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Sunday 9.30am	Parish Church	Family Communion BLAST
2nd Sunday 11.30am	Ayot St Lawrence	Holy Communion
2nd 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 4.30pm	Parish Church Parish Church	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

Prayer Corner

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

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

Front cover: 2018 May Queen Lucy with attendants Daisie and Megan. See page 13



Four legs of a community

A community like Kimpton is like a four-legged stool. There are four institutions that it needs to thrive; a school, a shop, a pub and a church.

Take any one of those away and it is seriously weakened.

When the post office went, I was worried, until the Corner Stores stepped up to take it on. When the White Horse was threatened, the village wobbled a bit. But we survive because all four institutions remain intact.

However, the village remains in a precarious state and it is essential that we do what we can to ensure that we retain all four corner stones. We need to buy our supplies from the Corner Stores as much as we can. We need to have our celebrations in The Boot. We need to help the Primary School in the issues of Secondary School Transfer and we need to support the Church as well.

It was interesting at the beginning of the year, when the Bishop came to answer questions at the end of a service, that there were several people in the congregation who do not come to the regular services. Why were they there? I think they were aware of the importance of the Church within the structure and life of the community.

The Church exists for the community

- for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals
- as a focus for village events– May Festival, Concerts, Harvest, Remembrance Day
- to celebrate the great days in the Christian calendar – Easter, Patronal, Christmas
- but also as a forum to thank God for the community, to pray for those in need and to help in practical ways such as visiting the sick, helping with the Noise project and running community opportunities such as Loaves and Fishes and coffee mornings.

Whenever I welcome people to a village event in the Church, I start by saying 'Welcome to YOUR church'. That is what it is. It is there for you.

God bless and have a very Happy Easter.

Andy Morton Lay Reader

The Vicar, Revd. Bonnie Evans-Hills, has been on sick leave since the beginning of the year. At the time of writing, her future plans are not clear, but she remains in our prayers and we hope that she will get well soon.

Church Cream Teas at May Festival

Can it be a year since our last plea for sponges (filled and unfilled), scones, big cakes and small cakes? Items can be left on the doorstep of The Vicarage in the High Street (near Dacre Rooms) from Friday afternoon onwards.

The teas will take place in our tented area at the bottom of the Rec, as last year, on Saturday and Sunday. Cake making is only one part; we need helpers on the day, washer-ups in our field kitchen and pitchers of tents so there is something for everyone!

For the present, batch baking can begin and freezers filled. Let 'Bake-off' commence!

Valerie Pollington

*Look on page 5 and see what
the Church Young People
have been have been doing.*



Friends reunited

Sandra Benson, a faithful member of our church choir for many years, moved to New Zealand several years ago but returned for a fleeting visit to Kimpton with her husband Mike.

They are pictured here with current choir members including veteran member Dora Scott.

From the Registers

Baptisms

18th February Isla Amy Hopkins

Burials, Interments and Cremations

20th November	John Husbands
30th November	Stuart McConachie
11th December	Anthony John Rush
8th January	Pearl Gwendoline Smith
11th January	Geoffrey Curry
29th January	Warqaa Boreham
17th February	Michael Perryman

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 donations received from Kimpton Parish Council, Kimpton Autumn Show and Kimpton Horse Show.

Free Musical Coffee and Cake morning at the Dacre Rooms on April 18th.

As a trustee for the Kimpton Folk Events group I am organising a FREE musical cake and coffee event at the Dacre Rooms on April 18th from 10-12.

Local folk musicians will provide a light entertainment whilst visitors enjoy cake and coffee and time to relax and chat in the beautiful newly refurbished Dacre Rooms.

Please spread the word to those in the community who would enjoy this FREE event and reach out to neighbours who feel isolated and distanced in their own homes.

Further information from June Rowlands 07940 854535 or junerowlands@yahoo.co.uk.

Look forward to seeing many of you!

June Rowlands

The Memorial Hall

Thanks on behalf of the Hall's admin committee to Janet Pugh for a brief but highly effective cameo as minutes secretary and thanks in anticipation to Claire Fox who has agreed to take on the role going forward. Improvements to the fabric and amenity of the hall continue apace and, as noted at this week's AGM, visitors to the Hall now benefit from a recently installed Wi-Fi facility. Further refurbishment of the Green Room and other aspects of the hall are in train, news of which will be communicated in due course.

Finding the Superhero within us...



BLAST has had a super term... we have been looking at superheroes in the bible.

We started with Samson and Moses, followed by the ultimate superhero... Jesus. We even created a superhero logo for Jesus, I think he would be proud.

We then looked at female superheroes including Esther and Ruth. They were breaking boundaries a long time ago, International Women's Day would be inspired. Our children



(and mums and dads) even got to dress-up as superheroes for a lovely family service led by Andy Morton. We had nurses, firemen, batman and a few wonder women!

We realised that there is a lot we can take from the heroes that we looked at. The shared values of friendship, trust, courage and faith. And the strength to keep focused on doing the right thing. Most importantly we can use the superhero powers we all have within us to make a difference to our friends, family and community.



'Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

We are now enjoying preparing for Easter, such a special time of the year. The children are especially looking forward to the egg hunt!

Do come and join us on Sunday mornings at Church House. We are an informal and friendly group of parents and children who simply love our church family. The coffee is also always on! 9.30am during term time at Church House.

The Kimpton Church Youth Group have had a busy few months



In January we really enjoyed learning to knit with the help of Jeanette Bowers and the Yarn Bombers. We can't wait to see the results at the May Festival.

In February we had a fantastic Pancake Party and in March we planted trees for the Woodland Trust at Heartwood Forest. We



are looking forward to reading The Passion at the Palm Sunday service.

The Kimpton Church Youth Group usually meets on the first Sunday of the month at Church House from 10.45 to 12.15pm. Anyone aged between 10 and 16 are welcome, please contact Kate James at katherinejames@gmail.com for more information.



Geoff Curry

November 1949 - December 2017

Firstly I, and our children would like to open our hearts and thank so many of you who attended Geoff's funeral on the 11th January. For all your messages, comfort, flowers, food and kind words then and now. Also for all your amazing donations to Geoff's Cancer Charities, which are so important to him and us.

