



Kimpton Parish Magazine

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Lockdown Edition



THE NOISE! PROJECT IS STILL
GOING AHEAD!!!

SATURDAY JULY 11th

We need YOU to help us in Kimpton's
traditional DAY OF ACTION!

Do you know anyone who needs help
with the garden, or a fence painted?

We will help, and it's FREE!

Contact Andy or Juliet Morton
(832427)

'It's like a Sunday in the 1960's.....'

Linda reflects on the last few months

There have been just so many new and different experiences afforded by the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. Some good, some bad, some just plain irritating and frustrating. The bad news is that this happened at all. The UK is still struggling to beat the virus-to stay safe. The tragedy of so many more recorded deaths here than other neighbouring nations is a shocking reality to come to terms with. For those whose loved ones, people you have known, who have been snatched away 'before their time' by this merciless virus, the experience has been, frankly, horrendous. We hold them in memory and in our hearts. For many of us, who have only seen the media reporting, we wonder and worry about the future...will we beat it?...will there be a second wave?...will we all be vaccinated in time? Please join me in praying that the answer to all these questions will be a resounding 'Yes!'

It is a blessing that our parishes have only had the smallest of brushes with the virus. A few folk have recovered and none of the recent deaths have involved Covid-19. But we cannot be complacent. Even as things are opening up again-church services (but not as we know them ...Jim!) will take place in church from 5th July (socially distanced maximum of 50 people, no singing)—we must take care to stay safe, keep distance, but look out for one another. These are the frustrating and irritating times. When it seems like everyone is out and about and no longer keeping 2metres distant in the streets or supermarkets, it's irritating. When our holidays and festivals are cancelled, it's annoying. When I can't do weddings and baptisms but only sad stuff like funerals, it's frustrating. But it's in the bad and frustrating and irritating and annoying times that I look for Jesus message.

Thinking about finding some good in this lockdown, I thought a lot about what I call 'Jesus' manifesto. Jesus tells his disciples, (who were often worried, irritated, annoyed and frustrated); **'don't worry, be happy.** He expands; *'life is more than food or clothing'*. Food shopping has become a great experience during lockdown. The ease of deliveries, the wonderful Corner Shop in Kimpton delivering to those shielding too. Going shopping once a week (some weeks my one and only outing), hardly any traffic on the road, no queues to park, everything clean, one way round the shop. Plus more home cooking by Nigel! Well I don't know about you, but I haven't missed clothes shopping one bit!

'Look at the birds! ...God takes care of them. You are much more important than any birds,' says Jesus. It's been great to enjoy the skies, free of av-gas and noise. But having the time to watch the C-17 big bird that did 'touch and go' practise at Luton airport, as well me and cat eyeing the birds stealing all my cherries! Jesus goes on; *'Look how the flowers grow!But I tell you that King Solomon with all his wealth wasn't as well clothed as one of these flowers. God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields.'* Lots of us did daily exercise for weeks that allowed us to watch Spring grow into Summer as we walked in the countryside around our villages. And who hasn't been out in the garden, if they have one, renewing it, giving it a make-over? And how it's repaid that care-there are some fabulous flower displays in front gardens and our veg patch is looking healthy. Maybe you've found the time to have that long promised 'clear-out' or re-decorate at home. Maybe you've discovered new talents and hobbies. I've learned to take part in

zoom meetings-but what a treat- no long meetings late into the night! Haven't missed that at all. Here's a pic of the church council meeting one Sunday lunchtime.

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The Parish Church Choir have been busy during lockdown!

We have been having regular Zoom meetings, learning new music, and also recording hymns for the 'weekly hymn' on the church website.

Each voice is recorded separately, at home, and then sent to me where they are mixed together and an organ accompaniment added. It's all great fun and a bit challenging for some of us!

You can hear the results by visiting www.kimptonchurch.co.uk, together with readings, prayers and a talk from either the Vicar or Andy Morton.

Andy Wright, organist/choirmaster



Photo: Juliet Morton

From page 3 Finally Jesus says, 'Can worry make you live longer? You have such little faith!.... Your Father knows what you need. But put God's work first and these things will be yours as well.' I'd say the good thing to come out of lockdown for those who have not had to battle the virus, has been **time**. Time away from the usual rat race, the rushing and busyness that fills life for many of us today. Time to read and actually finish a book or complete a puzzle, time to notice the fresh morning air, time to spend on a job around the home or a project you've put off for lack of time. The weather has been kind also giving us time to exercise, ride, run, walk, cycle the quieter and emptier roads and pathways safely. Time to stop and admire the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. And for those who remember it well, it's slow moving, elastic time, stretching out like a Sunday in the 1960's.

Stay safe and well and God bless you
Rev'd Linda Williams

Burials, Interments and Cremations

20 Mar 2020	David Keith Buckley
28 Mar 2020	Basil Seymour
08 Apr 2020	Reginald Munden
17 Apr 2020	Rose Sharma
20 May 2020	Valerie Butterfield
07 May 2020	Nellie (Helen) Winifred Freeman
14 May 2020	Veronica (Ronnie) Betty Pilcher
11 Jun 2020	Sid Evans
22 Jun 2020	Susan (Su) Mary Hawke
22 Jun 2020	Edna Symonds



Wot no church! Easter 2020

Easter 2020 ...came and went without any of the 'normal' church events or services. Lockdown put paid to most of Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Churches plans for Holy Week and Easter. Very strange times -I was advised by Andy Wright that Kimpton Church had not closed ever since the 1500's and Ayot St Lawrence not at all from 1790's when it was built.

Just as you can't have an omelette without eggs, so you can't have Easter without Good Friday. Determined not to be entirely defeated, Walks of Witness on Good Friday from Peter's Green to Kimpton were made by several couples separately. It raised the spirits to receive good wishes, waves and smiles from passers-by in cars and on bikes.

