

# *Kimpton Parish Magazine*

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*This amazing image was captured by Kimpton resident Simon Wallace. See page 15 for details*





### **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.



## **Kimpton knows how to do Higge!**

How many of you know how famous Kimpton coffee morning cakes are becoming in Luton?! Fridays are supposed to be my one day off a week, but I often have to work that

day too. But one of the benefits is that I at least manage a lie in, and then dash next door to the Dacre Rooms to pick up a piece of cake, and sometimes even manage to grab a cup of tea. But today I just about made it before the cakes were cleared away. I bought up all I could carry with me on the bus to Luton. You see I do this every now and then, buy up the cakes and then take them into one of my many offices around Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire – that of Grassroots in Luton. It's one of my favourite places. I can grab the cakes and then stand at the bus stop chatting to John and anyone else hanging around the High Street. And then I turn up at Grassroots with my box of cake and everyone gets excited! Because Kimpton coffee morning cakes are the absolute best!

The coffee mornings and farmers market really add to the atmosphere of the village and community. So this year during Holy Week we are going to give a little something back. On the morning of Good Friday, rather than a penitential walk from Peter's Green, the church community will be doing something for our community. We will be providing a free coffee morning with hot cross buns at the Dacre Rooms, from 10:30-12. So come along for a bun and a natter.

We'll be doing the usual Good Friday mediation in the afternoon, then the flower team will be in the church on the Saturday getting the church ready for Easter morning, when we will have our usual Easter morning service – with several baptisms, and an egg hunt. Have a look out for posters for all the other events during that week too!

Oh and by the way, we had a lovely visitor from Sweden this afternoon, who declared Kimpton cake to be delicious – and this from the nation

of Higge! (The bishop was there too, but he was abstaining from cake for Lent.)

*With much love,  
The Vicar (Bonnie)*

## **Special Services**

### **Holy Week and Easter Parish of Kimpton**

#### **Palm Sunday 9th April**

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Procession and Holy Communion

#### **Maundy Thursday 13th April**

11:00 am Chrism service, St Albans Abbey

7:30 pm foot washing and Holy Communion

#### **Good Friday 14th April 10:30-12:00am**

Hot Cross Buns coffee morning at Dacre Rooms

12:30 pm making the Easter Garden, children friendly, at the Church

2:00pm Good Friday meditation in church

#### **Easter Morning, 16th April**

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Family Communion and Baptism



### **Have you ever wondered what it is like to experience monastic chanting?**

Perhaps you heard the monks singing in the BBC's 'The Monastery'

Come and join in our series of Gregorian Complines in Kimpton Church.

These are Evening Prayers in Latin and English; the music is unusually haunting and moving, and the atmosphere peaceful and prayerful.

Each evening will start with an introduction to the texts and musical notation, in order to familiarise ourselves with the service.

Will you join us? You are welcome to sing or listen. 7- 8pm April 23rd, June 11th

Questions? Contact Anna Bosatta 07796 342620

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

19th February 2017      George Theodore Pattison  
5th March 2017      Wilfred Charles Arikoglu  
   Montgomery

### Burials, Interments and Cremations

16th December 2016      Barbara Ann Hale  
9th January 2017      Sandra Mary Burns  
14th January 2017      Brian Edward Turberville  
30th January 2017      Phyllis Winifred Shepherd  
14th February 2017      Denise Michelle Bailey

We have just learnt that Ann Meredith died in Cheltenham on 20th February 2017 (Ann was the wife of Rev Bob Meredith, Vicar here from 1967 – 1976)

### Kevan Izzard, formally from Kimpton

**Kevan passed away on Saturday 14th January 2017 in Macclesfield General Hospital, aged 55.**

Kevan leaves wife Denise, children Julie, Brian & Jade, also four grandchildren, brother Leslie, sister-in-law Mable, nephew Nathaniel, niece Pariece, and his dad Terry. Kevan was loved by all and will be sadly missed, now at rest.

## 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.

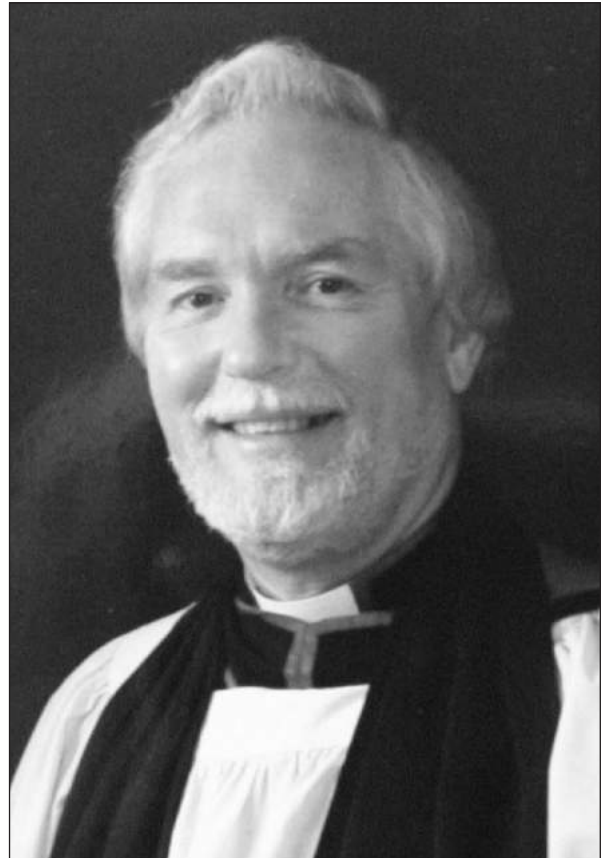
The box is situated on the tables at the back of the Church.

## Grateful thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks, donations received from Kimpton Autumn Show, Kimpton Horse Show and Marion Minchinton.

**The deadline for the summer edition of the magazine is  
Friday June 16th  
kimpton.editor@btinternet.com**

## Rev. Christopher Wharton 1934 - 2017



The Rev Christopher Wharton's funeral took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Harpenden on February 13th. Chris was a part-time 'Vicar' of Kimpton from 1993 to 2000. At that time Mike Carpenter, who now lives in Welwyn, lived at the Old Vicarage and recalls Chris's time in Kimpton.

