

# *Kimpton Parish Magazine*

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*Photo: Andy Wright*



### **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.

*The May Festival was a great success despite the occasional hail storm!  
May Festival news and photos on pages 11, 12, 13 & 14*

# A Summer Holiday Treasure Hunt!?

Off on holiday this Summer? Here's a challenge for you. See if you can discover the local English church. Did you know you can find the Church of England throughout the world—whether sunning yourself on a beach or the ski slopes or on staycation!

There are over 270 churches in 42 countries on 3 continents from Alicante to Uzbekistan called the Diocese in Europe. All of them speak English. So you should be able to find one on your



hols. Here are some of my recommendations; St Philip & St James, Palma de Mallorca is purpose built for the hot climate. Very light and airy with white and cream stone with beige tiled floors-- simple and modern mallorquin style. You'll find yourself at home with just the same services as in Kimpton - but harder seats!

If you are 'doing' mountains and lakes in 2019, I

recommend popping into Holy Trinity Geneva (once was my 'home' church for 6 months). It looks like Kimpton Church dropped into Switzerland—right down to the stained glass windows. Lovely spot for a 10.30am service followed by coffee, 'oops sorry' best Vaud Pinot noir red wine and lunch in one of the fish restaurants overlooking Lake Geneva at the bottom of Rue Mont Blanc.

For the long haul traveller there's St Paul's, Palm Beach, Queensland, Australia.



This is a 'cool' place to be in every sense of the word. The Oz climate melts everything and the wild life eats everything-so buildings suffer badly. This 3<sup>rd</sup> 'no frills' the low, iron-roofed edition of St Paul's is purpose built, air-con efficient, open plan and pentagonal shaped. A central screen drops down and no books are issued! (Kimpton church has that too!) You'll receive a fabulous and very public welcome as your 'Pom' accent

is instantly identified. 'Church Notices' slot was fun as everyone just called out to tell the Rev'd who was ill, needed visiting, what the news was etc. Must introduce that here! The 8am service was timed to avoid the 30 degree heat. So after church 'coffee', oops sorry, 'cold squash and beer', miles of broad sandy beach, just across the road awaited us—complete with dolphins in the surf.

My final recommendation is St Peter and St Paul Kimpton. You'll get a fabulous friendly welcome here as I have from everyone! I've settled in now, so join me on Sundays at church and say hello. We're open and enthusiastic about christenings and weddings here (brill wedding photos!) - ask me more.

It may not be tile and white bricks, or 7am services to avoid the heat. It may not be pinot noir and beer. But it's yours. Come visit your beautiful, historic church at the heart of your village. Stay awhile: browse the books, find a puzzle, enjoy the views from a bench outside. Most important of all—come talk to God and He'll talk to whatever is on your heart. Happy holidays everybody. *God bless Rev'd Linda Williams*





*Truly scrumptious - The May Festival Parish Church Cream Tea Team!*

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

28th April	Sophie May Stagg
28th April	Ellie Betty Poppy Lawrence
26th May	Alfreda Mary Burton
2nd June	Brodie Albert Bigg

### Weddings

7th June	Charlotte Hollie Fowler to Peter Richard Cziborra
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### Burials, Interments and Cremations

27th March	Bill Nunn
8th April	Kath Dawes
16th May	June Palmer
17th May	Linda Dimmock
23rd May	Anne Richmond

## Magazine deadlines 2019

**Autumn September 20th**  
**Winter November 22nd**

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

The magazine is usually distributed 2 to 3 weeks after the deadline.  
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## A Huge Thank you from the Church Cream Teas Team

I was not able to thank each one of you personally for your contribution to our May Festival Cream Teas. The quantity and quality of donated home-made scones, cakes, tray bakes etc. was fantastic.

Despite the fickle weather we made a good profit over the two afternoons half of which went into the main May Festival Fund.

Thanks are also due to those who humped chairs and tables, erected tents, washed up hundreds of pieces of crockery, served the teas and put up the bunting.

It was a great team effort and your help was really appreciated.

*Amanda Corcoran and  
Liz Jamieson,  
teas co-ordinators*



# Linda is installed as Priest-in-Charge



*Linda and Bishop Michael of Hertford with Churchwardens and officials from Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence (above)*

*Linda is welcomed by members of BLAST, left, and below, she receives the keys of the church from Churchwarden Juliet Morton.*



A group of 14 from the Parish Church went on pilgrimage to St Peter on the Wall near Bradwell on Sea, Essex.

The Chapel was founded by St Cedd who came down from Lindisfarne to bring Christianity to East Anglia. It was founded in the year 654 and is the oldest Church still in use in England.



Photos: Juliet Morton



### A new Walking Netball group for Kimpton?

Interest has been shown by several ladies in the village to get a Walking Netball group running!! Margaret Smith and I would be happy to get something organised but we need to know who and how many people would like to have a go. When we know, we can get a meeting organised and invite an England Netball coach to enlighten people as to what is involved. If it is something you would be interested in, please contact Margaret Smith on 832749 or Janet Holmes-Walker on 832597.



As we approach the tenth anniversary of the NOISE Project, most people in the village know what it is about. The Parish Church plus a host of volunteers takes on tasks that people find difficulty in dealing with by themselves. It could be cutting back a hedge, clearing an overgrown garden, painting a fence or a shed or digging out a pond.

Why do we do it? For the sake of our neighbours and to show God's love in action. So if you are aged 6 or above and would like to join in, please let us know. Ring 01438 832427. If you know of anyone who needs a task done, ring us too!

It's a great day and a huge sense of satisfaction is guaranteed!

Do something for your community! Do something for your neighbour!

Join in the NOISE Project on SATURDAY 13th JULY.

*God bless, Andy and Juliet Morton*

## Collecting and Recycling

Our annual litter clear organised by Tim Parfitt was very successful, if you count the number of collectors and the record amount of rubbish collected. Thank you, to everyone who took part. But I'd rather measure success by there being less litter dropped down our lanes in the first place.

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

Our May Festival stall was another success, despite the weather. My thanks to helpers for putting up and keeping up the gazebo. However there are still bottles of apple juice available and even Kimpton Trail sheets if you missed the opportunity to get yours over the weekend!

*Davina Malcolm, Kimpton Environmentalists, 01438 832309*

## Kimpton Housing Needs Survey Results

A very large thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Housing Needs Survey. The size of the response was very impressive with over 270 households responding. This return of 30% is very high for surveys of this nature.

A summary is as follows:

- 86.5% of respondents supported building some form of new affordable homes.
- 39.5% of respondents supported building as many new affordable homes as required to meet the local need.
- 13.5% of respondents preferred to see no new homes built.
- The report identifies a need for 24 additional affordable homes for the Parish, mainly of 2 bedrooms in size.
- The order of preference for affordable housing was: 1) to be rented 2) for sale 3) shared ownership.
- The housing type with the greatest need was for families with children.
- The need for housing for the elderly and sheltered housing for the elderly was higher than the last time a survey was undertaken. A specific case was made for Parishioners to be able to move into appropriate housing within the Parish in their elder years.
- The location most suggested for new housing was at the 'Ron Hyde Gap', the area to the north of the High Street at the west end of the village.
- The largest area of concern was the capacity of the existing infrastructure (including schools, the doctor's practice, traffic congestion and parking).
- There were clear views that any housing must be financially affordable and for local people.
- The nature of any housing was stated that it should retain the style of the Parish and be energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

We have communicated the report to local housing associations and have arranged to review the report findings with North Herts District Council in July. The full details of the survey can be found on the Kimpton Parish Council web site.

### Recreation Areas

As part of general maintenance and village improvements, repairs to the Recreation Ground have been undertaken. Rubbish bins have been replaced, playground equipment has been repainted, the safety barrier has been extended and the pavilion has been repaired. Many thanks to the



Bench Working Party for undertaking the work.

At Parkfield Recreation Area we have purchased three additional picnic tables which have been located adjacent to the tennis courts in time for the summer. Pictured (left to right) below is Roy Davis, who kindly made the tables, and Jon Marsh, Mick Saunders and Pete Desborough of the BWP.

We have recently added a number of dog litter bins. With the coming of summer, a timely reminder to all dog walkers to ensure our recreation areas and footpaths remain clear of dog waste. Even on country footways it is good practice for

dog owners to move dog litter to the hedgerows.