We simply had to give good wishes for Easter in what was shaping up to be a bad time for all. So, I was also determined to go ahead and deliver an Easter card for every home in the two parishes for which I have responsibility. Only my husband and myself delivered them to maximize infection control.



On Easter Sunday morning I deliberately 'robed' up in full gear and lit the 2020 Easter Candle outside the locked Kimpton church. Some few walkers and churchgoers joined me. The lighting of the new annual Easter candle—the big fat one in church with a cross on it, --is always the first action on Easter Day—often at daybreak. It is the major symbol of Christ's resurrection. The light of the world; back—and shining. This year that light is pushing back against the darkness of a shut down world filled with Covid-19 pandemic. I also started a new tradition at Kimpton of having a bare wooden cross—a Good Friday looking cross—turned green for Easter Day and filled with flowers. The resurrection, or bringing to life of the cross; which had been death for Jesus. In 2020 that cross stood outside Kimpton church to give hope to us all of that resurrection—that coming to life again of our society and our villages when this pandemic is truly defeated.



I couldn't set a competition to make an Easter garden as I had intended. So, I set a competition for children and young people to make a picture of an Easter garden instead. As we couldn't meet, the entries were delivered to the Vicarage. And what brilliant and high standard of entries they were. I was looking for the pictures that best showed the most of the elements of the traditional Easter Garden:- the empty tomb with stone rolled away, the crosses, the angels, flowers and grass. Of course the prizes were the usual brown oval things that people eat at Easter with small eggs for all the entrants. Winners were.....

5 years and under: 1st Riley Stagg, pictured, 2nd Alicia Smith 3rd Zoe Gibson

Aged 6-8 group: 1st Rory Knight, 2nd Hannah Holland, 3rd James Shaughnessy

Aged 9 and over: 1st Freya Barber, 2nd Bobby Shaughnessy, 3rd Samuel Barber.

We also successfully took the church 'outside the church' with three trails around the churchyard. You can read about them in Andy Morton's article.

Rev'd Linda Williams



' A QUIETER NOISE! - BUT THE SAME SPIRIT!

The great news is that the NOISE! project WILL go ahead this year - Saturday 11th July.

It will, of course, have to be trimmed down to fit the requirements of social distancing, but our lovely day of help for those who have tasks that they can't do themselves IS STILL ON!

It would be lovely to have lots of VOLUNTEERS.

you can do at any time.

You will be working in single households, so bring the family.

You will only be using your own tools.

It would be lovely to have lots of TASKS

If you know anyone who needs help with a garden, a fence, a garage that needs sorting etc. please let me know.

We will only have one act of WORSHIP

It will be outside the church at 9am and be in the form of sending the volunteers out.

We will only have one meal together

On the Old Vicarage Lawn at 6pm.
Bring-your-own picnic.

Everything will be done to ensure that there is no risk to volunteers or to householders.

So COME ALONG and TAKE PART!

Help to make a NOISE! within the parish!

Andy Morton (832427)
adewm@aol.com



We have all been living through extraordinary times with no laid down guidelines as to how to proceed with a rampant, worldwide, dangerous virus.

When we were on the verge of being 'locked down', Parish Council and Church representatives realised that we needed to make Kimpton more secure as regards Food Bank Provision. In setting this up, discussion broadened and the concept of *Kimpton Cares* was born: to provide help to the village in as many ways as we practically could.

We needed a logo, it was created over a weekend, we needed flyers and posters, they were designed, we needed them to be put up, volunteers emerged. Volunteers have been in line with the times: extraordinary.

The nuts and bolts of Kimpton Cares organisation developed in stages but fundamentally came down to, good phone and email provision to receive requests, and then, being able to draw in volunteers to help carry them out. No sooner had the word gone out that we needed volunteers than names flooded in. We cannot thank you enough – all of you - who have given up your time to help our Village and the people within it. People have stood in queues waiting for prescriptions, taken people to hospital, gardened, chopped wood, dealt with shopping orders, organised food bank provision, cared, talked to and valued their neighbours' needs at all stages through this pandemic. We live in a wonderful village and the examples of selfless help given to meet people's needs demonstrate this. *Just know how much you are valued and thank you all.*

We are not yet out of Covid's grasp of course so please know the care continues. We are currently discussing broadening what we can provide to individuals and ways to support to our local businesses.

Please contact us if you are in any need:
07745903539 ; KimptonCares@gmail.com ;
Facebook.com\KimptonCares

Carina and Juliet June 2020

My thoughts towards the end of three months of lockdown

Over the Rainbow *by Bonnie McConachie*

We finally found our pot of gold
The stillness and calm,
No pollution, no noise
Our lives slowed down,
We had time to breathe
To rest and take stock, to look around us and see, just what gifts are given and all of them free
At the end of the tunnel we found longed for light...

At first there was panic and fear
Of the unknown,
Of the end of all we know,
No touching our loved ones,
No holding hands, no kisses
Or holding a grandchild new born
Keeping our distance six feet apart

This new decade threw us high in the air. No net to catch us when we fell to the ground..
But this little island has the heart of a lion. We supported each other when the battle began to
heal and to care for, to nurture each other. We clapped and we danced, we walked and we ran,
we painted and baked and gardened and sang. Decorated our windows and hailed Major Tom.
Our heroes are many, we know who they are. They selflessly served us by day and by night
We're beginning to see a glimmer of light...
We never surrendered and we will never forget.

Bonita

Photo: Andy Wright



Greetings from (partially relaxed) lockdown. In common with most clubs and societies, April, May and June have been very quiet months for Kimpton WI, as we have all tried to come to terms with our strange new lives. Our last meeting was in March, when we had a very interesting talk about 20th century duchesses. Since then, there have been no meetings. A planned outing and fund raising event have both been postponed.

