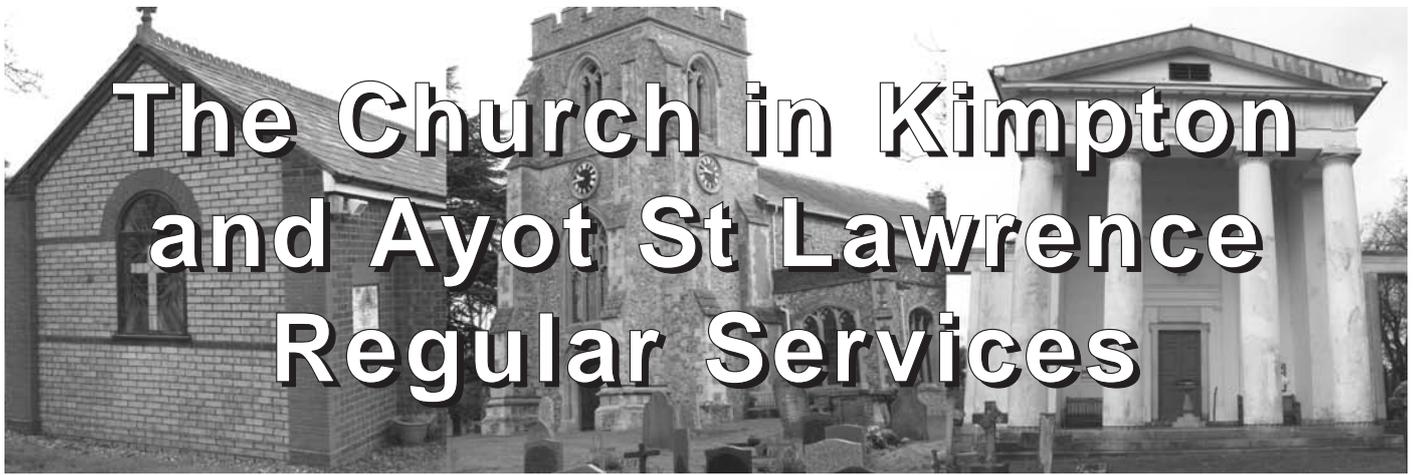


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The Church in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Regular Services

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,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and not too rain-soaked summer. As always at this time of year I write my letter to you just before going on holiday, which a patient at the QE2 said I look like I need!

While most of you were watching the Olympic Games, I was busy with preparing for and conducting weddings and Christenings as well as all the usual services, and was also more than usually busy in my other role as hospital chaplain. Because of other chaplains' annual leave, I had to do more than my usual number of "on call" overnight duties, which means being available by pager from 5pm to 9am for both the Lister and QE2 hospitals, and usually I am called to minister to families going through the trauma of what is often a sudden and unexpected bereavement. Needless to say, being called out in the early hours has a knock-on effect the next day or two.

During this time I also had the privilege of arranging a wedding for a patient who was terminally ill. He was not well enough to get to a church or registry office, and so the wedding took place on the ward, and staff did all they could to make it very special for the bride and groom. Sadly, the groom passed away the next day, and I conducted his funeral ten days later. So with the emotional and spiritual highs of weddings and Christenings, and the lows of trauma and bereavement, often within the space of a few hours, it has been an intense and draining few weeks, and probably explains why I look as if I need a holiday!

What most comes across on all of these occasions is the importance of our relationships with family and friends. We want them to help us celebrate the good times, and we need their support in the tough times that we all have to go through, and it is a wonderful privilege to be allowed to see an enormous amount of love poured out and freely given to others, especially at those times when they are most

vulnerable. Having said that, all of us have times when we need to step aside and be apart to be refreshed and enabled to carry on, and that's where quiet days and holidays come into their own. Even Jesus had to take Himself away from the crowds and His disciples in order to have quiet times with His Father before returning to His preaching, teaching and healing. So following His example, I look forward to being away, having a quiet time with Malcolm and the dog, and coming back to Kimpton and Ayot refreshed and ready to start again. *My love and prayers to you all, Lorraine*

Special Services

Kimpton

Sunday 30th September An invitation to "Back to Church Sunday". If it's been a while since you attended church and you feel you would like to come back, why not make it today? If you are a bit shy, ask a friend to come with you! Services are at 8am (a quiet "said" service, about 30 minutes long) and 9:30am (with choir and hymns, about 1 hour and 15 minutes). Hope to see you there!

Sunday 7th October 11am Harvest Festival, followed by lunch and auction of harvest gifts (proceeds to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal). Please note that there will be no service at 9:30am.

Sunday 4th November 4pm Bereavement Service. An opportunity to remember and give thanks for the lives of our departed loved ones. Light refreshments available after the Service.

