

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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Parish Church

Sunday 9.30am

Family Communion
BLAST in Church House

2nd and 4th Sundays 8am

BCP Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 9.30am

Informal worship
followed by Parish Breakfast

Wednesday 9am

Morning Prayer

Ayot St Lawrence

2nd Sunday 11.30am

Holy Communion

Perry Green Chapel

Sunday 6pm

Evening Service

For special services see Sunday pew sheet

Prayer Corner

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

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

May Queen Jasmin with her attendants Leyah and Alex are pictured on the cover.



Onward and Upward!

Our new Parish Priest is on her way! Linda Williams, currently at All Saints, Harpenden, will be joining us on Monday 13th May. Her installation will take place at 7.30pm in the Church and it would be wonderful if you could come along to give her a real welcome!

For the church family, it comes as a huge relief and encouragement, after the difficulties of recent years. Now we can move forward with positive leadership!

Mind you, we haven't exactly let the grass grow under our feet. The church building has never been in better shape. The morale of the church family is very high and there have been several innovations over the last few months. And all this is largely due to a fantastic team who have worked so hard to keep things going – particular thanks to our brilliant Church Wardens, Juliet Morton and Liz Jamieson – without whom, things could have been very different.

Of course, our inspiration (as always) comes from the top! I write this in the middle of Lent – a time which reminds us of the tough time Jesus spent in the wilderness. We, too, have had our 'wilderness years' and, like Jesus, that time of hardship has only served to make us stronger and more resilient.

Linda will be our Parish Priest. She will be YOUR priest too and I look forward to her establishing herself (and her husband, Nigel) as known, loved and valued members of our lovely community. Welcome, Linda and Nigel.

Andy Morton, Lay Reader

Everybody has a story to tell...

'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.' Proverbs 22:6

This term we have been focusing on stories in the bible and it really is such a treat. The bible is such a rich treasury of wonderful tales and we are enjoying discovering how Jesus used stories to spread the wisdom of God.

From the story of creation to the flood, from Daniel and the Lion to David and Goliath they are rich with characters and experiences that we can all learn from (and some of us rather wish we could turn water in to wine!).

We especially enjoy the children sharing their own stories about what we have learnt when we go in to church. This term some giraffes, penguins and bears have also joined the congregation! (see photos on page 6)

BLAST reminds us of the joy of coming together as a community and spending time away from the pressures of every day life. Parents and children can simply have fun (and a nice cup of tea) in a friendly and welcoming environment. We love our church family and nothing beats a good chat... and the children always have lots to contribute!

We are especially looking forward to our Easter activities such a special time in the calendar... come and join us to make the Easter garden in church on Good Friday. And we are pretty sure there will be some eggs to find in our lovely church.

Charlotte Knight

From the Registers

Baptisms

2nd December Dylan Elio Shaw

Burials, Interments and Cremations

15th January Patrick Holgate Dyer

7th February Jean McKnight

12th February Karen (Kate) Lesley Hawkes

14th February Tom Grovestock

22nd February Joan Smith



Patrick Holgate Dyer 1930 - 2018

The number present at Pat Dyer's funeral indicated the high regard in which Pat was held. While serving as a Parish Councillor in the 1970's Pat organised a huge tree planting scheme for Kimpton and some of those trees are reaching maturity now. He

was also closely involved in the setting up of the allotments adjacent to the school fields and was also an enthusiastic member of the Garden Club. For many years he chaired the Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show. His allegiance to the British Legion and especially to the RAF was well known. He had a fine tenor voice and sang in the Church Choir. For nearly 50 years Kimpton gained much from Pat's contributions to the community and he will be greatly missed.

Message from Ann Dyer In Remembrance of Patrick

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you who made such generous donations at Pat's funeral. Collections were made towards our church here in Kimpton, and the Woodland Trust. With your donations to the Woodland Trust it has enabled us to have 1/4 acre of woodland dedicated to the memory of Pat. This is at one of their sites at Fordham Hall Estate in Essex, which I feel is very fitting as we both originate from Essex. My family and I have visited the area of woodland which is dedicated to Pat and feel it is a very fitting legacy to him; he would have been very proud. As many of you know, Pat loved trees and helped plant many in Kimpton and also in Heartwood Forest at Sandridge.

I would also like to thank you for your overwhelming expressions of condolence and kindness before and since Pat's passing. With love, Ann Dyer and Family.

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks, donations received from Vivienne Kingham and also from Sandra and Mike Benson in New Zealand.



Tony and Angela Mann celebrated 50 years of happy marriage with members of the Church Family after a recent Sunday morning service.

Alex West is fundraising and needs to reach £500!

"I'm very passionate about wildlife and nature and love what the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) do to help so I'm running the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 14th April and raise as much money as I can"

To donate or sponsor Alex visit justgiving.com/fundraising/alexanderwest2019



Rev'd Linda Williams introduces herself as new Priest in Charge

I'm a 'Maid of Kent,'! My English family have 300 years of arable farming and agricultural labouring in Kent behind them and I grew up on farms in the Medway Valley village of Halling. I'm a European. I'm half Flemish. My parents met in World War 2 in Belgium (more mixed farming!) I'm one of those 'cradle to grave' type Christians. I grew up in continental European Roman Catholic and Anglican family backgrounds and those strands of Christianity influenced my own faith development and my interest in ecumenism. After school, I took a first degree in European Studies at UEA and Vrije Universiteit Brussel and then worked for a major insurance company in the City of London.

