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The Church in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Normal Services

Tuesday

8.45am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Parish Church	Prayers for World Peace

Thursday

8.45am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Parish Church	Evening Prayer

Saturday

9am	Ayot St Lawrence	Morning Prayer
5.30pm (summer months)	Ayot St Lawrence	Evening Prayer
5.30pm (winter months)	Parish Church	Evening Prayer

Sunday

8am	Parish Church	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	<i>1st Sunday each month</i>	Family Communion followed by Parish Breakfast
8am	Parish Church <i>other Sundays</i>	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
9.30		Holy Communion followed by coffee
11.30am	Ayot St Lawrence <i>2nd Sunday each month</i>	Mattins with Holy Communion (BCP)
6pm	Perry Green Baptist Chapel	Evening Service at Peters Green

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Dear Friends,
There continues to be so much bad news in the media, it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that there is more bad than good in the world, when in reality it is the other way round. Good just does not sell so many papers! One of the charities that Kimpton church supports is

called Musalaha, an organisation that works in the Holy Land bringing together Israelis and Palestinians, taking young people to camp in the desert, where they have to work together in order to survive. As a result lasting friendships are being formed across cultural and religious barriers, and the "ripple effect" is growing, yet how often have we seen Musalaha's work, or that of countless other good organisations in all sorts of fields, reported?

There has been good news closer to home, too. In my letter for last Easter, I wrote about some of the good things that were beginning to happen in our church. Well, here's some more -- we now have a junior church, called BLAST (Bible Learning And Sharing Together) for 4-11year olds and a group called Sleepyhedz for those of secondary school age (they meet twice a month at 11:15 because they can't get up for 9:30am!). Those who came to the Christmas Crib Service, with its disco dancing angels amongst other things, saw what a joy and how much fun BLAST and Sleepyhedz are. Any children or young people who would like to join BLAST or Sleepyhedz would be very welcome. More good news is that we have over 40 participants, some church members, some not, on a Christianity Explored course, looking at the Gospel of Mark and asking many questions about Jesus. We hope to run the course again soon, so do look out for that.

When you next see, hear or read the news and it all seems full of doom and gloom, violence and disorder, do remember that there are so many good things happening near and far! The word "gospel" means "good news", and

there is no better Good News than that of Christ Jesus, who came to earth, lived as one of us, died for us on the first Good Friday, and on the first Easter Morning rose from the tomb, defeating death so that we might have Eternal Life with Him, and all because His love for each one of us is beyond measure. Whatever you are doing this Easter, may you know the wonder, joy, and love of Easter's unbeatable Good News.

Lorraine

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO COME ALONG TO ANY SERVICE

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th
April

5:30pm Kimpton Prayer and meditation
(approx. 30 minutes)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 5th April 8pm
Kimpton

Service of Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar,
followed by Meditation and Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY (6th April) Kimpton

10:00am Children's Activities in church -
Hearing the Easter Story, making an Easter Garden, eating Hot Cross Buns.

11:30am Kimpton Christians Together Walk of Witness. Starting at the Parish Church, a Cross will be carried around the village, arriving back at the Parish Church at approx. 12:00 noon for a Service. (Note new starting point!)

6:30pm Kimpton Service of Readings and Music led by the Choir

HOLY SATURDAY (7th April)

10-11am Ayot St. Lawrence.

4-5pm Kimpton

Rev. Lorraine will be available in Church for anyone who would like to have a chat and/or to receive personal assurance of God's love and forgiveness.

EASTER DAY

Kimpton

8am Holy Communion

9:30am Family Service of Holy Communion and Easter Egg Hunt

Ayot St. Lawrence

11:30am Holy Communion (1662)



There will be a service to celebrate the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee
in the Parish Church
Further information nearer the time

The Queen visiting St Albans in July 1982

WELCOME TO KIMPTON

On the day we moved into Canham Close, back in 1977, Peter Liddell - then Vicar at the Church - knocked on the door to welcome us. It was a brilliant thing to do and made us feel at home in the village instantly. Thank you, Peter!

Since then, the Parish Council have tried to give Welcome Packs to newcomers and I and a small team take them round.

In the pack is a letter from Carina Helmn (Parish Clerk), with information about the church, May Festival, History Group, W.I., walks, police, Neighbourhood Watch and the Memorial Hall. If any other village group would like me to include a flier, then I would be happy to do so, if you can let me have a dozen or so.

I am aware that some newcomers get missed out, because I haven't been informed that they have moved in (I regularly ring the Estate Agents for info!).

If you know of someone who has just moved in near you, please let me know. As well - and better still - go round and greet them. Then they will have first-hand experience of what a friendly and welcoming place Kimpton is.

Andy Morton 01438 832427

From The Registers

Baptisms

26 Nov 2011 Thomas Edwin David James
14 Jan 2012 Charlotte Grace Barratt
12 Feb 2012 Sophia Anne Robson
19 Feb 2012 Oliver Digby Wood
19 Feb 2012 Chloe Patricia Hewit
19 Feb 2012 Owen Vincent Hewit
19 Feb 2012 Logan Telford Hewit
19 Feb 2012 Ronan Henry Hewit

Weddings

17 Dec 2011 Lorraine Slater and Timothy Edwards

Burials & Interments

24 Nov 2011 Jessie Martin
30 Nov 2011 William Arthur Wray
14 Dec 2011 John Max Richard Lloyd
23 Dec 2011 Eva Margaret Smith
09 Mar 2012 Rod Flanagan (at Harpenden)
16 Mar 2012 Ian Lindsay Rainback

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST - IT'S A MAN THING!

Kimpton Church is really getting its act together. All sorts of things are going on.

The latest is our MEN'S BREAKFAST. If you like a Full English Breakfast and a good chat for an hour on a Saturday morning, then come and join us. The first three have been very successful and we would welcome more men who wish to join in. (Sorry ladies!)

It happens 8am-9am on the third Saturday of each month.

Contact Andy Morton (01438 832427) to find out about the next gastronomic blow-out!

Andy Morton



Ian L Rainback 1943-2012



Ian was brought up in Potters Bar, educated at Mount Grace School and UCL where he gained a chemistry degree. He

started his career with ICI Plastics Division WGC and studied part-time to gain an Hons Maths degree. He worked in various roles and after 27 years left to become IT Director for Guys Hospital.

He started his own successful IT Management Consultancy in 1993 and worked for several multi-national companies.

Ian was a keen racing dinghy sailor and won many trophies including the prestigious National Schoolboy Championships and gained a sailing Blue at UCL.

He met Diana at Wembley Sailing Club and, newly married, moved to Kimpton in 1968 and enjoyed a happy family life raising Simon and Alistair. He played an active part in village life supporting the family in many activities in particular the Scout Group.

He loved music especially opera, played the violin and classical guitar and enjoyed many years singing in Kimpton Church Choir as well as with Harpenden Light Operatic Society.

He had so many varied interests plus a thirst for knowledge and was an intelligent, wise and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was devastated by Alistair's death in 2008 and coped so well considering his own declining health.

He was very modest about his many considerable achievements and he will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The opportunity for a meal and a discussion is clearly something that has hit the spot for many of us!

A total of 42 people have been meeting each week in Kimpton and Peter's Green to follow a course which seeks to answer many of the basic questions about what it means to be a Christian.