The final total for The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation is, £660.00 and for The Mount Vernon Cancer Centre £760.00. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to these worthwhile charities who with this help will carry on trying to find ways of helping people like Geoff.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We know Geoff would have been very moved.

Caroline Geoff moved to Kimpton in July 1974 living at 6 Claggy Road and more recently at 10 The Green. Geoff was very involved in village life, standing for many years as a

Parish Councillor where he used this platform to speak up for many people within the parish, especially the younger generation where he would speak tirelessly on their behalf. He also coached for many years the Cubs Football team and worked along side others to instigate the building of the new football pavilion and other facilities around the village.

Since his retirement in 2007 he was an active member of the Bench Working Party, and would think nothing of jumping up on stage at Kimpton Entertains to tap dance, do the river dance, synchronise swim or scare us with his Hakka! Geoff would also help out at village events like May Festival, The Horse Show and the Autumn show, and only last year he won first prize in the Kimpton Bake Off for his Victoria sandwich cake. His talents were varied and endless. Geoff loved this village and had many friends here and would always go out of his way to help anyone in need of his wisdom and muscles.

Geoff married Caroline in the village church on 1st October 2011 where many of their friends and family joined them in their celebrations during the day and dancing way into the evening. He also walked his daughter Emily through the village from their home in Claggy Road to the Village Green where she married her sweetheart Tom in August 2015.

Geoff loved Christmas and especially the hanging of the Christmas lights around their home. Anyone who ever saw Claggy Road or 10 The Green adorned at Christmas will be witness to his enthusiasm. So when the village held its first ever Christmas Market outside their house he delighted in joining in the festivities and taking many photos, which was a passion of Geoff's. He travelled far and wide in his life and took hundreds. Mostly of birds and animals, but also of the people he loved. He was extremely talented in this art, but also very humble. He was always asked to enter them into the Autumn Show, but never did.

Geoff's passion in life was for his family. He would spend hours listening, talking and teaching them all the things he knew, trying to share with them his knowledge. He also loved his dogs and made many friends on his walks around this village and in The Lake District, his second home.

Geoff was a hard worker, a passionate and loyal husband, father, step father, grandad and friend. Geoff was a remarkable man, he was good and just and fair and funny and silly and wonderful. He will be dearly missed by so many.

Caroline and family x



As you may have seen from various social media posts, as well as posters on the village notice boards, Parish Council elections are due to take place on Thursday 3rd May. As ever, we encourage as many people as possible to become involved and help to shape our community. Please follow the various links or speak to the Parish Clerk to find out more.

In terms of community events, it has been decided that the very successful Christmas Market will be repeated for 2018. It will take place on Saturday December 8th at the slightly revised times of 12:30 until 18:00 so put the date in your diary and look out for further details

You may have seen the recently refurbished Dacre Rooms, which have been transformed and have found a totally new lease of life, it seems. It just shows what can happen when the community gets behind something, and the Parish Council have been happy to lend support to this venture and others around the Parish, including the current refurbishment work taking place at Peter's Green Village Hall.

Another change you may have noticed is the appearance of a SID (Speed Indicator Device) at the east end of the village, as you drive in. Although currently there is only one such device, there are three locations in Kimpton where it can be sited, and one on the way on Blackmore End, so it will be moved around from time to time.

We are aware that the current site is not the most visible, as the SID is partially hidden by signposts as you drive in. Since its purpose is to be seen, and to provide prior warning of excessive speed, this seems unfortunate, and we have asked Highways to investigate re-siting it, which they are doing.

You will be aware from earlier newsletters that there is a limit on the distribution of SIDs, the intention being to prevent them becoming so much a "part of the furniture" that they lose their impact. Technically the Parish is only supposed to have one (which has been in Peter's Green for some time) but we managed to secure a second with the support of our County Councillor, among others, and are not giving up hope of a third!

Our Parish Warden Rob O'Brien has retired, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his many years of support, in all weathers, keeping the village tidy. We have decided not to replace him directly, so there are now contracts in place for a weekly servicing of the 18 litter bins and 14 dog waste bins in the Parish, and there is a contract just coming into force for the litter picking and leaf clearance and so on.

In terms of social housing in the village, we are occasionally asked about the rules for prioritising local people, and we have recently discovered that some of the new properties in Probyn Close are prioritised on the basis of a local connection for the first let only, and after that they are released to the general housing list.

There are still, as far as we can ascertain from the District Council, 19 properties that will always prioritise local connections, but the remainder may not. This was not our understanding when the new development was being planned, and indeed we received no community funding (which we had received from the old Probyn House site) on the basis that social housing for local people would be provided.


We are currently following this up, but if you have any questions about your own situation, or that of people with the relevant local connections, please refer them to the North Herts District Council via the portfolio holder Bernard Lovewell, or our District Councillor John Bishop, who can be contacted via the Parish Council website.

Finally, you have probably received the very welcome Council Tax demand in recent weeks! You may notice that the Parish Council Precept appears to have fallen slightly.

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from page 7 It has, in fact, stayed at the same level as it has been for some years – we have managed to avoid any increase for several years now – but the additional number of households in the Parish has meant a slight fall on an individual basis.

This is my final newsletter as Chair, so I will end by thanking everyone who has supported and contributed to the Parish Council during the six years or so that I have had the privilege of being involved, especially my fellow Councillors and our exceptional Clerk Carina Helmn. As ever, please keep an eye on the website for news and updates, and I wish everyone an enjoyable (and perhaps slightly warmer!) Spring and Summer. *David Hardstaff*



Kimpton serving Kimpton, Peters Green and Blackmore End
PARISH COUNCIL www.kimptonpc.org.uk



Get involved – Election 3rd May 2018

Become a Kimpton Parish Councillor
The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to come along to a council meeting, Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm in Kimpton Memorial Hall or speak to one of the councillors; Ian Corbett, David Hardstaff, Lewis Hawke, Jon Marsh, Sue O'Brien, Jon Palmer, Donatella Pirola and David Reavell to find out what they think of the job they do.

What does Kimpton Parish Council do?
We own and manage Village Greens in Kimpton and Peters Green, Kimpton Recreation Ground and play area and Parkfield Sports Ground. We manage Hall Lane allotments, Wrens Close play area and give financial support to local organisations. We represent the views of the community on matters such as planning to North Herts District Council, highways to Hertfordshire County Council and crime prevention to the police. We organise the Kimpton Christmas Market.

Getting Elected
To stand for election (4-year term), you must:

- ✓ be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union
- ✓ be at least 18 years old
- ✓ be an elector of the Parish or in the past 12 months have occupied land or other premises in the Parish (as owner or tenant) or work in the Parish (as your principal or only place of work) or live within three miles of the Parish boundary.

For more information or for a nomination pack please contact
David Hardstaff, Chairman on 07722 605545 david@hardstaff.biz or Carina Helmn, Parish Clerk on 01438 832573 clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk

Guidance for candidates and nomination papers can be found at
www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-in-england

Nomination papers must be delivered to North Herts District Council
by 4pm on Friday 6th April

Would you like an allotment at Peters Green?

There are both large and small allotment plots available

Contact Charlie or Lorna at pgallotments@gmail.com

Kimpton Rights of Way

Our walking maps are now printed and should be appearing in the Corner Stores, local pubs and elsewhere. Thanks again for your contributions. It will take a while to prepare an online version but meanwhile I'm happy to let anyone have a PDF version. There is also a sister map – the Kimpton Heritage Trail – produced by the History Group.

In recent years we have been helped by the Parish Paths Partnership scheme run by HCC. Simplifying, we have been able to get grants for work to improve our rights of way and their access. Some may have noticed the new steps from the recreation ground to the field beyond, installed by volunteers managed by the Countryside Management Service. But they have done many less noticeable jobs for us around the parish, such as more steps elsewhere – especially those above Cottage Farm, mending or replacing decaying bridges over ditches and streams, and clearing the access points along the new parts of the Chris Baker Way. The scheme even covered most of the costs of the new walking maps.

I am aware that the new steps are very muddy, as are gateways on the popular paths north of the Parkfield Sports Ground. I hope to get some aggregate or similar down soon.

We keep hearing of cyclists riding on footpaths and sometimes being abusive or aggressive – prising off 'No Cycling' signs and breaking gates. It is difficult to do anything about individual cases, but if it is clear that they are from a particular club or in an organised event, we might stand more chance. So *please* let me know.

Please continue to let me or Tom Goldsmith, (tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk), Countryside Access Officer at HCC, know of any problems like overgrowth, damaged gates, obscure or damaged signs or waymarks, obstructions and so on. Never feel bad about making work for us: I may groan, but the more legs and eyes there are out there to help monitor our 60-odd paths the better.

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

A 99th birthday celebration for the WI



Our first meeting in the New Year was a talk by John Pickett, CBE, of Rothamstead Research Station. He spoke about his work researching ways of feeding the world and how successful this had been in South Africa and China.

Later in the month a group of members visited the London County Hall, across the River Thames from the Houses of Parliament, where we saw an excellent production of Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution", performed in the fantastic Court Room there.

In February, as one of the oldest organisations in the village, we celebrated our 99th birthday with a party in the Memorial Hall (see photo). We were joined by visitors from County House and Breachwood Green W.I. Members provided a great array of food and as it was Valentines Day, red hearts and red carnations were used to decorate the Hall and tables. After the delicious meal, we were entertained by Margaret Barker accompanied by Charlotte Vickerstaff on the piano. She sang a selection of songs through the ages - particularly appropriate were 'If I Knew You Were Coming I'd Have Baked a Cake' and the 'W.I. Calendar Song'. A lovely evening full of fun and friendship.

In March, Maggi Lines gave a talk entitled "Let's Face It". She made members think, laugh and exercise facial muscles as well as suggesting how to grow old gracefully by taking care of posture and skin. She demonstrated different types of massage on some of the members, much to their pleasure. She also explained how she could diagnose problems by reading a person's face. It was a fun evening and members learnt a great deal about their bodies and how to look after them.

We are a friendly W.I. and a warm welcome awaits ladies of all ages on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45p.m. in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall. So why not join us on 11th April when Jose Jeffrey will be talking about "Secrets of a Store Detective".

For further information please contact our President, Sue Newman (01438 832560) or Secretary, Liz Haynes (01438 832500).

The Kimpton Trail

Back by popular demand for

Kimpton May Festival 2018

With a shorter walk, a new setter and
new style clues

But just as much fun!

On sale at the Corner Stores

Magazine deadlines 2018

Summer June 15th

Autumn September 21st

Winter November 23rd

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

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

kimpton.editor@btinternet.com

Kimpton Bowls Club

The bowls season is due to re-open on Sunday 15th. April; but before that day 21 of us will be enjoying a week away at Potters. Kimpton B.C. are entering two teams this year.

We look forward to seeing you at the clubhouse on May Festival, when we can serve you refreshments and let you play bowls-related games on the green. The following Saturday, 12th. May, we will have a Promotional Open Day for anyone who has the slightest interest in bowls, or what goes on beyond the conker trees! New members and visitors are always welcome to try or to watch this gentle but competitive sport.

At our AGM in November we allowed Hal Boshier to step down from her many years as Chair of committee. The membership are grateful for her dedication to the club. Pat Flury was elected Chair; a safe pair of hands.

Our fixture card is full of Friendly matches, Evening League matches, In-house Knockout competitions and other trophy events. We also host village groups and societies; most returning year on year.

If you require more information regarding the club you could contact Hon. Sec. Brenda Lennox on 01582 623106. Alternatively, pop in to The Boot and look at our Fixture Card whilst having a drink.

We look forward to seeing you. *Dud Ginn*

CPRE Hertfordshire – Celebrating 90 years of standing up for Hertfordshire’s countryside

Our Annual Awards Scheme is now open for nominations, further information can be found on our website: www.cpreherts.org.uk/awards

The judges for the Hertfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England’s Annual Rural Living Award Scheme have been justifiably amazed at the amount of effort put in to keep our county looking so good and its residents so cared for. We received over 20 entries for these awards last year but we know that there is so much more happening across Hertfordshire that needs to be celebrated.

The awards go to individuals or communities that can demonstrate their care for the

environment and the general improvement of rural community life, sustainability and continuity. The categories are Rural Community Living, Rural Environment and Rural Business in the Community, with individual awards for an adult and a young person, aged up to 21, who have made an outstanding contribution to rural life.

Nominations can be made by anyone, you can even nominate yourself. Judges visit in the summer and the awards are presented in October at County Hall, Hertford.

Please think which organisations or individuals deserve recognition and send in a nomination, closing date Wednesday 30th May.

Kimpton History Group

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

“St Albans in the Great War:
Conscription, Conscience and
Commerce”

Talk by Jon Mein & Maggie Douglas of
SAHAAS

**Saturday and Sunday 5th & 6th May
at Church House**

Don’t miss the History Group Exhibition
at the May Festival
Details will be in the May Festival
programme

**Wednesday 16th May, at 8 pm
in the Memorial Hall Lounge**

“The Amazing Jill Grey”

Talk by Andy Gibb of the British Schools
Museum in Hitchin

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

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

Back to Kimpton: Sam Kelly and The Lost Boys in concert Saturday 19th May in the Memorial Hall

If you happened to be at the final concert of last year's folk festival, you'll remember Sam Kelly and the Lost Boys - they put in such a storming performance to close the festival. Since then a few people have asked if we could have them back, so I'm very pleased to tell you that Sam and the band will be playing a special Kimpton Folk Festival fundraising concert on Saturday 19 May.

Sam Kelly originally found fame as a finalist in Britain's Got Talent and since then he and his band of young folk superstars have achieved fame around the UK, hailed by critics everywhere – including Kimpton of course. The concert is bound to sell out, so if you'd like to go, head over to the website and book. It's £12.50 for adults, £5 for 16s and under: www.kimptonfolk.uk

Supporting Sam we're really pleased to have the award-winning Zoe Wren, a sublime young singer and guitarist whose latest album Gold and Smoke is winning rave reviews. And speaking of reviews, here's what critics have said about Sam Kelly and the Lost Boys: "Amazing, thrilling music." (Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2), "Beyond sublime." (Mike Harding), "One of the best young voices in British music." (Sean Lakeman)

John Otway & Wild Willy Barrett at Kimpton in November

Talking of British music legends, we're really thrilled to be bringing you these two for another fundraiser on November 3. For those over a certain age, John Otway and Wild Willy Barrett need no introduction – in the 70s and 80s they were often on telly with their crazy antics. For those under that age – you'll just have to see them in action on stage! We'll be announcing ticket sales after the folk festival, but in the meantime, please keep the 3 November date free.

Reaching out

The Kimpton Folk Events **Outreach Programme** is now in full swing. As a registered charitable organisation dedicated to growing a love of folk arts in the community, we have held a very successful musical coffee morning for some of our elderly citizens and now our education programme is getting under way.

Two workshops on 30 April and 18 June, run by professional musician and teacher Paul Scourfield, will introduce children to the music, songs and dance from their national and local heritage, helping create a programme that the school then develops to enable children to perform at future school, village and community events.

We're also talking to music departments in local secondary schools about growing the folk element in extra curricular music activities – and our very successful 50 minute popup concerts in the Dacre Rooms have a strong emphasis on identifying, nurturing and celebrating young talent.

So, all this – AND a **Kimpton folk Festival** on Saturday 7 July! Supporting our dedicated organising team we have around 70 local volunteers working hard to help us put this on – I think that's just amazing. In terms of community effort, it sums up this village pretty well.

This year we have two evening concerts for you to choose and an even wider array of music and activities, including singing, ukelele and poetry workshops, as well as a stunning lineup of artists on 3 stages, free concerts, an open mic in the pub, buskers, storytellers, children's games, face painting, delicious artisan street food, prosecco van, Pimms bar and Farr Brew real ales on tap. Find out all about it here: www.kimptonfolk.uk

Doug Jenner, Chair, Kimpton Folk Events



Dark Skies for Kimpton

Even on a clear night, our view of the stars is being obscured by light pollution. It's sad that many children will grow up never seeing the Milky Way. Worse, a growing body of scientific research suggests that light pollution is bad for both human and wildlife health.

Light pollution can interrupt the natural rhythms of insects, birds and other wildlife species, affecting feeding, reproduction and migration. This is particularly true for moths, frogs, bats and other nocturnal creatures.

There is little we can do about the "skyglow" spreading from Luton airport and nearby towns. But we can try to limit the impact of outdoor artificial lighting for which we are responsible. This means not having unnecessary, or too bright outdoor lights, or allowing light to spill beyond the boundary of our property. Simple actions such as closing the curtains in lit rooms can make a difference.

There are times when outside lights are **needed** – for safety for instance. And other times when they are **wanted** such as for Christmas or parties. But please try to limit their use, and make sure they are angled downwards, away from neighbours and the sky!

More information at nightblight.cpre.org.uk

Davina Malcolm Kimpton Environmentalists

Jigsaw Swap

Situated in the book corner of our beautiful church.

Very many thanks for the tremendous response to my request for donations.

We have such a good variety now of excellent quality jigsaws in mainly two sizes. So much so, that I will be donating some from the very early days to the Scout Stall at May Festival and any that are not sold I will give to the British Heart Foundation.

Please hold back on donations please until later in the year to give us chance to enjoy the splendid selection recently acquired. Also, please ensure the boxes are sealed or, better still, pack the pieces in plastic bags (separate the edge pieces for the next puzzler) to save me trying to match up loose pieces from the bottom of the box.

Thanks again and enjoy puzzling. *Margaret Smith*

Kimpton gets ready to celebrate a May Festival weekend to remember

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 'Around the World in 80 Ways' designed to appeal to all ages across the four days.

From Friday May 4 through to Monday May 7, 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 Take That 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 54th May Festival in the village and I'm delighted that the theme Around the World in 80 ways 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 for children to open the event on Friday showing Cars. Kimpton Music Night looks to be heading for a sell-out as we welcome the a Take That tribute and with our dog show, auction and dancing - the whole weekend will be a treat for all the family."

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

Meet the 2018 May Queen and Attendants



Hello! I am Megan Warner and I have been chosen as May Queen attendant. I am thrilled and honoured and I'm really looking forward to it. We moved to Kimpton when I was starting year 5. I was really nervous about moving schools but I was made to feel very welcome and made lots of lovely friends. I have been involved in Brownies, Guides and Junior Kimpton Players. My favourite event in the village is definitely the Noise Project as it gives a chance for the community to join together and help people who are in need.

I am in year 9 at St. Georges and enjoy school and the activities outside of school which involve drama and music.

The May Festival has always been a highlight of the year. I am so happy to be an attendant to Lucy who I have been friends with since primary school and Daisie. I hope you are all looking forward to the May Festival as much as I am.



Hello! I'm Lucy McCullough and I'm ecstatic to have been chosen as this year's May Queen; it's such a privilege. I am 13 years old. I attend St. Albans Girls' school and enjoy every second of it. I especially like music, as I love playing my flute and saxophone. I really love going to band on a Thursday night with friends.

I have lived in the village all my life and have taken part in clubs such as, youth group and Girl Guiding, which have helped me make friends in other school years. I'm very excited to be part of the festival this year, as I get to share it with two of my friends- Meg and Daisie. I am really looking forward to joining in another parade and being crowned by Poppy, a friend from primary school, as well as celebrating my 14th birthday, which falls on the first day of the weekend.

I can't wait to see the community come together, and hope to see many of you in May. I will be the girl with the big smile on her face!



Hi! My name is Daisie Thurston and I'm 12 years old and have been chosen as a May Queen Attendant. I was born in Enfield but moved to Gustard Wood 12 years ago. I went to Kimpton Primary School and now I am in Year 8 at St Albans Girls School.

My hobbies include gymnastics, street dance and recently have been enjoying learning to ski and have just completed my Level 6. I have also tried my hand at snowboarding which was great fun. I have enjoyed many village clubs such as Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

I love the May festival, whether I have been on a float with School, helping out in the dog show or dancing round the Maypole, which my mum runs.

I usually take part in the fun run but this year I have a good excuse to spectate instead..... phew!

I look forward to seeing you there!



Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

This quarter of the year is a fairly quiet period, so there is very little news of interest to report

Of course we still have our bi-monthly meetings in the Boot Public House and deal with all matters at hand, and now we have three women members, it helps to keep the meeting in order.

Our current membership stands at 34 paid up members, but we are always looking for new faces to join us and to keep the ship sailing.

With regard to last November's Poppy Appeal, a grand total of £3643 was raised, so a big thank you to all the people of Kimpton and Peters Green, and to all surrounding communities for their contribution.

As this year is the Centenary of the ending of hostilities of the 1914 -1918 war, the Royal British Legion nationally are requesting RBL Branches to consider marking this occasion with a celebration of lighting Beacons across the country.

With this in mind, we are currently discussing this with the Parish Council to see what can be achieved in Kimpton.

Anyone requiring information about the Royal British Legion, please contact Dave Gibbs on 01438 832236 or 07824 387460
Robin Wells, Chairman



The Poppy Appeal - looking forward in 2018

On **Sunday 11th November 2018**, a countrywide event, **Battle's Over**, will take place to commemorate the 100 years of

Remembrance since the end of the First World War. Not only will towns and villages across the land be marking this centenary with the Remembrance Service, but they will also be engaged in a variety of activities including:

6.00am	Battle's Over - Sleep in Peace, a 1000 bagpipes filling the air as dawn breaks
10.40am	Remembrance Service at St. Peter and St. Paul, Kimpton
6.55pm	The Last Post
7.00pm	WW1 Beacons of Light - Beacon Lighting Ceremony
7.05pm	Ring out for Peace - Church bells to ring out in celebration

This is our opportunity as a village to take part in **Battle's Over**, to remember the bravery and personal sacrifice of so many, and to shine a torch for our young people going forward in their lives.

If you would like to read more about **Battle's Over** and consider how you or your organisation might like to be involved, please go to: brunopeek.co.uk/Battles-Over-Guide.pdf

I would once again like to express my sincere thanks to the **Poppy Appeal Volunteers** for their commitment and hard work, and to the village residents, for your generosity and kindness. The sum we raised in November 2017 was £3,643.29.

Sue Burns Poppy Appeal Organiser, Kimpton.



*Kimpton Horse Show
Sunday 31st July
Save the date!*

Come and join us on the last Sunday in July for the 74th Kimpton Horse Show. One again, we've got a busy schedule planned with showing classes, show jumping competitions and gymkhana races! A couple of popular favourites are the Chase me Charlie, where the height of the jump keeps going up until the competitors knock it down, and a themed Fancy Dress - both just as much fun for the spectator as the competitor! We're also raising the stakes this year with a our biggest show jumping class to date.

As one of the few remaining village horse shows left in the region, the committee are proud to be able to continue contributing to worthwhile causes from the money raised at each show, both here in Kimpton and further afield. In the past this has included Macmillan Nurses, Kimpton Village Church and the Herts Air Ambulance.

The show is held by kind permission of the Harding family. Our sincere thanks also go to the Thompson family, who store the numerous jumps and other equipment throughout the year, as well as the many volunteers who help set up before and after the show.

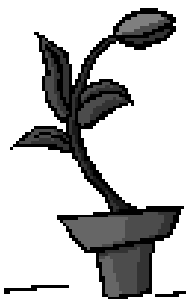
It's a great day out for all the family, so make sure you come down for a drink, something to eat and a look around.

To find out more visit kimptonhorseshow.co.uk, email secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk

Are you celebrating a special birthday, anniversary, wedding or a personal milestone? If so, then why not ask your guest to make a donation to your local life-saving Charity? This year Essex & Herts Air Ambulance celebrate 20 Years of Saving Lives and we invite everyone to share this special milestone.