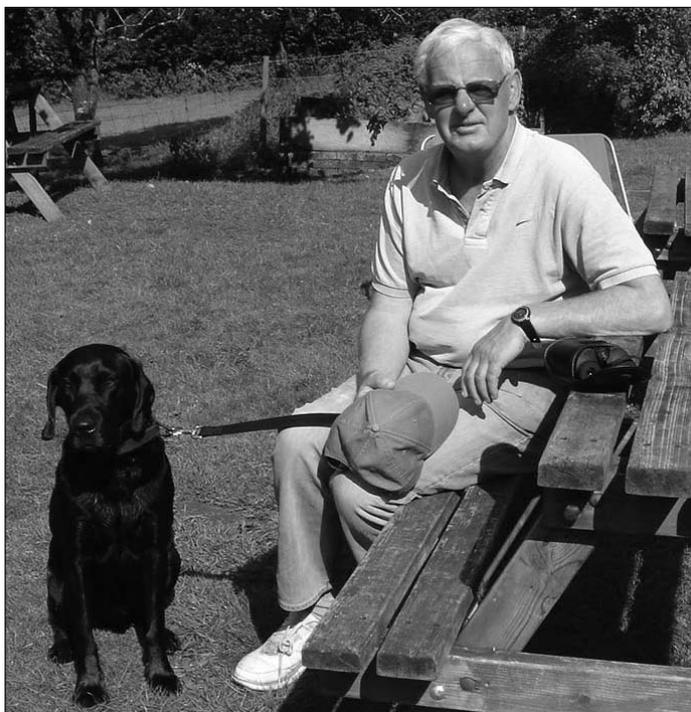
Sunday 11th November Service for Remembrance Sunday. RBL and uniformed groups will gather at Memorial Hall and process along the High Street, stopping at the War Memorial and arriving in Church at approx. 10:50am. Watch out for Posters with details

Ayot St. Lawrence

Sunday 14th September 11:15am Harvest Festival

Sunday 11th November Service for Remembrance Sunday. Starting at about 10:55am at the War Memorial (outside the Ruined Church)

A warm welcome awaits all who come to any of our Church Services



Chris Baker 1943-2012

Chris was born in Weymouth, Dorset and after living in London and St. Albans moved to Kimpton in 1971 with Fran, his first wife. A few years later Rachel and then Emma were born.

During this time he joined the Kimpton Players, Kimpton Cricket Club, Badminton Club and the Kimpton Golf Society. In 1986 he and Fran divorced and we met and married in June 1989 when he became step dad to Stuart and Richard and later Grandad to Hazel.

Chris enjoyed village life and was at his happiest walking our dogs around Kimpton and surrounding areas. He became a member of FOGS (Friends of Guiding & Scouting), Kimpton Environmentalists and one of the first members of the Bench Working Party. He served two 4 year terms on Kimpton Parish Council from May 2002 – May 2010 and was Chairman for 3 years from May 2004 – May 2007. He was chairman of the local Footpath Committee and an active member of the Hall Management Committee. He was also a member of the Probus Group.

In October 2008 he was picked up on a bowel cancer screening programme and just before an operation to remove the tumour was told the cancer had spread to his stomach lining. Although his life expectancy was not good he did have 17 months remission after a course of chemo and carried on enjoying his village activities to the full.

Last October the cancer came back and after another course of chemo earlier this year was told his only option was to stay permanently on chemo for, perhaps, up to 18 months and then his demise. Chris, in true Chris fashion, opted for quality of life as opposed to quantity and came off all treatment.

The three months he had left were good with his health holding up and enabling him to do all the things he wanted to do – walk the dog, play golf, go on holiday with our kids, have a great weekend away with two of our best friends, catching up with old friends and family and village activities. We had the opportunity to plan for his end and say our goodbyes – a somewhat bitter/sweet time. He died where he wanted to be – Garden House Hospice, Letchworth, very peacefully and with dignity. He will be greatly missed. *Diane Baker*

Chris is pictured with his dog Wallis.

Diane, along with Chris's daughters Rachel and Emma, went to Newcastle recently as they both ran in the Great North Race.

They raised between them over £2000 in memory of Chris for Garden House Hospice, Letchworth and Macmillan Nurses. Diane said "We had a great fun weekend together and I am so chuffed with what they have done".

From The Registers

Baptisms

5 Aug 2012	Henry Alexander Learner
5 Aug 2012	Percy Edward Learner
19 Aug 2012	Joshua Alexander Boddington
19 Aug 2012	Nicholas John Andrea

Weddings

9 Jun 2012	Lucille Rawling to Henry Ewart Webster
5 Aug 2012	Tania Lynne Jeffries to Ian Basil Bigg
11 Aug 2012	Charlotte Amy Rose Phillips to Daniel James Webster
18 Aug 2012	Charlene Louise Rolt to Jason George Haley
27 Aug 2012	Emma Reem Kazwini to John David Rice-Oxley

Renewal of Wedding Vows

28 July 2012	Donna & Malcolm Bigg
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Burials & Cremations

22 Jun 2012	Chris Baker
26 Jul 2012	Peter Geoffrey Hale
26 Jul 2012	Barbara Lucy Elliot



We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to Emma and David's wedding on August 27th to make it such a special day that, we hope, was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Lorraine for conducting the service; Andy and the Church choir – especially for the compilation of Music Hall songs sung during the signing of the registers; the flower arrangers for the lovely floral arrangements that enhanced the church; the bell ringers; the church wardens; Mandy Britten and Helen McPun for the music played before and after the service; Gill Vine and Jenny Desborough for serving Pimms while the photos were being taken, and last, but by no means least, thank you to everyone who came to give their support to the new Mr and Mrs Rice-Oxley.

Barbara & David Kazwini

Noise Project

On the hottest day of the year four angels, posy in hand arrived at "Michaelmas" to help with the front garden wilderness, after lunch more angels who tackled the rear jungle.

The result unbelievable – a tidy garden. Many thanks to you all for your hard work which was much appreciated.

God's love truly in action. *Hazel Littleworth*

Perry Green Baptist Chapel at Peters Green

**Sunday 2nd December 3pm
Advent Christingle Service**

Children's Craft Fun Day

For the last two years, Kimpton Christians Together have organised a children's competition to design a Christmas card. This year we are hoping to run a Children's Craft Activity Fun Day in Church House during the October half-term (date to be finalised).

