



Photo: Andy Wright

Hello! I'm Mia, your 2023 May Queen. I'm looking forward to seeing you all over the Festival weekend.

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Kings, May Queens and Coronations

2023 is shaping up to be the year of the party. Simply masses of major happenings all excuses for partying. And lots of different parties at that.

The monarchy has gone all post-modern! Our newish oldish King Charles III has sent out 'save the date' invites and is having a mock-up of Westminster Abbey made at home, so he can practice in the robes—I well know how important that is, as does every bride too—disastrous to trip over your hems—and he's going to be balancing the equivalent of a jewellery box on his head! I do hope the royals have a really good giggle doing all that rehearsing. But seriously, it should be great binge TV watch for most of us who have never seen a coronation before—and that probably is most of us, as there certainly weren't many tellies about last time in 1953.

I'm going to be looking out for the anointing with Holy Oil bit. Made in the Middle East from olive oils, mixed with herbs and natural perfumes, churches have been blessing and using Holy Oils since before 390CE. In this Diocese, a special church service to bless the Oils takes place at St Albans Abbey on Maundy Thursday each year. All Clergy and Readers are required to attend and renew their ministry vows that day. Three different oils are blessed: the first is for the anointing of the sick; the second for anointing those being christened. The third, 'Chrism' is a mix of oil and balsam used to anoint at Confirmation. Every church has one of each oil. As I say at every christening --the anointed child is up there with royalty—now you know why!

Jesus was at a dinner party one night when his feet were anointed with the equivalent of a giant bottle of Chanel No. 5-what a wonderful aroma must have filled the room. Jesus also provided 850 bottles of wine at another party he went to. I'm sure Jesus liked a party! Celebrate Jesus' last dinner party with his friends on Maundy Thursday with us. We recall the events of that last night—lamb casserole dinner, washing feet, breaking bread together, a walk in the garden, his arrest and trial. On Good Friday come and have a Hot Cross Bun in the Dacre Rooms. Children can enter the Easter Garden making competition.

Celebrate the crowning of the King of kings on Easter Day! The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!! Join in with a fun church service at 6am –out of doors if the weather is kind where we'll be fire starting. Afterwards an eggy breakfast is planned. At 9.30am you are invited to Holy Communion for Easter. Bring a flower to decorate the bare church cross as a symbol of resurrection to new life. Winners of the Easter Garden competition will be rewarded with the traditional calorie laden oval things and I heard a rumour there's an Easter egg hunt too.

But before all those parties, there's the biggest Kimpton Village party of all—and another coronation. I'm sure you are all looking forward to May Festival on the weekend before the King's Coronation. Our May Queen and her attendants will be enthroned and she'll be ceremoniously crowned. I wonder if she's like to go the whole nine yards and be anointed too?

Whatever and how ever many parties you have lined up for this Summer, I hope you have a wonderful and blessed Easter time 2023 to kick them off.

*God bless you, Rev'd Linda Williams. Rector Kimpton
with Ayot St Lawrence.*

From the registers

Christenings

On Sunday 16th October, during the morning service, **Raife Peter Alban Lawton** was christened. Raife lives with his mum and dad, Nicholas and Tiffany, in Canham Close. Raife had a lovely time with me splashing the water and almost paddling in the font-but mum and dad didn't really want his shoes and socks all wet.

Sunday 12th February during the 9.30am service, Jessica **Bernadette Haley** was christened. Mum Charlene and Dad Jason, from Luton but with firm links to Kimpton village families, brought along their large wider family and church was packed! Jessica was very well behaved and most interested in pointing out the water and mimicking blessing it—a vicar in the making???

Funerals

David Frederick Matthews, who lived at Codicote, passed away on 26th September 2022 aged 75. His funeral took place at Harwood Park Crematorium on 3rd November and was so well attended that the chapel was packed with standing room only for the very many who attended. This was a mark of the respect and honour in which David was held in. David had lived in Kimpton for many years and was remembered for his meticulous attention to detail in all the outdoor working skills he had. He worked with the BWP, played with the Kimpton Bowls Club and helped out in the churchyard amongst other activities. David will rest in peace alongside his late wife Pat in Kimpton Churchyard.

The funeral of **Margaret Barnes**, born in Kimpton, took place in Kimpton Church on 8th February. Margaret passed away on 29th December 2022 aged 92 years. Margaret met her husband Robert Barnes (who for many years was grave digger at Kimpton) sixty years ago at a dance held at Kimpton Social Club

(where the hairdressers is located now in Kimpton!) They were married at Kimpton Church but tied work took them to St Paul's Walden and Whitwell. Margaret had a son and daughter and grandchildren-though she was the last of her own family of five siblings. She was buried, as she wished, next to her sister Lilian Saunders.

Isabelle Garcia's cremated remains were interred on Saturday 4th February into the grave of her beloved husband Angel and son David in Kimpton Churchyard. Isabelle who died on 31st December 2022 aged 85 years, had only moved to Ireland a few years ago to be nearer family. She was very well known in the village and over 50 people attended the short interment ceremony.

Another lady come home to eternal rest in Kimpton was **Geraldine Taylor**. After a funeral in Cambridgeshire, her remains were interred into the family grave with her parents, Leonard and Mary Taylor; brothers Philip and Richard and sister Anna and Anna's husband Frank Simmons. Geraldine was born in 1926 and passed away aged 97. Her four sons and their families attended the short service in the churchyard.

Please remember that if you get engaged or would like a baby/child or yourself christened, just get in touch with the Rector. It's all a painless process....honestly.....and the prices for weddings went down from 1st March!!

Rev'd Linda Williams



Visit the village website kimptonpc.org



CONFIRMATION- what it is and when it is

Want to be confirmed by the first female bishop of Hertford? In your very own village church? There will be a service of Confirmation at Kimpton Church next May 10th 7.30pm.

The brand-new shiny Bishop of Hertford, Jane Mainwaring will be leading it. It doesn't happen very often that your own village church gets the chance to hold such a service. So, if you would like to be baptised and confirmed or just confirmed in May in your very own village church, please read on.....

1. A lot of people get christened or baptised (they're the same thing), and confirmed and 2,000 years ago they went together in a oner. But when it caught on and everyone wanted their babies baptised, it wasn't possible for the Bishops to be everywhere at once so a separate service of Confirmation, usually when you were older, grew up.
2. Confirmation is, literally, you confirming the promises that someone else made for you when you were a baby or small child. You confirm your faith in God and the Bishop Confirms you in your Christian faith.
3. To mark this special moment, Bishop places his hands on your head (lightly!) and your hands are anointed with chrism oil. This special stuff signifies the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us of how Christ himself was anointed with the Holy Spirit.
4. Confirmation is not a made-up C of E thing. It takes place all over the Christian world and in every Christian denomination. It is scriptural --found in Acts and in Hebrews parts of the New Testament. In Hebrew chapter 6 verse 2 it talks about the laying on of hands and presence of the Holy Spirit.
5. You can be any age. It's a one-time deal and admits you to having bread and wine at the service of Holy Communion. (ps. Can swing the school place too!)
6. You get to choose the hymns for the service and there will be cake afterwards!

There are a few weeks of chatting and answering your questions about God, Church and what it all means to prepare. These are an hour or so and start on 22nd March 2023 7.30pm at 11 High Street Kimpton. You don't have to be a regular attender at church. If interested, please contact the Rector who can give you much more detail on preparation and what's involved. There are already a few folks interested, so don't worry about being on your own. Just call 01438 833348.

Rev'd Linda Williams, Rector

***May Festival Church Cream Teas
Calling All Bakers!!***

<p>We are calling on the superb bakers of Kimpton to make:</p> <p>Victoria Sponges (filled or unfilled)</p> <p>Cakes, tea-breads and plain scones including gluten free</p> <p>Tray bakes, gluten free & vegan cakes</p> <p>Cupcakes and fairy cakes</p>	<p>Contributions can be left on the doorstep of</p> <p>The Vicarage, High Street</p> <p>(near the Dacre Rooms) from</p> <p>Friday afternoon, 28 April, onwards.</p>
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THANKYOU SO MUCH

Church Services at Easter & Beyond

2nd April 9.30am Palm Sunday procession from Church House, blessing of palms, dramatized passion reading & Holy Communion

6th April Maundy Thursday
7pm Church House with simple meal, (book with Rector please) informal communion & foot washing ending in church stripping the altar and a vigil.

7th April Good Friday
9am Raising the Cross at the Baptist Chapel at Peter's Green (30 mins service) walk to Kimpton.
9.30am-12noon Coffee morning at Dacre Rooms with free hot cross buns & easter garden competition for children.
11.30 Walk of witness round Kimpton village.
12.30 Service for Good Friday Church Service

9th April Easter Day
6.am Outside Daybreak Easter Service--kindling the Easter fire & Easter Communion followed by breakfast in Church House (book with Rector for breakfast)
9.30-- Holy Communion bring a flower to decorate the cross, easter garden competition judging and prizes--followed by Easter egg hunt.
11.30 Ayot St Lawrence Holy Communion – easter garden competition for children

16th April 9.30 Ukrainian Orthodox Easter & Communion
23rd April 10.45 **Kimpton Church Annual Meeting** in Church House after 9.30am Holy Communion

30th April 9.30 Outdoor May Festival Service in Churchyard-come and sing the Nations favourites

7th May 9.30 Special Service to Mark the Coronation of Charles III
10th May 7.30pm **Confirmation Service** at Kimpton Church with Bishop of Hertford, Jane Mainwaring

11th June 9.30 Pet Blessing service Kimpton

Loaves and Fishes the Social Hub of the village

They say that age is simply a state of mind! Certainly it seems to be for those that come to Loaves and Fishes each month. For anyone who doesn't know, it is our Community Lunch on the third Wednesday of each month at 12.15 at The Boot, to which all are welcome!

But, in addition to the regular delicious meal and great social get-together this last month, we have seen two, yes, **two** delightful occasions.

The first was a lovely invitation from the Primary School, who hosted a scrummy tea, with the beautiful professional singer, Cara-Bo providing the cabaret. It was a great opportunity for the two generations of students and the elderly to meet and chat informally.

And then, barely a fortnight later, L+F hosted their own Tea Dance at the Memorial Hall, where we boogied away to the lovely music provided by Aimi. I think many people, who thought they had hung up their dancing shoes for good, found themselves gliding across the dance floor most impressively!

What's next, I wonder? Bungee jumping? Sky diving?

Andy Morton



Kimpton Church & Coffee mornings - - giving to charity

You might like to know that through the monthly Coffee mornings, the Church and Village working together have raised funds that are going to a number of charities. Local, national and international charities are benefit in equal measure. Some are well known international groups; others are very small local charities focussed on particular needs. Here is a list of charities your generosity has helped over the last year or so;

International and crisis response;

DEC Ukraine,
Christian Aid Turkey Earthquake Appeal
Mission Aviation Fellowship
Quaker Relief for Refugees
Sponsor a Gambian Child

National

The Fire Fighter's Charity
Breast Cancer UK
Prostate Cancer UK
Waverley Abbey Trust – promotes Christian information and works with Food banks
Alzheimer's Research UK
Great Ormond Street
Scleroderma and Raynaud's UK – targeted research into these painful conditions
Royal National Lifeboat Institute

Local

Harpenden Money Advice Centre – free debt and financial management advice
The Haven Mental Health Service –helping 13 –19-year-olds with coping strategies for life in St Albans and Harpenden High Schools.
Herts and Essex Air Ambulance
Youth Talk –free confidential counselling for 13–25-year-olds in St Albans
Open Door St Albans – homelessness support
Garden House Hospice
Kimpton Players
Happy Baby community – support for women who have fled violence, trafficking or seeking protection.
Support for supplies to Ukraine via one of our refugee families in Kimpton.

Well done everybody----KEEP DRINKING
THE COFFEE & EATING THE CAKE!!

Rev'd Linda Williams



**KIMPTON
ART SHOW**

Raising funds for Kimpton Parish
Church Restoration Fund and
Kimpton May Festival Good
Causes

A vast selection of art including
many new artists' original artwork

covering: paintings, glass, ceramics,
collage, textiles, photos and sculpture
And a reminder from last year's feedback
as to why this event is so important to
our Hertfordshire artists:

***"Thanks for finding someone with
sufficiently good taste to buy one of
my paintings!"***

Starting on **April 1st**, please follow **Kimpton
Art Show** on **Kimpton Village Facebook**
where we will bring you daily images of our
artists' forthcoming artwork; and then join us
over the Bank Holiday weekend and exercise
your very good taste!

