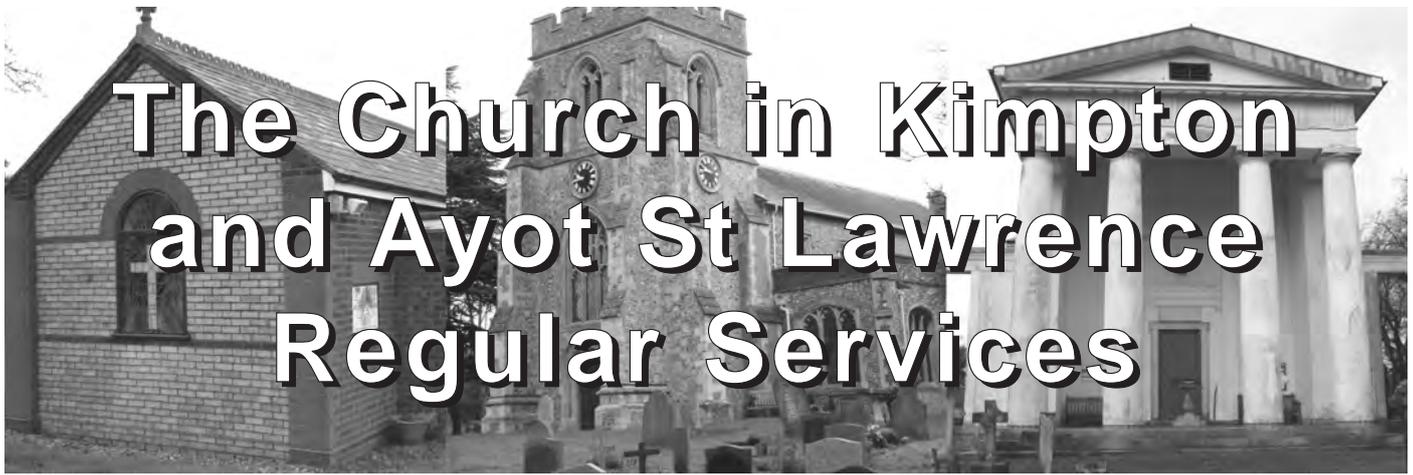


Kimpton Parish Magazine

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**The Parish Church makes
a big 'Noise'**

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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

Evening Prayer

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

4th Sunday Morning Prayer

9.30am

4th Sunday Family worship

8am

Parish Church

other Sundays Holy Communion (Common Worship)

9.30am

Holy Communion followed by coffee

11.30am

Ayot St Lawrence

Mattins with Holy Communion

2nd Sunday each month (BCP)

6pm

Perry Green 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,

In my last letter I wrote about the visit we were expecting in July from members of our German “twin” church. Just over twenty came and we had a wonderful time making new friends, renewing

old friendships and deepening our fellowship. Christian Werdin presented us with a shepherd he had carved to go with the beautifully carved Holy Family he had made and brought to us on previous visits. Do go to the church and see the figures; you will find them on the window shelf in the Dacre Chapel.

Much as we enjoyed our weekend, we had packed so much in that we were all exhausted by the time our friends went home. Life nowadays can seem frenetic; there always seems to be something we should be “doing” and not much time for simply “being”.

For the last week or so I have had a phrase from one of the Psalms going through my mind, “Be still, and know that I am God” (Ps.46:10). It is a phrase that was over the door of the first church Malcolm and I attended, and it is on a plaque that our son Daniel bought for me when I came to Kimpton and which is on the wall of my study. It is worth reading the whole of Ps 46 as it puts the phrase into context; the psalmist writes about the devastation caused by war, saying that if only we put our complete trust in God all wars would cease. (All Governments please note!)

We, can, though take that phrase and apply it to ourselves by taking some time

out. Perhaps if we all remembered that we are human beings not human doings we might just have a little less stress in our lives. As always when I write at this time of year I am preparing to go on holiday myself, so I am very much looking forward to following my own suggestion and being still.

However busy you might be in the coming weeks I hope that you, too, get some moments when you can just “be still and know.....”

With my love and prayers, Lorraine

Special Services at Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence

Harvest Festival at Ayot St. Lawrence
Sunday 13th October 11.30am

Bereavement Service Kimpton
Sunday 3rd November (time to be confirmed)

Remembrance Day (10th November)
Kimpton

Gather at Memorial Hall to process to Church in time for Service at 10.55

Ayot St. Lawrence
Gather at War Memorial at approx. 10.50am

For all these services, watch out for posters with full details.

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks donations received from Perry Green Baptist Chapel, Kimpton Garden Club and Margaret Payne towards the cost of printing the magazine.



“The woman who never sat down” *Vera Millward* 1926 - 2013

Vera's entire teenage years were spent living through World War II and this undoubtedly moulded and defined her character as a fiercely independent woman with a strong sense of duty to help out those in need and support the community she lived in.

Vera qualified as a Nurse and a Midwife eventually working locally.

She also developed a passion for outdoor pursuits which led her to join a Rambling Club in Kent where she met her future Husband, David Millward.

Never one to follow the conventions of the day, in 1956, Vera followed David on a challenging hut tour of the French/Swiss Alps as the only woman in the group, but she made sure she kept up with all the men! This was to mark the beginning of a life long passion for mountain climbing that continued into her late 70's.

In 1958 Vera married David Millward and they had four Children, Andrew, Peter, Mary and John. In April 1967 the family moved from Orpington, Kent to Kimpton, which would remain the family home until today.

As if the challenge of rearing four children, working part time, growing her own vegetables and training for marathons wasn't enough, Vera also got involved in many village groups including being an active member of the WI, fundraising for the Garden House Hospice, running the senior citizens' Welcome Club and keep fit classes for the elderly. For many years she organised the May Festival fun run.

Despite her failing memory and physical condition, Vera still managed to hold on to her keen sense of humour. The ability to not take herself too seriously is just one of her many redeeming qualities that will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

From the Registers

Baptisms

16 Jun 2013 Oscar Harry Vine
30 Jun 2013 Emily Harriet Griffin
11 Aug 2013 Melissa Marion Nicholson
11 Aug 2013 Corin Rosalind Nicholson

Weddings

14 Jun 2013 Sarah Jane Cottrell and Joseph Luke Smale
29 Jun 2013 Alexandra Ayla Arikoglu and Thomas Charles Montgomery
31 Aug 2013 Sarah Louise Dearman and Benjamin Charles Croft

Burials & Cremations

13 Jun 2013 Margaret Ann Muir
18 Jul 2013 Vera Edith Millward
01 Aug 2013 Beatrice Mary Bigg



Fitness was always important to Vera and she's pictured (no.1) running for her school in 1934 and in 1933 she doesn't look very happy in the arms of the law!

The Noise gets louder!



For anyone who doesn't know, on Noise Project day, groups of volunteers from the Parish Church respond to the needs of individuals in the parish, tackling those tasks that the householders can't deal with themselves. God's love in action!

In moving the Noise to July, we obviously hit a good spot. More volunteers than ever and a real feeling of achievement. The Good Lord must have been looking favourably on us, as the sweltering heat of the previous week abated just a bit to allow us to complete all the tasks without any sunstroke. Most of the projects involved gardens and one householder remarked that the work we did last year in clearing back the jungle in her back garden had inspired her to keep it that way, so there was no need for us to do it again this year.

Thank you to all who took part, including the caterers - we had a fantastic BBQ on the Old Vicarage lawn, thanks to the Mitchell family's hospitality - those who organised the worship and thanks be to God for the amazing atmosphere of the day.

Next year's Noise will be on Saturday 19th July, so put the date in your diaries now and come and join in the fun! *Andy Morton*



photos: Juliet Morton

All creatures of our God and King.....

Including a bearded dragon called Dennis, a corn snake called Sugar and a few dogs!!

The annual Pet Service was held in the Parish Church in August where vicar Lorraine said prayers for our pets and blessed the animals that the congregation had brought along.



Photos: Andy Wright



Good News and a bleak warning

I am delighted to report that the work to refurbish the Green Room area is virtually complete, and within the Budget. The Hall Committee is deeply indebted to our Parish Council which funded the entire Project, and we are extremely grateful for its support.

The completion of this facility, with its newly created independent access will add a great deal of flexibility to the manner in which we are able to use, and to let, the various parts of the Hall, and should enable us to increase our letting income.

However, since 1982 the Hall has benefited from a substantial annual grant from the Parish Council (£3,000 in recent years) which has helped us to keep hiring charges down. However, because the Parish Council has funded the entire cost of the recent improvements, that subsidy will cease forthwith, and in future we will need 'to balance our books' without it. This has caused us to look very closely at our letting policy with a view to maximising our income, whilst retaining the basic principle that hiring costs to village organisations should be kept as low as possible.

One of the biggest draw-backs of our Hall has always been the fact that access to the lounge

could only be gained via the main hall. So if the main hall was in use, the lounge could not be let separately, and vice versa. We now have another option, the new Green Room area.

With this in mind, we will be asking the Hall's Management Committee, at its next meeting on Tuesday 15th October at 8.00pm, to consider various recommendations regarding the way in which the Hall might be let in future. Those recommendations will include the proposal that the Lounge, Kitchen and Main Hall, may only be booked as an entity.

Were that proposal to be adopted, the options for those groups which traditionally hire the lounge would be to pay the extra charge, (possibly about £5/hr?) or hire the refurbished, and now very nice, Green Room area (with its own toilets and kitchen area) at a rate closer to the current cost of the lounge.

Without wishing to sound alarmist I have to make the point that our running costs are increasing dramatically due to factors entirely beyond our control. For example for every hour in the year the Hall is let, the cost of utilities alone (Gas & Electricity etc.) amounts to over £6 per hour. Clearly hourly letting charges in single figures (i.e. under £10/hr) are not sustainable under those circumstances, and as a village we will have to face up to that fact. Hiring Charges will have to go up.

Roger Nash 01438 832101

Transition Tea Party

Want to know more about Transition Streets? Then come for tea and a film show on Saturday 26th October at 3.30pm in the Green Room at Kimpton Memorial Hall. Talk to some of the Kimpton Transition pioneers and you might even spot us as film-stars. Find out how we and the environment have benefitted from our belonging to a group, and what it takes to form another Streets group. Everyone welcome, cost £3.00 Contact Davina Malcolm 01438 832309



Over the summer period, the Parish Council has been engaged in more tree works around the village, most recently on the Recreation Ground, and we have also upgraded the surface on Footpath 35 (the small spur off Park Lane connecting to the main Footpath 34). We have also noted concern from some residents about the speed of traffic on the High Street, and will be taking this up with the appropriate bodies to see if anything can be done to improve the situation.

We are also considering a more formal list of potential capital projects that we will compile and maintain in the future. This will help both to give focus to, and to prioritise, projects that we may want to invest in or organise fund-raising for. On that subject, we have decided to start work on a Neighbourhood Plan. In some respects this is an updated version of the Parish Plan done some years ago, but there is a significant benefit in financial terms from having a Neighbourhood Plan in place. The subsidy payable to the community as a result of any property development taking place in the village is larger for those Parishes with a plan, so we have decided to investigate this further, and hope that you will come along on the 15th October to find out more about it, and to become involved in helping to compile it. *David Hardstaff, Chair*



The Kimpton Neighbourhood Plan

Your chance to shape the future of our community

Do you want to preserve Kimpton's heritage? Protect our open spaces? Or help shape the plans that support our schools, transport links and local businesses? Have your say on the future of your village by working with us to create the **first ever Kimpton Neighbourhood Plan**.

The Localism Act 2011 lets communities get more involved in planning for their areas – specifically around creating plans and policies to guide new developments and, in some cases, even granting planning permission.

To find out more about how you can get involved, come along to register your interest at the Green Room, Kimpton Memorial Hall on Tuesday 15th October, 5-8pm, or contact Councillor Ian Corbett at kimptonvision@mail.com or on 833 872.

You can find out more about how neighbourhood planning works by visiting www.planninghelp.org.uk



Your Parish Church Choir needs you!

We are looking for both men and women to swell our numbers. No experience is necessary and there will be no auditions! Come along on a Friday evening at 7.30 in the church or contact organist Andy Wright on 01438 820929 or kimpton.organist@btinternet.com



The Kimpton Players are currently rehearsing for their next production: Joan Littlewood's Musical Entertainment 'Oh What a Lovely War'

The play was first performed at Theatre Royal, Stratford East, in 1963 and was later adapted for the film version directed by Sir Richard Attenborough. Using the concept of an end of the pier (variety)

show, 'Oh What a Lovely War' provides a satirical account of events leading up to WW1 and tells of the horrors of the war through historical documents and well-known songs of the period such as, 'I'll Make a Man of You', 'Pack up Your Troubles' and 'Hold Your Hand Out You Naughty Boy'.

The show will be performed 7th - 9th November 2013, 8pm Kimpton Memorial Hall.

Tickets available from the Box Office: 01438 832237, The Boot Pub or The Corner Stores from 7th October. Adults £8, Students £5

Visit our website for more information www.thekimptonplayers.co.uk



Photos: Andy Wright

Calling readers and book enthusiasts!

A corner of the parish church looks very different. We have turned it into a book swap: an opportunity to bring a book and exchange it for another of your own choice. If you have nothing to swap come and choose a book anyway.

We have used the corner behind the font and filled it with book shelves. The books are mainly novels arranged in alphabetical order but we also stock children's books (most ages), spiritual and religious books, biographies and auto biographies and travel books. We don't have any room for non fiction I'm afraid.

Anyone can go in during the day - the church is nearly always open during daylight hours. Tea and coffee are provided so that you can relax and browse properly. A sign outside the Church shows that it is open.

If you have any spare books at home - ones you have finished with - why not bring them along and change them.

PLEASE don't bring reference books and no porn! So Fifty Shades of Gray is out!

Enjoy the BOOK SWAP. It's for YOU!

Juliet Morton



Well, it certainly feels as if we have said 'goodbye' to the (generally) sunny weather we had this summer and it won't be easy to resist the temptation to hibernate in a box under the stairs until Spring. Summer was late in coming but, fortunately for us, the bank holiday weekend was a fabulous oasis of sunshine.

By the time you read this we will have held the AGM and hopefully received lots of ideas for 'The Big One', the 50th May Festival. We really want to make this one something to be proud of and to remember; for that, we need the collective thoughts of all villagers. If you were unable to make the AGM please remember that you can add comment on the May Festival website (www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk) and on Facebook ('Kimpton May Festival'). If you prefer, you can always simply pass a suggestion to any committee member.

The theme for Festival 2014 is still under discussion and should be able to be announced very soon.

We have had a number of new volunteers come forward to join the Committee and would welcome anybody else who would like to...new members bring new ideas and suggestions and they are vital to keep the Festival interesting, entertaining and relevant to all.

Andrew Ackrill, May Festival Chair

Your memories from past May Festivals Please

Kimpton will be celebrating 50 wonderful years of May Festival.

Were you at the 1st May Festival, what can you remember, do you have a photo? Were you a May Queen or one of her attendants, did you dance The Maypole? You might have been one of the strong guys on the end of the Tug of War rope, or perhaps you were just enjoying a cream tea. Whatever you were doing we would love to have photos and stories from past festivals, to include in our special 50th programme. Details below of where to send them.

Our May Queens and attendants over the years have some very special memories. Would you like to be May Queen or one of her attendants for our special 50th May Festival? Election usually happens in February, watch out for the posters.

Please email memories to Donna donna.guides@hotmail.co.uk or drop through her door, 185 High Street Kimpton.

Competition

Design the cover, for the 50th Kimpton May Festival programme. Your design should reflect "50" This could depict 50 years of your group's history or 50 years in Kimpton. The possibilities are endless.

"50th Kimpton May Festival 2014" must be included in your design.

All residents of Kimpton welcome to enter.

Designs can be drawn or painted on a A4 size paper. You can either email your entry as a PDF file to: donna.guides@hotmail.co.uk or drop through her door, 185 High Street Kimpton.

Please include your name and contact details.



How lovely to have had a 'real' summer for once. Children and staff have returned to school refreshed, rested and ready for another exciting year. Our new Nursery and Reception children are settling in well. It has been lovely to welcome them all.

We have had some improvements to the school over the summer holidays. The Nursery classroom has a lovely new floor, thanks largely to the fundraising efforts of Victor and Albert (otherwise known as Tim and Roland) who entertained us all with their unique blend of music and mayhem and raised £1300 in the process.

Our library refurbishment should, by the time you read this, be complete. Again this would not have been possible without some fantastic and dedicated fundraising, this time by our KSA. It was fantastic to finally reach our target through the children's efforts to 'Grow a Pound'. I think most of the village contributed to this in some way and if you'd like to see what we've achieved, please pop in; someone will be happy to show you around.

Several volunteers have also helped spruce up the school by decorating the library and other areas that were badly in need of some TLC. It is wonderful to be the head of a school where

so many people give so willingly of their time and talents to support the school in all sorts of ways. It really makes our school a very special place.

This term, Our Juniors are learning about Romans, including visits to Verulamium and the Roman Baths at Welwyn. The Infants are finding out all about Knights and Castles. Nursery and Reception will be thinking about themselves and the world around them. We have welcomed several new members of staff this term: Ms Nicky Lewis is our new year three teacher and Miss Jessica Clark is new to Reception. Miss Wilson is our new year five teaching assistant. We have also recruited some new midday supervisors, Mrs Warwick, Mrs Harper and Mrs Colston Patel. We would like to recruit one more midday supervisor to work on an occasional basis to cover for absence. If you think you would enjoy this role, please contact the school.

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

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

Cards for Good Causes opens 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 Friday, 25th October at The United Reformed Church in Vaughan Road offering shoppers the chance to buy Christmas cards from many national and local charities.

You'll find us from our distinctive triangular red Santa signs in Vaughan Road, Harpenden. The shop, staffed by local volunteers is open from Friday, 25th October to Saturday 14th December from 9 30am to 4 30pm every day.

Look out for the red triangular Santa sign!



Now that we are in Autumn, Kimpton Garden Club will be looking towards preparing for the Winter and thinking ahead to preparing for Spring.

Our September meeting was a concluding presentation by a very experienced bee keeper, Stephen Poyser. Stephen explained the process for getting 'Honey, from the hive to table'. It was very encouraging to have guests at the meeting. The talk was very informative and hopefully will engender further interest in hive keeping in the village.

Our next meeting on October 2nd will be our AGM. This will be followed by a demonstration on propagation. Please note that our November meeting will in fact be held on October 30th. Peter Fells, a regular speaker at Garden Club meetings, will talk about 'India – Moghuls, Rajputs, and Hindus Rajas'. This should be very interesting linking Indian horticulture with History & Geography. December 4th will be our Christmas Party with a meal and entertainment.

For more information on the Garden Club please ring 01438 832766 *Joan Amoss*

Kimptom WI

"Didn't we have a luvly day, the day we went to Greenwich, to see for ourselves the new Cutty Sark and exploring near and far." A great day in August for the coach load of members and partners who went on the trip. This was followed in September by a magical and interesting evening of harp music played by Catherine Dunlop and interspersed with pictures of harps through the ages. Table tennis has started again on Friday afternoons and the book group are busy reading and digesting a new book. Our October meeting will be an informative talk on How to Cope with Dementia and then in November an enlightening evening, we hope, by a Royal Journalist.

In December we are holding an open meeting when Eric Morecambe's daughter will be telling us about "life with her father". Tickets are £3.50 for non W.I. members and will include a

drink and mince pie. The time 7.30 for an 8 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Tickets are available from Liz Haynes 01438 832500 - so book now to avoid disappointment.

If you are interested in any of our talks, do please come along to the lounge in the Memorial Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 for 8pm and you will receive a warm welcome.

For more information contact Janet 832597 or Shirley 01582 833285.

Janet Holmes-Walker

Whitwell Badminton Club

Badminton is a great way to get fit, have some fun and meet new people

Did you know Whitwell has its very own Badminton Club which meets in the Village Hall every Monday evening between 7.30 & 10pm?

The club wants to find new members of all abilities. The Village Hall has a great court with a high ceiling and members play doubles or mixed doubles on a round robin basis, so you always have a chance to catch your breath before your next game! On busy nights you can play table tennis between games.

It's not really competitive though we do play a mixed team in the Stevenage Badminton League. Don't worry if you are rusty, haven't played for years or cannot remember the rules because you will be given a very warm welcome and a bit of coaching.

Still a bit apprehensive or unsure?

Why don't you come down to the Village Hall on any Monday evening after 7.30pm to see what goes on and have a go. We have spare racquets and there's absolutely no obligation to join.

If you have any questions or wish to find out more, then please do not hesitate to call Phil on 07710 733353 or Erik on 07799 061748.

Stop thinking of excuses and don't worry... the sofa and telly will still be there when you get home!

**For booking Peters Green Village Hall
please contact Mrs Lesley Lark
01438 831189**



1st Kimpton Scout Group continues to flourish!

We enjoyed a terrific Summer Term with a host of outdoor activities that saw the young people of Kimpton engaged in a variety of challenges. A new initiative has been the support that the

Group has offered to an environmental project in Bowers Heath. This has involved ground, litter and path clearance and we are very grateful to the Scouts and their parents who joined us in mid June for a Working Party day. Their efforts were much appreciated and were rewarded with a superb buffet lunch provide by the Bowers Heath ranger, Bonnie. We hope to continue to support this local project and enjoy the benefit of a well managed natural area.



We are delighted to let you know about a very special award presented to our Beaver Scout Leader and Cub Assistant Leader, Scott Goodge. For anyone involved in the Group, the contribution Scott makes is abundantly clear. He supports two Sections and gives up countless evenings, weekends and a vast mount of energy into ensuring that the children of Kimpton have a rich and varied experience in Scouting. We were thrilled that he was the first recipient of a new District trophy, the Pauline

Ballan Trophy, in memory of a stalwart of the Scouting community in the District. The trophy is awarded to a leader who has contributed over and above what could be expected over a sustained period, but does so quietly and without fuss. We are all very proud that one of our own achieved this honour. Well done Scott and thank you!

All our Sections are currently full so we really do encourage you to visit our website and register your child should you wish to be offered a place in the future. Visit our website at www.kimptonscouts.org.uk

Similarly, if you think you may like to take on an adult role within the Group then please contact me to chat about it. We are always keen to welcome leaders!

