

# ***Kimpton Parish Magazine***

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### **Parish Church**

**Sunday 9.30am**

Family Communion  
BLAST in Church House

**2nd and 4th Sundays 8am**

BCP Holy Communion

**2nd Sunday 9.30am**

Informal worship  
followed by Parish Breakfast

**Wednesday 9am**

Morning Prayer

### **Ayot St Lawrence**

**2nd Sunday 11.30am**

Holy Communion

### **Perry Green Chapel**

**Sunday 6pm**

Evening Service

For special services see Sunday pew sheet

## **Prayer Corner**

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

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



## September; A new start?

September is perhaps too strongly aligned with starting-over, new school year, fresh starts and clean sheets (as in paper nor bed). That's all ok provided we made neat endings. For you can't have new beginnings without good endings. To paraphrase the well known saying; don't put off until September what you could finish by July!

I admit to dashing madly from unfinished job to half-done task the minute through the Summer. Every household job I'd promised to give more than a 'lick and a promise' to in the vicarage and garden, reared up before me reproachfully. The stuff crammed in the cupboard on moving in day that was promised it would be sorted, the pictures still to hang, and the overgrown outdoors. What for some are holidays stretching endlessly out in 'do nothing' days, for me are 'catching up with practical task' days! There is a lot of satisfaction for me in switching off my head and working with my hands, whether it's clearing out, sewing, drawing, (hacking back the greenery with a hedge trimmer is wonderfully therapeutic).

One September I started full-time study abroad at the grand old age of 49. I was away from home for five months. One consequence of that was learning to let go, to put down, to leave behind whole sections of my life; the housework, (yippee you say) paid employment, (not so great!) my local church and all that rushing and dashing from job to job. Suddenly I realised what a fast pace my life was lived at. Indeed it was frustratingly difficult to find every minute was not activity filled! Ultimately I came to realise what a gift I had been given, what a door had been opened before me ...the gift of time to focus on simply studying theology. I was able to switch off my head, stop worrying, rushing, failing to be superwoman! But those 'do nothing days' were busy with reorienting myself onto the really vital task of being the person God created me to be.

Now much as I'd like everyone to experience the wonder and joy of leaving the household chores (and perhaps the husband and children

too) behind, I realise that it's an impossibility for most of us. I treasure the memory of those five months, because among myriad other things they taught me to recognize when I was overloaded. When I was distant from the centre of myself. Then it was time to make an end some of the things, switch off my head and, in my case, re-orient myself God-ward, in even the simplest of things...such as working with my hands.

Re-orienting or re-centering ourselves in even the simplest things we do is an important priority for the new start afforded by this September 2019. Try your hand at something you haven't tried before-maybe sewing, painting, gardening, reading that pile of books you promised yourself you'd read---maybe even coming to church one Sunday morning. There are a few good Sundays this Autumn: Harvest on 6<sup>th</sup> October, Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November, Christingle on 1<sup>st</sup> December and all those Christmassy times.

At a recent church service we spent time together putting down things we'd been burdened with, each of us writing them down, screwing up that paper and leaving it at the foot of the cross in church-with Jesus. Then we took away a red paper heart to keep reminding us God's love for us and of the importance of making good endings and starting new beginnings. Whatever you decide to do – treat yourself to time to switch off, make an end to something you don't want to do and do something new just for you this Autumn.

*God bless you. Revd. Linda Williams*



## Three Lost Footballs!

Do you recognize any of these leather footballs? Are they yours? Lots of footie in the Rec over the

Summer holidays and these three footballs sailed over the fence and landed in the Vicar's garden. Rev'd Linda would love them to go back to their rightful owners. If you recognize your football simply call into 11 High Street and collect.

***'You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.'* John 4:4**

BLAST is back! It was lovely to all be back together again at the beginning of term and share our stories from the holidays. And stories remains our theme this term. There is so much to explore in the bible, it is simply full of adventures and is a wonderful way to explore God's word. The children are always inquisitive and insightful, they bring us real joy and remind us of the important things in life... friendships, values and the possibilities for creating your own story. We can all be who we want to be and God created us out of his love to explore a world full of possibilities.

And of course we are building up to one of the greatest stories ever shared... the birth of Jesus. That means we will be planning the nativity. Do come and join us at Church house on a Sunday morning and you can take part in one of the highlights of the year... our nativity. There will undoubtedly be lots of lovely parts, and our older children will be helping with the production this year. I am sure we will be Instagram ready!

We meet during term time at 9.30am in Church House, and then join the main service to showcase whatever we have created... it invariably involves glue, stickers and lots of sparkle!

*Best wishes from The BLAST team*

### **Confirmation**

Clare Melanie Tobin and Hannah Louise Elizabeth Tobin were confirmed at St. Nicholas Church, Harpenden on July 7th

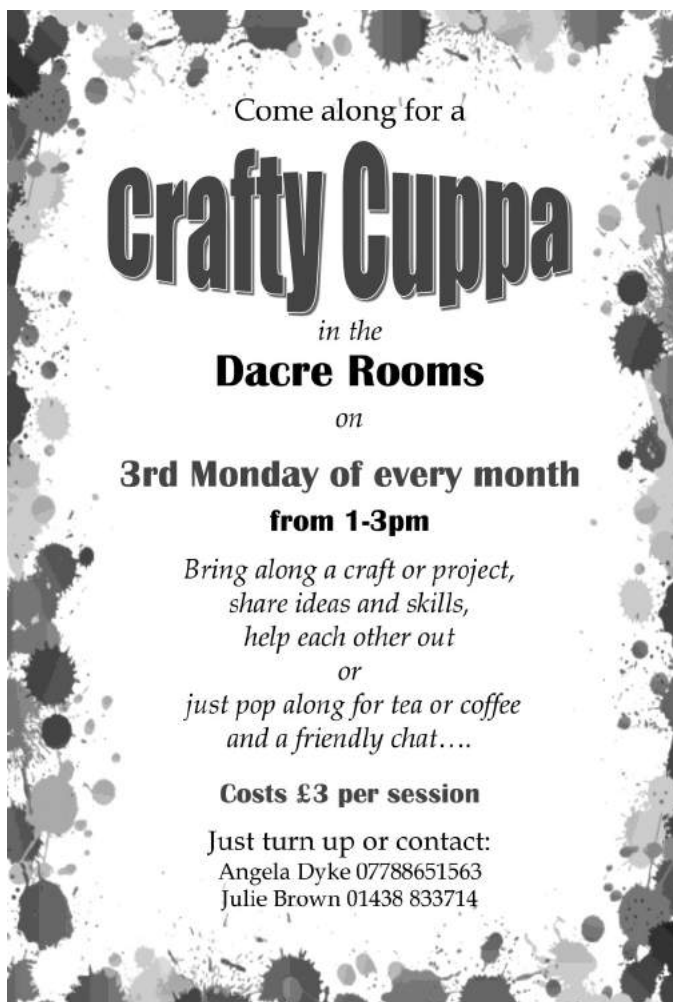
### **Donald Hill**

We have learnt that Donald Hill a lifetime member of Kimpton Methodist Church passed away in July.

## **It's your church, come along and use it!**

Vicar Linda has compiled an information leaflet about the various uses of your church.

Please see pages 19, 20 & 21



Come along for a

# **Crafty Cuppa**

in the

## **Dacre Rooms**

on

**3rd Monday of every month**

**from 1-3pm**

*Bring along a craft or project,  
share ideas and skills,  
help each other out  
or  
just pop along for tea or coffee  
and a friendly chat....*

**Costs £3 per session**

Just turn up or contact:  
Angela Dyke 07788651563  
Julie Brown 01438 833714

## Dora Scott: 14<sup>th</sup> March 1925 - 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Dora, née Offer, moved to the village as a small child.

In her younger days, Dora worked in Luton, typing reports for the Police Force. She married Ernest Scott, (Ernie; 1919-2004), and they became proud parents of four children; Judith, Andrew, Susan and James. After the birth of the children, Dora returned in 1972 to her former employment.

Dora was an active person! She was often to be seen cycling to and fro in the village; as a member of the Pool Club, she would cycle to Pool House and back, swimming widths in between! She thought nothing of walking to Whitwell and back, always at a fast pace! People would say, "Blink, and you'll miss Dora!"

A committed member of Kimpton Church, Dora was a longstanding choir member, a bell ringer, and also rang handbells at Christmas carol services. She regularly read lessons and led prayers, where she always included words about the natural world and the loveliness of Kimpton and its surroundings; the birds, flowers and animals.

Dora was a positive, cheerful person who was never afraid to speak her mind!

She was a very kind person, who was always ready to help others. Part of her daily routine was to clean at Kimpton School and she also assisted with weekly cleaning at the Vicarage. At the preview night of the May Festival Art Show she could be found at her post, washing up!

Dora travelled extensively; she loved Scotland, especially the Isle of Skye, but she also relished visiting far-flung countries and continents; her maxim was always, "See as many places as you can while you are able".

She had a great respect for the Monarchy and loved Royal occasions – indeed she once camped out on the London streets overnight, in order to get a good view of the spectacle! The annual Harrods Sale became stimulus for further exciting visits to the metropolis!

Dora always showed interest in the welfare of other people; she was thrilled to have eleven grandchildren and a great-grandchild and to hear their news, and beyond the family, she greatly enjoyed chatting to Kimpton villagers; she regularly attended the 'Loaves and Fishes' lunch at the Boot and the coffee mornings at the Dacre Rooms.

A lady who loved her home, one of Dora's dearest wishes was to remain there as long as possible. This was accomplished by the presence of her dedicated live-in carers and she died peacefully at home.

Dora will be remembered and missed by so many in Kimpton.

She led a very full life and possessed an indomitable spirit, which sustained her for so long.

May she now rest in peace!

*Lesley Yapp*



*Dora meets the Bishop at Linda's installation service and pictured with members of the Church Choir.*





## 'Noisier and noisier!'

The Noise Project in July celebrated its tenth birthday!

Every year for ten years, our volunteers have been spending a day sorting out other people's problems!

Every year, there is a huge pile of cuttings and clippings to burn up at the allotment, and a lot of paint splodges on our beautiful Kimpton blue T-shirts. All honourable scars!

Do we carry on? Of course we do!



*The 2109 Noise team celebrate their day's work. What a difference a few hours make with the help of Clive Mitchell and his mower!*



This day is showing God's love in action! And as God never tires of blessing us with so much, in the same way, we respond by helping those who we can help.

Thank you to all those who came along to make it such a brilliant day!

Every year, the date is the second Saturday in July - so next year will be Saturday 11th July 2020. Please put the date in your diary!

See you then, I hope!

*God bless, Andy Morton*

# Kimpton Folk Festival 2019: It was a beauty!

Did you attend or help out at the Kimpton Folk Festival on Saturday 6 July 2019? If so, thank you - you helped to make it our most incredible event yet.

We're certainly getting a bit of name for ourselves, as was borne out by number of vehicles in the parking field – around 300 at one stage. And estimates of numbers were between 1200 and 1500.

It was just great to see so many people moving around the village and enjoying the happy, festive atmosphere that seemed to pervade the village on this magic day. The concerts, workshops, open mics, pub sessions, dance demonstrations and busk stops all had plenty of people and once again, the Green was a vibrant hub of food, drink, song dance and festive fun.

Lots of people need to be praised for organising such a wonderful festival, including the committee:

Bernice Edwards, Gordon Glen, Judith Glen, Martin Hicks, Brian King, Di King, Lory Laskey, Bill Redway, John Rowlands, June Rowlands, Alison Smith, Richard Stewart, Stella Spalding and Roland Taylor.



