanged, and we are not meant to be left to carry on our lives as if Jesus never happened. God does not rock our lives and shake us to our core just for us to go back to doing and being the same people we were yesterday.

At Easter, God acts once and for all, shaking the world to offer us a new world, a new life. We must be profoundly shaken...(not just stirred) by that offer of new life; we who, like the disciples, betray and let Jesus down. Who can ignore a God who takes a first century instrument of torture and execution and transfigures it into the ultimate symbol of triumph? That symbol stands in every church to remind us of that Easter earthquake, heralding a new world where death doesn't have the last word, a new world where innocent suffering is vindicated, a new life where we can work for good with a powerful and yet gentle God who intrudes in his creation because he loves us.. his own creation.

BANG...CRASH... the world of two thousand years ago and our world today are rocked and shaken by Easter, by Jesus' resurrection. An angel, an earthquake, a stone tossed aside; things not witnessed every day ...demonstrate the power of God over death and creation.

After they later meet the Risen Jesus the women are full of indescribable joy. The truth is that resurrection shook and shattered and stirred their lives so much that the earthquake must have faded away into total insignificance, completely forgotten. As they made their way back to deliver Jesus' message to the male disciples, they were completely changed, totally transformed people. That is how we must be as Easter people; completely changed, and shaken, not just stirred. Ready to joyfully witness what we know;... that Jesus' resurrection is world shattering and life shaking.

Alleluia, Christ is risen; He is risen indeed Alleluia

Rev'd Linda Williams

Local poet *Andrew Genever* reflects on his life and our lives

Suns out on this brilliant spring day .
Spring in our step .

The Corner Stores the last shop standing.
On claggy corner, the meeting up corner.
BoJo advises no meet up

Suns out on this brilliant spring day .
Spring in our step.

Hay Ho Hay Ho facebook messenger video call.
See friends and relations faces.
Nice to see June's mothers day posting.
Picture of her daughters.
Hay dads house in the back ground.

Suns out on this brilliant spring day.
Spring in our step.

Dad with his five legged pointed star.
A flower bed full of colour tulips, roses to come.
June Rose my mum lies in the church yard.

Suns out on this brilliant spring day.
Spring in our step.

Planted two rows of charlotte salad potatoes
yesterday.
Spoke to dad Dennis yesterday, fresh stories
every day.
Three cheers to the meals on wheels that he
receives every day.

Suns out on this brilliant spring day .
Spring in our step.

Keep those CSK postings coming.
Great queuing at the wholesalers .
Pictures of bread eggs and milk.
Following in the foot steps of Ben Grey and Ron
Hyde .

The Suns still smiling, we smile to.

Suns out on this brilliant spring day .
Spring in our step .

Kimpton Garden Club

We always extend a warm welcome to new members and are particularly keen to attract younger residents who will benefit from the wide pool of knowledge willingly given by our more senior members.

Normally we meet on the first Wednesday in every month in the Memorial Hall Green Room at 8pm with a programme covering a wide range of interesting speakers usually with colour projection and plants for sale.

Visitors are most welcome, so do come and enjoy convivial company and tea/coffee and biscuits. (£3 fee)

We have been entertained by some really good speakers recently and coming up topics are :”Gardeners, Soil Sweat & Tears!” and “The Plants on the Passover Plate”. Interested? Do come along.

We have a social programme which includes a Garden Party, Christmas Party and Quizzes.

We also like to get about a bit and enjoy visits to interesting gardens and this year we have a coach trip in July to Penshurst Place in Kent and a half day visit to see Delphiniums in St. Albans (possibly June).

If you like plants, vegetables and gardens our meetings provide a wealth of interest to share in the company of fellow minded folk and hopefully improve your knowledge of this fascinating subject. You don't need to be a Monty Don or Charlie Dimmock to enjoy the experience!

If you wish to create or modify a garden we can help with the most cost effective layout/selection and maintenance of plants and propagation techniques.

Look out for our forthcoming events advertised on numerous sites throughout the village.

Meetings are free to members, visitors £3,

Annual Subscription only £15.

Telephone Mary on 01582 832110 or Myra 01438 832776 for more information

Please note that due to the current situation some of these meetings and events may be cancelled or postponed.