However, despite the lack of physical contact, members have found other ways of keeping in touch. Sue, our President, has emailed with offers of help and to keep us informed about village initiatives, and the Hertfordshire monthly magazines have been circulated via email. Birthday posies have been delivered each month and, when our oldest member celebrated her 96th birthday, a group of us gathered around her house (socially distanced of course!) to sing "Happy Birthday" and to deliver cards and a bouquet.

One of our members has recently emailed a Tree Quiz, which has been fun and challenging to do and, hopefully, later in the summer, we may be able to plan a safe outside gathering.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Helen Freeman, who had been a loyal WI member for many years. A number of our members spaced ourselves around the churchyard to join Helen's family for a very moving funeral service on a beautiful, sunny afternoon. Helen will be greatly missed both as a WI member and as a long standing member of our village community.

Finally, on a positive note, we are so lucky that the weather during this time has been mainly fine, sunny and warm and we have been able to enjoy our gardens and the abundance of flora and fauna in our peaceful countryside.

Let us hope that by the time of the autumn edition of the magazine, life will be settling in to a new kind of normal and we will be able to meet again in larger groups.

For more information about Kimpton WI please contact our President, Sue Newman (01438 832560)

Chris Bichener



Under normal circumstances, I would now expect to be reporting back on another successful May Festival weekend but Coronavirus put paid to that and KMF 2020 will be remembered as the May Festival that never was!

This annual village event usually raises a great deal of money to support many local groups and charities and over the last 10 years alone, we have donated over £120,000 thanks to the generosity and hard work of so many people. The festival also provides a platform for village organisations to raise money for themselves and therefore, as a result of the festival not happening, there will be a big gap in their funding.

Therefore, we have launched a campaign to raise some money so that we can still help some of the groups and other deserving causes, albeit in a smaller way than usual. If you feel that you would like to make a small contribution to help us do this then please go to our Virgin Money Giving page at www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/KMF2020. A very sincere thank you to those who have already donated.

If everyone in this fantastic village gave just a fraction of what they would have spent over the May Festival weekend, we would be in a very good position to continue supporting those groups who need it.

We are also inviting any local groups or organisations who would like to be considered for a grant this year to apply for one but please bear in mind that we will have significantly less money to distribute.

As is now our custom, you will need to complete an application form available on request by emailing info@kimptonmayfestival.co.uk
The deadline for applications will be Sunday 6th September 2020.

So, all being well and with Coronavirus and government decisions to move Bank Holidays permitting, we hope to be back next year from **Friday April 30th to Monday May 3rd 2021**
Watch this space!!!

*Barbara Kazwini, Chairman
Kimpton May Festival*



Helen Freeman

I am writing regarding my late mother Helen Freeman. You may recall that she attended church regularly and lived in the village for just over 50 years, I'm unsure if

you are aware that her graveside funeral took place on the 7th May in Kimpton. At her funeral many of her friends from the village were socially distanced around the graveyard and many asked me if they could donate in her memory.

After consideration we decided that it would be appropriate to have donations towards Kimpton Church or Kimpton Church Restoration Trust.

I recently found a note that Mum had written instructing me to request a note be put in the magazine "thanking all her friends and neighbours for all their love and support over the years especially when John died". Mum's DOB: 30/09/1925 - 11/04/2020.

Email to mb.markbaldwin@talk21.confirming if you wish the donation to be to Kimpton Church Restoration Trust or to Kimpton Church.

Many thanks. Jane Schofield.



Can we help you with something?

During the Coronavirus outbreak a Kimpton telephone helpline has been set up

07745 903539

or use KimptonCares@gmail.com

Try us if you have a problem – this is a volunteer community support network

Calls will be dealt with in confidence

Standard Hours 8am – 8pm or answerphone

Kimpton Bottom – Wardill Field

Response from the community to the suggestion for KPC to purchase 10 acres of land at Kimpton Bottom was evenly balanced between those in favour and those against. The owner's agent was unable to provide definitive information regarding the terms of the current lease upon the land, and KPC have therefore agreed not to take any further action at this time. A small group of residents living in the vicinity have agreed a purchase and we believe the land will continue to have safe stewardship.

Claggy Road Parking



Feedback from local residents to the possibility of creating a number of parking spaces on the grass verges of Claggy Road and the provision of T-bar markings across some of the dropped curbs on the west side of Claggy Road has been positive. The main desire was the need to ensure parking is available for residents. KPC have asked Herts County Council to progress this to a feasibility stage.

Affordable Housing



There has been a large amount of discussion on social media about recent planning applications not containing any housing that is actually affordable to local people wishing to establish a home in the parish.

Since the parish housing needs survey was undertaken last year, KPC has continued discussions and negotiations with relevant organisations to move forward the delivery of affordable housing. The current stage of progress is:-

- A preferred location in the area of the 'Ron Hyde Gap', at the west end of the village on the north side of the High Street has been established.
- Oxford University, the owner of the land, has agreed in principle to sell a parcel of land for the construction of 24 dwellings.
- The housing association, Hightown, and KPC are in the process of discussing the brief for this project.

Over the next 3 months initial plans for a solution are to be prepared by the housing association.

The White Horse.



A group from the community has requested KPC to apply for an extension to the Asset of Community Value status for a further 5 years. The group has demonstrated support to this request from 120 members of the community and a commitment to financial contribution from 80 parties. The owner of the pub was present at the May KPC meeting and re-affirmed his intention to re-open the premises as a pub and had no objection to the potential continuation of the AVC. The council has therefore confirmed that it will re-

apply for the AVC.

Coronavirus

Discussion with other parish councils indicate that all areas are having to adjust to the effects of Coronavirus.

The provision of purchasing groceries, fetching medication, lifts to health facilities and the delivery of food boxes, appears to be needed in all communities.