Big thanks to Kimpton Parish Church who work in partnership with us to create such an absolutely amazing performance space, Kimpton Parish Council, Kimpton School, The Dacre Rooms Committee, Jake Harding for preparing the parking field, Craig & Treena at The Boot, Bob Finch and his Bench Boys & Girls, residents of The Green and Park Fields and Wendy Hyams for the photos you see here.

And all of our volunteers – around 80 in all – who ensured that the whole day ran smoothly. I'm sorry I can't name you all here, although I wish I

could, because as we say every year, the festival could not run without your selfless work.



Would you like to join the Kimpton Folk Festival committee? You don't have to be a big folk music fan or anything like that. You just have to enjoy having fun with others to help create this special event.

So, see you on Saturday 4 July 2020!

*Doug Jenner,  
Chairman,  
Kimpton Folk  
Events*

## **Crime**

A meeting was held in Kimpton Memorial Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> September to discuss rural crime. The meeting was led by David Lloyd, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire and Bim Afolami, our local MP.

The overall level of crime in our community remains very low; however, this is of little comfort to those who have personally experienced it.

The most numerous crimes in rural areas remain thefts from outbuildings, sheds and farm buildings, antisocial behaviour, domestic abuse, house theft, and car theft. Cyber-crime including telephone banking scams is a rapidly increasing area of risk to rural communities.

Policing is a more complex matter now compared to 50 years ago. The days of a full time local 'Bobby' living and working within the village have gone. Specialist units deal with differing types of crime and the sharing of information between neighbouring police forces is made far more use of. The reporting of all crimes by the public is extremely important. Political decisions are driven by statistics so please always report incidents, whether it is a theft or noticing that fly tipping has occurred on a country road.

**[www.herts.police.uk/Report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime](http://www.herts.police.uk/Report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime)**

With the recent Government announcements for an increase in police officers, we understand 300 new officers are to be recruited for Hertfordshire. We all look forward to improvements in local policing and an even safer community.

## **Autumn Show**

This year's Autumn Show was extended to include a 'Beer and Cider Festival' run by the Kimpton Pre-School to raise funds.

The event, held in the Memorial Hall and its garden, was very well attended. The number of this year's entries was well above last year. Many of the vegetable and fruit entries come from the enthusiastic allotment holders within the village. The Council is delighted to support the event and to make available allotment spaces.

A large thank you to Sandra Berti and the Committee for organising the Autumn Show and to Jane Hunt and the Pre-School for manning the beer festival event and the immense amount of time and effort that they provided.

## **Christmas Market**

Plans for the Christmas Market are already well underway. We are intending to further build upon the success of the last year's event. Anyone wishing to hire a stall in the craft market section please contact the Parish Clerk. The Market is to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December running from 2pm till 6pm on The Green. More information can be found on

**[www.kimptonvillage.com/kimpton-christmas-market/](http://www.kimptonvillage.com/kimpton-christmas-market/)**

## **Luton Airport**

Luton Airport (LLAL) has recently submitted a planning application to relax noise levels and I am sure that many of you will have responded with your views on the matter to Luton Borough Council Planning Department.

There will undoubtedly be an increase in discussion upon airport related issues as LLAL further develop their proposals for expansion. If anyone has a specific interest in becoming involved with the formal review of information that may affect our community, KPC would be delighted to hear from them. Please contact Carina Helmn **[clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk)** Neil Burns

Visit the village website [kimptonvillage.com](http://kimptonvillage.com)





**THE KIMPTON AUTUMN SHOW** was a huge success, the 2<sup>nd</sup> best ever with 370 entries and a profit that will go towards the running of next years Show, so thank you. There was a lovely atmosphere with music from Nigel & friends, delicious homemade cakes & teas by the W.I. plus we had the new addition of the Charity Beer & Cider Festival which was well received and monies raised for the pre school. We hold Judging of Allotments in July with Mr John W. Page winning the trophy for yet another year, this is followed by refreshments.

We start our Show Day setting up The Hall with the help of The Bench Boys the night before and arrive 8am to get finalised for all the wonderful exhibits to arrive after 9 am. Then we arrange it all with the help of Stewards ready for Judging to take place. After judging Barbara provides us with a lovely Judges lunch, so then we are ready for the public to arrive in the afternoon.

The garden was full with the beer tent and things to do for the children. Inside Sue did a great job with the bottle tombola. After the presentation & raffle we have sale of produce for exhibitors who are happy to sell, some are prize winning.

Then the Show is over and the Hall is cleared again for another year.....so we hope to see you next year with your entries, if you have never exhibited before there is a Newcomer Class which will ease you in, it's all fun...Kimpton Autumn Show is Second Saturday in September 2020... **Thank you.... Sandra & team x**

## **Notice of EGM**

### **Thursday 17th October 7.30pm**

### **Kimpton Memorial Hall**

The village hall charity is changing its legal structure from an unincorporated charitable trust to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). A new CIO has now been registered by the Charity Commission in the name of Kimpton Memorial Hall CIO. To complete the process of incorporation the trustees of the existing charity will need to transfer the charity's assets, including the memorial hall, to the new charity.

The decision to transfer the assets needs to be confirmed by those residents living in the Parish of Kimpton who are aged 18 or over. To this end, the trustees will propose an appropriate resolution to be passed at the meeting on Thursday 17th October 2019 at 7.30pm

## Kimpton History Group

**Wednesday 16th October  
8 pm in the Green Room  
'Constance & Mary'**

Our old friend Elizabeth Eastwood, will tell us about the struggle for women's suffrage as told through the story of two amazing Hertfordshire women – Lady Constance Lytton and the novelist, Mary Ward

**Wednesday 20th November  
8 pm in the Green Room  
'What was Kimpton like 150 years ago?'**

An illustrated talk by Peter Hale, the author of books about Kimpton Hoo and the Dacre's, Blackmore End House and the Baxendale's, and recently Kimpton Brewery and the Kingsley's.

**Wednesday 18th December  
in the Green Room  
Christmas Party**

Details will be circulated to members nearer the time.

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend any of our meetings for which we charge £3 including tea/coffee and biscuits. For more information about the Group, please contact Juliet Morton on 01438 832427.

## Kimpton Public Rights of Way

We are sad to have lost our long-standing contact in Hertfordshire County Council on rights of way but we welcome his replacement, Andrew Burton ([andrew.burton@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.burton@hertfordshire.gov.uk)) as the Countryside Access Officer responsible for Kimpton parish.

For the second year running we have had a worryingly dry summer. From the viewpoint of footpaths and the like it has made life easy since there has been little growth. But both the Mimram and the Ver have dried up entirely in parts, killing the wildlife that thrived on them.

I understand that HCC's maintenance contractors have been out already doing their autumn 'cut'. In recent years we have liaised with HCC so that we have been able to review how well their contractors have done the job and get them to come back to correct any shortcomings. Unfortunately, we have not been able to do that this year and right now I am not able to get out to check how well they have done. So please report any problems with overgrowth, obstructions, obscure or damaged signage, to Andrew. And please copy me in so I know what the concerns in our parish are.

*Bob Malcolm 01438-832309*

*[bobm@ideo.co.uk](mailto:bobm@ideo.co.uk)*



## Kimpton Christmas Market Saturday 7th December 2 - 6pm The Green

The elves have been hard at work preparing for Kimpton's third Christmas Market and we hope this is going to be the best one yet! We have a few spaces left for stallholders so please get in touch asap if you'd like a table.

Running an event of this size takes a lot of work from many people but we think it's worth it, and we hope you do too. So we're looking for more volunteers to help us deliver an even more magical Market this year. If you can spare any time before, during or after the market - whatever time you have spare - that would be amazing. There are many ways that you can be of help. If you're not around on the day itself then perhaps you can join us the day after to help take things down? We'll happily provide breakfast!

For more information, to book a stall, or to volunteer your time, please contact Carina Helmn on 07891 452832 or [clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk). Or see our news on Facebook.

## Kimpton Environmentalists Collecting and Donating!

Hardly any apples in Kimpton village this year! Having excelled themselves last year, most of our trees must have been hit by frost. Luckily, we have had a couple of generous donations of picked apples from the Hoo and the High Street, plus invitations to pick just out of the village. It means there are far fewer bottles of Kimpton Apple Juice this year, so get your orders in quickly!

The profit from the sale of last year's juice and this year's May Festival Kimpton Trail has been donated to local causes: £50 to Butterfly Conservation, £75 for the Parish Magazine to be printed on recycled paper; £75 to CPRE Hertfordshire (Campaign to Protect Rural England); and £100 to the Woodland Trust.

Thank you to everyone, including the local pubs, who has helped in collecting plastic tops from milk and soft drink bottles; and crisp packets, biscuit and cracker wrappers. Already over 5 kilo of bottle tops have been taken to Lush in St Albans, for recycling into tubs and counter-tops. The wrappers have been sorted and, again, about 5 kilos sent for recycling. This translates into over 2500 crisp packets and 1000 biscuit wrappers, earning us around £33 to be donated to Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Fund. Let's keep up the good work, saving plastic from landfill while making a small contribution to the upkeep of our beautiful Church. Remember there are recycling points at the Church and the Dacre Rooms. At the moment we don't want any other sort of tops or packets, no jar tops or crisp tubs etc. If anyone wants to take on collecting further "recyclables" (See [www.terracycle.com/en-GB](http://www.terracycle.com/en-GB)) and wants some help, please contact me or Robin: 07979 996406

*Davina Malcolm  
Kimpton Environmentalists  
01438 832309*



As I write, we have recently enjoyed another bring and share "Garden" party in the comfortable lounge of one of our members!

Unfortunately, yet again, the second Wednesday in August proved to be a wet one but, although we were unable to sit out in Janet's lovely garden, we still had a very enjoyable afternoon of friendship, conversation and over-indulgence in delicious cakes.

Our speaker in June was Bill Hamilton who gave a very informative and amusing talk about his life and work as a travelling BBC Broadcaster.

In July we tried something a little different - Country Dancing! After a short talk our speaker, Jean McCann, led us in some traditional English Country Dances. Great fun and not too much confusion or injury!

In September we shall again be providing the teas and cakes for the Kimpton Autumn Show and this will be shortly followed by our September meeting when our speaker will be Lin Instone, entertaining us with "Amusing Tales of Teaching."

Our weekly Friday afternoon table tennis sessions will resume in a few weeks. These are open to non members and cost £2.50 for an hour and a half of exercise, good company and friendly competition. Do come and join us!

For the book worms amongst us, we meet monthly to discuss the book we have recently been reading, and there are regular handicraft sessions for our "crafty" members.

Our full WI meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall and a warm welcome awaits visitors and new members of all ages.

For more information, look out for posters around the village, follow us on Facebook or contact our president, Sue Newman on 01438 832560.

*Chris Bichener*

Visit the village website [kimptonvillage.com](http://kimptonvillage.com)



# Hitting a high note!

## *The benefits of singing are many says choir leader Tim Armstrong-Taylor*

It was great to see so many new faces at Village choir last week and more again this week as well as people returning after a break.

This term we are singing a mix of music including songs by Queen. Already the choir are raising the rafters of the school hall along with their dopamine levels (we meet at 8pm every Monday night term time - new members with a bedtime of after 9.30pm always welcome).

The benefits of singing are many, it's a great way to exercise body and brain. It's good for breathing, blood pressure and mental well being. Increasingly studies show the benefits. Attendance at choir is growing all the time which proves that we must be doing something right! It's such fun and a great stress reliever.