"Fairly soon after we arrived in Kimpton Chris became our priest. He had a very difficult act to follow after Denys Graebe, but I have very good memories of Chris. I remember that he brought the Alpha Course to Kimpton which sparked something of a revival in the parish. He was a keen supporter of the extension courses that my wife Gay ran, in which, amongst others, 37 participated on their route to ordination. Chris was an avuncular and jovial welcomer of newcomers to the church. My recollection is that despite being unpaid and part time, he served the parish to the best of his ability.

We have good reasons to be grateful for his Ministry."





# Come and ring with us!

Sometime around 1390, William Burford, a bell founder from London, cast a bell, probably in the churchyard of the then small parish church in Kimpton. The Burford bell (believed to be the oldest in Hertfordshire) is still there and over

the centuries 7 more bells have been added. So we know that Church Bells have been rung in Kimpton for over 600 years. We can only imagine the number of hands that have pulled the ropes and how many services, occasions and weddings have been celebrated by the sound of the bells.

Bell ringing is a team activity, good fun and sociable. You don't need to be musical or strong as ringing is about technique and finesse and is within the capabilities of most people. It takes time to learn but once mastered is a life-long activity which opens the door to a network of friends and the opportunity to ring bells world-wide

Bell ringing is a tradition which is alive and well in Kimpton with an active local band. We would very much like to welcome and invite you to join us if you are interested in learning to ring or just want to find out more. Young or not-so-young, come along to our practice evening on a Tuesday between 7.45pm and 9.15pm or contact Sue Hammond 01438 832004 [susan@hammond1.myzen.co.uk](mailto:susan@hammond1.myzen.co.uk) or Les Weeks 07881625207 [les.weeks@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:les.weeks@tiscali.co.uk)

## Holly Wanted

Any size, any variety for planting at Parkfield Sports Ground. We would welcome all donations so please leave at Kimpton Memorial Hall or contact Parish Clerk Carina Helmn, [clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk) or 01438 832573

# May Festival

## Time to bake

### Even though it will be in April!

Liz Jamieson and her team are once again masterminding Church Cream Teas to which our wonderful bakers throughout the village contribute so much.

As usual we require sponges, filled and unfilled; chocolate cakes, coffee cakes, tea breads and 3 inch plain scones by the dozen.

Please leave your contributions on the Vicarage doorstep between Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon (April 28-30).

The teas will be served as usual on the field

behind the Vicarage but without access to the Vicarage this year. Undaunted, and in 'Dunkirk spirit', the team will battle on to provide the May Festival with the Cream Teas it has always enjoyed.

Thank you, in advance, to all our customers for their understanding and support.



## The Great Kimpton Bake Off and Garden Party will be returning on Sunday 9th July 2017 at Garden Fields, Kimpton



**Open to Friends & Family – EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Further Details Coming Soon**

*Organised by Kimpton Primary School PTA*



## **Kimpton Church Youth Group**

The Kimpton Church Youth Group have been very busy over the past few months. They produced an excellent news report on the refugee crisis as part of the Crib Service. Also, they have been practising their baking skills by making biscuits and pancakes.

On the 5th March they hosted a Garage Sale to raise money for CLIC Sargent ( a national charity that supports children and young adults with cancer) and Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope ( a local charity that provides prosthetic limbs to children in developing countries.)

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone that supported their Garage Sale, particularly the Frith family for the use of their garage. They were delighted to raise over £150 to be shared between Clic Sargent and Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope. The donation will be enough to provide one child with an above the prosthetic limb. This will enable one child to walk and have a better quality of life.

The money raised for CLIC Sargent will be enough to provide a family with three hours of support from a social worker.

The unsold books were donated to the Scout bookstall and other items were donated to local charity shops. The Youth Group will not be meeting in April due to the Easter holidays but will be providing Parish Breakfast on 21st May.

If you are aged between 10 and 16 you are welcome to join us at Church House from 10.30 to 12.15pm, on the first Sunday of each month. For more information please contact Kate James at [katherinejames@gmail.com](mailto:katherinejames@gmail.com).

***News from B.L.A.S.T. on page 19***

## **Annual litter pick.....**

With Spring fast approaching, it's time for the annual Kimpton Litter Pick!

Please can you let me know if you can help this year. It's 4 weeks from now, on Saturday 1st April.

It will be the same format as previous years. We'll meet at Claggy Stores at 10am and split into groups to pick litter in the country lanes before enjoying a well-earned drink in The Boot

from 1pm.

The residents of Peters Green and Whitwell are involved once again, so in total we'll be covering a really large area. Thanks Donatella and Julian, respectively.

Since 2011 the annual litter picks have now removed 1,030 bags of rubbish from the lanes around the villages.

But once again there is plenty of new rubbish to clear this year, for the benefit of residents, visitors and wildlife. We want the village and surrounding countryside to look its very best for forthcoming events including the Kimpton May Festival and Kimpton Folk Festival.

So please let me know if you can help by replying to [tim.parfitt@netcel.com](mailto:tim.parfitt@netcel.com) or phone me on 01438 833965 or 07977 001753.

## **.....more about litter**

Do you get annoyed by litter, especially in an otherwise beautiful place? My daughter, Judith has just returned from Abu Dhabi, and almost the first thing she mentioned was the fact that there was no litter anywhere. At the same time a friend came back from shopping in Hitchin, remarking about how much rubbish there was on the river there, with swans and ducks attempting to swim through it.

Not to mention fly tipping!, although here there is a slight risk of the offender being identified. Councils do their best to clean up (reflected in the rates) – otherwise this could be a Community Service sentence. *Dora Scott*

## **Concert at Ayot St Lawrence**

The Alban String Quartet (all members of the Hertfordshire Philharmonia) will be performing Mozart's Clarinet Quintet and Brahms 1st String Quartet, amongst other works, in the Palladian Church in Ayot St Lawrence on Saturday 13th May at 19.30. We will be offering wine/tea or coffee as well, so do come and enjoy what will hopefully be a lovely spring evening of music in the spectacular setting of our Grade 1 listed church. For more details, please look at our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/palladianayot> or contact Christine on 01438 820371 or [christine@ayotstlawrence.com](mailto:christine@ayotstlawrence.com) Limited tickets £10 from Christine.





