Kimpton Parish Magazine

The editor, distribution and production teams wish everyone a Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023

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Fayres, Festivals and Football

Well, we all know Christmas can be a busy, busy time!! There's simply so much going on, isn't there? Not to mention some things that wouldn't normally be taking place in the winter. It's all fayres, festivals and football.

As I write on a chilly afternoon, the temperature is hotting up in the lounge. I'm willing Belgium to score a goal against Croatia in their last-ditch effort to stay in the World Cup. Some of you may know that I'm half Belgian and so, sometimes, a bit biased!

Apart from this unusual Winter World Cup, here in the villages we have Kimpton village panto 'The Wizard of Oz'; The Brocket Christmas Market; Kimpton Winter market; Winter Concert and the start of the Christmas Tree Festival in church. So much going on ---and all before you have even sung a carol or heard the raucous strains of Noddy Holder for the 49th year running!

But what repeatedly astounds and amazes me about our communities here is this; these two villages we call home are filled with people who are prepared to give of their time, their talents, all regardless of the cost. To give the gift of themselves for others. Such people make all these wonderful events happen. What a wonderful expression of the real meaning of Christmas.

By the time you read these musings of mine, we'll all be well on the way to Christmas Day (and we'll know if England are going to be in the semi's!)

Christmas is about people. It's a family time, a sacred time, a very religious time (obviously!) It's a time for generosity, for giving, for gifts. Gifts chosen and created with care and love. A time to celebrate and say thank-you for the greatest gift of God. God who comes to us, breaking into our human history. And God chooses to come as the most vulnerable of humankind; a helpless and newborn baby.

What a great gift God gave us in his Son Jesus. Jesus, who grew up and spent his short life looking out for the lonely, welcoming the outsider, healing the damaged. He gave the gift of his time and care and love. Jesus would have been in the panto, on a stall at a Christmas Fair, singing carols—giving of himself for others. And those of you who give so much of your gifts to these communities of Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence, are clearly walking in Jesus' way. Bless you for all you do for others.

I pray for space to rest and recover after the busy-ness of Christmas for you all. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year—but first I also wish you a super rest of the World Cup! By the way Belgium got knocked out!

Rev'd Linda Williams. Rector, Kimpton with Ayot St Lawrence.



Ayot St. Lawrence and Kimpton get a Rector!

Monday 28th November saw Rev'd Linda Williams collated and installed as Rector of the Benefice of Kimpton with Ayot St Lawrence. Well that all sounds a bit churchy doesn't it! That's cos it is all very ecclesiastical and



legalistic---but many people have asked what it means and so here goes!

The 16th century term to collate means to confer a parish upon someone—that used to also confer the clergy person's rights to a tenth of everyone's spare income; cash, wood, foodstuffs and livestock and even the right to the Easter and Christmas collection! Installation means, literally, placing the clergyperson into their stall ie; a desk and seat. It is a little-known fact that no-one had the right to a seat in a church except the incumbent-the clergy person in charge of that church. So being installed held a significant message for everyone-the boss is the person with a seat! If you didn't know who the incumbent was, it was the person with a seat and desk or stall in church.

What's more once collated and installed, the incumbent clergy person could not be removed

by anyone unless they left, retired or died in post. Nowadays that has changed and all clergy must meet competencies and performance is reviewed every two years.

So what's a Rector? This title is largely historic and honorary -but, again it once meant that I'd have been knocking on your door for your tithe. It also tends to apply where there is more than one parish in a benefice or where Lords, (like Lords Dacre and Brocket) were patrons and ran the church in days of yore. Nowadays it means that I have full possession of all rights of the parishes—and my (very uncomfortable) seat in church!

But what all this churchy stuff really means, and all you need to remember, is that the two parishes that I serve are now both on a safe and secure footing for the future. Thank you to all those who worked with me to make this happen particularly Michael Moynihan and Christine Stevenson at Ayot St Lawrence and the Ven. Jane Mainwaring Archdeacon of St Albans. Many thanks to the team who made the evening of the 28th November such a great night for me. It's an honour for me to serve you. *Rev'd Linda Williams, Rector of Kimpton with Ayot St Lawrence*



Molly Cox 1933 - 2022

The Cox family moved into the village in September 1967 into the newly built Dacre Crescent.

The 1968 May Festival was the first and last that they were just 'members of the public', Molly's cooking and needlework skills, soon became known about and she could be later found in subsequent years, making toys for the church stall, costume making for the cricket club float; for her children to participate in the fancy dress completions; for both the Brownie and Guide and latterly the WI floats.

Her baking skills were welcome for the church cream teas, both the Brownie and Guide cake stalls and that of the WI.

She helped 'man' the church for flower festivals and the art show and over the various years could be found on the garden and the Guide cake stall. In later years she could be found in the school illustrating her quilt making skills.

As well as taking a full participation in the church in Kimpton, at various times making church vestments, brass cleaning and flower arranging (leaving the bellringing to the rest of the family), she belonged to several societies in the village. Being a founder member of both the music club and stitchers.

She was generous with both her time and her skills passing on to several generations her love of crafts.

The family would like to thank the village for their support and kind words. Sue



Kimpton Cares and the Food Table

Kimpton Cares is still in operation! Please contact us if you have a need or request: KimptonC<u>ares@gmail.com</u> Phone: 07745903539

All contact will be dealt with in confidence

The Food Table is placed at the back of the Church: please take what you need or place donations on the table.

We are also very indebted to Kimpton Corner Stores for allowing us to have a basket in the shop to receive donations.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

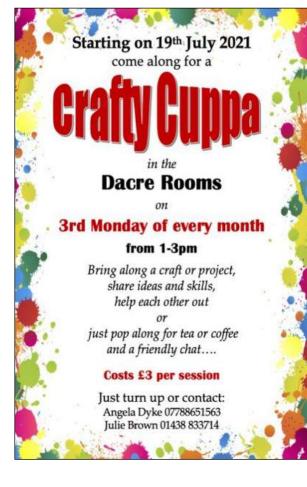
Kimpton Primary School – What does being a community school mean to us?

In a small school in the heart of our beautiful village, we strive to fully immerse the children in a sense of community. From the moment they arrive on the playground we have a member of our Senior Leadership team welcoming the children to each new day. This builds the same sense of togetherness that you would feel if you walked down the High Street and met another resident of the village.

With COVID having less impact on our ability to get back out into the community, we thoroughly enjoyed holding our Harvest Festival celebration back in the village church and giving the children the experience of a whole school event. Our Rector, Revd. Linda Williams, delivered a wonderful service and the sense of belonging for our children and parents was felt.

This term, Loaves and Fishes has returned and some of our Year 5 pupils got to spend time with the elder generation of the village. The children took their books over to share some of their amazing work, but lots of them came back to school having shared stories of both past and present. Not many schools can say their children have an experience like this, again, typifying the sense of community.

Our parent body exemplifies a further togetherness. Thanks to the efforts of the PTA and members of our staff, a number of very well attended events over the past two years have seen a whooping £12,000 raised. We are so lucky that the parent body fully support these events and this year we were able to deliver a newly developed playground for our Key Stage 1 pupils. We can't thank the PTA enough for



how they support the school.

As well as the parent backing, the community goes above and beyond to help the development of our school. Thanks to the efforts of the May Festival committee and the local Parish Council, we have now secured funding to develop the climbing equipment for our Nursery and Reception children, allowing them to make further improvements with their gross motor skills. We are also very grateful to the Bench Working Party, who often support us with small projects around the school, including our lovely Christmas lights.

In conclusion, we are a school at the heart of the community, but it is the children at the school who hold the community in their hearts!

> Mr J Ferguson Headteacher

Sponsoring a Floral Display in Kimpton Church

Is there an anniversary, birthday or other important date you wish to mark?

Do you like to 'say it with flowers'? Kimpton Church would like to invite you to sponsor a floral display in church to remember your special date.

The Church Flower Team are the most talented flower arrangers for miles around and you can enjoy their skills and talents by popping into church anytime.

For an amount in sponsorship, they are willing to help you remember a special time or person or date in flowers. This would be one of their regular displays which are made very two weeks during most of the year (excepting Lent and Advent). It can be small or large, a whole pedestal or on a windowsill.