As a vocal coach and conductor I feel blessed to be able to help so many people pursue their musical goals. People sing for all sorts of reasons and never regret giving it a go.



*Kimpton Village Choir at this summer's Folk Festival*

You'll know that whilst I take music very seriously my approach is always delivered with humour. My brother Roly and I have been all over the world performing, informing and sharing out love of music with thousands of people. In the last few years we've been to Malta and the Cayman

Islands with two different shows and Victor and Albert are set to tour the UK from late September, from Cambridgeshire to Aberdeenshire, right through to next summer when we'll be performing as Victor and Albert for the first time at the Edinburgh Fringe, where I've also been invited to direct the newly formed 'Festival Fringe Community Choir'.

We will be performing at the Pleasance Courtyard at around 4pm everyday during the festival. If you're up there please come and see us!

We are also starting to hold 'pop-up sing-a-longs', which will be held on a Saturday morning, no musical skills necessary, just come along have a coffee and cake, join in with all your favourite songs and have lots of fun! All for £10 only. The first takes place in the Dacre rooms, Kimpton on Saturday 9th November. Space is very limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

*From page 12* Other dates for your diary are the Village Choir's Winter Concert held at the church on December 8th which is always guaranteed to get you in the mood for Christmas. Guest artists are welcome as usual so if you'd like to perform in the concert please let me know - we'd love to have you. This summer's concert on the green was a successful community event and we're extremely grateful to all those performers (including The Clover Club) who took part, helping to raise money for Herts Musical Memories.

On Saturday 21st December is Victor and Albert's Christmas Party in the memorial Hall (a usual variety riot of seasonal fun) and on Saturday 25th January is the Village Choir's annual Vocal Workshop to be held in the Memorial Hall.

Kimpton is a wonderful village full of music makers of all flavours, it's a joy to be involved in the mix. I hope you'll be able to come to one, some or maybe all of these events. For more information on any of the above feel free to drop me a line and I'll point you in the right direction  
hello@victorandalbert.com  
*Keep singing! Tim Armstrong-Taylor*

# Kimpton Online

is a year old!

During the past year we have helped people within our village with several issues ranging from setting up and using a new phone/tablet, to how to join the village Facebook page and the feedback has been really positive 'It was very enjoyable and informative' and everyone 'was really patient and helpful.'

We have now set dates for our next three sessions – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Dacre Rooms, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Conservatory at the Boot and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Dacre Rooms. Each session will have a theme as well as the chance to 'drop in' with any queries or questions: 25<sup>th</sup> September will be about audio books, what is the choice, how to download and listen to them. October's session will be about photos, how to take them, store, view and share. November's will be about online security and safety. As always, refreshments, cake and a chat are provided!

Kimpton Online is open to all – so please spread the word and if you would like to help out get in touch with Fiona Mitchell – 0771 961 1491

## Shiver me timbers, it's panto time, me hearties!

This year The Kimpton Players are proud to present the hilarious pantomime "Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates".

If you want too, you're welcome to come in your pirate fancy dress and enjoy a swashbuckling time, on either November 28th, 29th and two performances on Saturday 30th.

You can book your tickets on our website [www.thekimptonplayers.co.uk](http://www.thekimptonplayers.co.uk) or by contacting 01438 831294.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for any behind-the-scenes fun and laughter.

There's plenty to look forward to next year as well, with our traditional Old Time Music Hall coming up in February and other planned shows through out the year!

But, before we can say 2019 is "BEHIND YOU!" We hope to see you all at the panto.

*Why did the pirate buy an eye patch?  
Because he couldn't afford an iPad!!*

*Did you know Bluebeard got thrown in the  
Red sea?  
He got marooned!!!*

*Why was the pirate found guilty?  
Because he didn't have a leg to stand on!!!*





September is a very busy time at school and it has been delighting that everybody has come back from the holidays buzzing, exciting and ready to learn. The behaviour and attitudes shown from pupils in the school have been excellent and many of our visitors have commented very positively about this. It is so pleasing that pupils of Kimpton are proud of their school.

There were several improvements to the school which took place during the summer term and throughout the holidays including the school hall refurbishment, classrooms being painted, a new wireless fire alarm being installed and repairs to our dining hall floor. We are continuing to look at making further improvements to the building and exploring funding options to make this possible – particularly at a difficult time for schools nationally in terms of financial strain. We must say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA team for their relentless support and commitment in supporting school projects and for the impact that this makes.



At Kimpton School, we have a set of values which encapsulates everything that we are about. We call this our K Factor. Every Friday, we celebrate achievements and recognise pupils who have shown the K Factor in our Going for Gold assembly.

Please read our newsletters to find out about the fantastic successes our pupils make; these can be found on our school website at [www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk](http://www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk).

Here is to a very exciting Autumn term ahead.



## Royal British Legion, Kimpton

We had a great day at Newmarket Races in August. It was a day specifically for the RBL and £3 from the cost of each ticket was donated to the National office. There was a parade of Standards which took place despite the high winds. Our Standard Bearer- Keith "Digger" Dollin took part as we all watched proudly on. Digger has had a very busy time representing the Branch – but more of that next magazine when we will have a short interview

with Digger and photos showing him in action!

We are coming up to a very busy time for the Legion. Its not long now until the annual Remembrance weekend. For us this starts on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November when there is a rehearsal for all uniformed groups and others who are taking part in the service on Remembrance Sunday. **Please be at church at 6pm.** On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November Digger will be representing Hertfordshire by parading our Standard in front of the Queen and other members of the Royal Family at the annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. This is being televised so remember to switch on BBC1 during the evening and watch!

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November we have our village Festival of Remembrance. The memorial hall will be open from 930am for people to meet and have warm drinks before parading to the war memorial and onwards to church. The parade gathers in the hall car park at 10am and sets off at 10.20am.

**IF YOU ARE GOING STRAIGHT TO THE CHURCH PLEASE ENSURE**

**YOU ARE SEATED BY 10.30.**

After the church service, Church house will be open for refreshments.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November there will be a short service of remembrance at the war memorial in the village- meet at 1045.

**Save the date!!! Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Looking forward to next year- we are going to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day with a village gathering by the tennis courts. Further details to follow but it will centre around the Kimpton Bake off with live music and entertainment.

**\*\*\*\*I would like to thank Andy O'Brien who organised a village football match recently and kindly donated £180 towards the event\*\*\*\***

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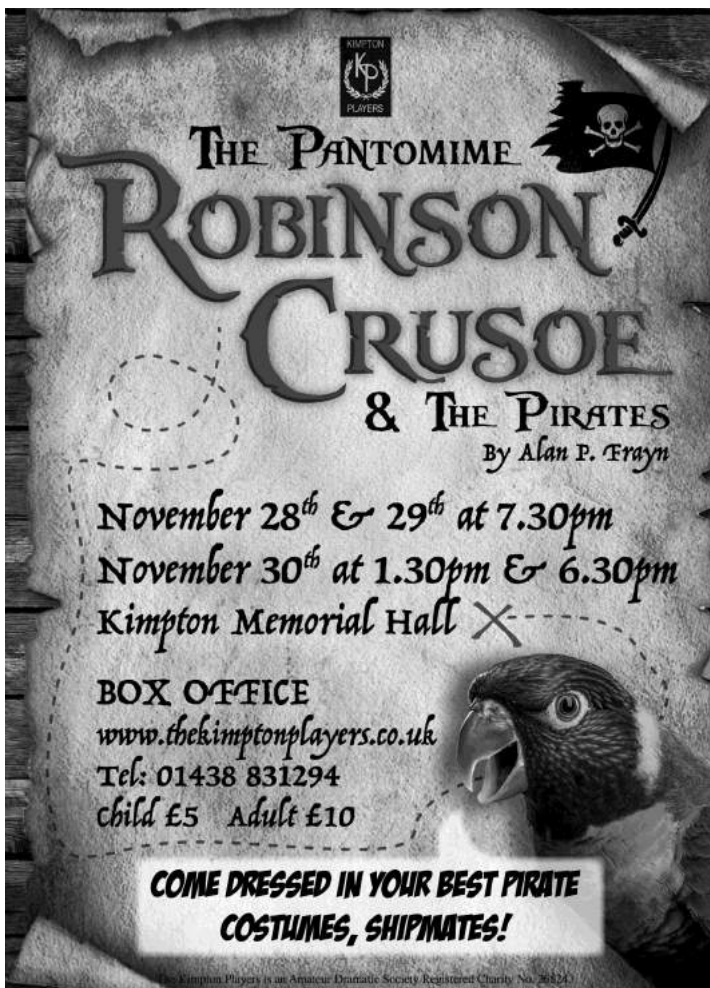
# Theft of lead from the Palladian Church roof

Some of you may know that Ayot St Lawrence's "Palladian Church" suffered a theft of the lead roof covering the northern (i.e. nearest to Kimpton) colonnade in the early hours of the morning of 29 August. We think the thieves approached across the field from Bibbs Hall Lane and targeted this section as it is more secluded than the other side. The irony is that the church was awaiting the installation of a roof alarm with motion-triggered cameras: by the time you read this it should be in place. Given that the police advised that the thieves might well return to strip more lead, a team of volunteers has been sleeping in the church since it happened so that the alarm could be raised: both villagers and friends of the church from Harpenden, Welwyn and St Albans have joined in this task, which has proved an interesting experience. Indeed, a book club has taken up the challenge and is hoping to write up their tales! Perhaps the church has another potential role here, and one that might generate some revenue: "DareBnB" anyone? And who knew that our church loo would prove so useful.....

The church is planning to replace the roof very soon with lead but using different fixings: whilst there are lead substitutes available, getting permission to use them on a Grade 1-listed building is time consuming. This work should be completed before the winter frosts set in to prevent damage to the columns beneath.

Whilst the church is hoping that their insurance will cover the bulk of this work, they will have to pay for some of it. Ayot St Lawrence is a very small place with only 35 houses and some 100 people so the church hosts many events to supplement income. Please do try to support us in these: they are very high quality, often professional musical or theatrical productions.

More details are on our Events page of our website [www.ayotstlawrence.com](http://www.ayotstlawrence.com): call 01438 820371 or email [christine@ayotstlawrence](mailto:christine@ayotstlawrence) for more details. Why not follow us on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/palladianayot](https://facebook.com/palladianayot)? Details of November events on page 17.



## Would you like an allotment at Peters Green?

There are both large and small allotment plots available  
Contact Charlie or Lorna at [pgallotments@gmail.com](mailto:pgallotments@gmail.com)

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

## Huge thanks from everyone at Preschool!

We need to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in organising Kimpton's first ever Beer Festival. We served over 400 pints of beer and cider at the weekend, and had many happy customers. We're not quite sure how much money was made yet, but we know that the event was a big success and that the funds raised will help Preschool massively.

Our village Preschool is a not for profit charity, run by a voluntary management committee. It's not a commercial nursery and we keep our fees low to ensure that we are accessible to the whole community. We rely heavily on extra fundraising, from events such as the beer festival, to stay in existence. Any money that we raise helps to fund necessities such as employing our highly qualified staff team, the upkeep of our purpose built building and buying high quality resources to give our children the best possible experience.

Several of the organisers of the beer festival had no direct connection to Preschool. It's really wonderful to be in such a supportive village, where our wider community is willing to put huge amounts of effort in to helping us. Your help will enable us to continue to provide the best start to education for Kimpton's (and other local villages and towns) youngest, so thank you so much.