Annie New, Group Scout Leader. 01438 833421

Please remember that the deadline for the winter edition of this magazine is Friday November 22nd
Please send copy and JPEGs to kimpton.editor@btinternet.com

Kimpton Bowls Club

The 2013 season is now over ; Finals Weekend being on 14th and 15th September. Trophies were presented at the clubhouse on the Sunday, followed by a buffet at The Boot. In past years the Finals meal has been held at the White Horse, but this year's event coincided with Janet's last weekend. We thank Janet and Peter for their support of our club over many years and wish her every success and happiness in the future. We look forward to meeting the new incumbents, Darren and Vickie soon.

Having been promoted to the 1st Division of the Triples League last season, we will no doubt be relegated next season! Our team did, however, enjoy the experience and aspire to greater heights again in the future.

The Club hosted one or two social / bowls events with other village organisations again this season; the Guides did particularly well! If any other groups would like to arrange a visit next season, please contact Pat Flury on 01438 831110. An early contact would secure a date in next season's busy calendar.

A group of club members will be going to Potters Leisure Centre in Norfolk in the new year to participate in the bowls tournament and enjoy the hospitality.

The Club re-opens in April; meanwhile please contact our secretary, Beverley Pate for information regarding the bowls club on 01582 834014.

The winners of the club competitions are

Roving Jack: Phil Matthews
Drawn Pairs: Hal Boshier & Shirley Truscott
Triples: Pat Flury, Mary Picken & Shirley Truscott
Three Woods: Phil Matthews
Two Woods: Ken Ryder
Fixed Jack: Phil Matthews
Handicap: Phil Matthews
Novices: Warren Phillips
Veterans: John Truscott
Yardstick: Edna Symonds
Ladies Singles: Pat Flury
Mens Singles: Warren Phillips
Club Member of the Year, by secret ballot, was Pat Flury.
Dud Ginn

Kimpton Cricket Club

Kimpton Cricket Club have had a very busy summer, with much improved weather relative to last year. At the time of writing, we have 2 matches remaining, and are hoping the sunshine holds for long enough.

The cricket has been mixed. However, there have been some outstanding performances over the season - notably captain Tom Glinka, who has scored nearly 600 runs (with 2 matches to come), including 2 centuries and 4 half-centuries and with a current average of nearly 75. We also saw a maiden century from wicket-keeper Simon Thompson, who scored 118 not out against Haringey libraries.

With the ball, Ken Hammond has had another very strong season, with 28 wickets at an average of 15.7, ably supported by Sav Balac, who has taken 22 wickets at an average of 20.4. Robbie Parry and Olly Edmond also deserve an honourable mention, having both secured 5-wicket hauls.

We will be holding our annual dinner over the winter in the White Horse to which all are welcome - see website for date.

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 on www.hitscricket.co.uk



Volunteers Needed

Caring, compassionate and flexible volunteers needed for our new service across Hertfordshire.

You will work alongside a team of support workers, responding to vulnerable adults at any time of day or night, in their homes, across the county.

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Helen Kibbler on
07590 227890 HKibbler@redcross.org.uk

Refusing to ignore people in crisis



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

The Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 10th November this year. Two minutes' silence will be observed at 11.00am; mustering 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 caused by the closure of the High Street for the Parade. The closure will run from approximately 10.15 to 10.45.

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 £16 per year. Last year, Kimpton Branch collected over £2600.00 for the Poppy Appeal which goes towards supporting servicemen, ex-servicemen and women and their families. Remember, over the last ten or so years we have had British Armed Forces serving in a number of war zones: the Royal British Legion, which is made up of branches like Kimpton across the country and was formed to aid servicemen returning from the First World War continues to support our returning men and women.

The Branch has been on the brink of being forced to close earlier this year still needs active members.

Legion members will also be remembering the fallen at the village War Memorial at 11.00am on Monday 11th November. All are welcome to join us. Next time you are passing the Memorial, it is worth noting the names of the men who gave their lives; you will recognise a number of family names which are still common in Kimpton.

Dave Gibbs, Secretary

Royal British Legion Women's Section

I am glad to report The Women's Section has grown in membership numbers so we are able to carry on for the foreseeable future. We always welcome new members so if anyone would like to join us please contact our Secretary Sarah on 01582 623444. We are coming towards the end of our financial year and I am pleased to report that we were able to make £100 in donations to our Benevolent Fund and to Herts County. Unfortunately our Auditor for a number of years is unable to carry on due to ill health, therefore, we need to find a willing volunteer to audit the accounts for us. We only have a maximum of 30 entries a year as we are such a small branch so the task would not be onerous or time consuming. If there is someone who could help us out we would be extremely grateful. The audit needs to be done by a qualified accountant or similar or by two non qualified people. If you think you can help us out please contact me on 01438 832432 or by e mail at desboroughj@msn.com. Many Thanks.

Jenny Desborough

A big 'thank-you' from Jacob

As many of you may remember, for the last 2 May Festivals I have been raising money for my school expedition to Morocco. I went in July and I am pleased to say that it was a great success. I spent my time in the village of Asni where I took part in a community project in order to help build a road, a new fence and to help irrigate the farms. I was able to meet with locals, learn about their customs and enjoy their hospitality. We enjoyed a few memorable football matches with the children!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me by buying Kimpton Rock last year or trying to guess the name of the teddy earlier this year. I would also like to say a special thanks to the Kimpton May Festival Committee, the Horse Show Committee and to Bob Finch for all their support in helping me to raise the money needed.

Jacob New



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Community Policing

We don't see much of our Ward Constable, Chris Suckling or PCSO Elaine Cuozzo these days but I do know that her beat has been expanded to include Great Ashby (Stevenage) so some outlying villages must receive less cover. Chris now has access to a Quad Bike so he can speedily chase villains over rough country. Although we are a low crime area it would be comforting to see a uniform occasionally.