In case you have not already discovered it, there is now a Facebook Group set up for the village. This is nothing to do with the Parish Council, but it is worth mentioning here as it has proved to be a very valuable resource, and an effective means of communication.

Covering everything from recommendations for local suppliers of goods and services, through to missing pets and suspicious vehicles and individuals, it is a very good way to keep in touch with what is happening in and around the village, and at the time of writing there are 800 members.

There are a couple of topics that have come up recently that have, directly or indirectly, involved the Parish Council: namely abandoned vehicles and dog mess!

For those who are aware of the vehicles in and around the village that have been causing the problem, it has been a frustrating and protracted process getting them moved. Unfortunately, the authorities, whether they are the Police or the District or County Councils, have a procedure to follow which is in itself somewhat convoluted. We managed to obtain a copy of the flowchart, which has been posted on the Parish noticeboard for those who may be interested!

I am aware that there has been some frustration over the speed of reaction to the latest incidents, which is understandable, but in cases where vehicles are not reported stolen, are taxed and hold valid MOT certificates, or are on private land, it is difficult to get them treated as a priority. You will be aware that neither the Parish Council nor the Neighbourhood Watch have any authority in these matters, and can only chase up the same organisations that you can.

On the subject of dog fouling, a number of residents have been adversely affected by the actions of a selfish few, so I would again urge everyone to behave responsibly, as the majority of dog owners in the village are perfectly willing to do.

The Parish Council provides (and we all fund, pet owners or not) a number of dog bins around the village, and we have just installed an additional one in response to these latest incidents. Please use them, and help to maintain the clean and safe environment that we would all prefer to be living in.

Residents who use the access road to the Parkfield Recreation Ground car park will have noticed the recent deterioration in the surface. This is despite two repairs in recent years, and we are trying to establish the best option for a longer terms repair, both in terms of cost and durability.

One issue that keeps arising is the fact that we have allowed the road to be used for the bin lorries to collect bins from the car park. This was arranged in response to problems in the High Street caused by the collections in Church Lane. Unfortunately, it seems that this solution has resulted in the rapid deterioration of the access road and, unless we want to be funding expensive repairs on a regular basis, we may need to review the situation.

Although less damaging, we are also aware that supermarket delivery vehicles use the road to gain access for delivery to nearby properties. Unfortunately this becomes an issue over the stewardship of public funds – it is not fair for the village as a whole to be funding road repairs caused by providing something of convenience to only a small number of residents.

We are currently considering what the best solution might be, but we are certainly going to be faced with at least one expensive repair, and we need to ensure that it lasts as long as possible.

As ever, please keep an eye on our website at [www.kimptonpc.org.uk](http://www.kimptonpc.org.uk) for any updates and important news!

*David Hardstaff*

## **Save time – Do it online!**

North Hertfordshire District Council's website ([www.north-herts.gov.uk](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk)) was awarded full marks last year in the annual survey of UK local authority websites. Only 44 out of over 400 council websites were given the highest rating of four stars, putting NHDC in the top 11% across the country.

One of the key features of the website is the 'Do It Online' function which means you can now apply for a service, report a problem or make a payment using this self service portal, saving time and effort.

The website which is designed to be more user friendly and easier to navigate, concentrates on the top tasks mostly used by residents. It has been optimised to be viewed and used on tablets and mobiles.





## Being Mindful

I have now had the pleasure (and pressure) of being the substantive village headteacher for over 6 months and what an experience it has been.

Finding the right school for your first headship is a decision involving a lot of research about the school, as well as gut feelings towards the place and the people within it. But I can honestly say that I am so pleased with the choice I have made. I now lead a group of dedicated and enthusiastic teachers and support staff to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children of Kimpton. The pupils are a joy and relish new challenges.

Together we have worked on our growth mindsets to be able to do anything we put our minds to.

Since joining at the beginning of the year we have all been working hard on raising the standards across both English and mathematics but along the way we haven't forgotten how important our own wellbeing and mindfulness is.

Together, as a staff, we have been learning all about the importance of mindfulness with Jane Wright (PSHE consultant) leading training on how we can use mindfulness to support our children and the different ways we can incorporate this into our everyday lives and our weekly school timetables. We kick started this initiative with our Feeling Good Week at the start of this half term, organised by Mrs Meiklejohn. It involved a number of groups and specialists from our own community including The Bench Boys, yoga with Heidi Shott and Anne Newby from Relax Kids. We also held a parent workshop to help parents support their children with their emotional wellbeing, with great feedback. Our Feeling Good Week was a great success with children seeing enjoyment in the mindfulness activities and as a result they have become more focused during core subject areas – a win, win!

We want to maintain the importance of this area to support our children in a society where mental health is key. One of these areas has been the introduction

of the Daily Mile by Mrs Dunk and Mr Muir. Every class in the school aim to get outside for a run at least three times a week and we have not only seen fitness improving, but enjoyment and concentration as well.

Tying mindfulness together with our growth mindset, the whole school have been using the book *The Beautiful Oops* as inspiration to show that mistakes can be beautiful – it's all about how we look at them. Do pop in during the Kimpton May Festival to see the amazing artwork created by the children from an initial splodge, spill or rip.



As we now race towards Easter we look forward to the Mad March sale on Sunday 19th March (everyone welcome!) and then one of the highlights in the Kimpton calendar: May Festival. We look forward to all of the activities planned for 'At the Movies' which I'm sure will add to everyone's wellbeing.

As I sign off, I would like to thank everyone in the Kimpton community for being so welcoming and supportive during my first academic year. I look forward to sharing all of our news with you on our school website ([www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk](http://www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk)) and also in the next Parish Magazine.

