



Kimpton Parish Magazine

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**‘Making a Noise in Kimpton’ report and
pictures on pages 12 and 13**



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
2pm (term time only)	Parish Church	Time for Tots
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

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Dear Friends,

Since my last letter I have enjoyed two trips to Germany, which have given me wonderful memories and much to think about. The first in June was an early birthday present from Malcolm. He stayed at home to look after the dog while I and several Kimpton church members joined other Christians on a 10 day holiday which included two nights in Oberammergau where we saw the famous Passion Play. (See elsewhere in this issue). The second trip was in July when 16 from Kimpton church, including Malcolm, visited our twin church in Schönermark, in eastern Germany. We stayed in parishioners' homes, being warmly welcomed and royally entertained. With our hosts we enjoyed various outings, including a day trip to Poland - where I provided entertainment for all by getting soaked to the skin on a boat trip around the harbour. (No, I didn't fall in, but was swamped by a large amount of rain water that swished off the boat's awning and hit only me!). On our last day we enjoyed a horse drawn wagon ride with a picnic and river boat tour (I stayed dry!). We also had the opportunity on the Sunday to worship together as we shared Holy Communion. Being with Christians from other parts of the world always serves as a reminder that Christ's saving love is offered to everyone, regardless of culture, tradition, or language. In Him, we are one world-wide family with one heavenly Father.

Today as I write, members of Kimpton church, aged from 6 years to well over 21, together with some friends, are taking part in The Noise Project, which seeks to demonstrate Christ's love through practical action. Gardens are being tidied and rooms painted for some who are no longer able to carry out such tasks for themselves. The work is being interspersed

with acts of worship in church, keeping the day focussed on Christ. In this way Christ's love is shared locally while in our worship we have also prayed for our neighbours in other parts of the world, especially in Pakistan, devastated by flooding.

Some of our neighbours in the world hate our culture, considering themselves our enemies, and it is easy to retaliate in thought, word and deed, but retaliation can lead to escalation and the potential for atrocities to be committed by all sides. While it is right to defend ourselves, we should not forget Jesus' command to pray for our enemies and those who hate us. In praying for them we acknowledge that we, as well as they, are sinners, and that God loves them as much He loves us, for we are all made in His image.

Twice in the 20th Century the people of Britain and Germany were enemies, and the world endured times of evil which brought great suffering, and yet our two nations are now friends. In our prayers, then, let us remember all our neighbours near and far, friend and enemy, asking for peace and reconciliation, in the knowledge that nothing is impossible with God.

With my love to you all, Lorraine

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

St. Peter & St. Paul, Kimpton

3rd October 11am HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE, followed by Lunch & Auction of Gifts (proceeds to the Bishop of St. Albans Harvest Appeal)

7th November (time to be arranged) SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIVES OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES.

14th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE.

For both the above services, look out for details on notice boards.

Ayot St. Lawrence

10th October 11:30am HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMUNION SERVICE

With Kimpton Parish Church Choir (Harvest Supper in Church --- look out for details)

14th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE at the War Memorial

To be conducted by Andy Morton. Approx. start 10:50am.

Coffee will be available after the Service, kindly provided by the The Brocket Arms.

From The Registers

Baptisms

3 July 2010 Alexia Megan Mayling
8 August 2010 Poppy Jean Violet Clarry

Weddings

21 August 2010 Joanne Knight to Jeffrey Daniel Dominic James

Burials & Interments

21 June 2010 Kenneth Newman
31 July 2010 Reginald Wray
4 August 2010 Marlene Smith
5 August 2010 Edith Davies
10 August 2010 Richard Palmer
23 August 2010 Alfred John Barnes



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION *last chance to enter!*

Each year Kimpton Christians Together produce a Christmas card which is delivered to every household in Kimpton and Ayot St. Lawrence, listing the various Church Services for the season. For a number of years, Sandra Berti has kindly designed a beautiful front for the cards, but this year, with Sandra's agreement, we are inviting the children of the villages to submit designs for us. The design should fit onto a piece of paper the size of this page when folded top to bottom. (You can make it bigger, but we must be able to shrink it to that size without losing detail). There will be two age groups: up to 7 years and 8 - 12years; there will be one winner from each group, and we shall use the two winning designs for our cards. We don't have any prizes, but each winner will receive a certificate and the knowledge that their artwork will be displayed in half the homes in Kimpton and Ayot St. Lawrence. To enter, deliver your design to Revd. Lorraine at the Vicarage (11 High Street, Kimpton) by the end of September. Please put your name, age, address and telephone number on the back of your entry. No-one (not even the Judge) except Revd. Lorraine will see your details. Judging will take place at the beginning of October. Please note that we shan't be able to return any of the entries and the Judge's decision will be final.

CHURCHYARD VOLUNTEERS

Apart from grass cutting by the Parish Council, the rest of the maintenance of our beautiful and historic churchyard is done by volunteers.

Lyn and David Dawes gave valiant service for many years, cutting the long hedge which borders Hitchin Lane, two or three times a year. Sadly they have moved to Scotland.

WHO WILL REPLACE THEM?

If this job does not appeal, then there is plenty of other work. You can either join others (at present two people work on Friday mornings) or beaver away, with or without others, at a time to suit yourself. It is an idyllic place to work.

Contact Valerie Pollington on **01438 832249**

Gordon Howells

Michael, Gill and Family would like to thank everyone for their support and generous donations in memory of their late father Gordon.

A substantial amount has been donated to both Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Fund and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, causes that were so close to Gordon's heart.

The Editor and production team acknowledge with grateful thanks donations received from Margaret Payne.

Ordination of Stuart Haynes

THE SEEDS WE SOW

Liverpool Cathedral is huge and daunting, but nothing could eclipse the delight and pride we felt at being there.

The occasion was an Ordination as Deacon of one of Kimpton's sons – Stuart Haynes – who now lives in Ormskirk with his wife and children. Way back in 1980, Stuart had been a member of our church youth group, KIC (Kimpton Interdenominational Club). He joined the group along with such luminaries as David Pollington and the Jeremy Finch, and although he played an active part in the discussions and activities we had there was no real sign of what was to come!

Nevertheless, at the party after the ordination, in his speech, Stuart pointed unerringly at us and said, 'It's all their fault!'

As teachers and youth leaders, we often never find out the influence that we might have had on those in our care. That spark must have lain dormant for all those years. It makes us realise the awesome responsibility that we all have. In a short address to the congregation the Bishop of Liverpool spoke of many of the ordinands who looked back on early incidents in their lives which had been the seed which had started them on the path towards ministry.

God bless you, Stuart, and guide you in your ministry in Lancashire. We are proud of you.

