

# ***Kimpton Parish Magazine***

*Summer 2017  
Number 250*

*"Singing in the Rain" Oscar, a young Kimpton Player, in the  
May Festival procession. Your pictures on pages 12, 13 & 14*



### **Sunday**

9.30am

Parish Church

Family Communion  
B.L.A.S.T.

### **2nd Sunday**

11.30am

Ayot St Lawrence

Holy Communion

### **3rd Sunday**

9.30am

Parish Church

Informal worship  
followed by Parish Breakfast

### **Sunday**

6pm

Perry Green Chapel

Evening Service

### **Tuesday**

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

### **Wednesday**

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

### **Thursday**

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

4.30pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

For special services please see Sunday pew sheet

## **Prayer Corner**

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

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





## A summer evening

Well it's Fathers' Day as I am sitting here in the vicarage writing this. Last night was hot, one of those wonderful summer nights when you must have the windows open. All evening I had been

listening to the laughter of children in the field behind me, that wonderful noise that reminds of joy, and tells you all is right with the world. Some boys were up chatting in the playing fields at the back of the vicarage until late – and I wondered why on earth they weren't home in bed! And then Facebook posts reminded me it was the village sleepout for the children. A more perfect night for such an occasion could not have been had.

And today our Bible readings have been about being called to look after one another, to heal the sick, feed the hungry and set the oppressed in body and spirit free. Recent events in the UK, and the world, have reminded us, yes, of the terrible fear some in our world must live with. But we have also witnessed the myriad ways in which people care for one another – literally running to the aid of others, whether it is into a burning building or facing off those seeking to do harm. People, ordinary people, give everything of themselves in order to bring succour and healing to others.

Terrible events are, in the end, momentary. War, however long it seems to drag out, does come to an end; fear, does come to an end, when a hug or word of reassurance are offered from another; hunger, does come to an end, when we share our resources with one another; homelessness, does come to an end, when we share our homes and public spaces with one another; loneliness, does come to an end when we reach out to one another. And when those moments of distress come to an end – and they do come to an end – we return to our ordinary lives, to those balmy summer evenings, when we hear the laughter of children.

*Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills*

## The Noise is coming!

For the eighth consecutive year the Noise Project will be hitting the streets of Kimpton.

**This year it is on Saturday July 15th**

Each year the numbers of volunteers have grown and in 2016 we had nearly 100 and many of them young people.

Lots of tasks were undertaken over the local area for people who couldn't cope by themselves.

There will be an ambitious and huge number of tasks to be sorted out this year.

Why not come along and join us? For more information, and to let us know of anyone who needs our help, please call Andy Morton on 01438 832427

Make sure **YOU** are there!



*Lots of hard work! Noise Project 2016*

*Photos: Juliet Morton*

## May Festival Church Cream Teas

A huge thank you to the many who contributed cakes, scones and other items for two very successful days of Church Cream Teas at the May Festival.

Also thanks to the many young men and women, and older ones, who helped to erect the gazebos and tents so efficiently. Gratitude also to Sue and Jackie for providing premises for washing up and also to the many who helped to serve the teas. Thanks also to the cashiers.

All this could not have been achieved without amazing team spirit. Liz and Amanda, the team leaders, did a brilliant job.

We must also thank our customers for supporting us and the jazz band for entertainment on Sunday afternoon.

*Valerie Pollington*

## Praying for Kimpton 2017

This year we are praying week by week, street by street for the people, homes and businesses of Kimpton.

If we don't really know what to bring to God we will simply ask for blessing: for example for flourishing relationships, health, and work.

But if you would like to tell us what you would like prayer for we would love to support you. It can be anything at all. We trust that God is interested in everything that is important to us!

Please email us on

***kimptonchurch@hotmail.com***

or fill in the form below and put it in the basket in the Prayer Corner in church, where you can also light a candle.

We will pray for you and with you.

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

16th April	Lily Rose Fowler
16th April	James Paul Heatley
16th April	Fraser Thomas Heatley
16th April	Adam Jonathan Sweet

#### Weddings

1st April	Emilie Anna Weston to Hugh William Crichton Cochrane
13th May	Kathryn Mary Hawkesford to Justin William Burton

#### Burials, Interments and Cremations

13th March	Derek Matthews
16th March	June Rose Florence Genever
8th April	Trevor Francis Coleman

I would like prayer for

Thank you  
Name (optional)

#### July

9th	Porters End, Kimpton Hall Farm
16th	The Drive, Lime Avenue, Beech Way
23rd	Blackmore Way, The Paddocks, Brownfield Way
30th	Roads and farms around Peter's Green, Kimpton Rd, Ramridge Farm, Plummers Lane, Great Plummers Farm, Hyde Lane, Farr's Lane, Chiltern Green Rd, Lawrence End Road, Whiteway Bottom Lane, Fox Hill Road

#### August

6th	The Green, Peter's Green, and Perry Green Chapel
13th	High Street, 1- 100
20th	Kimpton Rd (to Codicote), Ballslough Hill, Ballslough Farm, Bibbs Hall Lane, Bibsworth Hall Farm
27th	Church Lane, The Green, Hitchin Road

#### September

3rd	Gardenfields
10th	Canham Close
17th	Lions Yard, Pams Lane, Cutts Lane
24th	Hampden

## Community Food Box

**Kimpton Church has recently set up a Community Food Box for the benefit of the village.**

Please feel free to make use of it during the day, either by contributing non-perishable items, or by taking any of the items for your own use, as appropriate.

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

## Church Youth Group

The Kimpton Church Youth Group would like to thank everyone that has helped and supported them over the past few months. We have been working hard and having fun raising money for local and national charities. In March we hosted a Garage Sale on The Green and we were delighted to raise £155.

The money was shared between CLIC Sargent, a national charity supporting children with cancer and Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope. This is a local charity that provides prosthetic limbs, surgery, education and advocacy for the worlds most vulnerable amputees. We were thrilled to be able to provide a child with an above the knee prosthetic enabling that child to walk.

In May we were very excited about providing the congregation with a delicious breakfast of croissants, pastries, tea and cake. The breakfast was a great success and raised £140 for the Blue Cross, Paws for Tea campaign. We felt very privileged to be allowed to visit the rehoming centre at Kimpton bottom to meet come of their cats, dogs and rabbits looking for a loving home.

We are looking forward to our Summer Picnic at the beginning of July. If you are aged between 10 and 15 years you are welcome to join us on the first Sunday of each month from 10.45am to 12.15pm at Church House.

If you are interested in joining or would like to help please contact Kate James at [katherinejames@gmail.com](mailto:katherinejames@gmail.com) for more information.

*Kate James*



### **Mark Hubbard receives Scout Association Silver Acorn Award**

Mark Hubbard, who re-started the 1st Kimpton Scout troop, and was Scout Leader for

10 years, was recently awarded the Scout Association's Silver Acorn. This is awarded for outstanding service over a period of more than 25 years.

Mark has been in Scouting since he was a Cub Scout in Harpenden and before moving to Kimpton was leader of the 9th Harpenden for many years. Since retiring from the 'day-to-day' running of the Unit Mark is currently Assistant Group Scout Leader of Kimpton Scouts. He is also very much involved at County Level.

Another recipient of the Silver Acorn, who started his Scouting life in Kimpton is Jonathan Finch, son of Bob of Bench Working Party fame.

### **Kimpton Environmentalists Apple Juice & Memorial Hall Path**

Thank you everyone who supported us at the May Festival and at all the Farmers' Markets – we are very nearly out of Kimpton Apple Juice. So, we can start getting ready to harvest apples in October for this year's juice!

You may have noticed the Memorial Hall Path looking rather sad, with barren earth and battered flowers along the path edge. The weather and the workmen have not been kind to it. There are plans to put down wild flower turves to extend the current wild flower area, but first of all it was too dry then there was no manpower to move the turves. Replanting will now take place in the autumn – but if you want to see what it should look like, go visit the junction of Coopers Close and Probyn Close.

For more details contact Davina Malcolm 01438 832309



# ***If music be the food.....***

## **Kimpton Village Choir at Ayot St Lawrence**

Please come and join us at the beautiful Palladian Church in Ayot St Lawrence on Sunday 16th July.



Bring your own picnic and choose a spot to relax in whilst you listen to the wonderful music of Kimpton Village Choir and guest performers. The Picnic starts at 1pm and the music begins from 2pm. The choir will sing an eclectic mix of songs old and new and you will have the chance to join in a big proms style sing-a-long towards the end of the concert. Shy singers may well need a visit to our Pimms stall. If the weather turns we will be in the church, raising the roof.

Tickets from Yve Harper on 01582 834208 or [yharper@progress-projects.co](mailto:yharper@progress-projects.co)

## **Cellikatessen**

**14 cellos and a double bass  
Parish Church, September  
5th, 7.30pm**

These young German cellists are on tour in the UK this summer and are delighted to be able to come to St Peter and St Paul's, Kimpton, for the final event of their visit.

By all accounts following their visit to St Helen's Wheathampstead last year this will be a vibrant and delightful evening with a phenomenal musical sound.

## **Some of the UK's finest coming to Kimpton Folk Festival on Saturday 1st July**

We were overwhelmed by the response to last year's inaugural Kimpton Folk Festival and this year's event brings you even more, with concerts on three stages featuring some of the world's finest folk artists, free music and dancing at the village green, delicious street food, real ale from Farr Brew, stalls, children's face painting, storytelling, dancing, pub sessions and instrumental workshops.

Here's some info to help your research on this year's line up.

Jez Lowe and The Bad Pennies  
Sam Kelly and The Lost Boys  
Wild Willy Barrett's French Connection  
The Fair Rain  
Ewan McLennan  
The Carrivick Sisters  
Alden, Patterson and Dashwood  
Martyn Wyndham-Read  
Liz Simcock: Emily Slade  
The Jacquelyn Hynes Trio  
Ben Smith and Jimmy Brewer

So what can you say to that lot, then? The correct response is: 'where do I buy tickets?'  
The answer: ***[kimptonfolk.uk](http://kimptonfolk.uk)***

See you 1st July!

*Doug Jenner, Chair, Kimpton Folk Events*





# Kimpton

## PARISH COUNCIL

## *From The Chair*

The Parish Council is always keen to promote business within the community, and you will probably already be aware of the new village websites:

**[www.kimptonvillage.com](http://www.kimptonvillage.com)**

**[www.kimptondirectory.com](http://www.kimptondirectory.com)**

The village site features an events calendar, a full list of clubs and societies with the relevant contacts, local information and a link to the business directory site. We want to ensure that as many businesses as possible operating within the village, or run by villagers, are featured and that their details are up to date. Please contact the Parish Clerk ([clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk)) with any updates or additions.

The events calendar is getting busier all the time, so make sure that you [a] check it while planning an event, in order to avoid clashes and [b] make sure your event appears on it.

On the subject of events, it's early notice but, on 22nd January 2018 at 19:00 in the Memorial Hall Green Room, there will be a meeting for all village event coordinators. We had one this year, and it seemed to provide a useful opportunity for organisations to plan, pool resources and avoid duplication of effort. Put it in your diary, if you are an event organiser, and there will be more information nearer the time.

We have a new event that might, with luck, become another regular feature on the Kimpton Calendar. We are organising a Christmas Market, running between 14:00 and 20:00 on Saturday 2nd December on The Green. There will be craft stalls (in tepees, in case of 'weather!') and music and refreshments and a range of other suitably seasonal activities for all the family.

Again, put the day in your diary, and more information will be circulated as plans unfold. If you would be interested in taking a stand, then please contact Carina Helmn ([clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk)).

On more mundane matters, after the plea concerning dog fouling, I am afraid we have yet another issue, which is that of dogs not being on leads when they should be. There are notices on all Parish Council land (specifically the Parkfield Recreation Ground, where there seem to be a number of incidents reported) asking that dogs be kept on leads.

Please don't ignore these notices. Aside from the inconvenience to other walkers and users of the space, there have been problems with the worrying, or even attacking, of sheep and young lambs at this time of year.

The Parish Council is also setting up a working party to try and coordinate and support the various 'traffic initiatives' around the village. There are the issues of speeding, and of unsuitable vehicles.

As you will recall, a speed survey was recently undertaken by the police, and we were able to obtain the data, which essentially indicates that we are not considered to have a speeding problem. However, there is definitely an issue with cars being damaged by large vehicles on the High Street in particular, and we have all tried many times to get some measures in place to help, without success.

The hope is that some degree of coordination will add weight to the lobbying (as lobbying is all we can do) and also prevent duplication of effort. If you would like to take part in the working party, then please contact the Parish Clerk ([clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk))

Finally, some good news – we recently acquired some portable (or mobile at least!) goalposts, one set of which have been erected on the Recreation Ground. These seem to be popular, and we hope that they will be used by those wishing to practise their skills, as opposed to the buildings up on Parkfield Recreation Ground which have taken a battering over the years. *David Hardstaff*

### **Could you use some extra cash? Talk to your District Councillor**

I would like to publicise the Annual Discretionary Grant that District Councillors can donate to local Volunteer and Community groups. In previous years grants have been made for new dog mess bins, benches, repairs to facilities and youth groups. The amount requested can be as little as £50. Ideas are often channelled through the Parish Council or alternatively contact me direct.

Cllr John Bishop  
**[john.bishop@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:john.bishop@north-herts.gov.uk)**



# *Celebrating 73 years of Kimpton Horse Show*

## *Sunday 30th July 2017*



Kimpton Horse Show is held in the village each year on the last Sunday of July, but did you know that the very first Kimpton Gymkhana took place on a cold, snowy day back on 29 April 1944? Spectators braved the bitter temperatures to watch ponies and jockeys race up and down, try their luck in a competition in which one lucky numbered programme (each one costing 6d.) would win its fortunate owner £1, and see the prizes presented by The Viscountess Hampden.

Although the show has grown over the decades, its aim remains the same: to provide fun and friendly competition, all in aid of raising funds for causes benefiting the lives of local people. Over the years, it has raised thousands of pounds for worthwhile causes including Macmillan Nurses, Kimpton Village Church and the Herts Air Ambulance.

This year's show is no exception and there is a busy all-day 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 show 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!



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

It's a great day out for all the family, so make sure you come down for a drink, something to eat and a look around. To find out more and download this year's schedule visit [www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk](http://www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk), email [secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk) or call 07951 381147.



*Hayley Ward, Challenge Cup winner and an early photo of the Horse Show*



# Kimpton Horse Show

SPECTATORS  
WELCOME -  
LICENSED BAR  
AND FOOD

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SHOW JUMPING,  
GYMKHANA, FANCY  
DRESS, NOVELTY  
CLASSES AND CLEAR  
ROUND JUMPING  
FOR ALL AGES AND  
ABILITIES



**SUNDAY 30th JULY 2017**

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# Kimpton WI

In April Len Little told us about the Training and Use of Police Dogs. Members enjoyed the meeting finding it informative and interesting. We had a cake stall at May Festival and, to tie in with the theme of "At the Movies", we dressed the stall and helpers with sunflowers to represent the film "Calendar Girls". It looked good and we sold all the cakes by three o'clock. (pictured below).



Well done to our team who got to the final of the Brains of Kimpton. In May we had our Annual Meeting when Sue Newman took over the role of President and Liz Haynes became our new Secretary. At the end of the meeting police officer, Terry Morris, gave us some excellent advice on protecting our money. He gave each of us two small bells to attach to our bags/purses to ward off potential thieves – there might be a lot of tinkling round the village – beware! In June we had a fascinating talk by Richard Thomas on "A Day in the Life of a Thames Tug".

We are off to the Henry Moore studio and garden in Much Haddam in July followed by a boat trip in Boxbourne. Come September St. Pauls Walden W.I. will be joining us for a talk about Joyce Grenfell.

The book club is thriving and table tennis will re-start in September.

We are a friendly W.I. and would be very pleased to welcome anyone to our meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7.45 p.m. in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall. If you would like more information do contact our President (Sue Newman) 01438 832560 or Secretary (Liz Haynes) 01438 832500. *Janet Holmes-Walker*

# Kimpton History Group

## Wednesday 19th July, evening visit to Hitchin

Elizabeth Eastwood, will take us on a walking tour of the historic market town of Hitchin. Meet at Kimpton School at 6.30 pm to share lifts. A contribution of £4 per head will be required. Contact June, 832754 if you would like to come. Details will be sent to members nearer the time.

## Wednesday 20th September, at 8 pm in the Green Room

### "Wireless intercepts and the Double Cross operation"

Stan Ames, will tell us about a secret WW2 operation in which MI5 intercepted communications between the Abwehr (German intelligence service) and their agents in the field. Having captured most of the agents in the UK, some were turned and used as double agents to deceive the Abwehr.

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend any of the talks, for which we charge £3 per visit.

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

# Hadfas Lectures

## Harpenden Area Decorative and Fine Arts Society

We hold 10 lectures per year at the Riverside Suite, Venue 360, 20 Gypsy Lane, Luton, which start at 10.30. There is plenty of free parking.

### 21st September

The art and culture of the Fin-de-siecle Vienna  
Gavin Plumley

### 19th October

Undressing antiques  
Mark Hall

### 16th November

The City of London and its Livery Companies  
Yashu Beresiner.

Guests are welcome at a cost of £6 per lecture. For more information: [www.hadfas.org.uk](http://www.hadfas.org.uk). If you wish to attend contact Ann Banham 01438 831156



## **“It was an amazing May Festival” writes Festival chairman John Hills**

This is the second time that I have had the privilege to be the Chairman of the May Festival Committee and to lead such a great group of people who have worked tirelessly to produce yet another great event. The thing about being a Chairman is that if it's a success you get lots of praise and thanks and if it's not so good you take the criticism. Last year was a good year to be the Chairman but this was an amazing year.

It was my predecessor Andrew Ackrill who said that no other village puts on such a great weekend with such a varied programme. Kimpton does punch above its weight but this is no fluke, it has been going on now for 53 years and long may it continue. It is in part due to your support and participation and

partly due to a fantastic committee. I cannot thank them enough for all the hard work they have put in to make the whole event a great success. They are a remarkable group who have moaned, groaned, laughed and cried, but we have also had great fun, it's that sort of committee. I am proud to have been their Chairman for this Festival. That said, we are always looking for new members and new ideas. Please come and join us and make your mark on the event for next year. . Please contact me if you are interested. [johnrhills@btinternet.com](mailto:johnrhills@btinternet.com)

For me, I took away some great memories from this year's Festival. Our first ever film night was held on the school playing field. It was well attended and enjoyed by at least 100 people with ages ranging from 7 to 77. The following day, the procession was led as always by my wonderful Vice-Chair Emma Kazwini, who just loves dressing up. The committee theme for this event was The Wizard of Oz and I was the scarecrow. Things we do for money! During the afternoon I remember looking up from helping at the bar and all I could see were hundreds of people, all enjoying the day. There were lots of wonderful moments and it was so satisfying to see so many people enjoying themselves. The final event on the Green on Monday is always my favourite, not because it's the last, but because it epitomises the whole festival and our village.

I cannot at this time tell you how much we have raised as our fantastic Treasurer James is busy collecting in all the money and paying all our bills but I am sure it will be a substantial sum. That money of course goes back to the village as it should. So I will end this report on this year's festival by saying to all of you that attended and helped to make it such a great success, thank you. We put it together, you made it.





# ***Your May Festival pics***







*More of your photos on the next page*



*Many, many thanks to Paul Guy, Dee Hibbert, Mary Hyde, Jonathan Marsh, Fiona Mitchell, Emma Rice-Oxley, Roy Roberts, Muriel Rochester, Beth Speroni, Carly Tindle and Clair Wearmouth for letting us share their May Festival pictures.*

## Welcome to the Kimpton village website

The village of Kimpton is situated in beautiful Hertfordshire countryside between the M1 and A1(M), about three miles from Harpenden. It is well connected with St Albans, Hitchin, Welwyn and Stevenage all within a short car journey and both the M1 and A1(M) are easy to reach from Central London can take under an hour (on a good day!).

The Parish of Kimpton comprises of Kimpton itself, with a population of around 1,500, and all settlements of Blackmore End and Peters Green, housing populations of about 800 and 80, respectively. The village enjoys an extensive rights of way network.



The village has a reputation for its strong community spirit with over 50 clubs and organisations meeting regularly and helping to support the village. Listed in clubs and societies. Every year in May, many of these groups set up a stall on the Recreation Ground as part of the annual Kimpton May Festival – an event run by the village featuring an art exhibition, craft market, entertainments, fun run, boot sale, village concert, quiz, cream teas with jazz band. The event calendar includes many of

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## ***kimptonvillage.com*** ***is launched***

We're delighted to launch a Kimpton Village website developed in response to requests from residents for local information to be easily accessed. Initially the website contains a calendar to show events, a comprehensive list of clubs and organisations and a business directory. This follows on from the three hard copy business directories initiated by Bob Finch and aims to support our businesses by encouraging people to buy locally. However at this early stage I'm sure

that there are gaps in the listings so please forward details to me. There is no charge for being included on the village or business websites. Past editions of this magazine can be found here as well.

We hope the site will grow to include more recreational and social activities as may be useful in the future, for example our plan is to add a series of local walks and cycle rides.

If you have any comments about the village website or information for uploading please do contact me.

*Carina Helmn 01438 832573 [www.kimptonpc.org.uk](http://www.kimptonpc.org.uk)*

### **Magazine deadlines for 2017**

**Autumn September 22nd**

**Winter November 17th**

*Copy and images to be in by then please*

*[kimpton.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kimpton.editor@btinternet.com)*

### **Kimpton Friendly Bridge Club**

meets every Thursday evening in  
Church House  
for a 19:30 start





The sun is shining and with it, it brings smiles, joy and the excitement of the summer holidays looming. At this point in the academic year, it is a great time for reflection on our achievements, as well as where the school's learning journey is going to take us next.

The staff and pupils have been constantly applying themselves to improve and do better. When we look at our school we can see visible changes in the learning environment with the new addition of great interactive boards, exciting learning resources in our early years areas and within the children's books, a visible indication of the progress and effort every child has achieved. We are very proud of them all.

Looking forward we have an exciting time ahead. We are taking the leap to provide the new 30 hours free childcare initiative from the government. This means we are now an all day nursery provider, giving parents further freedoms and flexibility, as well as enhancing the learning opportunities for our youngest pupils. If this is something that you are interested in finding out more about, please do check our website for further details or contact our school office.

This term our staff and governors have been discussing what our long-term plan is. What are our aims for the next 5 years and what do we want for the pupils of our school. This has opened up some amazing conversations and always includes ensuring that we don't lose the unique feel of a village primary school, centred in an amazing community.

So as the sun continues to shine, I wish the wonderful village of Kimpton a lovely summer and I hope you all get to enjoy the amazing things that our community has to offer. We look forward to seeing you at the Kimpton Folk Festival, The Kimpton Bake Off and our farewell celebrations for our 25 Year 6 pupils who leave us this term to face the exciting world of secondary school.

*Mrs Tracy Clements. headteacher*

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

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

***Organised by Kimpton Primary  
School PTA***

**KIMPTON AUTUMN  
SHOW  
SATURDAY 2ND  
SEPTEMBER  
2.30 MEMORIAL HALL  
£1 ENTRY**



**SCHEDULES  
OUT SOON  
CORNER  
STORES  
£1  
PLEASE  
ENTER**

## **Could you help Oxfam?**

Oxfam needs volunteers for its shops in Hitchin Town centre and Stevenage Old Town on Sundays. You can choose how often you wish to volunteer, even once a month would be a great help. Training will be provided as well as free tea and coffee. Pop in to either shop for a chat or call 01462 456638 (Hitchin) or 01438 358939 (Stevenage ).



## Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

This is generally a quiet period for the Branch, a time when not too much activity is taking place. However, later in the year activity will increase with the Poppy Appeal and the Remembrance services in November.

The Kimpton Branch of the Royal British Legion was formed a few years after the First World War in 1922. None of the original members are still with us of course, and currently have members who are ex military and non military.

We have a relatively small membership, and most of that is unfortunately non active, so we are always looking for new members to join and take an active role in the Branch. I can report that our secretary Dave Gibbs has in the last few weeks, managed to recruit two new members, so hopefully we shall look forward to seeing them at our meetings. Also hopefully, with the new homes built and new families coming into the village, we could recruit another new member or two.

It is not a requirement to have served in the armed forces to join the membership of the Legion, so if you feel you have time to be an active member of the Branch, please contact our secretary Dave Gibbs on 01438 832236 or 07824 387460.

Our Standard Bearer Jack Clee has unfortunately left the area, so he is no longer able to carry out that service. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jack for his services in the past few years and to wish him well.

Fortunately, we have a strong, young member of our Branch in the name of Keith Dollin, who has volunteered to take on the service of Standard Bearer, so we are most grateful to Keith who will keep our Branch Standard flying.

Other important positions we are anxious to fill are Poppy Appeal collectors during early November, so if anyone has time to take on a small area of the village to do a Poppy collection we would be most grateful. The Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator is Mrs Sue Burns on 01438 832960, who would love to hear from anyone who can help.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer holidays wherever you plan to go.

*Robin Wells, Chairman.*

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## Kimpton Bowls Club

Thanks to May Festival and subsequent "Open Days" the club has enrolled five new members, both novices and experienced player. All the new members have taken part in matches and in-house competitions; a good sign for the club's wellbeing.

The season's programme is going well with matches with other clubs, evening league matches, knockout competitions and club trophy comps.

Weather permitting, our in-house competition days incorporate a sociable BBQ event. We still have room for new bowlers ( and spectators ), so if at all interested please contact Brenda Lennox on 01582 623106, or visit [kimptonbowlsclub.blogspot.com](http://kimptonbowlsclub.blogspot.com)

Alternatively, just ask around to speak to a member; there is usually one in The Boot!

## Jigsaw Swap

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

It would be really helpful if you could ensure that all jigsaw boxes are well sealed. Even better, put the pieces in a sealed plastic bag, and separate the edge pieces into another bag, to make life easier for the next puzzler.

Unfortunately, I am having to try and match up loose pieces found in the bottom of the plastic jigsaw box.

Thank you and HAPPY PUZZLING.

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# *Kimpton Memorial Hall*



## ***New Committee, New Chairman and a new Sinking Fund?***

At the Memorial Hall's AGM on 16th May, I retired as Chairman of Kimpton Memorial Hall, as I had previously indicated I would.

I am delighted to report that Simon Thompson was unanimously elected to replace me as Chairman. He is joined on the Committee by Tim Armstrong –Taylor (Vice Chairman), Dee Hibbert (Treasurer) and Les Weeks, all three of whom will join Simon, as Trustees of the Hall. Barbara Kazwini continues as Booking Secretary. Bob Finch will, for the moment continue to act as Minutes Secretary, and I will continue with the other secretarial tasks I have previously undertaken, and will remain on your committee to try to achieve a smooth transfer to Simon, (which is why I am writing this report). We would be delighted if one or two younger volunteers could be persuaded to come forward to fulfil the two vacant, non-demanding, secretarial positions.

As I reported at the AGM we currently have a very healthy bank balance. However at least £15,000 of that is already spoken for with projects that are already planned, replacing the lighting (essential), possibly improving the acoustics, and several smaller projects which should have been completed, but have not. (Primarily because I was reluctant to 'lumber' a new Committee with projects it might not approve of, or would have done differently.)

In terms of cash holdings, we always aim to keep a reserve of about £8,000, lest some disaster might befall us, (air conditioning or the like?) and we do need to build up a reserve, a sinking fund, to deal with the inevitable replacement of the maple boarded floor. This floor is 35 years old: it has been re-sanded at least four times and will only tolerate one more sanding. Its replacement will cost about £36,500, and we may well need to do this within the next 10 years. In my view we should aim to raise at least £40,000 in anticipation of the event, and probably we only have about £4,000 of that figure now, so there is a very long way to go. So Please, Please: Keep fundraising, and continue to support your new Chairman in the same way that you have always, so very generously, supported me.

*Roger Nash 01438 832101*

To book Kimpton Memorial Hall please contact  
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## Christmas Market on The Green Saturday December 2nd 2pm - 8pm

Yes, we're thinking about Christmas already! Preparations are underway for Kimpton's first Christmas Market on The Green.

there will be stalls, live music, food, winter wine and real ale.

If you, your group, your business would like a table or a stall (we will be under cover) to sell Christmas gifts, decorations, festive foods etc. please contact Carina Helmn on 01438 832573, [clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk)

## This summer, fly through the lanes on an electric bike

This summer, you have the opportunity of experiencing the countryside around St Albans and the great food at the Rose and Crown pub in Sandridge. The guided tour starts from the pub's car park and follows the quiet Hertfordshire country lanes to Shaw's Corner, before returning to the award winning Rose and Crown pub for a British Tapas evening meal.

The St Albans 'Ride and Dine' electric bike tour operates on a Wednesday evening from May to August. It's great for foodies, who wish to enjoy some guilt free calories. The tour caters for up to 8 people.

The cycle experience allows families or a group of friends to enjoy a social ride on largely traffic free and safe roads or cycleways. All eBikes are supplied with helmets and locks.

For more information about the St Albans 'Ride and Dine' event, please call 0800 1337674 or visit [electricbiketours.co.uk](http://electricbiketours.co.uk)



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## REFRESHMENTS



## Peters Green Village Hall

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# *May Festival Tug-of-War picture special*



Photos: Andy Wright



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FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT

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*The Cricket Club team were the 2017 Brains of Kimpton with runners-up the WI and the Church. The evening was hosted by question masters Mark Hubbard and Arthur South.*

## Front page image

Dear Editor,  
What a marvellous, ingenious and magical cover on Parish magazine number 249.  
Thank you, Joan Smith

*If you haven't seen Simon Wallace's photo have a look at the spring edition of this magazine at [kimptonvillage.com](http://kimptonvillage.com)*

Previous editions of the Parish Magazine, up to the end of 2016, are available as PDFs at [kimpton.org.uk](http://kimpton.org.uk)  
All editions after that are on the new village website [kimptonvillage.com](http://kimptonvillage.com)

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# Neighbourhood Watch Update

## Community Policing

Should you need to contact our Ward Constable PC David Hine or our PCSO Heather Burrows please use the automated system at Herts Police HQ on **01707 354192** and clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to. Or e-mail e.g.

**David.Hine@herts.pnn.police.uk** Other useful contact numbers are inside the back cover of this magazine, including the Police & Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd.

## OWL (On line Watch Link)

Having recently celebrated 10 years of active service OWL continues to add to the 10,300 properties already enlisted to receive crime alerts direct from the police throughout the County and North Herts in particular.

I am pleased to report that a number of the new residents in Lloyd Way and Corbyn Close have recently signed up although in the latter case there is a frustrating snag with getting Royal Mail clearance for OWL to use the postcode. You can enlist by visiting [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)

## Local Crime

We continue to be a relatively low crime area.

## New NHW Signs

By the time this Update reaches you some new larger yellow plastic signs will already be in place notably at village entrances. These new signs are appearing in surrounding villages and are certainly more conspicuous and hopefully will add to the deterrent factor.

## Cyber Crime

I would like to highlight Cyber Crime which, as you know, is an international problem so you need to be especially mindful of the dangers and how to combat them. Please be aware of the fraud and identity theft scams doing the rounds and the police advice that can be found on the OWL website.

## Nuisance Phone Calls

These pests are still with us despite attempts to block by various means such as the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) or built-in blockers as fitted to the latest generation phones. If you don't recognise the caller just put the phone down.

## Computer Attack

Do ensure that your computer is loaded with the latest security software to avoid attack by cyber criminals. Don't get involved with callers claiming to represent 'Computer Software Technical Support'

using the name of a company like Microsoft saying you have a problem which they can put right if you give them certain details. Once again, don't get involved!

## Distraction Burglaries

The elderly and those living alone need to be extremely wary of and challenge unexpected callers at their door and if they can't provide identity evidence don't open your door. Always ring the police on 101 to report your suspicions and for reassurance.

If the caller is persistent and/or aggressive ring 999.

## Caring Neighbours

Please be kind enough to check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and in particular remind them not to engage in conversation with any dubious phone caller or doorstep visitor. If in any doubt tell them to put the phone down and then call the Police immediately on 101.

## Night Security and Absence

With the forthcoming holidays in mind if you intend to leave your property unoccupied in the coming weeks please do ensure that you have secured all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make your property look 'lived in' if possible by parking a vehicle on the drive and installing timer operated security lights. If your absence is for more than a few days do please give a neighbour your contact details.

Don't leave any keys within sight of an open letter box. Our free Letter Box Deflectors prevent 'peeping toms' having a quick look. Please let me know if you would like one.

## Making life more bearable

Don't forget that you can, and should, report anonymously any incidents of abuse, dog fouling, unruly behaviour, excessive noise and nuisance neighbours on Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111. You should use 101 for non-emergencies or if you prefer you can join the new Constabulary online web chat facility:

**[herts.police.uk/contact\\_us/contacting\\_us.aspx](http://herts.police.uk/contact_us/contacting_us.aspx)**

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

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# The Church in Kimpton

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## **The Parish Magazine Team is trying to help the environment**

The Parish Magazine is now  
printed on recycled paper.

The production team  
acknowledge with thanks a  
donation received from  
Kimpton Environmentalists

## **Police Telephone Numbers**

Urgent 999      Non Urgent 101

Ward Constable David Hine  
Community Support Officer PCSO Heather Burrows  
01707 354192 (automated system)

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team  
Sergeant Steve Oliphant  
01438 757604 (usually voicemail)

Police and Crime Commissioner  
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## CANCER ADVISORY SERVICE

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

## HITCHIN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

To contact the CAB phone 01462 622999 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 5.30pm

## CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Support and guidance offered for all carers, including support groups, a telephone link line and a regular newsletter. Carers can contact the centre on 01462 456660

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Come and meet local, friendly faces and enjoy general play, craft, ride-on toys, baby corner, singing, etc for pre-school children and babies.

Entrance is £2.00 plus 50p for each additional child and includes tea/coffee/juice and snacks for all. Held at Kimpton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 09:30 to 11:30 during term time.

Contact us at [kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com](mailto:kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys](http://www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys)

## KIMPTON PRESCHOOL

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

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## KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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