*Have a lovely Easter. Mrs Tracy Clements*

# Kimpton W.I.

The W.I. started the New Year with an interesting talk by Juliet Archer on 'Jane Austen in the 21st century'. This was followed in February by our 98th birthday party. An excellent evening with food provided by the members and entertainment by David Crewe who sang a selection of popular songs from the 1800's through to 1963, accompanied on the piano by the Chairman of Harpenden Operatic Society – Alistair Sharpe. We had visitors from Breachwood Green W.I., the Kimpton Belles and two County Trustees, Ann Hall and Joyce Gray.

In March we had a wonderful evening when Maggie Taylor came and gave us an excellent insight into the life of a donkey and told us about the amazing work carried out by the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth, Devon.



In April we are going from donkeys to dogs when Len Little is coming to tell us about 'The Training and use of Police Dogs'. We have our annual meeting in May, followed by 'A Day in the Life of a Thames Tug' in June.

We have a varied programme to suit all tastes, interesting speakers and outings, a thriving book club, table tennis on a Friday afternoon in the Green Room of the Memorial Hall and we often help and take part in events in the village. We'd love to see you at our meetings. A warm welcome awaits you so do come along.

Look out for posters around the village advertising our monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall at 7.45 p.m. Do contact Janet Holmes-Walker (President) 01438 832597 or Sue Newman (Secretary) 01438 601 if you would like more information. *Janet*

# Kimpton History Group 2017

No evening meeting in April, due to the proximity of Easter and May Day.

## Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th April (May Festival weekend)

**History Group Exhibition in Church House**  
**Afternoon only, 2 – 5 pm Saturday, 1 – 5 pm Sunday.**

We are hoping to stage a special 1950's display this year in addition to the usual old village photographs etc. If you have any 1950's artefacts that you are willing to loan for the duration of the Festival weekend, please contact Juliet Morton (01438 832427).

The cine film 'Kimpton May Festival Remembered' will be shown at 3 pm on Sunday, this is the film about the 1970 – 1981 and 1992 May Festivals.

## Wednesday 17th May, at 8 pm in the Green Room

### 'Show, Guess and Tell evening'

We invite everyone to bring along 'something of historical interest' which can be simply shown to the group with a few words, or you can ask us to guess its usage or history. If you don't want to speak yourself then one of the committee will do it for you (suitably briefed).

## Wednesday 21st June, external visit to Caldecote Church

Grazyna Tutak will give us a talk on the fascinating history of this little gem. Suggested minimum donation of £4 per head. Details to members nearer the time, meet at Kimpton School at 6pm to share lifts.

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend any of the talks, for which we charge £3 per visit. For more information about the Group please contact Juliet Morton (01438 832427).





# *All set for May Festival 2017*



Kimpton May Festival committee are preparing to deliver, yet again, the largest May Festival in Herts with a host of new and bigger events and a theme of 'At the Movies' designed to appeal to all ages across the four days.

From Friday April 28 through to Monday May 1, Kimpton May Festival will play host to a diverse range of entertainment such as an art show, fun run, festival procession and music night featuring a Rolling Stones tribute band.

The focal point of the weekend is the festival procession which comprises floats and walking entries and culminates in the main arena at the recreation ground where the May Queen and her attendants hold court.

Commenting on the festival, chairman John Hills said: "We are excited at the prospect of the 53rd May Festival in the village and I'm delighted that the theme At The Movies should be something that will appeal to all ages. "

Along with hosting a fantastic time for locals and those who come to visit Kimpton, the event also helps to raise much needed funds for groups that operate in and around the village. This year it is hoped that in excess of £15,000 will be raised for the good causes.

There is always something new at Kimpton May Festival and John is delighted that this year is no exception saying: "While previous years have always shown what a great festival this is, it's always important to add to our offering and this year I am pleased that we have, for the first time, a movie night. Kimpton Music Night looks to be heading for a sell-out as we welcome the Rolling Clones a Rolling Stones ABBA tribute act while our craft demonstration is bigger than ever and our dog show, which we introduced last year, really is a doggone success."

For full details of the events scheduled or to purchase tickets for events such as the Friday wine tasting or the Kimpton Music Night, go online to [www.kimptonmayfestival.co.uk](http://www.kimptonmayfestival.co.uk)

*Please turn to page 12 to find out all about this year's May Queen and her attendants.*

## ***Introducing this year's May Queen and Attendants***



Hello, my name is Katie and I'm so excited to be a May Queen Attendant this year. I am 12 years old and have lived in the village my whole life, I joined Roundwood Park School two years ago after spending my primary years at Kimpton.

My main hobby is music as I can't remember my life without it; I started the violin at the age of 5 and have loved it ever since.

May Festival weekend has always been the weekend of the year for me as it brings the whole community together and the atmosphere is amazing. I can still remember performing for the first time at Kimpton Entertains with the school orchestra in year 2.

Becoming May Queen Attendant has always been a dream but now it's a reality, and I'm sharing this experience with my two best friends!

I hope you all have a fabulous May Festival and I am looking forward to talking to you there!



Hi! My name is Poppy. I'm 13 years old and I go to St George's. I love living in Kimpton and I'm absolutely over the moon to be the May Queen this year with my two best friends: Katie and Liv as my attendants. I have been living in the village for five years now and I went to the Primary School. I enjoy acting and singing and have been in the past two village Pantomimes. I also love playing lacrosse with my friends and competing against other schools. In previous years I have enjoyed dancing round the maypole, being part of the parade and performing at Kimpton Entertains. May festival has always, and will continue to be my favourite weekend of the year. I love all the fun, the food and the atmosphere that everyone creates; it's a fantastic weekend. I can't wait for all the fun to begin! Looking forward to see you all there!



I'm Olivia and I'm 13, I moved to Kimpton with my mum and my brother nearly seven years ago and instantly felt at home. I go to Roundwood Park School and my favourite subjects are music, drama and art. I love acting and singing, I play the flute and I really enjoy going to Rock School where I sing lead vocals and play the drums. I'm also a member of Junior Kimpton Players and took part in the Pantomime in December. I love May festival, one year I was dressed as Lady Penelope for the school float and the photographs were hilarious but the best bit was taking part in the May Pole dancing especially on the Monday when the village gathers on the green. May festival is a great time to have fun with your friends and family so I'm really excited about being a May Queen Attendant with my best friends Poppy and Katie.





## Success breeds success!

The organisers of the Kimpton Folk Festival faced the daunting task of trying to build on the enormous success of last year's inaugural event.

It was suggested that everything could be moved onto recreation ground or other big open space "like other folk festivals". But part of what made the Kimpton event special was that it wasn't like every other festival. Laying on music and dance in the Memorial Hall, the Dacre Rooms, the church, the green and all around the village generated a sense that Kimpton was alive with music.

So the unanimous decision is that for this year's festival, on Saturday, July 1, we'll do everything exactly the same as last year...only better. In particular we've doubled our efforts to provide entertainment for all ages, spreading story-tellers, face painters and other family attractions into even more corners of the village.

And of course we have the most fantastic line-up of singers and musicians.

In the Memorial Hall, the top headline act will be Sam Kelly and the Lost Boys who are rapidly taking the folk world by storm. Among other star attractions are County Durham singer-songwriter Jez Lowe and his Bad Pennies and making a welcome return, Wild Willy Barrett's French Connection.

Norwich trio Alden, Patterson and Dashwood will be part of a stunning line-up of guests in the church, along with a special tribute to Australian bush poet Henry Lawson, put together by our festival chairman Doug Jenner.

As last year, many of the acts will be performing extra sets on the village green as part of a full afternoon of free music and dance, culminating in a mass ceilidh. There will be all day music sessions in The Boot public house, musician workshops in the Dacre Rooms and food, drink and craft stalls galore.

For tickets and more information, visit [www.kimptonfolk.uk](http://www.kimptonfolk.uk) or email [hello@kimptonfolk.uk](mailto:hello@kimptonfolk.uk)

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## Another musical date for your diary

The Eden Consort are giving a concert in Trinity Church, Park Lane, Knebworth, on Sunday March 26th at 5.30.

The Easter story is told through the eyes of four significant characters - Mary, Lazarus, Barabbus and Pilate.

Entrance is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of Bridge Builders.

Please visit [edenconsort.org](http://edenconsort.org) for further details.



## White Horse Update

In mid February our solicitor was contacted directly by the owners of The White Horse asking the community to make a full and final offer for the pub. The following week we submitted a formal written offer.

We understand from the Agents that four bids were submitted, all to operate the building as a pub. We emphasised to the Agents the importance of this point under the requirements of the Asset of Community Value. Subsequently one bidder withdrew.

After some further discussion, an offer from one of the other two parties was accepted by the owners, subject to contract. We have been contacted by that party and they are happy to engage with the community, but have requested confidentiality until the purchase contract is formally exchanged.

Any party that purchases The White Horse and operates it as a quality public house deserves our full support. Having spoken to the other bidder subsequently, it was the publicity generated by the community that lead them to bid for the pub.

It must be remembered that this stage of sale has been reached previously and completion was not achieved. We are therefore aware that we may have to re-engage with the process. To this end we have:

- continued fundraising and at this time we have £430,000 pledged from investors, a formal confirmation of a grant of £30,000 from The Plunkett Foundation and an allowance for a matching loan of £30,000. Further grant requests have been submitted to 'Eastern Plateau' and 'The Big Society'.
- We have completed formal conversion to a Community Benefit Society.
- In January we undertook a full survey of the current state of the property that has created a better understanding of the extent of dilapidation to the property now that it has been through a second winter, unoccupied and without heating and ventilation.

At the time of writing, we anticipate that further information on the purchase should be known before the end of March. Many thanks for all the continued interest shown, and for your financial pledges.

*Neil Burns. Chair, Save Our White Horse.*

## Nominations now open for Rural Living Awards

Hertfordshire's environment and community are under constant threat, which is why CPRE Hertfordshire's Rural Living Awards seek to recognise and reward work done by groups, individuals and businesses to improve life and enhance the environment in Hertfordshire's villages and its countryside.

A nomination form and criteria can be downloaded from [cpreherts.org.uk/awards](http://cpreherts.org.uk/awards)



# Kimpton Horse Show

## Sunday 30th July - Save the date!



Come and join us on the last Sunday in July for Kimpton Horse Show. Did you know the show is one of only a few remaining village horse shows left in the region? It's been running for 73 years and has raised thousands of pounds for worthwhile causes including Macmillan Nurses, Kimpton Village Church and the Herts Air Ambulance.

The show welcomes all types of horses and ponies and creates a fun and supportive environment for competitors, whether it is their first show or they are out to qualify for a prestigious Championship final.

The committee is also very proud to host a number of traditional favourites each year, including Chase me Charlie, Horse and Hound show jumping, Fancy Dress and Best Rider, to name just a few. These sorts of classes are just

as much fun for the spectator as the competitor!

The very first show was held on 29th April 1944 - a simple gymkhana to raise funds for the Kimpton memorial hall. Today we have competitors come from many miles away to enjoy the traditional 'horse show' atmosphere, and a change from competing at the bigger equestrian centres.

Kimpton Horse Show is a great day out for all the family, so make sure you come down for a drink, something to eat and a look around.

To find out more and download this year's schedule visit [www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk](http://www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk), email [secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk) or call 07951 381147. We look forward to seeing you on the day!



## Startrail photograph

Our cover photograph was taken by Simon Wallace of Melting Pot Pictures.

Simon explains how he captured the image.

"I use a Fuji XT2 - this shot had the 14mm lens attached - shutter speed was 30 seconds, aperture f.5.6 and ISO 1250.

I captured the image during the small hours - between 3 and 5.30am - on 21st January 2017.

The image comprises of 200 separate exposures taken across 2 hours - each exposure is 30 seconds and these are then stacked on top of each other in Photoshop, creating the trail. The movement is created by the earth's rotation so it is critical to try and get the pole star within the frame as this remains static and gives the illusion that the other stars are spinning around it. If you look closely, you can also see that I have captured the movement of the clock face - hence you can not see the actual time"

Simon Wallace [www.meltingpotpictures.co.uk](http://www.meltingpotpictures.co.uk)





## Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

Off we go again on the start of another year, and who knows what is in store for us. What we do know is, the membership of the Branch continues to remain pretty stable, but we are also open to recruit new members to the Legion.

Starting on the second Monday of January, we hold Bi-Monthly meetings in the Boot Public House, so there must be some younger ex servicemen and non servicemen out there who would like to join us.

At the November Remembrance service in the Church, our Poppy Appeal Organiser Sue Burns, put on a grand display on a map, covering the battlefields of France and in particular the Somme, which indicated where each of our men of Kimpton lost their lives in the first World War. Sue spent numerous hours researching and working on this display, so many thanks to Sue for her time and effort.

With regard to last years Poppy Appeal, a grand total of £3,337 was raised, so many thanks to the people of Kimpton and Peters Green and other surrounding communities for their contribution, and to all the Poppy Appeal collectors for their time and effort. November 2017 seems a long way off, but Sue would like to hear from anyone who feel they can give a little of their time in the two weeks leading up to Remembrance day, and to volunteer for her collectors team. Contact Sue on 01438 832960.

During the last year, the Bench Working Party have spent many hours cleaning the War Memorial site, and repainting the iron front railings and gate. Our grateful thanks to you all for the work you put in.

Anyone requiring information about the Royal British Legion, can contact our Secretary, Dave Gibbs on 01438 832236, or 0782 4387460. *Robin Wells, Chairman.*

### Polite notice from concerned Lloyd Way residents

With the new housing developments in Lloyd Way and Probyn Close, there has been a significant increase in traffic along these roads, as well as a new road layout.

This is a polite reminder to please take particular care and drive slowly, as there are many children and animals in the neighbourhood, as well as parked cars that can create blind spots.

Please also be aware that there are no footpaths or street lights in Probyn Close: therefore pedestrians and children are vulnerable.

As the junction between Lloyd Way and Probyn Close occurs at a point where Lloyd Way curves, there is the potential for confusion about right of way. Please use caution when approaching this junction and pay extra attention to the road markings. Many thanks.

### The Garden Club

Our 2017 programme is now in full swing with monthly meetings and outings.

We have a good line up of speakers on a variety of gardening topics.

Day trips are by coach and half days using members cars are always fun and an inexpensive way to visit gardens of interest and the opportunity to admire unusual plants and shrubs.

Once again we will have a stall at the May Festival on Saturday 29 April with a wide selection of plants for sale at very attractive prices.

This years' Garden Party in August will be held again at West Lodge, Porters End by kind permission of club member Pauline Tarbox.

We meet on the first Wednesday in the month in the Green Room at 8p.m. when new members and visitors are most welcome.

Meetings are free to members, visitors £2, annual sub. £12 due in January.

We plan to hold our Christmas Party on 6 December in the Memorial Hall when members and partners will enjoy Mulled Wine followed by a three course meal and then some light entertainment. For more details of the club please contact Mary on 01582 832110.



# Kimpton Clubbercise!

Clubbercise is a new concept in fitness that is sweeping the country and I have been running a class in Kimpton for over a year now. The idea is simple – you dress up brightly, wear trainers instead of heels and for 45 minutes you dance your heart out in a dark room under the disco lights waving your glow-stick, approximately following the moves demonstrated at the front.

It's just like a great night out without the hangover and a glow of satisfaction instead.

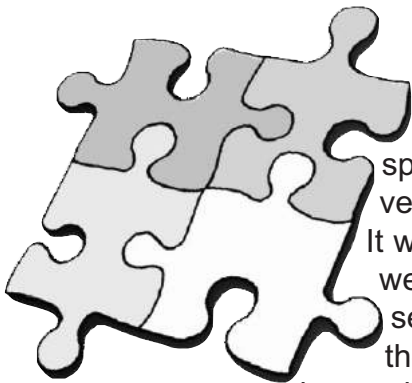
I have been running fitness classes in Kimpton on a Monday at 19:00 for the past 6 years at the local school within the wonderful community that exists in the village, with many of my regulars taking a short stroll to the school from their homes.

In the past we have raised money for a variety of charities including Breast Cancer UK, F.O.P. and The Kimpton Scouts. This year I would like to donate the class takings on my charity night to the National Autistic Society.

Clubbercise is fun and relaxed, open to everyone at any level of fitness and you go at your own pace. Dance tracks range from the late 80s right up to current chart toppers. It's a really fun way to work off the calories.

For more details go to [www.getfitwithvic.com](http://www.getfitwithvic.com) or check out my Facebook group: [getfitwithvic](#) or give me a call on my mobile: 07413625700

## Jigsaw Swap



I hope you agree that the jigsaw swap is proving very successful and enjoyable. Many thanks for the donations. Because of lack of space, every now and then I remove jigsaws that don't seem to be very popular and donate them to the British Heart Foundation.

It would be really helpful if you could ensure that all jigsaw boxes are well sealed. Even better, put the pieces in a sealed plastic bag, and separate the edge pieces into another bag, to make life easier for the next puzzler. Unfortunately, I am having to try and match up loose pieces found in the bottom of the plastic jigsaw box.

Thank you for your co-operation and HAPPY PUZZLING.

Margaret Smith 01438 832749 [margaret.smith5@talktalk.net](mailto:margaret.smith5@talktalk.net)



## A New era ?? and an AGM

I am delighted to report, that (contrary to my occasional mutterings) some people have read my regular reports and that my plea, made in the last issue of this magazine, for New Committee members to come forward, was, in part, successful. As a result of that, (and a little gentle pressure applied by one of my quite persuasive committee colleagues), your committee will be strengthened by at least two and probably three excellent new Committee members.

Tim Armstrong Taylor and Dee Hibbert have already volunteered, and have been co-opted to the committee, and another very well respected village stalwart, of considerable ability has also tentatively agreed to join us, but has not yet been co-opted, due to the closeness of our AGM, and a final decision on his part. (though he will struggle to escape!). Dee will take over the vital role of Treasurer from Jane Coles, who, sadly from our perspective, has left the village. We are extremely grateful for all her past efforts, and we wish her well in Norfolk.

At the last AGM I had indicated that I would stand down at the end of this year of office. I have held the position for the best part of a decade. My forte, if I had one, was in helping the village to bring what was then a 30 year old, 'tired' building into the 21st century. With enormous support from the Village, I think we have largely achieved that objective, though further improvements are imminent, particularly to the lighting, and hopefully to the front of the stage.

What I am not at all good at however, is getting the Hall buzzing with activities and people. In the early days of the current management regime Bob Finch fulfilled that role, very successfully, but like me, he has been in office a very long time, and we are neither of us, any younger!! So it is time for the newer generation to take things forward. And I have no doubt whatever that the people who have already joined us have the 'skillset' to do that. Fortunately Barbara Kazwini, our most excellent booking Secretary is much much younger, and good for many years to come. We would struggle to run the hall without her.

Our AGM will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 16th May at 8.00pm. All residents of the Parish are

entitled to attend, and all will have the right to vote. It is not a 'stuffy' affair but it will determine who will serve on the Hall's Administration Committee for the coming year. So do come along if you are able. You will be very welcome. *Roger Nash 01438 832101*

## Kimpton Environmentalists Litter Pick and Apples

This year's litter pick is taking place on Saturday 1st April. It will be the same format as previously: we'll meet at Claggy Stores at 10:00 and split into groups to pick litter in the lanes leading from the village before enjoying a well-earned drink in The Boot from 1pm. Bring work gloves and litter-pickers if you have them. We'll provide more litter-pickers and bin bags, plus fashionable hi-viz jackets.

Last year we had a record number of volunteers and we collected a record amount of litter, 246 bin bags in total. BUT...yet again there is a lot of new rubbish out there, so spread the word – the more people that can help, the better.

At the May Festival we'll be selling Kimpton Apple Juice on our stall. It is also on sale at the monthly Farmers' Market in the Dacre Rooms. It's delicious so please buy some and support us. If you want 4 or more bottles, call me and I can deliver them.

For more details contact Davina Malcolm 01438 832309

## Kimpton Memorial Hall

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## Peters Green Village Hall

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**Beware 'The  
Woman in  
White' is  
coming!**





## Journeying together

This term at BLAST we have been exploring journeys and the significance of what people undertake when heading on an unfamiliar journey. We have learnt that wherever you might be going God is always with you, that he trusts in you and that friends and neighbours offer a kind welcome. People today are still experiencing tough journeys and at BLAST we have thought about what that might mean and how we can help them.



We have also had fun making some great things.... including Joseph's Technicolour dream coat! And we packed a suitcase full of what we thought we might need for a journey... there were some interesting things.

Of course we also hosted our annual pancake races. Thank you to the Mitchell family for letting us use their lawn... it makes for some competitive, and rather noisy, races!

Do come along and join us at BLAST (Bible learning and sharing together). We have lots of fun in a very informal environment. Children 3-11yrs can join in (mums and dads can stay if they would like too). Church House 9.30am on Sundays during term time.



## Kimpton Public Rights of Way

We are planning to compile a set of walks around (and near) the parish to publish in leaflets and on the web. We have a set from some years ago that need updating, but if anyone has a favourite walk that you think others might like to know about, please let me know. We'll publish a map, guidance notes, things to notice, and a few photos.

We have almost sixty rights of way – mostly footpaths and bridleways – around the parish. Keeping an eye on the state of all of them can be tricky, especially in the narrow window we have to report to HCC after the spring and autumn maintenance cuts. So ... if anyone regularly walks one or more paths, would you be prepared to 'adopt' it, or them, please? All it would entail is to let me know the paths you walk and to let me know when you see anything amiss – overgrowth, damaged gates, obstructions and so on.

The new County Council maintenance contractors took on board our comments after their first visit last June, and they made a really good job of it in September. Fingers crossed for the future.

Please let me or Tom Goldsmith, ([tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk)). Countryside Access Officer at Herts. County Council, know of any problems.

Bob Malcolm 01438-832309 [bobm@ideo.co.uk](mailto:bobm@ideo.co.uk)

## Kimpton Bench Working Party

We have been beavering away around the village as usual and I thought I would mention two jobs we have enjoyed doing. In February we helped the children at Kimpton School to tidy up their garden. We helped them dig over the vegetable beds, erect some sweat pea and runner bean wigwams, spread bark chippings on the paths, and paint some tyres in bright colours – for planting. Look to your left as you walk up the pedestrian path to the Memorial Hall and you can see their work in the school grounds. A very enjoyable morning.



We have also worked recently, for several Wednesday mornings, in the churchyard securing wobbly (ie dangerous) headstones and raising up buried stone grave surrounds. Many of the graves with surrounds that are, say, 100 years old, are disappearing into the surrounding soil. We are trying to reclaim them before they disappear for ever. The job includes digging around them, raising them up, and filling in underneath with flint stones reclaimed from elsewhere in the churchyard. We sometimes find that there is a massive, grave size, slab of stone underneath that needs lifting too. This is typically a really heavy slate slab about 7 feet by 4 feet and two inches thick, and takes some shifting, as you can see from the photographs above. My theory is these hefty lumps of stone were put there to deter grave robbers from stealing fresh corpses to sell for medical research. As you can see it took three men with crowbars, extended by scaffolding poles, to lift this one.



The above are just two of the jobs we do, there are many more. For example, for the Parish Council, we are about to erect 10 MPH signs in the roadway to Parkfield car park and install a dog poo bin in Wren Close. Lots more jobs on the list. If you fancy joining us come along and see if you like it.

Finally – a big thank you to The Boot and their customers for a donation received this week.

*Bob Finch 01438 832497*



***‘The Woman  
in White’ will  
be at Kimpton  
Memorial Hall  
on June 22nd,  
23rd and 24th  
at 8pm  
Don’t miss her!***

## The Kimpton Players

With our 53rd ‘Old Time Music Hall’ over we have once again managed to raise a considerable amount of money for local and regional charities.

Preparations for our next production - an adaption by Craig Sodaro of Wilkie Collins’ *The Woman in White*, are underway.

The thriller, set in 1850 promises to be an exciting production and not to be missed.

Visit [thekimptonplayers.co.uk](http://thekimptonplayers.co.uk) for details.





## **Kimpton Bowls Club**

At the AGM last November Beverley Pate vacated the secretary's post after serving the club diligently for a number of years; thank you Bev. Brenda Lennox was persuaded to replace Beverley, so if you need any information regarding the Bowls Club please contact Brenda on 01582 623106.

The club has it's Open Day on Sunday 23rd. April, which will be the 70th season of bowling in Kimpton! We will be marking the occasion over May Festival weekend. More details of events will be published in the May Festival programme and around the village. We will still be providing the traditional refreshments and games plus "extras".

Another "Promotional" Open Day will take place on Saturday 6th. May; all welcome. Details will be posted around the village, or ask a member over tea on May Festival afternoon. We love to see you.

*Dud Ginn*

### **Kimpton Primary School Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy**

We wish to appoint someone special to our lunchtime team who is friendly, flexible and enthusiastic. You would help supervise our lovely and well behaved children both in the dining room and in the playground. The hours of work are 11.45 - 1.15, term time only. We are very happy to consider applicants who are available for just a few sessions a week. All employees at the school are subject to pre employment checks, including the right to work in the UK, health checks and Enhanced DBS (our school being committed to safeguarding).

Visits are welcomed or, if you would like further information, please telephone Bev Caner on 01438 832 394 or email the school [admin@kimpton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kimpton.herts.sch.uk)

## **Preston Gardens Open Day Sunday 28th May 12.30 - 5pm**

A large number of gardens in this pretty village 3 miles south of Hitchin, Hertfordshire offer a variety of sizes, styles and planting with many interesting details including unusual plants, wild areas and water features. The small Arts & Crafts church of St Martin will be beautifully decorated and open to visitors. Stalls on the Green and Teas in the Village Hall. Barbeque on the Green from 12 noon. Lunches can be booked at the famous Red Lion pub. (01462 459585).

Map supplied on admission.

Entry £5.00 (children free). Free parking.

Post code SG4 7RU.

Contact 01462 456567 (Meta)

### **Caretaker required for Peters Green Village Hall**

The Hall is not heavily used, so there are often long gaps between bookings with no real pattern, but it is still necessary to keep an eye on its condition and ensure that it is always kept in good order by scheduling regular visits and maintaining good cleaning standards.

In addition to cleaning duties and inspection of the grounds, the Caretaker will assist the Booking Secretary by meeting potential hirers who wish to view the Hall and will also carry out post-hire inspections. Full instructions on how to deal with these tasks will be provided. Cover for sickness and absence will be available from volunteers.

As hirers are requested to leave the hall as they find it, cleaning should not be required for more than a couple of hours a month; however, brief visits could be required perhaps twice or three times a month, depending on the enquiries received by the Booking Secretary. Remuneration (though modest) will be offered to anyone interested.

Volunteers have been covering these tasks to-date, but the help of someone with a little spare time and flexibility will ease the burden of the Management Committee whose current members are either in full time employment or unable to offer support for other reasons.

For enquiries please contact Donatella on 07879 425879



# Neighbourhood Watch Update

## Community Policing

Our Ward Constable Chris Suckling retired last December and has been replaced by David Hine so it's goodbye to Chris with many good wishes for a long and happy retirement and welcome to David and we do hope to see you soon around the village. Should you wish to contact David 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, or email [david.hine@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.hine@herts.pnn.police.uk) or [heather.burrows@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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)

I am pleased to report that we have enrolled a number of new joiners in the High Street, Lloyd Way and Probyn Close and I understand that there are now about 10,500 properties already enlisted to receive crime alerts direct from the police throughout the County with strong representation in North Herts.

If you wish to join this most useful and confidential service you can enlist by visiting [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)

## Local Crime

We continue to be a relatively low crime area which is most reassuring although there have been a couple of relatively minor crimes such as sheds/garages broken into and items stolen.

## Abandoned Citroen Truck R 784 ANO

This vehicle, owned by a fencing company in Basildon, and parked in Commons Lane with a very unsafe and unsightly load for about 10 weeks was assumed to be abandoned and reported to NHDC and the police but the latter declined to take action as initially it was taxed and had a valid MOT.

It was NHDC's responsibility to trace the owner and have it removed which proved to be very lengthy procedure involving protocols laid down by Defra. Meanwhile despite efforts by the Parish Council and District Councillor, John

Bishop it was not possible to circumvent the system. The ball had been set rolling initially by NHW Street Co-ordinator Robin Wells who badgered the responsible NHDC officer but with little effect and regrettably Robin was unfairly criticised by some neighbours for the lack of action, resulting sadly in his resignation from NHW.

Eventually the tax and MOT expired and the vehicle was removed presumably by the owner.

## General Alerts

You need to be aware of the following issues which continue to occupy a lot of police resources and can be very costly and upsetting for the victim.

**Cyber attacks on your bank account and/or your computer.**

**Theft of handbags and wallets particularly in shops.**

**Cold callers asking for details of your Bank account and card numbers.**

If you want some reassurance do have a look at "Protect your money and a guide to safe on-line shopping"

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

For more information on the above contact Derrick Sweeney, Watch Liaison Officer at [derrick.sweeney@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:derrick.sweeney@herts.pnn.police.uk)

## Making life more bearable

Don't forget that you can, and should, report anonymously any incidents of abuse, dog fouling, unruly behaviour, excessive noise and nuisance neighbours on Crime Stoppers 0800 555111. 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](http://herts.police.uk/contact_us/contacting_us.aspx)

Finally, please be aware of and report any suspicious activity as indicated above and don't let some of the worries above spoil you having a peaceful spring.

Alan Smith, Kimpton Village NHW Co-ordinator  
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# The Church in Kimpton

## Parish Church

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## Baptist Church

### Perry Green at Peters Green

#### **Minister**

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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**

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  
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# 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

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## PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 01438 832620

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## USEFUL LINKS

[kimpton.org.uk](http://kimpton.org.uk)

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

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

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

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