Stuart (left) is pictured with the Bishop of Liverpool

Andy and Juliet Morton

Kimpton Flower Arrangers invite you to visit our village church during Harvest Festival weekend

Saturday 2nd October (10 am – 4 pm)

and

Sunday 3rd October (12 noon – 4 pm)

Please come and see the church beautifully decorated with flowers,
fruits and vegetables

as well as a display of arts and crafts by local clubs

Everyone welcome

Entrance free

SCHÖNERMARK SNAPSHOTS



David Shillitoe made the trip from France, where he was on holiday, in order to join the group from Kimpton visiting Germany. Here are some of his memories of the trip to the Schoenermark group of churches with whom Kimpton Parish Church has a long-standing partnership.

This was my second time to Schönermark and I joined with 15 other members of Kimpton Parish Church for a visit in late July. Everybody there will have had different experiences of the time with our friendly German hosts - but here are just a few of mine.

SPEED – Pastor Michael Heise was on hand to meet me and Malcolm and Lorraine Summers at Berlin Schoenefeld Airport. I had flown from Paris, the Summers's from Luton. Both our planes landed somewhat late, so Michael took us at high speed along the motorways in his car to make up the time! Mind you, I noticed that Malcolm and Lorraine did a lot of talking when were in the car!

HEAT – The welcome meeting laid on for us at the Frauenhagen "Wiesengrund" hotel restaurant found everyone – hosts and guests – perspiring profusely. The temperature was around 30c even at 9.00pm. But food and especially drink were on hand and readily consumed. Old friendships were quickly renewed and new ones made. However a storm was brewing up.

RAIN – I was put up in the old pastor's house in the nearby village of Biesenbrow. This was where I had stayed four years ago with Keith and Faith Seymour. Sadly, this time I had the house to myself. The pastor's house acts as a guest house and was exactly the same as I remembered it, right down to the old mangle standing in the corner! By the way, the storm arrived at 3am. Rain accompanied us off and on for the next couple of days. Martin and Sybille Schartow and their son, Christian were delightful and generous hosts. Interestingly, their younger son, Michael, is spending nine months in Tanzania helping at a hospital run by the Lutheran Church. I was shown some fascinating pictures taken by Martin and Sybille, as they had visited their son there some weeks previously.

LIFT – With Liz Jamieson, I was taken in charge on the Friday by the Sichter family. We visited the ruined monastery of Chorin and then the amazing Niederfinow Boat Lift. For me, this was a truly impressive construction – built in the 1920's the boat lift raises and lowers boats and barges by 36 metres in just 5 minutes! The tank of water in which the boat floats is 90 metres long and 12 metres wide and with the water weighs 4,300 tonnes. The whole construction required 14,000 tonnes of steel and 72,000 cubic metres of concrete. The lift is so busy that they are now building a second one alongside.

BOATS – The watery theme of our time with our German friends continued with a coach trip to the Polish city of Szczecin on the Saturday. Just an hour's journey to the border to the north east of Schönermark, the visit to this port city was for Michael Hodges and his mother, Eva, of special significance. Eva had been born in Stettin, as the then German town was called. The harbour was very impressive with a dry dock with a ship in it being manoeuvred by tugs to a new location.

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from page 6 The boat trip round the harbour also reminded me that my grandfather, Harold Shillitoe, who grew up in Hitchin, visited Stettin in 1908 in order to sell high quality British pigiron to the shipbuilders there. I have a postcard to prove it! Sadly the business of shipbuilding had died out in Szczecin as the Polish authorities have now concentrated all shipbuilding activities to the more famous port city of Gdansk (famous for Lech Walesa and the Solidarity Movement).

CHURCHES – One of the features of the Schönermark parish are the number of churches. I think there are currently seven of them. On the Sunday morning I joined a group of some ten folk from Kimpton and we were taken by Pastor Michael Heise to see the Passow and Biesenbrow churches. In particular, a very big renovation project is ongoing at Passow. As we were shown around, we were able to view the new church tower, completely rebuilt, the new church roof and the lovely medieval altar inside. The ingenious efforts in fundraising were remarkable and much dedication has been spent by the members of the congregation to ensure the money came in. One particular novel idea that caught my eye – the local brewery agreed to produce a special beer “Passow Church Brew” with its own label. All profits went to the church building fund!

I have not had space to describe the Monday trips to the Oder National Park centre, neither the horse-drawn charabanc ride round the town of Schwedt, nor the boat excursion on the River Oder, which now is the border between Germany and Poland. (Note – a small frontier village on the Polish side has some one dozen ladies hairdressing salons, because they charge half the price for a hairdo compared to salons on the German side!)

Everything about our visit had been so well thought out and executed by our dear German hosts. We are so grateful to them. Let's hope we match their kindness and generosity when the group from Schönermark visit us in 2012!

David Shillitoe

KIMPTON WI

We've welcomed several new members this year. Why not join us?

You missed a great trip which gave us the opportunity to view the 2012 London Olympics site in August. Coming up is a talk on 'Shoplifting' in October. In November we're off to St Albans to see Jesus Christ Super Star. In December we will be entertained by Keith Baldwin on a Christmas theme and we also plan to go a local pub for a pre-Christmas Lunch.

Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 7.45 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Visitors are very welcome. Further details from Valerie Pollington **01438 832249**

Danger - Tree Felling in Park Wood and Clarkeshill Wood!

During the next few months a Forestry Commission approved woodland management programme will take place. This work involves the thinning of trees to allow the remaining trees room to mature.

Most of the woodlands were planted in the 1950's and 1960's. Some of the woodlands are planted with Scots Pine and Corsican Pine, with timber production on maturity. Other woodlands

were planted with Oak trees for the final crop and Larch as a nurse crop to protect the Oaks. The Larch have now reached maturity and are being removed to allow the Oaks to mature over the next 100+ years.

Please be aware that forestry work is very dangerous. Please do not come into the woods at any time while this work is being carried out. The tree felling operators cannot hear people entering the woods above the noise of their work. A 25 metre tree crashing down cannot be outrun.

The warning signs are extremely important and are there for your safety. Removal of these signs endangers the lives of people entering the woodland. The stacked timber is dangerous. Please keep off it.

If you keep to the designated footpaths, you will be safe. Please keep your dog on a lead, they cannot read the signs.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

DO YOU WANT A MAY FESTIVAL?

The May Festival NEEDS YOU! Come and give your ideas about how the Festival 2011 should look. The AGM is on Tuesday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Lounge.

Don't just leave it to others. Get involved!



Ken Newman - A Reflection by Peter Liddell

Ken revealed a new heaven and a new earth to many people. His time as captain of the bellringers spanned four decades. When he and Sue came to the village in 1968, there were no ringers. He set about teaching and he calculated recently that he had taught 63 people to ring, many of whom still do so. In his time, he was among the best ringers in the country. He was a member of the team at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and he had rung by invitation at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral.