The Preston Open Gardens day on Sunday May 24th has been cancelled

Kimpton Litter Pick

The Kimpton spirit will not be conquered! We had to postpone the litter pick, when lots of us all work together to clear the parish lanes of the mess that other people have dropped. However, we've set a new date of Saturday 26th September.

In the meantime, that will not stop us keeping our bit of England's green and pleasant land looking good!

We have been told that we can have one walk a day. Several of us will use that walk to scour the roads and paths for litter and to pick up any rubbish that we can find.

Will you help?

Litter pickers, rubbish bags, gloves and hi-viz jackets are available from the Parish Council office at the Memorial Hall. Please contact Carina Helmn in advance. You will need to put the full bags into your own bin.

KEEP KIMPTON KLEAN! *Tim Parfitt*

Parish Magazine Deadline

Summer Edition

Friday June 12th

Please send in all copy and images to
kimpton.editor@btinternet.com



Can we help you with something?

During the Coronavirus outbreak a Kimpton telephone helpline has been set up

07745 903539

or use KimptonCares@gmail.com

Try us if you have a problem – this is a volunteer community support network

Calls will be dealt with in confidence

Standard Hours 8am – 8pm or answerphone

Coronavirus

At the time of writing the Parish has not had any formally reported occurrences of coronavirus. This may well change in the near future. Government advice is being updated on a daily basis and I am sure it will have further developed by the time this article is published. What will remain constant is the need for each of us, individually and collectively, to exercise best common sense; both to avoid unreasonable risk to our own health and especially to those most susceptible to serious ill health. With the Government directive to those at greatest risk to isolate, we as a community, will need to continue to exercise the 'Kimpton Spirit' of supporting those who may need assistance during this time.

A Helpline has been set up by the community for anyone needing assistance. All information will be held in total confidence and the contact details are on the poster (previous page). Examples of the type of help includes: shopping, fetching medication, telephone calls to the isolated, and help with purchasing groceries for those struggling to manage financially. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the above number. Any volunteer activities would not involve you putting yourself at increased risk.

Kimpton Bottom

A unique opportunity has arisen for the purchase of freehold land at Kimpton Bottom due to an offer made by the present landowners to the local community. Kimpton Parish Council is keen to acquire assets for the benefit of the community and has therefore made an expression of interest. The Parish Council will review the sale particulars for suitability, and assess how best to fund such an acquisition, if agreed. A capital investment of this nature has not been included within our budget process but our finances are in a healthy position and with a partial loan, a purchase would be possible without an increase in the annual council tax precept for the purpose of such a loan repayment.

Such loans are normally obtained from the Public Works Loan Board, and must seek prior approval from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to do so. Due to commercial sensitivity we are unable to disclose any specific financial costs at this time. Should you have any questions regarding this proposed project, or comments, then please contact Cllr Neil Burns, Chairman chairman@kimptonpc.org.uk or Carina Helmn, Parish Clerk clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk

Claggy Road Parking

We are very aware that over a number of years there have been issues for local residents regarding visitors to local businesses parking in the area of the Claggy Road Industrial Estate. This has again recently come to a head with some regular inconsiderate parking across dropped kerbs. We understand so called T-bar markings across some of the dropped curbs on the west side of Claggy Road are being considered by Hertfordshire County Council.

In addition, we have been working with Highways to see if there is anything we can do to alleviate the parking issues. There is the possibility of creating a number of parking spaces on the grass verges of Claggy Road, which is Highways land. The parking scheme would likely be of the 'grass crete' variety so as not be too obtrusive.

If there is sufficient support in principle from local residents and businesses, we will explore further with Highways including the size of the potential scheme.

We would therefore invite your comments on these proposals (positive or negative) by email to clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk or by post, Parish Room, Kimpton Memorial Hall, Hall Lane, Kimpton, Herts, SG4 8RD, by the end of April.

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Flooding

Issues of flooding at a number of locations in the village have caused problems for pedestrians during the recent severe wet weather. Locations at Claggy Road and the bottom of Church Lane have both been badly affected.



The main cause for this is blocked road gullies and blocked drains.

Road gullies on land owned by the Parish were cleaned out recently during February.

Gullies on public roads are maintained by Hertfordshire County Council and these appear to be the main problem.

Some members of the Bench Working Party have investigated and removed significant amounts of silt from gully sumps; however, the drain connections to the main sewer appear blocked and require specialist equipment. HCC have been notified and will be reminded until the work is undertaken.

Christmas Market

This years Christmas market proved to be the best to date. The weather was cold but dry and the village turned out in force to enjoy a wide range of festive entertainment. Many stayed for the whole afternoon enjoying the music, children's activities, market stalls, and the chance to catch up with people. Santa was



in great demand and it is true to say he looked a different man by the end of the day. Our local MP, Bim Afolami, made time to join the event and walked away with a large cake from Mary Hyde's cake stall.



As a well as funds raised directly by Kimpton School and the Pre-School a further £1,300 was generated from the market stalls and bar, which has been divided equally between the two schools. A special thank you to all those from the village who gave their time to help organise such a special event.



Neil Burns



If you need a referral to the
St Albans and District
Foodbank

Please contact
Kimpton Cares on
07745 903539

KimptonCares@gmail.com

Charity number: 1158917



Kimpton WI

As I write, the bulbs are in bloom, Spring is almost here and at Kimpton WI we are well into the Spring programme of our 101st year.

Our first speaker of the year was Andy Wright, who entertained us with a very interesting talk and slides about his career as a newspaper photographer, much of which was with local newspapers.

February is the month of our Birthday celebrations. This year, as a change from our usual "bring and share" supper, we enjoyed a tea party, with caterers providing a delicious spread of sandwiches, savouries and cakes to die for! A fun and relaxing afternoon accompanied by a "Chocolate and Sweetie Challenge" to test the grey matter.

Other plans for later in the Spring or early Summer are a "bring and buy" coffee morning and an outing to the Hitchin Schools Museum.

Our weekly Friday afternoon table tennis sessions, open to non members, will continue at least until Easter. Just £2.50 for an hour and a half of exercise and friendly competition. Do come and join us - 2.00pm in the Green Room!

Book and handicraft groups continue monthly throughout the year.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the lounge of the Memorial Hall from 7.30pm and a warm welcome awaits both visitors and new members, of all ages. If you would like more information about us please contact our President, Sue Newman on 832560 or follow us on Facebook.

Chris Bichener

In the circumstances, our monthly meetings and Friday table tennis sessions will be cancelled until further notice.

The Bowls Club

Our village has had a very successful Bowls Club since 1947 but to survive and continue we desperately need new members.

Bowls is a very skillful, competitive and addictive sport that at a National level attracts people of all ages. For some reason many people in Kimpton feel you need to wait until retirement before playing bowls. We need new players of all ages to play for the Club this Summer . Please don't wait to begin playing bowls. Kimpton Bowls Club needs you now. Use It Before You Lose It.

For more details, please email me on wartorq@gmail.com

Warren Phillips

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by
BERNARD
SHAW

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OF
DESTINY

and
ANNAJANSKA
THE BOLSHEVIK EMPRESS

THE PALLADIAN CHURCH

Ayot St.Lawrence Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July 2020
at 6.30pm

Booking <http://bit.ly/AyotManofDestiny> Tickets £20 commission applies
Information www.mfp.org.uk
and www.ayotstlawrence.com



Kimpton Walking Netball

Our weekly walking netball sessions have been thoroughly enjoyed and everyone is now getting familiar with walking rather than running! We have had some excellent coaching from Sally, from England Netball, and our very own Margaret, a keen netball player for many years and a former Bedfordshire County 1st team member. The sessions start with a warm up using all parts of the body, then practicing various netball skills, culminating with ladies getting into teams for a game. There has been some excellent passing and shooting and a good laugh to boot. Sadly, we have had to stop the weekly sessions for the time being due to the Coronavirus but everyone is looking forward to a time when we can get the Tuesday afternoon sessions (2 to 3.30pm) in the Memorial Hall going again and use our new equipment. In the meantime, keep exercising and stay well everyone. *Janet Holmes-Walker*



GBS plays at the Palladian Church in July

Ayot St Lawrence church is hosting two performances of George Bernard Shaw plays in the summer. On Saturday and Sunday 4 & 5 July, Michael Friend Productions will be staging "Man of Destiny" and "Annajanska" in the church. Michael, a leading producer and specialist in Shaw's works and who has staged plays at Shaw's Corner for many years, describes the plays thus: "An Emperor in waiting and an Empress who waits no longer. In 1796 Napoleon waits in an Italian inn for urgent dispatches. The arrival of a Strange Lady causes a dramatic change in his campaign plans. In 1918 Annajanska the revolutionary daughter of a royal Russian family, outwits the forces of reaction. Shaw's witty comedies mock the folly of empty heroism against the wisdom of political expediency". Tickets here <http://bit.ly/AyotManofDestiny>

Check out our Facebook page for more events: [facebook.com/palladianayot](https://www.facebook.com/palladianayot) or look at our webpage www.ayotstlawrence.com Do you have any events that you think you might like to stage in our unique church? We'd be particularly interested to have jazz or blues music events and poetry readings, but why not try us out? Contact christine@ayotstlawrence.com



Cancelled

By the time you read this, you will probably have heard that there won't be a May Festival in 2020.

In light of the government's advice to curtail social contact because of the Coronavirus pandemic, we have had to make the very sad decision to cancel this year's festival.

When I wrote in the last edition of this magazine "I'm looking forward to the challenge the year will undoubtedly bring", I was referring to the challenge of trying to fit 3 days of activity into 2 because the date of the May Bank Holiday had been changed. Never did I imagine the scenario in which we now find ourselves.

But never fear, normal service will be resumed next year and we may try to put on one or two events later this year to raise both spirits and funds.

So put the dates in your diary now, Friday 30th April to Monday 3rd May 2021 and hopefully we'll see you all then.

Stay safe and well.

Barbara Kazwini
Chairman
May Festival Committee

The editor makes no apologies for publishing the biographies and photographs of this year's 'would have been' May Queen and Attendants. They will now officiate at the 2021 festival, So, read all about them on the next page.

Introducing the May Queen and Attendants

Photo: Andy Wright



Hello! My name is Poppy and I am so excited to be the May Queen Attendant of 2020. I am 12 years old and in year 8 at St. George's school in Harpenden. I have lived in Kimpton my whole life and love being part of the events that take place here. I have belonged to Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. I am a member of Kimpton Parish Church where I attend the Blast group . In my spare time I attend a board diving club and take singing lessons at Harpenden musicale. I can't wait to see what Kimpton May Festival is like this year and to be Lexi's attendant with Megan. Hope to see you there!

Hello! My name is Lexi. I am very proud to be May Queen and I'm very excited to be taking part with my friends Poppy and Megan - we will make a great team! I am in year 8 at St. George's school Harpenden, where I enjoy playing lacrosse and netball. I have lived in the parish my whole life and went to Kimpton Primary School. I am also part of Kimpton guides. I love how the May Festival brings everyone together and my family and I have always taken part. Everyone is so happy throughout the weekend and it shows what a special village Kimpton is. I look forward to seeing you all during the weekend.

Hi! I'm Megan and I am 12 years old. I attend STAGS secondary school and I have lived in Kimpton my whole life and consider the village community as one big family. My hobbies include playing the violin, singing in the Cantible choir and playing tennis as a member of Kimpton Tennis Club. Last year I was given a May Festival youth award for my work in our community. This included raising money (£169) and large donations of goods for "Shelter" from the residents of our village. I have always loved the May Festival and am honoured to have been chosen to be an Attendant for 2020 and look forward to seeing everyone there.

Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

With the current crisis, I can't tell you about any forthcoming plans, therefore I thought this was an ideal opportunity to introduce you to Robin Wells, our President. I asked Robin about his time in the RAF and his national service

Robin was called up to do his military service in February 1953 at the age of 18 and after being kitted out with uniforms etc at RAF Cardington, Robin signed up for a four year service.

After training he was posted to the Radar/Radio school at RAF Yatesbury in Wiltshire for 10 weeks Trade Training. He was in a class of twenty and after completing the course he was one of three that were allocated a posting to Middle East Air Forces in the Suez Canal Zone – Egypt. He



needed several jabs and was kitted out with Tropical kit. Then on a very wet miserable morning in September 1953 Robin, with a plane load of other airmen, flew from RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire en route to Egypt. Their trip was not without incident and they had a stopover in Malta to refuel and some spanner work on a troublesome engine!

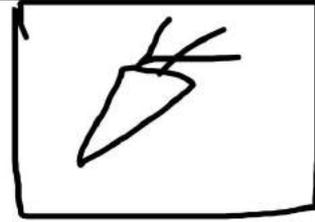
Robin's radar unit was at RAF El Firdan and he spent nearly 18 months there. It was very hostile, and many troops were killed but despite that it was an experience he was pleased to be a part of. Then he was posted to RAF Habbaniya in Iraq to build a new Radar unit. However, after a month his orders changed and after flying home he was given 21 days disembarkation leave (he didn't tell me what he got up to during that time!). Robin was then posted to RAF Gales Troon on the west coast of Scotland and stayed there for the remainder of his service.

Robin still attends reunions with his colleagues- some 67 years later!! He attended the RBL Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall

last year and it was obvious how proud he still feels of his military service- although he did comment that the standard of marching has fallen!

When Robin's wife became very ill many years ago, he was supported by the Legion both financially with fares to the hospital and with friendship. As a result of that, he joined the Branch and has continued with his unswerving support ever since. *Kim Hills, Chairman, Kimpton Branch*

Kimpton Autumn Show



It is with a heavy heart that we have decided to cancel this years Autumn Show due to the uncertainty of what is happening. The Autumn Show does have a lot of planning and costs to incur, so rather than go ahead we thought it best to stop now before we start spending and planning.

If nearer the time things have changed dramatically, then we maybe able to put together a last minute, slimmed down, ad hoc sort of event. The lovely ladies at the W.I. will also support this if we can go ahead. Also sorry, there will be no judging of Allotments either.

In the meantime, all keep safe.

All the best - Sandra Berti & The Team

Delivery Services during the lockdown

Claggy Stores is offering a home delivery service for groceries to the Kimpton area. Please call Sanjay, Anita, Ailsa and Sarah on 01438 832359 or 833923.

Or text your Name, Address and Order to 07875 301565

Trussell Butchers come to Kimpton every Thursday from 1.30 to 3 pm in Claggy Road Orders can be made by telephone 01438 812304 or email Deliveries to home addresses

Eat Wholefoods will deliver to Kimpton from their on line shop

The Farm Butchery from Codicote will deliver to Kimpton on Tuesdays and Thursdays to those that are self-isolating. Please call the day before with your order 01438 820342 Card payments only.

The Boot is offering a takeout service from 12-2pm and 5-7pm Pre-orders would be advised. For the menu check out their Facebook page. Craig and Treena say that they will continue to offer this service unless the legislation changes. 01438 832438 enquiries@thebootkimpton.co.uk



Local Crime and Safer Neighbourhood Policing

Fortunately it has been relatively peaceful in the parish although there have been a couple of incidents in Peter's Green and we extend our sympathy to the victims. However, it is worth noting that if you are a victim or a witness of an incident which you feel is serious enough report it immediately to Hitchin Police Station using 101 and ask for a crime number. If you think their response is unacceptable then take the name of the officer you spoke to and report it to me. I will then raise the matter with our new Rural Sergeant Jonathan Vine.

Here I would just like to remind you that our Hitchin Rural officers are Ward Constable Guy Pugsley (replacing David Hine) and PCSO Heather Burrows, Both can be contacted via the automated control at HQ on 01707 354192 or use the email addresses on page 18.

Keyless Vehicle Theft

Still ongoing as villains target valuable cars and use a booster device to remotely activate locks and start the engine. Contact your dealer for advice or store the key in a dedicated security pouch or a metal box or wrapped in foil to shield it from any unwanted signal. Store it as far from the parked car as possible.

For additional security you could also fit your car with an old fashioned steering wheel lock and/or a tracking device, which will help police recover a stolen vehicle.

Vehicle and Contents Theft

Countywide there has been a marked increase in these crimes so always lock your car and set the alarm and don't leave any valuables, Satnavs or Dash Cams on display.

Protect your money

Some residents are still being conned by scams allowing villains access to their Bank details, either by telephone or email, so don't give any personal or bank information to an unsolicited

caller. Put the phone down or ignore.

OWL (On line Watch Link)

We do need more of you to join the growing numbers of residents in NHW and OWL and benefit from the receipt of police crime alerts direct by e-mail or telephone. Joining is quite painless by contacting www.owl.co.uk or our Watch Liaison Officer, Verity Souedon wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk.

Another Fraud Alert

Do you access your banking via your mobile phone?

If so be aware that fraudsters are able to port your phone number to a SIM card which they control and then use it to access your bank account and help themselves to your money.

Seasonal Security Reminders

Whenever you leave your property unoccupied for any length of time please secure all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make the property look 'lived in' by parking a vehicle on the drive and installing timer operated security lights and give a neighbour your contact details. Don't leave any keys within sight of an open letter box. Our free Letter Box Deflector prevents 'peeping toms' having a quick look and manipulating a grabber through the slot. Please let me know if you would like one.

Making life more bearable

You can report anonymously if you witness any incidents of fly tipping, abuse, dog fouling, unruly behaviour, excessive noise and nuisance neighbours on Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111. Please use 101 for non-emergencies or you can go on line to herts.police.uk/contact_us.aspx.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable crime, storm and virus free spring.

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Patient
Participation
Group for



Bridge Cottage Surgery Services Update

completely wiped out, those bacteria are more likely to become drug-resistant.

Get vaccinated. Immunisations can protect you against some diseases that are treated with antibiotics. They include tetanus, whooping cough and pneumococcus.

Antibiotic Resistance

Overuse of antibiotics in recent years means they're becoming less effective and has led to the emergence of "superbugs" - strains of bacteria that have developed resistance to many different types of antibiotics. These types of infections can be serious and challenging to treat, and are becoming an increasing cause of disability and death across the world.

The biggest worry is that new strains of bacteria may emerge that cannot be treated by any existing antibiotics.

Both the NHS and health organisations across the world are trying to reduce the use of antibiotics, especially for health problems that are not serious.

Stay safe in the hospital. Antibiotic-resistant bacteria are commonly found in hospitals. Make sure your caregivers wash their hands properly. Also, ask how to keep surgical wounds free of infection. Use hand disinfectant dispensers where ever you see them, not just in hospital.

If you would like further information about the Bridge Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group please email ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com

Factors responsible

Antibiotic resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause.



Over-prescribing of antibiotics



Patients not finishing their treatment



Over-use of antibiotics in livestock and fish farming



Poor infection control in hospitals and clinics



Lack of hygiene and poor sanitation



Lack of new antibiotics being developed

Credit: World Health Organization infographic (World Antibiotic Awareness Week 2017)

What You Can Do

Don't take antibiotics unless you're certain you need them. An estimated 30% of the millions of prescriptions written each year are not needed. Don't ask your doctor for them if you don't need them. Illnesses caused by viruses - common colds, bronchitis, and many ear and sinus infections - will not respond to antibiotics.

Finish your pills. Take your entire prescription exactly as directed. Do it even if you start feeling better. If you stop before the infection is



CPRE Hertfordshire Awards

For those caring about their Community and/or the Environment

We love to celebrate efforts made by groups, individuals or businesses to improve life in their community and/or enhance the environment in Hertfordshire.

Someone or something in your community deserves recognition.

You can nominate yourself or someone else, take a look at our website to see who has previously received an award.



Complete a form, downloadable from our website www.cpreherts.org.uk/awards, then email your nominations to gill@cpreherts.org.uk or post to the address below.

Our experienced judges will review the nominations during the summer and the Awards will be presented at an evening event in October

Nominations to arrive by: 31st May 2020

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Right hand picture: Mudlarks - Community Award 2019

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We hope to get back to normal for the summer edition.

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North Herts & District Citizens Advice Bureau

To contact the CAB phone *0344 411 1444* www.northhertscab.org.uk

Kimpton Preschool

Our friendly team, based at Linden Lodge in the grounds of Kimpton Primary School, offers sessional care for children aged two to five years old.

We are open during term time, Monday to Friday. Our morning sessions run from 8.50am to 11.50am and Lunch Clubs from 11.50am to 1.20pm. We now also offer 30 hours childcare, with afternoon sessions running from 1.20pm to 3.05pm, where there is enough interest. For more details, please contact Shahnaz Vayani, Preschool Manager, on 01438 833936 or email communications@kimpton-preschool.co.uk

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