Some of the people taking part have been Christians for many years. For others, this is their first time of seeking answers to some of the big questions.

It has also been a great chance to get together socially, and each occasion has started with a meal, with really good food! The level of conversation and discussion has been incredibly stimulating and we have all gone away feeling that we have learnt a bit more about Jesus, about ourselves and what life is all about.

If you missed out on this occasion, there will be plenty of other chances to take part in the future, so watch this space - or, better still, have a word with Lorraine (833419) or Andy (832427)

Kimpton's Goods and Services

It's great to keep receiving details of more goods and services now being offered in Kimpton. Amazing to see the diversity of businesses operating and starting up within our parish by local people. An A5 insert of these additional entries is enclosed with this magazine, but please keep contacting me with details for the next full edition of the directory.

*Carina Helmn, Parish Clerk
kimptonpc@btconnect.com*

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and production team acknowledge with thanks donations received from Kimpton NHW Committee and Kimpton Bowls Club.

Kimpton Public Footpath 019 - Kimpton Park

Works are currently being undertaken by the landowner to improve access and return this path to where it is recorded on the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, as we require it to be. This will include the removal of a stile and replacement of a kissing gate with one which matches the historic park-style fencing, this time in the right place! Access will also be provided on a permissive basis to other areas of land which some people have been walking recently. If you have any queries about this or other public rights of way in the area please get in touch.

Tom Goldsmith
Countryside Access Officer
Hertfordshire County Council
01992 555277



During the spring term, our Junior children have been learning about Victorians, the Infants about Knights and castles and Foundation Stage about Familiar Places. We have had a Victorian day, a Castles day and, only this morning a visit from a medieval knight and his lady.

The village has, once again, proved a very useful resource to support our learning and year six, in particular have made some fascinating discoveries about the Kimpton in Victorian times. In a recent literacy lesson, they evaluated my last contribution to the parish magazine. On the whole, they were positive about my writing style (phew!) but they thought I could liven it up with some quotes so, for this edition, I am giving them the opportunity to demonstrate what they can do. What follows is a fusion of their reports on a walk round Victorian Kimpton.

'Starting our new topic, year six went on an exciting stroll through our Victorian Village. Putting our learning in context, we went for a wander and found ourselves re-enacting a Victorian photograph. From walls to buildings, the children studied every little detail on every single house.' - Jasmine

'First we walked to the slaughter house then we looked at Victorian houses. I found out that the slaughter house is where they killed cows. I was disgusted.' – Charlie.



'Unexpectedly, year six stumbled across a palace of Victorian walls which gave teacher Mrs Pitcher an exciting plan to gently sketch the walls with great detail, including Lichen, moss, broken bricks and ivy.' – Ella.

'Year six took a walk to Church Lane and remade a very Victorian photo. Mrs Pitcher tried her hardest to pose us like the children in the photo.' – Emily.

'John is the person who let us look at the old house. Here is a quote from him, "I didn't mind the children coming to my house. It was a surprise." – Charlie.

'It seems that a simple stroll up Church Lane can boost your knowledge of local history immensely. Year six have taken a huge leap back in time. I wonder how we would get on in the Victorian era.' – Jasmine.

We recently received a letter from Nick Gibb, the School's Minister, congratulating us on being among the fifty top performing primary schools in England in last summer's National Curriculum tests. Although we know we cannot emulate that achievement every year, I think this snapshot of the writing being produced by our oldest children shows just how effectively our talented staff work to support every child in achieving the highest of standards and how hard the children work to take full advantage of their opportunities to learn. Well done to all of them. *Marion Stewart-Smith Head teacher*



Then and now. The children re-enact a Victorian photograph taken on the Village Green.

Kimpton Memorial Hall



Luxury 'Ladies' Planned!

I reported in the last issue of this magazine that the resurfacing of the car park was well advanced, and that work is now complete. I think everyone will agree that the Hall looks much better for it, and the addition of the 'potted plants' has greatly enhanced the appearance of the entrance area. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for its co-operation in respect this project.

Now that winter is almost over, we can finally say with some confidence that the problems with the new air-conditioning/heating system have been resolved, and it finally seems to work as it should. It has been a long haul!

Over the next few months we will be getting to grips with the refurbishing of the ladies toilets. We had planned to do this earlier, but had discovered that a faulty surface water drain had been debouching water into the footings for a very long period. The problem was resolved at the same time that the car park was renovated, and it would seem that the area is finally drying out to the extent that we should be able to have the work on the ladies toilet carried out this summer. A really posh 'loo' is planned, and we are confident that it will be a huge improvement.

On the financial side, we continue to rub along! Regular village bookings are effectively made below cost, and are substantially subsidised by other bookings, lettings for functions, and donations. Our AGM takes place (or will have taken place) on 20th March, and the executive committee will recommend to that meeting that fees to regular hirers should increase by 5%. It

is 18 months since we last reviewed our fees, and costs, particularly for Gas and Electricity, which are our biggest outgoings, have increased substantially over that period.

We hope that users will understand that we have to make ends meet!

The work to repair the damage caused by the theft of lead from the roof, last summer, should be carried out over the next few weeks. Jobs like that, we can do without! Even if the damage is covered by our insurance, we still have to pay the excess, so some of that cost filters down to the users.

Roger Nash 01438 832101

Community Coffee Mornings

The monthly community coffee mornings at the Dacre Rooms are going very well. Everyone is welcome so please join us for a cup of tea or coffee, some homemade cake and a chat. We are open on the following Fridays between 9.30 – 12.00am

23rd March – with a cake sale in aid of Sport Relief

20th April – with an event run by the Pre School

18th May – with a plant sale

15th June – a special 'Strawberry Tea' in aid of breast cancer care

See you there. Julie, Denise and Jackie



Now that we are into 2012, there are two events that will no doubt come to define the year; the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and, of course, the Olympic Games. Although the Parish Council felt unable to contribute too much to 'Team GB', we did feel that the Diamond Jubilee should not go unrecognised!

We have therefore decided that the High Street should have some hanging baskets fitted on the lampposts which already have brackets on them. These will be in place from May until the Autumn, although sadly they may not be ready for the May Festival, owing to the time required for the plants to grow. There should be a period when the High Street will benefit from both bunting and the hanging baskets, and should look suitably decorative.

In addition, the Parish Council has decided that a commemorative mug should be given to all the children in the village, who are in Year Six or below, including the Pre-School. Obviously, those children at Kimpton School or Pre-School can easily be given their mugs, but we would ask that parents of children under Year Six who go to other schools should contact the Clerk, to ensure that they are included

The Parish Council are also considering a permanent memorial for the Jubilee, in the shape of a small open space along the footpath between Park Lane and Church Lane. This is the space from which a tree was recently removed, and where there is currently a yew tree that is not in the best condition. The proposal is to remove the yew, potentially retaining the trunk as a sculpture of some form, and to introduce a small seating area and some planting. An outline of the proposal can be found on our website at

<http://www.kimptonparishcouncil.org.uk>. If you would like to get involved with this project then please contact the Clerk.

Over the winter months, we have been fairly active on some maintenance jobs around the village, and have repaired the access road to the car park at Parkfield – originally the plan was to use the waste material generated by the resurfacing of the Memorial Hall car park, but this proved not to be possible. However, the new surface is a great improvement on the previous access road.

At the Parish Council meeting in February, we decided that we would also undertake a similar programme of work on the Recreation Ground access road – this will involve tarmac being laid on the top section, alongside the football pavilion, as well as at the entrance and the section adjacent to the playground. The middle section, effectively the slope, will be consolidated and resurfaced in a similar manner to the Parkfield access road. This work should be carried out in the coming weeks. We have also done some work on rights-of-way in and around the village. A number of new footpath signs have appeared giving directions and distances, and repairs and renewals have been carried out on the fencing and gates around Parkfield. We have just refurbished the gates by the tennis courts, and are grateful to the Hertfordshire County Council Rights-of-Way office for the supply of some of the materials.

One more bit of housekeeping that we have been doing concerns trees. There are obviously a significant number on Parish Council land, and we have decided to have them surveyed to determine whether remedial work is required to keep them safe, or healthy. We have also received a number of comments concerning overhanging shrubs and trees which obstruct footpaths, and would ask that people with gardens adjacent to these rights-of-way could help to make sure that their plants do not overhang so far as to block these paths. We also ask that residents extend this courtesy to removing foliage that is overhanging pavements.

Finally, at the time of writing, parents of children moving on to Secondary Schools have just received news of their allocations. In a new departure, many of the children who do not have a sibling place at a Harpenden school have been allocated an out-of-county school in Bedfordshire. The Parish Council have requested a meeting with Hertfordshire County Council to try and obtain an explanation for this and, as ever, to pursue our case for an improvement in our position. In the meantime we can only hope that the situation improves for local parents as the admissions process continues.

David Hardstaff



Happy 30th Birthday 2nd Kimpton Brownies! We owe a big thank you to Liz Haynes and Janet Holmes Walker for starting the pack up all those years ago. We should also thank the kind and generous Owls and helpers after them who have kept the 2nd Kimpton pack fun and popular for so many girls over the years. We still need such people today to volunteer. Brownies provides a much sought after safe environment for girls to get together, to learn, play and socialize; all key elements we know vital for our daughters to grow confidence and learn skills to take through their lives. We have thought long and hard on how to celebrate such longevity and have decided that we would like to throw a party for past and present Brownie members. If you were a member of 2nd Kimpton and would like to join us or know someone who was involved with Brownies along the years, do email me – the Brownies would love to share a party one pack meeting in the summer. If you have any photos you could share with us, we would love to put together a display of our history at the party. So, on with business, another New Year, so much planned to do and news to share. We have said a fond farewell to Eleanor and welcomed Maddy and Marther to our pack. The Brownies have worked, in a fun and really interesting way towards their Science Investigator Badge. We have been lucky having Simon help us learn about chemical reactions through making our own rockets that reached the ceiling! He helped us investigate the humble bubble. It doesn't seem to matter what age you are, they are incredible fun, the science, the mess and the sheer joy of creating them, especially when ones big enough to put a Brownie inside were made! Then we had Pancake Day, but this year, not made in the usual way, but with our own home made tin can stoves. There was a tremendous production rate, Imogen made 14! I'm sure they tasted the best we have ever made. We walked the paths around our beautiful village on a night hike, through the woods and

across fields, listening for owls and playing games, to be warmed by hot chocolate back at base.

We celebrated World Thinking Day, Girlguiding's birthday, by wearing our uniforms to school, raising funds with Smarties and exploring the chosen theme, 'together we can save our planet' which gave rise to a well-earned badge.

Our Easter egg hunt shall be done with a difference this year and then there will be Mothers day, but then we couldn't divulge that one. Then to top off this term we are having our delayed Christmas treat, a bowling party. Looking ahead we have the May Festival to plan for, look out for our tombola stall and support us by buying some tickets.

I shall sign off for now with our usual plea for help. There must be someone out there who could volunteer their time to help keep 2nd Kimpton Brownie pack along the path to the next big birthday celebration?

Please do contact me if you would like to join us on our birthday party, have photos to share or would like to join in on our incredible weekly fun - these offers go to both girls and grownups. coral@2ndkimptonbrownies.org.uk



Our second term of singing in Kimpton is now well under way. We have grown to 20 signed up

members and are going from strength to strength!

Our Singing Workshop for Beginners on March 10th was a great success with nearly double this number singing together and having great fun.

Why not join us for a free trial rehearsal? We welcome everyone, no experience needed. We meet on Mondays 8-9.30pm in Kimpton School. Term finishes April 2nd and restarts April 23rd for the summer.

Look and listen out for us at the May Festival.

Call Anna Bosatta on 01438 832613 with any questions.

Kimpton Scout Group

Kimpton Scout group continues to thrive. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts offer a full programme to the young people of Kimpton. In February the Beavers and Cubs entertained you when they became bell-ringers in the Church in February - thanks to Lorraine and Les for hosting us and sharing so much about our Parish Church.

Three years ago the Scout troop built 12 bird boxes, placed around the allotments and Rec, to encourage small birds to nest. On a cold afternoon in February these were taken down, cleaned, checked and replaced by a team of older Scouts. 9 of them had been used! An additional 6 new boxes are now around the Parkfield sports ground. This is a long term project that we hope we can pass on to future generations.

All sections will expand their environmental and community work by embarking on a long term project based around Bowers Heath. The ranger will assist us to erect more bird boxes and carry out surveys of the fauna and flora of the Heath. More details in the next issue!

Many of the Scouts have taken up orienteering this year and have had success in the County competitions. This has proved a great experience and uses many of the skills they learn during the weekly meetings.

We still have a few places in Beavers so if your child is rising 6 or younger then visit our website www.kimptonscouts.org.uk to register on our waiting list, or call Annie on 833421.

Page 19 for the report of Scouts planting Jubilee trees

Please Help to Keep Kimpton tidy!

We want Kimpton to look its best for both residents and visitors throughout the year, but particularly for the Kimpton May Festival on the 1st weekend of May. Although Kimpton itself has litter collected every week, the surrounding lanes do not and once again, many are in need of a spring clean.

So, with my Kimpton Environmentalists hat on, I'm organising the Kimpton Litter Pick 2012.

It will take a few hours of your time starting at 10 am on Saturday 24th March meeting at The Corner Stores, Claggy Road. Volunteers will be grouped into 6 teams and each team assigned to a lane leading into the village (see attached map). You just need to have a nice walk for a few hours, chat with your colleagues, and collect litter in bin bags while enjoying your countryside stroll. Full bin bags will be picked up by a roving truck. After a few hours of walking and collecting litter you can reward yourself with a well-earned drink in The Boot!

You need to bring your own gloves (gardening or similar).

You will be provided with bin bags, high visibility jackets and litter pickers. Because of traffic risks, this activity is not suitable for children.

Please let me know if you can help this very worthy and much needed cause, by emailing tim.parfitt@netcel.com or phoning 01438 833965 or 07977 001753.

And spread the word – the more people that can help, the better!

Tim Parfitt

Kimpton Monkeys Toddlers' Group

We've had a fabulous response from the local community and our Tuesday morning sessions are thriving.

A great Easter Party is planned for the end of term (27 March) and we are looking forward to lots of fun filled sessions during the Summer Term (starts 17 April). 09:30-11:30 Term Time in the Memorial Hall.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who supported our Parish Breakfast at the end of last year which was a huge success and raised valuable funds for the group.

Please look out for us at the May Festival, as we are planning something new this year!

As always we are keen to recruit some new Committee Members from our regular faces as the more helpers there are the easier it is to run each session.

For further information on Kimpton Monkeys's please contact Natasha Mayling on 07970 172571.

<http://www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys>



**For our children at
Kimpton Preschool,**
the world of further
education and
employment seems a

long way away. But recent international research indicates that this is exactly the stage when we should be thinking about our children's future and, more specifically, their transition from secondary school into further education, training and employment.

Against a backdrop of economic recession, high youth unemployment and a sustained reduction in public funding, it is more important than ever to support our young people in making effective transitions when they leave compulsory education. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) recently reviewed policies in 16 countries. They found that attendance at high-quality, early childhood education and care programmes has positive effects on children's school achievement, and subsequently on their school-to-work transitions. The report recommends that greater emphasis should be placed on reaching children at an early age, even before they reach primary school, to have an effective impact on their futures.

At Kimpton Preschool we have always believed in the value of what we do, even though we operate on a minimal budget, so it's good to see international recognition of the value of early years care. On a more local level, we're also pleased to report that the Ofsted inspectors have recognised our high-quality service here in Kimpton. It has taken a lot of hard work over the last year to build up our facilities and resources, and to make sure all our policies and procedures comply with the appropriate standards, so we were thrilled to be awarded an overall rating of 'Good' at the end of 2011 for the quality of our childcare provision.

The Ofsted report stated that we provide an extremely safe and welcoming environment for our children, ensuring that they are all included and supported. We were particularly pleased to receive an 'Outstanding' rating in two areas: our engagement with parents and carers; and the extent to which our children develop skills for the future. And it was lovely to see the report praising the good behaviour and manners of our children, which was credited to the positive role models provided by our staff.

The Preschool directors would like to take this opportunity to thank Lesley and her team for such amazing work in getting to this point. We are using the detail within the report to continue refining and improving our service.

We are also continuing our fundraising efforts to ensure our children have the best resources possible. Please look out for our events and support us where you can.

Preschool coffee morning
Friday 20 April, 9.30 to 12noon, Dacre Rooms
Enjoy a chat over tea, coffee and homemade cakes, everyone welcome.

May Festival Craft Market
Saturday 5/Sunday 6 May, Kimpton Primary School
Browse a wide range of homemade crafts.

Important Notice About Our Churchyard

The Kimpton Churchyard Working Party is made up of regular church goers and non church members who monitor and help care for our Churchyard. They have become increasingly concerned at the growing number of breaches of our Churchyard Rules (copies available FREE in Church), and have asked me to point out the following in particular:

- *No edging is allowed around graves or cremation stones*
- *No granite/stone chippings should be placed on graves or cremation plots*
- *There should not be any glass vases/jars for flowers*
- *Artificial flowers should be realistic and seasonal*

Apart from the last, which is about making sure that flowers are in keeping with a country churchyard, these rules are in place for everyone's safety. The edgings and chippings are particularly dangerous when the grass is being cut or strimmed; there have been cases where workers have suffered severe cuts and even the loss of an eye due to flying chippings or bits breaking off from edgings. The glass vases and jars are dangerous for the obvious reason --- they get broken! Sometimes they are blown over by the wind and sometimes they crack because of frost. I know each of you would be very distressed if you caused any harm to someone using our Churchyard, and so I MUST ask that if you have placed edgings, chippings or glass containers on or near a loved one's grave or cremation stone you remove them as soon as possible. Any not removed within a reasonable time will be removed by the Churchyard Working Party.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.
Lorraine

P.S. If you would like to join the Churchyard Working Party, please contact me (833419), or Valerie Pollington (892249) or Robin Wells (832984)

.....May Festival News...May Festival News.....

The best of British is the theme for this, the 48th Kimpton May Festival, and the usual inventiveness of the village will once more be on display as the theme is interpreted in a multitude of ways for the floats, costumes and events.

For Adena, our May Queen and for Natalie and Molly, her attendants, I am sure Festival can't come around soon enough; though the last few weeks and days will be taken up with final alterations, hair plans and anxious reading of the weather forecast!

Please don't forget to come along to the Committee tent on the Saturday...we are a friendly bunch and always keen to receive feedback and suggestions. If you are thinking whether you should get more involved and maybe join us on the Committee please don't hesitate to stop by. You can also follow us at kimptonmayfest.co.uk and on Facebook ('Kimpton May Festival') and post your own thoughts and photos.

As usual, my grateful thanks to the many, many people, both on Committee and not, without whom this event would not be what it is...the Best of British! *Andrew Ackrill, May Festival Chair*

Cream Teas at the Vicarage

Calling all cooks of Kimpton. We cannot manage without you. Can you help us provide "Best of British" teas for this year's Festival?

We need sponges (filled or unfilled), tray bakes, scones, teabreads, small cakes etc.

Whatever you like baking we will be delighted to receive. They can be left on the Vicarage doorstep, 11 High Street, on Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning of the Festival. Please name your containers so that we can return them to you with our thanks. *Liz Jamieson and Valerie Pollington*

The Kimpton Art Show

The Kimpton Art Show is now in its 31st year. The show, set in our beautiful Parish Church, to the accompaniment of a range of local musicians opens on Friday 4th May from 6-9pm and, for many villagers, it is the traditional way to begin the May Festival. Admission is £3.50, payable at the door, and includes a complimentary glass of wine. Admission on Saturday, Sunday and Monday is £1 with children free.

Proceeds from entry fees, sales commissions and sponsors are distributed to the charities supported by the May Festival and the Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust.

The Show offers an opportunity for new artists to test their talent as well as those with a well-established reputation and brings together work of more than 100 artists from across the region including oils, watercolours and mixed media of modern impressionistic canvases, local themes and still life. Other Media includes high quality displays of glassware, stained glass, clay, sculpture, photography and textiles. This year we also welcome the finalists from the Kimpton Children's Art Competition, our budding talent of the future. As ever, we rely on the generous help of volunteers. The Bench Working Party has kindly offered to assist with their "muscle" but we need help in two specific areas. Firstly to help Sandra Berti and Jenny Taylor with the setup of the exhibits on Tues 1st and Wed 2nd May. Secondly, Jo South is compiling the rota for sales and stewarding during the Show. We'd love to hear from you, even if you can only give an hour, at contact@kimptonartshow.co.uk

If you would be interested in showing your work, or know of other artists, registration is now open. Details can be found on our website www.kimptonartshow.co.uk

Ultimately, the show is about selling art for the mutual benefit of the artists and local charities. So I encourage you to consider buying a piece of original artwork. To make things easier we will provide credit and debit card facilities for the first time!

With other members of the Kimpton Art Show Committee, I look forward to seeing you at the Show. *Ted Frith*

Facelift for Children's Art Competition

There are some big changes afoot for the Children's Art Competition. This year we're joining forces with Kimpton Art Show and moving to the Church, where budding artists will see their work displayed alongside the professional exhibits.

We'd like your pictures to be 12 x 12cm (the size of a CD case) and inspired by the May Festival theme, 'Best of British'

Age groups : 3-5 yrs, 6-8 yrs, 9-11yrs and 12-16 yrs

If you'd like the chance to win a fantastic prize and see your art exhibited at the Kimpton Art Show, deliver your artwork to Jane Mitchell at 49 Parkfield Crescent or Sandra Berti at 19 High Street by 5pm on Sunday 6th May and remember to include your name, age and a contact number

Winners will be announced by the May Queen on Monday 7th May.

.....May Festival News...May Festival News.....



I'm Molly Thomas-Chivers and I am 13 years old. I have lived in Kimpton for 11 years now and have been to every May Festival since we arrived. I went to Kimpton Primary School with my sister and now go to Roundwood Park School where I am in Year 8. I always enjoy the May Festival weekend but am sure I will enjoy it even more this year as a May Queen Attendant! My favourite part of the May festival has always been the opening parade where everyone dresses up to celebrate the exciting weekend. I especially liked designing our dresses with Natalie and Adena. The May festival is definitely one of the highlights of my year.



I am Adena Jane Moulding and I live in Kimpton. I am 14 years old and go to Sir John Lawes School. I am now in Year 10 and my favourite subjects are Art, Textiles and Drama. My hobbies include acting, designing and SHOPPING! I attend Kimpton Guides and am also a member of the Junior Kimpton Players. I go to the Kimpton Youth Club. I have been to every May Festival since I was born, with my three brothers. I enjoy it because everyone comes together and has an amazing time. Now I am May Queen I am looking forward to it more than ever and I hope that you will enjoy May Festival 2012 as much as I will!



My name is Natalie Jane Hill and I am 13 years old and have lived in Kimpton all my life. I go to Roundwood Park School. I am a member of the Junior Kimpton Players and I am also a member of Girl Guides. In my own time I make jewellery and last year I had my own stall at the May Festival. I have had a great time so far, getting ready for May Festival. I have especially loved getting together with Adena and Molly to design our dresses! I enjoy May Festival every year, but this one is special and I hope you enjoy it as much as me!

May Queen Selection 2012

On Friday 4th February, three freshly-appointed, independent judges from outside the Parish convened to interview our would-be May Queens with a view to appointing the 2012 May Festival trio.

The judges were most impressed with the way all the applicants presented themselves and, following individual interviews with each girl and much 'judgely' deliberation, Adena Moulding was selected as this year's May Queen, with Natalie Hill and Molly Thomas-Chivers chosen to be her Attendants.

Well done to all the girls who put themselves forward for interview and we hope that those who were unsuccessful on this occasion will try again next year.

Congratulations to Adena, Natalie and Molly and we look forward to seeing you in your finery at the head of the Procession and at the various events over the big weekend!

Kate Frost May Queen Organiser

Brazil Trip With Mission Direct

Liz Jamieson reports on her House Building Adventure



Liz, top right, helps to paint one of the new homes and, above, a 'rubbish dump' house in Campo Largo.

Last October I had the privilege of joining a small team of people travelling to southern Brazil to spend two weeks helping to build houses for families needing to be re-housed from the rubbish dumps (favelas) in Campo Largo. An 11 ½ hour flight from Heathrow took us to Sao Paulo, then a 1 ½ hour internal flight landed us in Curitiba, the capital of the district of Parana. Brazil is a huge country something like 38 times the size of the UK! Our accommodation was a rather quirky guesthouse - comfortable enough but in my room the door handle often fell off and the toilet cistern didn't always flush! A later team member experienced electric shocks when taking a shower! Still, it wouldn't have been appropriate for us to stay in luxury when we were helping those in poverty!

The daily routine was to spend mornings on site - painting, tiling, grouting or mixing concrete for pouring into the foundations of the next home to be built. We would be accompanied by children, curious to see what we were doing and enjoying sweets and snacks with us. We also had opportunity to get to know (through sign language, unless we spoke Portuguese) some of the adult residents who had already been moved to the site from their plastic or corrugated roofed homes. The afternoons were spent visiting projects set up to help people with great needs - a residential rehab. centre for male alcoholics; a disused warehouse offering a weekly hot meal for prostitutes and rough sleepers in Curitiba; a children's home for brothers and sisters, taken away from their parents who were drug dependent or traffickers, and several after-school clubs for children whose home life was dangerous or of a particularly bad influence. These children's projects provided much needed security and love for a few hours each day. Some of the project leaders, mostly volunteers, travelled two hours each way, on public transport, to reach the centres - such commitment to their work!

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The Garden Club had a very interesting winter programme. In January, Neil Holmes-Smith guided us through "Notable Gardens of South-East England". We all made mental

notes to revisit these lovely gardens once the weather warms up. February's meeting was a fascinating insider's look at the World Garden at Lullingstone Castle. Most of us remembered the television programme where our speaker, James Buttress, was the intrepid professional gardener attempting to fulfil the dreams of the eccentric owner.

In the spring we are looking forward to two very contrasting talks. One will be on "Plants in a Chiltern Garden", in March, and the other will be on "Aotearoa – Land of the Long White Cloud". Another favourite garden, Anglesey Abbey, will feature in May.

In June we are planning a day's visit to a plant fair in Cottesbrooke Hall, which promises to be very exciting. There will also be an evening visit. For more information, contact 01438 832776. *Joan Amoss*

KIMPTON'S ANNUAL FRUIT, FLOWER, VEG, COOKERY, ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW.

Early reminder of this Village Day, second only to the May Festival.

This year's Show is on Sat. Sept. 1st at the end of the Schools' Summer holiday so don't miss it. Without entries there will be no show.

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Before taking this trip I had tried to raise some funds through babysitting or baking desserts. Friends, as well as the Church, in Kimpton and beyond had been marvellous in supporting me with this. So I was able to give a total of £1104.10 to the Open Hands Project which was building the houses and to take two cases full of school equipment, craft goods, clothes, toys and toiletries. This meant that at every project visited, with the goods that other team members had also brought out, we were able to give a case-full of gifts appropriate to each group of people. These were well received, particularly by the children!

On the last weekend in Brazil we were able to take a trip to the nearby Iguassu Falls - a breathtaking experience to get up close to such an amazing spectacle.

Mission Direct is a Christian Charity based in Luton which organises two week volunteering opportunities all over the world for anyone wanting to use their holiday time for the world's poorest.

For more information visit www.missiondirect.org or contact me - Liz Jamieson on 01438 832858.

Scarecrows will be back by popular request; winners' cups will be engraved FREE; childrens' prize money has been increased. Look out for new ideas in the Craft and Photography sections. Also we need more amateur artists and flower arrangers to enter. Lastly some longstanding members of this excellent committee would like to stand down after this coming Show. Would you 'shadow' them this year to see what an enjoyable experience it is to serve on the Autumn Show committee? Contact me on 01438 8432249.

Valerie Pollington

CPRE Hertfordshire Village of the Year 2012: Could it be yours?

Hertfordshire's Village of the Year competition is in its 13th year and organisers CPRE Hertfordshire hope it will be lucky for some as they celebrate and encourage village life. Entry packages go out at the beginning of February and the deadline for entry is Thursday 3 May. Each entering village completes a form and receives a visit from the judges, this year at the end of May.

'With 186 Hertfordshire villages of all shapes, sizes - each with its own unique character - it's a pity more don't enter the competition', says organiser Jo Simson. 'The villages which do seem to get such a buzz out of it'.