### Kimpton Christmas Market

Plans for the Christmas Market 2019 have already started, and Councillor David Reavell is leading the preparation. After the success of the Christmas Market in its first two years, we are intending to hold a similar size event, hoping to maintain a level of charm and build in one or two new ideas. We intend the main beneficiary this year to be the Kimpton School PTA. The PTA are master minding children's activities and I am informed that the Elves have already started to construct a new home for Santa.

Whilst the organisation of the activities, the market, music, food, and beverages are in hand, we do need helpers for the week leading up to the event and on the actual day. Anyone with an interest in getting involved with this festive occasion please contact Cllr David Reavell or Carina Helmn, Parish Clerk. More information and a table booking form are at

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

Neil Burns





**This year the show is on  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at the  
new time of 2pm**

Schedules are now out and available in  
The Corner Shop. So please take a look  
and get your entries in.

There is something for everyone and it's  
great to take part. Children can win lots of  
money and they all get a rosette.

A wonderful afternoon of tea, cake, music,  
sideshows and lots to see with the exhibits.

There may be a Beer and Cider Festival in the garden and also a New Raffle and  
New Tombola! Hope to see you entering and on the day. Sandra and Team x

**kimpton FOLK FESTIVAL**  
**6 JULY 2019**  
**FINEST OF FOLK ON 3 STAGES**

NANCY KERR AND JAMES FAGAN	SHEELANAGIG	MELROSE QUARTET		
EDGE LARKS	GILMORE AND ROBERTS	JESS AND RICHARD ARROWSMITH	GLYM JACK	NINEBARROW
LIZZY HARDINGHAM	ODETTE MICHELL	KIM LOWINGS AND THE GREENWOOD	ALDEN PATTERSON AND DASHWOOD	SMITH AND BREWER BAND

**Buy your tickets now from [www.kimptonfolk.uk](http://www.kimptonfolk.uk)**

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

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**Friday September 20th**

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# Kimpton Horse Show's Diamond Jubilee!

**Hundreds of pounds worth of goodies to be won in our Grand Draw, a mini mascot and Pimms galore as we gear up for *Sunday 28th July***

The KHS team is gearing up for this year's very special 75th Kimpton Horse Show with a big charity raffle! We've gathered together some fantastic prizes thanks to the generosity of companies and individuals both locally and further afield, including...

*A beautiful Osprey London handbag worth £285, tickets to Horse of the Year Show and Herts County Show, a magnum of Moët, a meal for two at the Wellington Pub and The Boot, a one day jewellery workshop with Rachel Jeffery jewellery, a £25 treatment voucher with Purple Patch Beauty & Holistics and so much more!!*

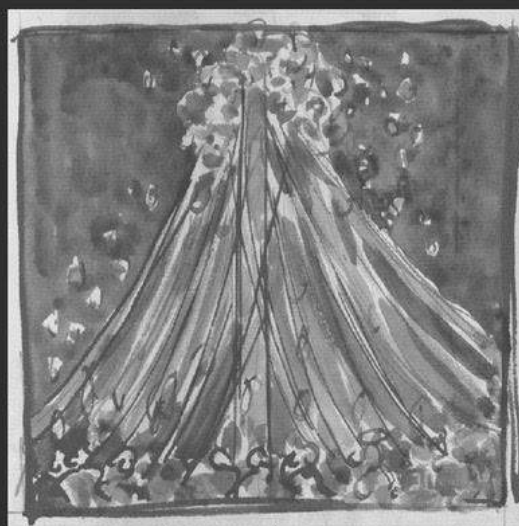
We'll be out and about around the village on the evening of Friday 12th July selling tickets with our mascot, mini Shetland Cristi. £1 per ticket.

You can also come and see us at the Folk Festival on Saturday 7th July where we'll be serving Pimms all day long with Cristi!

And then before we know it, it'll be show time! Come and join us on Sunday 28th July to enjoy your friendly village horse show and charity dog show - and find out if you're holding a lucky raffle ticket!

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

To find out more visit **[kimptonhorseshow.co.uk](http://kimptonhorseshow.co.uk)**, email **[secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk)** or call **07951 381147**. We look forward to seeing you throughout July!



## KIMPTON ART SHOW 2019

### Kimpton Art Show – Not Just a Pretty Picture!

- 5** months in the planning
- 9** talented committee members expressing their artistic flair!
- 125** artists, including 13 Kimpton artists
- 1000** stock items
- 1** week to set up and curate
- 4** days of exhibition, sales and entertainment

While respectfully not turning the 'Temple' into a marketplace .....

we are very proud to have made a profit of £7,400, divided equally between:  
Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust  
and the Kimpton May Festival Trust.

With thanks to the Friends of Kimpton Art Show – our sponsors and advertisers, our volunteers and musicians and the Bench Working Party.

*Sue Burns, Chair, Kimpton Art Show*  
**[contact@kimptonartshow.co.uk](mailto:contact@kimptonartshow.co.uk)**

**“In one day I think we went through all the four seasons one of which left me with my lasting memory of that day”**

***John Hills, May Festival Committee Chairman***

One of the more interesting things regarding the planning for the May Festival is that it seems we can put into place most safeguards for eventualities but you have no influence on the weather. Last year we were bathed in sunshine for the whole weekend but not MF 2019. In one day, Saturday, I think we went through all the four seasons one of which left me with my lasting memory of that day. Just after the procession had arrived on the rec and the judging for all those great costumes took place, the Highland band entered the arena and got into their marching routine.

I remember looking into the skies and watching the extremely black clouds descending from my right. The band were now in full tilt and the bagpipes and drums were sounding round the ground when the hailstorm hit us full blast.

Mums, Dads, children and dogs dashed for cover as the cold wet storm lashed across the grass. So there we were all under cover then I looked up and there they were -the Harpenden Pipe band marching up and down and continuing to play throughout the whole storm. They make them hard in Harpenden. I did have one thought that this was no time to be walking up and down a football pitch wearing a skirt.

Despite the weather once again the festival was a fantastic success and very well supported by the village and many visitors. We try to add or try new things each year but also keep the usual favourites. But we are always looking for new ideas to introduce to our successful format. If you have an idea please contact me or any other member of the committee. We also will have raised a considerable amount of money, a portion of this will go to the Church, and some of it will go back to the organisations who

helped raise it over the weekend and a big thank you to them. If any group or organisation or individuals wish to make an application to be considered for some of that money please download the application form from the May Festival web site.

Finally I would like to thank lots of people. Firstly the May Queen and her two assistants who worked tirelessly over the weekend

and performed their duties with a smile on their faces and who were a credit to our Village. All those organisations within our Village who did their part to make the whole event a success.

All the villagers who once again gave us their support and finally the May festival Committee, the Purple Army, who worked so hard over the year to put together another fantastic weekend. I am proud to be their Chairman.



*See our selection of May festival images on the next three pages.*

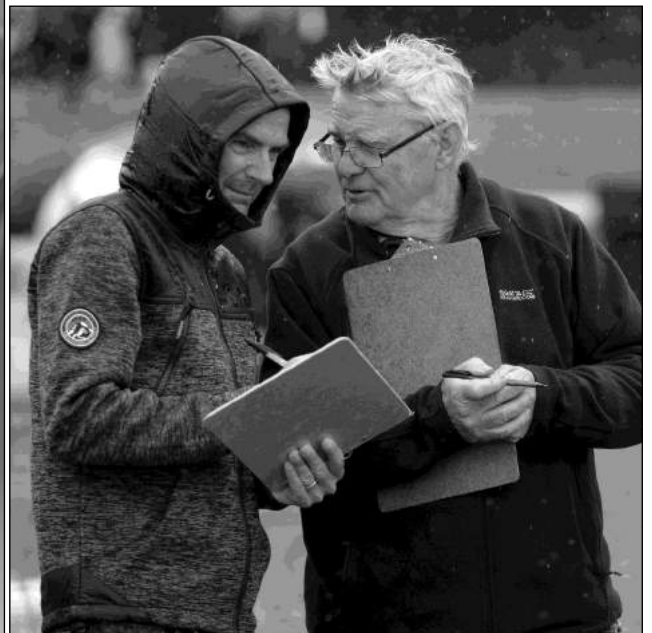
## **May Festival 2020**

Due to the date of the first May Bank Holiday in 2020 being changed from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, next year's Kimpton May Festival will take place over the first weekend in May from the evening of Friday 1st until Sunday 3rd.



## ***Hail and hearty!***

*The sun shone when the May Queen was crowned and then a few minutes later we were all running for cover! That set the pattern for the day and even though the best magical efforts couldn't keep the rain and hail away, Kimpton kept smiling!*







Photos: Andy Wright



## Kimpton History Group

***Wednesday 17th July***

***Evening visit to British Schools Museum, Hitchin***

The visit will include a guided tour, a classroom experience and an opportunity to see the museum's current exhibition and gift shop. The cost is £6.00 for members and £8.50 for visitors which will include refreshments. Meet outside Kimpton School at 6.15 pm to share lifts. Everyone is welcome but please let me know if you wish to come as numbers are limited. Penny Pepper Tel: 01438 832719 or email: penny.pepper20@btinternet.com

***Wednesday 18th Sept at 8 pm in the Green Room***

***'Show us an object, tell us a story'***

Members are invited to bring an object or photo of historic interest and tell us a story about it.

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.



## “Singing is good for the brain and body”

Kimpton Village Choir are delighted to be able to hold our summer concert on the Green this year and hope the weather will have treated us kindly and that if you came you enjoyed it. My hope is that it will become an annual event and offer an opportunity for people to see how much enjoyment and fulfilment can be had by joining a choir.

In the autumn we'll be preparing for our Winter concert There are many benefits to singing in a choir and everyone is welcome to come and try us out. You are welcome to attend a free choir session on any Monday evening in Kimpton JMI school at 8pm in term time.

A percentage of all ticket sales go to regular venues such as the church and when we can we make donations to local musical charities.

We aim to keep subscriptions as low as possible and now have a 'hardship fund' to support up to 3 people who would struggle to pay a subscription.

Singing is good for the brain and body. so if you love to sing, please come along and you'll leave on a high note.

*Tim Armstrong-Taylor and Janet Cook*



### **The Eden Consort sings for St Lawrence Sunday 11th August at 1pm in the Palladian Church**

Following the Patronal Festival church service at 11.30am (where we remember the saint of bankers and barbecues who also had a very smart way of thinking about treasures) we are delighted to welcome back our very good friends the Eden Consort to sing a varied short programme of lunchtime music. Bring a picnic and your own refreshments. Donations to the maintenance of the church.



## Wellbeing

Wellbeing is described as "the state of being comfortable, healthy or happy", but it is a much broader concept than moment-to-moment happiness. While it does include happiness, it also includes other things such as how satisfied people are with their life as a whole, their sense of purpose and how in control they feel.

Evidence suggests there are 5 steps we can all take to improve our mental wellbeing.

If you give them a try, you may feel happier, more positive and able to get the most from life.

**Connect** – connect with the people around you: your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. Spend time developing these relationships.

**Be active** – you don't have to go to the gym. Take a walk, go cycling, play a game of football or a game of bowls for example. Find an activity that you enjoy and make it a part of your life.

**Keep learning** – learning new skills can give you a sense of achievement and a new confidence. So why not sign up for that cooking course, start learning to play a musical instrument, or figure out how to fix your bike?

**Give to others** – even the smallest act can count, whether it's a smile, a thank you or a kind word. Larger acts, such as volunteering at your local community centre, can improve your mental wellbeing and help you build new social networks.

**Be mindful** – be more aware of the present moment, including your own thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you. Some people call this awareness "mindfulness". It can positively change the way you feel about life and how you approach challenges.

Taken from [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)



Our busy Centenary schedule continued with a superb celebration dinner, held in the Memorial Hall in April. The delicious

three course meal was followed by entertainment, led by Margaret and Charlotte, with a variety of songs, old and new. A memorable evening, enjoyed by all.

Next came the May Festival and preparations for our W.I float. Following the "Cartoons" theme, we decided on "100 years of Kimpton W.I Wonder Women." Several members had great fun dressing up in wigs and Wonder Women costumes and riding on the decorated float, undaunted by wind and rain!

Meanwhile, our regular programme of speakers, visits and activities continues. We held our AGM in May, when a new committee was formed, due to the "retirement" of three former members. We hope to welcome them back when they have had a well-earned rest! After the business side of the meeting Davina enthralled us with one of her poignant environmental stories. She also told us about a new, plastic bottle top recycling facility in the church and Dacre Rooms.

A group of members went to see a production of "South Pacific"; another excellent show by the Harpenden Theatre Company. Our speaker for June is Bill Hamilton, who is coming to talk to us about his life and work as a travelling broadcaster.

Whilst we take a break from table tennis during the summer months, several of us are interested in learning the skills of bowls, under the expert tuition of Pat Flury.

If you would like to find out more about Kimpton W.I., why not come along to one of our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month where a warm and friendly greeting awaits you?

Contact our president, Sue Newman on 01438 832560 or follow us on Facebook.

*Chris Bichener*





# Royal British Legion, Kimpton

As I write this, I am looking out at the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside at the same time as the celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D day are taking place. It reminds me how lucky we are to have our freedom, made possible by the ultimate sacrifice made by so many.

Our membership is slowly increasing, for an annual subscription of £19 you can join the Kimpton branch. **You do not have to be ex services personnel.** Your membership card entitles you to use the facilities at the British Legion bar in Harpenden. Your money also goes to help not only second world war veterans but those of the more recent theatres of war, and their families, who are struggling for various reasons to cope with the life they now find themselves in. Young men and women who have fought for their country, and now need our help.

The Legion has now started a new system called Branch Community Support This gives us as the local Branch the authority to help Beneficiaries by becoming Telephone buddies or to help as Home or Hospital visitors. If you are aware of any either current or ex services personnel or their families who may need assistance, please contact me or ring our contact centre on 0808 802 8080.

We are increasing our social events! We joined with the Women's section to enter a team for the Brains of Kimpton and although didn't win, put up a good fight! So well done to Donna Bigg, Jenny Desborough, and John Hills. We had a stall at the Rec on the Saturday to raise money and get our message out about the work of the Legion. A massive thank you to Clive Mitchell and Duncan Reed who organised and ran the stall for the day - including a game all the family could take part in.

We are now looking forward to our trip to Newmarket races on 10<sup>th</sup> August. There are still a few places left so if you want to join us, please give me a ring. Its £30 per person with entry to the Premier section and return coach travel from Kimpton.

In the next parish magazine, I hope to have details of the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall and the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

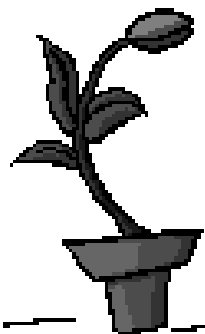
*Kim Hills, Chairman, Royal British Legion ( Kimpton Branch), 07901 605383/ 01438 832762*



## 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)



## 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 pm with a programme covering a wide range of interesting speakers who usually bring colour projection and plants for sale.

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

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

We did quite well with our May Festival stall on Saturday 5 May, in spite of the hail and wind, and raised £384, split equally between the club and the church.

Our social programme includes Christmas and Garden Parties and Quizzes and we have just enjoyed a most interesting afternoon at Myddleton House Garden, near Enfield, created by E.A.Bowles, the Crocus King. Our next visit will be a day coach trip to Great Comp, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday 13th July.

Our Garden Party will be held on 7th August at Cuckolds Cross, the home of members Paul and Susan Evans.

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.

Telephone Mary 01582 832110, or Myra 01438 832776, for more information.

## Open Gardens in support of British Red Cross

We have an array of lovely gardens opening in Hertfordshire between May and September. Pick up a brochure from libraries, tourist info centres or contact Cathy Curtis directly who will be delighted to post one to you.

You can also view the open gardens on [redcross.org.uk/opengardens](http://redcross.org.uk/opengardens)

Maybe you have lovely garden that you might like to open for the Red Cross next year.

Garden owners find it very rewarding seeing others appreciate their efforts.

Do call Cathy for a chat. 01992 585969  
[ccurtis@redcross.org.uk](mailto:ccurtis@redcross.org.uk).



## Jigsaw Swap

Thanks to your excellent donations, the jigsaw swap is flourishing and I was able to donate a good number of the old ones to the Scout Stall at May Festival, which boosted their fund raising a little.

I have been requested to try and reduce the number of jigsaws as space is at a premium. Therefore, could I please ask that only adult jigsaws are donated and no children's toys. Some items were left recently which I have passed on to Pre-School, and which were gratefully received.

I will endeavour to keep the turnover of jigsaws fairly constant, but please carry on donating as I have good storage space at home.

Thank you for your co-operation and enjoy puzzling.  
*Margaret Smith, 01438 832749*  
[margaret.smith5@talktalk.net](mailto:margaret.smith5@talktalk.net)



# Music and Drama at the Palladian Church Ayot St Lawrence

## **A Tale of Two Cities with the League of Harmony Saturday 29th June at 19.30**

A fascinating and rare opportunity to hear the League of Harmony, an original eighteenth century cello and harp play a carefully researched programme of music composed in London and Paris towards the end of the same century. This is the type of music that would have been played at the dedication of this church in 1778, which indeed featured a musical recital as well as cakes and wine....so we'll be offering those as well!

Tickets £10.00 (booking fee applies) [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-tale-of-two-cities-with-the-league-of-harmony-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-tale-of-two-cities-with-the-league-of-harmony-tickets)

## **"Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July at 18.30**

The 2019 Shaw production will this summer take place in the Palladian Church in Ayot St Lawrence, just along the road from Shaw's Corner. Parking will be in the village field, where picnicking may also take place (but please take all rubbish home with you). Tickets at £20 are limited to 100 on each night and are available from the ticketing link above. For more details please see [www.mfp.org.uk](http://www.mfp.org.uk) or contact [michaelfriend@mfp.org.uk](mailto:michaelfriend@mfp.org.uk)

## **September Song with Fayrfax Consort Saturday 7th September 18.00**

The 8 voices of The Fayrfax Consort entertain with a light-hearted programme directed by David Ireson.

Tickets £12.50 from Hazel on 01582 832312 07860 352396

Doors open at 18.00 for a drink and the music starts around 18.30



Intrepid photographer *Juliet Morton* spotted this London Transport 'country' single decker bus making its way through Kimpton recently.

The RF series single decker buses were in regular use from 1953 until the early 70's



### ***The Brains of Kimpton 2019***

*There was a full house of 12 teams at the beginning of the Brains, with the final being played out between the Cricket Club, the Folk Festival Committee and the Golf Society.*

*The Cricket Club, pictured, won (by a country mile!) followed in second place by the Golf Society, with the Folk Festival Committee coming third.*



## **Parish Church Restoration Trust**

Every five years the church fabric is subjected to an inspection by the church architect who prepares a detailed report on the condition of the fabric and identifies what repairs are necessary within the next five years. Although generally the fabric is in good condition inevitable with building of this age a number of repairs are required to maintain the fabric. These are generally of a minor nature and consist of replacing some stones, pointing, and removal of loose deposits on the stonework. In addition the architect has advised replacing the gutters and downpipes with items of larger dimensions to cope with the increasing intensity of rain storms.

In spite of the minor nature of the repairs because of the specialised nature of the work the total estimated cost is over £100k. We have decided with the advice of the architect to divide the work into two projects: one to cover work on the tower and the second the remainder of the church. So in September we will be embarking on the second project and have instructed Weldon Stone, who have previously worked on the church, to carry out the work at a total cost of £50k + VAT, the latter being recoverable.

This will be a drain on our resources but the work is essential to maintain the fabric. In the past we have benefitted from grants from English Heritage but a change in their strategy means this source is no longer available to us. So we are dependent on the regular annual contributions from the May Festival and Art Show to fund the restoration work for which we are very grateful.

This will leave the work on the tower for another time. Again there are no major problems with the fabric but the overall cost is still significant with half the cost being required for scaffolding.

*Michael Cox, Chairman*



### ***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.

It has been relatively quiet recently but a few issues are worthy of mention are

### ***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 "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.

### ***Knife Amnesty***

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

### ***Vehicle and Contents Theft***

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. And then they're in!

Fraudulent calls asking you to withdraw money or buy expensive jewellery to safeguard fraudulent access to your bank a/c.

Email reminder saying your European Health Insurance Card has expired asking for your credit card details.

Never get involved in an online purchase of a vehicle or machinery that you have never seen.

### ***Protect your money***

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

### ***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 no. to a SIM card which they control and then use it to access your bank account and help themselves to your money. Always one step ahead!

### ***Nuisance Phone Calls***

Still ongoing unfortunately so if your blocker isn't working or you haven't got one and you don't recognise the caller or the number just put the phone down.

### ***Holiday Absence***

With the onset of holidays and your property is 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 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**

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  
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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 [bookings@dacrerooms.info](mailto:bookings@dacrerooms.info) or telephone our Booking Secretary, Claire Fox on 07854257437 .

## **Kimpton Memorial Hall**

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## **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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