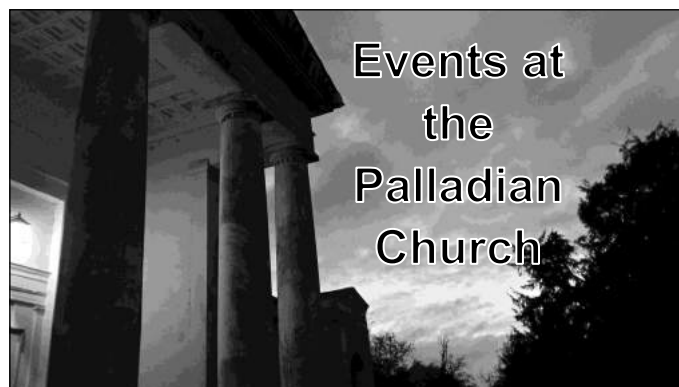
Huge thanks to Andy Lawrence, Neil Burns and Jonathan Sweet for doing so much organisation and pint pulling. Preschool mum Kelly Smalley, from the Brockett Arms, was a superstar who sourced lots of quality beers. And thank you to everyone else who gave up time to help on the day.

It might have been Kimpton's first beer festival, but it won't be its last!

### Magazine deadline 2019 Winter November 22nd

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

The magazine is usually distributed 2 to 3 weeks after the deadline.  
[kimpton.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kimpton.editor@btinternet.com)



### A Harvest Wine Tasting with Mark Buckenham

**Saturday 12th October 19.30**

Come and enjoy a tutored tasting of wines with local expert Mark. Expect some surprises: all wines from the Wine Society where Mark was a buyer for many years

Tickets £15.00

### Russian Sacred and Folk Music Tuesday 26th November Voskresenije Choir from St Petersburg

We are honoured to be hosting a return performance by the Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir who will be performing here as part of their 2019 UK Tour. This is an event not to be missed with many marvellous voices, including Anatoliy Artamonov who is an "octave" singer, reaching a low as a G Contra Octave (49.00HZ). This concert sold out early last year, so don't delay too long! Tickets £20.00 although we have some advance tickets available for £15! Glass of wine included; the choir brings a selection of lovely Russian handicrafts for sale too. Tickets (commission applies) [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-russian-sacred-and-folk-music-tickets-60091827273?utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-russian-sacred-and-folk-music-tickets-60091827273?utm_term=eventurl_text)



## Kimpton garden Club

As a very friendly club we extend a warm welcome to new members and are particularly keen to attract younger residents who will benefit from the wide pool of

knowledge willingly given by our more senior members.

Normally we meet on the first Wednesday in every month in the Memorial Hall Green Room at 8 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 been entertained by some really good speakers recently and

our social programme includes Christmas and Garden Parties and Quizzes.

We enjoyed a coach trip to Great Comp, Kent in July and the Garden Party held in August at Cuckolds Cross, the home of members Paul and Susan Evans.

Future events are the AGM in October (visitors welcome), a speaker from Aylett Nursery, Watford, in November and the Christmas Party (members only) in December.

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 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**



## Cholesterol Awareness Month

October is National Cholesterol Month and is dedicated to raising awareness of cholesterol. We need cholesterol in our blood to stay healthy. Cholesterol keeps your body's cells intact and it is also converted in the skin to vitamin D which is important for bone strength. However, when you have too much cholesterol in your blood it can be a problem. High cholesterol over a period of time can lead to heart disease. The only way to know if you have high cholesterol it is to get a cholesterol test. There are 2 types of cholesterol in the blood - LDL cholesterol which is bad and HDL which is good.

Women naturally have higher HDL cholesterol levels than men. Women should aim for an HDL cholesterol level above 1.2mmol/L while men should aim for above 1mmol/L.

What raises your bad cholesterol?

Your blood fats – your cholesterol and triglycerides – can become raised for a number of reasons.

For example:

**A diet which is high in saturated fats**

**Not being active enough, so the fats aren't used up for energy**

**Genetic conditions which mean the fats aren't processed in the usual way.**

If your cholesterol is raised, there are treatments available if you need them but it's usually possible to lower cholesterol naturally with healthy lifestyle changes.

A cholesterol check involves a simple blood test. When you get a check, your doctor should also check your levels of triglycerides – another type of blood fat. A cholesterol test can be used along with some other simple tests to give a good idea of your heart health. These include a blood pressure test, finding out your BMI (Body Mass Index) and your waist measurement.

Information taken from [www.heartuk.org.uk](http://www.heartuk.org.uk)

If you would like further information about the Bridge Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group please email [ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com](mailto:ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com)



## It's your Church- Come along and use it – Christenings, Weddings & Funerals in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence

You may have seen a poster around Kimpton which is headed up: **“Just Got Engaged? Have you considered your local church for the BIG DAY?”**

I love weddings, don't you? We dream of our wedding day and it's sometimes years in the planning, isn't it girls? You simply got to get the location right though. Well—the Churches in Kimpton & Ayot St Lawrence offers you not one, but two, unique wedding locations. So...have you considered *your local church* as the venue for THE BIG DAY and indeed other big days, life's big moments.

First up, do you know that one of all English citizens' rights is to be christened, married and have their funeral and be buried in their local Anglican/C of E church. Everyone resident in Kimpton, Blackmore End, Peters Green, Ayot St Lawrence and anywhere in these parishes has these rights.

What's more, there are another 7 ways you can prove a connection to the churches here in order to get married in them—including, for example: having been christened here and coming to church regularly for 6 months. We like to make it possible for you to have your wedding in our churches if that is your heart's desire.

Second, Kimpton's beautiful Grade One listed 14<sup>th</sup> century church is steeped in history. Set in its own picturesque, well-kept grounds with superb views across the countryside as a backdrop.



Superb background to your wedding photos. Stunning walk up to church between flowering trees and yews.



Imagine walking down this long aisle on your wedding day! Beats a lot of bare office rooms.