Most village halls and sports groups have been able to obtain a grant from North Herts District Council to allow them to maintain financial stability during the period of being closed. KPC has also waived lease costs to local sports clubs for this year and in most cases, rates have been waived by NHDC.

A large thank you to all the members of the community who have acted as volunteers for Kimpton Cares. Details of the activities are described elsewhere in this addition of the magazine. *To page 10*

From page 9 Kimpton Parish Council is keen to support established and new businesses during the recovery phase of the Covid-19 and continue with our 'shop local' ethos. We will be producing a publication that will be delivered to all households plus an online version. Look out for further communications on how to be included or register your interest with the clerk on clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk

Trees



A healthy debate took place at this month's KPC meeting upon how to manage the growth of trees on the upper green/Garden Fields. Tree growth has been very vigorous over the last few years and the area is a verdant green space supporting a wide range of wildlife. Whilst a joy to some, to others this growth has brought reduced daylight, and potential damage to property. The outcome has been to agree a programme of regular crown reduction of various trees. The increased annual maintenance was accepted as a preferred course of action to the felling of trees that have become too large. I would wish to thank all members of the community who participated and spoke with passion for their view on ensuring Kimpton's green agenda in light of climate change and the protection of our environment.

Allotments



Congratulations to all the allotment holders who have carefully tendered their plots over the past three months and created the best-looking site ever. There are fruit and vegetables of all varieties, fragrant herbs and beautiful flowers to enjoy. The fabulous weather and having more time available to tenants for their hobby have all contributed to its success. Long may we keep it up!

Neil Burns



Fourth trail in the churchyard

There's new trail in Kimpton Churchyard as part of our bringing church outside the church. Between now and the end of August, Vicar Linda and Lay Reader Andy will be talking about the Saints featured on the trail which includes the saints the churches in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence are named after. Now that both churches are open again in the dayotme, come along follow the trail and look for the saints inside.

Follow us on the church website www.kimptonchurch.co.uk, as we find out about some of the amazing people who have lived the lives of saints. Most of them were just ordinary people who did extraordinary things. It could be YOU!

A Walk Round Kimpton in Spring 2020



Here I am confined, like so many others, to my home. How fortunate I am to have a nice house and garden and be able to walk a few minutes down the road to beautiful English countryside. I have done many walks but my favourite is walking across the fields to Thompson's Farm.

I am able to walk across the fields every day and I see nature in many ways. Summer is on its way and trees are in leaf, fresh and green. Wild flowers such as greater stitchwort, celandine, daisies, and many others are all showing their beautiful faces. The blackthorn is in blossom as is the wild cherry. On one occasion as I walked along the path, two Red Kites flew above me oblivious as to what was happening in the world but happy with their own company. Just after that a Small Tortoise Shell butterfly landed on the path in front of me and opened its wings – it looked so beautiful as the sun shone on it. And I thought to myself 'what a wonderful world'.

As I walked towards Thompson's Farm, I had a great view of Kimpton lying in the valley. Then a lovely rural scene of wild flowers in amongst a variety of trees and a cottage in the background. This was followed by a rather poignant view of a wooden bench with no one on it and beyond it a dead tree - a sign of the times maybe.



I walked down Hall Lane to the High Street and outside the school was the War Memorial with all the painted stones in memory of the two World Wars. Walking further on I came to the much loved view of St. Peter and St. Paul nestling in the lovely surrounding countryside.

If one is lucky, nature will show itself such as a white butterfly basking in the sun and cows enjoying the warm sunny weather all looking at me and saying 'Come and sit in the shade!'

The gate leading me back to the start of my walk through the fields, trees everywhere and our well known dandelion in glorious bloom and then one faded and old but still lovely – saying hello and then goodbye!

Keep well, keep safe and keep smiling.

Janet Holmes-Walker





School – but not as we know it! Kimpton Primary School Headteacher Tracy Clements reflects on school during lockdown

On Wednesday 18th March it was announced on the news that schools would be closing on Friday 20th March as part of a nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19. As a school we had been anticipating this news and we were ready with our paper learning packs, user names and passwords for the learning platforms within school and we began planning for our vulnerable and keyworker bubbles.



I've said on many occasions that it's at times like these that you really see the true colours of people and this event was no different! All of the people involved with the school: staff, pupils, parents, governors and Kimpton village stepped up to do the best thing for everyone involved. For the past 14 weeks the whole community have demonstrated all of the K Factors: resilience, cooperation, respect, honesty, responsibility and positivity.



Through our online platforms we have seen some fantastic learning that has been taking place at home. Poppy, from our Reception class, showed **positivity** with abundance when she wanted to create a video for British Bake Off. It was posted by her parents on twitter and it went viral! She has now had 10,100 views over social media and is our little star. Amazing!

We have seen many examples of **cooperation** with siblings joining together to create projects from the tasks set by their teachers. A great example of this was a Viking longship created by Ben and Alex which was fantastic – it even floated down the river – a true test to anyone's building skills.

@Kimpton_Primary Viking Longship's first voyage
#loveoflearning



Our deputy head, Mr Ferguson, has been keeping the school community together with his amazing 'Going for Gold' assemblies. They have been extremely creative and have ensured that although we may have been apart, we were still a school and we could come together to watch the videos each week. If you haven't seen them, head to our twitter feed as there is an extra special one out this week from our Year 5 pupils.

Our teachers have also been showing the K Factor with their **resilience** to change. They have been providing online learning through a number of different platforms as well as providing amazing verbal and written feedback. I've been told by many parents how hearing their teacher's voice has really motivated the children. They have adapted their lessons to cater for the different learning styles and family situations.

We are now at a point where some of our children are back in school whilst others continue to be learning from home. This has been another change that the team have adapted to and by the time term ends on Friday 17th June, every year group will have had the opportunity to return to school for at least a week. We have loved having them back! Schools just aren't the same without children in them! To have learning going on around the school and being able to make the most of the weather has been a joy.

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From page 12 I could share so many highlights of the past 14 weeks as our children are amazing! There has been baking and sewing, outdoor art and virtual PE, models and posters and most of all just being very creative. Our parents all deserve medals for facilitating all of this whilst also continuing their usual day to day roles.

I just want to end by highlighting my staff. I know I have already mentioned them but they deserve this second paragraph! All of the staff at Kimpton have gone above and beyond to ensure that our keyworker children and wider school have been supported and had fun. They have made this rollercoaster so much easier to ride and I would like to highlight their flexibility, teamwork and passion for teaching. Thank you!

To everyone in the community, thank you for your support and please look after yourselves.

Mrs Tracy Clements, Headteacher

No quizzes at The Boot at the moment but Kimpton's Quiz
Mistress, Barbara Kazwini, has set this brain teaser.
The solution is on page 21

INITIALS QUIZ

The clues below are the initial letters of well-known phrases or sayings. The words indicated in bold and underlined can be found in the lyrics of "Amazing Grace". You have been given the words 'the', 'but', 'and' & 'to'. (NB: The version of Amazing Grace referenced has 7 verses.)

1	The <u>B</u> Lthe <u>B</u>	
2	<u>H</u> IWthe <u>H</u> I	
3	YC <u>L</u> aHtoWbutYCMID	
4	WY <u>H</u> onYS	
5	aJOa <u>T</u> MBWaSS	
6	IBtoHLand <u>L</u> TNtoHLAA	
7	<u>F</u> <u>H</u> NWFL	
8	<u>G</u> HTWHT	
9	aTOBla <u>J</u> F	
10	APAtthe <u>D</u> <u>S</u>	
11	CRO <u>S</u>	
12	DWFP <u>P</u>	
13	TheGO <u>D</u>	
14	HItheBthe <u>S</u> SO	
15	AS <u>A</u> aB	
16	FRIWA <u>F</u> toT	
17	TbutFthe <u>G</u> <u>O</u> <u>G</u> GI	
18	<u>H</u> SE	
19	<u>L</u> BAF	
20	MA <u>C</u> butFAC	



Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

Thank you to everyone who took part recently in helping celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE day. There were some very colourful windows and gardens. I know some of you even managed a socially distant street party too!

The War Memorial looked fantastic with the yarn bombing, handmade wreaths, and amazing decorated stones. We do not want those to go to waste as so much effort went into them. Therefore, the stones are currently safely stored. The intention then is to in some way make them a lasting feature of either the memorial or the surrounding area for future generations to enjoy too. There will be a small group of us looking at how we do this so if you are interested please contact me.

But we must not forget that VE day was not the end of the war. That finally came with the surrender of Japan on 15th August 1945.

Therefore, the RBL is asking everyone to celebrate once more. We would like stones at the War Memorial and get



that bunting out again!!! Hopefully

the weather will be kind for another street party! At the time of writing this, its impossible to say what the social distancing rules will be by then or whether Linda will be able to hold a memorial service.

Before Coronavirus our branch was increasing its membership and had a strong social element. Like everything else, that has been on hold- but as soon as we can, we will regroup, and get stronger.

If you have any comments, ideas or know of a veteran in need, please feel free to contact me.

Kim Hills (Chairman) 07901 605383 RBL (Kimpton Branch)



The Bowls Club

In this time of great difficulty, playing bowls at Kimpton Bowls Club might be the soothing and calm atmosphere you are seeking.

Every Tuesday evening at 6pm we will be having a 'roll up' in a controlled and safe manner. Gentle exercise playing a skillful, competitive game might be just what the doctor ordered.

We look forward to seeing you.

Warren Phillips



Fire at dawn. A beautiful image by Bonnie McConachie



News from Bim Afolami MP

In Hertfordshire, we have the luxury of the countryside on our doorstep and many of us will have come to value these green spaces even more during these difficult times.

In normal times, I appreciate seeing the new wildlife as the season warms up, but this year I have found myself appreciating the species and the flowers that have emerged even more. Given my busy work schedule, family time is reserved for the weekends and usually involves watching the boys play rugby or meeting friends, but the past few months have been filled with family bike rides through the woods, keepie-uppie competitions or planting trees in our garden.

As the lockdown regulations begin to ease and we revert to some form of normality, it is important that we do not forget the dynamism and novelty that we found in enjoying our green spaces and appreciating the local wildlife.

For those who aren't lucky enough to live in rural areas or do not have their own gardens, parks and green spaces can provide that much needed dose of nature. These spaces are so important as they provide us with many mental and physical health benefits. We should continue to protect and enhance these places which we have come to appreciate even more during the lockdown period.

I will continue to work with my colleagues to champion a recovery that puts nature at its heart. I am a great supporter of the groundbreaking Environment Bill which includes a suite of ambitious, legally binding targets to halt and reverse biodiversity loss. As a member of the Public Bill Committee on the Environment Bill, I regularly met with experts to scrutinise the bill. The Committee was suspended in light of the current circumstances; however, I look forward to its return so that I can ensure that the United Kingdom continues to enjoy high environmental standards and champions biodiversity.

During this pandemic, I have been working hard to support businesses in Hitchin & Harpenden. Shops have now re-opened and it is important that we all support our local high streets at this difficult time. I will be working with colleagues in Government to make sure that all sectors in the economy get the support they need to recover over the coming period. I recently produced a report with leading thinkers and practitioners, looking at ways in which we can deliver transformative growth after Covid-19. You can read it at www.unlockbritain.com



Hommage to the Ronde van Vlaanderen

Corona Virus lockdown has put paid to all the Spring Classics on mainland Europe this year. The Strade Bianche, Milan-San Remo, Ghent-Wevelghem, Paris-Roubaix, Liege-Bastogne-Liege, and of course my favourite de Ronde van Vlaanderen have all been cancelled due to Corona virus. Yes, I'm talking classic professional cycle races. All of them televised and not to be missed--except this year there will be nothing to be seen!

So, I thought that for my one a day exercise allowed by BoJo, I would create my very own Tour de Kimpton or Hommage to the Ronde. Then I was persuaded to share it with all you cyclists out there suffering from withdrawal from the saddle symptoms and with no afternoon recovery TV races to watch. (you know what I mean!)

The start, where the red flag falls, is the Dacre Rooms.

-Head out of Kimpton on the Kimpton Road, past Ballslough Hill towards Codicote.

-Follow the road up Heath Hill and take the left hand fork onto the lane towards Whitwell.

-Take a left into Whitwell Road all the way into Whitwell. Turn right past Whitwell War memorial into the B651 to St Paul's Walden.

-After Hitch Wood, turn left into Hitchwood Lane and then into St Albans Way to Hill Lane until it becomes Thistley Lane at Gosmore.

-Don't go into Gosmore, but turn sharp left onto the Preston Road and cycle on into Preston. Before you reach the Red Lion pub, turn right into Church Lane.

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from page 15 From this point on you can take whatever road you wish to zig zag across the valley. Here's my suggestion:

- From Preston follow Back Lane down the valley.
 - Turn into Parsonage Lane into Kings Walden.
 - Take Whitehall Road out of Kings Walden which becomes Miserable Lane. At Lilley Bottom Road turn right and then left into Lower Road to Breachwood Green. Now you are climbing the other side of the valley. Then follow Heath Road into The Heath.
 - Turn left into Darley Road and on to Wandon Green and then to Tea Green.
 - At Tea Green head along Brick kiln Lane toward Cockernhoe.
 - Turn right into Chalk Hill and head down hill to Lilley Bottom Road again.
 - Go along Lilley Bottom Road and turn right into Luton White Hill.
- Keep going all the way to Great Offley.

You then have a choice:

1. either cycling back the way you came repeating all the hills again.
2. or you can take the Kings Walden Road back to Whitwell. Then up over Horn Hill to Kimpton.

My route took in over 3,000 feet of climbing and total distance 38 miles. You can of course extend the ride to, for example, Hexton Hill.

This route is an 'hommage' because like the 'Ronde' it twists and turns up and down hills and climbs. Flanders doesn't really have mountains, but its climbs, particularly with cobbled sections, are wicked. This Tour de Kimpton may be missing cobbles, but it is packed with Flanders style climbs.

Nigel Williams

Kimpton Garden Club

We have survived not having a May Festival stall and unfortunately the church will be the poorer for the loss of an income stream.

Members have mostly managed to sell off at knock down prices plants specially propagated for sale on the stall.

Now for our usual sales pitch for when life is a bit more normal.

We always 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 p.m. with a programme covering a wide range of interesting speakers usually with 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 a social programme which includes a Garden Party , Christmas Party and Quizzes.

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 a Monty Don or Charlie Dimmock 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.

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

Thoughts on Lockdown by Valerie Pollington

How strange these last few months have been for everyone. In mid March we were away for the week-end celebrating a family birthday. Within 10 days the country was in Lockdown and food shortages were reported; particularly toilet rolls and flour! Our efforts to get a home grocery delivery were fraught. Some sat up all night to book a slot but I opted to visit my usual supermarket once a week when the 'oldies' had a specified hour. This was my only venture out for 12 weeks. Careful planning of meals meant we have lived really well with treats at week-ends as we marked off another week of survival! Even our medication was delivered; unasked! Outpatient appointments in hospitals were cancelled; not good for those like me in need of an operation.

My sewing group started making masks and various items for the NHS when it was obvious that there were shortages. Latterly we have been making patchwork quilts for distressed NHS staff; the comfort quilts show how much we appreciate the sacrifices many of them have made. With neighbours we clapped for the NHS on several Thursdays.

All our clubs and groups ceased but some members have maintained contact by Zoom sessions, something we had never heard of prior to Lockdown. The weekly sermon from church is on line and the choir's hymn is a recorded one. My Pilates class now takes place weekly in the comfort of my living room, thanks to Zoom. The government advised exercise outdoors and the footpaths across the fields around Kimpton have never been so well walked.

Good weather has encouraged gardening; the allotments have never looked so good. The roads and skies have been very quiet; air pollution is down and we have only filled the car with petrol once in 3 months. More books have been read; and jigsaws puzzled over.

Each early evening reports from 10 Downing Street on the spread of Covid 19 were horrific in the early days but thankfully the numbers are now reducing. Among family members we hear of those losing their sense of taste and other allied symptoms but thankfully nothing more. No temperature; no cough. Rural areas have been spared the worst.

Old friends contact to see if we have survived and neighbours have performed many kindnesses. Our hair has grown long as all barbers and hairdressers are closed. There have been some interesting attempts at home haircutting. Holidays have been cancelled and worse still many have been laid off from work. Working from home has been encouraged so buses and trains have been running almost empty. The quiet streets of Kimpton are lined with stationary cars which rarely move. Apart from children of key workers Kimpton school was closed until recently. Many children due to sit public exams this summer will have their grades assessed. University students have been in a similar situation.

Our village surgery was closed and all services concentrated at Welwyn. Phone consultations have become the norm. Claggy Stores has done sterling service providing home deliveries of many items including fresh fruit and vegetables. The daily delivery of our newspaper has continued throughout the epidemic as has rubbish collection by the District Council and local postal services. 'The Boot' provided take-away meals as all pubs were closed for normal service.

As June draws to a close, restrictions are being gradually eased. We met up with family members on Dunstable Downs on Fathers' Day; the first time we had ventured from home territory for 14 weeks. We hope the schools will be fully open in September and that life will begin to return to some kind of normality. Maybe then the clubs that sustain the retired can meet again!

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Get fit with Vic

I have been running Street dance classes and adults fitness classes in Kimpton for over 9 years. Due to Covid-19 and the recent lock down I have been offering the classes online.



The children of Kimpton have been joining me on a Wednesday morning at 11am via Zoom to enjoy half an hour of Street dance. I get my disco ball out and set up my laptop and microphone in my living room and off we go. It has been heart-warming to see the children and for them to have virtual chats with their friends. We dance along together, learn new routines and we even manage to play a few fun games.

Adults have also been joining me for virtual Clubbercise on Monday evenings at 19:00.

It has been wonderful to keep the contact with my children and my regular adult participants each week. I miss seeing them in the flesh and look forward to returning in body to Kimpton very soon.

If you are interested in staying fit while we are still in lockdown then please visit my website to see how to access my classes at www.getfitwithvic.com *Victoria Lewis*



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BBQ Safety

As we may all be spending a little more time at home this summer we just wanted to share some tips on having a safe BBQ.

Charcoal Barbecues

Use only enough charcoal to cover the base to a depth of about 50mm (2 inches)

Only use recognised fire lighters or starter fuel and only on cold coals – use the minimum necessary and never use petrol

Never put hot ashes straight into a dustbin or wheelie bin – they could melt the plastic and cause a fire.

Gas Barbecues

Make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder

Change cylinders outdoors if possible or in a well ventilated area

If you suspect a leak to the cylinder or pipe work, brush soapy water around the joints and watch for bubbles – tighten to fix but do not overtighten

After cooking, turn off the gas cylinder before turning off at the controls to ensure any residual gas in the pipe work is used up.

Cooking

The two main risk factors for BBQ cooking are undercooking meat and spreading germs from raw or undercooked meat on to food that's ready to eat.

When you're cooking most types of meat on a barbecue make sure:

the coals are glowing red with a powdery grey surface before you start cooking, as this means they're hot enough frozen meat is fully defrosted before you cook it

you turn the meat regularly and move it around the barbecue to cook it evenly Most types of meat are safe to eat only when:

the meat's steaming hot throughout there's no pink meat visible when you cut into the thickest part any juices run clear

THE BUTTS AND BOUNDS OF KIMPTON

One of the many things which have been postponed this year is 'the beating of the bounds'. This is a practice which has a long history but essentially is a means of establishing the boundaries of a parish.

Traditionally on Ascension Day "it was customary for the parish school children accompanied by the clergyman and parish officers to walk through their parish from end to end. The boys were struck with willow wands all along the lines of boundary. Before maps were common the boys were thus taught to know the bounds of their own parish."

The following is a description of the bounds of Kimpton Parish in 1710:

NB M=miles F= furlong (1/8 th of a mile 220 yards) P= pole (approx 5 metres)

The boundaries of the parish of Kimpton were described by Thomas Oney in 1710, and recorded by Edward Steele in his Hertfordshire Note book. 1 This description reads as follows:

The Butts and Bounds of Kimpton Parish, beginning Northward 5 furlongs from the church.

	M	F	P
To the going in to the Wood		1	09
To Kuckolds Cross		3	00
To Thistle Field		3	00
To the going out of Mr. Hills middle field		4	10
To Walden field Stile		5	14
To the top of Great Walden Field		6	05
To Appletree field		7	35
To the five Ashes in the Hoo Parck	1	2	00
To the going out of the lower Parck	1	3	2
To the going out of Sand-Pitts	1	5	00
To the first coming to the River	1	5	22
To Knebworth Mill	1	7	18
To Kimpton Mill	2	3	24
To Nabeshey Laine	2	5	26
To fifteen Acres	2	6	30
To Pryers Wood	3	3	00
To Pryers Close	3	4	16
To the going out of Samms Close	3	6	09
To Lammer Parck	4	0	30
To the Park gate next Bibs well	4	3	18
To the going out of Old House Close	4	4	29
To the further comer of Lammer Wood	4	5	15
To the Wilton Osmans on Gustardwood .	4	6	23
To Blackmer End Laine	5	0	02
To the Cross in Blackmer End Laine	5	0	30
To Cherist eads Cross	5	7	12
To Reasons Lane	6	1	04
To Catch Pool Cross	6	3	24
To Round Bishey	6	5	30
'fo Bishey Wood	6	6	16
To the laine beyond Bishey Wood	6	7	16
To the Whe athampst ead Acr e Cross	7	2	22
T:1 Pathe field Cross	7	3	25
To Chiltern Green	8	4	22
To the Cross at the Smiths Shop	8	5	09
To the Cross going to Mr. Biggs ground	9	0	04
To Laurence End	9	1	07
To the Cross in Mr. Biggs pasture	9	3	10
To Newland Cross	9	4	08
To Mr. Biggs Wood	10	0	00
'fo the further end of Sallow burst wood .	10	0	38
To White Way Cross	10	2	27
To the Cross at Egnall Comer	11	4	03
To the Cross in the Holt Common	11	6	00
To the first Crosse again	12	1	16

This account taken Anno 1710 by Thos. Oney.

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The numbers in the right hand columns give the distance in miles, furlongs and poles, from the starting point to each reference point. If we take the starting point to be the southern corner of Horsleys Wood (map ref. 172194) and follow the line of the present boundary as marked on the O.S. map, then recognisable reference points fall nicely into place, indicating that the boundary has not changed substantially since 1710. It is therefore a simple matter to fit in all the other reference points with some precision.

Most of the place names are recognisable despite the spelling variations. 'Nabeshey', for Abbotshay, is perhaps less obvious than most. Others seem to have been lost altogether so the boundary description provides a useful way of locating them.