Register your event and receive a pack including posters, balloons and a collection box to encourage donations from your guests throughout your event.

Whether it be pounds or pennies, every donation counts at Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Just £8 can buy a blood pressure cuff to monitor the status of a patient. We really can't fly without you. Visit www.ehaat.org



Garden Club

We are a very friendly club that welcomes new members and we are particularly keen to attract younger members 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. The January meeting was Quiz night and in February Richard Revells delighted us with more on Scottish Wild Life. Dr. Hazel Robertson spoke in March on the basic economics of food growing, using and preserving.

In April Tom Cole will advise on "Getting the best colour from containers." May's talk will be on the fascinating subject of "How plants use flower power to control animals".

Visitors are most welcome to join us at the April and May meetings. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

Now that the Beast has departed we are very busy getting plants ready for our stall at the May Festival on Saturday 5 May so do come and see us if you want to buy and/or join the Club.

We organise visits to lovely gardens and this year we are off to Cambridge Botanical Gardens on 9th June and Anne Godfrey's Daisy Roots nursery at Hertford Heath on 11th July. In addition there are social events including Summer Garden Party, Christmas Party and Quizzes.

If you like plants, vegetables and gardens you will find a wealth of interest so do come along to any meeting and join in the fun with fellow minded folk and hopefully improve your knowledge of this fascinating subject. You don't need to be an expert to enjoy the experience.

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

Meetings are free to members, visitors £2,

Annual Subscription only £12.

For more information please call

Mary 01582 832110 or Myra 01438 832776

Preston Gardens Open Day Sunday 27th 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, tel. 01462-459585.

Map supplied on admission.

Entry £5.00 (children free). Free parking. Post code SG4 7RU.

Contact 01462-456567 (Meta)

We are sorry but dogs are not permitted in the gardens.

The Hertfordshire County Show May 26th and 27th

For 2018 we have new food, new drink, new music, a new big top circus, a new Village Green, new entertainment, new craftsmen and new heavy horses, new equine classes, new sheep classes and new cattle classes, as well as a few old favourites, back by popular demand!

Our new food courts - Eat and Drink Hertfordshire, Street Food at the Circus and The Oak Tree Eatery - will be exclusively featuring local food vendors, selling everything from Peking duck to South African Street Food to vegan Indian to sweet and savoury crepes. Local brewers, Farr Brew and McMullen's, will be selling from their pop up pubs, tipi bars and horse boxes across the Showground. Or bring your own picnic!

Old favourites such as The Hertfordshire Farmers Display will be back in the Jubilee Arena, this year looking at 100 years of farming, before their famous hay bale race. Speak to the stars of the show in The Hertfordshire Farmyard, which will be bigger than ever before, including more machinery, old and new, farmyard animals, pig racing and talks by Rothamsted Research.



We're thrilled to be able to celebrate the contributions of two of Kimpton's most committed Scouting members - John and Jeanette Bowers, both still key in Harpenden and Wheathampstead District's ASU*

John received his Medal Of Merit (which awarded for outstanding service. It rewards keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period). John has been connected with 1st Kimpton for many years and was key in the creation of the Scout and Guide Annex at the Memorial Hall.

Jeanette received her 30 year service award, which is an outstanding milestone. Jeanette was the driving force that set up the Beaver Colony in Kimpton.

Jeanette said "We have been involved in Scouting since our boys were in Beavers and they now have Beavers of their own! Scouting has been hard work, great fun and very rewarding over the years, involving our family in all kinds of activities including camps, woodcraft and Gang Show. Scouting has given our boys skills and abilities that have led them to very fulfilling careers where being a good leader is essential."

On behalf of the whole of Kimpton Scouts, thank you both so very much for all you've done for the young people of Kimpton.

This segways nicely into our current situation where a shortage of volunteers is causing problems for all sections of the scout group. Scouting provides a wonderful opportunity for children to learn a range of skills and make friendships over and above those that they get from school. We are so lucky to have a dedicated team of scout leaders and assistants but do need more help on a regular basis. Helping out at any of the sessions gives you huge rewards as John and Jeanette will testify and is a great addition to any CV as well as being an opportunity for retired members of the community to stay active and give back to future generations.

As we embark on an activity-filled summer term, please do let Tamsin (secretary@kimptonscouts.org.uk) know if you're interested in getting involved.

**ASU The Active Support Unit is a way for adults to volunteer time to Scouting in a flexible way that suits them.*

An exciting year for the Kimpton Players

Despite Mother Nature's best efforts, this year's Old Time Music Hall kicked off what promises to be a fantastic 2018. The show itself has raised money for Hert's Air Ambulance and The Hospice of St. Francis on its two charity nights, as well as Diabetes UK via Peter Risley and his superb barrel organ. Mr. Risley has been playing for us for over twenty years now and he has become a big part of our show. We'd like to thank him for his continued support and efforts for such an important cause.

There is a question we'd like to offer to everyone in and around the village - have you ever fancied performing on stage, but not sure if you can commit to rehearsal times, or worried about being on stage for a whole show? Well, our next production should be right up your street. Our Shakespeare Project will give performers the chance to tick something off of their bucket list by allowing them to perform on stage for a short time, with rehearsals done in their own time and at their own pace and with coaching available when you need it. The performances are on two nights - June 22nd and 23rd and will consist of some of Shakespeare's famous speeches and monologues, you may even know of one you fancy doing. If you'd like to register your interest contact Mike Taylor at mike.taylor@mtis-ltd.co.uk.

One last thing we'd like to mention is our winter production... and this year is panto year!



Harpenden District Writing Competition

Every year amongst the Harpenden Consortium of schools there is a writing competition for Year 1 through to Year 6. As a school all of our children work on a story to be able to submit and the best of each class is entered into the

competition. This year the standard was extremely high across the schools but we were delighted that William in Year 4 came third. An excellent accomplishment.

We would like to share with the readers of Kimpton Parish, William's entry into the competition. Well done William!

The Great Theft

In Washington D.C everything was calm. 12 o'clock was the time and everyone in North America was nice and cosy in their beds except one person. This person was holding Donald Trump's ring. His ring was worth £320 million with diamond covering the ring. The thief had just stolen the £320 million ring and was in her/his hideout. Meanwhile detective wannabe James Zelfon was dreaming about being famous...catching a thief.

"Wake Up!!!" Shouted the voice of James' mother who was urging James to have breakfast. "OK OK" replied the annoyed sleepy, weary James even Colin, James' dog, was pushing James off the bed. When James eventually got downstairs he had a look at the newspaper on the table the headline said: £320 MILLION POUND RING STOLEN FROM WHITE HOUSE. As quick as a flash James dashed out of the house with his detective supplies.

When James made it to the White House, there was police men everywhere! James managed to vault over the gates without being seen then he watched them work and work for three hours behind a tree. Finally, he had an idea! Just as one of the police vans was going to go, he dived into it at the last second.

After 30 minutes of being squashed in a van, it finally came to a halt and one of the police men in the van began to talk "I can't believe after all these DNA tests we found out that the thief's hideout was in an ally or something." James knew exactly what he was trying to say and he was wasting no time in getting there.

James couldn't believe he was going to catch the thief! He cautiously moved down Dangerous Ally and although it was late, 9:00 o'clock, he wasn't scared at all. After 1 hour of searching he eventually found a dark figure only five feet away from him James sprinted up to him and took off his hood. It was a sleep walking Donald Trump!

Back at home James was very confused. He stole his own ring? The police didn't arrest him but in the end police granted him 200g worth of £50 notes. James just knew there would be more adventures like this.



Kimpton women are being urged to play dirty in the fight against cancer by signing up now for a brand new event from Cancer Research UK's Race for Life.

Welwyn Garden City has been chosen to host Race for Life Pretty Muddy for the first time at Stanborough Park on Saturday 2 June.

By signing up right now, ladies in Kimpton will be playing their part in beating cancer. Money raised will help Cancer Research UK scientists find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat the disease, helping save more lives.

To enter Race for Life today visit raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770



Local Registered Veterinary Nurse, Nicki Foster, has recently begun a new cat feeding service that covers Kimpton, Codicote, and the surrounding villages.

With 17 years experience in the veterinary industry, and currently Head Nurse in a local small animal practice she has a keen interest in feline behaviour. Understanding cats are territorial, sensitive, home-loving animals, her service offers a great alternative to catteries. Nicki believes that "The service allows cats to stay in their own environment with familiar smells, sounds and surroundings and gives owners peace of mind whilst they're away". At the same time as feeding your cat she will also water plants, close curtains and empty the bins etc. As a qualified Veterinary Nurse she is also able to administer any medication your cat requires.

All new clients receive a free initial meeting to get to know your cat's personal needs and routines.

You can contact Nicki on:

nickithecatfeeder@gmail.com or follow her on Facebook, just check out Nicki The Cat Feeder.





The annual litter pick on Saturday 24th March 2018 saw 75 volunteers help clear litter from country lanes around Kimpton, Peters Green and Whitwell. We cleared 264 bags of rubbish from 21 miles of country lanes and in total after eight years we've collected 1,467 bags of rubbish. Along with car tyres, TVs, furniture and many unusual items!

The date for next year's litter pick is Saturday 30th March 2019.



Fit & Fantastic Exercise Classes in Kimpton

We are delighted to be able to offer our Fit & Fantastic sessions in Kimpton, currently running during Term Time at Kimpton Memorial Hall with our fabulous class leader, Ronnie.

Fit & Fantastic Pilates: Monday 9.30am (All ages, all abilities)

Fit & Fantastic Over 50's Return To Exercise: Thursday 10am


Active Creative Ltd provides a range of physical classes for children through to adults.

In our Pilates session on Mondays, we concentrate on strengthening the body, with an emphasis on core strength and flexibility. This helps to improve overall fitness levels and general well-being.

Our Over 50's classes provide participants the opportunity to enjoy a carefully researched programme of chair based or standing exercise.

This programme has been created because understand and know its value to the wellbeing of older people, people less mobile, less able to exercise, less agile, who want to improve their balance, mobility and flexibility.

We look forward to welcoming you at one of our classes!



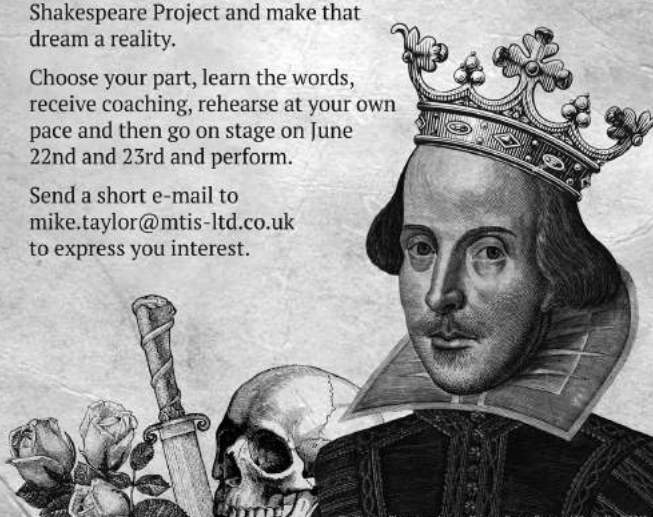
The Shakespeare PROJECT

Have you always harboured the desire to appear on stage in costume and perform one of Shakespeare's great speeches?

Well now you have the opportunity. Sign up for the Kimpton Players' Shakespeare Project and make that dream a reality.

Choose your part, learn the words, receive coaching, rehearse at your own pace and then go on stage on June 22nd and 23rd and perform.

Send a short e-mail to mike.taylor@mtis-ltd.co.uk to express you interest.



The deadline for the summer edition of this magazine is strictly Friday June 15th

Copy and images to
kimpton.editor@btinternet.com

Samos Fundraiser Success

October 14th was another great night when Kimpton got together in the Memorial Hall and had a good time enjoying local music and raising money for charity. And perhaps having slightly too much to drink. Or was I the only person feeling a little “tired” the next day?

The bands were The Bee Stung Lips, GBH and Kimpton Unplugged and the charity was Samos Volunteers, formed in 2015 to help refugees arriving on Samos by sea.

The event was steered by Ian Mitchell whose sea-faring friend Ross Ireland came to the gig on his way to Samos, where he has been helping for some time.

The Samos Volunteers website describes their function as providing “help and support to refugees and asylum-seekers living in the camp and shelters on Samos, by instilling a sense of normality, combatting boredom, and empowering people while they wait for their asylum to be processed. We endeavour to do this by identifying and fulfilling the needs of new arrivals and vulnerable people, and sustaining informal educational activities and recreational projects for both children and adults.”

Life for the refugees is tough. They have lost their homes, their jobs, their friends to war. Families have been broken up and they’ve lost loved ones. The weather on Samos is harsh in the winter and amenities are few and the facility holds far more people than it was built for.

The evening was a great success. The Bee Sting Lips topped the bill and got the crowd dancing and admiring their leader’s leather rock god loon pants, while GBH brought a touch of Louisiana to the proceedings and Kimpton Unplugged delivered as only they know how.

The evening was underwritten by a generous donation from the Parish Council who paid for the hire of the hall and the PA.

So thank you to them and to the bands, ticket sellers, everyone who set up the Hall and cleared it away. Treena and Craig for keeping The Boot open late, those who gave prizes for the raffle and auction, subsidised the bar and everyone who came and had a good time.

The final sum raised was a marvellous £5000 – topped up from over £4800 raised on the night by some generous ad hoc donations.

The money raised will be put to good use for people who have lost everything.

For more details on Samos Volunteers work please visit samosvolunteers.org

Kimpton “A Caring Village”

I feel I must write to let you know of two events that have happened recently.

I do not live in the village but bring a young person to an appointment every week and 14 days ago after his appointment my car would not start.

The RAC was contacted but could not get there for 90 minutes so we sat in the car and waited. After 30 minutes a young mother tapped on the window of the car to make sure all was ok and offered, if needed, a hot drink and the use of her toilet which were declined. 30 minutes later an elderly gent asked if he could help to start the car. I thanked him but told him help was on the way.

A week later I was sitting in car dozing and another woman tapped on window to make sure I was ok. I never got the Samaritans' names but would like to thank them for their care and concern and would like to say what an advert for the village because what happened in this day and age is a rare event.

I have never experienced this before so thanks and perhaps you should rename the village 'Kimpton a Caring Village' *Reg East*

Back by popular demand
the sensational...

**SAM KELLY
AND THE LOST BOYS**



Nominated Best Group Radio 2 Folk

SATURDAY 19 MAY

7.30pm Kimpton Memorial Hall

Licensed bar

TICKETS: £12.50 16 and under: £5

From: www.kimptonfolk.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Community Policing

You can contact our Safer Neighbourhood Team, Ward Constable David Hine or our PCSO Heather Burrows, by using the automated system at Police HQ on **01707 354192** and clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to.

Alternatively you can e-mail

David.Hines@herts.pnn.police.uk or
Heather.Burrows@herts.pnn.police.uk

OWL (On line Watch Link)

Our Watch Liaison Officer (WLO), Katy Garcia, has transferred to the Commissioner's office and a replacement has yet to be announced. Meanwhile Terry Morris WLO East Herts is covering

Terry.Morris@herts.pnn.police.uk

Please pass on any useful information to neighbours not yet registered with OWL. Enrol by contacting Terry Morris.

Local Crime

We continue to be a relatively low crime area compared to other NH Wards but there have been reports of shed and garage break ins. However, do not be complacent and do take all necessary measures to protect your property and vehicles and report suspicious behaviour. There have been reports of stolen motor cycles and scooters in the area.

Cyber Security

The current Facebook problems highlight the need to be alert to any possible scams and threats to your identity protection. Police advise not to use the same password for different locations.

Personal and Property Security

A company called Ring is offering attractive discounts to OWL members on their new product which is 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.

Latest Alerts

The police advise that there is still a threat from gangs of Pickpockets and Dippers and you are most vulnerable whilst shopping so do exercise caution and keep a close eye on purses and handbags. *Keep zipped, don't get dipped!*

General Alerts

There are continuing threats from the international problem of Cyber Crime so you need to be especially mindful of the dangers and how to combat such as fraud and identity theft scams. Do note the police advice on the OWL website and in particular the January update from the Herts

Constabulary Crime Reduction & Community Safety Dept. which can be accessed via Herts.police.uk/Protect your Money. Subjects covered include -

Student Loans Fraud

Most commonly reported scams on over 60's

Do you sell items on line and/or use PayPal?

Protect your Pension

Safety Tips for Students

Don't get involved with so called Microsoft and computer experts claiming to have diagnosed a fault on your machine if you give them certain personal details.

Nuisance Phone Calls

Still ongoing 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.

Night Security and Absence

If you intend to leave your property unoccupied for any length of time please secure all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Your property will look 'lived in' by parking a vehicle on the drive and installing timer operated security lights and give a neighbour your contact details.

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

Making life more bearable

Don't forget that you can report, anonymously if you wish, any incidents of abuse, dog fouling, unruly behaviour, excessive noise and nuisance neighbours on Crime Stoppers **0800 555 111**.

You can use **101** for non-emergencies or you can go on line to herts.police.uk/contact_us/contacting_us.aspx

Police advice to all of us

Finally, be alert and report any suspicious person or activity and don't let some of the worries above spoil you peacefully moving into the warmer months.

Alan Smith, Kimpton Village NHW Co-ordinator
01438 832749 margaret.smith5@talktalk.net

The Church in Kimpton

Parish Church

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Community Support Officer PCSO Heather Burrows
01707 354192 (automated system)

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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

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 www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys

Kimpton Preschool

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

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

Kimpton Memorial Hall

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

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kimptonvillage.com

herts.police.uk

stalbans.anglican.org

kimpton.herts.sch.uk

kimptonchurchherts.wordpress.com

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