

# *Kimpton Parish Magazine*

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*Jo and Carina have fun  
at the Noise Project.  
See pages 3 and 5*





### **Sunday**

9.30am

Parish Church

Family Communion  
B.L.A.S.T.

### **2nd Sunday**

11.30am

Ayot St Lawrence

Holy Communion

### **3rd Sunday**

9.30am

Parish Church

Informal worship  
followed by Parish Breakfast

### **Sunday**

6pm

Perry Green Chapel

Evening Service

### **Tuesday**

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

### **Wednesday**

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

### **Thursday**

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

4.30pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

For special services please 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.

# Noise!

A few years ago, if you had mentioned The Noise Project, people would look blankly at you.

Now, it seems as if most people know about it.

For the sake of the few that are still in the dark about it, the Noise Project is the time when volunteers respond to the needs of individuals in the parish, helping them with tasks that they find too much for them - sorting out gardens, painting fences and sheds - a whole variety of tasks. It is run from the Parish Church, so we have three short acts of worship during the day and all the food (breakfast, lunch and BBQ supper) is free for the volunteers.

This year, we had over 60 volunteers of all ages and we coped with 19 tasks, which ranged from half an hour to half a day! We were blessed that the rain we had was very short-lived, the food was excellent and the company was first-class!

If you want to bring a smile to faces - your own as well as those whom we help - then join in!

Put the date in your diary for 2018 - SATURDAY JULY 14th.

I look forward to seeing you!

Andy Morton 01438 832427

*Turn to page 5 for Juliet Morton's photos of a very busy day*

## Reverend Canon Denys Redford Graebe



Many will remember with affection the ministry of Denys, the last full-time Vicar of Kimpton (1983 - 1993) who retired to Suffolk with his wife Barbara.

Denys died on 17th August, aged 90 years.

A Thanksgiving Service was held in Fressingfield Parish Church on 5th September.

*Denys and his wife Barbara are pictured with the late Ron Hyde at a May Festival.*

## Kimpton Church Youth Group

The Kimpton Church Youth Group welcomes anyone aged between 10 and 16 that would like to get involved with charity and community projects. We meet on the first Sunday of each month between 10.45 and 12.15pm at Church House.

Our focus this term is homelessness. We had great fun in September baking fruity flapjacks and rockyroads for Azalea, a local charity based in Luton. Please join us on Sunday 19th November when we will also be providing a Parish Breakfast to raise funds for Azalea. On Sunday 1st October we watched 'A Street Cat named Bob' in church.

We are really excited to be taking part in a sleep out on Friday 1st December at Hemel Hempstead School to support DENS, a local homeless charity.

If you would like to help or require more information please contact Kate James at [katherinejames@gmail.com](mailto:katherinejames@gmail.com).

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

9th July Isla Ethel Parrish  
10th Sept. Autumn Jane Compton

### Weddings

29th July Donna Cooper to Rob Matthewson  
11th August Tamsin Laura Dollimore to Daniel George Stagg

### Burials, Interments and Cremations

21st June Anthony 'Tony' Dainton  
17th July Malcolm Harold Voss  
29th July Patsy Strange  
5th Sept. Martyn John McKnight

## Door Wreaths and Table Centres for Christmas

Once again the Church Flower Arrangers will be making beautiful wreathes and table centres which this year will be on sale at Kimpton's Christmas- Market-on-the-Green. This event, on Saturday December 2nd, is new for 2017 and will be a splendid event with music, stalls, food and crafts to suit everyone and will run from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. We look forward to seeing many old friends and welcoming new. See you there.

*Sue Davies, Valerie Pollington  
and the team!*

## Jigsaw Swap

Donations welcome

As winter approaches it's time for me to think about the jigsaw swap located in the book corner of our beautiful church.

We could do with some good quality, complete jigsaws (500/1000 pieces seem to be the most popular) so I would welcome donations please. I know that things do go quiet during the summer months, but if you have any jigsaws "out" on swap at present and have finished with them, could I request that you return them when

convenient please?

Many thanks and Happy Puzzling!

*Margaret Smith  
01438 832749  
margaret.smith5@talktalk.net*

**The deadline for the winter edition of this magazine is  
Friday November 17th**

*Copy and images to be in by then please  
kimpton.editor@btinternet.com*

## Help in the Churchyard

**Good outdoor exercise  
for all ages!**

Why not spend an hour or two on Friday mornings in the churchyard?

Between 9 and 10.30am help with leaf clearance, ivy removal, shrub trimming etc. Time afterwards for coffee and a chat either on site or, on selected Fridays, at the Dacre Rooms coffee shop.

Regular or occasional help is very welcome.

Contact Valerie Pollington on  
01438 832249

## Community Food Box

**Kimpton Church has recently 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 any of the items for your own use, as appropriate.

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



# A loud 'Noise' made by all!



*A happy band of volunteers relax for their photo-op, whilst church warden Jenny Kelly prepares to feed the five thousand!*

*Some of the younger volunteers hard at work. On the front cover - Jo Crichton and Carina Helm.*

*Photos: Juliet Morton*



For those who may have missed the last newsletter, can I remind you of the new village websites. These are independent of the Parish Council site, and can be found at:

**[www.kimptonvillage.com](http://www.kimptonvillage.com)**

**[www.kimptondirectory.com](http://www.kimptondirectory.com)**

We particularly want to ensure that the business details are as up to date as possible – there are lots of people working and trading within the village, and a lot of local resource that can be made use of if it's known about. Please contact the Parish Clerk ([clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk)) with any updates or additions.

I will also repeat the early notice of a meeting for the coordinators of all the various village events, which will take place on 22nd January 2018 at 19:00 in the Memorial Hall Green Room. This worked well last year, and enables organisations to plan, pool resources and avoid duplication of effort. Put it in your diary, if you are an event organiser, and there will be more information nearer the time.

Preparations are well under way for the inaugural Christmas Market, running between 14:00 and 20:00 on Saturday 2nd December on The Green.

There will be craft stalls (in tepees, in case of 'weather'!) and music and refreshments and a range of other suitably seasonal activities for all the family.

You may recall that we regularly raise the topic of traffic in the village, and we recently undertook to put together a working party to complement the existing DriveSafe initiatives, and to enable us to apply some pressure to address the concerns of residents.

We wrote to Peter Lilley on more than one occasion, to lobby for legislation forcing commercial vehicles to have commercial satnav systems on UK roads. Although this would probably not keep them off the High Street (which is a designated B road) it ought to keep them out of the lanes to Harpenden,

which would be a bonus.

However, the response from Chris Grayling, the Transport Secretary, was that "the Parish Council may wish to raise this issue with Hertfordshire County Council, to ascertain if traffic signs are appropriate to ensure HGVs only use appropriate routes" – a response that any resident will appreciate is next to useless, as there are plenty of signs already.

I raised this issue again this week with our new MP, Bim Afolami, so we will see if any further movement takes place on this, but it doesn't look as if there is any appetite for a statutory intervention.

The response to my earlier request for people to join a working party to look at traffic problems was not met by an overwhelming response, so if anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk.

On other matters, we have once again



resurfaced the access road to the Parkfield Sports Ground Car Park, and have liaised with the bin collection teams to ensure that they keep speeds to a minimum, and so far they appear to be sticking to that. We hope that, with careful use buy the

heavy traffic, the surface will prove to be more durable.

As ever, keep an eye on our website at [www.kimptonpc.org.uk](http://www.kimptonpc.org.uk) for any items of urgent information or interest. If you are one of the few not on there already, you should also check out the Kimpton Village Group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kimptonvillage/> where there is plenty of (sometimes lively) discussion on local issues and concerns.

*David Hardstaff*





We're very excited to announce Kimpton's first Christmas Market!

**Saturday 2nd December**

**2-8pm**

**The Green**

Join us and discover locally sourced **handmade gifts** for the whole family, a wide range of top-quality **festive food and drink**, and wonderful **live music** to bring you Christmas cheer.

Sponsored by Kimpton Parish Council

[www.kimptonvillage.com](http://www.kimptonvillage.com)

# Kimpton Bowls Club

The Bowls Club's end of season Finals event culminated with presentation of trophies at the clubhouse followed by a BBQ supper at The Boot.

Our new members have integrated well and entered the competitions with enthusiasm and a degree of success!

Our friendly inter-club matches were enjoyable; mostly played in fine weather, as were the Evening League matches.

Once again the club hosted seven clubs/societies on the green to introduce them to bowls and "the old folk who live on the hill"!

The club's AGM is in November, when we will formulate our new committee. One or two committee members will be stepping down after many years of loyal service. However, there are willing nominees ready and waiting.

Club members will enjoy their annual Christmas Dinner at The Boot in December and our Greenkeeper/Captain and his "crew" will be busy throughout the winter preparing the green etc. ready to re-open in April.

The winners of club trophies are as follows ( r/u = runner up)

Roving Jack:	John Truscott. r/u John Oliver
Drawn Pairs:	Bob Porter & Sandra Croft. r/u Phil Matthews & Mary Picken
Fixed Jack:	Robert Matthews. r/u Beverly Pate
Triples:	Angus Lennox, Andy Fitzjohn and Jane Robinson. r/u Matthews Brothers
Three Woods:	Bob Porter. r/u Phil Matthews
Two Woods:	Andy Fitzjohn. r/u Jane Robinson
Handicap:	Phil Matthews. r/u Andy Fitzjohn
Veterans:	Andy Fitzjohn. r/u Audrey Hill
Yardstick:	Robert Matthews. r/u Dave Matthews
Ladies Singles:	Jane Robinson. r/u Marian Ginn
Mens Singles:	Phil Matthews. r/u Andy Fitzjohn

Club Member of The Year: Bob Porter

## KIMPTON HISTORY GROUP

**Wednesday 18th October, at 8 pm in the Green Room**

"Apsley Cherry-Garrard 1886 – 1959"

Jane Simpson will talk about some aspects of this complex character's life including Lamer House before the First World War and the winter journey to Cape Crozier.

