

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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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

The Parish Magazine Team is trying to help the environment

The Parish Magazine is now printed on recycled paper.
The editor and production team acknowledge with thanks a donation received from Kimpton Environmentalists.



Dear Friends

Having torn a hamstring I have spent the last few weeks on crutches. As our shower is over the bath and I could not climb in, for the first week I had to make do with a sink and flannels, which took me back to my childhood. Until I was 9 years old, my family (parents and three children) lived in one room with a shared kitchen and lavatory. A daily "wash down" was the norm, and the tin bath was brought out on Sunday evenings. This was in the days when the Prime Minister was telling the nation "You've never had it so good"! We were eventually allocated a council house in which water was heated by a coke-fuelled boiler (an ugly thing set in a corner of the dining room!), and as money was tight and the coke had to be eked out, a bath was not something we had every day. As a child I did not know that we were poor; I knew that I was loved and cared for, and although I did not realise it until I reached my teens, I also had hope. Hope that things would not always be like this, that there was something better. This hope was strengthened and nurtured in a state school that had Christian values. Nowadays too many UK children still live in poverty, but with modern communications they can become aware at an early age that others do not live as they do, but have the means to buy the latest gadget, trainers, or T shirt whenever they wish. Many families, rich or poor, know little of the love of God, especially that shown to us in Christ Jesus. We now have four generations that do not know the Lord's Prayer, and Christmas and Easter mean only presents, chocolate and debt. I would never condone what they have done, and feel deeply for those who have lost homes, livelihood and even loved ones, but many of those who were rioting on our streets have nothing to hope for, and so nothing to

lose. They do not feel valued, and the punitive sentences being handed down to many will reinforce their lack of self worth, setting up a vicious cycle. I don't pretend to have the answers, which must be many and complex, and must surely include a fairer distribution of worldly wealth, but I do know that God values every one of the rioters and looters with a love beyond price. He loves them so much that He came here Himself and died and rose again for them, just as He did for each one of us. Perhaps if, instead of looking for revenge, more of us viewed the poor as real people, beloved by God, we could start the healing process that is so badly needed.

As always, each of you is in my prayers.

My love to you all, Lorraine

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES

St. Peter & St. Paul, Kimpton

2nd October 11am

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

followed by Lunch & Auction of Gifts (proceeds to the Bishop of St. Albans Harvest Appeal)

9th October 6pm

KIMPTON SONGS OF PRAISE

Join us as we sing the hymns voted most popular (voting forms available in Church)

6th November (time to be arranged) SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

14th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

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

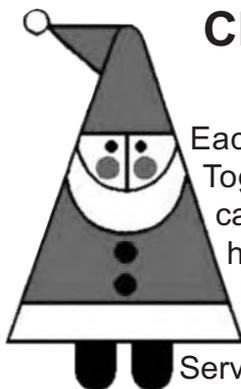
Ayot St. Lawrence

9th October 11:30am HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMUNION SERVICE(Harvest Supper in Church --- look out for details)

13th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

at the War Memorial

To be conducted by Revd. Lorraine. Approx. start 10:50am.



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Each year Kimpton Christians Together produce a Christmas card which is delivered to every household in Kimpton, Ayot St. Lawrence, and Peter's Green, listing the various Church Services for the season. This year we are once again 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 8-12 years; there will

be one winner from each group, and we shall use the two winning designs for our cards. Each winner will receive a Certificate and the knowledge that their artwork will be displayed in half the homes in the villages. To enter, deliver your design to Revd. Lorraine at the Vicarage (11 High Street, Kimpton) by 21st October. 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 November, and Certificates will be presented at the Crib Service in the Parish Church on Christmas Eve. Please note that we shan't be able to return any of the entries and the Judge's decision will be final.

From The Registers

Baptisms

5 June 2011	Harry John Crellin
5 June 2011	Sam Peter Crellin
12 June 2011	George David Fred Grey
16 July 2011	Jack Henry Wallace
7 August 2011	Finn David Stratton
21 August 2011	Annabella Francesca Kerry

Weddings

4 June 2011	Hayley Jane Roberts to Gary Michael John Vine
18 June 2011	Julie Anne Williams to Jonathon Peter Charles Horlick
2 July 2011	Kimberley Dawn Ponder to Aaron Mark Grey
13 August 2011	Stephanie Emily Klage to Simon Timothy Harrop
3 September 2011	Andrea Clair King to Daniel Jeremy Gibson

Burials & Interments

27 May 2011	Marion Huck
7 June 2011	Maurice Burns
19 July 2011	Sylvia Joan Gatward
9 August 2011	Betty Dorothea Richardson
12 August 2011	George Peter Notley

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A new course to discuss the basic questions about the Christian faith will be starting in February 2012!

Contact Andy Morton on 01438 832427 for further details



Hospital Chaplaincy

It has been suggested in the national media that the work of the Hospital Chaplains has no clinical benefit and that the cost of the Chaplaincy should not be borne by Hospital Trusts. Many would disagree with this argument.

The QEII in Welwyn Garden City and the Lister Hospital in Stevenage form part of the East & North Herts NHS Trust. The Chaplaincy is there for everyone. For staff and patients, their relatives and friends. It is there to support those of all faiths and for those with none. Anyone wishing to see a Chaplain would ask the ward or department staff to send for the Chaplain. Alternatively, local clergy may refer patients or parishioners to the Chaplaincy.

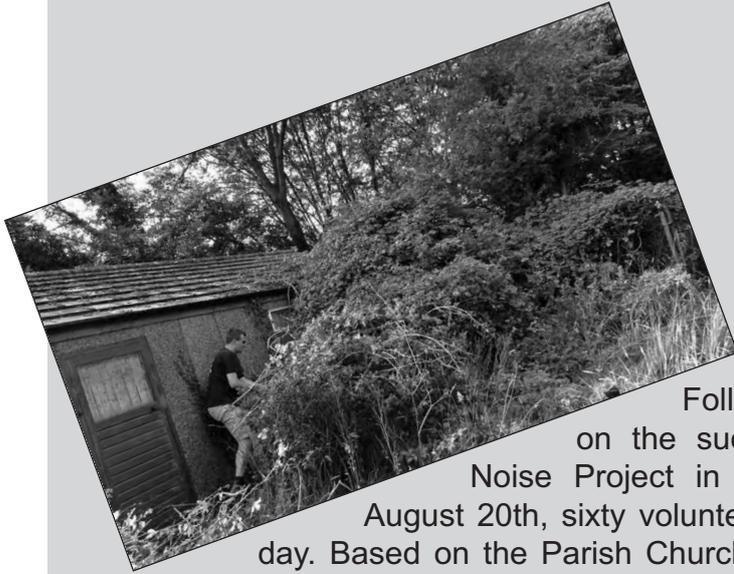
As well as ministering to the living, dead or dying, the Chaplains offer time, a non-judgmental listening ear and a shoulder to cry on. They may liaise between staff and patients, patients and relatives or staff and management. Confidentiality is crucial.

In recognition of the help and support given by the Hospital Chaplaincy of the East & North Herts NHS Trust at the time of his wife Jenny's ill health and subsequent death, John Daulis held a garden party and barbecue in September. The aim was to help raise awareness of the invaluable work undertaken by the Hospital Chaplains and to raise funds.

Something that was particularly poignant to John, was something that one of the MacMillan nurses, who also helped Jenny and John through such a difficult time, told him. She remarked that she and her colleagues could not do their work without the support of the Chaplaincy.

Pictured at the party are Rev Sandie Beck, a Chaplain at Lister and her husband Colin Beck, a Chaplain volunteer at QE II, John Daulis, Rev Lorraine Summers, a Chaplain at QE II and Rev George Cobb, a Chaplain at Mount Vernon Hospital and Chaplaincy Team Leader, East & North Herts NHS Trust.

We made a very loud noise!!



Following on the success of the Noise Project in 2010, on Saturday August 20th, sixty volunteers turned up for a brilliant day. Based on the Parish Church, we tackled gardens and painted rooms, renovated front doors and sorted out projects in the school, for people who would not have been able to do so on their own. Sixty volunteers is a 33.3% increase on the number last year, so we are absolutely delighted.

Breakfast, lunch and barbeque supper was free and our thanks to the May Festival for funding the event. It really shows what the church should be doing in the community and what happens when people come together to help others. Thanks to all, Andy Morton.

STOP PRESS!!!! DATE FOR NEXT 'NOISE' PROJECT SATURDAY 18th AUGUST 2012

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP 2011

The annual Cards for Good Causes multi-charity Christmas card shop will be opening again in Harpenden between Friday 21st October and Wednesday 14th December 2011 at the United Reformed Church, Vaughan Road, Harpenden AL5 4DE

The shop, representing more than 25 different charities, is staffed by local volunteers and the Opening hours are 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on Mondays to Fridays, and 9.30 am to 3.30 pm on Saturdays.

It is one of a national network of more than 270 outlets operated by Cards for Good Causes Limited, the trading company of a registered charity, The 1959 Group of Charities, to which it donates its taxable profits. In the past five years, charities have received over £20 million from their card sales through Cards for Good Causes outlets. From this total, the charities had to pay for the production and distribution of their cards, and any VAT.

Perry Green Baptist Chapel at Peters Green

The Harvest Service is on Sunday October 9th at 6 pm and the Harvest Supper will be on Friday 14th October 7.30 pm at Peters Green Village Hall.

An All Age Advent Christingle Service is on Sunday November 27th at 3pm at to send Mary, Joseph and the donkey on their way.

**Peters Green Fun Day report and pictures on page 20*

Lots of Thanks

In June Oecos staff held a "Strawberry Tea" in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness in the Dacre Rooms. Thank you to all who came along to enjoy the delicious homemade cakes and a chat with friends and neighbours. You helped us raise £251.67. We hope to see you all at the next get together. *The Oecos Team.*



It has been lovely to welcome the children, staff and parents back as we start a new school year.

Our new Reception and Nursery children have settled well and it has been lovely to welcome a number of new families who are keen to contribute to the life of our school.

We are particularly pleased to welcome our new deputy head teacher, Miss Michelle King. Miss King joins us from Knebworth Primary School, where she was a senior teacher. We are all looking forward very much to the fantastic contribution we know Miss King will make here at Kimpton.

Looking back briefly to the last academic year, our year six children enjoyed unprecedented success in their SATs tests with every single one of them reaching the expected level 4 in English and Maths and a very high proportion achieving the higher level 5. We are very proud of all of them. Reports so far suggest that they have settled well into their secondary schools.

We already have lots of exciting plans

for the coming year. Our classes from years one to six have started their learning this year with topics based round a particular book.

We are planning a book week on the week beginning 17th October. If you or anyone you know is connected with books or publishing in any way and think you might be able to share some interesting 'inside information' with any of our classes, I would be delighted to hear from you. Please give me a ring on 01438 832394. The week will culminate with a day when the children can all come to school dressed as their favourite book character. It may be worth taking a walk past the school at break or lunchtime that day. It should be quite a sight!

Looking further ahead we have, once again, planned a full programme of Christmas activities, some of which we are hoping to extend to groups in the local community. Look out for information around the village.

*With my very best wishes
Marion Stewart-Smith, Head teacher*

Kimpton Memorial Hall



NHDC RENEGUES ON RECYCLING AGREEMENT

Despite the best efforts of John Bishop, our District Councillor, the Officers of North Herts District Council have decided that the proposal to remove just the glass recycling from the grounds of the Hall, leaving only the 'plastics' bin, is not viable. It seems that the options are for us to host the whole of the facility, or none of it, in which case the village may well lose the service completely

This facility is provided by NHDC, and it looks to provide it at minimal cost. They pay no rent, nor do they make any contribution, either for the land they occupy or for the wear and tear the service creates. The Glass collection lorry in particular creates havoc with the surface of the car park, which is shortly to be renewed. The cost of relaying the surface to a standard that will cope with the additional traffic is substantially more than the cost of a normal 'car park' surface (probably £5,000 or so more, we will have exact costs shortly). HHDC will make no contribution whatever towards those increased costs.

They seem to care very little whether the village retains the facility, or not. Indeed we get the distinct impression that they would be happy to see it go! The Parish Council wants to retain it, and is looking (without much optimism) to see whether another home might be found for it; or perhaps to find a way to meet

the additional costs of the car park. The former seems unlikely, the latter, i.e. any funding, would have to be met by the Council Tax payers of the Village.

As the senior Trustee of the Charity which owns the Hall, the writer's personal view is that the area just inside the Hall's Car Park is not a suitable place for what is in reality, a public rubbish disposal facility, and he does not believe the Hall should continue to host it. Other members of the Committee feel more charitable, so his view may not prevail! However we are trying, with some success, to increase revenue by letting the Hall for weddings and other more prestigious events, and the line of bins does little to create a good impression. The full Management Committee of the Hall will make (or will have made) any decision, probably at its meeting on October 11th..

On an even more depressing note, thieves stole about £1000 worth of lead off the Green Room roof, which will be replaced with a covering of a less valuable material!

During the summer, the insulation in the attic void has been substantially upgraded (our thanks to Chris Baker who organised this) and Chris and the writer sealed off and insulated the old heater outlets in the ceiling. We hope that the benefits will be apparent in the coming winter.

Roger Nash 01438 832101



I'm very pleased to be writing this first newsletter as the new Chair of Kimpton Parish Council, and I must begin by thanking my predecessor, Councillor David Reavell, for his years in the post. I'm reassured that he has remained on the Parish Council, however, and am grateful for the support and advice he provides.

Over the summer months, many things move a little more slowly than at other times of the year, so there is little new for me to cover in this edition of the Parish Magazine. Planning remains high on the agenda, of course, as we keep an eye on the latest initiative to emerge from Whitehall, in the form of the National Planning Policy Guidance framework, which replaces the old Regional Spatial Strategy. This replaces the concept of 'strategic allocations', identifying specific areas of land for development, with an over-riding 'presumption in favour of development' for planning applications.

Whilst this is vague, and at present only at the consultation stage, it is nonetheless a potentially disturbing development for communities such as ours, and we will be watching very closely to see how this might move forward. In company with other Parish Councils in North Hertfordshire, we will be taking an active and co-ordinated part in the consultation process.

On the subject of planning, the Lloyd Way development, potentially due to begin this Autumn, has yet to get under way. We have no reliable information at present as to when things may move forward, but we are in regular communication with the various parties involved, and we hope to see some sort of activity soon. As ever, when all the issues seem to be resolved, something else seems to come along to cause further delay!

The Memorial Hall continues to feature regularly in meetings. We are still deliberating over the future of the recycling provision, given the problems with the car park surface that the

lorries can cause. The Parish Council have investigated several sites around the village, but for a range of reasons none of them really offer a practical alternative. The matter will be voted on at the upcoming Memorial Hall Management Committee meeting in October, and we will then know whether the banks can remain in the car park or not.

The Memorial Hall Executive Committee has also looked into the possibility of running a footpath alongside Hall Lane, using a strip of land (currently part of the School field) over which there is a right of access. This will potentially be a project for 2012, but the main priority at the moment, beyond the regular refurbishments taking place internally, remains the car park.

We are also pursuing the Hertfordshire County Council consultation process around School Transport. There are a number of proposals felt by the Parish Council to disadvantage rural communities, and we have seen some evidence of this now that we are into the new academic year. In conjunction with the Governors of the Primary School we will be working to ensure that local children and families are given a fair deal.

On a less confrontational note (hopefully!), we have deliberated over a number of ideas for celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. So far the possibilities range from the Bench Working Party planting sixty trees around the Parish, with each tree potentially being funded by a local organisation, to the provision of commemorative mugs for the children at the Primary School. We are also considering hanging baskets on the High Street and in Peter's Green, and perhaps one or two other ideas as well. Obviously, views and opinions are welcomed from any interested parties – you will appreciate that budgets are limited, but we are pursuing some potential funding sources to see how much help we can get with the costs.

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from page 9 We have now launched our new website and will be working to make this a valuable and central resource for the Parish. At present, we are building the content, so every time you visit there should be something else to see – please go to the site at www.kimptonparishcouncil.org.uk and take a look!

Finally, my thanks go to all those who have helped and supported the Parish – from the Councillors and the members of many organisations who have given their time to the community, through to the tireless members of the Bench Working Party. As someone who is new to the role of Chairman, I'd also like to extend my personal thanks to Carina Helmn, our Parish Clerk, for her support and advice. There is a lot to get to grips with, and Carina's experience and local knowledge is invaluable!

David Hardstaff

May Festival 2011

What a May Festival we had this year! The sun shone brightly and warmly all weekend; although that was pretty much all we have seen of it since. It did mean that festival was very well attended and raised a very good total that allows us to support local groups and facilities. Profit is distributed in three ways - a third to the Church Restoration Fund, a third to help with maintenance of the Memorial Hall, and a third local groups making requests for donations.

Now the money as all been counted & the provisional results are in. This years' May Festival raised just over £20,000 !

Grateful Thanks

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

We would like to remind village organisations who use the magazine, that we are dependent on your donations to keep the magazine going. Andy Wright, our editor and all the distribution team give their services free of charge, but we do have to pay for the magazine to be printed, which costs about £780 per year.

Kimpton WI

I can report a successful summer programme culminating in a visit to Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum and a canal boat trip. Members helped Kimpton Guides to make 12 pennants for the national scheme to give a hand-made pennant to every contestant in the 2012 Olympic Games.

For the winter we are forming a Book Group and planning more sporting activities. We look forward to a talk by Sue Morgan, the curator at Shaw's Corner, our nearby National Trust house, in October. A full programme will follow our AGM and Christmas Festivities.

Our membership is growing and we welcome prospective members and guests on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7.30 for a 7.45 p.m. start in the Memorial Hall lounge.

Valerie Pollington

Play Rugby? Under 15?

Our local rugby club, Harpenden, is looking for players to help continue last season's success. Training is on Thursday evenings. For more details contact Under15s@HRFC.com

Nicole Whyman Richardson
A course in portrait painting

**Create a photo-realistic portrait in acrylics
on primed hardboard in just four weeks**



**A four week course, every Saturday, 10am - 4pm
October 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd**

**Contact Nicole Whyman Richardson to book your place
on the course, to be held at Church House, Kimpton.**

**nikkirichie79@yahoo.co.uk
07887 800427/ 01727 853358**



The summer events started with an evening visit to Thundridge Hill House, near Ware, in June. The proprietors were justly proud of their beautiful hillside location with its magnificent

herbaceous borders and ancient barns.

In July a coach party visited Coton Manor Gardens, in Northamptonshire. Here, the beauty of the gardens was matched by the breath taking views of the surrounding countryside. The wildflower pasture, with its modern sculpture of deer, was a very popular and peaceful experience.

In August we had a garden party. The sun shone and the bring and share catering was a great success.

The September meeting will revert back to our usual Wednesday evening meetings at 8 o'clock in the Memorial Hall Lounge. George Thorpe will tell us about "Gardens in China". The October meeting will be our AGM and November 2nd will be a talk on "Bee Keeping and the Gardener".

New members to the Garden Club are very welcome. For more information please contact our secretary, Joan Amoss on 01438 832776.

35th KIMPTON AUTUMN SHOW

The Show on September 3rd was a very happy occasion and there were more children's entries this year. Thank you to parents for your support. Overall there were some excellent exhibits (including Sue Davies prize winning decorated wheelbarrow of 'Trotter's Van'). It was good to see some new names appearing among the competitors and we hope more newcomers will be encouraged to enter in 2012.

This event draws on help from so many areas. Our thanks go to members of the Bench Working Party who did the heavy work of setting up tables etc and all the dismantling afterwards. They also manned the sideshows in the garden. Thanks to the stewards and judges, their only reward being a lunch provided by the Autumn Show committee. Our gratitude to Kimpton Horse Show for providing all the

rosettes. Not least our thanks to the W.I. members who sold delicious cakes and tea and gave all the proceeds to the Show. Also thank you to everyone who exhibited their produce, crafts, photos etc. Without you there would be no Show.

The profits go directly to the Memorial Hall for upkeep of this great facility.

Valerie Pollington and the Show Committee

Calling all bee-keepers or potential bee-keepers!

Is there anyone in the village already keeping bees or interested in learning how to go about it? If so, please contact Bob Malcolm 01438 832309

Badger Watching

We'll be going to watch badgers from a comfy hide on the evening of Thursday 6th October. If you are interested in coming, leaving Kimpton at about 6.00pm, then call Mo, of the Kimpton Environmentalists, on 01438 833441.

announcing the new



join us for the
FIRST REHEARSAL
october 3rd 7.45pm
70 high street

then mondays 7.45-9.30
kimpton school

all welcome: no experience necessary

for further information contact: 07796 342620/ anna@bosatta.com

Lots of Fun at Preschool!



Photos: Andy Wright



After a busy summer term of playing (the children) and fundraising (the parents), we were certainly glad of the summer break! It was great to see so many Kimpton locals supporting our fundraising efforts last term, so a big thankyou to all of you who we met at our Cricket & Cocktails match, or the Cream Teas at the preschool, or who donated to our Bag2School collection or the Horse Show tombola.

The majority of our funds raised are put towards essential preschool running costs, such as fire safety equipment or maintaining the alarm system, so we have a rolling programme of fundraising events planned to try and keep on top of these expenses. We are also extremely grateful to the Kimpton Players who have recently provided us with a generous donation. It is only through the hard work of our parent committee and the generosity of our local community that we are able to keep providing the excellent facilities that our children enjoy, so please continue to support our events.

New Lunch Club and afternoon sessions

In addition to our five morning sessions per week, we now offer four Lunch Club sessions (Monday to Thursday) and afternoon sessions on Monday and Wednesday. Please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager on 01438 833936 if you would like to reserve a place for your child on our waiting list.

Stay & Play

We're really excited to announce our new Stay & Play sessions, which launch on Thursday 29th September. These sessions will run every Thursday afternoon during term time, from 1.30 to 3pm, and provide a fun and stimulating environment for parents to enjoy with their children. All children of preschool age (0-4) are welcome, refreshments are available and we charge a small fee of £3 to cover our costs. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming events

Indulgence Evening, Friday 23rd September 7.30-10.30pm, Kimpton Memorial Hall
For tickets and treatment bookings, call Emma Yates on 07939 397280

Bag2School collection, 2pm Thursday 8th December, Kimpton Preschool

Have a clearout of all your old textile items – clothes, bedding, shoes, belts, bags, toys etc - and instead of taking them to the charity shop, support a Kimpton charity by bringing it to Preschool instead! We'll receive a payment from Bag2School based on the weight of the donations we provide. Items can be placed in black bin bags, or alternatively you can collect a Bag2School bag from Preschool. All donations need to be with us before 2pm on 8th December. If you are unable to bring your items to the Preschool, give us a call on 07810 898101 and we'll collect from you.

We are also grateful to Andy Wright who very kindly gave up his time to take photographs of the children for us to use in our marketing material, so a big thank you to Andy, and you can see some of the results on page 12.

Parent Blog

We now have a new parent blog, where you can see Kimpton Preschool through the eyes of the parents and children! You can access this at kimptonpreschool.blogspot.com. It's still early days, but we look forward to sharing lots of our experiences with you on here.

If you would like to see a copy of our prospectus, or arrange a visit, please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager on 01438 833936 or visit www.kimptonpreschool.co.uk

Tamsin Corbett

KIMPTON BOWLS CLUB

The 2011 bowls season is almost over (September), with Finals Day having been celebrated on 10/11th September, culminating with presentation of trophies and dinner at the White Horse.

This year we lost one or two members, but gained new players who have proved to be very keen and supportive of the club. We joined a Triples League this year and have performed reasonably well. Also, we entered the Jubilee Cup competition and reached the Semi-Final! To outreach the community, we have entertained various organisations this year, including:- Kimpton WI, St Paul's Warden WI, Cubs, FOGS (Friends of Guides & Scouts) and groups of friends. Other groups have expressed an interest in spending an evening at the club (tea & cakes provided!). Perhaps next season?

Our usual fixture have been enjoyable but some had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers, both opposition and Kimpton. Sad, but a sign of the times. Our in-house competitions were very successful, with some being followed by Race Nights and BBQs.

Bill Durrant, a long established club member, has been made Hon. Life Member and has taken on the task of tutoring youngsters who have shown an interest following the Cubs event. Hopefully more young (and not so young) people will take advantage of our hospitality, friendship, lovely views and gentle exercise next season.

Although we have closed season until April, members keep in touch by sometimes meeting for Diamond Diners lunch on Wednesday at the White Horse. If you want to know more about the club, contact any member that you may see about the village, or phone Hon. Sec. Beverley Pate on 01582 834014.

The results of the club competitions are as follows:-

Roving Jack:	Beverley Pate
Drawn Pairs:	Margaret Butterfield & Ken Ryder
Fixed Jack:	Margaret Porter
Triples:	Pat Flury, Phil Matthews & Dud Ginn
Three Woods:	Audrey Hill
Two Woods:	Hal Boshier
Ladies Singles:	Hal Boshier
Mens Singles:	Phil Matthews
Handicap:	Neal Tobin
Veterans:	Marian Ginn
Novices:	Jane Robinson
Yardstick:	Roy Willetts

'Clubman of the Year' by secret ballot of members was Angus Lennox

Please remember that the deadline for the winter edition of this magazine is Friday November 25th 2011
Please send copy and JPEGs to
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See the Parish Magazine online at the village website
www.kimpton.org.uk

Midsummer Magic!



JKP (Junior Kimpton Players) put on an abridged version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on a very stormy Sunday in July. The setting was to quote one of the cast "breath taking" being in the beautiful garden behind the Church. The costumes were stunning, all made by hand by Lynne and Nicky (2 adult members of Kimpton Players). The performance went off without a hitch and the hardwork rehearsing was well worth it.

Another JKP member said "the whole experience was amazing and a great boost to the whole group's confidence".

JKP are looking for more members if you are interested please contact Gill Vine on 01438 833364. They meet on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm to 8pm during term time only.

The entire cast is pictured above and the front page picture shows Maisie as Hermia and Max as Egeus.

The 'Senior' Kimpton Players are now well in to preparations for our next production, which takes place at the end of October. "The Flint St. Nativity", by Tim Firth (author of the highly successful "Calendar Girls") is a wonderfully funny, rather rude play about a primary school. Mizzis Horrocks' class of seven year olds at Flint Street Junior School is about to perform their nativity play for their mums and dads. Troubles arise when Gabriel wants to play Mary, the Star grumbles he's not a proper star like they have at NASA, Herod won't stop waving to his mum and dad and the subversive Innkeeper is determined to liven up the traditional storyline. And then the stick insect escapes ...

This warm, witty, funny play is an ideal alternative to the usual Christmas fare, with original lyrics set to the tunes of well-known carols. If it was in the Cinema it would be rated 12A.

Performance dates are October 27th - 29th, with tickets at £6.00 each on the Thursday, and £8.00 on the Friday and Saturday.

Look out for posters around the area for box office details.

The Players have also just recorded their third radio play "The Lodger" a story of murder by Mrs Marie Adelaide Belloc Lowndes. CDs will be available.

IT ALL MOUNTS UP!

The 2011 Kimpton Horse Show

Andrew Wilson



Once again the sun shone and once again you'll have seen them come from miles around to show off their mounts and their mounted skills, in this year's Kimpton Horse Show and Gymkhana. This show, one of the few true village shows in the area, continues to attract entrants and crowds - and it's all run for the benefit of the village. "It was lovely to see the field packed with cars, horses and riders, and spectators. A good day out for everyone", as one prominent villager told us.

As you probably already know, many local organisations benefit from involvement in the show - the Rovers Football Club's lads keep the jumps up, Pre-school's successful tombola gives the village's youngsters the resources to learn, and the Bench Working Party marshals the many hundreds of cars and horseboxes to fit every inch of the field and gets the means to keep the village looking good. Local sponsors and advertisers get their services better known. And, as one of the first donations from this year's tally, Kimpton's flag will be proudly flown on a brand new staff by the local ladies of the Women's Royal British Legion.

So what do the hard-working organisers get? Enjoyment and the feeling that yet again, it's been well worth while. Have a look at the photos and the details at www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk. Next year's show is on Sunday 29th July.

Peter Hale

Karate Club

'This year has gone so quickly at the Kimpton Karate Club. We have already had 3 grading exams this year, with a 4th being held in December. We have had an amazing 100% pass rate from the Kimpton students so far in 2011 and the quality of their karate is just getting better and better.

We held our first aid course back in May, run by the British Red Cross. Many students attended the course and took part in bandaging, recovery positions, CPR, choking and lots more. A good handful of Kimpton students, including some youngsters are now qualified first aiders. We opened the course up this year to the children of the association because many accidents happen, where sometimes no adult is around. At least with qualified and knowledgeable children taking control, lives can be saved.

We have also held various courses throughout the year so far, with well known guest instructors holding seminars for our students. Our next event is the 'ZOKU Karate Tournament' being held at the beginning of November. The students are currently training and perfecting their karate in aid of this championships. I'm sure the Kimpton Club will come away with a large amount of trophies and medals.

With all the children back at school, this is the time we get our biggest intake in the club. Over the summer we have been taking many calls and emails from local families wishing to enrol, especially in our popular Tiger Tot class for 5 year olds. We do still currently have some spaces available in this class and in our adult/junior classes. Classes are held at the Kimpton Memorial Hall on a Wednesday evening. Please contact us for various class times.

Feel free to have a look at our website: www.zokukarate.co.uk
or email for more information:
sez69sez@hotmail.com



Community Policing

PCSO Elaine Cuozzo continues as our part funded officer and is supported by her colleague PCSO Charli Tizard, who has primary responsibilities in other Wards..

Should you need help of any sort you can approach either of them on their walk-about or speak to them when the Mobile Police Station is parked in Claggy Rd. All officers are happy to discuss any matter personally in confidence including arrangements for a free home crime prevention survey.

Please note that the quickest way to make telephone contact to an officer is to use the new automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to.

Police Target Issues

The priorities continue to be reductions in 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. Valuable assistance/intelligence is being provided by local riding stables, farmers and gamekeepers as part of Farm Watch and Horse Watch. Business and Dog Watches now operate in this area.

New Hi- tech Property Marking – Selecta DNA

Selecta DNA is a marking fluid containing thousands of micro-dots, invisible to the naked eye, but will show up under UV light. The fluid is part of a kit including brush and warning labels for attaching to the item and your entry doors, available at a special price of £15.00. The bottle contains sufficient fluid to mark about 50 items and is unique to your home.

If you wish to purchase a kit please contact matthew.jenkins@herts.pnn.police.uk, or Elaine or Charli in person or a message on 01438 757604 with full details of your contact information.

OWL On-line Watch Link

Any resident with an e-mail address can be included in the OWL system, after having signed an easily completed NHW OWL Consent Form which for the time being can be obtained from Alan Smith, contact details at the end.

Reported Local Crime

Recent six monthly figures confirm Kimpton as a low crime area but we must not be complacent so

please be aware that Bogus Callers and Identity Theft continue to be a threat and please be particularly alert when operating a cash machine. Theft of handbags and wallets in supermarkets remains a problem with serious consequences in particular the theft of personal identity.

Shed and garage security advice

Please remember not to leave your gardening equipment and DIY tools on view and follow some basic steps such as always lock your shed/ garage door securely.

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 (not 0845 33 00 222.) You can also contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 anonymously.

Crime Prevention Items

Should you need advice or wish to purchase items please contact the North Herts Crime Prevention Panel on contact@nhcpp.org or Dennis Wall, email dennis.wall@herts.pnn.police.uk We hold a small stock of items for sale at very modest prices and the good news is that some are free to the elderly and vulnerable. Alan Smith can provide a price list and place an order for you.

Night Security and Absence

When you are absent 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 lamps or leave a security lamp on fitted with energy saving bulb of course. Don't leave any keys within sight of an open letter box.

Have a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Autumn.

Alan Smith, Kimpton Village NHW Co-ordinator
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

The Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 13th November this year. As last year the two minutes' silence will be observed at 11.00am; mustering this year will be at 10.15 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.

There will be a small ceremony at the village War Memorial on Friday 11th November at 10.55 am. This is to commemorate the dead of the two world wars, on the anniversary of when the Armistice took place in 1918.

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. New members are welcomed and you need not have served in the armed forces.

Dave Gibbs, Secretary

2nd Kimpton Brownies

The Brownies had a fun summer term packed with many new activities and adventures. Our most popular evenings were the cook out in the hall garden and the end of term Water games. Simon Adamyk joined us for our cook out evening and each Six cooked themselves fried onions and sausages. Our Water games took place on a wet and windy July evening but enormous fun was had by all! We also did a pamper evening, treasure trail and an absolutely fabulous talent show, which helped raise some money for Rachel's (Our Young Leader) trip to Borneo. We look forward to hearing all about it! We welcomed Betsy and Martha, Hollie and Frankie and said good bye to Lucy, Emily, Courtney and Sally. This term we have welcomed four new Brownies and are following an exciting programme of events. We plan to work towards achieving different badges, set each other interesting challenges, enjoy cooking, crafts and games but most importantly our aim is to have fun, develop confidence and make new friends.

Brownies continues to thrive and we have a long waiting list. If your child attends Rainbows they will automatically be added to the Brownies waiting list. However, if not, or you are new to Kimpton, please contact Brown Owl on 01438 832221 to register your child. We recommend you do this once your child reaches school age.

We are always looking for adult helpers (Aged 18 yrs +). Being a Brownie leader/helper is fun and rewarding. Coral and I both work and would love to be able to recruit two additional

adults to work with us on a rota basis. You wouldn't need to commit to every week. Brownies meet on a Tuesday evening, 5.30pm to 7pm. We would love to hear from you! If you would like to see what we get up to or would like to contact us, please visit www.2ndkimptonbrownies.org.uk.

Amanda Corcoran (Snowy Owl)

1st Kimpton Guides

The guides have had a busy year, starting off with a Thinking Day project. Thinking day is when we think of guides in other parts of the world, learn something about them and raise money to help them. We followed the programme developed by WAGGS, the world association. The sessions dealt with living and working for a fairer world through to developing self esteem. The day itself is always in February on the birthday of the founder and his wife, sure you all know when that is! That was followed by an evening's bowling at Stevenage. The rest of the term was taken up with a pancake evening, making a gift for mother's day. The final night was with a royal wedding theme, it all seems so long ago!! In between those we fitted in preparations for the May festival, serving in Wesley's coffee shop at the Methodist church in Harpenden and finished with St Georges Parade in Harpenden, we were rather thin on the ground as it was the Easter holidays and people were away.

Summer term started with several sessions making pennants for the Olympics, every athlete is going to be given one made by various youth groups.

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from page 18 The Guides came up with some great designs and with the help of Valarie and her friends the pennants really did look good. After half term we made Fathers day presents, took part in the scouts challenge, made kites and flew them on Dunstable downs with other companies from the district. We had a BBQ with an American flavour on 4th July and finished up with a games evening on the rec. Outings this year have included Disney World, Paris. The Guides and Rainbows joined together to enjoy a day in London we went on The London Eye and visited The Guide Centenary Maze at Crystal Palace. Sadly we didn't camp as there were not enough girls who were able to go; they already know the date for next year so there should be no problems on that score!

We have a very busy term coming up, The Big Gig, is a concert for Guides only, and we have tickets for the Wembley show in Oct, we will be seeing Olly Murs, Pixie Lott and Dionne Bromfield to name a few. We are also doing a Parish Breakfast in our village church and our chosen charity is "The Railway Children" the guides will do a short talk on the good work that the charity does. We also have the annual Scout & Guide Ball, on Saturday 26th November, where it is a tradition that the Guides waitress and wash up for the evening. The guides have always enjoyed taking part in this event. Please see posters round the village for full details

We would like to say Thank You, to everyone that has supported us over the past year. We would like to say a special Thank You to Simon Adamyk, who helps to keep our website up to date, and is always ready to offer his help and support.

Wendy, Donna and Pam



The Guides with their Olympic Pennants.

Bench Working Party

A productive few months and a few laughs as well. Some highlights include making a new set of Churchyard gates - for the top gateway that leads on to the Hitchin Road. They were made, of oak, by one of our more talented members, Les Weeks. The money for the oak and fastenings was part of a larger donation to us from Janet of the White Horse. Thank you Janet. Another major project was the fabrication and erection of brand new metal 'estate fencing' at the top of Church Lane, where the footpath meets the bumpy road to Parkfield Rec car park. Thanks very much to Roy Davies who made the fencing for us and to EOCOS who paid for the all materials used. We really are fortunate with the generosity of village people and organisations - just recently the Kimpton Friendly Bridge Club gave us a donation to help with the repair and painting of Church House (another big project we are in the middle of), and the Kimpton Players made us a very handsome donation recently too.

Back to things done - we have been going around the Parish benches this summer, cleaning and staining them as required. The Parish now has a scarcely believable total number of benches scattered about - just over 40! The most recent we have installed include the new bench funded by the Kimpton British Legion (at the top of the Rec under the conker trees). One ex Probyn House bench is placed outside the Corner Stores, and another one at the top of Claggy Road - where you can often see what could easily be the cast of 'Last of the Summer Wine'.

You may have noticed a new picnic bench we installed near the play area in the Rec. This was given to us by Herts County Rights of way team. We have another one yet to find a home for.

That's enough from me, do come and join us if you fancy helping out, we have a long list of work still to do. You can come just for a morning if you like, we meet Wednesday mornings.

Bob Finch 01438 832497

Peters Green Fun Day

We held our Village Fun Day on the same weekend as last year, hoping for a repeat of the warm, sunny weather that we enjoyed then, but we were not as lucky... Sunday 4th September turned into a very wet day indeed!

The Green had filled with hopeful stall holders, all under gazebos and optimistically expecting a little bit of gentle rain to fall, dismissive of a more severe forecast. All the games were in place and ready for the same crowds as last year, but just before the official opening time of 12 noon the first heavy shower had already soaked us. We soldiered on..., but after a little respite, the heavens opened.

The rain turned torrential. It flooded part of the main road and put a harsh end to any remaining hopes of salvaging the event. That said, and despite the discomfort and damage, good humour did not abandon us. The BBQ was still dispensing burgers and laughter. The amazing looking scarecrows, outside our properties, and Miss Piggy, strategically positioned on The Green to greet visitors with a cheery wave, were showing once again the remarkable talent of their creators, making it difficult for the judge to choose the winners. The dog show, which took place inside the Village Hall, rather than in its grounds, still offered a fun and very well run competition to the few who braved the downpour to attend it.



Put a new date in your diary and join us in Peters Green for a “weather proof” fun family event!

Christmas Fair

Stalls, Games, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and lots more...

Peters Green Village Hall

Saturday 19th November 2011

11am to 4pm



The Parish Church in focus



In July Ben and Anne Cole hosted a visit to their farm where members of the congregation were taken on a tractor tour followed by a communion service and a bring and share lunch. Vicar Lorraine is seen blessing one of the animals who brought their owners to a special service for pets in August. Sadly the congregation said farewell to Gay and Mike Carpenter who have now left Kimpton.



Could you foster for Hertfordshire?

If you're enthusiastic about working with children and young people, have a spare room and want to work from home, why not think about becoming a foster carer for Hertfordshire?

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In return you'll receive full training and support, plus a fee and allowance of up to £400 per child per week

For a chance to talk to foster carers and other professionals about what it's like to foster for Herts, come along to our open evening on

Wednesday 19th October, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Park Inn Hotel, 30-40 St Albans Road, Watford, Hertfordshire WD171RN

Please give us a call on 01438 843281 if you'd like to come along or to find out more information.



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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

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 at 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 and includes tea/coffee/juice and snacks. Kimpton Memorial Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am during term time. Contact Sally Mayers on 07866 564167

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 9am to 3pm Tuesdays/Thursdays and 9am to 12noon Mon/Wed/Fri during term time only. 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

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www.herts.police.uk

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