My husband Nigel and me were married thirty seven years ago in Sutton, Surrey. Nigel retired from banking and pension administration in 2010 after 35 years. Now he's a member of Verulam Cycle Club. We have one adult daughter Victoria, who is a Squadron Leader, Engineering in the RAF. Victoria is married to Lieutenant Peter Crease, a pilot in the Royal Navy.

When Victoria started school, I returned to full-time work in primary education and became way more involved in my local church of St Andrews, Coulsdon. That led to training for ministry at St Augustine's Theological College, Kent (SEITE), whilst also working in SEN provision and as a Dfes Higher level teaching assistant. My final year training included a full-time study placement awarded by the Church of England at the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute in Geneva, Switzerland. Freed from housework, I enjoyed achieving a Post-graduate Diploma of Ecumenical Theology via the University of Geneva.

I was ordained a self-supporting minister in Southwark Diocese in 2007. I served my title at All Saints Kenley and St Barnabas Purley (a joint benefice) in the London Borough of Croydon. I was a voluntary Hospital Chaplain. I served on Croydon South Deanery and Southwark Diocesan Synods, Southwark Diocese Companions in Mission Parish initiatives, Southwark Diocesan Ecumenical Advisory Committee.

In 2010 I was licensed to All Saints, Harpenden. I've worked in all 3 churches in Harpenden and hold parish responsibility for Pastoral issues, a focus on liturgy and weddings! I have just stood down as a local authority primary school Community Governor. I'm serving my 2nd term on Diocesan Synod. My interests include ecumenism (no surprise there), local history, crafts. I enjoy creative activities working with my hands; sewing, drawing, painting and gardening. I'm fluent in Flemish and still have a smattering of other languages. I aim to research and complete my family history-so one room in the Vicarage may have large family trees pinned to it!

I am looking forward to joining you at Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence as soon as possible. Nigel and me are looking forward to being part of the village community and getting involved! *to page 6*

from page 5 I learned it was most satisfying and a great privilege to be a link person between the workplace and the church. I am still most motivated by reaching those people who are drawn to the church in their community and welcoming them in, making sure everyone leaves with a smile on their face. God wants us to have fun. I am honoured and privileged, by the grace of God, to serve you at Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence. Come along and say hello. And have some fun!

God bless, Rev'd Linda Williams



*They came in two by two!
Younger members of the congregation
(B.L.A.S.T.) with their animal friends at a
recent service.*

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Jigsaw Swap

Thank you so much for the all the jigsaws donated over the past few months. As in previous years, as there is

such a good selection in various sizes, I will be giving jigsaws that have been part of the Swap for some time to the Scout Stall at May Festival 2019 and any that are not sold I will give to the British Heart Foundation.

I would appreciate it if you could please ensure the boxes are sealed or, better still, pack the pieces in plastic bags too (separate the edge pieces for the next puzzler) to save me trying to match up loose pieces from the bottom of the storage box. Recently several jigsaws have been returned stating that pieces are missing. Unfortunately I am not then able to gift them to either the Scout Stall or British Heart Foundation for sale.

Thank you for your co-operation and enjoy puzzling.



Andy Morton receives his British Empire Medal at a ceremony in County Hall

The citation is for 'services to the village of Kimpton', which include his work with Loaves and Fishes, the Church, the Noise Project, the Welcome Packs and as a School Governor.

Andy said "For me, it represents a medal for the village. No one would be prepared to work for a village that isn't a lovely community. Whatever I do, there are plenty of others who should be receiving an award too!"



In January Loaves and Fishes had a musical entertainer, Brian Shaw, who got everyone up and dancing. It was great fun and everyone entered into the spirit of it.

It was particularly good to see nonagenarian Dora Scott dancing!

CPRE Hertfordshire Awards 2019

For those caring about their Community and/or the Environment

Our Annual Awards Scheme is now open and we are inviting everyone within Hertfordshire to think about the people or groups who help improve life in their community and/or enhance the environment in Hertfordshire and nominate them for an award. The closing date is May 31st.

Our judges review the nominations during the summer and the Awards are presented at an evening event in October.

To make a nomination just download a form from our website www.cpreherts.org.uk/awards and return it to us.



Defibrillator

Following a suggestion from the community we have purchased a third defibrillator. This is now operational and is located at the Kimpton Corner Stores where Anita and Sanjay have kindly allowed it to be fitted. The west end of the village and the business units in Claggy Road are now better served. A training session on how to use a defibrillator has been organised for the 11 April in the Memorial Hall. Details of how to book a place are included in this edition of the Parish Magazine on page 10.

Affordable Village Homes Survey.

Over 360 replies have been received to the February survey, which we are informed is an excellent level of response. These are currently being analysed and we intend to communicate the findings in the next edition of the Parish Magazine and the KPC website.

The Ron Hyde Gap

Several members of the community brought to our notice that test pits were being dug in the field to north and west end of the High Street. We have contacted and held discussions with the agents for the land and they have confirmed that active development of ideas is being progressed. An outline planning application could be expected during this year. This area is identified within the draft NHDC Local Plan 2011-2031 and was also in the prior 1996 Plan. Central Government is applying pressure to increase the delivery of housing to local authorities and land owners of such areas, so it is not with surprise that we receive this news. As a community we will have a range of views upon this matter. You may object to any development taking place or you may wish to influence the manner of any development to the benefit of the community. Is this an opportunity to deliver some, or all, of the affordable homes discussed above? Your views would be appreciated and I would encourage comments via the Parish Clerk so that the KPC can influence the outcome to best meet village preferences.