**Wednesday 15th November, at 8pm in the Green Room**

"A Tale of Two Tugs"

Jon Marsh will tell us the story of skulduggery, deception and maybe divine intervention involved in the rescue of the last two working steam paddle tugs in the UK.

**Wednesday 20th December**

Christmas Party

Details will be emailed to members nearer the time.

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

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





## We need your help!

Scouts have walked on the moon, rowed across oceans,

scaled the highest mountains. They have been prime ministers and Oscar winners, authors and inventors, World Cup heroes and scientists. And many of them will always remember the Scout leaders who inspired them along the way.

We have been very fortunate to have a strong and stable leadership team at 1st Kimpton Scout Group for a number of years. However, we have reached a point where the majority of our leaders are no longer able to volunteer their time, due to other commitments. We hope to gather sufficient parental support to continue until Christmas but, from January, we may be forced to suspend sessions if we are unable to find volunteers for the following roles:

Beavers – 1 leader, 2 assistant leaders

Cubs – 2 assistant leaders

Scouts – 1 assistant leader

This is a wonderful opportunity for a new team to shape the future of our group, and enable local children to continue discovering the joy of everyday adventures in and around our beautiful village. You don't need prior Scouting experience; we have an established programme of activities and full training to equip you with everything you need. We are also not short on numbers; we have plenty of keen Beavers, Cubs and Scouts on our books and a waiting list of those wanting to join. We just need a small amount of your time to make the magic happen.

Visit our open session at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 5 October, 5.15pm to 9pm, where you can see the group in action. Or contact our Group Scout Leaders Amanda Gummer and Mark Hubbard on [gsl@kimptonscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@kimptonscouts.org.uk) to find out more. You can also visit our Facebook page for details on our group. Even if you can only help on an occasional basis, we'd love you to join us on our adventures and keep Kimpton Scout Group up and running.

### A special farewell to Redwood

Many of you in the village will know our Beaver Leader, Scott Goodge (or 'Redwood' to the

Beavers), who has shown exceptional dedication in enabling Kimpton children to enjoy Scouting over the past 20 years. Scott is now moving on to a new career opportunity in Manchester, where we are very pleased to say that he plans to continue in Scouting. We are incredibly grateful to Scott for everything he has done for 1st Kimpton Scout Group, and on behalf of everybody connected with our group, past and present, we wish him the best of luck for the future.

*Amanda Gummer*  
Group Scout Leader



**Bah humbug!**  
**Christmas is coming!**  
***"A Christmas Carol" will be The Kimpton Players next production. Performances are on November 30th and December 1st and 2nd.***

Rehearsals are well now under way to bring to life this famous old Dickens story. Follow Ebenezer Scrooge on his epic journey from the infamous old skinflint to learning the error of his ways and the effect he has on the people around him.

Tickets will go on sale soon. Keep an eye out for the posters that will be going up soon.

2018 is already looking like an exciting year with Old Time Music Hall returning in February and two other productions lined up.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for behind-the-scenes fun and all the latest news.  
[thekimptonplayers.co.uk](http://thekimptonplayers.co.uk)

## Kimpton Environmentalists Apple Juice

Thank you everyone who generously donated apples and/or their time picking with us in a rushed few days between showers. We collected a bumper crop though it seems some trees had a good yield this year while others were very poor. We should have the bottled juice on sale at the next Farmers' Market in the Dacre Rooms.

Both our wildflower areas along the Memorial Hall Path and at Parkfield car park look rather unkempt at the moment. The weather has benefitted the grass more than the flowers. We shall tackle them again this autumn. Please do not dump your garden waste on the Parkfield bank, it makes our task harder.

For more details contact Davina Malcolm  
01438 832309



## May Festival update

Doesn't time fly. It seems only a short while ago that the May Festival took place and last night we had the first meeting of the 2018 Festival committee combined with our AGM. It was nice to see some new faces in what was a packed room in the Boot and as it was the AGM we had a busy agenda. Officers and Trustees were re-elected and donations were made to the many that had applied, this year the sum of nearly £15,000 was given out. A fantastic figure i am sure you will agree.