The reason and name of the sponsor will appear on the weekly Sunday notices, the Village Facebook page (keeping confidentiality where required) and we'll pray for the event/person and you.

Please get in touch with Valerie Pollington if you are interested and would like to sponsor flowers in Church.

Kimpton History Group 2023

Wednesday 18th January at 8 pm in the Green Room The History of Kimpton Church Tower and the Bells within it An illustrated talk by Juliet Morton

Wednesday 15th February at 8 pm in the Green Room Looking through the Kimpton Archives An illustrated talk by John Pollington

Wednesday 15th March at 8 pm in the Green Room The Historic Names of North-Herts Towns & Villages An illustrated talk by Keith Fitzpatrick Matthews, the Curator of North Hertfordshire Museum at Hitchin.

Visitors or guests are welcome to attend any of our talks for a small charge of £3, which includes tea/coffee. For more information about the Group, please contact Juliet Morton 01438 832427.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in the church

Christmas Eve

3pm Children's Christmas Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass with carols

Christmas Day

10am Family friendly Holy Communion.

Regular Services at St Peter & St Paul Church

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 9.30am Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 9.30am Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 8am Said Holy Communion in the Millennium Room 5th Sunday varies.

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Kimpton Parish Council Shared Lives Hertfordshire Recruiting Now

> Considering a new career? Want to work from home? Have a spare bedroom?

Then a role as a Shared Lives Carer is perfect for you.

Shared Lives Carers are individuals, couples or families that open up their hearts and homes to welcome an adult with a support need, such as a learning or physical disability, someone with mental ill health or an individual that cannot live alone due to their age. Together, they share family and community life.

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Shared Lives Hertfordshire Carers are paid an income and tax-free allowance for the support they provide, as well as receiving ineligible rent for the food and utilities the supported individual use. With a Shared Lives Plus membership, carers can also receive shopping and cinema discounts, obtain a Blue Light Card as well as have access to a wider carer support network. Most importantly, you'll also have the Shared Lives Hertfordshire team to support you every step of the way. From helping you with your application, to matching you with the right person to support.

No previous experience or qualifications are necessary - our Shared Lives Carers come from all walks of life. The most important thing is the desire to make a difference.

Get started with your application today: visit <u>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives</u> or get in touch with the team at <u>sharedliveshertfordshire@hertfordshire.gov.uk</u>.



So far this term the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been very busy. The Beavers and Cubs have enjoyed working towards their Skills Challenge badge. They are also looking forward to their Christmas party and plenty of crafts. The Cubs have been on a Night Hike as well as playing team games. We were honoured to be able to take part in this years Remembrance Parade and church service on the 13thNovember. All the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts looked very smart.

The Scout Alpha team performed well in the Green Beret Challenge 18th to 20th November. They came 2nd in the Orienteering competition and 17th overall out of about 130 teams! This is a fantastic achievement considering this is the first time they have ever taken part or even camped in November. The competition involves an obstacle course, daytime, and night-time challenges as well as orienteering.

The Scouts are looking forward to their annual visit to Harpenden and Wheathampstead Gang Show in January. They are also planning a Winter Camp at Haverings. The Scouts had lots of fun creating promotional videos that were shown at the AGM on 10th November. We would like to thank everyone that attended the AGM. If you are interested in joining 1st Kimpton Scouts or if you would like to volunteer, then please contact the secretary by email at <u>secretary@kimptonscouts.org.uk</u>

We are delighted to announce that the Summer Guide and Scout Ball will be held on Saturday 8th July 2023 so please save the date!

The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and leaders would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. *Kate James* 1st *Kimpton GSL*

Kimpton Garden Club

Like many organisations since the Covid epidemic, support had fallen off. However there was a good attendance at the September meeting when Audrey Fitzpatrick gave a very informative illustrated talk on 'Plants in the Shade'.

Recently two major members of the club, Mary Guenier and Audrey Fitzpatrick moved from the village and there was some concern that a committee could be formed for the coming year. At the well attended AGM in October a new committee was elected with Allan Barfoot as Chairman and Sue Barfoot as Secretary. Afterwards members enjoyed cheese and wine .

For the November meeting Isobel Barnes from 'Making Life Beautiful' came with lots of plants to sell and to talk to us about her nursery.