Tree Cutting

The Parish own more than 200 trees, many of which are mature and sizeable. Our annual inspection has indicated that a number are deemed unsafe as they stand. Dan Andrews, our local Kimpton tree surgeon, is currently felling or pruning those that need attention. Where possible the KPC endeavour to replant any tree that has to be felled.

Allotment Trugs

All of the available KPC allotments have been successfully let for this year, and there is now a waiting list. We have also received a suggestion to provide table top level planting areas that parishioners could use. If there is a reasonable demand for such Trugs we will make them available. Please let the Parish Clerk know if this is of interest.

Neil Burns

A new and important season is about to begin at Kimpton's Bowls Club

Bowls is one of Sport England's fastest growing sports and has established itself as a sport covered by the BBC. As a club we need to build on this popularity and our aim is to get the message out locally that Bowls is THE sport for ALL AGES.

We have a season full of fixtures and social events, all the necessary equipment needed to play and a bowls pitch that is the envy of many clubs. All that is missing is YOU.

Our season starts at the end of April and we play and party until the Summer ends in September. If you would like to try Bowls then please visit us at the top of the Recreation Ground on a Tuesday or Thursday club night from 6pm. Alternatively come and chat to us after the May Festival Parade.

Warren Phillips

100 not out! Kimpton WI celebrates



2019 marks 100 years of Kimpton Women's Institute. What an amazing feat! To celebrate this landmark occasion, we held a social event in February, to which we invited former members and representatives from all the various village clubs and societies. The Hall was decorated with flowers, photographs and displays by our W.I groups and a variety of drinks and nibbles were served throughout the evening. Two of our members, Liz Haynes and Janet Holmes - Walker, told us some of the interesting history of Kimpton W.I from 1919 to present time and several past presidents recounted highlights from their presidential years. Finally, the 100th Birthday Cake was cut by Diana, our longest serving member, ably assisted by May and Hazel, our oldest members. A really interesting and informative evening was enjoyed by all. And here's to the future of Kimpton W.I! So come along new members (of ALL ages!) and help us continue the good work and march proudly towards our second centenary!

Our regular monthly programme of meetings and talks, handicrafts and book group continues. In January we learnt about the Luton Hat Trade and this month's talk was stories and history of the Salvation Army.

Our weekly table tennis (Friday afternoons, 2.00 - 3.30pm in the Green Room, £2.50 per session) and Walking Netball (soon to start!) are open to non - members, so do come and join us for some exercise, fun and games.

The next centenary event will be a Celebration Dinner, for members, to be held in the Memorial Hall in April.

If you would like to find out more about us please contact our secretary, Liz Haynes (01438 832500), follow us on Facebook or look out for notices, posted at various points in the village. We are a very friendly group and a warm welcome awaits visitors and new members alike.

Chris Bichener

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 ART SHOW 2019

Over and above the privilege of exhibiting art within the beauty of St. Peter and St. Paul, the purpose of the Show, is to raise funds for the Parish Church Restoration Fund, and for the May Festival Charity

which distributes money to local good causes. Last year, proceeds from the Kimpton Art Show contributed £8,000 to those charities.

We exhibit over 600 pieces of art work, so if you have a piece of wall space crying out for an original piece of art, then please consider visiting the Show. This year twenty new artists have submitted their work to join the many established artists, glass workers, ceramicists and photographers who return each year with fresh and inspirational work. We are now promoting the Show and artists' work on our Instagram account, #kimptonartshow.

We are a small team committed to providing a worthwhile and friendly experience for both artists and visitors. It is understandably a busy weekend, so if you feel like you may be able to offer an hour of your time to assist us with the stewarding of the church and the art work, we would be very happy to hear from you.

With thanks to Ted Frith for his significant contribution to the Art Show's success over the last few years.

Sue Burns

Chair, Kimpton Art Show

www.kimptonartshow.co.uk

Magazine deadlines 2019

Summer June 14th

Autumn September 20th

Winter November 22nd

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

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

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Kimpton History Group

Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th May May Festival – History Group Exhibition in Church House

Including Kimpton 'Horrible Histories' and 2 showings of the cine film about the 1970 – 1981 & 1992 May Festivals, plus the usual static displays and rolling slide show. Look in the May Festival Programme for opening times etc.

Wednesday 15th May, at 8 pm in the Green Room

"From Scythes to Suburbia"

Talk by Dr Rudi Newman on the effects the railways had on 19th century Britain, particularly in the rural areas of Herts, Beds, & Bucks.

Wednesday 19th June

Hertford evening walking tour

Elizabeth Eastwood will introduce us to the history and delights of our ancient county town. Meet at school to share lifts at 6.15 pm. Contribution of £5 per head is requested. Members will receive more details nearer the time. Anyone else wishing to go should contact June Cardy, 01438 832754.

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.

Community Defibrillator Seminar

Thursday 11th April

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

Kimpton Memorial Hall at 7pm

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency

Kimpton Horse Show's extra special Diamond Jubilee year! Sunday 28th July

2019 marks Kimpton Horse Show's 75th year! So come and join us on the last Sunday in July to experience your friendly village horse show with charity dog show alongside!

Once 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!