So onward to the coming year. The first thing was to confirm the Theme for MF 2018 which is "Around the world in 80 ways". So what we are really celebrating is Transport in all its many forms. So get your thinking hats on and start thinking of what you can do for next years Festival. If you have any but do not want to be part of the committee please forward them to me at my email address which is at the end of this piece.

While we are on the subject of Themes we would also like for you to make your suggestions for the Themes for MF 2019 and MF 2020. It may seem early but we have found that thinking ahead makes the whole process easier.

Each year we present Community Awards to those who we think have gone the extra mile for Kimpton. An unsung hero who deserves to be recognised. The nominee must either be a resident of the village or someone who spends a significant amount of time here and contributes significantly to aspects of village life. If you wish to nominate someone please send your name, the name of the person you are nominating and the reason for the nomination to Emma Rice-Oxley at [emmakazwini@hotmail.com](mailto:emmakazwini@hotmail.com). All nominations will be considered and the awards will be made on the Village Green on the Monday of the Festival.

Finally a big thank you to all those attended last years Festival and help make it a great weekend, if you want to come and join us contact me on 07785960353 or on my email address which is [johnrhills@btinternet.com](mailto:johnrhills@btinternet.com)

*John Hills - Chairman*

## **MATT HAMPSON FOUNDATION** **GET BUSY LIVING!**

Registered Charity No. 1159823

**CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE  
DACRE ROOMS FOR THE MATT HAMPSON  
FOUNDATION, WHO PROVIDE SUPPORT  
AFTER SPINAL CORD INJURY.**

**SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER**  
**7.30-11PM**  
**LIVE MUSIC**

DRINKS INCLUDE LOCAL FARR BREW BEER

**DACRE ROOMS, HIGH STREET, KIMPTON.**

## **TICKETS £15**

**INCLUDES 1ST DRINK AND FINGER BUFFET.  
TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT EMMA HARRISON**

**[ec\\_harrison@mac.com](mailto:ec_harrison@mac.com)**

**01582 761602**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-harrison56>



## Dacre Rooms Kimpton are a Village Community Hub

More than two years have passed since a small group of committed people decided to revive the little used Dacre Rooms. Since May 2015 Dacre Rooms has been able to pay its way and undertake some essential restoration work, for example, new central heating and replacement windows. Thanks to The Bench Working Party a huge number of small repairs have been completed in the building. More than one hundred volunteers have run events at the rooms, fundraising for village clubs and the Dacre Rooms.

In 2016 nearly 5000 people visited the building for coffee mornings, lunches, evening meals, farmers markets, craft and art events, yoga and private parties. In April this year the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, William Hobhouse, visited Dacre Rooms to meet many of the volunteers who use the building.

More recently, the committee has received a capital grant that will enable the toilets, utility room and ground floor to receive a much-needed refurbishment. There are still many small revenue projects to be completed and for these fund raising continues. Working closely with the original youth club trustees a new charity for Dacre Rooms is currently being established with new trustees.

If you would like to get involved to support Dacre Rooms or join our mailing list please email [events@dacrerooms.info](mailto:events@dacrerooms.info)

If you would like to book Dacre Rooms please contact [dklimek21@googlemail.com](mailto:dklimek21@googlemail.com)  
Why not come along to one of the events and find out more?

## What's on October to December 2017

**Coffee Mornings** 1st 2nd & 4th Friday of each month 9.30 – 12.00

**Soup and crumble** for lunch or afternoon tea, cake 2nd & 4th Friday of each month 13.00 – 16.00

**Farmers Market** 2nd Friday of each month 13.00 – 16.00

**Parkside Farm Shop** 4th Friday of each month 13.00 – 16.00

**October 27th** A Halloween evening of storytelling – nibbles – spiced roasted squash soup - toffee apple crumble – and if you are brave enough apple bobbing. Swim hats will be provided for the ladies!

**November 18th** Fish and Chip Night and hopefully live music from Kimpton Unplugged

**December 2nd** Full English Breakfast at the Dacre Rooms 9.00 – 12.00

There will also be three fundraising events at the Dacre Rooms before we close for the refurbishment in January.

Please email [events@dacrerooms.info](mailto:events@dacrerooms.info) if you are interested in details for the above events.



# Kimpton Garden Club

The Garden Club is a very friendly club that welcomes new members and visitors. We meet on the first Wednesday in every month in The Green Room at the Memorial Hall and our programme covers a wide range of interesting speakers usually supported with colour projection and plants for sale. Recent subjects : Climbers&Wall Shrubs, Plants for Medicinal Purposes, Capability Brown in Hertfordshire, National Garden Scheme and Bees as the Gardener's Friend. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

We also organise visits to lovely gardens and this year we enjoyed Waterperry(Oxford) and Ascott (the de Rothschild home at Wing). In addition there are social events including Summer Garden and Christmas Parties and Quizzes.

If you like plants, vegetables and gardens you will be very welcome.