I understand that the Commissioner's policy is to reduce costs and rationalise police cover without any detrimental effect on front line presence but that is not exactly apparent at the moment. I spotted that the mid-week 'Advertiser' carries a comment that his support staff has been increased by six new posts. Don't forget in an emergency or if you see a crime in progress dial 999 or 101 for non-urgent. 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.. Other useful contact nos. are inside the back cover of this magazine, including the new Police & Crime Commissioner.

Metal Theft

I apologise for repeating this message but you should be aware that thieves continue to steal precious metals that can be retrieved once they have unbolted or cut out diesel exhaust catalytic convertors, especially from light commercial vehicles that are left unattended particularly overnight.

Monitoring Vehicle Speeding in the High Street

Our Petition has been accepted under the Commissioner's DriveSafe Campaign (aka Speedwatch) and suitable monitoring sites have been identified and we now need to increase the size of the volunteer team. Training for the first six volunteers will commence shortly but we do need more and if you feel strongly about speeding please contact either margaret.smith5@talktalk.net or carolschobs@btinternet.com

Caring Neighbours

Please kindly check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and in particular remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house. If they are in any doubt about their identity advise them to call the Police immediately on 999.

Night Security and Absence

As the evenings get darker now is a good time to check your internal and external security and if you are planning on leaving your property unoccupied in the coming weeks please 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 at least one timer operated internal 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.

Enjoy a peaceful autumn.

Alan Smith, Kimpton Village NHW Co-ordinator
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We have the following personal and property security items for sale at knockdown prices that are really good value for money.

Personal Alarms Rip Cord activation

Mini Alarm (silver), 95dba including batteries
£1.00 (was £2.50)

Defender DBA (black) Alarm, 120dba
including batteries £1.50 (was £3.00)

Door, Window, Personal Alarm Electronic Coded

4 Digit Code and 3 operating modes 140dba
Key Ring or Rip Cord operated.
£ 3.50 (was £6.50)

Letter Box Deflector FREE



Victoria Wilson and Darren Forrester have just arrived at the White Horse and are looking forward to their life in Kimpton.

They have known each other since they were four and attended school together but eventually lost touch until, thanks to Facebook, they were reunited eighteen months ago

Previously Victoria worked for Marks and Spencer ensuring that the information on food packaging was correct and Darren was a Risk Assessor for a bank.

Victoria and Darren enjoy a wide range of music and have both sung in choirs including taking part in a BBC Radio 3 recording of Fauré's Requiem.

This is their first pub and, as they previously lived in Hertford, they approached McMullen's who offered them The White Horse.

It's early days yet but they are in the process of planning a new menu and also hoping to serve quality coffee, with Victoria's freshly baked cakes, in the morning.

The darts, folk nights and Sunday evening poker will definitely continue.

KATS latest show

KATS (Knebworth Amateur Theatrical Society) present Terry Pratchett's Guards! Guards! By Stephen Briggs, Thurs – Sat 21-23 November at 7.45pm in Knebworth Village Hall, Park Lane. Tickets £7 (concessions £6) from Jo Simson 01438 814166, or Village News, Station Road, Knebworth.

There are dwarves and dragons and a librarian who dabbles in magic! To aficionados of Terry Pratchett's Disc World it will all sound familiar. For the rest of us it will just be tremendous fun!

Kimpton Environmentalists

Did you all see the wild flowers on the car-park bank at Parkfield this summer? We will be cutting back the grass and sowing more wild flower seeds this autumn. So next year there should be an even better display. If you see us working there on dry Saturday mornings please come and say hello.

It has been a good year for apples. We should be apple picking in the Parish at the beginning of October, intent on making a bumper supply of Kimpton Apple Juice. Look out for it on sale at local Christmas fairs; it makes a great present.

Also in October we are going sailing, walking and bird-watching all in one day trip; hosting a tea party and film show for Transition Streets Kimpton; and having our annual AGM.

For more details contact Davina Malcolm 01438 832309

Local Rosemary Conley Instructor is a pioneer for new fitness phenomenon!

It's time to put on your dancing shoes, even if you think you can't dance, as Nicola Maddison, previously a professional dancer herself, is about to go Strictly mad with the addition of FitSteps® to her local Rosemary Conley classes in Kimpton.

Nicola Maddison, has been personally trained by Strictly stars Ian Waite and Natalie Lowe and she says "the training was just fantastic and as a 'Strictly' fan I know it will appeal to so many people".

Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness Clubs is the only national slimming organisation in the UK to include a workout as well as dietary advice in all their classes.

The classes are every Monday at Kimpton Memorial Hall from 7.30pm until 8.45pm. For further details please call Nicola on 01438 940912 or email nicola.maddison@rosemaryconley.com

Put this in your diary now!!!!

**The deadline for the winter edition of this magazine is Friday November 22nd
Please send copy and JPEGs to
kimpton.editor@btinternet.com**



Peters Green Village Hall

If you are planning a family occasion, a birthday party or need a venue for dance and exercise classes, meetings, exhibitions or other social events, the Village Hall in Peters Green is the ideal location.

The Hall is very attractive and recommended by many for family parties within our Parish and is available for hire day or evening time, all year round.

With an indoor seated capacity of 80, its size fills a gap between the much larger Kimpton Memorial Hall and other smaller local venues.

Its spacious kitchen is well equipped and there is no shortage of tables and chairs.

The grounds and lawn can accommodate bouncy castles and marquees, offering both an outdoor play area and the opportunity to entertain 'al fresco', in lovely rural surroundings.

The Hall is well cared for by a group of volunteers who will welcome enquiries for hire.

Call Mrs Lesley Lark on 01438 831189.