In 1978, he initiated a project to add two new bells to the existing six. With the help of local experts and volunteers, the band lowered the existing bells, removed the oak frame and replaced it with an iron frame from a redundant church. The oak timbers were sold to pay for the new bells. The new bells were named in honour of the church's patron saints, Peter and Paul. The inscription on Peter reads, "Thou are the Christ". The words on the second bell are taken from St. Paul, who speaks about putting off the "old man", our ordinary former self, and putting on the "new man", the person we become by conversion and in faith. The inscription "I am the New Man", therefore, contains Ken's name and by extension the names of all who have served in the spreading of the Gospel.

Ken died in June aged 69. A very large congregation came to pay tribute and to give thanks, drawn from the many areas of his life: bellringers both locally and nationally, the Kimpton Friendly Bridge Club, which he helped found, the Mid-Herts Golf Club, his many sailing companions and the many friends whom he and Sue, Joanna, Richard and Michael have gathered over the years. Ken is buried in the churchyard in sight of the tower which he loved so much.

The address, given by Peter Liddell, which describes the unusual quarter peal rung in his honour, has been entered in the parish archives and is posted on the parish church website www.achurchnearyou.com/kimpton-st-peter-st-paul

The Church needs some more Bell Ringers

Not only have we sadly lost Ken but two others have also had to give up through ill health. Please do get in touch if you are aged 10 or over and might like to learn or return to bell ringing. We would be pleased to "show you the ropes" and arrange a session for you to find out more. It is a stimulating, enjoyable and social hobby. It also provides an excellent service for the village.

If you might be interested please phone Sue Newman 01438 832560

Community Apple Collecting

We are organising another community pick of apples to make into Kimpton Apple Juice. Come along at 3.30pm Friday 8th October to the New Green. Tree climbers of all ages especially welcome, but good catchers and those with apple pickers, baskets and boxes are also needed. There should be plenty of windfalls as well for you to take home for pies. If you have spare apples from your own trees, please bring picked apples (not windfalls) to 22 Church Lane, Kimpton, by Monday 11 October

so that they too can be juiced rather than wasted. Any amount and variety of apples are welcome. Bring enough and you can claim bottles at cost. Contact Anna on 01438 832613

It's Panto Time Again - Oh yes it is!!

The Kimpton Players' pantomime this year is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' It is very funny and full of all the usual panto characters and gags. Evening shows are on December 2nd, 3rd and Saturday 4th when there is also a matinee. See posters around the village for times and box office details.



Good News, Bad News and a big Thank You!

First the good news. I am delighted to report that we now have an Executive Committee with the full complement of eight members. Chris Baker, who had for many years been one of the two Parish Council nominated representatives, was elected in his own right at the last AGM, and we have two new Parish Council representatives, Councillors John Baughan and David Hardstaff. We welcome them both. Kimpton Parish Council is always extremely supportive of our Hall, and I know that both David and John are very keen to make active contributions, indeed they are already beginning to make their mark!

We are also very pleased to welcome Cei Jenkins who half volunteered and was half 'press-ganged' to help us with the secretarial duties, but who is clearly going to make a much larger contribution than just that! We formally co-opted Cei at our last meeting and she has already demonstrated alarming efficiency.

I feel we now have a very vigorous Executive Committee with some strong personalities and lively minds. Let us hope your Chairman is up to keeping them all in order!

At the risk of 'harping on' I must again remind everybody that the Management Committee Meeting is to be held in the Memorial Hall lounge at 8.00pm on October 19th. Among other

important issues that Committee will be asked to consider next year's hiring charges in the light of the ongoing shortfall between letting income and running expenses.

We are trying to increase our income in such a manner as to minimise the effect on village organisations. However we have carried out a detailed survey of the charges made by other Halls locally, and it is clear that our charges are generally far cheaper than virtually every Hall in the area, including it seems, Peter's Green Village Hall, which, charming little Hall that it is, offers nothing like the facilities that we do.

Please ensure that your organisation has its say in this debate by making sure your representative attends the meeting, but please bear in mind that, at the end of the day, we have to make ends meet!

Can I end this report with an enormous 'Thank You' to The Kimpton Bench Working Party, members of which (too many to mention) descended upon the Hall on the morning of 8th September, armed with brushes, paint-pots, drills, hammers, ladders and the like: and with great camaraderie and enormous good humour, did a whole host of mostly horrid but necessary jobs: from painting the walls, to clearing the gutters and cleaning out the grotty cupboards under the sinks. Thank you all once again. You are a great bunch to work with!

Roger Nash 01438 832101

Kimpton Parish Council – Chairman's Quarterly Report

Summer fast fading, as I write we have already enjoyed the Kimpton Autumn Show. This is your Parish Council's 'quiet season' only two full meetings since the last report – not much to say? Yet... During June we held our second full public consultation, following delivery of questionnaires, consequent upon the completion of Phase I of the Kimpton Play Strategy 2008 – 2018. This addressed the improvements already carried out on the children's / young persons play area at the Recreation Ground, additional equipment together with increased playground area being provided, also particularly, the long argued issue of the removal of a fence enclosing the old area. The outcome, following a full discussion by those 30 residents and Councillors present was a very clear mandate to keep the reduced fencing provisions in place, move the main entrance gate into the Rec. from the High Street, to a position which would enable parents and other responsible people to supervise their children playing INSIDE the recreation Ground from any area close to the play equipment.

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from page 9 Competitive estimates have been obtained and this work will commence in September – evidence your Council does listen and also seeks to meet the needs of the whole community. Finally, additional equipment described and discussed by several members of our community who have assisted in both reviews is, currently, in process of being chosen and ordered, your Council is grateful for the many ideas and suggestions provided.

Our June meeting was attended by several of the agencies involved in the proposed development of Lloyd Way, more particularly the architects and officers from North Hertfordshire Homes. A thoroughly professional presentation was given and the many members of the public present were able to ask and have many of their questions answered about this significant new development in Kimpton, due to commence in Spring 2011.

Introducing a new pattern of quarterly meetings attended by our PCSO, our own PC and the local Inspector responsible, members of the Council and our Clerk believe we have a much better understanding of the activity and performance of the scheme we are funding. Please contact us through the Parish Office should you hold information you believe would be helpful to law enforcement officers as this can be shared with those we work alongside.

It is your Councils intention in the coming months, both to continue with our work mentioned here, subject to ever tightening budget constraints, as well as look carefully at the wider provisions for our community contained in our Parish Plan. Please let us know your ideas and share suggestions and priorities as you watch our agendas going forward – available on our Parish Website as well as our notice boards. *Cllr David I Reavell, Chairman, Kimpton Parish council*

Email Alert System

In September, we used the Kimpton email alert system for the first time to inform residents about the tree felling work taking place in the local woods (see article on page 7). In the coming months we intend to use the Kimpton email alert system to publish information about local events and matters that are of general interest. Emails offer a fast and efficient method of communication to supplement the use of notice boards, fliers and Kimpton Parish Magazine. If you did not receive this email and would like to be included in the distribution list then please forward your email address to Carina Helmn, Parish Clerk at kimptonpc@btconnect.com

First Contact

Older people value their independence and are supported in their journey thanks to the array of first-class services provided throughout Hertfordshire. Nevertheless, isolation and lack of interaction with local authorities are risk factors that impact on older and vulnerable people and can result in a decline in health and quality of life. Hertfordshire County Council is committed to reaching out and helping people over 50 to access the services they need to continue to contribute positively to their community.

First Contact, a partnership service between the Council and the PCT is an innovative approach to bridge the gap between service providers and citizens. The scheme tackles issues faced by older people through a signposting checklist, community

agents and health trainers. With a Signposting Checklist, agencies providing services in older people's homes can quickly assess their needs and generate referrals to other agencies such as Fire and Rescue or Adult Care. Taking a 'no wrong door' approach, the checklist simplifies the dialogue between the services and those in need of them.

In areas where risk factors for older people are more significant, the checklist is supported by Community Agents, locally sourced members of the community who offer free and confidential advice to older residents. They provide information and support people in their own homes and actively put them in contact with relevant agencies, voluntary groups and community services.

In Stevenage, Broxbourne, Watford and Three Rivers older citizens have access to Health Trainers who are professionally trained to support and encourage residents to lead healthier lives and advise on physical activity, healthy eating, and can help to stop smoking and reduce alcohol consumption.

First Contact is being delivered to the 50+ age group and vulnerable adults across Hertfordshire. Should you or someone you know like more information or a visit from a Community Agent, please call us on **0300 123 4042** or visit www.hertsdirect.org

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Our day outing to Wisley Gardens in June was most enjoyable and interesting. The gardens were very colourful and the

trial grounds for sweet peas and delphiniums were quite spectacular. The alpine house was full of the most exquisite flowering plants. In late afternoon, most members adjourned to the plant sales area where the choice of plants was very extensive. The sight of members carrying off their purchases was a small reminder of the last day at Chelsea!!

In July members visited Waterdell Gardens at Croxley Green which were also very colourful and before we left we carried away more plants!

In August members met in the Memorial Hall lounge for a "Bring and share" supper which was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

September brought along Joe Sharman who regaled us with a talk on spring bulbs and flowers backed up by many beautiful colour slides and once again enjoyed by us all.

The club's A.G.M. is on Wednesday 6th October at 8.00p.m. and we invite members and non members to come along. Following business conclusion we will have light refreshments and Sandra Benson will show us a selection of photographs taken during her and Mike's long visit to New Zealand earlier this year.

The 3rd of November will bring James Buttress to the lounge to give us an illustrated talk entitled "Britain in Bloom". Our Christmas Party and entertainment will be on Friday 10th December.

We welcome visitors to any of our evenings, just come along to the Memorial Hall lounge at 8.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month. For further information of meetings and/or membership please contact our Secretary Mike Gouldsbrough on 01438 832776. *Pat Dyer*

Kimpton 34th Autumn Show of produce, crafts and hobbies

Once again a successful show despite the adverse weather conditions which reduced the number of entries in some areas. The WI Tea and cakes were much enjoyed and we hope to hand over profit of around £700 to the Memorial Hall Fund. Many people gave their time and expertise which makes this event a real community effort. Grateful thanks to Kimpton Horse Show who supplied rosettes; to the Garden Club for the prize for the tallest Sunflower; and to members of the Bench Working party who did all the 'heavy' work before and after the show.

There has been a steady decline over recent years in interest in the Best Kept Gardens and Allotments competitions, so we gave them a rest this year. The committee would love to revive this aspect. Anyone with ideas of how we could do so, please get in touch.

BUT, where were the entries from those who now go to Secondary Schools? And there was a decline in the entries from younger children. Can we plead with parents to encourage your children to get involved. We try to include interesting things that your children can do on wet days in the long summer holiday but they need your back -up and know- how.

The Scarecrows made at Kimpton School in the summer term were a great success and will again be on view, with others, over the week-end of October 2nd and 3rd in the Parish Church in conjunction with Harvest Festival. Bring your friends; there will be tea and cakes available and craft, flowers and old agricultural implements to see. *Valerie Pollington, Chairman*

ARE YOU A RETIRED ART TEACHER?

Kimpton Art Group meets once a month, in the afternoon, to draw and paint together and would love to have expert tuition on a regular basis. Contact Valerie Pollington on 832249.

**The deadline for the winter edition of the Parish Magazine is
Friday November 19th
Please email your copy and jpegs to kimpton.editor@btinternet.com**

Making a Huge Noise!

DAMP BUT UNDETERRED!

Thursday 26th August brought rain... and rain! But nothing diminished the smiles of the 45 volunteers who turned out to support the Parish Church's 'Noise' project.

Showing the Christian Church in action, teams of hard-workers sorted out gardens and painted rooms for people in the village who could not have achieved it for themselves. Shrubs are pruned, weeds are cleared and walls now look pristine and smart after the labours of the volunteers, who ranged in age from 6 to 75.

A team of ladies ensured that the workers did not go hungry, providing a delicious breakfast, lunch and Barbecue supper and the Vicar was on hand to focus our labours on Jesus, our inspiration.

So successful was it, that we are already planning for another 'Noise' and we hope we will double the numbers of people involved and the number of tasks we can take on.

Andy Morton





Tony Mann gets down to some serious work as does Liz Jamieson while Angela Snelling gives instructions to Mark Lenthall (page 12). Push-me-pull-you twins Rogan and Logan (above) enjoy weeding and Toby and Jaryn (right) have fodder for the brown bin. Carina Helm and Kate Chase have grand designs on someone's room and Karen Pollington does some back-breaking work!



1st Kimpton Scout Group

All 3 sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – have a great programme of activities planned for this term. By the time you read this we will have returned from our Family Camp, where once again many of the good folk of Kimpton will have spent 2 nights under canvas and have experienced the mugs of hot chocolate, campfires and Scouting adventures that attract so many of our children and young people to the Group. More juicy details in the next issue!!

We would really like to take this opportunity to appeal for new members. After the baby bulge of 2000 we are bursting at the seams in Cubs and Scouts, but we do now have spaces in Beavers. If your child is over 3 it's worth getting their name down on our waiting list NOW, and if they are already 5 it's not too late – we do still have a few places available next year. Beavers start when they are 6 years old and if you chat to any of them, or their parents, you will quickly learn that for many it's the highlight of their week.

Very important to note, is that from January 2011, Beavers will be held on a THURSDAY night from 5.15 – 6.15

This will mean that all members of the Scout Group meet on the same night, making it possible to have joint projects and the sharing of leaders across the sections.

We really look forward to welcoming new members so please visit our website at www.kimptonscouts.org.uk to register on our waiting list. *Annie New, Beaver Scout Leader 833421*

2nd Kimpton Brownies Summer 2010

When I last wrote, the Brownies were anticipating their pet show, with a little hesitation on my behalf. My worries were squashed with an array of participants, even pictures of those unable to attend; there was even a robotic parrot join us too. The pets were impeccably behaved and winners returned home with a rosette.

For our Fathers Day preparations we met at Kimpton Primary School, where we made and decorated our Fathers Day presents of CD clocks.

The rest of our Programme was busily spent preparing for our Brownie Pack holiday, making banners for our rooms, menus, place mats and job rotas, to name but a few tasks. The anticipation and excitement built each week until finally, the day arrived, and with it came fantastic weather and so many happy smiling faces.

By the Sunday we were weary, happy to see our families, but, a bit sad it was over.

It could not have happened without the hard work and planning that Brown Owl had put into it. Nor,

without the tireless energy put into the weekend by Emma and Amy Matthews. "Thank you ladies".

The holiday was Brown Owl's last Brownie event, where we said our farewell to her. After 20 years of running 2nd Kimpton Brownies, Jan deserves a massive thank you from her past and present Brownies and Girlguiding itself. So, on their behalf, "Thank you Jan".

On our last meeting at the hall, we had a book evening. Brownies came dressed as their favourite book character and brought their books to share. Mrs Pitcher joined us and read some beautiful poetry and shared her favourite childhood books.

At the end of term we celebrated in traditional style with water games played on the School field. The huge amount of fun we had can be seen by the many happy faces you can view on our website. We also said a soggy farewell to Maddie, who had reached the end of her Brownie Adventure.

With Jan leaving, we are now a volunteer down, so we are looking for adult helpers. Wendy Dollin and her daughter have kindly offered their help, short term, to enable Brownies to continue to run. This generous offer of help has also enabled the waiting list to be freed up a little by us expanding in numbers.

If you are over 18 and could spare a Tuesday evening, 5.30 to 7, we would love to hear from you, you may even be interested in getting involved with Girlguiding and becoming a member, who knows.

Coral Duncan (Tawny Owl)
coral@2ndkimptonbrownies.org.uk

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I'd like to thank all those who supported the Brownie pack in so many varied ways and gave up their time to come along and talk to the girls and share their own experiences. I hope this continues and that the pack thrives in the future. I wish Coral and Amanda all the very best and I hope that they enjoy running Brownies as much as I did. Good luck girls!

Thanks once again to everyone for everything.

Jan Ibbetson

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*



The Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 14th November this year. In order that the two minutes' silence is observed at 11.00am, mustering this year will be at 10.20 at the Village Hall to arrive at the War Memorial by 10.30.

We again apologise for any inconvenience that is caused by the closure of the High Street for the Parade - a police requirement - everybody is frightened of being sued these days. There will be a small ceremony at the village War Memorial on Thursday 11th November at 11 am This is to commemorate the

dead of the two world wars, on the anniversary of when the Armistice took place in 1918.

We have steadied membership numbers recently but are always keen to recruit new members. Anybody requiring information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Malcolm Voss (01438 832921) or our Secretary, Dave Gibbs (01438 832236) from whom application forms may be obtained.

Dave Gibbs, Secretary

Kimpton Rural Cycle Project Walk the route for Low Carbon Day

We are making progress with the development of our new, safe cycle route from Kimpton to Harpenden (via Blackmore End) but we still need more help to raise awareness and funds. The 10th October 2010 is Low Carbon day and we are planning to walk the proposed route for the cycle path, calling in at local attractions and facilities en route. The day starts with breakfast at the White Horse, Kimpton at 10am and will finish up at the Amble Inn, Station Road, Harpenden at approx 2.30pm where Sunday lunch will be available.

Contact cycling@fundamentals.org or call **01438 831204** to register for the walk or for more information on the cycle project and how to get involved.

Kimpton Preschool Autumn Term

The children at Kimpton Preschool have lots to discover this autumn term. We are looking forward to a nature walk into the woods to collect natural objects, which should generate lots of lively discussion about what is natural and what is man-made.

We will also be celebrating the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah, and making our own bread for Harvest Festival.

New preschool building open evening Monday 18 October, 7-9pm

The Green Room, Kimpton Memorial Hall

You've probably noticed the building work taking place for our new preschool in the grounds of the primary school, and we are

hoping to move in during the second half of the autumn term.

The new purpose-built premises will give us an opportunity to offer more flexible sessions, covering mornings and afternoons, and we would like to invite as many of you as possible to come and see the building plans, along with our own plans for additional sessions and more flexible care.

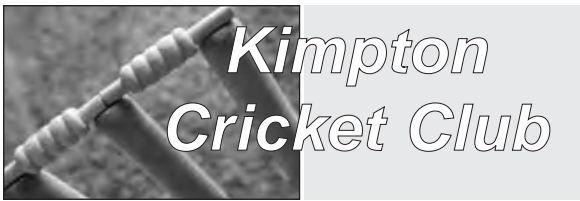
We will be holding the open evening to answer any questions you may have about the building and the sessions we plan to offer, so do come and find out what we're all about, and enjoy some refreshments at the same time.

We are also working hard to raise funds to kit out our new building with some really good resources, along with more basic items such as white goods, office furniture etc. We have plans for a Parish Breakfast, a sponsored Trampoline Bounce, a Pamper Evening and another Big Garage Sale, for starters. And if anyone is able to help with donating any of these items, we would be extremely grateful for any assistance. For more details about Kimpton Preschool, please contact Claire Clarke on **07833 572820** (preschool mobile) or **01438 833057** (out of hours phone).

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After a mixed start to the season, KCC have had some very strong results in recent weeks.

The early part of July saw us on our regular tour to Lincolnshire, where a strong opening night's drinking was followed by a good win against Pinchbeck on the Saturday. Sadly by the Sunday, with energy dwindling and stronger opposition, we came off second best to Caister.

Back in Kimpton, we had a very close and highly charged game against Bamville – they scored 239, including the fastest 50 we have seen (off 16 balls) from a vocally confident Harle. Bob Voyce anchored a very impressive innings, with strong contributions from several players leading to a famous KCC victory off the last ball.

At the end of July we had the long awaited game against Saracen's RFC. They fielded a very strong side in every sense. It turns out that highly trained professional athletes, mostly brought up in the South African school system, are more than a match for KCC even in their second (third?) sport. Nonetheless, this was a very enjoyable game and a great time was had by all. The most notable moments both involved 6'8" lock forward Smith – first Aaron Castle hit him with a full on beamer. Lucky he was that tall, since anyone else would have taken a full blow to the head. Never have we seen Aaron move so quickly as he did in running to offer his apologies and a handshake to the slightly bemused Smith. With his adrenaline flowing, Smith then proceeded to cart Ralph Kirkland, over long off, over the boundary, over the coppice, over the tennis court and actually bouncing just short of

the hedge for the longest six in living memory at Parkfield.

August saw a number of good wins against a variety of levels of opposition, with the batsmen in particular flourishing. There are now only a couple of games left this season, with the game against the White Horse taking place on 11 September being the highlight. Sadly, as I am writing this on 10 September, I don't yet know the result, although can confirm that there were 3 no-balls delivered by KCC.

At this time of year, the more successful players are thinking about winning the various cups for batting, bowling and all round performances. At the moment, Jacob Sharpe and Ben Croft look strong batting contenders, with Tom Lincoln and Tom Glinka not far behind. Giles Cook, Aaron Castle and Ryan Cotton look possible bowling winners. Chris Westcott and Stuart Kedge are once again proving their value as all-rounders. Meanwhile, some of us less successful cricketers are hoping for some new trophies to be introduced – fastest pint on tour, quickest trip to hospital, most ducks...

The end of season thrash will take place in the White Horse on Saturday November 13th - we'll keep the prize giving to a minimum and focus on Live music, BBQ and perhaps the odd drink. Tickets £20 from Simon Thompson or from Janet in the White Horse. We have some fabulous raffle prizes this year, including a framed shirt signed by Freddie Flintoff, tickets to watch Saracens vs Wasps at Wembley on Boxing Day, round of golf for 4 at Brocket Hall and a rugby shirt signed by the 2010-2011 Saracens squad - tickets available from any KCC member before on or on the night.

There is always room for new players, so please call Simon Thompson, **01438 833767**.

Could you adopt an abandoned cat or kitten?

East Herts RSPCA (which covers this area) are overwhelmed with unwanted cats and kittens. They are using up precious resources paying for cats to stay in commercial catteries, as RSPCA centres are completely full.

If you are thinking of getting a cat, please consider taking one of these deserving animals. All pets adopted from the RSPCA have been vet-checked and microchipped, vaccinated and neutered if they are old enough.

We have adorable cats and kittens of all shapes and sizes.

If you would like to find out more about these lovely pets, please call Sue on 01707 329951.



*During the long summer holiday Kimpton teacher **Emma Kazwini** travelled to Brazil to help in the Betel Children's Home*

As a teacher the long summer holiday normally drags by, so this year when I was offered the chance to go to Brazil to work in a children's home, I jumped at the opportunity to do something productive with my time. Along with nine others, I spent three weeks at Betel Children's Home, a safe haven for children who come from difficult, sometimes dangerous backgrounds. Some are orphans, some have been removed from their family homes by the social services whilst others are simply there because poverty means their families can no longer support them. The home provides them with somewhere to live, food to eat, an education and love, with the children living in house groups of twenty or more. Currently there are roughly 150 children living there aged between two and seventeen.

We went out with several projects to do. Firstly, we renovated the outside of one of the houses, painting it bright green, with pale blue gloss paint. Secondly, we ran lots of craft, art and sport activities with the children, making crowns, masks, bracelets, hats, balloon models, tie-dye and more. Thirdly we aimed to immerse ourselves in their lives, joining in with

their meal times (lots and lots of rice and beans!), participating in the church services and talking to them (with our limited Portuguese!) about Betel, Lady Gaga and Justin Beiber!

However, the trip became so much more than I could have ever anticipated. The children were amazing. They live together day in, day out and yet we rarely saw a cross word or argument. They had the patience of saints as we struggled with our basic knowledge of the language and used dictionaries for every other word in a conversation. They have few material possessions, but what they do have they look after and were willing to share with us. They may not have much, but they have each other and the incredible staff who look after them, most of whom originally grew up at Betel themselves. It was an incredibly humbling experience.

Thank you to all the groups and many individuals from Kimpton, plus family and friends who sponsored and supported my trip. I hope that one day I'll be able to visit again.

Visit the website betelchildrenshome.org.uk





Kimpton Ward PCSO and Ward Constable

Our PCSO, Tracey Jackson (TJ to her friends) continues with her regular village visits and can be found with a colleague in the Mobile Station parked in Claggy Rd. on alternate Thursday mornings. Don't forget to use this facility if you need any advice on local issues, crime prevention and security (personal and/or property).

Tracey is willing to discuss any matter personally by contacting her on 01438 757645 and she can also arrange a visit to conduct a free crime prevention survey.

Following the recent internal re-organisation at Hitchin Police to put more emphasis on Rural Beat issues our Ward Constable Chris Suckling is able to spend more time on Kimpton issues. He often makes nocturnal visits and reports some success with fly tippers, opportunist burglars and suspicious vehicles.

Police Target Issues

The public and the police jointly want to see action taken to reduce Fly Tipping, Anti-Social Behaviour, Hare Coursing and off-roading by 4x4's.

Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinator Vacancies

Following the recent very sad death of Gordon Howells we now have an additional vacancy in Coopers Close and Coopers Hill, plus six others, three in the High St. and one each in Lawn Avenue, Lime Avenue/ The Drive and Wren Close. The work largely involves communication with neighbours and is not demanding or time consuming. Access to e-mail is desirable (see item below on OWL) but not essential.

Residents with some spare time and a community spirit are requested to contact Alan Smith or Reen Ysselmuiden (our contact telephone numbers at the bottom of this article) if they wish to make a contribution to village community security.

OWL -- On-line Watch Link

This system is reliable, SAFE and suitable for expansion throughout the Ward as a means of receiving and passing on information from the police concerning actual local crime, crime trends and reports from adjoining Wards. Additionally, there is access to property and vehicle security and advice on prevention of identity theft.

Street Co-ordinators having internet access can assist with encouraging watch members also having

e-mail to allow their email address to be included in the OWL system, however, they will be required to sign a NHW OWL Consent Form, ensuring security of the system and total confidentiality of personal data.

Consent Forms can be requested from the OWL Administrator and NHW Watch Liaison Officers Penny Knapper and Lucy Harris whose contact details are:

01438 757610, email address:

penelope.knapper@herts.pnn.police.uk, or

alternatively Watch Liaison Officer Lucy Harris, email address: lucy.harris@herts.pnn.police.uk, tel. 01438 757 610.

Residents without e-mail can receive information by telephone.

Recorded Local Crime

In the last three months there were 30 recorded crimes compared to 47 in the same period in 2009 which is a welcome reduction. 15 of these were burglaries or thefts from garages, sheds, allotments and business premises. 6 were thefts from or damage to vehicles. Fraud and Bogus Callers continue to be a threat as is Identity Theft and you are reminded to be particularly alert when operating a cash machine. In addition, the theft of handbags and wallets in supermarkets remains a problem with serious consequences in particular the theft of personal identity.

Please remember the police warning on these issues is as follows: "Residents should be vigilant and always report any suspicious activity immediately. If the police receive a 999 call while a crime is in progress they have a better chance to catch the offenders. The police require information about the appearance of the suspects and details about any vehicles involved. Registration numbers and descriptions of vehicles are very useful and improve intelligence"

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.

It is important that if you have any information about a crime you should call **0845 33 00 222**. You can also contact Crime stoppers on **0800 555 111** to provide information anonymously. *to page 19*

Crime Prevention

Karen Collings , the Chairperson of the Herts Crime Prevention Panel can provide advice and items and she and her colleagues can be contacted on Karen Collings, email: millie@ntlworld.com, Dennis Wall, email dennis.wall@herts.pnn.police.uk or Mark Montgomery, email mark.montgomery@herts.pnn.police.uk. We hold a small stock of crime prevention items for sale at very modest prices and the good news is that some items are free to the elderly and vulnerable. You can select required items by contacting Alan Smith or Reen Ysselmuiden who can provide a price list and place an order on your behalf.

Night Security and Absence

Now that shorter days are approaching please ensure that your property is secure with all

windows, doors, garages and sheds properly locked . If possible park a vehicle in front of your garage or at least on the drive. If you intend to be absent for more than a day let a neighbour know of your absence and how you can be contacted.

Doors with key operated shoot bolts must double locked, otherwise it is possible for an intruder to jemmy the door, gain entry and perish the thought !

Compiled by:

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Show ups the Money! The Kimpton Horse Show July 2010

Residents of Kimpton must now be used to the sight of horse boxes, trailers and horses threading their way down the High Street heading for Hitchin Road and the field that once a year becomes the site for the annual Horse Show. You've probably heard the commentary, announcing winners for arcane-sounding classes like "Mountain and Moorland", and "Best Young Handler". How many know, though, much about this annual ritual and the benefits it brings to Kimpton? Since 1944 the show has been raising money for the village - originally for the new Memorial Hall, and lately for... well, read on...

The show is an increasingly rare example of a local horse event, and one which couples high class livestock, skilful jumping and boisterous games with a classic village setting. This year's show was again a success, excellent weather for horses and spectators, an enthusiastic crowd for the gymkhana, some very watchable - sometimes nail-biting - jumping, sleek ponies and burly hunters, and goodwill abounding.

"What a lovely show", "excellent organisation", "of course we'll be coming again" were genuinely heard from the many hundreds of people who came to Kimpton that day - riders, horse owners and those who just liked the atmosphere.

The money made from the show, run entirely by volunteers headed by Wendy Manning and Sallie Wilson, runs every year into the several thousands - and it's up there with the May Festival and the Autumn Show as the big contributors to local organisations. Over the years the show committee has supported causes as varied as the Scouts and Guides, Neighbourhood Watch, local hospices, the refurbishment of Peters Green Village Hall, and the Youth Club. Regular helpers to the show can nominate causes for donations - the Playgroup run the tombola, for example, and Bob Finch and the Bench Working Party have now got the car parking and gate arrangements off to a tee, and they persuaded the committee to put the Memorial Hall improvement programme at the top of the donations list last year.

It takes three days to set the ground up and those many jumps and rings don't erect themselves, so the relationship with the lads of Kimpton Rovers has proved mutually very beneficial. We need help in person and also with equipment - this year's bar and tombola marquee was arranged through Macmillan Cancer Relief, for example.

The village should also thank the many advertisers and show sponsors who help us to defray the ever-rising costs such as the sound system, insurance and toilet hire and allow us to put money back into the village.

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from page 19 It's the professionalism of the show that keeps the competitors signing up, the interest high and the revenue coming in. But to attract and keep high quality judges and entries needs a lot of organisation ahead of the date and on the day. You don't have to be horsey to get involved, and a visit to the website www.kimptonhorshow.co.uk will tell you more about the show and who to approach. If you think your firm would benefit from being seen by about eight hundred people from the area - and you'd like to help the village - see the website too.

The show is always held on the last Sunday in July, so next year's show will be on Sunday

31st July 2011. We'd like to see you there with your friends and family, helping out if you can, or just enjoying yourself knowing that it is not only a good day out, it is also doing the village good!

Peter Hale Photo: Andrew Wilson courtesy of DEPhoto



Kimpton Monkeys

The Kimpton Monkeys have enjoyed a fun-filled summer break, including a couple of 'Fun in the Park' sessions when the weather allowed, and we are now looking forward to an action-packed autumn term.

We've got some great new toys, as well as the old favourites that the children love, and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our friendly sessions – 9.30-11.30am on Tuesdays, in Kimpton Memorial Hall.

Kimpton Monkeys is a parent-run group, and we really need as much help as possible to continue providing a fun, safe and stimulating environment for local babies and toddlers. If you currently enjoy the sessions with your children and are able to spare some time to help out on the committee, we would love to hear from you. Contact Tamsin Corbett on 01438 833872 or 07810 898101.

Karate Club

Over the summer, the Kimpton karate students have been training hard for their September grading and also getting ready to compete in the ESKA Championships, which is due to take place in October. With many people going away on summer holidays, we have still had a great number of students training within the classes. Members love the fact that our classes continue through half terms, summer holidays and the majority of the Christmas period.

Karate in Kimpton is fast becoming very popular, especially with the younger children in the village.

The Kimpton club has not only started a new intake of beginners but has now also opened its doors to 5 year olds, for the first time. Sensei Sarah has introduced her Tiger Tot programme (which is very popular at her Baldock club) for the little ones in Kimpton. Tiger Tots classes are for children of 5 years old who train for half an hour instead of an hour. Tiger tots also benefit from in-club gradings until they can grade officially at 6 years old.

Our classes are open to all adults as well as children. We have a fair number of dads and mums training within the club and I'm sure you will recognise a few of them from around the village or waiting at the school gates!

Classes are held every Wednesday at the Kimpton Memorial Hall at 6pm. Tiger Tot classes run on a Wednesday from 5.30-6pm. Come and have a look, have a chat or if you wish to book a place in our class please call **07796 605642** or email sez69sez@hotmail.com

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Kimpton Environmentalists

With your help, 10/10/10 is going to be the biggest day of practical action to cut carbon that the world has ever seen. We're calling it 'A Day to Celebrate Climate Solutions'-- together we'll get to work in our communities on projects that can cut carbon and build the clean energy future. www.350.org/campaigns/1010

To do our small part, the Environmentalists are joining with the Fundamentals Foundation on a 4.5 mile walk to publicise the proposed safe cycle path from Kimpton via Blackmore End to Harpenden. As well as reducing the need for adults and schoolchildren to commute by car, such a cycle path would improve community cohesion and encourage fitness. Join us at the White Horse for breakfast at 10.00am. 10th October. It will be fun!

And remember it is not too late to join the 10:10 campaign to reduce your carbon footprint by 10%. Even little things will help, like turning off unnecessary lights and closing your curtains in the evenings to keep the warmth in. Register with Liftshare (www.liftshare.com) to offer and find rides, both for commuting and one-off long trips. You can save carbon and money, and make friends all at the same time!

Davina Malcolm
01438 832309

Stagenhoe Sue Ryder Care

Christmas Fayre

Please note this date in your diary: Saturday 20 November, 2 – 4pm, venue Stagenhoe Park. If you are able to help on the day or prior either to set up or help with a stall we would be very grateful. Also contributions of cakes, preserves, mince pies etc will be most welcome.

Fireworks

Sunday 31 October. Fireworks and Halloween celebrations will be taking place at Stagenhoe Park. All welcome time and price to follow

Big Wigs

Put your entrepreneurial skills to the test Big Wigs challenges you to generate as much money for Sue Ryder Care as possible! We provide you with a £50 start-up investment and then you put your business brain and money –

making acumen to the test.

We are pitching the contest to local businesses and would like to commence this challenge in the new year. Please see the website at: http://www.suerydercare.org/pages/big_wigs.html. There are so many ways you can raise money for Stagenhoe: a virtual bike ride, 'Soak the Manager day', dress down days, annual leave raffles!

Family Fun Day

It is our intention to continue to hold our summer fete on the May Bank Holiday. Would you or your group like to have a stall, take part or just help with the event. Stagenhoe Park is a fantastic venue, at the same time we are able to talk about and show the excellent work that is carried out by Sue Ryder Care.

Volunteering

Do you have some free time, would you like to come and be part of the team at Stagenhoe Park, or help on an adhoc basis with fundraising? If this is of interest we are seeking people with different talents and time please contact us at anytime.

If you would like to take part or require any further information about anything you have read please contact the fundraising team on **01438 871427** or email [stagenhoe.fundraising @suerydercare.org](mailto:stagenhoe.fundraising@suerydercare.org)

Friends of Madama and Burin

Madama and Burin are two Palestinian villages in the Occupied West Bank 10 mls. sw of Nablus. The surrounding hilltops are occupied by two particularly radical communities of settlers, Yitzhar and Bracha. When a mosque was burnt down in January, the alleged perpetrators were traced to Yitzhar and last December, after the olive harvest, settlers from Bracha descended on Burin and burnt 96 olive trees, an event which made it on to the Today programme. The Friends of Madama and Burin is an informal group, consisting of last year's International Women's Peace Service harvesters and others from Kimpton who have shown an interest in the situation.

During the year, the Friends have raised about £6,500 to help the local village school. A tv., a scanner and video equipment have been purchased and now a start is being made on building three much needed classrooms. When the local farmer heard that a UK group had raised such a sum, he agreed to donate the land, which up to now he had been unwilling even to sell. to page 22

from page 21 The Madama village council has agreed to organise voluntary labour.

As individuals, it may seem that we can do little to influence the political situation. There is hope that the current peace talks will be successful so that two nations may live alongside each other in security. Meanwhile, until the occupation comes to an end, it is hugely important that a local community there knows that an overseas community here knows what daily life is really like. Support as well as being practical provides encouragement to persevere and hope for a just settlement.

Monies raised by the Friends are channelled through FONSA (Friends of Nablus and Surrounding Areas), a charity registered in Scotland (SC038502), whose local trustees monitor expenditure.

Another group of harvesters will be going in October. They are willing to take small, much needed items, e.g. laptops. More funding will help provide a new toilet and a photocopier. Cheques should be made out to FONSA and may be sent to Peter Liddell, The Coach House, Hitchin Road, Kimpton SG4 8EF. Email: petermary.liddell@btinternet.com

St Peter's Church – 'A Living History' by Rodney D Locks

I have been determined to write this book since 1980, having started to gather archive material in 1965. Our centenary could not be a more appropriate time to publish a really remarkable history.

This is a book less about a building, more about people, hence 'A Living History'. I have stepped back in time to the very beginning and worked my way through the 100 years to the present, endeavouring to record much information from records, interviews, contributions and my own memory.

The book is a compilation of many stories and photographs. It gives some insight into the lives of very special people including a Station Master and Publican, the way our Lord has worked through them, calls to the ministry, work amongst our youth and some extraordinary events. It provides a powerful testimony of what may be achieved through prayer and Christian steadfastness.

In 1908 a mission room of corrugated iron was proposed but following an appeal for funds, it resulted in the fine building we have today of neo Gothic design, built of Bath stone and knapped flints. It took six months to construct and was dedicated in 1910.

The book is now on sale from Rodney Locks, priced at £5, plus 88p for p&p per copy. The print run is limited.

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INTOUCH - AGE UK HERTFORDSHIRE'S EXCITING NEW TELEPHONE SUPPORT SERVICE

InTouch is a free countywide telephone service, provided by Age UK Hertfordshire, which supports people aged 50 plus who are not currently receiving any other form of statutory help because their needs may not require that level of support. However, they may be experiencing life changing and emotionally challenging situations like a bereavement, facing retirement, being a crime victim, having a fall or a stay in hospital, or even moving to sheltered accommodation.

The aim of InTouch is to enable older people to live independently in their own homes for longer with improved health and wellbeing from a social, physical and mental health perspective.

Elsie, living alone, has a nasty fall at home. She is really shaken, no broken bones but her confidence is shattered.

Bill, loses his wife to Alzheimer's and watches her slip away from him over 16 long years, until her eventual death of pneumonia. He is one of the old school so does not admit how frightened and lost he feels.

It is for people like Elsie and Bill that Age UK Hertfordshire has launched InTouch, a new service offering in depth and on going telephone support which can involve signposting to other organisations.

For more information or to be referred to the scheme please contact Age Concern UK Hertfordshire's InTouch Team on **01992 629358 / 634964** or intouch@acherts.org.uk

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Helping Hand

HOSPITAL VISITING

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

VILLAGE HELPLINE

If you need transport to hospital etc. please contact Linda Thompson 01438 833180

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

Craft, ride-on toys, baby corner, music, dance and singing for pre-school children and babies.

Entrance is £1.50 and includes tea/coffee/juice and snacks.

Kimpton Memorial Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am during term time.

Contact Tamsin Corbett 01438 833872 or 07810 898101.

KIMPTON Preschool

Our friendly team, based at Church House, offers sessional care for local children aged two and a half to four years old.

We are open five days per week during term time, from 9.15am – 12.15pm. For more details, please contact Karen Pagan on 07833 572820 (playgroup mobile) or 01438 831211 (out of hours phone).

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