Our first dog show last year proved popular - even in the pouring rain! - so bring your four legged friends out for some great novelty classes for all ages!

We'll also have a number of trade stands for you to browse, as well as food stalls and a licensed bar.

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.

To find out more visit www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk, email secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk or call 07951 381147. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

A poster for the Kimpton Folk Festival. It features a central circular logo with the text 'kimpton FOLK FESTIVAL' in a stylized font. The background is dark with light-colored splatters and butterflies. Text at the top reads 'One very special day in Kimpton'. Text at the bottom lists activities: 'Concerts, workshops, sessions, children's events, open mics, storytelling, crafts, stalls, dancing, world class artists on 3 stages, artisan street food, craft ales and free events all day on the village green'. The date 'SATURDAY 6 JULY 2019' is prominently displayed, followed by 'Full line up and tickets: www.kimptonfolk.uk'.

Whitwell Cinema Club

We run a monthly film in Whitwell New Fellowship Hall. It's normally on the third Friday of the month but full details are available at whitwellcinemaclub.com.

We have been in existence for two years and show a variety of films normally rotating between a serious film and a more light hearted the next. All the films have been chosen by the Audience.

The April film is 'O Brother where Art thou'. Doors open at 7.30pm and the film starts at 8pm. There is a licensed bar and tickets, at £6, are available on the door.

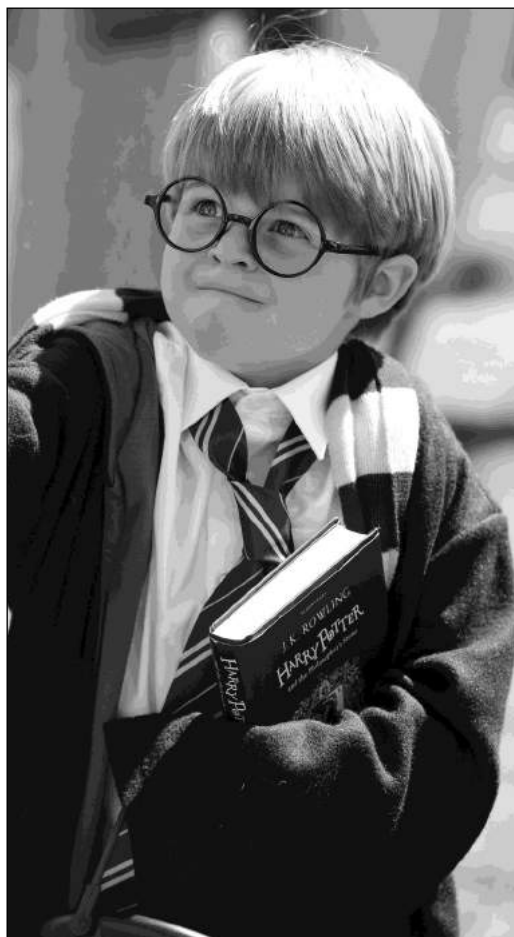
Kimpton Folk Events Outreach Program

FREE Musical Coffee and Cake morning at the Dacre Rooms on April 18th 10-12. Local folk musicians will provide a light entertainment whilst visitors enjoy cake and coffee and time to relax and chat in the newly refurbished Dacre Rooms.

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 'Cartoons' designed to appeal to all ages across the four days.

From Friday May 3 through to Monday May 6, 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 Madness tribute band and an Oasis tribute band.

The focal point of the weekend is the festival procession on the Saturday 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 May Festival in the village and I'm delighted that the theme 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.

Looking ahead to the events at Kimpton May Festival John said: "We have always shown what a great festival this is and this year will be no exception. We have a movie night for the Friday and along with our dog show, auction and maypole 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 your 2019 May Queen and Attendants



Hi, I'm Leyah and I'm 13 years old. I am currently in year 9 at Sir John Lawes and have lived in Kimpton all my life.

Out of school. I'm a 2nd Dan blackbelt in karate and a qualified instructor. I started when I was 4 years old and teach and train most nights of the week. I am an Irish Dancer and have competed in many competitions including the All England Championships where I managed a 1st place. I love music and play the Irish flute, tin whistle and fiddle. I also have a passion for singing and acting. I am a dedicated scout and am due to join the Explorers this year.

There are so many groups, clubs and opportunities on offer in Kimpton but the May Festival is the icing on the cake each year! I have attended every year since I was born, as well as joining in Fun Runs.

I have always looked up to the May Queen and her attendants, so I'm thrilled to be an attendant this year and excited to have the responsibility of the role.



Hello, my name is Jasmin. I'm 13 years old and I'm thrilled to be May Queen. I go to Sir John Lawes School in Harpenden. I love participating in sports with my friends, especially netball and hockey.

I have lived in Kimpton my whole life, whilst attending Kimpton Primary school for eight years. I have been involved with many aspects of the village including the tennis club, Girlguiding and the annual Kimpton dog show. Whilst in my final year at Kimpton Primary, I had the amazing opportunity to perform in Aladdin as Princess Jasmine - ironic I know!

May Festival is always an exciting time of year that unites the whole of Kimpton and never fails to offer the unique experience to those new in the village, hopefully with glowing sunshine! This particular event was always one of my favourite seasonal occasions from the traditional maypole dancing to the crazy costumes of the Saturday procession.