Kimpton Village Choir

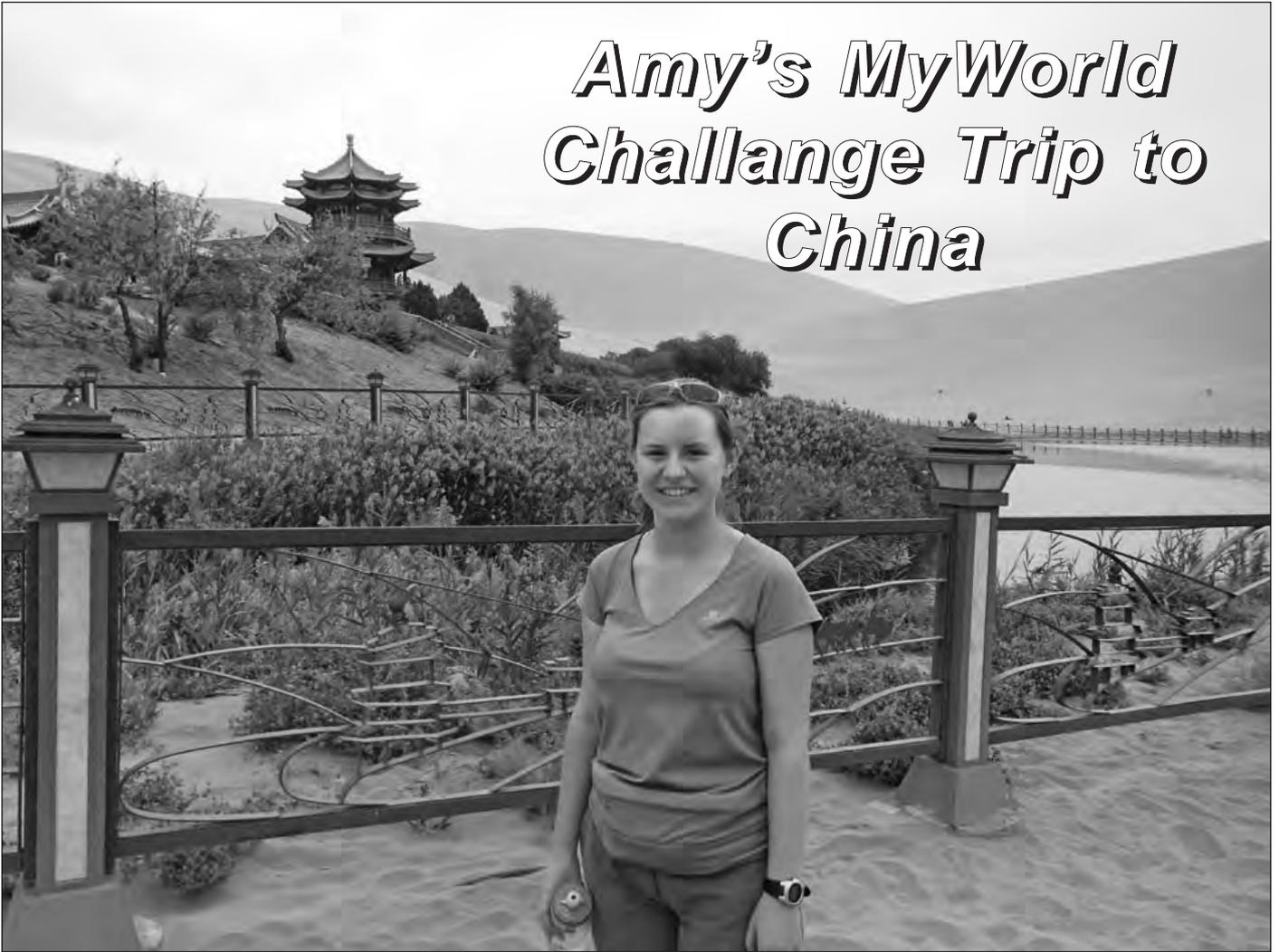
The first two years of Kimpton Village Choir have been great fun, musically rewarding and lots of hard work. Many of you will have heard us sing at the Winter or Summer Concerts, or at the May Festival, and I hope you agree we have come a long way in a short time: we now have 25 members, men and women, from our village and from further afield. It is a good size and a great sound!

I wanted to increase the offer locally and had the idea of a daytime choir, to be based in Wheathampstead, which would enable different people to attend, including parents of school age children or others who are busy in the evenings. From Easter a dozen women joined me to sing Gospel music for ten weeks, and the sound was bright and full of energy and quite different from the line-up in Kimpton! This term we will be singing all sorts of pop, folk and contemporary music.

You are welcome to join us in Kimpton (Mondays at 8pm, Kimpton School) or in Wheathampstead (Mondays at 1.30pm, Mead Hall). Come for a free trial rehearsal!

Visit the village website to see previous editions of this magazine and much more
www.kimpton.org.uk

Amy's MyWorld Challenge Trip to China



You may have been aware of my various fundraising efforts this past year in the village, trying to raise money to go on the MyWorld Challenge Trip to China with my school this year.

When left in mid-July, I was a little nervous, not really knowing what to expect, as well having the prospect of being away from home for three weeks. However once we were on the plane our whole group was just so excited to get going that all the nerves flew away. We had an amazing time and had so many wonderful experiences that the trip was over before we knew it. We covered over 1000 miles and did everything from sight-seeing, to climbing mountains, to riding camels in the Gobi desert, and seeing pandas to experiencing Chinese toilets (!).

We stayed in the cities of Chengdu, Xian and Beijing as well as visiting the village of Shandan, where we stayed with our 'sister' school, getting the chance to meet and know some of the Chinese students who were lovely and very welcoming.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helped me with my fundraising (of which there was plenty) over the course of last year.