Hertfordshire Village of the Year 2012 – it could be yours.

For more information on the competition/an entry package, visit www.cpreherts.org.uk or contact Jo Simson on 01438 717587.



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Community Policing and PCSO's Powers

PCSO Elaine Cuozzo continues as our part funded officer until the end of March when the contract with the Parish Council is terminated. After that we understand she and her colleagues will provide whatever cover they can.

If you need to contact any officer the quickest way is to use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to. It really does work. Our Ward Constable Chris Suckling provides cover particularly on the Rural Beat and often overnight frequently in conjunction with Bedfordshire Police. It seems that some residents may not have seen the message in the previous report advising that PCSO's now have powers to issue on the spot fines to motorists for a number of offences including inconsiderate parking, anti-social driving (e.g. driving/parking on the verge or footpath), failure to display a valid tax disc and causing an unnecessary obstruction. I understand that Luton Corporation, in conjunction with Beds. Police have been successful in penalising offenders with points on their licences!

Metal Theft

A new system is being introduced allowing residents to select their personal priorities, more details next time. Meanwhile Hitchin Police will concentrate on reductions in Metal Theft, Fly Tipping, Anti-Social Behaviour, Hare Coursing and 4x4 Off-roading, so if you witness any of these crimes **actually taking place** you should ring 999. If it's after the event please ring 101. Metal theft is a real problem involving manhole covers, cabling and valuable pipework and lead roof flashing. The latest target is the precious metal in catalytic converters which are cut out of the exhaust system, particularly on commercial vehicles that are left unattended for long periods.

Hi-tech Property Marking – Selecta DNA

May I remind you that Selecta DNA marking fluid is available at £50 for a kit comprising a bottle of the fluid containing thousands of micro-dots, invisible to the naked eye, but will show up under UV light. Other items in the kit are a brush and warning labels for attaching to the item and your entry doors. There is sufficient fluid to mark about 50 items uniquely to your home, so it is not possible to

share with a neighbour, but does have the advantage that the police can trace stolen items to your household.

If you wish to purchase a kit please contact PC Matthew Jenkins on email matthew.jenkins@herts.pnn.police.uk.

OWL On-line Watch Link

Anyone with an email address can be included in the OWL system, by contacting the WLO Jill Dockley at Jill.Dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk Once on line you can look at the "Fix my Street" link and you can let the council know about faulty street lights, potholes, graffiti etc.

Caring Neighbours

You should always check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house. If in doubt call the Police immediately on 999.

Reporting Crime

It is important that if you have any information about a crime you should now call the new national call line 101. You can also contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 to provide information anonymously.

Night Security and Absence

During absence ensure that your property is secure with all windows, doors, garages and sheds properly locked. Make it look 'lived in' if possible by parking a vehicle in front of your garage or at least on the drive. If your absence is for more than a day give a neighbour your contact details. Use timer switches on a lamp fitted with an energy saving bulb of course.

Upvc doors with handle operated shoot bolts or claws must be double locked with the key. Don't leave any keys within sight of an open letter box.

Have a peaceful, safe and calm spring.

*Alan Smith, Kimpton Village NHW Co-ordinator
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This and previous editions of the Parish Magazine are available in PDF format at the village website www.kimpton.org.uk



Zumba The Night Away!

*Aidan Phillips
puts his dance
skills to the test at
a charity event in
January*

Who'd have thought getting fit could be fun?

On the way to my first Zumba experience, I made the assumption that my dance skills were probably going to be quite bad. However, I thoroughly proved myself wrong; they weren't quite bad. They were absolutely awful!

Not that this fazed me at all. In fact, lack of ability didn't seem to faze anyone in that hall, as organiser Vicky Lewis later remarked. "The atmosphere was brilliant! There were so many people in the room, old and new faces, smiling every time a song they knew came on. I'm amazed how generous they were to the cause as well; I'm going to aim for a couple of charity events every year after this."

Having had a family member and a close friend affected by breast cancer, independent instructor Vicky decided to host a charity Zumba event on 13th January at the Kimpton Memorial Hall in aid of the cause. It raised £830, with 65 people attending. Not that Vicky is a stranger to crowds; her classes in Kimpton, Knebworth, Hitchin and Welwyn Garden City are regularly packed with women of all ages. Every now and then you'll even see a man.

"It's a great activity for all fitness levels, and coupled with a healthy diet it can really change your body shape over time. You burn just as many calories as you would in a high impact aerobics class, but in a fun, less serious environment. An enjoyable experience, a body workout and a cardio routine rolled into one; it's a win-win situation really" says Vicky.

Not that Vicky is merely a preacher of the benefits Zumba can provide; she's an example of them too. "I took on Zumba as a business after having my second child, and I've never felt fitter. It's been a steep learning curve as this is my first business, but I've worked out what gets the best out of myself and everyone in the classes so that we all have a great time; something I never thought I'd say about getting fit!" With thousands attending classes nationwide and the Wii games selling millions, Zumba has become a fitness phenomenon. If you are curious what all the fuss is about, then take Vicky's advice and go along for a few lessons whenever you get the chance. Getting fit is rarely so much fun; as Vicky said, "it beats going for a run!"

Vicky's website is zumbawithvic.com

Aidan Phillips

**Please remember that the deadline for the summer edition
of this magazine is Friday June 8th 2012
Please send copy and JPEGs to
kimpton.editor@btinternet.com**



48 Years and Still Going Strong!

Aidan Phillips enjoys his first Kimpton Players Music Hall Experience

Forty-eight years since the first music hall performance and the Kimpton Players are back with another round of musical sing-a-longs, cheesy acting and corny jokes.

With mostly music for three hours, it was like watching a classier version of The X Factor, but without the tedious judges and with acts who didn't torture your ears. Bearing in mind that this was an amateur production, I was surprised at the quality of singing on show.

Saying that, my favourite act by far was the short drama put on at the start of the second half. I've always loved entertainment that doesn't take itself seriously, and this was so farcical and cheesy it would make the producers of the 'Carry On' films cringe. Wonderful stuff.

Not forgetting the Chairman Laurie Barker of course, who was so effortlessly casual and relaxed in his role he could have probably done it in a dressing gown and slippers and you wouldn't notice the difference. Fortunately for him, he did have the benefit of clothes, as well as a stylish atmosphere brought upon the hall by its revamped Victorian design. With drapes hanging from the ceiling, red walls and tables laid out fancifully, an aura of expectation was in the air by the time the curtains opened. Thankfully for us all, those expectations were duly met; I look forward to next year.

The Kimpton Players Chekhov Project

*Come To a Short
Introductory Evening*

20th March

*8pm In the Playhouse**

The project involves four short Chekov plays – each around 30 minutes.

This is a great opportunity to try your hand in a theatre production, acting, directing, lighting, producing, stage managing, set design, make up, etc...

There will be a brief presentation about Chekhov and some readings from the 4 plays.

Open auditions will take place 2 weeks later.

*The Playhouse is in the car park of Kimpton Memorial Hall.

For more information call Mike: 07967 033353

Kimpton WI

Our annual party in February was most successful and included entertainment by 'Welwyn Harmony'.

Our reading group is flourishing and Table Tennis on Friday afternoons is very popular.

We look forward to a talk on 'Art- the hidden stories' in April and May will find us busy supporting the May Festival as usual.

Don't miss our Cake Stall.

New members are always welcome on the 2nd Wednesday each month in the Memorial Hall lounge at 7.45 pm
Valerie Pollington

From the Village Website Visitor's Book www.kimpton.org.uk

Name: Stuart Gledhill

Email address: stuart.gledhill@nelincs.gov.uk

Comments: I lived in Kimpton from 1970-1972. I worked at TULA eng who restored vintage cars. I then went on to work at C and A Roberts. I was 15 at the time. Many of us had motor bikes and would meet at Claggy Corner. A few nick names that I remember are Ali, Dimps, Spence, Buster, and Jolly. I had a great time. I lived on Hall Farm when the Thompsons managed it.

Kimpton Scouts Plant Jubilee Trees



On a lovely March afternoon, along the Codicote Road, Kimpton Scouts planted the first 16 trees of the Kimpton Jubilee Tree Project. A mixture of Oak, Beech and Field Maple, all native species, chosen by our village tree expert Pat Dyer.

Of course we had help - the Scouts were helped by some Scout Dads and a Scout leader or two, and some of the Bench Working Party. A donation from our NHDC District Councillor John Bishop paid for the trees, Sanjay of the Corner Stores donated some refreshments, and the Harding family gave us permission to plant the trees on their land. A typical Kimpton community effort. Thank you all.

Pat Dyer and I have plans for a further 44 Jubilee trees around the Parish. (Yes, that's right 60 in all). Some will be on Parish owned land, some on private land. We would very much like Kimpton organisations to get involved in this project - to help plant the trees and to help with raising the money to pay for them. How about it? Perhaps at your next committee meeting you could discuss taking part, and/or providing some funding? Or maybe as an individual resident you would like to take part by planting and/or funding a Jubilee Tree?

What is quite appealing about this project is that the trees we plant should still be around for many more Jubilees. There are Oak trees that are about 200 years old along the Codicote road, quite close to where the Scouts planted their 2012 Jubilee Oaks. What stories could these trees tell? Will our newly planted Oaks be there in 200 years time?

Please do get in touch if you would like to take part in this exciting project.

Bob Finch 01438 832497 or K2JENT@aol.com

Kimpton Cricket Club are busy preparing for the season ahead. Pre-season training is in full flow, with sessions at the Choice Cricket Centre in Redbourn until the start of the season - it is held from 9-10pm on a Monday evening, new members welcome.

New members are also welcome at our pre-season golf match - Saturday 24th March at Chesfield Downs, and our annual dinner on 14th April at the White Horse in Kimpton.

The fixture list is taking shape, with the first game scheduled for 22nd April against Carpenter's Arms CC away at Rothamsted Park, followed by Kensworth CC at home on 29th April, Our first 20-20 games is on 2 May against St John Fisher CC. We also have the annual tour to Lincolnshire and Cambridge which is taking place on 7-8th July. We are also hoping to have a rematch against Saracens, who are no doubt still smarting from their loss last year!

As ever, we are always pleased to hear from prospective new members and non-playing volunteers that might be interested in scoring, umpiring or fundraising (or indeed playing golf and joining in our dinner). Please give Simon (01438 833767 or 07899 810743) a call if you would like to get involved.

Kimpton Karate Club



Leyah Fullarton-Turner

The Kimpton Karate students have been very busy since Christmas. The association gave out some important awards at the end of 2011 to the students who were seen to be trying the hardest throughout the year. The 'Achiever of the Year 2011' award was presented to one of our junior members, Ben Baciu and the 'Overall Kimpton Karateka of the Year' award was earned by one of our adult members, Tamsin Corbett. We also had an association cryptic quiz (maybe a bit too hard) and a creative competition. Leyah Fullarton-Turner won 3rd Place in the drawing competition, to design a karate badge. Everyone, well done!



Ben Baciu

Many of our pupils are currently putting in a lot of effort to be ready for the grading exam in March, to gain their new coloured belts and I am sure the results will be of a very good standard.

On Sunday 26th February a group of ZOKU students attended a course held by our Governing Body. The CMAA are in charge of the instructor programme/exam for all martial arts instructor trainee's throughout the country. We currently have 5 Kimpton members on this programme...Matthew Corcoran and Jacob New are studying to pass the Cadet Leader qualification and we also have Patrick New, Tamsin Corbett and Gavin Corcoran who are on the programme to become adult Level 2 instructors.



Tamsin Corbett

We have a very exciting year ahead of us with a weapons course, various tournaments, training courses with some of Japan's finest masters, belt gradings and to end with, a very popular dinner and dance.

We hold our classes on a Wednesday evening at Kimpton Memorial Hall. All children aged 5, 6 & 7 years old 5.30pm start and 8yrs upto and including adults 6.00pm start.

Feel free to email sez69sez@hotmail.com with any questions or visit our website www.zokukarate.co.uk

Kimpton Bowls Club

As I write, 25 club members are about to spend 4 days at Potters Leisure Centre in Norfolk, where we will be competing in the bowls tournament and enjoying the excellent hotel and other sports facilities, followed by evening entertainment.

This is in marked contrast to the pre-Christmas "event" when we discovered a break-in to the clubhouse. Mindless individuals broke in, damaging the door and frame beyond repair, only to discover that no items of value were kept on the premises. Luckily we have access to excellent tradesmen in the village who have helped us to reinstate the premises, at substantial cost to the insurers. We anticipate a substantial increase in premium soon! A quote from one of our members, which says it all:-

"I get very cross and emotional about things like this. We are just a few oldish people who have worked hard during their lives and now enjoy some friendship and gentle exercise. We work hard to keep our club going and some b-----s think, what fun to wreck what we have! I don't see any fun in that".

We would like to see any of you who are interested in bowls at our pre-season "Open Day" on Sunday 15th April at 2-30 pm. Also, please visit us for tea and cakes on May Festival Saturday, and try your hand at novelty bowls games as usual. More information can be seen on posters around the village.

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Kington May Festival/Accounts 2011

	Retained	2011	2010	Up / (Down)
Income	50%			
Hat Fund / Raising Income - Village	✓	2,300.00	2,000.00	300.00
Art Show (Church Feet Fund)	✓	2,331.90	1,700.00	631.90
Auction		69.00	143.48	(74.48)
K Town Poles		1,042.87	665.70	387.17
Bars (Kington Guides & Parishwest)	✓	98.95	65.25	(33.70)
Ball Projects Collection	✓	50.00	200.00	(150.00)
Bowls Club	✓	192.25	145.00	47.25
Brass of Kington	✓	200.00	200.00	-
Bridges Club	✓	68.88	90.00	(21.12)
Brownies' Stall	✓	224.93	61.03	163.90
Buckin' Collection	✓	44.70	92.57	(47.87)
Scout Car Park	✓	40.00	-	40.00
Bury Car Park	✓	130.00	85.00	45.00
Car Boot Sale	✓	(16.94)	(4.00)	(12.94)
Childrens Art Competition	✓	141.00	116.63	24.37
Church Services Collection	✓	465.00	444.95	20.05
Craft Market (Kington Preschool)	✓	54.30	44.00	10.30
Crider	✓	(39.00)	48.94	(87.94)
Disco	✓	118.97	60.00	58.97
Kington Environmentalists	✓	113.00	118.00	(5.00)
Football 5 a side	✓	305.00	120.00	185.00
Football Club BBQ	✓	643.02	643.70	(0.68)
Geoco's Wall	✓	98.02	98.05	(0.03)
Fun Fun	✓	150.00	175.00	(25.00)
Garland Club Stall	✓	1,176.05	1,745.95	(569.90)
Garland Draw	✓	5.30	40.93	(35.63)
Kington Rainbows	✓	62.00	20.00	42.00
History Group	✓	981.13	494.25	486.88
Hog Roast	✓	930.50	994.00	(63.50)
Kington Emerative	✓	-	46.35	(46.35)
Kington Encore	✓	308.00	173.00	135.00
Monday Cream Teas	✓	87.31	-	87.31
Kington Works	✓	-	36.06	(36.06)
Preschool Stall	✓	403.86	199.00	204.86
Primos Bars	✓	2,480.82	2,248.06	232.76
Programmes	✓	893.23	895.97	(2.74)
PSA BBQ	✓	263.00	330.00	(67.00)
Scout Group Book Stall	✓	65.20	28.88	36.32
Tennis Club	✓	945.30	811.90	133.40
Wales'que Cream Teas	✓	191.02	143.82	47.20
Wine Tasting	✓	170.00	108.00	62.00
Womens Institute Cake Stall	✓	28.05	-	28.05
Explorer Scouts - Denmark Jamboree Stall	✓	80.00	-	80.00
Chios/Allice World Challenge Stall	✓	60.00	-	60.00
Wineage Runnidge	✓	30.00	-	30.00
Scout Train	✓	79.10	131.00	(51.90)
Womens Birt Legion	✓	17,995.93	15,727.92	2,268.01
Donations		20.00	100.00	(80.00)
Bank Interest		0.32	0.24	0.08
Christy/Commercial Stalls		650.00	330.00	320.00
Fal Ground Poles		505.00	330.00	175.00
50% Group Payment		8,023.28	6,908.26	1,215.02
Total Income		<u>27,134.53</u>	<u>23,370.03</u>	<u>3,764.50</u>

	2011	2010
Expenditure		
Entertainment	1,959.00	2,037.66
General Expenses	1,776.07	1,514.83
Taxic Management	1,840.80	1,035.37
Insurance	692.05	730.39
Prizes & Presents	540.30	820.11
Publicity Expenses	29.42	46.32
Total Expenditure	<u>6,937.55</u>	<u>7,251.18</u>

Total Income	27,134.53	23,370.03
Total Expenditure	6,937.55	7,251.18
2011 Surplus / (Deficit)	20,196.98	16,118.85
Less 50% Payment	(8,023.28)	(6,908.26)
2011 Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>12,173.70</u>	<u>9,210.59</u>
Less 50th Festival set up	(1,000.00)	-
Surplus Available for Distribution	<u>11,173.70</u>	<u>9,210.59</u>

Distribution:		
Church Restoration Fund (1/3 dist)	3,724.00	5,614.45
Kington Memorial Hall (1/3 dist)	3,724.00	2,000.00
Blue Cross	-	100.00
Womens British Legion	92.00	-
Funkiemans	-	300.00
Garden House Hospice	150.00	200.00
Herts Air Ambulance	150.00	200.00
Isleval Hospices	150.00	200.00
Keesh Cottage Hospice	150.00	200.00
Kington Bands Working Party	200.00	200.00
Kington Minnieys	75.00	135.00
Kington Bessies	75.00	-
Kington WI	100.00	-
Parish Welfare	200.00	-
WALLAM	200.00	-
Wales'que Borneo	200.00	-
Chios/Allice World Challenge	100.00	-
Expl. Scouts - Denmark Jamboree	75.00	-
Monday Frassie/Gordon	-	150.00
Kington Rovers Football Club	500.00	-
Notes Project	150.00	100.00
Welfare Payments	700.00	200.00
Bevel Brass	-	250.00
	<u>10,766.00</u>	<u>9,829.45</u>

2011 Opening Balance	3,367.82
Plus 2011 Hat Income	27,234.53
Less 2011 Expenditure	(17,037.55)
Less 50% Group Payment	(8,023.28)
2011 Surplus	<u>12,173.70</u>
Less 2011 Distribution	(10,766.00)
2011 Closing Balance	<u>4,706.32</u>

Accounts prepared by James Clayton. Accounts confirmed by John Hunter & being in accordance with the records and information received.

Bridges of London Walk 2012

On Sunday 13th May Garden House Hospice will be holding their annual Bridges of London sponsored walk.. This is a walk with a difference and a great day out for all the family. We travel by coach to Battersea Bridge where to set out to cross 12 bridges and reach the finishing point at Tower Bridge.

This is definitely not a race! There is time to take in the sights and stop for lunch as you complete the course. The registration fee for the event is £15, which covers coach fare and administration costs. The route is 11miles and involves climbing a number of steps in order to cross the bridges.

Last year's walk broke all records both in the number of 'Bridgers' that took part and the amount of money raised, a fantastic £19,000. As Garden House must raise in excess of £1.3million this year to maintain the current level of services this event makes a significant contribution towards the care of patients.

For more information and registration form phone

Jo Wiffen, Community Fundraiser on 01462 679540

email: jo.wiffen@ghhospice.co.uk or visit www.ghhospice.co.uk

Closing date for registration Friday 27th April 2012



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Kimpton Yacht Club

Kimpton may not be best known as a seaside resort, but it is getting its own Kimpton Yacht Club! Over fifty people from the area have trained at Andy Morton's Heron Sailing School over the past decade and he is keen to give them opportunities to get on the water.

The KYC will be a great chance for those salty souls to get together and yarn about their sailing experiences over a pint, to plan sailing trips together and to provide crews for the several Kimpton people who have their own yachts.

If you would like to join in - and it's free! - come along to The Boot at 8pm on Thursday 26th April. If you're interested please contact Andy Morton on 01438 832427.

The Church in Kimpton

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Miss Pam Greener
01582 604771

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Priest

Father Brian Reynolds
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01438 757604

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Helping Hand

HOSPITAL VISITING

Please phone the vicarage - 01438 833419 - if anyone from the village is in hospital.

NORTH HERTS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES SCHEME

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 459752

CANCER ADVISORY SERVICE

BACUP Link Line. Freephone 181199

THE SAMARITANS

If you would like to talk to the Samaritans or find out more about becoming a volunteer, please ring 01582 720666 or 08457 90 90 90 anytime day or night or email jo@samaritans.org

HITCHIN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

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

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

Contact Natasha Mayling on 07970 172571. www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys

KIMPTON PRESCHOOL

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

We are open during term time from 9am to 12noon, Monday to Friday. We also offer Lunch Clubs from Monday to Thursday, an afternoon session 1-3pm on Wednesdays and a Stay & Play session from 1.30-3pm on Thursdays. For more details, please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager, on 01438 833936 or visit www.kimptonpreschool.co.uk

KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

For bookings contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 6 The Wick, Kimpton. 01438 832620

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Pauline Massam 01438 833806

USEFUL LINKS

www.kimpton.org.uk

www.herts.police.uk

www.stalbans.anglican.org

www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk