

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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Parish Church

Sunday 9.30am

Family Communion
BLAST in Church House

2nd and 4th Sundays 8am

BCP Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 9.30am

Informal worship
followed by Parish Breakfast

Wednesday 9am

Morning Prayer

Ayot St Lawrence

2nd Sunday 11.30am

Holy Communion

Perry Green Chapel

Sunday 6pm

Evening Service

For special services see Sunday pew sheet

Prayer Corner

If you would like to have a few moments of prayer or contemplation, please feel free to come to our new Prayer Corner in the Church. There is an opportunity to light a candle for a loved one and sit for a while to think about them and perhaps offer a prayer.

Instead of the Prayer Board, we have a book, where you are invited to write your prayer requests, this will be dated monthly so that there is a permanent record. The Church is open every day and all are welcome to come and experience the peace of our Prayer Corner and beautiful Church.

Front cover: Casting a spell at the May Festival. More pictures on pages 12, 13 & 14



**Lay Reader
Andy
Morton
asks**

**Who IS my
neighbour?**

When Jesus was asked this question by a young lawyer, Jesus' answer was to tell him the most famous of all

his parables – 'The Good Samaritan'. It is a story of great kindness by a stranger, but also of hypocrisy and lack of caring by those who should have helped. (Read it for yourself in Luke 10. 25-37)

And the conclusion he comes to is that EVERYBODY is our neighbour – everyone who needs our help.

Well, that's a bit of a tough ask, to feel that we must take on ourselves all the troubles of the world and respond to them. Just to hear about them in the news is enough to make us turn away!

But charity, they say, begins at home! So let's, for a change, turn it round. Let's start with our NEXT DOOR neighbour – with people in Kimpton.

Ask yourself, how often do you talk to your next door neighbour? Have you actually met him or her? Are you on good terms with them? Would you know if they are ill, or lonely, in trouble or upset?

Do you greet them when you see them?

I'm not suggesting that we become nosy neighbours, but I am suggesting that we can make ourselves available to support the people who live closest to us.

And support doesn't just have to be when things are bad. In the street where I live, Hampden, from time to time, someone will

throw a party and invite everyone in the street. It's a great way to get to know each other, to chat, to enjoy each other's company, to build up those links of trust that are essential in GOOD NEIGHBOURS.

Kimpton is a wonderful village. We have so many fantastic clubs and societies, organisations and groups for a huge range of activities. What about those who aren't members, who don't – or can't – take part in them? Are they the people who fall through the cracks, who get forgotten?

Could your next-door neighbour be someone who needs a person to chat to? And could that person be you? Or me?

After telling the lawyer about The Good Samaritan, Jesus urged him 'Go and do likewise!'

Andy Morton



**Are you up
for a
NOISE??**

See page 21

A Huge Thank You from the Church Cream Teas Team

I was not able to thank each one of you personally for your contribution to our May Festival Cream Teas. The quantity and quality of donated home-made scones, cakes, tray bakes etc., was fantastic.

The weather was very kind and over the two afternoons we made a profit of £1,445.12p, half of which went into the main May Festival Fund.

Thanks are also due to those who humped chairs and tables, erected tents, washed up hundreds of pieces of crockery, served the teas and put up the bunting.

It was a great team effort and your help was really appreciated.

Liz Jamieson, teas co-ordinator

From the Registers

Baptisms

27th May Naomi Charlotte Henderson

Burials, Interments and Cremations

6th April Basil Sinclair Breeze

Community Food Box

Kimpton Parish Church has set up a Community Food Box for the benefit of the village.

Please feel free to make use of it during the day, either by contributing non-perishable items, or by taking items for your own use.

The box is situated on the tables at the back of the church.

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks, a donation received from Perry Green Baptist Chapel.

For All the Saints

At BLAST this term we have been looking at saints and how they have made an impact on the world for the better. We have explored what it means to be a saint and how we can learn from them. And how through them we can understand what God hopes for from his people. We started with St Christopher, the patron Saint of travel which fitted perfectly with May Festival - I am sure St Christopher would have enjoyed the procession through our high street.

We have also looked at St Francis, the patron Saint of animals, and St Joseph the patron Saint of carpenters. We are soon to find out more about Joan of Arc, and are also looking forward to learning about a more recent saint - Teresa of Calcutta.

Some of our BLAST members have their own Saint day and we have had fun discovering what their Saint represents.

We are sure it is a topic that will run for a few more weeks - the church recognises more than 10,000 saints! There is simply so much to explore, and we always organise a fun craft to go with it. You might have seen the staffs in church that we created for St Christopher.

Do come and join us in Church House on Sunday mornings during term time - 9.30am. All children age 3-11 years welcome; mums and dads can join us or we will happily host the children and then join the congregation at about 10am - and enjoy showing off what we have learnt and created.

'To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it' St Teresa of Calcutta

We wish you all a very happy summer.

Charlotte Knight

Magazine deadlines 2018

Autumn September 21st

Winter November 23rd

It is important that all copy and photographs in, JPEG form, are in by those dates or before the deadline.

The magazine is usually distributed 2 to 3 weeks after the deadline.

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Kimpton

Autumn

Show

Memorial Hall

Sat 1st

Sept 2.15

drink tea

Eat cake

Free schedules out soon



Would you like an allotment at Peters Green?

There are both large and small allotment plots available

Contact Charlie or Lorna at pgallotments@gmail.com

**The Cricket Club are
Brains of Kimpton 2018
The WI and Church worthy runners-up**



Photo: Andy Wright

Kimpton Village Choir – Come and join us!

Kimpton Village Choir goes from strength to strength. Our next event will be our second summer picnic on Sunday 1st July in the grounds of Ayot St Lawrence Church (fingers crossed the weather will be great! If not we'll be singing inside the church). Please see the featured ad on page 9 for details.



For those of you with finely tuned ears, we continue to improve thanks to Tim's (pictured left) expert guidance and patience – and the rehearsals are always fun. We have some excellent male

singers but we could do with MORE! So if you

are wavering (in decision making only!), please come and try it out on a Monday evening at 8pm in the school hall – All are welcome!

Over the last year we have sung at Ayot St Lawrence and Kimpton churches, and we have been able to donate some money both to them and to Herts Musical Memories, a recently founded charity providing singing sessions for people with dementia and their carers. We also held a very successful morning workshop in February led by the very entertaining Tim and Roly which we hope to repeat next year with some wonderful well known songs to learn in harmony.

For further information on any of the above, please contact Yve 01582 834208 / yharper@progress-projects.com

Wendy Hyams



New Council

The Parish Council has now established new roles following the recent local elections. Many thanks to the outgoing councillors: David Hardstaff, Donatella Pirola and Jon Palmer who between them have provided over 20 years of dedicated contribution to the community in serving on the council. It would be appropriate to recognise some of their achievements over the last year including the successful lobbying for faster broadband to the village, the introduction of websites for the village and a website of local trades and organisations, and the introduction of the first Kimpton Christmas Market.

We would like to welcome two new councillors: Carly Procter and Alex Firth; who along with myself Neil Burns, have joined the Council.

Future Plans

With the start of this new term the new Council is turning its focus to what the community needs to address over the next four years. Issues of traffic and parking have already been identified as of significant concern to the community. A 'Highways and Parking Working Party' led by Cllr Alex Frith has been established and options for possible improvement will be developed, leading to a consultation with villagers.

If parishioners have any ingenious ideas for improving the community or strong beliefs upon other areas that need improvement, your thoughts would be warmly welcomed. Please drop a note to the Parish Council Clerk on any item that might help to improve Parish life.

Village concerns.

In recent months several house burglaries, a vehicle break in and vehicle damage, and certain anti-social behaviour has occurred in the village. Discussions have already taken place with the Police, North Herts District Council and North Herts Homes (Settle) to explore further steps that might be taken.

Anti-social behaviour can occur in a wide range of forms from lighting a garden fire adjacent to neighbours' washing, to playing overly loud music late at night. We can all sometimes forget the impact of our actions upon others. It is important that we realise someone's life might be made very unpleasant by our actions and often a simple change to our timing can avoid such an impact.

Parish Events

A big heartfelt congratulations to the May Festival Committee and all those taking part in what many have said was "the best May Festival ever". There are many hours of time and tremendous effort put in by the volunteers and participants who come up with ideas and organise events that many of us are unconscious of as we enjoy the fruits of their labour. Many of those attending this year have given their praise of the weekend, with everyone having a view of the "most The village is very fortunate to have a number of community events held during the year including Kimpton May Festival, Kimpton Folk Festival, Kimpton Horse Show, Kimpton Autumn Show and Kimpton Christmas Market. People from outside of the Parish often comment that the community's willingness and spirit to take on such ventures makes it stand out noticeably from other villages.

The Parish Council is very pleased to support and participate in these events. Over recent years an increasing amount of equipment has been obtained and these are available for formal Parish events. The inventory includes marquees, gazebos, chairs, tables and a commercial water boiler.

This year marks 100 years since the end of World War 1 and on the evening of Sunday the 11th November 2018 the Nation is holding events throughout the country to mark the start of the peace gained by our forbears.

Cllr Sue O'Brien and Cllr Ian Corbett are working with The Royal British Legion and various other village groups to provide an event in the centre of our village.

Neil Burns



Julia Ramsay



Di King



Barbara Weeks

ArT in Kimpton

Dacre Rooms

September

Saturday 22nd 11-6

Sunday 23rd 11-5

Refreshments

Made by Mitch

Herts

Open Studios



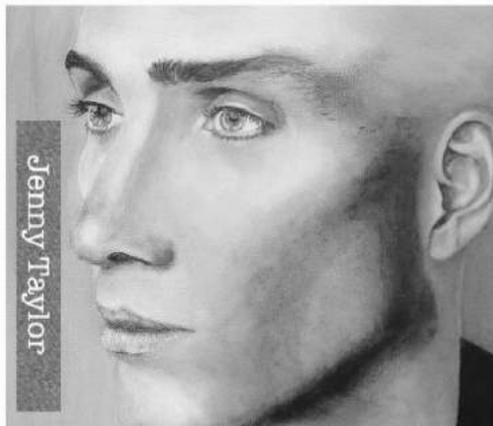
Sandra
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Lesley
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Jenny
Taylor



Claire
Spake

visit the village website kimptonvillage.com



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MUSIC FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON

A SUMMER CONCERT IN THE GROUNDS
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OWN PICNIC

Sorry, no dogs in the churchyard,
but are welcome in the field behind

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Wheelchair accessible
toilet available

FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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A message from your MP Bim Afolami

When I was elected as your MP in June last year, I could never have imagined how much my life would change in such a short space of time. Being a Member of Parliament is like no other job in the world, but its uniqueness makes it so incredible. And I am incredibly fortunate to represent the wonderful seat of Hitchin and Harpenden, including some of Hertfordshire's most lovely villages.

A lot of people ask me what it is like to be an MP, and what I get up to everyday, so I thought I would take this opportunity to give my constituents a taste of what I do in an average week (although each day is different to the next!).

I generally spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday working in Parliament, and the rest of my week in the constituency or with my family. Balancing family life can

be tricky when you're away from home so much, but I am very fortunate that my constituency is close to London.

A huge part of my role as an MP in Westminster is being part of the Public Accounts Committee, which I am very privileged to be a member of. The role of the committee is to scrutinise public spending, and make sure the taxpayer is getting value for money. The committee is very important, and is what Parliament is really about. The circus like atmosphere of Prime Minister's Questions isn't representative of the real work that goes on behind the scenes, and it gives people the wrong impression of what the world of politics is like!

After a busy few days of meeting, media and debate, I head back to the constituency. There are a number of really serious issues affecting Hitchin and Harpenden at the moment, including concerns about train services, Luton airport expansion, and worries about the Green Belt, but I also find time to do some slightly more relaxing activities!

Recently I went to Kimpton Primary School, to give an award to the amazing Yvonne Matthews, who has taught there for 20 years. Yvonne was recognised as the best teaching assistant throughout all of the East England region. She is so well known and respected in the villages, and it was a joy to visit the school and give her the public recognition she deserves.

I also hold surgeries in the constituency, which gives constituents time to meet with me personally to discuss their concerns. I receive a huge number of emails and letters from constituents, but meeting people face to face gives us a chance to really get to the root of the issue. These surgeries are a key part of my week, and I think allow politics to make a real impact on peoples' lives.

It can be tiring and hectic sometimes, and I know every MP says representing their constituency is the best job in the world, but I think representing Hitchin and Harpenden is a hard job to beat!

visit the village website kimptonvillage.com

A very Successful May Festival

As Chairman of this great Festival I am constantly looking at all the weather forecasts for weeks in advance of the event and just praying that the rain keeps away. It just goes to show the power of prayer because this year it was perfect. For the whole weekend we were bathed in the most beautiful sunshine which allowed thousands of people to put on their summer clothes and flock to Kimpton. I said last year that this was an amazing year to be Chairman but this year has been a record breaker both with the weather but also with money raised. Our fantastic Treasurer James Clayton has just informed me that the full accounts are not yet completed but the monies raised are the best ever.

A successful weekend doesn't just rely on the weather, even though it is a great help. It takes a lot of hard work, from all parts of our village and I want to thank all those people, for without them and their help this event would not happen. But it would be remiss of me not to mention our great Committee (the purple army) for all they do throughout the year and particularly over that long weekend. We have a strong, eclectic and dedicated group who do not always see eye to eye but when it comes to the crunch produce a great event. The best there is. This year we have had a few new members who have become essential parts of the committee but we are always looking out for more. Despite what I have said we do have fun otherwise we would not be doing it. If interested please contact any member of the committee or me on my mobile 07785960353.

As one year's finishes we are already planning for their next. This is your time to have your say about our great festival. We are always looking for new ideas and comments on the festival in general or any particular events. We are also looking for ideas for the themes for the next two years. Any thoughts to me or any other member of the committee or to our website. My email address is johnrhills@btinternet.com.

Finally I am sure we all have our favourite moment of the weekend, mine was when those two iconic aircraft, the Spitfire and the Hurricane flew over our little village.

Summed up the whole weekend bloody marvellous!!!
John Hills. - Chairman

May Festival photos on pages 12,13,14 & 15

John Otway and Wild Willy Barrett at Kimpton in November

Tickets are sold, venues are ready and we're all set for a day of frolics and fun at Kimpton Folk Festival 2018. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, you still can - just visit www.kimptonfolk.uk



Looking ahead, we have two absolute music legends coming to town on Saturday 3 November - John Otway and Wild Willy Barrett. In their heyday, these guys were known and loved the world over.

Perhaps their best known album is the one simply entitled

John Otway and Wild Willy Barrett.

Recording began with a series of sessions at Pete Townshend's Eel Pie Studios in which The Who guitarist contributed as an arranger, producer and performer. Townshend produced the first two Track label singles by the duo, "Murder Man" and "Louisa On a Horse", which were included on the album.

A third single, "Really Free", reached No.27 in the UK charts in December 1977 after the pair performed a set live on the BBC TV show The Old Grey Whistle Test. The performance was notable for an incident in which Otway vaulted on to a PA tower and overbalanced. The Independent reported: "He brought down the speaker stack but fractured no bones when he landed on the sharp corner of a bass cabinet, as the impact was cushioned by his private parts."

Polydor reissued the album after signing the band in 1977. The Allmusic website rated it seven out of 10, describing it as a patchwork collection that "dances on a peculiar precipice somewhere between folk and country, pop and pub rock".

For tickets and information, go to www.kimptonfolk.uk

PHEW! THAT WAS A SCORCHER



YOUR MAY FESTIVAL PHOTOS



More photos on
pages 14 & 15



*Many thanks to Wendy Harry, Dee Hibbert, Lela Rose, Joleen Rumble and Stacey Stagg for sharing their photos.
More photos on next page.*

Watch out there's a Yarn Bomber about!

Photos: Juliet Morton



About 18 months ago, there was a suggestion to cover Kimpton with knitting and crochet for May Festival 2018. Over 100 adults, children at the school, scouts and junior church have taken part to produce the display.

More of your May Festival photos



Kimpton Bowls Club

Many thanks to all visitors to the club during May Festival and our Open Day. The club always welcomes visitors to play or watch with the best view in the village!

The season has started well with a few good wins in both Triples League and Friendly matches.

Beginners and experienced players are welcome to call in at the club on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, or at any other time with a member. Contact our secretary Brenda Lennox on 01582 623106 or any committee member. Fixture card with contact details available to view at The Boot courtesy of Treena and Craig.

Special membership offers available as the season progresses; don't miss out!

Finals Weekend is 15th and 16th of September.

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Dacre Rooms

Hopefully most of you will have had a chance to see all the renovations made to the Dacre Rooms either at May Festival or at one of the Friday coffee mornings, but if you haven't, please pop down any Friday morning, you will be pleasantly surprised!

The Dacre Rooms bookings are going from strength to strength and are perfect for; smaller family celebrations, birthday parties, engagement parties, meetings, clubs, Kimpton Folk pop up concerts, Social evenings, craft clubs etc..... the list is endless!

If you would like to book the Rooms, please email: bookings@dacrerooms.info or telephone our Booking Secretary, Claire Fox on **07854257437**.

On a regular basis there are:

Friday coffee mornings, 9:30am - noon, the homemade cakes are just amazing!

On alternate Fridays following a coffee morning from 1pm – 4pm, we have a Farmers Market - not to be missed! The quality of the produce and meats are fantastic.

Regular Yoga sessions, please contact Dulcie at www.yogawithdulcie.co.uk if you want to join one of the classes.

We have a Dacre Rooms page on Facebook, this is a great way to find out what is happening, why not have a look.

We would like to thank everyone for their support over the May Festival, as this was a great success, not only for the Dacre Rooms, but also for the World Challenge Students who used the Rooms on the Monday.

Not so many years ago these Rooms were not being used and the village was in danger of losing this fabulous facility, I am sure you will agree that the effort involved by the small committee has been a real success.

Dee Hibbert

Kimpton W.I.

Earlier this year a group of our members went to see "The Full Monty" in Harpenden and, as you can imagine, thoroughly enjoyed every minute. We then learned about the life of a store detective and all it entails, followed by a busy time baking for our May Festival cake stall.

We were delighted that our team of Liz Haynes, Joan Amoss and Mary Guenier got to the final of Brains of Kimpton and Liz, Joan and Carol Bennett have also got into the final round of the H.F.W.I. Three Counties Quiz. Well done ladies.

Our Annual Meeting was held in May and this was followed in June by a talk entitled "Bagels and Bacon" when Jeff Rozelaar told members about growing up in postwar East End London. Members then had an interesting visit to the Roman town of Colchester.

At our meeting in August, Vic Botterill will be talking about Body Language and in September the talk is entitled "Reach for the Stars" by Paul Read.

Out Book Club, Table Tennis and Handicraft groups continue to thrive.

We are a friendly W.I. and a warm welcome awaits women of all ages on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45 pm in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall. For further information contact our Secretary, Liz Haynes (01438 832500). *Janet Holmes-Walker*



Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

Half the year has gone with not too much activity, apart from our bi-monthly meetings in the Boot Public House which are both businesslike and hilarious.

Our current membership is around 35 paid up members, but we are always looking for new faces to join us as most of the membership are non active, and we need new blood to keep the Kimpton Branch on the map.

There are many new homes in Kimpton with young and new families, so if you would like to get involved and require information about the Royal British Legion, please contact Dave Gibbs our secretary on 01438 832236 or 07824 387460, and you do not have to be Ex-Service personnel.

This next half of the year will be quite busy preparing for the Poppy Appeal and the Remembrance day services, and as we mentioned in the last Parish magazine, this year is the Centenary of the ending of hostilities of the 1914 -1918 war, the Royal British Legion nationally are requesting RBL Branches to consider marking this occasion with a celebration of lighting Beacons across the country.

At this point, plans are going ahead in liaison with the Parish Council, and this event will take place in some form on the Sunday evening of November 11th

The evening is to celebrate the Battle's Over (see details below).

To everyone planning to go away for their Summer Holidays, we wish you a happy holiday and safe journeys.

Robin Wells, Chairman

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute

Save the Date

On the evening of **Sunday 11th November 2018** we are aiming to hold an event in the village to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War which will include the lighting of a beacon.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

While fully respecting stories from the past, we are focusing on an optimistic view forward for our young people - 'This is where the world moved on.....'

Representatives from the Parish Council, the Bench Working Party, the Royal British Legion and the Guide and Scout Associations are making initial plans and we hope to update you all shortly.

In the meantime, please save the date. **The approximate timings are 6pm - 7.30pm**

Sue Burns

Royal British Legion, Kimpton

*The deadline for the autumn edition of this magazine is strictly
Friday September 21st*

Kimpton History Group

**Wednesday 18th July
meet outside the School at 7 pm
“Walking tour of Hitchin part 2 with
Elizabeth Eastwood”**

Details for members in the programme, contribution of £4 per head requested. Contact June 01438 832754 if you would like to come, need a lift, or could share transport.

**Wednesday 19th September, at 8 pm
in the Green Room**

“Show, Guess and Tell evening”

Bring along something of historical interest which can be shown to the group with a few words, or we could guess its usage or history.

**Wednesday 17th October, at 8 pm in
the Green Room
“Medieval Walkern”**

Talk by Janet Woodall, founder and chairman of Walkern History Society.

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend any of the talks, for which we charge £3 per visit including tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more information about the Group, please contact Juliet Morton on 01438 832427

Support National Air Ambulance Week

National Air Ambulance Week is a chance for all of the member charities of the Association of Air Ambulances to get together to celebrate and promote the work of their local communities.

This year, we asking our supporters to come together during 10th – 16th September to raise the profile of their local Air Ambulance. After a recent survey conducted by Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT), it was found that more than 50% of participants did not know that EHAAT was funded solely by charity donations. Our mission for this year’s National Air Ambulance Week is to reach out to more people across Essex and Hertfordshire and

raise awareness of the Charity’s vital service and much needed funds.

During last year’s National Air Ambulance Week we raised over £7,000 just through our bucket collections! This year we are looking to raise even more and we need your help!

Volunteer for as little as two hours during National Air Ambulance Week this September and help keep your local life-saving Charity operational. Please contact 0345 2417 690 for more information.

Five more skippers for Britain’s most inland yacht club!

Graduates of Heron Sailing School, five people have just become Day Skippers and capable of taking a yacht to sea. They trained in Navigation through the winter and recently spent five days putting the theory into practice in a 12 metre yacht in the Solent.



Scott Davis, David Reavell and Andy Fitzjohn from Kimpton, and Ian Taylor from Much Hadham and Jackson from Dunstable had a great week with instructor Andy Morton, sailing from Hamble to Yarmouth, Portsmouth and Cowes, practicing all the skills of operating a yacht.

In July, they will join 25 others of the Kimpton Yacht Club in the largest yacht charter the KYC has yet undertaken! *Andy Morton*

A Maritime pilgrimage

Back in February 1944, my godfather, Rodney Bowden, was a young Sub-Lieutenant on a destroyer, HMS Zambezi. The ship had just completed one of the dreaded arctic convoys to Murmansk in Russia, when she was directed to race back round the North Cape of Norway to the island of Soroya, to pick up Norwegians.



These people had just survived the harshest of winters hiding in tiny caves on a bleak island after they had escaped when the German army had burnt to the ground their town of Hammerfest.

HMS Zambezi, along with two other destroyers, rescued 520 people, who were taken to the Shetlands.

This February, my wife, Juliet, and I joined a Hurtigruten ship coming south and we called at Hammerfest, which is now a thriving town once more.

We told our story to the lady at the museum, where

there is a display about this incident and she kept on saying ‘Thank you, thank you!’ – not only for what my godfather and his ship did, but also for coming back to tell the story.

A man standing behind us overheard and took me to one side. “My father too was there at that time”, he said. “He was a Medical Officer on the German battleship ‘Lutzow’”

It was a salutary reminder that there are two sides in any war. We agreed that war was no way to solve the world’s problems!

Andy Morton



Monday evenings
8.00 - 9.30pm
Kimpton Primary School
High Street
Kimpton SG4 8RB

COME AND JOIN US!

If you like to sing, and would like to be part of a local mixed choir, come along, give it a go and find the power in your voice!

Under the expert guidance of **Tim Armstrong-Taylor** we sing together in harmony, and have fun!

No previous singing experience necessary. An ability to read music would be helpful, but not essential.

All ages welcome!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT
Yve on 01582 834208 or email
yharper@progress-projects.com



Plot 31 A community flower farm

Plot 31 is a fledgling community flower farm growing beautiful, fresh, local blooms on sites in Harpenden and in St Paul's Warden.

Plot 31 flowers are completely seasonal, absolutely natural, occasionally wiggly and always gorgeous!

A sustainable approach has always been at the centre of the Plot 31 plan so they grow without chemicals, limit single use plastics and reduce, reuse, recycle where ever they can. After many months of preparation - digging, sowing, weeding and watching, Plot 31 are ready to start getting their fantastic flowers out there for others to enjoy so watch out for them at local markets and events.

The flowery growing space is open to the community and volunteer gardeners enjoy working together to produce stunning crops.

The folk at Plot 31 have long been advocates of the therapeutic benefits of gardening but now it seems there is a wealth of evidence out there to support the idea that it can do wonders for your physical health and mental wellbeing - gardening is officially good for you! If you can't garden at home or feel an allotment is too much to handle then come and do a bit with Plot 31 (relaxed gardening at your own pace.)

Anyone interested in joining in should visit www.plot31.co.uk and email flowers@plot31.co.uk .

Garden House Hospice Care to open its garden and host a range of activities for the community on Sunday 8th July

Garden House Hospice Care will be hosting an 'Open Garden' on Sunday 8 July from 1pm to 5pm and would like to invite the local community to come along and enjoy a variety of activities.

Sue Plummer, Chief Executive Officer, commented "We are looking forward to welcoming our supporters and their friends into our gardens for an afternoon of musical delights, creative crafts, cake and plant stalls, children's activities, Pimms and much, much more!"

"We will also be launching our Commemorative Hospice Ceramic flowers for those who want to consider purchasing something special to remember their loved ones. We will have a few of these uniquely designed flowers on show for people to reserve ahead of a special blessing service later in the year."

If you would like to find out more about the event please email Richard at Harbon@ghhospicecare.org.uk

#GLOWFORIT

Garden House Hospice Care has launched 'Colour Clash Glow', which will be held at Barclay School, Stevenage, on Saturday 21st July at 2pm.

Are you up for some fun and getting - covered in neon colour, splashed with water, covered with foam and running through UV tunnels – all for a good cause? If the answer is yes please sign up to join the party as you run/dance/walk/wiggle your way around the course through the variety of fun stations.

On the day there will be colour paint stations where you will be covered in the brightest neon powder paint, UV blacked out tunnels to make you and all your neon stained clothes glow, a foam station and a water station.... because getting you covered in paint just wasn't enough!

Saturday 21st July at 2pm (registration from 12:30pm) at The Barclay School, Walkern Rd, Stevenage SG1 3RB.

To register and also find out more about Garden House Hospice Care, please visit www.ghhospicecare.org.uk



Are you up for a NOISE??

For the ninth year, volunteers will be gathering for a day of action!

On Saturday 14th July, we will be meeting at the church ready to respond to tasks for people around the parish – tasks that the householders can't do for themselves.



In the past, we have tackled out-of-control gardens, painting fences and sheds, all sorts of things. Watch out for the blue T-shirts around the village – our teams are at work!

And YOU could join them for a hugely enjoyable day when you help other people. All food – breakfast, lunch and BBQ supper – is free thanks to generous sponsorship from the May Festival, Kimpton Players and the Horse Show.

It's a great way to show Christ's love in ACTION! So let us know if you want to get involved!

Andy and Juliet Morton



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Community Policing

To contact our Safer Neighbourhood Team Ward Constable PC David Hine or our PCSO Heather Burrows use the automated system at Herts Police HQ on **01707 354192** and clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to.

Alternatively you can e-mail

David.Hines@herts.pnn.police.uk or **Heather.Burrows@herts.pnn.police.uk** Other useful contacts are inside the back cover such as the Police & Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd.

OWL (On line Watch Link)

We now have a new Watch Liaison Officer (WLO) Verity Soued, contact e-mail

Verity.Soued@herts.pnn.police.uk

In her absence contact the West Herts WLO, **Terry.Morris@herts.pnn.police.uk**

Over 11,000 North Herts residents are already attached to OWL and receive police messages direct. Please pass on these details to neighbours not yet registered with OWL.

Local Crime

Although we are a low crime area do not be complacent and do please take all necessary measures to protect your property and vehicles and report any suspicious persons or incidents. There have been reports of stolen motor cycles and scooters in the area.

Personal and Property Security

A company called Ring is offering attractive discounts to OWL members on their new product, a combined Door Bell and CCTV device allowing you to see and communicate with a doorstep caller without opening the door. For more details contact **www.ring.com**

General Alerts

There is much information/alerts on combating Cyber Crime and fraud and identity theft scams on the OWL website and the Herts Constabulary Crime Reduction & Community Safety Dept. which can be accessed via **herts.police.uk/protect your money**.

New Fraud Alert

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

Residents receiving OWL messages will have all the details but if you would like a copy please let me know.

Distraction Burglaries

Please keep an eye on the elderly and those living alone and advise them to be extremely wary of and challenge any unexpected callers and ask for identity. If they can't provide it **don't open the door**. Ring 101 to report your suspicions and for reassurance. If the caller is persistent and/or aggressive ring 999 immediately.

Caring Neighbours

Be kind enough to check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and remind them not to engage in conversation with any dubious phone caller. If in any doubt advise them to put the phone down and then call 101

Night Security and Absence

If you intend to leave your property unoccupied for any length of time please secure all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make your property looks 'lived in' by parking a vehicle on the drive and installing timer operated security lights. 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 a poke with a grabber. Please let me know if you would like one.

Making life more bearable

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

Police advice to all of us

Please be alert and report any suspicious person or activity and don't let some of the worries above spoil you enjoying the summer.

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The Church in Kimpton

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Baptist Church

Perry Green at Peters Green

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01582 422635

Branch Leader

Miss Pam Greener
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The Parish Magazine Team is trying to help the environment

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Police Telephone Numbers

Urgent 999 Non Urgent 101

Ward Constable David Hine
Community Support Officer PCSO Heather Burrows
01707 354192 (automated system)

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team
Sergeant Steve Oliphant
01438 757604 (usually voicemail)

Police and Crime Commissioner
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commissioner@herts.pnn.police.uk 01992 556600

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Helping Hand

North Herts Community Volunteer Services

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring *01462 689400*

The Samaritans

If you would like to talk to the Samaritans or find out more about becoming a volunteer, please ring *01582 720666* or freephone *116 123* anytime day or night or email *jo@samaritans.org*

North Herts & District Citizens Advice Bureau

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

Kimpton Monkeys Toddlers' Group

Come and meet local, friendly faces and enjoy general play, craft, ride-on toys, baby corner, singing etc for pre-school children and babies. Entrance is £3.00 plus 50p for each additional child and includes tea/coffee and snacks for everyone. Held at Kimpton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 9.15am-11.15am during term time. Contact *bethsperoni@hotmail.co.uk* or find us on Facebook by searching *KIMPTON MONKEYS 2018*.

Kimpton Preschool

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

We are open during term time, Monday to Friday, with morning sessions from 8.50am to 11.50am and Lunch Clubs from 11.50am to 1.20pm. For more details, please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager, on *01438 833936*.

The Dacre Rooms

To book The Dacre Rooms please email *bookings@dacrerooms.info* or telephone our Booking Secretary, Claire Fox on *07854257437*.

Kimpton Memorial Hall

For bookings contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 6 The Wick, Kimpton. *01438 832620*
barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com

Useful Links

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herts.police.uk

stalbans.anglican.org

kimpton.herts.sch.uk

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