Members enjoyed a festive meal at 'The Boot' in December.

Programme for 2023

Wednesday February 1stat 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Green Room: A talk by Gary Matthews about " Forgotten Gardens of Easton Lodge"

Wednesday March 1stat 7.30 pm in Church House: A talk by George Lockwood, who is an organic gardener, about Dry Gardens.

If you would like to find out more about the club come along to one of our meetings in the Memorial Hall Green room . The first visit is free. Further visits £3 to include biscuit and tea/coffee. There is an annual membership fee if you decide to join this enthusiastic group.

Valerie Pollington

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We had a very good turnout for both the short service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Armistice Day and the Parade and Church Service on Remembrance Sunday. On both occasions, the children of Kimpton played an active part, and their behaviour and concentration was lovely to see. An important part of our church service is to read the names of those that fell in both wars. Libby Stringer, Melissa Nicholson and Bobby Shaughnessy were tasked with this and a special mention and thank you to them as they were perfect!

For many years, Sue Burns has been our Poppy Appeal organiser but has now decided the time is right to stand down. She has done a fantastic job on behalf of the Legion and helped raise

thousands of pounds. Thanks Sue, for all your hard work!!

We are always happy to welcome new members and you do not have to have served to become a member. Have a look at the RBL website for details of how the Poppy money is spent or please feel free to give me a ring.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2023 Kim Hills (Chairman) 07901 605383

Kimpton Poppy Appeal 2022

We were very pleased to return to door-to-door collections this year. It is evident from the warm response we received, that the community aspect of meeting with our friends and neighbours to collect donations for the Poppy Appeal, is still a worthy cause.

This year we raised £4,151 which included a generous donation from Ayot St. Lawrence PCC. The Remembrance fortnight was a buoyant time starting with our coffee morning in The Dacre Rooms and continuing throughout the village due to the work of the Poppy Volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Volunteer who has stepped forward to help with the Poppy Appeal. While I will continue as a Poppy Volunteer, I am standing down as the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Kimpton after 10 years in the role. It has been a true pleasure to meet and work with so many lovely people.

And, the very lovely Michelle Baylie has kindly offered to take over the PAO role from 2023. Michelle runs Fringeline Hairdressers in the village and has been a Poppy Volunteer for many years. As a fundraiser the Poppy Appeal is a major task, and I do hope that going forward, you will all support Michelle and her team of very excellent Poppy Volunteers. *Thank you, Sue Burns*



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Despite the relatively mild weather, Winter and Christmas are fast approaching - and Kimpton WI members are approaching, not only our last meeting of

2022, but also our very last evening meeting. From January we will meet in the afternoon of the second Wednesday of the month. This change of time was voted for by members at our Annual meeting. The majority would prefer not to turn out, or have to drive, in the dark Winter evenings.

Our November meeting was all about "Shakespeare's London", a very interesting talk, illustrated with slides, by Juliet Morton. Juliet told us the history of the first theatres, including The Globe, and how Shakespeare managed to thrive there, despite his long commute from Stratford- Upon- Avon!

The next time our members will gather together will be early in December for our Christmas lunch at the Boot. This is an event we all look forward to and enjoy and we are always well served and fed by Treena and Craig.

Our weekly table tennis sessions are still popular and non members are very welcome to join us. We meet on Friday afternoons at 2 pm until 3.30 pm in the Green Room of the Memorial Hall, at a cost of £3 per session. Come and enjoy a sociable hour and a half, gentle exercise and plenty of laughs. No great ability required!

November brought us the sad news of the death of another of our long standing members - Molly Cox. Molly had led our handicraft group for many years, bringing all her needlecraft expertise and knowledge to projects to help local charities and hospitals. She was also a very enthusiastic and active member of our book group and she will be greatly missed, not only by WI members, but by the whole village community. I'm sure many of us will attend Molly's Memorial Service in the Church on 10th December.

Anyone who would like to join us at one of our monthly meetings, either as a visitor or a new

member, will receive a friendly welcome. Meetings from January will be at the new time of 2 pm until 4pm, second Wednesday of the month in the Memorial Hall lounge. Finally, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful

If you would like to find out more about Kimpton WI please contact our Secretary,Linda Coleman 01438 832295 *Chris Bichener*

New Year.

The Kimpton Players Present their 57th Old Time Music Hall

Wednesday March 1st to Saturday March 4th 2023



Please look out for social media and posters for box office details early next year





An Update from Cllr Ralph Muncer

There can be no doubt that 2022 has been an incredibly turbulent year. However, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and see in the New Year with our family and friends, there is an opportunity to reflect on the events of the past 12 months. I know I'll be reflecting on the honour and privilege it has been to serve as your District Councillor since May and I'm looking forward to continuing to work hard in order to deliver on the local priorities of people in our community.

During the Summer, I was privileged to go on patrol responding to a variety of 999 Calls with Officers based at St Albans Police Station on the Friday Night Late Shift. The experience was not only exciting but incredibly insightful into both the reality and challenges of Frontline Policing, and very early on it was clear to see how dedicated the officers I was accompanying were to protecting the public, upholding the Rule of Law and making a genuine difference in our community. I'm pleased to see the 'Pop Up Surgeries' held by our local officers in the Dacre Rooms have been well attended and I'll be pushing to ensure we see more engagement like this in the New Year.

At a meeting of the Council in November, the long awaited Local Plan was adopted after many years of debate, giving greater stability to our Planning System in North Hertfordshire. I pledged to protect the Green Belt and Prevent Inappropriate Development from taking place in Kimpton, Peters Green and Blackmore End, and I'm pleased to have delivered on that promise by voting to enhance and strengthen protections for the Green Belt Land which safeguards the countryside surrounding our Rural Community, preventing the size and scale of development seen elsewhere across the district from taking place. Had Councillors not voted to adopt the plan, it would have led to Government Inspectors and Developers being the ones deciding on development and change within our Communities, something which I don't believe is in the best interest of Local People.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and as ever, if you need any assistance please get in touch.



KHS 2022 - what a blast! *

Kimpton Horse Show 2022 was one of the busiest shows we have had in years, with lots of happy competitors and spectators in attendance.

Huge thanks to all those who once again gave their time, muscle, vehicles, equipment and everything else that goes into making this wonderful show happen year after year! It's no easy task and we appreciate each and every one who has contributed. And of course, all of you who come along to enjoy the show on the day!

Every show raises funds for us to donate to local charities and causes, which is so important to enable them to keep helping others.

We can't wait to do it all again next year - Sunday 30 July 2023 - and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! The KHS Team



Tackling the Cost of Energy is the Key to Tackling Inflation

Inflation is the rot at the heart of the British economy at the moment. It drives up the bills of households. It suffocates investment and growth. It has led to the increased burden of debt interest payments for government, drawing funding away from public services. And if allowed to fester, it can cause prolonged hardship for families and businesses.

This is a global problem – happening in most countries in the world. There are a number of principle causes of inflation: central bank policy of quantitative easing has expanded

money supply by trillions into the economy; Putin's war in Ukraine has squeezed global supplies of gas and wheat; China's zero covid policy has broken vast networks of manufacturing supply chains.

But the main driver of inflation at the moment has been the rocketing cost of energy. Demand for energy is rising from the industrialisation of developing nations at the same time as investment in oil and gas is falling. We do not have enough energy and so prices are rising – the war in Ukraine has exacerbated this, but this is a problem that has been coming for a while.

Now this is a real problem. Economic expansion has always been founded on cheap energy; affordable energy for individuals and businesses is at the heart of our economic system.

This means we need to make it easier to deliver cheap, homegrown energy supplies like nuclear, wind and solar. Encouraging investment but also – crucially – removing barriers that slow down and increase the cost of delivery. Delivering homegrown and secure energy supplies is our best weapon against price shocks and the corrosive effects of inflation. To ensure demand just not outstrip supply, reducing projected energy demand is something we can all take into our hands to commit to. The Government will be announcing plans to help people to insulate their homes, this will go some way to reduce pressure on grid supply, contribute to lower bills forever and reduce household carbon emissions all at once.

As your local Member of Parliament, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Renewable and Sustainable Energy, and a member of Parliament's Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee, I will continue to do all that I can to drive forwards the development of cheap, homegrown energy to tackle the cost of energy, fight back against inflation and protect the people and businesses of Hitchin & Harpenden from ever growing bills. *Bim Afolami, MP*



At this time of year with Christmas just around the corner, the next May Festival always seems to be a long way off but once we get into the New Year, it'll only be 17 weeks away!

Planning is already under way and if you'd like to join our merry band, aka 'the purple army', we will be meeting in The Boot at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd January. We are particularly looking for someone to undertake the logistics of ensuring many of the events have the equipment they need (e.g. gazebos, tables etc) in the right place at the right time. There is an inventory of what's available and where it's stored around the village but we need a coordinator and somebody to help physically move equipment around. This could be one, two or more people. Somebody with a van would be a bonus but we do usually hire a van for the weekend. If you think you could help in any way with this, please get in touch.

The 2022 festival was the first following the pandemic and as previously reported, we didn't know what to expect. Would people want to join in, would they spend money? Well we needn't have worried because all events were well attended and we made a profit.

Now that the accounts have been reconciled and approved, I am delighted to report that the profit was $\pounds 12,169.12$ and we have already made donations totalling $\pounds 10,650$.

This year we have been able to support Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust, Kimpton Primary School, Kimpton Pre-School, Kimpton Scout Group, Kimpton Guides and Brownies, the Parish Magazine, World Challenge, Willow Foundation, Dementia UK, RNLI - Hitchin Branch & Herts Air Ambulance; as well as Garden House, Isobel and Keech Hospices.

We also have a welfare fund and if you are aware of anyone in the parish in need of financial support for a specific need, you can

apply for a grant from the welfare fund by contacting James Clayton (May Festival Treasurer) or myself. All requests are dealt with confidentially.

In the New Year, watch out for emails, Facebook posts and notices around the village for more details of various events.

Dates: Friday 28th April – Mon 1st May 2023 Theme: Rock, Pop & Superstars

> Barbara Kazwini Chairman <u>barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com</u>





Hertfordshire OWL membership is currently 162,000 which includes Kimpton with 409 (47% of village households) but we want to improve on that. Please tell your friends and neighbours about it and urge them to join. Joining is simple by visiting <u>www.owl.co.uk</u>, or contacting your Ward Coordinators (details below), or our Watch Liaison Officer Verity Soued on <u>wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk</u>.

Have you changed your email address? If so, until it is updated on the system, you will no longer receive the emails. This is something you can do yourself or feel free to contact the Ward Coordinators below.

Here is a sample of recent relevant emails :

- 12th Nov 22 Burglary in Park Lane and vehicle stolen from driveway
- 11th Nov 22 Vehicle stolen in Lime Avenue
- 11th Nov 22 Property broken into in Blackmore Way disturbed by owner
- 10th Nov 22 Increase in purse dipping zip your bag, avoid large cash sums, keep your pin safe

There appears to be a rise in opportunistic crime in recent months. We all need to make sure locks are secured and keys are out of sight. Please look out for your neighbours, especially during the festive season.

Please be aware that you can access ECHO as your community voice which allows you to give your opinion about policing in this area in your own words. It is completely anonymous and will be used to help build the patrol plans and local policing priorities. Visit ECHO at : bit.ly/police-hitchinrural

Remember to use 101 for non-emergencies or, if you prefer, you can go online to: <u>www.herts.police.uk/report/report</u>

Your Ward Coordinators

If you have any questions relating to NHW then please get in touch and we will be pleased to help

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The Church in Kimpton

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The Samaritans

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

North Herts & District Citizens Advice Bureau

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

Kimpton Preschool

Our OFSTED 'Good' Preschool and friendly team are based at Linden Lodge (on the grounds of Kimpton Primary School), offering sessional care for 2-4yr olds.

We are open Monday-Friday (term time), with morning/lunch club/afternoon sessions available.

We accept 15-30 hrs, funded and self-funded.

For more information, please contact the team on <u>manager@kimptonpreschool.co.uk</u> or 01438 833936. www.kimptonpreschool.co.uk

The Dacre Rooms

To book The Dacre Rooms please email our bookings secretary Wendy Dollin *bookings@dacrerooms.info*

Kimpton Memorial Hall

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