So do come along to any meeting and join in the fun with fellow minded folk and hopefully improve your knowledge of this fascinating subject. You don't need to be an expert to enjoy the experience.

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

Meetings are free to members, visitors £2, Annual Subscription only £12.

Tel. Mary 01582 832110 or Myra 01438 832776 for more information.

## 41st Kimpton Autumn Show

This year's Show got off to a worrying start with only a few entries.... But panic over, it ended up being a huge success with 459 entries.... our best year ever! Thank you to all who took part and well done to our winners. Nice to see new faces.

Our new trophy system was received well. Our takings were not quite as good as previous year's, due to the fact we had nobody organising our Raffle which is a big part of the Show.

We do however have some New Members who have stepped forward so we can hopefully be on track for next year.

Thanks to all that helped - Bench Boys, W.I., Nigel Hyams, Judges, Stewards and Sponsors anyone I have forgotten! And of course the Team. In July we held Judging of Allotments and Best Shed followed by refreshments, another wonderful day... it was lovely to see all the produce on display at the Show. 'Til next year.

*Sandra + Team x*

## An act of Kindness

Dear Editor,

May I, through you, express my appreciation of the kind lady dog-walker who came to my aid after I had tripped and fallen in Park Lane recently. I was badly shaken and bleeding and forgot to ask her name, so - thank you to the Good Samaritan who did not pass by on the other side.

*Helen Callaghan*



## Christmas Fair

at

**Fanhams Hall Hotel**  
Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 7PZ



**Monday 23 October 2017**  
**10am - 3.30pm**

Entrance **£4.00 online\*** or £4.50 on the door

Coffee, Bar and Light Lunches

Free parking

**\*Book tickets online** at [www.redcross.org.uk/hertschristmasfair](http://www.redcross.org.uk/hertschristmasfair)

For further details contact 01992 585969

The British Red Cross Society, incorporated by Royal Charter 1908, is a charity registered in England and Wales (220949), Scotland (SC037738) and Isle of Man (0752)





**Completion of the purchase of The White Horse by local business man Ross Tomlinson was made this summer. We understand that a major building renovation is to be undertaken within a significant time scale before The White Horse can re-open. We wish him well.**

Since The White Horse closed its doors to customers in April 2015 the community has been busy and as a result of raising the profile of the pub within the wider community, a greater level of interest in operating The White Horse was achieved.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all of you who were able to support the community's bid with a financial commitment. This totalled £435,700. In addition, the community offered a wide range of skills to ensure that the vision for The White Horse lived on in the social sphere of our village.

The Management Committee undertook a substantial effort in pursuing the varied areas of the project including legal, financial and operational. We developed our skill sets and widened our repertoire working with a variety of official partners. We would like to thank the team for their significant contributions; it was a tough process but rewarding and once again in this village, an opportunity to make new friends. Although none of us has ever run a pub, the Management Committee got as near as possible to the theory of the project. A lot of wine and beer was drunk along the way and no doubt we will enjoy a pint together once The White Horse re-opens.

The community's involvement in seeking to own the pub may now have come to an end but the community still has a significant role in the future success of the business. We look forward to a time when The White Horse will once again take up its position in providing a hub for our enjoyment at the centre of our wonderful village.

We hope to see you there.

*Neil Burns, Chair, Save Our White Horse*

## **Peters Green Village Hall**

Enquires to  
Mrs Barbara Kazwini  
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barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com

Previous editions of the Parish Magazine, up to the end of 2016, are available as PDFs at [kimpton.org.uk](http://kimpton.org.uk) All editions after that are on the new village website ***kimptonvillage.com***

# Kimpton W.I.

The last three months have been busy and enjoyable for Kimpton W.I. In July members had an interesting visit to the Henry Moore Foundation in Much Haddam ending the day with afternoon tea on board a boat at Broxbourne.

On a glorious sunny afternoon in August, a group of members had a guided tour of the Luton Hoo Walled Garden. In 2001 the garden was over grown with weeds and brambles and was hardly recognisable. After sixteen years of tremendous work by volunteers, it has now been transformed and is a garden worth visiting.

On the day of our garden party, the heavens opened and it poured with rain, but thirty of us crowded into a member's house and had tea and cakes made by the committee and enjoyed a pleasant, chatty afternoon.

As we do every year, the W.I. provided tea and some varied and delicious cakes for visitors, stewards, etc. at the Kimpton Autumn Show and made a good profit to give to the Autumn Show committee.

September saw us welcoming twenty members from Whitwell W.I. to our meeting to hear an amusing and interesting talk about the life of Joyce Grenfell.

Our meeting in October is a talk by Dr. Mike Howarth on 'Radio Children'. In November Carol Jones's subject will be 'Christmas Cookery' and in December Vic Botterill will be showing us how to make Christmas Crackers.

We are a friendly W.I. and a warm welcome awaits you in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45 pm.

If you would like more information please contact our President, Sue Newman (01438 832560) or Secretary, Liz Haynes (01438 832500).

*Janet Holmes-Walker*

# Kimpton Folk Events

I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the 2017 Kimpton Folk Festival. I am pleased to report that it was another hugely successful event, with attendances up around 30% on the inaugural year. We estimate the overall numbers this year at just over 1000 people and we're expecting attendances to grow yet again in 2018. The happy challenge facing our forward planning group is how to manage the increasing popularity of our festival. Who knows how things might develop?

Our community model is proving enormously popular, as evidenced by the large crowds on the Green who had the opportunity to enjoy many of our headline acts along with great food, local ales and a ceilidh. All concerts this year were well attended and it is fair to say that 'Sam Kelly & The Lost Boys' - our headline act for 2017 - went down an absolute storm.

As per last year, there were instrumental workshops in The Dacre Rooms, Morris dancing, and sets by Kimpton's own musicians. New to the festival this year were 'busk stops' featuring a range of local artists, an expanded all-day session in The Boot, a larger range of children's activities and performances on the Green by local community choirs.

As we move forward to our third year, our vision remains the same - to stage a 'whole village' event which opens up the folk music genre to local audiences and brings new opportunities for new and emerging talent to perform alongside established stars.

The festival itself now comes under the auspices of newly formed Charitable Trust 'Kimpton Folk Events'. As well as staging local events, this charity seeks to promote and grow the folk arts in the wider community and to that end we are now actively exploring a range of exciting possibilities in this area. And as well as our regular fund-raising events, we will also be organising a series of short 'pop-up' concerts through the year to promote artists both local and further afield.

On behalf of our trustees and committee members, thank you for the wonderful support which enables us to be successful. I look forward to welcoming you at another event very soon. (photos on page 16)

*Doug Jenner, chairman. kimptonfolk.uk*



# Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of Malcolm Harold Voss, one of our long serving members and a stalwart of the Kimpton Branch of the Royal British Legion. Malcolm died very peacefully at home on the 17th July, with Lorna and Tanya by his side. Like so many young men in the 50's, Malcolm was called up for National Service in June 1953 and served in the Royal Artillery. After his two year service he joined the Territorial Army (TA's). He applied for a commission, and in 1961 he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant, and served in various areas of the TA, including the Field Artillery, Medical Corps and the Pay corps. He ended his TA service as Major Voss. Malcolm became a prominent member of the Kimpton Branch of RBL, holding many positions including Secretary and Chairman. He will be dearly missed by family and friends alike.

Over the last few months, we have been in close liaison with our Vicar Bonnie, to produce a new Service booklet for the Remembrance Sunday service. The task to produce this booklet was taken on by Sue Burns, who has spent many weeks of her valuable time to get this booklet to a stage which is acceptable to all concerned. We are now in a position where we have 300 new service booklets, and our grateful thanks to Sue and her son Elliot, who assisted Sue in setting out and formulating the finished booklet.

Arrangements are now under way for the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance services.

**Friday 10th November at 6.00 pm in Parish Church** – Rehearsal for Standard Bearers, Colour Parties, and others involved in the service.

**Saturday 11th November at the War Memorial** – The usual short service of Remembrance, where a two minutes silence will be observed at 11.00 am

**Sunday 12th November** – Those who wish to take part in the Remembrance parade, please muster at the Memorial Hall at 10.00 am. If you wish to go to the Church service, please be in Church by 10.40 am prompt.

Our usual apologies for any inconvenience caused by the road closure on Sunday 12th November from 10.15 am to 10.45 am.

It is not a requirement to have served in the armed forces to join the membership of the Legion, so if you feel you have time to be an active member of the Branch, please contact our secretary, Dave Gibbs on 01438 832236 or 07824 387460.

*Robin Wells, Chairman*



## The Kimpton Poppy Appeal Requires House-to-House Collectors We Need Your Help!

Our average age is 65 with several volunteers in their late 70s and we need the next generation to step up and step forward.

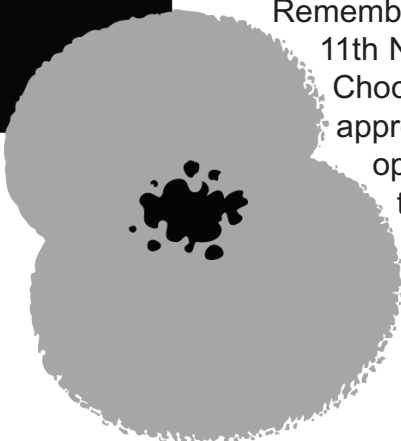
We are looking for volunteers in the 2 weeks leading up to

Remembrance Sunday from Saturday 28th October to Saturday 11th November.

Choosing your own times to knock on doors, each route is approximately 50 houses and this gives you the great opportunity to meet your Kimpton neighbours and gain their donation. Last year we collected £3,337 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

I would be very grateful if you could consider joining our friendly volunteer team. Please contact me.

*Sue Burns, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Kimpton*  
01438 832960    burns200@btinternet.com



# Magazine Deadlines 2018

**Spring March 23rd**

**Summer June 15th**

**Autumn September 21st**

**Winter November 23rd**

It is important and very helpful to the editor that all copy and photographs, as JPEGs, are in by those dates or before the deadline.

Would regular contributors please let the editor know if you are not intending to contribute anything.

This is very useful to know when planning the layout of the magazine.

Please note that the magazine is distributed 2 to 3 weeks after the deadline.

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## ***Folk Festival 2017***



### **Kimpton Friendly Bridge Club**

meets every Thursday evening in  
Church House  
for a 19:30 start



# *Kimpton Memorial Hall*



## ***Roger and Out!***

As reported in the previous edition of this magazine, Roger Nash has retired as Chairman of the Hall's Management Committee and handed the baton over to Simon Thompson.

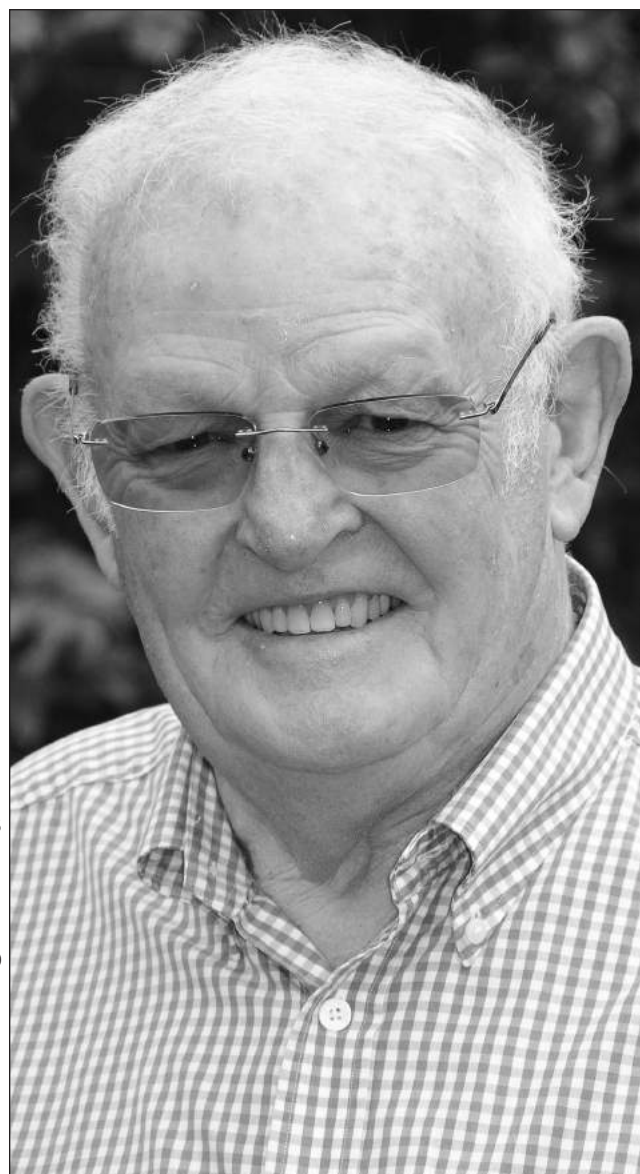
We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Roger for all his hard work and commitment to the Hall over many years. After the old hall burned down in July 1981, Roger joined the rebuilding committee and was Chairman of the Parish Council when the present hall was opened in 1983.

He became the Vice-Chairman of the Hall's Management Committee in 2001 and Chairman in 2009 and has overseen and been involved with much of the extension and refurbishment work that has been undertaken in recent years. His practical and engineering skills have been invaluable and saved the Hall a lot of money, ranging from trying to keep the old heating system going when it was on its last legs to devising the system for winching the roof lining into position and many other jobs.

Roger isn't leaving us completely and will continue to sit on the committee for a while longer to advise and help where he can. Thank you Roger.

*Barbara Kazwini*

*On behalf of the Kimpton Memorial Hall  
Management Committee*



To book Kimpton Memorial Hall please contact  
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# Neighbourhood Watch Update

## Community Policing

Should you need to contact our Ward Constable PC David Hine or our PCSO Heather Burrows please use the automated system at Herts Police HQ on 01707 354192 and clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to.

Alternatively, and somewhat quicker, you can e-mail

**David.Hine@herts.pnn.police.uk** or

**Heather.Burrows@herts.pnn.police.uk**

Other useful contact numbers are inside the back cover of this magazine, including the Police & Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd.