And you can order bells to be rung as you go.

Third, did you know that Church weddings could be much cheaper than you think? They start at just over £500 (in 2019) for the venue, notice of intention to marry, ceremony, vicar (who presently is the registrar for the day), certificate and verger (who keeps people out of the church during the ceremony and looks after your guests seating arrangements). By contrast you could pay up to £800 (in 2020-1) for a Registrar led ceremony depending on day, date, time and circumstances.

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Fourth thing: Whilst your wedding ceremony may take about 40 minutes to an hour, the venue is open before and after for family and friends to gather and those all important photos afterwards. No rushing and 'no-wedding-waiting outside' conveyor belt feeling with a church wedding.

Fifthly, it's your wedding ceremony and your input is important. Whilst the law of the land says we cannot change the legal words of the vows, there's lots of music and readings for you to choose to personalize your wedding. You can add (at extra costs) traditional organ, choir, bell ringing. Kimpton Church also offers floral displays for your wedding in church at extremely good prices. It's all up to you.

And finally....How about Kimpton Memorial Hall as a special reception venue? or the more intimate Dacre rooms for a smaller gathering? No rushing to a reception venue—everything takes place in the village. You could even process from church to memorial hall... how special would that be?



And then there is **Ayot St Lawrence's** Grade One listed church. A unique 18th century Grecian temple style Palladian church set in green fields. There's nowhere else like it! There really isn't as it's the only one ever built.



## **Christenings and funerals are very special moments too.**

Naming your new baby is a great way to welcome them to the world. Unlike naming ceremonies at register offices and with secular officiants, Christenings are FREE. God and the Church's FREE GIFT to you.

Saying goodbye to loved ones shouldn't be rushed. Sadly there has been a lot of negative press and media comment about funerals directors and the huge costs of funerals and very short time for any ceremonies at Crematoria.

Remember you have the right to a rite in church and burial in the churchyard of the parish where you live (subject to statutory fees and availability of space).

Your local church offers unlimited time for funerals. You can truly celebrate and say goodbye to your much loved ones with music, readings, poetry, tributes without watching the clock. We can help you plan the ceremony. I believe a person's life deserves more than 25 minutes at a crematorium as a tribute to mark their passing, don't you agree? And we'll invite you to our annual Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service to remember our loved ones-because grieving doesn't just stop overnight, does it?

Those lovely village venues; the Memorial Hall and Dacre Rooms are also available for funeral receptions and christening celebrations.

**Remember *your* Church is there for you**

**Interested? Call 01438 833348 and speak to Rev'd Linda Williams for an informal chat about what's on offer and how we can help you.**



Acknowledgement for photos:

Christening: The Biggs family and J. Morton

Ayot wedding: C. Stevenson, the Gow family

Ayot Church: Stephen Penney

Kimpton Church interior and exterior : Hertfordshire Churches in Photographs

Kimpton Memorial Hall: facebook page



### **Safer Neighbourhoods Policing**

I would just like to remind you that our Hitchin Rural officers are Ward Constable David Hine and PCSO Heather Burrows, who can be contacted via the automated control at HQ on **01707 354192**.

Our MP Bim Afolami hosted a meeting in the Memorial Hall on 17th September to discuss local crime issues and establish areas where the police could allocate more resources. Although very few residents attended there was a useful exchange of views and attention was drawn to the scheme to compensate victims of crime, called Beacon, Google Mapping of hotspots and police visits to schools to highlight drug abuse and gang violence. There is an App. now available to allow you to photograph incidents of Fly Tipping with co-ordinates of the location and hopefully details of involved vehicles.

### **Keyless Vehicle Theft**

With the increasing number of these vehicles in use villains have more opportunity to gain access to and steal your car using so called "booster relays" which enable them to connect your key to your vehicle even if some distance apart. It might help if you store the key in a metal box or wrapped in foil to shield it from any unwanted signal. 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 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 Satnavs or Dash Cams on display.

### **Other Scams**

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

Similarly a bogus call from BT saying your internet is slow and they can help by downloading some software on to your computer if you provide bank details.

### **Protect your money**

Some residents are still being conned by scams allowing villains to get access to your Bank details, either by telephone or email, so don't give any personal or bank information to an unsolicited caller. Put the phone down.

### **Student Safety**

Students away from home for the first time can be vulnerable to a number of crimes.

Parents should contact the following for reassurance and useful information [www.suzylamplugh.org](http://www.suzylamplugh.org)

### **OWL (On line Watch Link)**

We need more of you to join the growing numbers of residents in NHW and OWL in order to receive police crime alerts direct by e-mail or telephone. Joining is quite painless by contacting [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk) or our Watch Liaison Officer, Verity Soued.

### **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. Always one step ahead!

### **Absence**

Whenever you 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 and installing timer operated security lights and do please give a neighbour your contact details.

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

### **Making life more bearable**

Don't forget that you can report anonymously if you witness any incidents of 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](http://herts.police.uk/contact_us.aspx).

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# The Church in Kimpton

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

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The production team  
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## ***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

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# *Helping Hand*

## **North Herts Community Volunteer Services**

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 689400

## **The Samaritans**

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

## **North Herts & District Citizens Advice Bureau**

To contact the CAB phone 0344 411 1444 [www.northhertscab.org.uk](http://www.northhertscab.org.uk)

## **Kimpton Monkeys Toddlers' Group**

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

## **Kimpton Preschool**

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

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

## **The Dacre Rooms**

To book The Dacre Rooms please email our bookings secretary Wendy Dollin [bookings@dacrerooms.info](mailto:bookings@dacrerooms.info)

## **Kimpton Memorial Hall**

For bookings contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 6 The Wick, Kimpton. 01438 832620 [barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com)

## **Useful Links**

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

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

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

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

[kimptonchurchherts.wordpress.com](http://kimptonchurchherts.wordpress.com)

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