There will be an opportunity to design the Christmas card, make a Christmas pudding, play games and have fun. We also hope that some of our older Church members will come along and tell the children what Christmas was like when they were young, show them how to make some of the decorations they used to make, and games they played. Look out for details on posters around the village.

Cards for Good Causes is opening its annual Christmas Card shop in Harpenden

Cards for Good Causes - which sells charity cards across the UK every year opens its HARPENDEN shop on Saturday October 20th at The United Reformed Church in Vaughan Road offering shoppers the chance to buy Christmas cards from more than 25 national and local charities.

As part of the UK's largest multi-charity Christmas card organisation, we offer a wide range of designs to choose from and a convenient way to support more than one good cause. We're sure just one visit to our shop will help you with cards, wrapping paper and gift tags this season, helping to cross a few festive jobs off the list in one go.

At least 75p in every pound goes to charity, less the VAT payable on the amount retained by CFGC. This amount covers CFGC's costs of running the temporary charity Christmas card shops. In addition to these costs, the participants have to pay for the production and distribution of their cards.

The shop, staffed by local volunteers is open from Monday October 20th to Saturday December 15th from 9.30 to 4.30 every day.

Look out for the red triangular Santa sign!



Although we (both pupils and staff) always feel very ready for our summer holidays in July, by the time September comes around, I think most of us are ready to return. It has certainly been a very enjoyable start to this academic year, with many things planned already. Our Harvest Festival will take place on 5th October with the proceeds going to the Open Door charity for the homeless in St Albans and we are already discussing a Christmas production!

One of the most successful initiatives started recently in the school has been one-to-one support from parents who have been specially trained to help children move forward with their reading. Both children and adults thoroughly enjoy this special time and we have seen noticeable improvements in the children's reading and confidence. We would love to extend this scheme by involving other members of the community who currently have little contact with school. Following a police check, which is a necessary but very straightforward process, we would give you some training to enable you to support our children effectively. If you would enjoy working with some delightful young people and are able to commit a short period of time (half an hour minimum) on a weekly basis, I'd love to hear from you.

I would like to express my thanks to the Bench Working Party for all the invaluable help they give us around the school; they have transformed our Foundation Stage outdoor area. I would also like to thank the Noise Project for the jobs they did over the summer. It is a real bonus to be able to rely on such willing volunteers to enhance our lovely school.

Another willing bunch of people who give us

lots of time and commitment is our KSA committee and their helpers. Our current project is the complete refurbishment of the school library – quite an ambitious project. One of the KSA's planned events for this term is a village wide Garage Sale on 18th November. There will also be a car boot sale in the school playground and teas served in school. Fliers will be distributed around the village, but if you are having a clear out, bear the date in mind as an opportunity to sell things you no longer want and pick up some bargains at the same time.

This term learning in each of our Key Stage Two classes is centred on a book chosen by the teacher. All the books chosen have strong links to other cultures. Our Key Stage One children are finding out about the Great Fire of London and The Gun Powder Plot.

Our new Nursery and Reception children are settling in well and it has been a delight to welcome several new children throughout the school as well as some who are returning to us. We hope they will all have an enjoyable and productive time at Kimpton Primary School.

To find out more about what is going on in our school, visit our website www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk

Marion Stewart-Smith, Head teacher

This and previous editions of the Parish Magazine are available in PDF format at the village website www.kimpton.org.uk
The copy deadline for the winter edition is November 23rd



Kimpton Memorial Hall

A VERY SAD TIME

Since my last report, Chris Baker, who had been a stalwart supporter of the Hall for many years has, very sadly, died, following a long battle with cancer. Chris first became involved in the running of the Hall when he was appointed to the Management Committee as a Parish Council Representative shortly after the Millennium, and since that time he had been a totally committed member of the Management and Executive Committees.

When he retired from the Parish Council, four years ago he agreed to continue to serve on the Executive Committee and he has played an enormous part in implementing the improvement programme that has been under way for the past five years or so. He personally managed several of the major projects we have undertaken, including the refurbishment of the Floor in the Main Hall, and the refurbishment of the Kitchen, and he played a big part in everything else that has been done. Even towards the end, when he was extremely unwell, he was the first to offer help, whatever was being undertaken, whether it meant climbing a ladder to the ceiling, or spending hours on administration. Just ten days before he died he was still 'turning out' to help with the erection of the 'Marquee' lining. He was an example to us all as to how to deal with adversity, and he was cheerful and positive to the end.

'The Hall' will miss him greatly, as will I. As you will appreciate, this terribly sad event 'knocked the wind' out of the rest of the Executive Committee, and we have not made as much progress as we had planned on several projects.

We are just getting to grips with the renovation of the ladies room. We have a detailed specification, and we are currently talking to

potential contractors. We are hoping to have the work done over the Christmas break, subject to being able to arrange a 'window' in the bookings.

We have made little progress replacing the chairs, but we are working on it! We have for some time been hoping that the Hall might benefit from, what is known as Section 106 Monies. Put simply this is money that a developer who benefits from planning consent, has to put into community projects. Were the current planned development of Lloyd Way by North Herts Homes, to proceed; the Hall might benefit quite substantially, and we have been considering what improvement we might make. However that project is currently on 'hold', as must be our planning for it! Should there be any positive developments on this subject, I will report them in future issues of this magazine.

Roger Nash 01438 832101

Grateful Thanks

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

The late Peter Hale

Barbara, his wife, would like to thank all friends and neighbours who sent their sympathy and also attended Peter's funeral. He is greatly missed.

Belated Thanks

Belated thanks from Liz Jamieson, Val Pollington and the Vicarage Cream Teas team for the wonderful cakes, scones and other goodies donated by many known and unknown Kimpton Cooks for the 2012 May Festival. We never know what we will get, but Kimpton came up trumps again. Our sincere thanks, and apologies for not putting this 'thank you' in the summer edition of the magazine.



As we are still trying to hold on to the last remnants of a better Summer than perhaps many of us expected, it seems appropriate to start this newsletter out of doors. The Jubilee Open Space on the footpath between Park Lane and Church Lane has moved forward considerably, and the final touches are now being prepared. There is to be a bench there shortly, and we are considering some solar-powered lights to brighten up the trees as the nights close in.

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge and thank local village business Oecos, for the sponsorship and ongoing maintenance of some additional planting and other features.

Still out of doors, the Parish Council are applying for funding from North Hertfordshire District Council for some more play equipment, which will appear in the Recreation Ground play area in the Spring of 2013. Kimpton Preschool have also made an application to North Hertfordshire District Council for funding for an all-weather play surface, which the Parish Council hopes will be successful.

The Bench Working Party have also recently painted the swings and benches at the Wren's Close playground so, with the new equipment, this area is now looking very smart. The Parish Council have also recently supported the purchase of a new trailer for the Bench Working Party to enable them to carry out their valuable work a little more easily. Each quarter, since I began writing these newsletters, I have had to include a paragraph about Lloyd Way which has contained nothing beyond 'watch this space', as we had very little information about what was causing the ongoing delay. We do now have some more information, but the news is not what we had hoped for.

Since the original application by North Hertfordshire Homes to purchase and develop the land, there have been further offers from rival developers. In addition, North Hertfordshire Homes have recently reduced their original offer. North Hertfordshire District Council are obliged to realise the most beneficial return for the land (not necessarily simply the highest offer, but the best offer when a range of criteria are considered) so the entire project is going back to the District Council Cabinet for further consideration at their October meeting.

The expectation is that one of the new offers will be pursued, and the entire process will start again from

scratch, with a new development, and new planning applications and so on, all of which will take many months if not years, so there will be no activity on Lloyd Way for the foreseeable future.

The biggest immediate impact on the Parish is the lack of the income we had hoped to realise from the 'Section 106 Agreement' that would have come to us as part of the development project. Although we had not committed to spending any of these funds (they were never guaranteed in any case as no agreement had been signed), we had some fairly detailed plans which will now have to be put on hold – and we cannot be sure when, if ever, we will be able to dust them down again.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Governors and other representatives of the Primary School, continue to pursue the matter of Secondary School allocations with Hertfordshire County Council. At the time of writing, the new school year has obviously started, and it is an unfortunate fact that we still have a pupil without a place at a ranked school. There is no easy answer to this issue, but we are fortunate in having the Chair of Governors on the Parish Council as well, so the matter will not be dropped.

We have taken the opportunity over the summer to replan and measure the allotments. The intention is that a rental reflecting the size of the plots be introduced for 2013. We are holding back this adjustment to give time for consultation, as some tenants will find their rent has increased slightly, whereas for others it will fall. We are making the proposal because it is fair, and removes some of the existing anomalies in the rents charged, and we hope that it will gain support.

There are a small number of vacant plots currently, so I would urge anyone who is thinking of taking one to contact Carina Helmn (kimptonpc@btconnect.com) as soon as possible. Finally, I would encourage residents to contact the Parish Council with ideas for future projects that we might consider. It is coming up to the time when we will set the budget for next year, and if there is anything that you would like to see done for the village or the community, then please let us know.

You can contact Carina at the email address above, post a note through the door of the Parish Office, or add a reply to the relevant post which can be found on our website at www.kimptonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Kimpton Bowls Club

The 2012 Bowls season is now, sadly, over with Finals Weekend being celebrated over 15th and 16th of September, culminating with presentation of Trophies and BBQ supper at the White Horse.

Due to intensive "networking" we have gained one or two new members this season. We have entertained the WI (again), FOGS (again), and toward the end of the season two visits from members of the Tennis Club. The recent event being a match between the two clubs. (by Tennis Club's request). A most enjoyable afternoon and evening, with a BBQ.

Perhaps other village organisations might consider an "event" next year. Individuals, families or groups are welcome for roll-ups on club nights or other times by arrangement. Watch out for notices in the Parish Magazine and Fixture Cards in the spring.

The club competitions have gone well, the results of which are below. Inter-club matches have been a little disappointing due to early season wet weather and cancellations. However, the Triples League has gone well with Kimpton finishing 2nd in the League, and likely to be promoted! A marked improvement on last season!

Although we have closed season until April, some members keep in touch by meeting for Diamond Diners lunch at the White Horse on Wednesdays.

If you want to learn more about the club, contact any member that you see around the village, or contact our Hon. Sec. Beverley Pate on 01582 834014.

The winners of the club competitions are.....

Roving Jack	Hal Boshier
Drawn Pairs	Audrey Hill & Bob Porter
Triple	Phil Matthews, Dave Matthews & Allan Strange
Three Woods	Allan Strange
Fixed Jack	Ken Ryder
Handicap	Ken Ryder
Novices	Pat Flury
Veterans	Hal Boshier
Yardstick	Was not contested this year.
Ladies Singles	Pat Flury
Mens Singles	Ken Ryder

Club Member of the Year by secret ballot was Pat Flury.

Kimpton WI

Despite the wet summer, the weather was good for 6 members who attended the County week-end of courses at Denman College, Oxfordshire in early August. Our outing to Capel Manor gardens also took place that month on a fine day.

At the Autumn Show our teas were a great success and congratulations to Molly Cox for winning the WI trophy and the Craft Cup.

September sees the start of table tennis again and we have interesting speakers booked for our monthly meetings throughout the autumn. These take place in the Memorial Hall Lounge at 7.45p.m. on the second Wednesday. Outings to 'Kiss me Kate' and the Supreme Court are planned. Our Book Group meets monthly in members' homes.

Details from Valerie Pollington on 01438 832249.

Rainbows celebrate their 25th birthday



80 Rainbows and their leaders from across Harpenden & Redbourn division celebrated their 25th Birthday.

The girls joined together for a Mad Hatters Tea Party. They enjoyed a magic show where girls helped perform tricks; they learnt a dance routine and made crafts including hats for their tea party. They played games, a “tea-cup relay” and sang songs.

They had a very large birthday cake with a piece for everyone, including the guiders who had worked hard to make the afternoon a success.

Wendy Dollin, Rainbow Guider in Kimpton commented, “Rainbows have been busy this year with activities to celebrate our 25th Birthday, encouraging the girls to “Look, Learn, Laugh and Love”. We’ve had a fantastic afternoon with so many girls joining together to have fun”.

Kimpton Rights of Way Working Group

Following Chris Baker’s death, I have taken the chair of this group.

I would be grateful if anyone - walkers, runners, cyclists, riders or landowners - would let me know of any problems with any of our paths and bridleways. We are well aware that many are badly overgrown. The County Council has halved its clearing schedule from 4 times a year to 2. But they can sometimes be persuaded to deal with specific problems and we can do some of it ourselves.

We are also interested to hear suggestions for improvement, such as where additional permissive paths would get people off the roads - though it is not easy to achieve.

Bob Malcolm 01438 832309 bobm@ideo.co.uk



Can anyone put names to these Scouts? Probably taken around 1935/6
 We know the 2nd left back row is Laurence Bozier (Assistant Patrol Leader)
 Details to Robin Wells or email arjay777@btinternet.com or
erlenmeyer.flask@btinternet.com

Camelot the Panto!

Panto time is coming ... and Kimpton Players have got a splendid treat in store for you! In this pantomime Arthur and Guinevere are destined for each other, but the evil Morgan Le Fay and wicked Valerin have other plans, and if they succeed Camelot will fall and all will be lost! However Arthur has his friends, Merlin and Laughalot, plus the Knights of the Round Table on his side, and maybe with your help, there will be a happy ending.

Camelot is a newly written pantomime which has an entertaining story line, great songs, a huge cast (including a talking clock, teddy bear and Dave the Snake), and all the best traditions we all enjoy in pantomime. Oh, yes, there are!

Dates for your diary are 6th, 7th and 8th

December. There is a special performance on 5th December for senior citizens, and there is a matinee and evening performance on the 8th.

The curtain goes up at 8 pm for the evening performances on 5th, 6th and 7th December and on Saturday 8th December the matinee starts at 1.30 pm, and the evening performance at 6.30 pm.

There is a bar to be enjoyed which opens half an hour before the performances (except the matinee), and in the intervals and a raffle at each performance for you to try your luck at.

The tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children under the age of 16 and will be available from the box office 01438 832542 or on the door.

We look forward to welcoming you to another great event at the Memorial Hall!

Nicky Jackman

Phew wot a scorcher!



A day to be proud of! With temperatures well up into the 30s, I expected people's energy to flag during the day, but no, with true British grit, our intrepid teams completed all of the tasks that we undertook for people who would have found them difficult without help.

Several families were away on holiday, but we had a goodly number of people and the spirit was with us as we tackled tangled gardens, broken gateposts, painting and re-roofing sheds and laying slabs. An expert catering team kept us well fed and watered and didn't we look splendid in our new blue T-shirts! Thank you to our sponsors - Kimpton Players, the Horse Show and Ollie Bert - logs.

Sometimes, people comment that the Church is just about being in 'holy huddles'. The 'Noise' Project shows that it is about people who are prepared to use their time to help their neighbours.

If you would like to help with Noise 2013, contact Andy on 01438 832427

Andy Morton



It was more like a family funday than hard work! The school pond was cleared and slabs were laid for bins. Mark Lenthall re-felted a shed roof, while Kate Chase, Valerie Pollington, Sandra Berti, Gabriella Remmington and Liz Jamieson cleared and weeded gardens and Andy Morton was on hand with his giant hedge trimmer (front page) Photos: Andy Wright



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

The Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 11th 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. If you are intending to attend the Church Service, please be in Church in plenty of time preferably before 10.40am.

We again apologise for any inconvenience that is caused by the closure of the High Street for the Parade.

Anybody requiring information about the Legion and what it does, should contact 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. We need new members to keep the Branch going; it would only cost about £15.00 per year.

Last year, Kimpton Branch collected over £3000.00 for the Poppy Appeal which goes towards supporting servicemen and their families. *Dave Gibbs, Secretary*

CONCERT FOR ADVENT

'Dreams and Longings'
7pm December 2nd 2012
Kimpton Parish Church

MUSICIANS WANTED!

The second village Concert for Advent on December 2nd will again celebrate local musicians performing to local people: a perfect way to start the busy Christmas period. Kimpton Village Choir, now in its second season, will sing, but the rest of the programme is up to you!

If you would like to participate please let me know: singers, players, and readers needed.

AND NEW FOR THIS YEAR

KIMPTON ALL-COMERS' ORCHESTRA

If you play (or used to play) any instrument above Grade 3 and would like to participate in a mass orchestra please be in touch with me. We will hold a rehearsal workshop in the afternoon of Saturday December 1st and play to accompany some Christmas songs and carols in the concert on Sunday. I can arrange a part to suit your level, and you can have the music in advance! For children and adults: dust off your instrument, tune your strings, blow your reed!

Anna Bosatta 07796 342620 anna@bosatta.com



Kimpton Garden Club

The Summer has been an interesting one for the Garden Club with our trips and party and now for the Autumn!

We meet every first Wednesday of the month so our meeting on September 5th was a talk on "Autumn Colour and Chrysanthemums". We will have our AGM on October 3rd when we combine plans for the next few months ahead with a social cheese and wine gathering.

November 7th will be a presentation on "Botanic Gardens and Wild Flowers of Australia" and December 14th, a Friday, will be our Christmas Party.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information contact our secretary on 01438 832776. *Joan Amoss*

Kimpton Cricket Club

Kimpton Cricket Club had a very frustrating season, with 14 matches cancelled due to the weather and only 13 matches played at the time of writing - we are hoping for some September sun to ensure we finish the last 2 games without interruption. When we have played, fortunes have been mixed, with 6 wins, 6 losses and 1 draw.

With the bat, we have not seen any centuries this year, but Mark Connor, Hugh Cutler, Tom Glinka, Harvey Kirkland and Simon Thompson (twice) all made 50s. With the ball we did not get any five wicket hauls, but Sav Balac had an outstanding season with 24 wickets at an average of 13.

Meanwhile, Chris Westcott maintained his position as our most valuable all rounder with 12 wickets at an average of 10 to add to his batting contribution of 137 runs at an average of 27. Behind the stumps, Simon Thompson continued to show his class with 7 stumpings to add to his 5 catches.

We are looking forward to our end of season celebration and prize giving, with food and live music. We are planning for 16 November in the White Horse, everyone welcome!

As ever, we are always pleased to hear from prospective new members and non-playing volunteers that might be interested in scoring, umpiring or fundraising. Please give Simon (01438 833767 or 07899 810743) a call if you would like to get involved or register with Kimpton CC via www.hitscricket.co.uk.

This event was surprisingly well attended as the date fell between the two 'Olympics'. The display of produce, especially vegetables and fruit, was affected by the poor growing season. In other categories (preserves, cut flowers and flower arranging) there was an increase in entries. The most disappointing area was the CHILDREN with the lowest number of entries ever. The committee hopes this is due to late holidays and Olympic Fever and that the children will be back in droves in 2013.

The support from the village for the Grand Draw was phenomenal and we are pleased to say that the profits are up £500 on 2011 and that we will be handing over to the Memorial Hall committee around £1350 towards the improvements to the hall. Grateful thanks to our ticket sellers.

The Bench Working Party did a great job as usual in setting up the hall and dismantling everything afterwards. We are grateful to Keith Haynes and his team for the sideshows in the garden and to Rita Swan and family for the tombola stall.

Congratulations to all cup winners and we hope to see more new people entering next year.

Mary Guenier and I are standing down after many years on the committee and we are delighted that others have come forward to fill the gaps. *Valerie Pollington*



Judging the preserves at the Autumn Show

Kimpton Afloat!



Did you know that Kimpton has its own Yacht Club? Well, now it has got its feet wet! Six of our members chartered a yacht out of the Hamble river for a weekend at the end of July and had a brilliant time, with a great variety of conditions, from calm to Force 5. We visited several harbours and tied up for the two nights in Cowes and Yarmouth.

For added spice, we were thrilled to watch the start of a race between three of the monster J-class yachts off Cowes and then to meet them later off the Needles. Then, on the Sunday, we were at the finish of the Clipper race, as they completed their 40,000 mile circumnavigation of the world and then paraded up Southampton Water behind Sir Robin Knox-Johnston in 'Suhaili'. It was an unforgettable weekend and, I hope, just the first of many for our members.

If you would like to join in, come along to The Boot on Thursday 27th September at 8pm. You'll be in very good company!

Andy Morton

May Festival 2012

We were, in retrospect, very fortunate with the weather this year and seemed to find a 'window' of dryness in an otherwise exceptionally damp period. We weren't rained off like many other events this year and everyone involved in making Festival 'happen' showed their adaptability and resourcefulness in bucket loads!

Last minute changes and decisions were needed ('could we use the Rec at all?', 'should we stick with The Green on Monday?' etc.) but the end result was a Festival every bit as successful, both in terms of enjoyment and

fund-raising, as last year. My thanks to everyone involved for their tremendous efforts, understanding and good humour under pressure.

And so the cycle begins again and we start to plan next year's Festival. 'New blood' is always welcomed, be it joining the Committee or not, as are your feedback and suggestions.

Remember...you can link to the May Festival on the internet (www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk) and on Facebook ('Kimpton May Festival')

Andrew Ackrill
May Festival Committee Chair



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Community Policing

PCSO Elaine Cuozzo continues to provide us with as much cover as possible consistent with her varying shift patterns and demands from other villages.

Fortunately we are generally still considered a low crime area and there have only been a few minor crimes in the last 3 months.

If you need to contact Elaine or any other officer the quickest way is to use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to. It is fast and reliable. Other useful contact nos. are inside the back cover of this magazine.

Be aware that PCSO's now have powers to issue on the spot fines to motorists for a number of offences inc. inconsiderate parking, anti-social driving (e.g.driving/ parking on the verge or footpath), failure to display a valid tax disc and causing an unnecessary obstruction.

Police Target Issues

Hitchin police aim to reduce Metal Theft, Fly Tipping and Anti- Social Behaviour so if you witness any of these crimes actually taking place you should ring 999. After the event please ring 101. This particularly applies to the cruel sport of Hare Coursing which appears to be making a come back.

Metal thieves continue to target the precious metal by cutting out the catalytic convertors from the exhaust system, particularly on commercial vehicles that are left unattended for long periods.

This winter why not organise an event for Macmillan Cancer Support?

People living with cancer sometimes have to turn off their heating to save on their heating bills. Why not raise some money for Macmillan to help people to stay warm this winter?

Macmillan Cancer Support give financial support to people when they need it most. So why not organise a firework display, Christmas party, or make a donation to help Macmillan raise more money.

Every day in the UK another 822 people are diagnosed with cancer.

For more information please call the Macmillan Fundraising Support Centre on 0300 1000 200.

Street Lighting

Now that our lights are turned off from midnight to 6 a.m. I would be interested to hear comments on any effect you have experienced on personal, property and road safety. Herts Constabulary have stated that evidence from other areas that have introduced reduced lighting hours indicates that there is no increase in crime and, in fact, in some areas there has been a reduction.

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.

Night Security and Absence

With the advent of shorter days do ensure that you have secured all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make your property look 'lived in' if possible by parking a vehicle in front of your garage or at least on the drive. Install a timer operated security light and If your absence is for more than a day give a neighbour your contact details.

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

Have a peaceful and enjoyable autumn.

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We're thrilled to see our children back for the new term, as well as welcoming some new faces to our group. Our numbers continue to thrive and our new Thursday afternoon sessions are proving popular, which is wonderful news and testament to the hard work of Preschool Manager Lesley O'Brien and her team.

Our staff numbers have also increased this term and we welcome Kayleigh Offley, who recently completed her BA (Hons) Level 6 Early Years degree, and Ellie Haines, a qualified Level 3 Early Years practitioner. We're also very fortunate that Claire Clarke has taken on the new role of Office Manager, in addition to her Preschool Director duties, and will be dealing with all administration.

Now on to the main thing on our minds at the moment – grass! Many of you walking past the building will have noticed the sorry state of our grassy area outside the glass doors, even following the re-seeding back in the spring. Whilst we're very lucky to have such natural shade for the children during the summer months, this means that the grass will always struggle to thrive. In rainy weather the garden is likely to become unusable.

To address this, we'd like to lay artificial grass on half of the garden area for the children to enjoy all year round. This will cost around £4,000. We've applied for grants where available and, if successful, may receive £2,000. However, that still leaves a significant sum to raise.

We're planning some fundraising events to help reach this target, so please keep an eye out for details and come along to support us wherever you can. And if you have any good fundraising ideas, would like to make a donation, or just know someone who knows about these things and may be able to help, then please get in touch on 01438 833936, email tamsin.corbett@live.co.uk or even drop in to Preschool on weekday mornings, we'd love to hear from you.

If you would like to find out more about Kimpton Preschool, or arrange a visit, please contact Lesley O'Brien on 01438 833936.

Could you use some extra cash?

Talk to your District Councillor

I would like to publicise the Annual Discretionary Grant that District Councillors can donate to local Volunteer and Community groups.

In previous years grants have been made for new dog mess bins, benches, repairs to facilities and youth groups.

The amount requested can be as little as £50

Ideas are often channelled through the Parish Council or alternatively contact me direct.

John Bishop
kimptoncouncillor@yahoo.co.uk

Mounted Money!



The village is again thousands of pounds better off following yet another successful Kimpton Horse Show at the end of July.

The jumping classes included the nail-biting Chase me Charley where a circle of riders is gradually eliminated as the fence grows steadily higher and higher.....The show

classes were well turned out as usual while the fancy dress class was as inventive and fun as ever.

And it was not just for horses - this year the appeal was widened with a dog agility course and also featured a number of local tradespeople with wares such as wooden gifts, dog treats and greeting cards. Next year? Watch this space for location and activities.

The 2012 show marked the "retirement" of the Show's long-standing and hard-working Secretary Wendy Manning who together with her tireless helpers has always turned out a well-run, annual event much appreciated by horse owners and beneficiaries alike.

Donations will be made shortly. If your club or organisation benefits Kimpton parish, and you'd like to apply, please contact Sallie. She'd also love to hear from you if you'd like to help. You can find her email and more about the show at www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk.



Kimpton Scout Group

The new term began with our biennial treat of Scout Family Camp. This saw us staying at a new venue, Well End Activity Centre, near Shenley. We were blessed with fabulous weather and a great time was had by all. In total 17 families took part, with many camping for the first time. We had exclusive use of a wide, open field and wonderful woodland designed to engage all children in the spirit of adventure. With the sun shining on us the weekend had a real summer holiday feel with plenty of time to relax as well as enjoy all the activities on offer. With no kitchen available, it was back-to-basics Scouting, with Scott performing nothing short of a miracle producing wonderful meals for 70 on two gas rings under



a gazebo. Thanks to his amazing efforts we were never left hungry; it's the first camp where clotted cream teas were made available!!

All families took part in a range of activities. We had some traditional woodland activities including cooking on an open fire, obstacle course, string trail and mind boggling problem solving. All these were offered to us courtesy of the brilliant Bob and Kimpton's generous FOGS (Friends of Guides and Scouting). We extend heartfelt thanks to them all for so kindly giving up their weekend to offer us such great opportunities to learn skills and laugh at the same time. We also offered bouldering, jump mats, puzzles and mountain biking. In all, a wonderful experience. Here are a couple of the comments we received:



"The Clarke boys loved the food!! Everyone was really helpful which was fantastic seeing we were camping novices. A great weekend".

" The Watkiss family enjoyed the whole experience!! Favourite parts were the woods, songs around the campfire and the whole freedom of being outdoors. A well organised, fun weekend".

The leaders put in a huge effort to make the weekend such a success. Many thanks to Scott, Lynne, Matt and Laura. Once again, tribute must be paid to our wonderful young leaders, Zach and Zowie, for their endless enthusiasm and commitment to making sure that the children and adults have a great time.

Whilst all this was going on, the Scout leaders took some of their youngest members away for a camp training weekend. This provides them with opportunities to learn new skills and prepare them for the longer camps they will attend next year. As the current County Champions in the Green Beret competition we wish our Scouts the best of luck in this year's challenge in November.

If you wish to find out more about opportunities for the children and young people of Kimpton to join the Scout Group please visit our website at www.kimptonscouts.org.uk

Annie New 01438 833421



Olympic Postcard from David Kazwini



I volunteered to be a Gamesmaker at the Olympic Games and my employers (BT) allowed me three and a half weeks off from work for this. I was allocated to be a National Olympic Committee (NOC) Assistant to the Jordanian team with three other assistants.

Jordan's Chef de Mission arrived ahead of the athletes and as the team co-ordinator; I went round with her making sure the accommodation was up to standard. Overall there were very few glitches as the accommodation was good. Very apparent though, were the temporary inner walls and floors, of the buildings to be sold off as flats after the Olympics.

Tuesday 24th July was the day the Jordanian team was officially welcomed into the Olympic Village. One of the athletes had sustained a bad injury so a last minute replacement was found, who, luckily, was in London on holiday with her family! Unfortunately, due to an administrative error, her date of birth had been recorded incorrectly for her Olympic identity card, but I was able to negotiate with the accreditation team and get it corrected. We got to her apartment just in time to get changed into her team uniform.

Prior to the "Welcome to the Village" ceremony I was introduced to HRH Prince Faisal of Jordan (brother of King Abdullah II) and the Jordanian Ambassador.

Olympic Opening Ceremony, Friday 27th

Even with the Olympic lanes, travelling around London took a long time! I was asked to go to the Metropolitan Hotel, Park Lane and pick up

a ticket, so the Jordanian Press Officer could get a seat for the opening ceremony! It took nearly 4 hours to get from the Olympic village to Park Lane, pick up the ticket and return, via the vehicle security check area!

Prior to the time for the athletes to enter the stadium we got in line behind Japan and in front of Kazakhstan.

All was going well, with some semblance of a team behind me, until one of the team suddenly noticed that Usain Bolt was ahead of us, with the Jamaican team. Suddenly the team dived ahead to get photos with Usain. I must say, I did feel a bit left out until they persuaded Usain to come back, put on a headscarf and pose alongside me to have his photo taken with the Jordanian flag.

The flag was presented to the Taekwondo athlete, who was to carry it into the stadium, and I was told that I could depart. After all the excitement, it felt like I'd been kicked in the stomach, but I dutifully made my way home to watch the ceremony on Sky+.

Unfortunately, the Jordanian team didn't win any medals, but were very professional toward all other athletes. In fact I noticed that all athletes showed great respect for each other and the atmosphere in the Olympic Village was wonderful. Why can't we all learn something from that and deal with each other in a like manner. The World would be a better place!

David Kazwini

Macmillan Cancer Support in Hertfordshire

Firstly I would like to introduce myself, my name is Kerry and I work for Macmillan Cancer Support. I am part of the Hertfordshire Fundraising team and I work as a Fundraising Manager. My role within the charity is to work with local people and to make them aware of Macmillan's amazing vast of services within their town or village.

Macmillan Cancer Support are there to support people from the moment someone is diagnosed with whatever they may need to help them to live with cancer. However we don't just support the person with the cancer but their family and friends also. Most people have heard of Macmillan Nurses who are there to offer emotional help and to help people deal with the pain but they may not know about the other Macmillan services. We provide financial help in the form of benefits advice and Macmillan grants and we also have a supportline where people can talk to trained professionals free of charge, these are just a few of the amazing services we provide.

Macmillan do not receive any government funding so we completely rely on the generous donations we receive from our supporters and people need our Macmillan services more now than ever before. In your local area there are so many ways you could get involved.

We are looking for new members to join many of our Fundraising groups and Committees throughout the county. Fundraising groups and Committees help Macmillan to raise funds and awareness in their local area, if you can spare an hour a month or a day a month we would love to have you on board. We currently have 8 within Hertfordshire who last year raised a huge amount of money. If you would like to volunteer for Macmillan but not be part of a group why not train to be a Macmillan speaker or help with our supermarket collections. If you are already a member of a local group or club why not organise events to raise funds for Macmillan or request a speaker to attend one of your meetings and help us to spread the word.

We have so many ways in which you could get involved so if you want to help me to inspire millions and help people living with cancer then please call me on 07793 579364 or email kbriars@macmillan.org.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kerry Briars
Hertfordshire and Essex Fundraising Manager
07793 579364



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Helping Hand

HOSPITAL VISITING

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

NORTH HERTS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES SCHEME

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 459752

CANCER ADVISORY SERVICE

BACUP Link Line. Freephone 181199

THE SAMARITANS

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

HITCHIN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

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

KIMPTON MONKEYS TODDLERS' GROUP

Come and meet local, friendly faces and enjoy general play, craft, ride-on toys, baby corner, singing, etc for pre-school children and babies.

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

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

KIMPTON PRESCHOOL

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

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

KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Pauline Massam 01438 833806

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