Sue Burns, Chair, Kimpton Art Show
07765097500

Art Show 2023 opening times

Friday 28th April to Monday 1st May

Open Night entry £6

Friday 28th April: 6 – 9pm

Weekend entry £2

Saturday 29th April

10 – 5pm

Sunday 30th April: 11 – 5pm

Monday 1st May: 10 – 3pm

www.kimptonartshow.co.uk

Local Artists Needed!

In the summer term, we will be having an 'Art Week' here at Kimpton Primary School. We would love to have a local artist in to visit each year group and complete an art activity with them. This would be an afternoon within the week commencing 10th July (between 1:15 and 3:15). If you are an artist and would be willing to give up an afternoon of your time to provide our children with this amazing experience, please get in touch with me (Miss Ludbrook) via the admin email address (admin@kimpton.herts.sch.uk). It would be great if you could also let me know what kind of art you create and which afternoon would suit you. Let's get creating!

The Christmas Market 2023

For 2023, it has been agreed that the village will celebrate a *Kimpton Winter Festival* from the last weekend of November to the first weekend in December. This will include events from the Kimpton Christmas Market and the Kimpton Players Pantomime plus other festive activities as they are confirmed.

We are delighted to announce that our handpicked craft stalls will be offering their high-quality gifts on **Saturday 25th November 2023** from 12noon to 4pm. Stalls are to be located inside our historic Kimpton Church and on The Green as part of our magical festive experience. An amazing and unique shopping opportunity right on your doorstep!

Exhibitors: Please contact the [Parish Clerk](#) to reserve a table. Bookings are on a first come, first served basis.



Kimpton Events Calendar

If your village group or organisation is holding a community event or having meetings that would welcome visitors please send the information to the [Parish Clerk](#) and it will get included in the online [Events Calendar](#)

Dogs running loose on public land

The parish council has received complaints from residents that they are seeing dogs not under control at the Recreation Ground and

Parkfield Sports Ground. Owners are exercising their dogs by throwing balls and allowing their dogs to damage new hedging plants in the chase of a ball. More dog fouling is being experienced in these grounds, particularly unacceptable in the children's play areas.

Please could all dog owners keep their dogs on a lead in these public recreation areas.



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

An update from District Councillor Cllr Ralph Muncer



Firstly, I wish to pay tribute to my predecessor, John Bishop who sadly died in early March. John served Kimpton as our District Councillor for 16 years and always demonstrated a strong spirit of service and commitment to residents throughout that period. I know his loss will be felt by many in our community and my thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.



*The late District Councillor
John Bishop*

Prior to the new financial year, the focus of both Central and Local Government is to pass a budget for the coming year.

Whilst it may not be as coveted as the Chancellor of the Exchequer standing up in the House of Commons, Budget Debates at local authorities such as North Hertfordshire District Council are equally important as they determine how our money is spent on local services.

Unfortunately, as a result of the Budget adopted by the current administration, residents across the District will be paying more and getting less for their money.

Council Tax is to be increased by 2.99%, the Garden Waste Charge will be increased by nearly 25% and Car Parking fees in Town Centres will also see an increase.

Despite increasing the amount residents will pay to NHDC, members of the Administration deemed it appropriate to increase Councillor Allowances by 6%, something which I voted against.

I will continue to voice my opposition to the impending cuts to our waste collections, which will result in bins being collected every three weeks, with the potential for monthly collections in the future. In my opinion, this is a clear example of the Council neglecting its statutory responsibilities. I have argued this cut, which apparently will save £270,000, should be reversed and the Council ought to make savings and efficiencies elsewhere within its £18.5 million budget.

My firm belief is that Local Government should focus on providing high quality statutory services which deliver residents with good value for money and I will continue to advocate for this in the Council Chamber.

As ever, if you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to get in touch."

Delivering better local healthcare services

You have told me that securing better local healthcare services for our communities is one of our top priorities. I have been working with your local District Councillor Ralph Muncer to make sure that we deliver that for Kimpton – with a particular focus on cutting waiting times, improving access to healthcare in rural communities, and delivering two new specialist hospitals (one treating cancer, one for children) serving our region

We recently visited the Lister Hospital in Stevenage as part of a wider listening exercise I am doing, meeting staff at local hospitals and GP surgeries to get their views on how we can support them to deliver a better service. These are some of my immediate takeaways:

First, it is clear that we need more capacity in the system to deal with both short term and long-term pressures.

Second, despite our efforts in increasing the number of doctors by 14% and the number of nurses by 11% over the last three years, morale is not as high as anybody would like it to be. We must redouble our efforts to engage closely with the NHS workforce, ensuring that policy remains in line with the feeling on the front line.

Third, there is an increased challenge for GP surgeries in delivering face-to-face appointments post-pandemic and we need to ensure that they have the support and capacity necessary to facilitate this.

I am taking up the points that local NHS staff have raised to me with Ministerial colleagues and seeking to ensure that they have all the support that they need to improve local services and cut waiting times.

As part of my work in this area, I really value the thoughts and feedback of local residents – sharing your experiences of local healthcare. Each month I do a monthly survey and in March I am surveying residents on this subject. I would be enormously grateful if you could take the time to share your views with me on my website at www.bimafolami.co.uk/nhs-survey

Bim Afolami, MP



Kimpton Folk Festival

The little festival with a big heart

Saturday 1st July 2023

Music festivals often begin as small, local affairs, but then grow like topsy into huge multi-day events, sprawling over fields situated miles from the communities for whom they were created.

Well that might happen next year, but for now Kimpton Folk Festival is staying as small, sweet and wonderful as it has always been, woven tightly into the fabric of our amazing village.

But though small in size, the festival is big in ambition, and the line-up for this year's event [on Saturday, July 1] is arguably the best yet, packed with shining stars of the folk universe.