'Cheristeads', for instance, was at the cross roads on Porters End just east of Raisins Farm (map ref. 159167) and 'Catch Pool' was on the Kimpton to Harpenden road, north of Raisins Farm (map ref. 157173).

'The Wilton Osmans on Gustardwood' appears to have been The Cross Keys.

Knebworth Mill turns out to have been on the Mimram about 400yds north of Rye End Farm (map ref. 195194). This is presumably the mill referred to in the

V.C.H. (vol.III p.116) "A mill is mentioned in Knebworth in 1086 and in 1611 but does not appear to exist now". It appears to coincide with the mill marked on Drury and Andrews map of 1766 as 'Rye End Mill'. Judging from the current 6"

O.S. map the mill pond and water channels are still in existence.

'Old House Close' is the field to the west of Bibb's Hall (map ref. 179168). The Kimpton Tithe Map shows a field here called Olders Close. It is interesting to speculate about the 'Old House' referred to. Could it be the building described by the Rev. Canon Davys as a 'wayside chapel'²? Canon Davys discovered this building when he noticed a king-post in the upper room of a dilapidated cottage at Gustardwood. He decided it was a wayside chapel because "th wh lo (timber framing) is far too rich in character for simple domestic purposes". However there is nothing in his description which is incompatible with a small manor house or prosperous yeoman's house.

One final point noticeable in the boundary description is the numerous references to crosses. One wonders what became of all these and whether there may not be the odd one still mouldering away among the brambles at one of the reference points.

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Local Crime and Safer Neighbourhood Policing

Fortunately it has been relatively peaceful in the parish during lockdown. However, it is worth noting that if you are a victim or a witness of an incident which you feel is serious enough do report it immediately to Hitchin Police Station using 101 and ask for a Crime Number.

Here I would just like to remind you that our Hitchin Rural officers are Ward Constable Guy Pugsley (replacing David Hine) and PCSO Heather Burrows. Both can be contacted via the automated control at HQ on 01707 354192 or use the email addresses on page 23.

Keyless Vehicle Theft

Still ongoing (as mentioned on national TV) where villains target valuable cars and use a booster device to remotely steal your key, activate locks and start the engine. Contact your dealer for advice or store the key in a dedicated security pouch or a metal box or wrapped in foil to shield it from any unwanted signal. Then store this as far from the parked car as possible.

On some cars it is possible to switch the key signal to "off" so check the manual or ask the dealer.

For additional security you could also fit your car with an old fashioned steering wheel lock (e.g. Krooklock) and/or an approved tracking device, which will help police recover a stolen vehicle.

Vehicle and Contents Theft

Countywide there has been a marked increase in these crimes so always lock your car and set the alarm and don't leave any valuables, Satnavs or Dash Cams on display..

Protect your money

Some residents are still being conned by scams allowing villains access to their 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)

We do need more of you to join the growing numbers of residents in NHW and OWL and benefit from the receipt of police crime alerts direct by email or telephone. Joining is quite painless by contacting www.owl.co.uk or our Watch Liaison Officer, Verity Soued on wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk.

Another Fraud Alert

Do you access your banking via your mobile phone? If so be aware that fraudsters are able to port your telephone number to a SIM card which they control and then use it to access your bank account and help themselves to your money.

Seasonal Security Reminders.

When the lockdown is fully lifted and we can move about more freely and you do leave 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 if possible 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 manipulating a grabber through the slot. 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 fly tipping, abuse, dog fouling, unruly behaviour, excessive noise and nuisance neighbours on Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111. Please use 101 for non-emergencies or you can go on line to: herts.police.uk/contact_us.aspx.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable crime, storm and virus free summer.

Alan Smith, Kimpton Ward NHW Co-ordinator
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INITIALS QUIZ - SOLUTION

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| 1 The <u>BL</u> the <u>B</u> | The blind leading the blind |
| 2 <u>HI</u> Wthe <u>HI</u> | Home is where the heart is |
| 3 YC <u>L</u> aHtoWbutYCMID | You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink |
| 4 WY <u>H</u> onYS | Wear your heart on your sleeve |
| 5 aJOa <u>T</u> MBWaSS | A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step |
| 6 IBtoHLand <u>L</u> TNtoHLAA | It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all |
| 7 F <u>H</u> NWFL | Faint heart never won fair lady |
| 8 <u>G</u> HTWHT | God helps those who help themselves |
| 9 aTOB <u>I</u> a <u>J</u> F | A thing of beauty is a joy forever |
| 10 AP <u>A</u> the <u>D</u> <u>S</u> | As pure as the driven snow |
| 11 CRO <u>S</u> | Come rain or shine |
| 12 DW <u>F</u> P | Damn with faint praise |
| 13 The <u>G</u> O <u>D</u> | The good old days |
| 14 H <u>I</u> theBthe <u>S</u> S <u>O</u> | Happy is the bride the sun shines on |
| 15 A <u>S</u> AaB | As sound as a bell |
| 16 FR <u>I</u> W <u>A</u> FtoT | Fools rush in where angels fear to tread |
| 17 TbutFthe <u>G</u> O <u>G</u> <u>G</u> I | There but for the grace of God go I |
| 18 <u>H</u> S <u>E</u> | Hope springs eternal |
| 19 <u>L</u> BA <u>F</u> | Life begins at forty |
| 20 MA <u>C</u> butFAC | Many are called but few are chosen |

Photographer *Juliet Morton* as been out and about with her camera during the last few months



Queuing at the corner shop and empty shelves in Sainsbury's at the beginning of lockdown. Sanjay makes a curry for some residents, Davina airs her green wig and Craig and Treena at The Boot are able to take a short break. Andy Morton is recording one of his sermons for the church website. Painted VE75 stones and yarnbombed add a spot of colour.

The Church in Kimpton

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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

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