Hi, I'm Alex and I am 13 years' old. I am honoured to have been chosen as May Queen Attendant. I went to Kimpton Primary school, Rainbows and Brownies and still attend Kimpton Church. I now go to St. George's School, where I play flute in the Orchestra and lacrosse (I'm one of the Goalies). I also play piano and sing.

I enter the Autumn Show, and the Great Kimpton Bake-off, and with my friends here, I feel the sense of community and welcome that is Kimpton. It's just heartwarming to be part of such a loyal village.

This will be my 11th May Festival. It is so exciting when the bunting goes up, and the village starts to prepare. The School float used to be built on our drive the night before the Parade, when children and adults came over to get it ready, hoping it did not rain! Everything about the May Festival is great, but I have always wanted to be May Queen or Attendant, so this year will be very special for me. I cannot wait to see everyone there!

Getting Rid of Rubbish

In February representatives of NHDC came to tell us how to Recycle Right – what should be put in which colour dustbin and what happens to it afterwards. There were more questions than answers, and it became clear that sorting our plastic rubbish for recycling is no easy task.

To make it a little easier Kimpton Environmentalists have set up recycling points at the Church and the Dacre Rooms, for the plastic tops from milk and soft drink bottles; and for crisp packets, biscuit and cracker wrappers. Please collect yours at home and drop them in the collection bins provided. At the moment we don't want any other sort of tops or packets, no jar tops or crisp tubs etc.

On 30th March at 10.00 am starting from The Boot there will be (or was, depending when you're reading this) the annual Litter Clear along the roads leading into the village. Please help by joining in and, at any time when you are out walking, picking up rubbish you see dropped on the verge, and NEVER dropping any yourself – bring it home and recycle it if possible.

Davina Malcolm

Kimpton Environmentalists
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Hello and welcome to the Spring term update from Kimpton Primary School.

Firstly, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Clements, our Headteacher, gave birth to her son James on Christmas Eve. Both mother and baby are doing very well and have been in to visit us back at school. Holding the fort, whilst Mrs Clements is off for the Spring and Summer, are Mr Lock (interim headteacher) and our new deputy headteacher, Mr Ferguson.

This term at Kimpton has been very exciting indeed! We were very fortunate to be able to support the church with their vicar interview process and this enabled some of our Year 6 pupils the opportunity to be part of this recruitment process. We were very proud of how our Year 6 pupils conducted themselves in this interview; they were a credit to the school.

Our Reception class have been captivated by the arrival of chicken eggs which have been kept in an incubator. At the time of writing, 9 out of the 10 eggs have hatched and the final egg is wobbling, ready to be born. The children and staff have been very enthused by the chicks and have been looking after these very well.

We have been working incredibly hard on showing a very high standard of behaviour in school. The children have really risen to the challenge and are a credit to the school. We have worked hard at following our school values which we have re-branded as the 'K' factor.

Kimpton School are very much looking forward to being part of the May festival celebrations this year - the Maypole is all ready out and being practised. Our thanks to Mrs Thurston and Mrs Sweet for prepaing the pupils for this event.

A massive thank you to the whole school community for making myself and Mr Ferguson so welcome this term. Kimpton is a special place. *Mr R Lock, Interim Headteacher*

Living Classroom

You may remember the old 'outdoor classroom' in the school garden – an area surrounded by a woven fence of willow wands. The problem was that the fence needed to be replaced every two years as the wands dried out and broke.

Now, however, we have a LIVING fence. Thanks to a group of volunteers who harvested the willow whips, and the help of Heartwood Forest Arboretum, who grew them, and the Bench Working Party, who planted them, we

now have the willow 'walls' for a new classroom, which should grow and develop over the next few years. Gradually, we will be able to interlace them over the top to form an arching ceiling, so the whole thing will be enclosed.

The structure will evolve to become a really useful space for the children! The only problem will be pruning it to keep it under control!

Andy Morton



The Kimpton Players

We kicked off 2019 in style with a very successful Old Time Music Hall. We're incredibly proud to report that when profits are combined with our charity evenings, plus Peter Risley and his popular barrel organ, we raised nearly £7000! Diabetes UK, Herts & Essex Air Ambulance, The Samaritans and other local charities are all being supported this year.

In show business they say leave them wanting more. So, with Music Hall over we're already turning our attention to the rest of the year and have a spring/summer production in June. Dates and ticket details will be released soon so keep an eye out for posters.

Later in the year we also hope to put on another panto to kick off the festive period. So watch this space.

Thanks go out to everyone who came out to support us at Music Hall. We're very grateful to everyone in helping us raise so much money and can't wait for the next show.



Ayot St Lawrence Art Show 15th to 17th June

Now in its 45th Year, the Ayot St Lawrence Art Show attracts hundreds of visitors each year – and for good reason! We have over 90 talented artists exhibiting, many of whom display work with us year on year but with new talent warmly welcomed to each Show. Our artists work in a variety of mediums and in a wide range of styles and prices to suit all tastes and budgets.

This year the Art Show will have more of a festival feel as we have introduced a separate art and craft tent that will run on Saturday and Sunday alongside the exhibition offering opportunities for all ages to try watercolour, pastel relief, linoprint and to make handmade crafts - perhaps as gifts for Fathers' Day. There will also be a treasure hunt and cake decorating

competition. Come early – the first 50 participants each day will receive a free Childs Farm gift.

Having worked up a thirst and an appetite, enjoy refreshments in our Cake Tent or take a five minute stroll to enjoy live music, local beer and cider and a delicious BBQ at the Brocket Arms Beer and Cider Festival.

Lots of free parking and plenty to keep everyone happy all day!

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Grade 1 Listed Palladian Church.

Please see our website for full details of our opening hours and the craft activities and cake decorating competition: www.ayotartshow.co.uk or email contact@ayotartshow.co.uk.

Ayot's Forgotten Postmistress

A Presentation by Professor Leonard Conolly

6.30pm, Saturday, 11th May 2019



Jisbella Lyth was the village postmistress from 1930 until the early 1950s, we will discover lots of details about her and life in the village during this wartime period. She became friends with George Bernard Shaw, and it seems she inspired his popular play "Village Wooing". Copies of Professor Conolly's book will be available for sale.

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine, soft drinks, tea or coffee.
For tickets contact Christine Stevenson at christine@ayotstlawrence.com or call 01438 820371.

Special fixed price menu at
Brocket Arms afterwards: call 01438 820250

www.ayotstlawrence.com www.facebook.com/palladianayot www.instagram.com/palladian_church_ayot

Other events at The Palladian Church

Friday 17th May at 19.00

Così fan Tutte with the Felici Company
(fully staged opera performance in English).

Collection to Breast Cancer Care: £30



Saturday 29th June at 19.30

League of Harmony. A fascinating and rare opportunity to hear an original eighteenth century cello and harp play a programme called "A Tale of Two Cities", which contrasts music written in London and Paris around the time the church was built: £10



Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

It is with great regret that I have to inform you of the passing of two of our members- Pat Dyer and Tom Grovestock. Pat was a former President and Tom the former Standard Bearer. Our sympathies go to their families.

Have you ever wondered what the money raised by the Legion goes towards? I thought until recently it just was for veterans of both first and second world wars -supported by funds raised once a year from the Poppy appeal. **How wrong was !!!!**

The Royal British Legion exists to help all those who have served or indeed are still serving their country and ensure they are able to live a full life. This includes people from recent campaigns like Afghanistan and Iraq. Unfortunately, a small percentage find themselves homeless, perhaps with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or other mental health issues, in debt, unemployed or simply unable to fend for themselves any longer without a "a hand up" and not a "hand out". The Legion also provides support to spouses and families.

You can hopefully see how important it is that we raise money. Raising our membership would help. Its only £19 per year - just go on line to join, remembering to make sure you join the Kimpton branch by using **code BR0576**. The Royal British Legion is a National Charity not a military association. Anyone can join and you don't need to be a former service man or woman. There will be an RBL stall on the Rec on the Saturday of May Festival - please stop for a chat and grab an information leaflet.

Once you have joined, you will have the opportunity to attend at a reduced rate the social events we are arranging. These include:

On 10th August we are off to Newmarket races! There will be a parade of Standards and the Leiston RBL Band. Horse racing will be all afternoon. For RBL members tickets are £30 per person, Non-Members tickets are £40, (this includes the coach journey from Kimpton and entry to the premium paddock). Departing Kimpton at 10am and return approx. 8pm depending on traffic. For every ticket sold, £3 will go straight to the RBL to provide support and assistance.

Tickets are on sale now so please contact John Hills on 07785 960353 or Johnrhills@btinternet.com to arrange your tickets. This will be on a first come first served basis.

We are also hoping to get a coach to attend the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 9th November - further details when available.

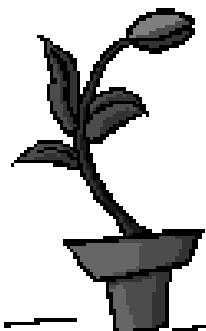
On Remembrance Sunday itself, we will be holding a curry lunch in the Boot. This will be open to everyone but will require pre-booking. Details in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

We are arranging to have a representative from the RBL Welfare branch to come to Kimpton to talk about his work- again, details will be available when we know them!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Royal British Legion (Kimpton branch)*

visit the village website kimptonvillage.com



The Garden Club

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

Normally we meet on the first Wednesday in every month in the Memorial Hall Green Room at 8 pm and our programme covers a wide range of interesting speakers who usually bring colour projection and plants for sale.

Visitors are most welcome, so do come and enjoy convivial company and tea/coffee and biscuits. (£3 fee)

We have been entertained by some really good speakers recently and some will certainly be invited to speak again.

Members are working hard now to produce plants for our May Festival stall on Saturday 5 May. Do come and see us there and buy, buy, buy! This year we will have to cope without the enthusiastic help of Anne and Peter Bolton who have moved to the South Coast.

Our social programme includes Christmas and Garden Parties and Quizzes and this year's visits to gardens of interest, will be a day coach trip to Great Comp, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday 13 July and an evening visit to Myddelton House, near Enfield, on Wednesday 5 June.

If you like plants, vegetables and gardens our meetings provide a wealth of interest to share in the company of fellow minded folk and hopefully improve your knowledge of this fascinating subject. You don't need to be an expert to enjoy the experience.

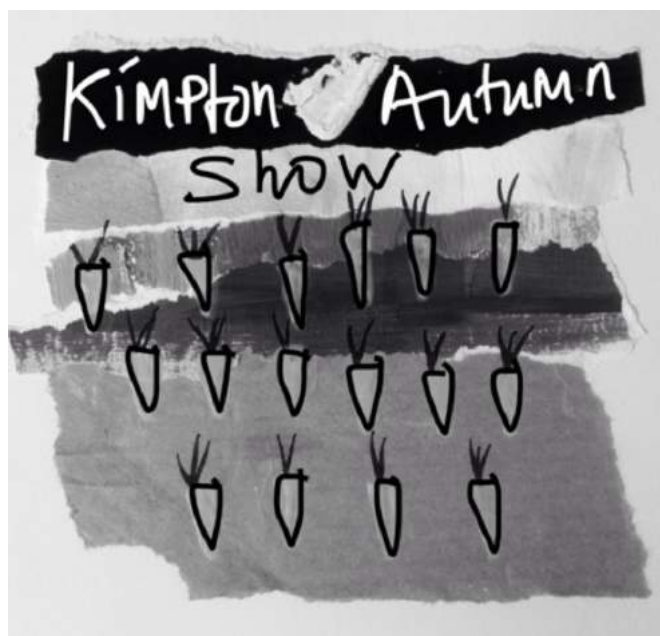
If you wish to create or modify a garden we can help you with the most cost effective layout/selection and maintenance of plants and propagation techniques.

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

Meetings are free to members, visitors £3

Annual Subscription only £15

Talk to Mary 01582 832110 or Myra 01438 832776 for more information



**This year the Show is
on Saturday 7th
September
New Time 2 pm**

**We have gone digital on 2 photo
classes**

send pics to

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Photo Classes

- 801 Selfie – digital
- 802 Panoramic View – digital
- 803 Green Theme
- 804 Black & White photo you Love
- 805 Colour photo you love
- 806 Festival Fever
- 807 Red Sky at Night
- 808 Village Architecture

Also New Raffle and New Tombola

Parish Magazine Deadlines

Summer Friday June 14th

Autumn Friday September 20th

Winter Friday November 22nd

Please send in all copy and photographs by
the dates above to

kimpton.editor@btinternet.com

Kimpton Folk Events Outreach Program



The Kimpton Folk Events Outreach Program has broadened, developed and expanded. This year's goal with generous funding, has been for two of our Trustees with teaching skills in music/dance and song to run short workshops in Hertfordshire schools focusing on inclusivity and children with special educational needs. The take-up has been extremely positive and the intention is for these children and families to feel welcome at this year's festival and participate in the Garden Fields program and on The Green. So far three successful workshops have been conducted in Lakeside, Lonsdale and Southfields Schools in Hertfordshire. The



students, many of whom have severe disabilities and use wheelchairs, joined the accordionist and fiddle player with percussion instruments exploring the dynamics of sound and movement to traditional English/Irish/Scottish dance tunes.

Sharing, moving and holding a section of the very large and colourful parachute in time to the music has been a favourite activity followed by a simple dance with all

students participating in the traditional pattern of a country dance, progressing along the line of dancers in a forward and back motion, moving in time to the live musical accompaniment. A gift of a CD with a selection of dance music from the Festival Artists has been given to the schools to recreate this session in their own time.

Slow Jam has been another successful Outreach endeavour when in November and again in March, several young (and not so young) talented musicians gathered to learn to play folk tunes by ear with no music or manuscript. The concept of the 'slow jam' is to breakdown tunes into bite-size pieces to repeat and internalise them without 'following the dots'. This has the effect of memorizing tunes effectively and can free the musician to feel more of the spirit of the tunes. These vary from either lively dance themes or slow ballad or waltz tunes. The forthcoming Kimpton Folk Festival on July 6th would welcome any of these young buskers to perform freely at the Busk Stops around the village.

Finally the return of our successful 'Musical Cake and Coffee' event is scheduled for May 8th in Dacre Rooms welcoming elderly and vulnerable adults. The 6/7 local folk musicians provide the entertainment in traditional songs and tunes and with the contribution of HERTS MUSICAL MEMORIES lead by Wendy Hyams, there is a lively and heart-warming sing-a-long of old favourites. All are welcome to attend and enjoy delicious home-made cakes!

June Rowlands (07940 854535)



Simon Thompson reflects on Spring and KMH events!

Birds are singing, the sun is shining, the bluebells are in the process of transforming the woods around the village into a lilac-carpeted springtime wonderland and thoughts inevitably turn to the wild and unfettered Bacchanalian delights of the summer ahead (...just me...?).

Your Memorial Hall committee have been beaver-ing tirelessly through the winter months to ensure all at the Hall is even spick-er and span-er than ever and we are looking forward to hosting a series of tremendous private and public events over the next few months.

Those who witnessed the joy of Victor and Albert's Resurrection recently will doubtless be clamouring for more - come on lads you know you want to.... and I'm sure we're all looking forward to return of Kimpton Entertains and the Music Night over the May festival weekend. Some of the UK's finest folk performers will be here again for the Folk Festival on Sat 6th July - be sure to get your tickets early (...Doug Jenner was so confident of it being a sell out he's already asked the BWP—Bench Working Party - to help remove the signs for this event.....)

Lastly, in an effort to spread the love and increase our reach into the furthest corners of the parish, Jon Marsh has urged all of the committee to expose themselves to as many people as possible and I can only entreat you all to do the same.....

Poodle Tip, Simon Thompson KMH Chairman

British Red Cross Hertfordshire needs YOUR support

Could you host a tea party, quiz
or race night?

Help with bucket collections for
Red Cross Week 5-11 May. All
you need is a bucket, a smile and
be prepared to stand for 1 to 2
hours or perhaps attend one of
our Open Gardens from May to
September. For details visit
redcross.org.uk

Holy Week and Easter 2019

Sunday 14th April, Palm Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Sally Goodson)
9.30am All-age Service (Andy Morton) with Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 16th April

- 12.30pm House Group (Herons' Yard)
7.30pm Meditation (Andy Morton) in Kimpton Church

Wednesday 17th April

- 8.00pm House Group (Parkfield)

Thursday 18th April, Maundy Thursday

- 11.00am Chrism Service St. Albans Abbey
7.30pm Holy Communion

Friday 19th April, Good Friday

- 9.00am Raising of the Cross (Peters Green)
9.30am Pilgrimage (Peters-Green to Kimpton)
9.30-12.30 Coffee Morning + free Hot X Buns (Dacre Room)
10.30am Children's activity (Kimpton Church)
10.30am Walk of Witness
12.00noon Short service in Kimpton Church (Andy Morton)

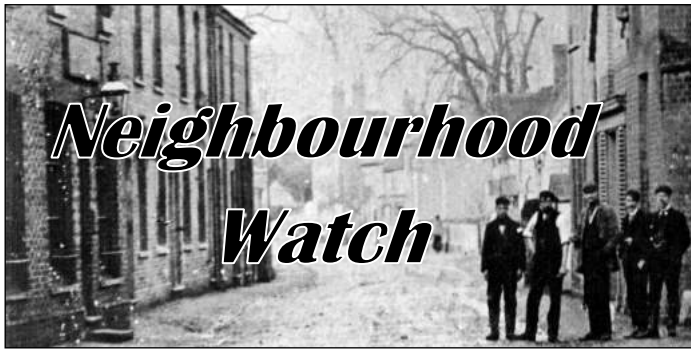
Sunday 21st April, Easter Day

- 9.30am Holy Communion (Tom Purchas) with Easter Egg hunt

Monday 22nd April, Easter Monday

- 9.00am Pilgrimage to St. Albans Abbey (timing for walkers from Sandridge TBA)





Safer Neighbourhoods Policing

The recent timely arrival of the Spring Safer Neighbourhood Newsletter is most helpful as it covers a large proportion of the items I would normally include.

Our Ward Constable is David Hine and our PCSO is Heather Burrows.

As usual there are comments from the Commissioner, David Lloyd on a number of issues, and it is reassuring to note the proposed increase of 100 police officers, the cost of which is funded one assumes by the 14.9 % increase in Police Authority portion of the new Council Tax. Issues not covered are -

Keyless Vehicle Theft

On the increase as the villains find more ingenious ways of gaining access to and stealing your car. The latest is the use of "relays" which enable them to connect your key to your vehicle even if some distance apart. It might help if you can keep your key in a metal box or a Faraday Pouch to shield it from any unwanted signal.

Knife Amnesty

Even though the national Amnesty Week is passed you can still hand in knives to any police station.

Vehicle and Contents Theft

There is a marked increase so always lock your car and set the alarm and don't leave Satnavs or Dash Cams on display.

The good news is that seven criminals have been arrested in a recent police swoop.

Distraction Burglaries in Supermarket Car Parks

The shopper is distracted by person asking for directions or saying there is something wrong with your vehicle meanwhile an accomplice rifles through your handbag.

Fly Tipping

You have to wonder if there would be some decrease if the decision to close Community Tips on three weekdays were to be reversed? In order to catch tippers you probably would have to out in the small hours when you might bump into the Rural Car which has had some

recent success.

HMRC and other Scams

Don't be fooled by a telephone caller pretending to be from HMRC saying they have an arrest warrant in your name for unpaid taxes and they need your bank details.

Similarly a call from BT saying your internet is slow and they offer to help which involves downloading some software on to your computer. And then they're in!

Protect your money

As well as the above scams villains have ways of getting access to your bank details, either by telephone or email, so don't give any personal or bank information to an unsolicited caller. Put the phone down.

OWL (On line Watch Link)

Growing numbers of residents are joining NHW and OWL but more would be welcome so I ask Kimpton Owlers to pass any useful information to neighbours not yet registered with OWL, Better still suggest that they join OWL and receive police crime alerts direct by e-mail or telephone. Joining is quite painless by contacting www.owl.co.uk or our Watch Liaison Officer, Verity Soued.

New Fraud Alert Do you access your banking via your mobile phone?

If so be aware that fraudsters are able to port your telephone no. to a SIM card which they control and then use it to access your bank account and help themselves to your money. Always one step ahead !

Night Security and Absence

If leaving your property unoccupied for any length of time please secure all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make the property look 'lived in' by parking a vehicle on the drive and installing timer operated security lights and do please 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 using 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 witness 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

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The Church in Kimpton

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North Herts Community Volunteer Services

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The Samaritans

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

North Herts & District Citizens Advice Bureau

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

Kimpton Monkeys Toddlers' Group

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

Kimpton Preschool

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

We are open during term time, Monday to Friday. Our morning sessions run from 8.50am to 11.50am and Lunch Clubs from 11.50am to 1.20pm. We now also offer 30 hours childcare, with afternoon sessions running from 1.20pm to 3.05pm, where there is enough interest. For more details, please contact Shahnaz Vayani, Preschool Manager, on 01438 833936 or email communications@kimpton-preschool.co.uk

The Dacre Rooms

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

Kimpton Memorial Hall

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