A number of top acts are returning by popular demand, including **Urban Folk Quartet**, **Sam Kelly and Jamie Francis** and Kimpton Festival's patrons, **Nancy Kerr and James Fagan**. Among those new to Kimpton will be the hugely talented musician and singer **Phil Beer**, best known as one-half of the legendary Show of Hands, and acclaimed singer-songwriter **Reg Meuross**

Other great acts taking part include **Emily Slade**, **Edwina Hayes**, mother-and-daughter duo **Belinda Kempster and Fran Foote**, **Doug Eunson and Sarah Matthews**, and **Holly Clarke**.

As last year, the concert times are being staggered, so anyone buying an afternoon or all-day ticket will be able to catch every minute of the action.



But the ticketed concerts in The Church and Memorial Hall are only part of what Kimpton Folk Festival has to offer. Anyone who has attended previous events will know that it is a great day out for all the family. As in past years there will be a full afternoon of free music and dance on The Green, starting with Kimpton Village Choir and ending with a raucous knees-up to a ceilidh band. There will be a wide range of entertainment for children of all ages on Garden Fields, music workshops in the Dacre Rooms, sessions and other entertainment in The Boot and buskers wherever you turn. Add to that, craft and food stalls, face-painting and a fine selection of locally brewed ales. What's not to like?

TICKET ALERT: Tickets for the main concerts in The Church and Memorial Hall sold out ahead of last year's event and look certain to do so again this year. So don't delay, head straight to www.kimptonfolk.uk

Brian King

Kimpton History Group

**Saturday & Sunday 29th & 30th April
May Festival Weekend, History Group
Exhibition at Church House**

Our usual display of old Kimpton photographs, the special display this year will be "The 1960's & 70's".

**Wednesday 17th May, at 8 pm
in the Green Room**

The Development of Heartwood Forest

Brian Legg, author and volunteer at Heartwood since 2008 with a keen interest in the wildlife, will talk about the history and recent development of the Forest.

**Wednesday 21st June
Walking tour of Baldock**

Liz Eastwood will be our guide as she introduces us to the history and delights of Baldock. A contribution of £5 per person is requested. Transport will be by members cars. More details to members nearer the date.

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.

Have I got your Flier?

When a newcomer arrives in Kimpton, I try to take them a Welcome Pack, to make it easier for them to meet other people and to find out about the lovely village community we live in.

However, the pack looks pretty thin if it doesn't have information about clubs, societies, organisations and businesses. If you run such a group and would like it to be advertised, please let me have about 30 fliers. You can drop them into my house, Herons' Yard 1B Hampden, or leave them in the church.

Also, I need SPIES! To tell me when new people have moved in!

Mind you, it would be lovely if you could drop by and welcome them too!

Andy Morton



Although March 2023 has "come in like a lion", the bulbs and blossoms blooming in the gardens tell us that spring is almost here and with it, hopefully, warmer temperatures and, certainly, longer days.

The new year marked a new start for Kimpton WI. January saw the first of our afternoon meetings; a change voted for by our members towards the end of last year. The speaker for this meeting was Barbara Foster, who gave an interesting talk, with slides, about England's 42 Cathedrals. In recent years Barbara has walked 2000 miles and visited all of them. Quite a feat!

In February we celebrated our 104th Birthday with a tea party at the! Boot.

We started with a game (a must for birthday parties!) followed by a quiz and party tea of sandwiches and fairy cakes and then the cutting (and eating!) of a splendid birthday cake. A good time was had by all.

Our March meeting was a talk, illustrated with slides, by Karen Dixon (nee Holmes Walker) about her life as an airline pilot. Karen had us all completely absorbed, and full of admiration, as she described the workings of an aircraft and showed us the vast array of switches and levers required for takeoff and landing. She now pilots long haul jumbo jets and she tested our world geographical knowledge by asking us to guess the country from the many wonderful slides she showed us.

We have had one outing, so far, this year - a very informative guided tour of St. Albans Abbey - and our next outing will be a theatre trip to see "Follies" at the Eric Morecambe Theatre, Harpenden, at the beginning of April.

Our other activities include table tennis on Friday afternoons, which will continue until the end of April. Non members are very welcome to join us in the Green Room of the Memorial Hall, 2.00 - 3.30 pm, at a cost of £3 per session.

The book group members meet monthly to discuss a wide variety of books which we borrow from the library and our Quiz team recently came 3rd, out of 16 teams, in the Hertfordshire round of the annual 3 Counties Quiz. The team are now in the final, in June, and are hoping to secure the trophy for Kimpton this year!

We were delighted to welcome back several past members to our ranks in January, together with one or two new members. A great start to the year! Anyone else who would like to join us as a member, or a visitor, will be very welcome. Second Wednesday of the month, 2 pm until 4.00 in the Memorial Hall lounge.

For more information about Kimpton WI please contact Valerie Pollington 01438 832249



The Kimpton Players beloved Playhouse building is in dire need of replacement

Built in the 1960s, the Playhouse, situated in the Memorial Hall car park, serves as an important base of operations for the Kimpton Players. Not only do we rehearse all of our productions in the building, it also serves as a storage facility for our costumes and props.

The building, has been deteriorating for a number of years now. Despite our best efforts and numerous repairs, it has come to the point where the building needs to be replaced.



As a registered charity ourselves, we raise money for all kinds of local charities and organisations. We will continue to raise money and share it with whomever needs help. However, we must raise the funds required to rebuild our Playhouse, because without it the Kimpton Players will no longer be financially viable and unfortunately cease to exist. This will mean the village and these organisations will lose a source of financial aid.



With this in mind, along with pursuing various means of funding, a percentage of the money we make during our productions will be used to fund our rebuild. We will also be holding extra fund-raising events over the coming years. We also have a Just Giving page [justgiving.com/campaign/KP-playhouse-rebuild](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/KP-playhouse-rebuild) so please if you can support us, we would really appreciate it.

We are also pleased to say we have started production of 'Death by Design', a comical murder mystery farce. (see below) We always welcome new members, whether you're interested in getting involved in or around our shows, joining in our community activities or supporting our charity and what we do. If you are interested, please email info@thekimptonplayers.co.uk.

To end on a positive note, we would like to thank everyone who came along to watch our annual Old Time Music Hall.

Even though we took the decision to go to one week only, we managed to surpass the 2022 profit total by some margin, and we owe that to our superb audiences. Thank you.

There's going to be MURDER at the Mem Hall!!!

The return of the spring production brings both comedy and a murder

Join us in the 1930s for ***Death by Design*** by Rob Urbinati

A range of characters, a conservatist politician, a socialist, a cheeky chauffeur, a near sighted woman, zany dancer, keep showing up in a country living room of a playwright and his actress wife. When one of them is murdered it is down to the feisty maid to play detective.

Performances will be 8th, 9th, 10th June so check social media and posters for details.



Rock, Pop and Superstars!

Friday 28th April - Monday 1st May

There's not long to go now, the bunting will be going up just after Easter which means one thing...May Festival is almost here! Our 2023 theme is **Rock, Pop and Superstars**, and we know Kimpton is a place full of potential divas and legends!

The committee have been hard at work and the weekend is as full as ever. From Wine Tasting on Friday through to the Grand Draw on Monday, it will be a busy weekend with something for everyone. Some events need pre-booking so do make sure to get your tickets early. And of course, don't forget to sign up for the procession and strut your stuff down the High Street to kick the weekend off with a bang!

Information about the weekend can be found on our website and Facebook page, and by the time you read this we will have also started work on the board outside The Boot, with details of the daily schedules, so keep your eyes peeled for developments. As last year, we will also be delivering leaflets to every house in the village with the timings of events as these were well received and proved handy for people to keep in their pockets over the weekend.



Dear Villagers and folk from near surrounding areas. Once again the time has come to raise the roof and show off all the talent that Kimpton and environs has to offer.

We are looking for solo performers and groups who would like to perform at this year's KIMPTON ENTERTAINS, on Saturday 29th April in the Memorial Hall at 730pm.

This year we are delighted to be joined by the Village School and

Village Choirs as well as well known and loved, established local talent.

Newcomers and stars of the future are welcome.

Please email Tim Amrstrong-Taylor (kmh@armstrong-taylor.co.uk) if you're interested.

Your 2023 May Queen and Attendants



Hello, my name is Ellie and I'm 13 years old.

I go to Katherine Warrington School and before that I went to Kimpton Pre-school and Primary school. I have lived in Kimpton for 12 years. When I was younger I went to Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Kimpton.

I always wanted to be a May Queen or attendant and now I am, I am so happy!

My hobbies include baking, crocheting and lots of sport. At school I'm in the Netball, Rugby and Football league teams. I have played league football for 6 years for Whitwell AFC and Harpenden Colts. I now play Rugby for Harpenden Rugby Club. I have completed all my swimming badges and have had diving and synchronized swimming lessons. At Kimpton Primary I played Netball and Tennis.

I have always loved the Kimpton May festival. I've been every year since I was born. I haven't missed one yet! I really enjoyed Maypole dancing and being on lots of different floats in the parades.

It's one of my favourite times of the year and I love to spend it with my friends, family and everyone in the village.



Hello, my name is Mia. I'm 12 years old.

I go to Katherine Warrington School, which I really enjoy. Before KWS, I went to Kimpton Primary. I love living in Kimpton and I'm over the moon to be the May Queen this year, with my two friends Ellie and Emily as my attendants.

My hobbies include dancing, reading, and art. I especially enjoy dancing and in June 2023, I will be representing Team GB in IDO freestyle dance in the Czech Republic, and I cannot wait! I've always lived in Kimpton and wouldn't have it any other way. In fact, I'm probably going to live here my whole life! I've enjoyed my fair share of activities and clubs in Kimpton, such as Rainbows, netball, and even the school football team for a while. Unfortunately, I couldn't be in Brownies because of my commitment to dance. I normally participate in fun runs, but this year I have an excellent excuse to just watch... phew!

I have grown up watching the May Queens being crowned each year and I am thrilled to have that honour myself this year. I'm going to have so many memories from this amazing experience! I hope you are all looking forward to the May festival as much as I am. I hope to see you all there!



My name is Emily. I'm 11 years old.

I attend Kimpton Primary School. I don't live in the village, but I do live close by in Gustard Wood and I've been a member of the Kimpton Rainbows, Brownies and I am now a member of the Guides. I'm also the captain of the Kimpton School Diversity Team. I am delighted to have been chosen to be an attendant to the May Queen and I'm sure it is an experience that I will never forget!

I have many hobbies including cooking, art, music and sport. I love sports and I do many different activities such as swimming, rugby, netball, gymnastics and Maypole dancing. I have danced at the May Festival twice in the last few years and I will be doing the Maypole dancing again this year. I also play a range of instruments such as the drums, the piano and the flute.

As well as music and sport, I love animals. I have a cat called Rocket and he means the world to me!

I hope the weather is really nice for the May Festival and I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

Kimpton Garden Club

In March we had a very informative talk from a member of the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust about the work of the trust and encouraging wildlife into the garden.

Talks in April and May are below: Wednesday April 5th at 7.30 in the Green Room

The History of Luton Hoo walled garden from the 17th to the 21st century.
A talk by Felicity Brimble

Wednesday May 3rd at 7.30 in the Green room

Jennifer Hepworth will talk about the lavender that she grows and makes into products.

In June we hope to visit a National Garden Scheme Garden.

Prospective members first visit free. Visitors are also welcome to attend any of our talks for a small charge of £3.

Apples and Rubbish!

On 15th April at 10.00 am starting from The Boot there will be (or was, depending when you're reading this) the annual Litter Clear along the roads leading into the village. Please help by joining in; and at any time when you are out walking, picking up rubbish you see dropped on the verge, and NEVER dropping any yourself – bring it home and recycle it if possible.

And to make it easy for you, Robin Riley is continuing to organise recycling via bins at the back of Kimpton Parish Church; preventing stuff going into landfill and making a little money for the Church Restoration Fund. We collect **clean, empty, unfolded** biscuit wrappers, coffee bean bags, pill packets, crisp packets, toothbrushes and printer cartridges. No other rubbish please.

We will have a stall at the May Festival again this year – with recycling bins and selling apple juice. Come and visit us. If you can't wait till then, or you miss the Saturday, contact me directly to buy a bottle or more.

Davina Malcolm, Kimpton Environmentalists
01438 832309

BLAST (Childrens Church) has been very busy over the last few months

We meet twice a month on a Sunday morning at 9.30am in Church House. What have BLAST been up to? Christmas does seem like ages ago now, but it is a must that I mention that in December of 2022, the BLAST children starred in a wonderful Christmas Eve Crib Service performance called 'A Joyful Christmas'. The children were absolutely amazing, and we even had a real-life panto donkey to take Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Don't miss this year's Crib Service, it will be here before you know it!! The crib service is always a huge celebration to welcome the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ .

During our recent BLAST sessions, the children have been learning and sharing some wonderful parables from the Bible including the wise and foolish builders, how Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert and all about Lent. They have also learnt how Jesus fed the 5,000 and calmed the storm and how He healed the sick. We have also been speaking all about Jesus' teachings at the Sermon on the Mount, in particular the Beatitudes about being kind, thoughtful and humble plus being a Good Samaritan to all. Each session we take time to read together and share each parable from our children's bibles and we often watch a cartoon regarding the story which the younger members really love! The children have thoroughly enjoyed making lots of different crafts each session relating to that week's teaching. We've made bird houses, prayer people, gingerbread men, apple boats, heart bracelets, clay bees, decorated biscuits and so much more! BLAST is such good fun and we would love to welcome more children to our church family, so please keep an eye out for our regular updates on the Kimpton Village and BLAST Facebook groups or message Carly for more info about BLAST on 07740552643/ carly.tindle@sky.com



Kimpton Preschool has had a hugely successful start to our fundraising year – and we really appreciate all the support that we have received from both the Village and Parish Council.

Everyone had such a fun night at our 80s & 90s Music Party fundraiser at the end of January, and we raised £2400. We were then hugely grateful to receive an additional grant from the Parish Council.

You may not know that although the Preschool lease the building from Hertfordshire County Council, we are responsible for all its upkeep, and this can run into thousands of pounds every year, so our fundraising is essential for all the bits you can't see (heating, new sinks, painting and gutter clearing) as well as the things you can – the fabulous new climbing frame for example.

The Bench Working Party have also been a phenomenal support to the Preschool (including putting up the new climbing frame), providing us with time and expertise to help out on just about anything and everything we have asked for! Huge thanks.



We have welcomed a new member of the Preschool team – Rebecca, who started with us last week. We are so lucky to have such an amazing, dedicated team of Early Years professionals and we welcome Rebecca to Preschool.

The May Festival is only a few weeks away, so we are on the lookout for anyone that can help us with our float building (we are determined to win this year!)

In other news, we will be holding our AGM towards the end of April where we will be welcoming our new Trustee Directors to the Management Committee. We also hope to be able to announce something rather exciting at the AGM, so hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us. The date will be announced via our Facebook page and on the village group.

Thank you as always for your support of the Preschool, we welcome ideas for fundraising and are always looking for new volunteers to support us, either as Trustee Directors (we must have a minimum of 4) or as members of the Committee.

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Facebook: @KimptonPreschool Twitter: @KimptonPre_Sch

Kimpton Village Choir



I'm delighted to say that choir numbers have finally started to recover and the choir is beginning to thrive again. We sing a wealth of music from Musical Theatre favourites to Kate Bush (runnin' up that hill). There is no need to be able to read music and no experience is necessary, just a desire to have a good time and to lift your spirits every Monday night. We meet at the Memorial Hall at 8pm (for 90 minutes) most Mondays, term times. Occasional sessions are held in The Boot where we are literally able to lift our spirits.

For more information contact Tim (kvc@armstrong-taylor.co.uk)



Exciting news! Our next Make & Create Art courses for Children, Teenagers and Adults start after Easter in The Dacre Rooms, Kimpton!

Sessions are taught and supported by Mary - experienced practicing artist who has successfully exhibited and sold her work both locally and nationally and Julie - 17 years experience in Art education with experience of teaching a vast range of art techniques and theories to children, teens and adults, from primary through to post-graduates.

Our sessions are designed to introduce, guide and support you to understand a range of techniques and processes.

We will host a wide range of fun Make and Create workshops from drawing and painting, textiles and mixed media to printmaking and Sketchbook Making

Whether you are a complete beginner, need extra advice and knowledge or you would like support with course work and portfolios, our relaxed and friendly workshops could be for you, **EVERYONE** is welcome!

"The classes run by Mary and Julie are like begin in a spa for the day, you leave feeling mindful and calm. I am so glad I made time for myself"

Next 10 week courses Start on 26th April.

Childrens classes Wednesdays 3.30-5pm (School years 3-6)



Adults and Teenagers Wednesdays 7pm-9pm & Thursdays 10am-12pm

Please contact Mary and Julie at makeandcreateclass@gmail.com to book your place.

Limited spaces available. Learn a new skill, join a group, Relax and have fun!



Hannah Ward & Ralph Giles Hertfordshire County Council Woodland Creation Officers

"Planting trees plays a key role in nature recovery, supporting native wildlife, and positively influencing local communities. Hertfordshire County Council aims to see 1.8 million trees established across the county by 2030, and our Woodland Creation Officers, Hannah and Ralph, are on hand to provide

bespoke advice and assistance, free of charge, to anyone interested in exploring the potential for woodland and hedgerow creation opportunities on their land – from developing ideas and securing funding, to sourcing trees and arranging planting. Whether you are a local authority, a business, or a private landowner, our Woodland Creation Officers are here to help. For an informal discussion, please contact Hannah and Ralph at CMS@hertfordshire.gov.uk".

The Kimpton Litter Pick is back for another year!

This year's Litter Pick will be taking place on **Saturday 15th April**. As in previous years, we will be meeting at the Boot at 10:00am and aim to be finished by 13:00pm.

Tim Parfitt, having expertly organised the event for the last 10 years, has passed this task onto Katy Turberville and David Brockway.

The aim is to keep our village clean and beautiful, whilst bringing the community together. Spring is the perfect time to do this before the hedgerows grow and it is amazing the difference it makes to the landscape and for our wildlife. Last year we were able to gather nearly 200 black bags of litter! When the bags are full they are left by the side of the road for other members of the team to collect in cars & trailers, so you will not need to carry heavy bags of rubbish. The full bags are then disposed of by the local council.

Importantly, please send us an email to let us know if you can attend, or to let us know if you're thinking about it. This will ensure we have enough hi-viz jackets and litter pickers for everybody.

If you would like to know more about what the morning involves, or what taking part requires, please ask us. We'll be sending out more detailed instructions closer to the event.

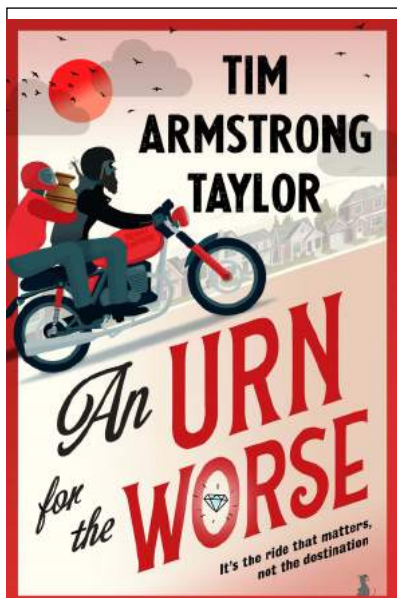
Families for Footpaths

We're aware that families with young children might want to take part, but won't feel comfortable walking down the local roads. If this is the case for you, there are the footpaths and recreational areas to clear, so everyone can be involved. you might be interested in clearing one of the local footpaths instead.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day.

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David Brockway dbrockway1@gmail.com 07786 515246



Local Indie author hits #1 best seller spot on Amazon

Kimpton resident Tim Armstrong-Taylor woke up on Sunday morning to find that his newly released debut novel *An Urn for the Worse*, had made the number 1 best seller spot in the *Inspirational Spirituality* category on Amazon. At that time the book was also ranked 19th in *Personal Transformation* and 16th in *Classic Coming of Age Fiction* in which category it was listed as the #1 Hot New Release.

Tim is active in the village, he directs the village choir, is a trustee of the Memorial Hall and is producing this year's *Kimpton Entertains*. He is a musician, performer, music teacher and organist at Lemsford Church. 'I've always dreamt of writing a novel,' said Tim, 'it's been quite a journey!'

The book, '*An Urn for the Worse*', is an uplifting coming of middle-age story. It is available on Amazon now. If you'd like a copy, go to Amazon and type in the book's title.

Here is a little blurb to whet your appetite:

A sudden death, a bucket list, a missing urn, a failing marriage, a make-or-break business deal, an irritating old uncle on a motorbike and a psychopath who refuses to die. How bad can one man's midlife crisis get?

Exhausted entrepreneur Nick Swift is on the verge of financial success or ruin when his father inconveniently dies, leaving him with a bucket list to complete on his behalf.

Accompanied by his uncle, vlogging sensation Karmic Keith, and watched by thousands of his followers, Nick is coerced into completing the bucket list in the midst of desperately negotiating an eleventh-hour deal to save his business. All this whilst carrying the urn containing the ashes he must scatter on his late father's looming birthday. An urn that Nick would never have believed his life would come to depend upon. If only he hadn't lost it...

Residents of Kimpton may recall that more than eight years have now elapsed since The White Horse closed its doors to the public. The building has been vacant and dilapidating ever since so... what's going on?

Brief History : The White Horse (“the WH”) was closed by McMullens and sold to a property developer in 2015 who promptly applied to North Herts Council (“NHC”) for planning consent to convert the building to a domestic dwelling. The “Save Our White Horse Community Group” (“the Community Group”) was immediately formed to lobby for the retention of the pub and we successfully challenged the “change of use” request that had been submitted to NHC. Furthermore the pub was then registered by NHC as an Asset of Community Value (“ACV”). This was challenged by the developer and his objection was rejected at appeal. Having failed to achieve their aim of converting the pub to residential use, the property developer then offered the WH for sale in 2017. In order to bid for the pub, the Community Group obtained a professional valuation of the WH and, based on that advice, raised sufficient commitments for funds from villagers to place an offer to acquire the pub at market value. Unfortunately we were significantly outbid by the current owner who has remained in possession of the property ever since. Discussions have subsequently taken place between the owner and the Community Group regarding the future of the pub but no tangible action has resulted. Meanwhile the owner submitted a planning application in March 2021 which proposed the conversion of the majority of the WH to a domestic residence with a small element of the building set aside to incorporate a micro pub. It was clear that the micro pub neither served the interests of the community nor indeed was economically viable and hence that application was also dismissed following an overwhelming number of objections from villagers. The pub's protected status as an ACV was also extended for another five years to 2025.

Since the pub was sold in 2014 there has been no investment of funds to maintain the fabric of the building which is now suffering from dilapidation and, given the building's grade 2 listed status we, the Community Group, remain in dialogue with NHC to effect essential repairs.

Our Vision : The Save Our White Horse community group remains committed to retaining the WH as a village amenity. We are aware that some people argue that the village is not big enough to support two pubs but the evidence says otherwise. The number of pubs in Kimpton per head of population is only roughly half the national average and around half the average for the Hitchin and Harpenden Parliamentary constituency. Kimpton can easily support another pub provided that it offers the right service. Hence we have been working hard in tandem with professional advisors to draw up a business plan which quite clearly demonstrates the viability of the WH. Rather than compete with the existing pub in the village, we will diversify the offering of the WH to provide a complementary offer where our emphasis will be to :

Create a cozy, dog friendly, country pub with a cordial atmosphere to reflect our vibrant, welcoming, and sociable village.

Make the most of the 18c listed building in the High Street conservation area, with subtle ambient lighting, a warm log fire in winter and a sunny beer terrace in summer.

Provide a daytime café available for quality barista coffee, casual brunch, cakes, snacks, and a warm space in winter.

Serve local craft real ales, decent quality wine and other drinks, and locally sourced, quality pub food

Provide a destination for walkers and cyclists to “refuel” with coffee, cake, and café food after exploring the excellent local footpaths and cycle routes.

From page 18 To support our thoughts and ideas we have visited many of the community pubs around the country (many of whose start up challenges have reflected those of our own) to learn from their stories. Based on their experiences, and on professional advice received, we now have a viable business plan for the reinstatement of the WH where it is pertinent to note that less than 1% of all community pubs have ever failed.

Current Position : Whilst there appears to be no tangible progress as regards the reinstatement of the WH we hope the foregoing shows that there is a lot of work going on in the background to firstly protect the building and then to reinstate a traditional country pub serving quality local food and drinks. The Community Group has set up an incorporated company (a not for profit Community Benefit Society ("CBS") regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority), to hold the assets of the business. Under CBS rules, any surplus generated by the Society must be returned to the community or invested in the WH. Meanwhile we remain in discussion with all parties concerned, not least Bim Afolami (our MP), our District Councillor, NHC, Kimpton Parish Council and of course the current owner himself. Clearly the key to all of this is to obtain ownership of the pub but, whilst the owner has been willing to enter into discussions with us to sell the WH, we are unfortunately too far apart on price to agree a deal at present in line with its market value.

We are determined that the WH will not be lost to the Kimpton community and will continue to work hard to ensure that this amenity is returned to the community. Further updates on our campaign, including news of our next pop up pub in the Dacre Rooms, can be found on our website at <https://saveourwhitehorse.co.uk/#>. Meanwhile if you think you might have any experience that could help us (notably legal, finance, or surveying skills) then we would love to hear from you!

The "Save Our White Horse Community Group".



Villagers gathered a few years ago to protest about the closure of the White Horse

The Roll of Kimpton Vicars



ROLL OF THE VICARS OF KIMPTON	
WILLIAM DE CHETESLEY	1239
RICHARD DE ELNESHAM	1267
LUCAS DE ORPINGTON	1274
WALTER DE CRUCE	1316
ADAM EYTON	1319
JOHN DE COLLETT	1329
WILLIAM DE TYRYNGTON	1332
JOHN LEGAT	1334
MICHAEL DE SHARNEBROKE	1339
JOHN CONESGRAVE	
THOMAS DE WHEATHAMSTEAD	1370
ROBERT WOMBEWELL	1402
THOMAS CHASE	1414
THOMAS THORPE	
WILLIAM SEALEY	1458
THOMAS DENYS	1472
THOMAS BAYLDEN	1477
THOMAS SMITH	1480
WILLIAM THOMPSON	1523
JAMES ALRID	1566
HUMPHREY TAILLOUR	1567
ALURED BIRTNE	1603
LYTTON BRISTOW	1626
WILLIAM MOORE	1634
EDWARD ATKINSON	1635
THOMAS FAWCETT	1640
JOHN LAMBE	1667
JOHN MILLET	1668
CHRISTOPHER FOX	1698
ROBERT MAXWELL	1722
WILLIAM KEATE	1725
ROBERT FOWLER	1757
CHARLES GREENE	1771
WILLIAM BARFORD	1773
GEORGE BELL	1793
FREDERICK BEAUCLERC	1797
FREDERICK SULLIVAN	1827
THOMAS DENMAN CROFT	1874
LIONEL STEVENS	1883
GEORGE HERBERT COBBOLD SHORTING	1904
ARTHUR REGINALD KEMBLE WELLS	1914
ARTHUR THELLUSSON WHYTEVENABLES	1916
ROWLAND THEODORE INGRAM-JOHNSON	1928
WILLIAM GREGORY LAURENCE	1948
CHARLES JOHN HANCOCK	1952
CHARLES LAWRENCE	1958
KENNETH MARTIN	1962
ROBERT MEREDITH	1967
PETER GREGORY LIDDELL	1977
DENYS REDFORD GRAEBE	1983
CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH WHARTON	1993
KENNETH ARTHUR BUCKLER	2001

VICARS OF KIMPTON FROM 2006	
LORRAINE EVE SUMMERS	2006
BONNIE EVANS-HILLS	2014
LINDA LEONIE PAULA WILLIAMS	2019

On two boards in the Church we have the list of our vicars and their dates. I suspect we have all taken this for granted without giving a thought to who compiled it, or when.

The answer came through reading a Parish Magazine dated August 1910! In it, Rev. Shorting wrote, "I should be glad if we could manage this month to obtain sufficient money to give the order for the brass tablet which is to contain the names of all past vicars of Kimpton. They number 40." He says that "he has had their names and dates verified by one who is an authority on these matters." Sadly we don't know who did this job of authentication but we have depended heavily on their work for understanding the progression of the Vicars of our Church.

The magazine in those days was of a general nature, given to most parishes, with only the cover, adverts and one page of information relating to Kimpton itself. We have been very lucky though to be given copies of the July and August 1910 editions. We have never seen any before of this date!

If anyone has any old parish magazines, the Kimpton History Group would love to see them if you would allow us to.

Juliet Morton Kimpton History Group



There continues to be a rise in opportunistic crime in recent weeks in and around Kimpton. We all need to make sure locks are secured and keys are out of sight. Please look out for your neighbours.

Here are recent incidents that emphasise the point :

05 Mar 23 Two garage break-ins in Parkfield Crescent between 4th and 5th March

22 Feb 23 Burglary in Lime Avenue on 21st February

07 Jan 23 Burglary in Hampden between 6th and 7th January

07 Jan 23 Attempted burglary in Porters End Lane on New Years Eve

Hertfordshire OWL membership is currently 162,000 which includes Kimpton with 410 (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 www.owl.co.uk, or contacting your Ward Coordinators (details below), or our Watch Liaison Officer Verity Soued on wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk.

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.

If you see a crime in progress then call 999 immediately. Remember to use 101 for non-emergencies or, if you prefer, you can go online to: www.herts.police.uk/report/report

Your Ward Coordinators

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

John Bowers, 07833 301 268 bowers984@btinternet.com

Angus Davidson, 07789 502 057 angussdavidson@btinternet.com

Kimpton Ward Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators



Can we help you with something?
During the Coronavirus outbreak a Kimpton telephone helpline has been set up

07745 903539

or use KimptonCares@gmail.com

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

Calls will be dealt with in confidence
Standard Hours 8am – 8pm or answerphone

**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.

KIMPTON MAY FESTIVAL

Here are some May Festival images from 10 years ago



Photos: Andy Wright

The Church in Kimpton

Parish Church

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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

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 manager@kimptonpreschool.co.uk 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

For bookings contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 6 The Wick, Kimpton. 01438 832620 barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com

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herts.police.uk

stalbans.anglican.org

kimpton.herts.sch.uk

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