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THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

Celebrating the end of the First World War

Full details on pages 12 and 13



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.

New Beginnings



As a former teacher, September is, for me, almost as much the beginning of the year as January! It's the start of a new school year. For many, it is the start of a new school – at our Primary School, at Secondary School, at University or college. It is a time for looking forward to new opportunities.

Within the church, too, we are looking forward. The Church must not mark time. We must always be looking forward to the next challenge – the next opportunity. We are also going on Pilgrimage to Canterbury – at least, the last few miles of it! – on Saturday 27th October. On November 24th, we are hosting a wonderful concert by Nancy Kerr and James Fagan on behalf of the Folk Festival. A week later (1st December), we are also putting on a display of Nativity Crib figures as an appropriate way into the Christmas season. The Kimpton Village Choir will be performing on Sunday 8th December. There is a lot going on in the Church and you are welcome to be part of it!

Again and again, in the gospels, we read how Jesus never flinched from the challenges that confronted him, whether it was healing, teaching or challenging those authorities who were trying to thwart his kingdom of love. As his representatives here in Kimpton, it is our task to stand up for those things that we know to be right and to be the caring heart of the village, supporting each other as we negotiate the hazards of the year ahead.

Please pray for us and for each other.

God bless. Andy Morton, Lay Reader

Turn to page 5 to see an example of the Church reaching out to the community

Wednesday Evening House Group

We'll be getting to know better each of Jesus's twelve disciples, to see what their stories have to tell us today.

Meetings are usually every two weeks from 8pm to 9.15pm, starting on September 19th and all are welcome.

For more details contact Angela Mann (01438 832733 or Andy Morton 01438 832427)

From the Registers

Baptisms

5th August Zoe Pippa Gibson

Weddings

21st July Sophie Clare Lawes to Adam

Michael De Silva

11th August Sophie Jane Lincoln to Jack
Spencer Reynolds

18th August Lynda Ann Scudder to
Steven Charles Harvey

15th September Lily Rose Fowler to
Benjamin John Dawes

Burials, Interments and Cremations

19th September Shelagh Joan Symons

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 grant received from Kimpton Parish Council.

Loaves and fishes

The third Wednesday of each month is LOAVES AND FISHES. That's when the conservatory at The Boot hosts the Church's Community Lunch – a chance for people from around the village to come out of their houses and meet up. Thanks to Treena and Craig's hospitality, it only costs £5 per head, so it is incredibly good value and it is a very important date for many people in the community.

A few years ago, the lovely Mark Klimek announced that he would run two of those lunches. In his memory, his good friend, Dave Robbins, pictured above, has taken on that role and we had a great barbeque which he hosted with enormous panache and style. Thank you, Dave!

Loaves and Fishes is open to all. Come along and see what goes on!
Andy Morton



Would you like an allotment at Peters Green?

There are both large and small allotment plots available

Access to water is available.

Free use of a rotavator can also be arranged

Space in a locked shed can also be made for a few tools

Contact Charlie or Lorna at
pgallotments@gmail.com

Our noisy church!



Once again, mid-July saw over 60 volunteers get together to help sort out tasks that people could not tackle by themselves. Painting seemed to dominate this year, with the Bowls Club building receiving much-needed lick of paint. There were several gardens that needed to be brought under control, and Gordon Glen got the sharp end of a wasp when he disturbed a wasp's nest at

Hazel Littleworth's house!

Each year the Church rises to this challenge and it is interesting that now most of the village understand what is meant by the NOISE! Project. It is a way of showing God's love for us and our response in showing love and support to others.

Next year, the date for the NOISE! Will be Saturday July 13th.

Will YOU be there? You would be heartily welcome!

Andy and Juliet Morton



Photos: Juliet Morton

Kimpton History Group

**Wednesday 17th October
8pm in the Green Room
"Medieval Walkern"**

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

**Wednesday 21st November
8pm in the Green Room
"Kimpton Breweries, Pubs and
the Dacre Rooms"**

Talk by Bob Finch on his research into the above

**Wednesday 19th December
8pm in the Green Room
History Group Christmas Party**
Details to follow

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



After enjoying this wonderful summer, W.I. members are now looking forward to a full autumn

programme of meetings, outings and activities.

September started with the annual Autumn Show. The W.I. always contributes to this event by providing afternoon teas and a variety of tempting cakes. This was followed by our monthly meeting, where our speaker was Paul Read, whose entertaining and informative talk, "Reach for the Stars", gave us an intriguing insight into the life and work of a professional backstage dresser to the West End stars. We learned that much of this work is performed in the dark, requiring tremendous skill, speed and precision to achieve the quick changes of costume that are required throughout a performance.

October's talk is entitled "My Dog's Nose Knows", followed by "Coffee from Tree to Cup" in November.

We have two outings planned before Christmas. In October a group will be going to see "Oliver", a production by the excellent Harpenden Musical Theatre Company, and in November there will be a visit to the London Postal Museum.

Table Tennis has started again after the summer break. Every Friday, from 2pm to 3.30pm in the Memorial Hall Green Room, where we enjoy an hour and a half of fun, exercise and social chat. Two of our members are learning the rules of walking netball and will then be able to teach the rest of us. Watch this space!

The Book and Handicraft groups continue to meet monthly.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall and warmly welcome new members and visitors of all ages. Why not come along one Wednesday and meet us? We'd love to see you!

For more information contact our secretary, Liz Haynes (01438 832500) *Chris Bichener*

Come along for a

Crafty Cuppa

in the
Dacre Rooms
on
3rd Monday of every month
from 1-3pm

*Bring along a craft or project,
share ideas and skills,
help each other out
or
just pop along for tea or coffee
and a friendly chat....*

Costs £3 per session

Just turn up or contact:
Angela Dyke 07788651563
Julie Brown 01438 833714

“There is some great storytelling and then we will have fun craft which we like to show to the congregation in Church...” “



BLAST is delighted to be back after the summer. This term we are learning about Jesus's closest friends... his 12 disciples. All humble people but with a shared faith and openness to learning. Jesus guided them in the importance of faith and how it could help overcome worries and troubles. And then he chose them to fulfil his Purpose. His unwavering love for them inspired their loyalty and their desire to share the truth about Jesus across the world.

God has a purpose for us all and at BLAST we love exploring what that might be and how it makes us feel. We have great fun and some very open conversations... children can really call us on what is right and wrong, and can test us about what God really thinks... or who he or she

even is. They have many questions, to which we often don't have the answer, and we love learning from them. They really are our Purpose.

Do come and join us on a Sunday morning from 9.30am during term time at Church House. There is some great storytelling and then we will have a fun craft which we like to show to the congregation in Church... we sometimes get a little over excited with the microphone (ear plugs recommended!) And just like the disciples we are all good friends and the kettle is always on... and the children love the biscuits.



Saturday 8th December 12.30 - 6.00pm The Green

The sun is out and you're more likely to hear the clink of ice cubes in a G&T at the Boot than the jingle of sleigh bells, but rest assured that Kimpton's elves are already hard at work preparing for the 2018 Christmas Market! We're looking forward to another year of wonderful live music, handmade gifts and festive food and drink.

If you'd like a stall at the market, or could volunteer your help in any way, please contact Carina Helmn on clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk or 01438 832573.



Kimpton Environmentalists: Apples, Flowers and Money!

Following our successful 'yarning' of Kimpton last May Festival, we are about to start preparing for next May Festival – to be bigger and brighter decorating our village for its special weekend.

If you are a keen knitter or crocheter, or would be interested in learning how to learn this craft, come along and join us. There are already 90+ people involved!

Anyone who is interested will be very welcome, our first meeting is at The Boot on 4th October at 7.30.

If you would like more information call Jeanette Bowers 01438 832503 or email kimpton yarners@gmail.com

The Bowls Club

As I write the club's Finals Day is imminent! This season has flown by, no doubt due to the good weather. We have enjoyed the friendlies, league matches, club competitions and visitors. We seem to have locked into our fixtures regulars, such as Rainbows, Guides, The Boot and Freemasons.

All village societies are welcome to visit our lovely Club and try bowling (by arrangement) next season. Of course, we also welcome individuals to try their hand at bowling.

Following our AGM in November we will announce details of club officials, contact numbers, diary dates etc. Meanwhile feel free to contact Brenda Lennox on 01582 623106.

Our Finals Weekend and Presentation of Trophies will culminate with a BBQ at the Cross Keys, Gustard Wood. *Dud Ginn*

We've had a bumper crop of apples again, although some of the trees we usually pick from evidently didn't like the weather this year. Thank you to everyone who donated their apples and/or their time to pick. We should soon have the bottled juice on sale at the Farmers' Market in the Dacre Rooms.

The 2017-2018 profit from the sale of juice and the May Festival Kimpton Trail has been donated to local causes: £100 for the Parish Magazine to be printed on recycled paper; £100 to the Woodland Trust's Heartwood Forest Appeal; £100 to CPRE Hertfordshire (Campaign to Protect Rural England); and £50 to Kimpton Preschool for compost, bulbs and flower seeds.

This summer our wildflower areas along the Memorial Hall Path and at Parkfield carpark have not been as colourful as we'd hoped. We shall tackle the grass and docks; and reseed this autumn and again in the spring. Do join us, or at least stop and chat, if you see us working there.

For more details contact Davina Malcolm 01438 832309



These boots are made for walking!

Every month, an intrepid group of walkers set off to follow some of the huge network of paths that are such a wonderful facility in our lovely part of the country. Come rain or shine, the walks take place, thanks to the sterling efforts of Jeanette and John Bowers, who co-ordinate the Kimpton Pathfinders. It is a great way to enjoy the beauty of our countryside and we are so lucky to have it! Thank you,

Jeanette and John. And if YOU want to join in, why not call them to find out when and where the next walk will be? John and Jeanette Bowers 01438 832503

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May Festival 2018 breaks all records

*Raises money in
excess of £17,500*

Theme for 2019 — Cartoons!

Photo: Andy Wright

The first meeting of the Kimpton May Festival committee (the AGM) took place on Tuesday 18th September 2018 and as can be seen from the headline above a record figure was raised. This is owed in part to the fantastic weather but mainly to the support of the residents of the village, so thank you.

We discussed the Themes for next year that had been suggested by your good selves and the decision was to go with Cartoons. So please start putting on your thinking caps and hopefully come up with some great ideas to make next year another great event.

Finally our Committee works hard to put on a good Festival but we do have also have a good time doing it. If you would like to join us or if you have some ideas that you would like to put forward please contact me at johrnhills@btinternet.com.

Our next meeting will be at the Boot Public House on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 8pm.

John Hills - Chairman

May Festival 2019 3rd to 6th May



Garden Club

We are a very friendly club and extend a warm welcome to new members and we are particularly keen to attract younger residents who will benefit from the wide pool of knowledge readily available from our more senior members.

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

Visitors are most welcome so do come and enjoy convivial company and tea/coffee and biscuits.

We had a very successful day at our May Festival stall when members produced an astonishing range of plants in spite of the heatwave.

We visited the Cambridge Botanical Gardens in June and Anne Godfrey's Daisy Roots Nursery at Hertford Heath in July. In August we had an enjoyable Garden Party in Chairman Mary Guenier's lovely garden. In addition to this our social programme includes a Christmas Party and Quizzes.

Our AGM is in October when we will agree the 2019 programme of speakers and visits, followed by an illustrated talk on Indian gardens.

If you like plants, vegetables and gardens you will find a wealth of interest at every meeting in the company of 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.

Please call Mary **01582 832110** or Myra **01438 832776** for more information.

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

Remembering 100 years

Who could have failed to be moved by the coverage over the last four years of the dreadful events of 1914-1918? The hideous battlefields of the Somme and Passchendaele, of Ypres and the Dardanelles, where so many died in the service of their country. It all seems such a waste of humanity, so much loss.

This November, however, marks the turning of a chapter. Yes, it is another centenary, but this time it is 100 years since the Armistice, since PEACE was declared, marking an end to that appalling conflict.

Sadly, the great hope that 1918 would see the end of 'the war to end all wars' has been ill-



founded. There has never, in that century been one day when there hasn't been a war somewhere in the world. We, in Britain, have not only suffered the pains of the Second World War, but also

been involved in Korea, Suez, the Falklands, the Gulf and Afghanistan as well as contributing forces to other conflicts as part of NATO and the UN.

Once again, we have an opportunity not only to reflect on the sorry history of bloodshed, but also to dedicate ourselves to the elimination of war as a way of solving the problems of the world.

Come along on Remembrance Sunday (11th November), both to the service in the morning and to the beacon-lighting in the evening to share in that determination. *Andy Morton*

Please see pages 12 and 13 for all the details of events on and around November 11th

**On Tuesday 9th October enjoy a performance by a truly outstanding harpist
8pm in the Parish Church**

Josh Layne from Canada, presently on a tour of Europe, has agreed to fit in a concert in Kimpton. It is a rare chance to hear a wonderful performer playing Smetana's The Moldau, J.S Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor (is that even possible on a harp?!), and other great pieces.

Tickets from HarplnKimpton@yahoo.com or on the door from 7.30pm

Kimpton Horse Show - Fun and games despite the rain!

You can never tell the Great British weather and going from setting up in 30 degree heat to a rainy day that struggled to hit the low 20s, was quite a challenge for the committee. But come rain or shine, we never fail to have an amazing time at Kimpton Horse Show. After all, that's what it's all about!

Huge congratulations to Ruby Barr and her superstar pony Nebro Moonshine who cleaned up in the show jumping to take the Harding Challenge Cup, with Eleanor Catt and Doylan Gold-Dun Sovereign a close second to take the Wren. Although we had an earlier finish than usual, all classes went ahead, including the new Superstakes show jumping class and the Concours D'elegance showing class - think Downton Abbey and Vanity Fair!

It was also the first year for the companion dog show, which attracted a good number of entries and contributed some more pounds towards the funds raised, which the committee will soon be donating to local causes. The tombola did really well, raising twice as much as last year with some amazing prizes, all to help Caroline Wilson and her team, Status Row, take on the Talisker Whiskey Challenge. They will be rowing 3,000 miles from the Canary Islands to Antigua, to raise awareness of ocean pollution.

We were delighted that so many villagers dug out their waterproofs and came to support us. We had good numbers in the bar, despite its new home in a horsebox



Ruby Barr on Nebro Moonshine and Eleanor Catt with Doylan Gold-Dun Sovereign (top).

after the high winds prevented us from getting the marquee up safely.

2018 has definitely been a challenge, but we really do have the best team of volunteers, judges and stewards who give their time year after year to make it all happen - we couldn't do it without you!

We hope to see you all again in 2019 for some very special celebrations for the show's 75th anniversary - and some sunshine, please!

REMEMBRANCE DAY - SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER

- 9.45 am** The Memorial Hall opens, refreshments served
10.00 am Parade musters
10.25 am Parade leaves stopping for the laying of the wreaths at the War Memorial
10.45 am Church Service with the 'Blessing of The Doves'
11.00 am The Last Post

PLEASE NOTE: all those who are taking part in the Parade please be in Church for a rehearsal at 6pm on Friday 9th November.

PLEASE NOTE: The High Street will be closed to traffic from 10.15am to 10.45am on Sunday 11th November.

THE DOVES IN KIMPTON

A symbol of peace from the time of The Ark, a flock of doves will be soaring over the font at Kimpton Parish Church, inspired by the installation designed by Michael Pendry in Salisbury Cathedral. Each dove will bear the name of someone from Kimpton who died as a result of war in the last century. Some of those are on our War Memorial.

However, many of us have a relative or friend lost in these wars, whom they would also wish to remember at this time. My great-uncle, Eimer, died in the hideous carnage of Flanders and I will be putting his name on a dove that I have made.

Do you have someone whose name could be carried 'on the wings of a dove'?

The Primary School and Church Youth Group have kindly agreed to make the

doves and if you would like a relative remembered please contact me with your name and the person's name who should be remembered, plus, perhaps, a little background history.

Also, if you would like to make your own dove, instructions and paper can be provided.

Andy Morton: adewm@aol.com



TORCH-LIT PROCESSION 6pm Sunday 11th November

Leaving the Church at 6pm, the route, which you may join at any point, will be via: Church Lane, The Green, Parkfield Crescent, Dacre Crescent, Claggy Road, Lawn Avenue, Commons Lane, Wren Close, Claggy Corner (cross the road) and along the 'safe' side of the High Street to the school. Please ensure all children are accompanied by an adult. To ensure Health and Safety, we request that only torches and mobile phone lights are used. We are hoping to provide a supply of LED tea-lights for the children.

'BATTLE'S OVER'

Celebrating the Centenary of the End of the First World War

KIMPTON'S BEACON EVENT

Shining a Light for Our Future



**YOUR
VILLAGE
NEEDS
YOU**

TO PROVIDE CAKES, BISCUITS AND SAUSAGE ROLLS

- drop off at the school from 5:30 pm

Sunday, 11th November, 6pm - 7.30pm

6.00 pm Torch Lit Procession from St.Peter's & St.Paul's Church

6.15 pm KIMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

• hot drinks • sing along

6.55 pm The Last Post

7.00 pm The Lighting of the Beacon

7.05 pm Ringing Out for Peace!

Contact Sue: 077 6509 7500 or Kim: 079 0160 5383

Email: burns200@btinternet.com

Kimpton Public Rights of Way

With the generosity of Andrew Manning and the help of the Bench Working Party we eventually, late wet spring, managed to get out to the muddiest gateways to fill in the worst puddles. Previously it had been too wet to haul a heavy trailer full of road scrapings across the fields and the recreation ground. That's poetic injustice.

The summer drought gave us a fairly easy ride, keeping the nettles and brambles back. Everything is now set for them to make a vigorous comeback, along with fallen trees, mud, and ploughing. We try to do what we can with overgrowth, to supplement the county council's bi-annual maintenance, but when it is growing out from adjoining property it is the responsibility of the owner to keep the path clear. We will help if we can but we can't just take the law into our own hands.

As regards ploughing – and all the subsequent processes – we try to be generous to our farmers. Legally, they have a fortnight to reinstate paths after deep ploughing but as long as their route can be made out and they are passable then we go easy. But do let me know as soon as there is a problem so we can get an idea of how long it goes on.

Please continue to let me or Tom Goldsmith, (tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk), Countryside Access Officer at Herts. County Council, know of any problems like overgrowth, damaged gates, obscure or damaged signs or waymarks, obstructions and so on.

*Bob Malcolm 01438-832309
bobm@ideo.co.uk*

'Door Knockers' required

We are about to embark on our annual canvass and would like to recruit people as 'door knockers' to obtain Household Enquiry Form responses.

Various rounds in different locations and of varying sizes are available.

The dates of the door knocking stage of the canvass are 30th October until 19th November.

Fees payable are £2.50 for every form signed in a rural area and £2.00 for urban areas. For every form left but unsigned we pay £0.75p for rural and £0.50p for urban. A bonus is also paid.

Training will be provided.

Canvassers must be aged 18+

Geraldine Hatch
Electoral Services Officer
Geraldine.Hatch@north-herts.gov.uk
Direct Dial: 01462 474205
North Hertfordshire District Council
Council Offices
Gernon Road
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3JF

Kimpton Folk Events is inviting teens who play a musical instrument to come to a free session in the Dacre Rooms on Saturday 3rd November from 2-4pm for a SLOW JAM. this is to learn a folk tune from scratch, by ear, no notes, grades, music or experience necessary. Come along for fun.

Contact June Rowlands 07940854535 for further info.



Some of you may know that the church at Ayot St Lawrence holds a number of events, mainly (but not only) musical.

If there are any groups in Kimpton that might like to perform in the church, please do get in contact with Christine (christine@ayotstlawrence.com). She would be particularly interested to hear from anyone who may be able to assist in promotion and administration of these events, with design and/or social media marketing skills.

The church has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PalladianAyot) but would benefit from wider exposure through other avenues. As many will know, the church is open most days and is visited by a wide number of people from around the world, many coming to Shaw's Corner as well. The church relies on secular activities to stay open, so any help would be much appreciated.

The concert, on October 19th, by The St Petersburg Voskresenije Choir is a sell out but there are still tickets available for the Wine Tasting evening, details below.

A Harvest Festival of Wines

Saturday 13th October, 7.30pm

A tutored tasting exploring the harvesting of classic and newer wines led by Mark Buckenham, recently retired wine buyer for The Wine Society

£15.00 per tickets advance only from Christine on 01438 820371 or christine@ayotstlawrence.com



Current Parish Issues

Two major developments adjacent to our Parish have been in the news recently:

1. The possibility of the construction of a major incinerator plant at East Hyde has raised a healthy level of debate within the Council and a good number of parishioners have communicated their views. Whilst there is some merit in the plan to generate electricity and heat for sale to the community, it is fair to say that the vast majority of views were against its construction on the grounds of increased air pollution and the increase in heavy vehicle traffic. The Council has therefore elected to oppose any planning application and to support the SHLI campaign. More details available on www.kimptonvillage.com/local-information

2. An initial non-statutory consultation by London Luton Airport upon 4 expansion options has reached the end of its first stage. LLAL is seeking to increase airport passenger numbers from 18m to 38m. Such change will undoubtedly bring benefits of increased local employment and ease of connectivity with the wider world, but also bring the risks of increase in pollution and greater local traffic congestion. More details available on futureluton.llal.org.uk

KPC are keen to appreciate parishioners' views on whether or not they are in favour of the expansion of the airport, and secondly if in favour, then which of the 4 options they would prefer to see discussed further. Please drop a note with your views to clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk

Future Plans

July's Council meeting had a constructive debate upon the most pressing issues that the Parish needed to address. A full list of objectives can be found on www.kimptonvillage.com/local-information

Autumn Show

This year's Autumn show was bathed in

sunlight and all those participating enjoying a quintessential village activity in the Memorial Hall and its garden.

Many of the vegetable and fruit entries come from the group of enthusiastic allotment holders within the village. Allotment bookings for next year are now open and already there are only 2 allotments remaining. Hopefully this indicates a strong entry for next year's Autumn Show. The Council are delighted to support the event and to make available allotment spaces.

A large thank you to Sandra Bertie and the Committee for organising the event and the immense amount of vitality they provide.

Christmas Market

Plans for the Christmas market are already well underway. We are intending to build upon the success of the event last year. Anyone wishing to take a stall in the craft market section please let the Parish Clerk know. More information can be found on www.kimptonvillage.com/kimpton-christmas-market *Neil Burns*



BritishRedCross

Early Christmas Fair

Fanhams Hall Hotel
Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 7PZ

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

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

For further details contact 01992
585969

Kimpton welcomes in a world of folk

On Saturday July 7, the local folk world's attention was fixed on Kimpton, as music fans once again descended on our little village in their numbers. And how great it was to welcome them to what is now a firm fixture in the local music calendar. This was our third annual Kimpton Folk Festival, and we were tremendously successful in building on the progress we'd made in our first two years.

Fans were offered a choice from a smorgasbord of high profile artists, with concerts featuring some of the hottest folk acts anywhere in the country. Headlining an amazing array of talent at our **two evening concerts** - in Memorial Hall and Church - were **Urban Folk Quartet** and **The James Brothers**.

Our booked artists, including many Radio 2 BBC Folk Award finalists and winners, were Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage, Greg Russell & Ciaran Algar, While, Matthews, While, The London Klezmer Quartet, Will McNicol & Luke Selby, Luke Jackson, Jackie Oates, Jose Duncan & Pablo Lafuente and Jaywalkers, complemented by local luminaries Kelly Oliver, Said the Maiden and Blathnaid Lynn.

The Busk Stops were popular again and this year we added more free entertainment with Open Mic concerts at The Boot. We were really pleased to present excellent young home-grown artists **Toby Wood, Jem Bosatta, Holly Kerton** and **Clary Taylor**.

Our ongoing **Outreach Programme**, where we are actively working to uncover and grow young musical talent enabled us to present **the children of Kimpton School** as the festival's opening act. The children sang songs and presented dances they had learned in workshops funded by Kimpton Folk Events. Our Outreach work has also been bringing music into the lives of some of our older and potentially more vulnerable citizens - and we have more events planned for the coming year.

We also staged a very popular **Indian Dance workshop in Kimpton School** - a new venue for us this year. Ukelele, spoons, singing and poetry workshops in the Dacre Rooms were also popular, as were the broader choice of children's activities that we offered on Park Fields.

The free **Green Stage** continues to be the beating heart of the festival, where people like to set up camp to chill, chat, listen to a selection of our top artists, dance and eat and drink their fill.

I'm pleased to say that our festival finances are fairly good health, thanks in part to generous funding from Kimpton Parish Council, so guess what? We're putting on Kimpton Folk Festival 2019. The date is **Saturday 6 June**, to get it in your diaries now!

Upcoming Kimpton Folk events include a night with those rock n roll rascals **John Otway and Wild Willy Barrett**, of TV's 'Top of the Pops' fame. Yes, I know, amazing that we are putting them on here, in li'l old Kimpton. Tickets for this concert on Saturday 3 November are £15 and available online - just visit the website: kimptonfolk.uk

And we have another very special event: *a live album recording* in Kimpton Church on Saturday 24 November, with the acclaimed duo **James Fagan and Nancy Kerr**. James and Nancy were the headline act at our first festival - they have won so many awards and accolades, including BBC Radio 2 Folk Duo of the Year. Now they are returning and inviting you to join them for what I know will be an absolutely superb concert. Again, tickets are £15 and available from the website: www.kimptonfolk.uk. I can also announce that James and Nancy have agreed to be our **festival patrons**.

And then we have another treat for you on 2 February with **The Churchfitters** - a band that will blow you away - they are incredible. Look them up. And no, they're not performing in the Church - they're in the Memorial Hall. Tickets from... well, you get the picture by now.

Our ongoing programme of '50 minutes with...' popup concerts at The Dacre Rooms has been very popular with full houses for **Nigel Hyams, Richard Stewart, Bill Redway, Sedbuskers, Steve Warner** and **Joel Stewart**. These concerts start promptly at 9 and finish at 9.50. No frills, just beautiful music in the fabulous acoustics of this intimate venue. Concerts in the pipeline: **Ellie Smith & Tim Randall** (October), **Danny Pedler & Rosie Butler-Hall** (November), **Peter Michael Rowan** (December) and in February, errrr... yours truly. You have been warned.

So there we have it. That's a lot of stuff going on and it's largely down to the work of the Trustees of our registered charity **Kimpton Folk Events**. These people spend a big percentage of their spare time working at this; they do it because they love it and they believe in it. But there are many other people involved as well. For the festival to work this year, we relied on the work of **75 volunteers** from the village. 75 local people. That's the strongest indication you could ever have that this is a true community event which we, the people of Kimpton, are putting on - and that, for me, is the most gratifying thing of all. See you at one of our events!

Doug Jenner Chairman, Kimpton Folk Events

**Please turn to next page for a selection of photographs from July's event*





*Folk Festival
photography by
Juliet Morton,
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Wendy Hyams*





We are Sailing

Each year, the Kimpton Yacht Club – arguably the most distant from the sea – takes to the waves for a weekend on the water.

This summer, we had 29 – yes, 29 people afloat in three large yachts. On the first evening, we sailed across to Cowes. On the Saturday, we were off Portsmouth and rafted up for lunch in Stokes Bay before heading west to Lymington. The Sunday saw us heading back via Osborne Bay to the Hamble River.

It was a weekend of sunshine, gentle sailing, good food and great company.

More and more Kimptonians are finding opportunities to sail all over the world and coming back to regale us with their adventures. We meet in The Boot every other month and would be happy to see you there if you wish!

Andy Morton 01438 832427

More from the Folk Festival.....



Memorial Hall News

Thanks to those who attended the recent EGM to discuss the hall's constitution, the outcome of which was the unanimous decision to pursue the conversion from trust based charity to that of Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This move is seemingly being mirrored across the country as small local charities are increasingly taking advantage of the benefits of CIO status (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charitable_incorporated_organisation). Winding the legal handle is likely to take a number of months and we will update the village as and when the change is complete. The change of legal status will not impact users of the hall.

To paraphrase Bob Finch's literary hero Oscar Wilde (who knew...?), "to lose one committee secretary may be regarded as misfortune; to lose two looks like carelessness..." - the committee is once again on a recruitment drive and would love to hear from anyone who might be willing to join us in the role of Secretary - duties are light and mainly consist of taking minutes at a few meetings each year and it's worth it just for the office Christmas party....

The hall (...the Kimpton O2...?) continues to provide the venue for parties, gigs, weddings, bar mitzvahs etc. and over the next few weeks will host a 50th birthday party, a fund raising ball for the tennis club, a wedding and will see the extraordinary musical talents Wild Willy Barrett & John Otway (<https://www.kimptonfolk.uk/wild-willy-barrett-john-otway/>) so bear us in mind if you have a significant event to celebrate.

Lastly we must offer out thanks in this regard to Jon Marsh whose tireless work with the Hertfordshire Naturists has resulted in agreement that we will hold their balls for next several years.....

Toodle Pip, Simon Thompson, Chairman



The poster features a dark, starry background with a large, stylized 'ALADDIN' in a metallic, 3D font. Below it, 'THE PANTO' is written in a smaller, similar font. At the top, the Kimpton Players logo is visible, consisting of a laurel wreath with 'KIMPTON' above and 'PLAYERS' below. The performance dates and times are listed in bold white text: 'NOV 29 & 30 - 7.30PM' and 'DEC 1 - 1.30PM & 6.30PM'. The venue 'KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL' is also in bold white. Below this, 'BOX OFFICE' is written, followed by the website 'WWW.THEKIMPTONPLAYERS.CO.UK', the phone number 'TEL. 01438 831294', and ticket prices 'CHILD £5 ADULT £10'. At the bottom, social media handles 'f/THEKIMPTONPLAYERS' and 't/KIMPTONPLAYERS' are shown, along with a small line of text: 'The Kimpton Players is an Amateur Dramatic Society Registered Charity No. 261249'.

A Magical Panto is in the works

The Kimpton Players have already started rehearsals for this years pantomime - Aladdin. With a script written by one of our members, the show promises to be full of fun, laughter, songs and magic.

The show runs on Thursday 29th November and Friday 30th November at 7.30pm. There will also be our traditional two performances on the Saturday 1st of December, with shows starting at 1.30pm and 6.30pm.

Ticket prices are a fraction of those in larger theatres, with anyone in full time education at £5 and adults at £10.

You can book your tickets online at thekimptonplayers.co.uk or by contacting 01438 831294. Tickets promise to go fast, so book your tickets today to avoid disappointment and kick your festive season off with a bang!"

The deadline for the autumn edition of this magazine is strictly
Friday November 23rd

Neighbourhood Watch Update

I propose to gradually reduce the Update content over future issues in order to limit the amount of repetition and to focus on topical matters. Some basic advice will be retained for the benefit of new readers.

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** or 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 and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd.

OWL (On line Watch Link)

Over 11000 NH residents (approx.450 in Kimpton) are already registered with OWL and receive police messages direct and I would ask those in Kimpton to pass on any useful information to neighbours not yet registered with OWL, The latter can be speedily enrolled by contacting our Watch Liaison Officer.

Local Crime

Although we are a low crime area please do not be complacent and do take all necessary measures to protect your property and vehicles and report any suspicious persons or incidents.

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 Department which can be accessed via herts.police.uk/protect_your_money.

Do you bank via your mobile phone?

If so 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.

Nuisance Phone Calls

Still ongoing unfortunately so if your blocker isn't working or you haven't got one and you don't recognise the caller or the number just put the phone down.

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 on their doorstep and ask for identity and if they can't provide it **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

Also be kind enough to check on elderly, vulnerable 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 the Police immediately on 101.

Night Security and Absence

If you will be leaving 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 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 a poke with a grabber. Please let me know if you would like one.

Making life more bearable

Don't forget 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.

Finally, please be alert and report any suspicious person or activity and don't let some of the worries above spoil a peaceful autumn.

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01707 354192 (automated system)

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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 10am -11.45am during term time. Contact *Kimpton-monkeys@outlook.com* or find us on Facebook by searching *KIMPTON MONKEYS 2018*. Hollie Bigg and Chloe Andrews.

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

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herts.police.uk

stalbans.anglican.org

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