## OWL (On line Watch Link)

Those residents already attached to OWL will know that we have a new Watch Liaison Officer, Katy Garcia, responsible for North Herts and Stevenage whose e-mail address is

**katy.garcia@herts.pnn.police.uk** OWL continues to expand and now is linked to approx. 10,500

properties who receive crime alerts direct from the police. I am pleased to report that the frustrating snag with getting Royal Mail clearance for OWL to use the postcode on new builds has been resolved.. You can enlist by visiting **www.owl.co.uk**

## General Alerts

Much more worrying is the growing threats from Cyber Crime which is an international problem, so you need to be especially mindful of the dangers and how to combat them. Please be aware of fraud and identity theft scams. Police advice can be found on the OWL website and in particular the September update from the Herts Constabulary Crime Reduction & Community Safety Dept. which is at **herts.police.uk/ProtectYourMoney** Subjects covered are

**Missed delivery cards from Royal Mail**

**Student Loans Fraud**

**Most commonly reported scams on over 60's**

**Do you sell items on line and/or use Paypal?**

**Protect your Pension**

**Safety Tips for Students**

## Nuisance Phone Calls

Unfortunately they continue to pester us despite attempts to block by various means such as the Telephone Preference Service or built-in blockers.

## Computer Attack

Please ensure that your computer is loaded with the latest security software to avoid attack by cyber

criminals. Don't get involved with callers claiming to represent a Computer Software Technical Support Team using the name of a company like Microsoft or Talktalk saying you have a problem which they can put right if you give them certain details. Once again, don't get involved!

## Distraction Burglaries

Please keep an eye on the elderly and those living alone who need to be advised to be extremely wary of and challenge unexpected callers on their doorstep and if they can't provide identity evidence don't open the door.

Always ring the police on 101 to report your suspicions and for reassurance.

If the caller is persistent and/or aggressive ring 999 immediately.

## Caring Neighbours

I make no apology for repeating this message and request you to be kind enough to check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and in particular remind them not to engage in conversation with any dubious phone caller or doorstep visitor. If in any doubt tell them to put the phone down and then call 101 immediately.

## Night Security and Absence

Evenings are becoming darker so if you intend to leave your property unoccupied please ensure that you have secured all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make your property looks 'lived in' if possible by parking a vehicle on the drive and installing timer operated security lights. If your absence is more than a few days give a neighbour your contact details.

Don't leave any keys within sight of an open letter box. Our free Letter Box Deflectors prevents 'peeping toms' having a quick look. Please let me know if you would like one.

## Making life more bearable

Don't forget that you can, and should, report anonymously, if you wish, 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 if you prefer you can join the new Constabulary online web chat facility:

**herts.police.uk/contact\_us/contacting\_us.aspx**

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# The Church in Kimpton

## Parish Church

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### **Pastoral Care Co-ordinator**

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## Baptist Church

### Perry Green at Peters Green

#### **Minister**

Rev Andrew Gale  
01582 422635

#### **Branch Leader**

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

The Parish Magazine is now  
printed on recycled paper.

The production team  
acknowledge with thanks a  
donation received from  
Kimpton Environmentalists

## **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  
David Lloyd  
commissioner@herts.pnn.police.uk      01992 556600

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Cllr Jon Marsh  
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Cllr Jon Palmer  
Cllr Donatella Pirola  
Cllr David Reavell

### **Parish Clerk**

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### **County Councillor**

Cllr Richard Thake      richard.thake@hertsc.gov.uk

### **Member of Parliament**

Bim Afolami      www.bimafolami.co.uk

# *Helping Hand*

## NORTH HERTS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 689400

## CANCER ADVISORY SERVICE

BACUP Link Line. Freephone 181199

## 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](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

## HITCHIN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

To contact the CAB phone 01462 622999 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 5.30pm

## CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Support and guidance offered for all carers, including support groups, a telephone link line and a regular newsletter. Carers can contact the centre on 01462 456660

## 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 £2.00 plus 50p for each additional child and includes tea/coffee/juice and snacks for all. Held at Kimpton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 09:30 to 11:30 during term time.

Contact us at [kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com](mailto:kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys](http://www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys)

## 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.

## KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

For bookings contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 6 The Wick, Kimpton. 01438 832620

[barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com)

## PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 01438 832620

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## USEFUL LINKS

[kimptonvillage.com](http://kimptonvillage.com)

[herts.police.uk](http://herts.police.uk)

[stalbans.anglican.org](http://stalbans.anglican.org)

[kimpton.herts.sch.uk](http://kimpton.herts.sch.uk)

[kimptonchurchherts.wordpress.com](http://kimptonchurchherts.wordpress.com)



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