My thanks go to anyone who brought cakes at the 2012 horseshow or lollipops and cream teas during the May Festival. I definitely want to thank those who supported me, and came to or participated in the Spring Music Concert- despite the snow! The Kimpton Players and May Festival committees for their donations and help, as well as the Church for all their help and support in many ways. But most of all, I want to thank my wonderful family and friends who have helped me so much; from helping with fundraising ideas to washing up hundreds of cream tea plates! Although it was a lot of hard work, the fun and experiences I had were incredible, so I would highly recommend it to anyone and I would love to do it all over again.

Amy Mitchell

Amy is pictured just after she went camel riding in the Gobi desert.

Kimpton Preschool



As the Autumn term gets underway, we're very pleased to welcome some new children and their families to our sessions, and look forward to them becoming part of our Preschool community.

Some of our staff members are embarking on training programmes and further qualifications, and Preschool Manager Lesley O'Brien and her team have all

been busy during the summer preparing a host of exciting play and learning experiences ready for the new term.

Our fundraising team have already met to plan their activities for this term, and we're all very excited about the 'West End comes to Kimpton' night planned for 22nd November, 8pm at the Memorial Hall. It's set to be a musical extravaganza, featuring dazzling performances from genuine stars of the West End who have performed in shows including Les Miserables, Miss Saigon, Mary Poppins and Cats. We'd love your support, and full box office details will be on our upcoming posters and flyers, but pop the date in your diary now.

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, or even drop in to Preschool on weekday mornings; we'd love to hear from you.

On to some administrative matters, and if you're planning for your child to join us in 2014 then we urge you to put your child's name on our waiting list. Once you've registered with us, we'll keep you informed of our events and information evenings that might interest you. We do have places available, so please don't be afraid to make an enquiry. Registration forms are always available in our foyer, and we happily welcome visitors, so please stop by or call to make an appointment. If you would like to find out more about Kimpton Preschool, or arrange a visit, please contact Preschool Manager, Lesley O'Brien on 01438 833936.



Kimpton Monkeys is a playgroup run in term time by local mums at Kimpton Memorial Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 till 11.30 am.

Admission is £2 per child with siblings over 6 months old being an extra 50p. This price includes tea or coffee and biscuits for Mum, Dad, Gran, Grandad, Carers and juice/water and a healthy snack for each child.

The morning starts with table top toys to include work benches, tools, trainsets, kitchen, pots and pans, dolls, something for every child.

10.20 is snack and tea time.

10.40 is time for ride on cars/trikes and slides.

11.15 is singing and instruments - for all to get involved.

We are keen to support local causes and this year we have made donations to Kimpton Primary and Kimpton Preschool.

We would like to encourage all Mums, Dads, Grans, Grandads, Carers to make the most of this fantastic group and see how much the children enjoy it. It's a great chance to meet other families within the village and surrounding areas. Come along and join us!



Oh what a beauty!
(as the old music hall song goes!)

7 year old Rhys was one of the many young people who attended the Harvest Festival service in the Parish Church recently.

The harvest service this year was the more informal 'fourth Sunday' style of worship and included a 'fishy' presentation by BLAST (Bible Learning And Sharing Together)

The fourth Sunday services are a non-communion service, shorter and more informal - more of a chat than a sermon! - and with people of all ages in mind.

It is a great chance to experiment and learn what style of worship suits people

Photo: Andy Wright

From the Parish Magazine 75 years ago

The Village Hall

It will be a great benefit to the community to have the hall licensed. Work is now being done in order to comply with the requirements. In due course we hope to receive a licence which will permit any kind of entertainment. To meet the cost of the alterations a whist drive will be held.

Ladies in the choir

Mr Batchelor is anxious to revert to the custom, which is quite an old one in Kimpton, of having the assistance of ladies' voices in the choir. Some day, if funds permit, it would be nice to

supply surplices or gowns for the choir, as many of our neighbouring churches do.

Peace in our time

We can only hope, and go on hoping that in the face of fervid preparations for war that our prayers would prevail. And now it is for us surely to preserve the path of peace in every possible way. If our statesmen are to be guided rightly (and foolish things have been said by some) we must continue to pray. Our distress and suspense revealed something hidden hitherto, namely, the ardent desire of the quiet people of Europe, like ourselves, for peace.



What are the Bench Boys up to now? Well, they're removing some of the pews in the west end of the church ready for the builders to come and repair the joists. *Photo: Juliet Morton*

WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK?

WE ARE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Do you have some spare time and want to give something back to help people affected by cancer?

Macmillan in Hertfordshire are always looking for new volunteers to help raise more funds for people affected by cancer. Throughout the county we have Committees and Fundraising Groups who are always looking for new members – these groups organise exciting events and collections in their local towns and in 2012 raised over £100,000.

Moreover, we greatly need more volunteers to take up other roles including cheerers to support fundraisers at runs and local sporting events, local collections volunteers, and Macmillan speakers to help spread the word about the great work of Macmillan.

Every day in the UK another 822 people are diagnosed with cancer. We want to be there to reach every one of them and we need your help to do this. For more information please call the Macmillan Fundraising Support Centre on 0300 1000 200.

The Church in Kimpton

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Perry Green at Peters Green

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01582 422635

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Police Telephone Numbers

Urgent 999 Non Urgent 101

Ward Constable Chris Suckling
Community Support Officer PCSO Elaine Cuozzo
01707 354192 (automated system)

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team
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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 us at kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com 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 8.50am to 11.50am, Monday to Friday. We also offer Lunch Clubs (11.50am to 12.30pm) and afternoon sessions (12.30pm to 3.30pm) from Monday to Thursday. For more details, please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager, on 01438 833936.

KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Judith Woodham (The Bright Star) 01438 832351.

USEFUL LINKS

www.kimpton.org.uk

www.herts.police.uk

www.stalbans.anglican.org

www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk