

Kimpton Parish Magazine

*Spring 2010
Number 221*





The Church in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Normal Services

Tuesday

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

Thursday

8.45am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
2pm	Parish Church	Time for Tots
	<i>EveryThursdays during term time</i>	
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	Mattins with Holy Communion (BCP)
	<i>2nd Sunday each month</i>	
6pm	Perry Green Baptist Chapel	Evening service

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.



in Lent, is a feast day as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, but Easter Day is the day when we celebrate that triumph the most. Easter reminds us that like winter the grey gloominess of death is only temporary, soon will come the joyous springtime of life everlasting because Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!
My love and prayers to you all, *Lorraine*

Kimpton and Ayot St. Lawrence Church Services for Holy Week and Easter 2010

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March

5:30pm Kimpton Prayer and meditation

Maundy Thursday 1st April

8pm Kimpton

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

Good Friday (2nd April)

Kimpton

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

11:30am Kimpton Christians Together Walk of
Witness. Starting at the School, a Cross will be
carried around the village, arriving at approx.
12:00 noon for a Service in the Parish Church.

6:30pm Kimpton

Service of Readings and Hymns led by the
Choir

Holy Saturday (3rd April)

10-11am Ayot St. Lawrence.

4-5pm Kimpton

The Vicar will be available in Church for
anyone who would like to receive personal
assurance of God's love and forgiveness.

EASTER DAY

Kimpton

8am Holy Communion

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

Ayot St. Lawrence

11:30am Holy Communion (1662)
with Kimpton Church Choir

Dear Friends,

What a winter we have had! Many of us have been reminded of winters we knew as children, while today's children have had their first taste of prolonged heavy snow. I suspect that while the children may have enjoyed the winter weather to begin with, they, like the rest of us, are thoroughly fed up with it now! It is the dull, greyness that gets us down; when winter weather is accompanied by bright sunshine, we feel more cheerful. The sun's heat and light sustains life on earth, and as our half of the planet leans closer to it, the sun wakes the plants and animals that have been sleeping through the cold weather, bringing the promise of longer days and the hope of a warm, dry summer, but as I write it remains cold, grey and miserable, and warm sunny days seem a long way off.

In my last letter I wrote of the number of bereavements there had recently been, and sadly that has continued; the greyness of this winter has been compounded by the deaths of George Jamieson, Guy Rutherford, Ann Clark and Keith Seymour. Christians, however, believe that just as the sun in the sky draws out renewed life from the earth, so the Cross of the Son of God promises that death, like winter, will not have the last word.

One of the two study courses running this Lent has been looking at how Jesus changed the lives of some of the very ordinary people that met Him during His earthly ministry, and thinking about how He continues to have the same impact today whenever anyone opens their heart, mind and soul to Him. In my role as a hospital chaplain, I see some awful suffering, and yet there have been times when I have witnessed someone in physical, emotional or spiritual pain turn to Christ for the first time, and I have seen their surprise and joy as they have encountered the unconditional love He has for them, and so have come to know the Peace that is beyond understanding.

Meeting Jesus really does change lives, and those off us who love and trust in Him long for the eternal warmth and sunshine of His promised return. For Christians every Sunday of the year, including those

From The Registers

Baptisms

31 January 2010 Oliver Matthew Burgess

Weddings

19 December 2009 Katherine Julia Waters to Matthew James Yapp
06 February 2010 Laura Catherine Giblin to Alexander James Firth

Burials and Interments

27 November 2009 Sarah Elizabeth Pilcher
10 December 2009 Lionel John Wiseman
19 December 2009 Victor John Desborough
24 December 2009 Kitty May Meilinger
21 January 2010 George Frederick Stewart Jamieson
22 January 2010 Guy Rutherford
28 January 2010 Ann Clark
11 February 2010 Keith Brian Seymour



George Jamieson

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death on New Year's Day of George Jamieson, Lay Reader at our parish church. George was a modest man, whose sense of humour made him great fun to be with. He believed that he

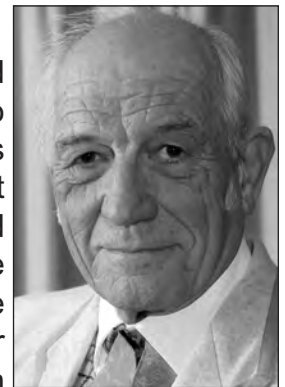
owed every good thing in his life -- his marriage, his family, his career, his ministry--- to the grace of God, and he always tried his best to live according to the Lord's will. Those he ministered to were always greatly comforted or encouraged by his words and actions, but most of all, I believe, by the steadfast faith in Jesus Christ which shone from him. His faith also gave him courage when his illness was diagnosed; he felt no fear for he knew that whatever was to happen his Lord would be with him. George is and always will be a much loved husband, father, and grandfather; a friend and brother to us all, and a privilege to have known and served with. We continue to pray for his wife, Liz, and all the family.

Knowing the depth of George's faith will help us as we grieve his passing. For we know that George was and is, in the words of Isaiah, one of the Lord's lambs, carried close to His heart, and is safe with Him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lorraine

Keith Seymour

Keith was born in 1931 and the family moved to Blackmore End when he was four. After attending St Helen's, Wheathampstead and St Albans School he joined Vauhall Motors where he won a two year scholarship to Michigan with



General Motors and it was there he met his wife Faith on a blind date!

Youth training and development was a passion all his life and he pioneered the running of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

Another of his passions was cricket and he was a useful right arm over fast medium bowler for Kimpton Cricket club.

More than once he was in the winning team of 'Brains of Kimpton' but he was happiest in the background helping to set devious questions. First and foremost he was a Kimpton Player. His father was one of the twelve founders and he joined in 1947. His debut was in December that year and the local paper said he had 'a nice clear voice'!

His greatest love was the Music Hall and he was in the first one in 1965. His last stage appearance was in the Panto Bluebeard in 2004. In 2008 he was the villain in The Players first radio play, a Sherlock Holmes mystery.

Keith was also an enthusiastic member of the Parish Church choir. We'll miss you, Keith.



**An Enormous
'Thank You'
by
Laura
Rutherford**

Having lived in one part or other of Kimpton since I was a baby, it doesn't feel like too much of a stretch to say that I am well and truly a local, born and bred. I've been to seventeen May Festivals (although slightly fewer Barn Dances), the same amount of Christingle services, been suitably embarrassed as I dressed up as an angel for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, bought stamps and sweets and milk and ice lollies from the corner shop, adventured through the Bluebell woods so many times that I could do it with a blindfold on, and owe my primary education to the hallowed halls of Kimpton school. All of this, and I don't think I've ever felt more love for our village as I do now...

You may or may not have been lucky enough to know my dad, Guy Rutherford. As a boy, he grew up in Lilley but he spent most of his adult years building a life, a family, one extension and several Lambrettas in Kimpton.

A consistently modest but excellent land surveyor, he worked for the firm PJ Dunphy for nearly eighteen years, his car boot full of a various complicated pieces of equipment, tattered maps and well-perused books. He loved to read, always aiming to expand his knowledge. When I was little I can't remember him ever not knowing an answer to a question I asked, and as I grew up it became more of a battle of wits about who could finish a maths problem first, or solve a crossword clue.

You might have seen him 'zooming' along the high street on one of his lovingly restored old scooters. You might have met him in the cow field or somewhere along the Hoo, walking our dogs. You might have shared a few pints with him down at the Boot, or danced with him at one of the Scout Balls, or maybe even kicked him accidentally during a karate lesson. I don't know this, and maybe I never will, but I do know that an overwhelming number of you came to his funeral, to pay your respects to him, to show your support for my family when we need it the most. I do know that anything I say now will not be enough to express how incredibly grateful, and humbled, I am.

I've always been aware that Kimpton is a special place, somewhere you are guaranteed to be met with a friendly smile, somewhere people are willing to go out of their way to help others, but never before has it been made so clear to me just how lucky we all are to be a part of this wonderful community.

I'm sitting here at a loss, wondering how on earth I am ever going to repay all of you – those of you who sent cards, or dropped by with a hug, a much-needed smile, a shoulder to cry all over, flowers, food for the fridge even when it was crammed full, those of you who helped with the things we couldn't face – the self-appointed caterers for the funeral party who are without doubt a force to be reckoned with!

to page 6

from page 5 The dedicated friends who walked the dogs when we couldn't bear to leave the house, the amazingly generous lot who let us use the Memorial Hall for free, the incessantly kind and endlessly patient 'church people' without whom I am pretty convinced we wouldn't have coped. All of you, every single one of you, every person who makes Kimpton the place it is, thank you, a hundred times thank you.

I am privileged to know you, my dad was privileged to know you. I guarantee that wherever he is, he rests a little easier, knowing that my mum, Chloe, Patrick and I are in such good hands. We can't thank you enough.

Guy Rutherford Black Belt

by Sarah Fullerton

My last 'Kimpton Karate club' entry focused on our amazing championship results and also the fantastic success of Guy Rutherford, who had passed and achieved his Intermediate black belt.

Guy was my highest grade at the club in Kimpton and one of my longest training students here. He was looked up to as a role model by all the others and was a very dedicated, trustworthy, friendly and disciplined karateka. We have had some great times with



Guy over the last 4 years in the club but also outside in competitions BUT especially at the association dinner dances!

Guy will be greatly missed but never forgotten! We now have a new award within the Kimpton and Baldock karate clubs. The Guy Rutherford TORA award, which is to be given out annually in his memory.

Kimpton WI

On St George's day, April 23rd, Kimpton Memorial Hall is the venue for 'England's Green and Pleasant Land', an all day County WI event, by ticket only. On May Day visit our popular cake stall at the May Festival. We hope to feature in the procession and we'll have a team in 'Brains of Kimpton'.

Look out for posters advertising our programme this Spring. A fascinating talk on Ruanda in April, a cookery demonstration in June and a practical session with Kimpton's Barbara Weeks, textile artist, in July.

We plan a strawberry tea, outings and much more. Join us on the second Wednesday of each month in the Memorial Hall at 7.45 pm where you will be made very welcome. Visitors fee £2. Coffee/tea and biscuits.

For further information please contact Shirley Holding on **01582 833285** or Valerie Pollington on **01438 83224**

Wanted!

Free standing electric cooker for Church House

Our current model has a non-functioning oven. Are you refitting your kitchen? Maybe you have a cooker you no longer need. If so we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Mary Liddell on **01438 832266** or Valerie Pollington on **01438 832249**

Vicarage Cream Teas

May Festival is fast approaching and we hope that the wonderful cooks of Kimpton will come up trumps as usual! If you are new to this, we need home-made scones, tea breads, Victoria sponges (unfilled), chocolate cakes, fruit cakes, flapjack, fairy cakes etc.

Freezer space will be at a premium so if anyone has surplus capacity, please let me know.

There will be a box for your contribution on the Vicarage doorstep, 11 High Street, on the Friday of May Festival, or bring them to the Vicarage on Saturday morning.

Helpers on the day will be really welcome. If you just do an hour on Saturday or Sunday afternoon that would be great. Call me on **01438 832249** and I will include you on the rotas. Men as well as women are needed.

Valerie Pollington.

May Festival 2010



My name is Adena and I am 12 years old. I went to Kimpton Primary School with my three brothers and I am now at Sir John Lawes School. I am a Guide and a member of Junior Kimpton Players. My mum and grandparents are from Kimpton and I have a lot of family here. There is a lot for children to do here and that is why I love Kimpton so much. My mum was a May Queen Attendant in the 70's and really enjoyed it so I am very excited to be chosen as Attendant this year. I hope you enjoy the May Festival too.



Hi, I'm Tabi and I am really excited about being Kimpton's May Queen! The May Festival is definitely one of the highlights of my year and it is a great way of getting the community together. I love getting involved in all the events. I was born in Kimpton and I now live in Peters Green. I am 12 years old and I go to Sir John Lawes School ... and I LOVE IT! My favourite subjects are drama, PE, music and art. My hobbies include gymnastics, singing, acting and shopping! I hope you enjoy the May Festival as much as I will. Fingers crossed for good weather!



My name is Natalie and I am 11 years old. I have lived in Kimpton all my life and go to Kimpton School. I play netball, am a Girl Guide and a junior member of the Kimpton Players. My hobbies include making things and art work. I am looking forward to the May Festival because it's a day when the village gets together, has fun and there are lots of things to do. I hope you have a great May Festival.

Photos by Andy Wright

ONCE UPON A TIME.....There were three girls, called Tabi, Edina and Natalie. To all outward appearances, they were just ordinary schoolgirls, until, one day, something amazing and magic happened to them – they were transformed into the most beautiful, elegant and sophisticated royal queens and princesses you have ever seen.

They travelled in a wonderful car at the head of a huge procession, with musicians playing just for them. Everyone lined the streets to see them pass and they clapped and cheered to see the girls in all their lovely clothes.

They sat in pride of place at all the fantastic events that went on and gave away prizes to those who were competing in their honour.

And the wonder of it was, they did NOT wake up and find it was all a dream. They really WERE awake and it was all real.

And as for the magic, it stayed with them for the rest of their lives! So, you see, they really did live happily ever after! *Andy Morton May Festival Chairman* 2009 May Festival accounts on page 21



Your Parish Council is nearing the end of its term as we look toward our final two meetings ahead of our Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting, both scheduled for May 26th next. You are most welcome to attend meetings, especially the annual meetings following elections which may possibly occur in the interim.

Before summarising the work of your Council since my last report, please allow me the opportunity to thank each of our members for their faithful contributions over the past 4 years, always remembering, please, they give of their time and energy on a totally volunteer basis and for some this can amount to many, many hours. This year, two of our longest serving Councillors are leaving and will be much missed, current Vice Chairman Bob Davies, Councillor with special responsibility for Peters Green, also Councillor Chris Baker our immediate past Chairman, also Councillor Kim Hills. Expressions of our thanks would be incomplete without mention of our council's Officer - our Clerk Carina Helm, I am very glad to confirm Carina is intending to continue.

In reviewing the closing months of the past year, it is difficult not to think back further to the life span of this Council - Parish Plan completion, Luton Airport Extension plans - A proposed Second Runway, Probyn House closure, the Recreation Ground - a new pavilion, PCSO recruitment and deployment, Allotment Association formation, Kimpton Play Strategy implementation, Village of the Year successes, Village Day inauguration - up to the present day with the East of Luton Urban Development Plans threatening our enjoyment of our rural situation, the refurbishment of our Memorial Hall and the continuing troublesome issue of dog fouling.

It has been most interesting whilst at times a challenging journey. With everyone's support I do believe satisfactory progress has been achieved. Thanks go to Bob Finch and the Kimpton Bench Working party for their own considerable contributions - on a totally volunteer basis. In my many meetings with councillors from a great number other Parish and Town Councils over the past 4 years, our KBWP stand out as a bright beacon within our community- simply put, they are an extremely rare resource and we must continue to both value them and support them.

Finally, one further plea, if you have a wish to support our community, please consider speaking with Carina and learn something of the role of a Parish Councillor, we are losing 3 of ours in the next 2 months. If this is a step too far, please, at least come to our meetings and discover how it is we work and raise any matters you wish, personal or community - we will look to assist and help wherever possible

Dog Dirt In previous issues of our Parish Magazine, mention has been made of the socially unacceptable practice of a small minority of dog owners neglecting, or simply refusing, to pick up dirt from our play areas and footpaths.

Our concerns as a council have resulted in this subject being formally considered at our last full Parish Meeting on February 24th .

Please let me preface all I am going to share with you, from this meeting, by saying your Parish Council did not consider this to be a problem posed by every dog owner or even every dog walker - it is most certainly - a nuisance minority.

Much of the general concern we discussed centred on the major health dangers dog dirt is directly linked with - partial loss of sight, sometimes more total sight loss, liver and brain function loss from the parasites associated and, sometimes, illness more terminal than these. I have suffered personal experience within my family.

Several initiatives were agreed, first we seek to identify those who transgress simple and basic good hygiene rules which can help our community, particularly our children. to page 9

from page 8 government agencies, we might prosecute offenders, facilitate the erection of notices at strategic sites warning of designated areas - dogs to be restrained on a lead and dog dirt to be picked up. Distribution of dog poo bags and encouragement to use the dog dirt bins already provided and regularly emptied. Also, we would seek to persuade those people using these bags, please, not to hang them on hedges and from lower branches of trees.....

Please, can we join together to eliminate this totally undesirable practice from our play areas and pathways and - KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

It is our hope several of our Sports Clubs who are similarly affected by these issues, will express their own concerns in these pages and help us all overcome this problem.

Thank you to anyone who wishes to help us. *David Reavell, Chairman, Kimpton Parish Council*

Kimpton Apple Juice

A Taste of Summer

**A crisp, dry juice,
pasteurised and bottled to keep
till next September.
£2.50 per bottle.**

**Call Davina: 01438 832309
Kimpton Environmentalists**

The fundamentals Organisation

The Fundamentals Foundation is a new not-for-profit organisation based in Hertfordshire. The foundation aims to help children fulfil their potential and live happy, healthy lives by improving opportunities, conducting research, empowering parents and encouraging social responsibility.

The first of our proposed projects is to carry out research into the feasibility of developing a cycle network to connect Kimpton and the surrounding hamlets to the local schools in Harpenden. There is no safe cycle route between Kimpton and Harpenden and it would be hugely beneficial to the local children and commuting community.

Wheathampstead is developing its own cycle path and it would be valuable to investigate whether we can connect up with their network and maybe even develop a route to the new Heartwood Forest.

In order to make sure that the research is as thorough and efficient as possible, we need to make sure we take as many stakeholders' views into account as possible. We will be producing a questionnaire for families with children at or nearing secondary school age and will also invite comments from local residents at an open meeting and via post or email.

The meeting will be held at Kimpton Memorial Hall on the 9th March at 7.30pm and we would really appreciate your attendance or written opinions/comments in advance.

Everyone is welcome so please tell friends and colleagues but it would be helpful if we could have some ideas of numbers attending the meeting so would you RSVP either by email or phone.

*Amanda Gummer
01438 831204*

cycling@fundamentals.org

**GO ON!
GET INVOLVED!**



- Do you care about Kimpton, Peters Green and Blackmore End?
- Are you willing to make decisions to benefit our community?
- Did you know that your Parish Council provides allotments, play and sports facilities, open spaces, part-funds a Police Community Support Officer, supports the village halls; represents the community on planning matters and much more.
- Do you have ideas for improving our environment? Do you want more facilities or services?

Why not become a Kimpton Parish Councillor?

Nomination papers must be received by NHDC by noon Thursday 8th April. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk.



Carina Holm
Parish Clerk
Parish Room, Kimpton Memorial Hall, Hall Lane,
Kimpton, Herts SG4 8RD



Instead of my usual contribution to the Parish Magazine, I am very pleased to be able to share with you some of the work our Year Six children have been doing in a unit of work entitled 'Journalistic Writing'. They considered recent events in school and produced an article written in a journalistic style. The following is a pastiche of paragraphs from the work of several of the children in the year group. I hope you find it informative.

Kimpton School spring term got off to a surprisingly snowy start as the children woke up to find the ground glistening white. But, despite the snow closing down the village, it didn't close down the school! As the head teacher, Mrs Stewart-Smith collected her wellies and took up residence in the village. "I stayed in the village so that I was able to open the school. I was happy to spend time with everyone who was able to come to school but I was pleased to see my family when I was eventually able to go home," she said. Although some children may have wanted to stay at home, they still had fun at school and the infants even did their maths in the snow. After a while the snow did stop and despite all the fun, everyone was glad.

The Creative Curriculum was a new venture for the pupils of Kimpton Primary School. Key Stage Two are working on a topic called Special K and it is not about learning how to eat cereal. It is about the environment of Kimpton including where animal's habitats are and also the buildings and amenities around the area. This is not just new to Key Stage 2 because Key Stage 1 are also working on a topic of Castles and basing most of their work on them and the times when they were created. Year Six have been having a busy term. The Village of the Year poster competition and

Mimram Valley Rotary Club Essay competition are just two of their exciting activities. On the 7th of March, they will also proudly perform a range of songs on the stage at the Royal Albert Hall. There will be thousands of parents watching and a television camera too. In addition two Year Six pupils used their skills and came up with a new club for juniors which came into existence within a week and is very popular amongst the children.

As you may know, Kimpton School is excellent at sport. Mrs Pitcher (our PE subject leader) recently took a team of twenty to the county indoor athletics final. The team, which had won its semi- final convincingly came third overall in the final. An excellent achievement.

The school also has two new members of staff, Mrs Atkins, our new secretary and Mrs Hairon, the new Nursery teacher. Kimpton School wishes them a warm welcome.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about recent events at the school from a pupils' point of view.

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

Don't forget the Art Show in the Parish Church over the May Festival Weekend

Paintings, Ceramics, Photography, Glassware, Sculpture, Textiles, Stained Glass and Outdoor Sculpture

Opening Night Friday April 30th 6-9pm

£3.50 including a glass of wine.

Saturday May 1st 11am-6pm

Sunday May 2nd 12pm-4pm

Monday May 3rd 11am-4pm

Entry 70p

www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk/artshow
petermary.liddell@btinternet.com

Kimpton Memorial Hall



Progress despite some problems!

It has been a busy and sometimes difficult winter for the Executive Committee of the Memorial Hall.

When we contracted to install the new heating system in the autumn of last year, we knew that we were making a somewhat radical decision. We opted for a heat pump based system to replace the old, very inefficient, gas burning air handling unit. We did so on the bases of much greater efficiency, quieter running, lower capital cost, lower running costs, and the fact that the new system would be much more 'environmentally friendly'. Also the new system would include an air conditioning function which would cool the Hall in hot weather.

However our hall has a very high ceiling (5.6M) and the one concern we had when were considering the order was whether the ceiling level fan units would be powerful enough to convey the heat to floor level when the outside temperature became very cold . We eventually accepted the supplier's assurances that they would be, but in the event our worst fears were confirmed and some users, particularly the Pilates Classes have suffered as a result: for this we can only apologise.

Fortunately we used a highly reputable contractor, Messrs Loop Air Conditioning of Peters Green, who were advised and supported technically by the equipment manufacturer's (Sanyo's) main agent. Tests have been carried out and the problem, known as 'stratification', has been identified. Basically, the problem is that our high level units have ample heating capacity, but the hot air becomes trapped at the top of the Hall, sitting on a bed of denser cold air beneath. De-stratification fans will shortly be fitted, at no cost to us, which should cure the problem.

On a very positive note the refurbishment programme continues apace! The Kimpton Players

storage area has been totally redesigned and refurbished. A new stage access has been created by way of an elevated platform, and the hole in the ceiling of the green room has been filled in. Whilst some of this work was clearly of benefit to the Players, some of it was solely for the benefit of the Hall, but with their customary generosity towards the Hall, The Players met all the costs which totalled over £2,600. We are very grateful to them.

The main Hall floor has been fully refurbished and looks 'like new', and by the time you read this work will have started on 'finishing off' the Green Room.

The Men's toilet has been given a facelift, and we are again greatly indebted to John Rumble for donating the flooring materials, and to Keith Dollin who did all the plumbing work and once again donated his labour and the materials he used.

The Bench Working Party has also done Sterling work. The front of the stage has been redecorated. All the old backstage heating trunking has been removed; and some 2500 screws have been inserted into the stage floor, to stop it squeaking! John Murphy and Jack Edwards removed the old Air Handling unit which weighed over a ton, from the 'freezing' plant room, on their own, They both deserve medals!

Many thanks to all those who were involved!

All in all, excellent progress is being made and thus far the Village has been incredibly supportive. We have raised, and spent something of the order of £45,000, of an anticipated budget of £85,000. However there is still a long way to go, so do please continue to support us.

Oh! And if anybody could find just a little time to help us with some fairly undemanding Secretarial Work (minutes etc) we really would be very very grateful!
Roger Nash 01438 832101

More images needed for Millennium + 10 Photo Project

Kimpton Parish Magazine and Kimpton History Group are working together over an exciting project to capture everyday life in the village during 2010

Many of the images will be displayed at the History Exhibition during the May Festival.

Please remember that images of anyone under 18 years old must have parental/guardian permission. Copyright remains with the photographer, but, by sending us your images you give automatic permission for them to be used in the Parish Magazine and other displays.

Email your images to kimpton.editor@btinternet.com

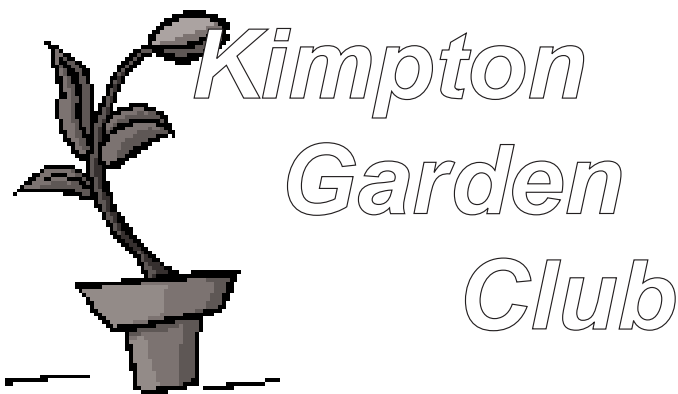


Juliet Morton has been out and about with her camera and took these shots at a Kimpton Rovers match, a 'for sale' sign on the Chapel and children having a wheely good time!



*Photographer **Andy Wright** captured the atmosphere of the dressing room at the **Kimpton Players 46th annual Music Hall**. The 'Chairman' **Laurie Barker** lubricates is throat and the girls attend to last minute make-up and adjustments!*





Autumn Show

The Show this year is on Saturday September 4th - put it in your diary now - it will be, as always, a great day! There will be hundreds of superb entries to see, games inside and outside, the Scarecrows, lovely WI cakes and teas, and the Grand Draw. Something for everybody.

Sorry, but this year there will be no best kept garden or allotment categories - the entries have been so few recently. However, virtually all the other classes will be there for you to enter, look out for the Schedule on sale in the Corner Stores in early summer.

A reminder to all children in the Parish - plant some sunflower seeds early and see if you can grow a really big one to enter the tallest sunflower competition.

People have asked for advanced notice of the photographic competition so they can start 'shooting' before the Schedule is published. So, for 2010 the nine classes are - Local Interest - Kimpton in the Snow, Child or Children, Animal(s), Leisure, Grandfather, A Domestic Interior, Flower(s) Fruit or Vegetable(s), A Landscape, and A Windy Day.

Hope to see you there, if you have any queries then do contact myself or Valerie Pollington - Chairman of the Show Committee 832249

Bob Finch 01438 832497

WOULD YOU LIKE A LONG WEEKEND IN GERMANY?

Why not come on a visit to our twin parish in Eastern Germany? A group will be going from 22 – 27 July 2010, flying from Luton to Berlin. Accommodation, food and activities will be provided by host families, unless you prefer to stay (at your own expense) in the guesthouse. A full programme of activities, including a trip to Poland, is being arranged by our hosts.

All are welcome. Don't worry if you don't speak German – you will have a good time

More information from Valerie Phillips on **01438 832649**

December saw us all celebrating the coming of Christmas in our usual style commencing with a glass of mulled wine concocted by Sandra and which was quite a warming experience. This was followed by a delicious three course meal with wine, all cooked and served by committee members. Following the pulling of crackers we all adjourned to the main Hall to be entertained by Welwyn Harmony, an all ladies barber shop style choir who gave us an excellent rendering of a good variety of songs in their recognised style thus rounding off another very successful evening.

The scheduled January meeting had to be cancelled due to the heavy fall of snow preventing our speaker from attending. February saw a panel of "experts" (!!) made up of three club members and Lyn Dawes from the Allotments Society answering questions on "Growing vegetables, fruit and herbs" which was very enjoyable and informative.

Our March meeting will be a talk and slides entitled "Alpine flowers in the Northern Hemisphere" to be given by Victor Scott, a regular and popular speaker.

April 7th David Empson will give a talk on "Preparing fruit and vegetables for showing"
May 5th Peter Fells will give his delayed talk with slides entitled "The Fall from Vermont to the Everglades" which should be very colourful. Any non-members and/or visitors will be very welcome to come along to our meetings. You are guaranteed a pleasant, sociable evening. See you there!
Pat Dyer

Preston Gardens Open Day Sunday May 30th 1 - 5pm

14 gardens in this pretty village will be open. Arts and Crafts will be in St Martin's Church with stalls on The Green and teas in the Hall £3.50 (children free) Details 01462 433859

Scouts Spring in to Action!

The snow drops have been out for a few weeks now, and the daffodils aren't that far behind. Spring at last... and this year there will be some very happy birds making cosy nests in one of the many new boxes made by the Cubs and Scouts now situated around the village. It was challenge enough to make the boxes without an accident, but even greater challenge to actually secure them on a tree. The Scouts put up 12 boxes, and the Cubs six. If you see birds nesting in one do let us know.



We are hoping to forge some transatlantic links this year, and are starting by making contact with a Scout Group in Canada. The Beavers have been drawing pictures and writing letters to them and the Scouts have produced videos. If anyone in the village has contacts in Canada and would be willing to come and talk to the children and young people that would be fantastic.

The Scouts got very knotty with the Kimpton FOGS (Friends of Guides and Scouts) learning the difference between a Carrick and a Fisherman's knot. The evening ended with a rather competitive tug-o-war. Some people just never grow up...

We often use this space to celebrate the achievements of the Scouts, but this time we want to tell you about the achievements of some of our leaders. Matt and Lynne Wood have been fabulous leaders for a few years and give up so much of their time to make sure that Scouting flourishes in Kimpton. This term they have both been awarded their Wood Badge, a recognition that they have completed all their leader training.

Mark Hubbard has also been honoured this term, when the County Commissioner presented him with the Scouting Merit Award. This award is one of the highest awards in Scouting and we are very proud that Mark has received it. It reflects not only Mark's work in Kimpton but also his significant contribution to Scouting in Harpenden and beyond.

Well done to all of you!!!

Kimpton Scout Group is as popular as ever, with each Section full at present. If you think Scouting may be something you'd like your child to get involved in, then please visit our website and sign on to our waiting list. You can find us at www.kimptonscouts.org.uk

We look forward to entertaining you during May Festival weekend on what we hope will be another eye-catching float. We will have our second hand book store up on the playing field as usual and would really appreciate any donations.

For further information please contact Annie on 01438 833421.

Parish Magazine now available online

A PDF version of this magazine is now available on the village website www.kimpton.org.uk

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and production team acknowledge with thanks donations received from Kimpton Parish Council and Maisie Harding.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

The Remembrance Day Service was, as usual very well attended in November. The Poppy Appeal raised slightly less this year than last – down from £3115.00 to £2,897.00. This may be accounted for by the loss of three house to house collectors; the Church collection was also down by £150.00. Congratulations are due to the pubs and shop whose collection yielded an extra £200.00.

We are actively seeking a Piper for the coming year's parade; discussions are ongoing within the Branch about changing the timing of the parade by 10 – 15 minutes so that the two minutes' silence can take place at 11.00 am precisely. Any serving members of the armed forces

who are able are particularly invited to take part in this year's service and parade.

Membership of the Kimpton Branch remains steady at around thirty but new members are welcomed: remember, you do not have to have served in the armed forces – merely paying your (modest) annual subscription qualifies you.

Anybody requiring information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Malcolm Voss (01438 832921) or our Secretary, Dave Gibbs, (01438 832236).

We wish a speedy recovery to Pat Notley who has been ill following a fall last year. We note with sadness death of Keith Seymour who died earlier this year.

Royal British Legion Women's Section

After a quiet winter period we are now busy organising our spring and summer program. Our Standard Bearer Sarah has the honour of carrying the Herts County Standard at the National conference at Blackpool in April. We are very proud of her achievements and wish her the best of luck.

We are once again running the tombola stall at May Festival this year so if anyone has any bottles, cans, toiletries or prizes suitable for children we would gratefully receive them at either 9 Commons Lane or 2 The Wick or we can collect if you contact us on 01438 832432. The money raised will go in part to our Benevolent Fund which helps injured and ex service men and women and their dependants.

If anyone would like to become a member and help us in this vital work please contact the above number for more details.

Jenny Desborough

Join the Macmillan Walk on sunday May 16th in Fairlands Valley Park

Enjoy a fun family walk through beautiful parkland situated within the heart of Stevenage and help improve the lives of people affected by cancer.

Register to walk either 3 or 7 miles with your family, friends or colleagues.

To register please call the Hertfordshire Fundraising Team on **01438 712012**

KAY BAXTER

I am sorry to report that Kay Baxter has recently passed away. Kay was a teacher at Kimpton School from the mid 1950's. She was widowed near the end of the Second World War and whilst at Kimpton School she lived with her only daughter (Susan) in the Crescent Cottages opposite the school. Kay moved to a number of schools and ended her career as the first Headmistress of Christchurch Infant

School in the Melksham area. On her retirement in 1981 she emigrated to Australia to be with her daughter Susan, and my brother Maurice and their three children. Sadly Susan died in 2003. Kay is survived by 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Derek Butterfield

Kimpton's Pubs and Breweries

(and other odd things thrown in)

A History Group Talk by Bob Finch

Wednesday April 21st

Memorial Hall at 8 pm

Non-Members Welcome (Entry £3)

How Many Pubs Do you Think There Were
in Kimpton 150 Years Ago? 5?10?15?

Where Were They?

Which is the oldest pub in Kimpton?

Here is your chance to find out!

Kimpton Players

At the end of February/beginning of March we put on our 46th Music Hall, with great results. Full houses, terrific audiences and a really warm, friendly atmosphere all contributed to some superb evenings for everyone concerned. New members featured both on-stage and off, and made a huge contribution. Now we're starting preparations for our Spring production, which takes place from 16th – 19th June. We are intending to produce J.B. Priestly's famous thriller "An Inspector Calls", one of the classics of mid-20th century English theatre. It's just finished a successful West-End run, and looks set to be a really exciting project for all involved.

We're always eager to welcome new members for all our activities – acting, producing, back-stage, set building. We have a full range of events throughout the year, with club nights, theatre visits, social events as well as three performances a year. It's a great society, and we'd love you to join us. Contact the Chairman, Arthur South, **01438 820331**, or any Committee member, for more information.

Kimpton Bowls Club

The village Bowls Club is situated above the Recreation Ground in the High Street and is one of the few Clubs in the County which is maintained by the members.

At present, the Club comprises of approximately 45 "Full" and "Associate" members. We are a very sociable group and welcome new members providing Bowls tuition for people to start with. We only play friendly matches with other Clubs, mostly at week-ends and we have a number of in-house competitions and social events.

Although hampered by the recent adverse weather, Club Members will be working to ensure that the "Green" and "Club House" are ready for "Open Day" which is scheduled to take place from 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, 18th April, 2010. Why not come and have a "try-out" and a cup of tea with us?

If you need a lift or wish to know more, do ring me on **01438 871358** or our Hon. Secretary, Denise Strange, on **01438 832198**.
Hal Boshier

Kimpton Cricket Club

Following November's AGM, we now have a new look committee, chaired by Simon Thompson. Our thanks go out to the previous chair, Chris Westcott, and his hardworking team who have achieved a massive amount over the last few years to help develop the club. They have built up a strong membership, a high quality pitch, good facilities and a healthy balance sheet.

The new committee are busy planning the coming season, and the fixtures list is already full, with the first match scheduled for 18 April against the Carpenter's Arms (away), with the first home game on 25 April against Codicote. Notable other highlights in the calendar are the annual tour on 3/4 July, a match against Saracens rugby club on 31 July (home), and the match against the White Horse on 11 September (home). The full fixture list is on the website **www.kimptoncc.hitscricket.com**

Pre-season training is well underway with weekly sessions at the Choice Cricket Centre in Redbourn from 9-10pm on a Monday evening. If we can take the performances from the nets onto the square, we should be in for a very bright season - the fast bowling of Ben and Ollie Croft, Aaron Castle and Ken Hammond is already proving challenging for the less gifted batsmen!

Other than our precious fenced square, we are very happy to share our cricket field with dog walkers, but we only like to use specialist fertiliser, so please make sure you remove anything your dog leaves behind!

As ever, we are very keen to increase the membership, with a particular thirst for enthusiasm rather than talent. We are also very keen on finding 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.

Kimpton Tennis Club

Kimpton Tennis Club this year is celebrating 25 years since the original two courts were laid. Since then the club has seen continuous development, the building of the clubhouse, the addition of a third court with floodlights and, more recently, installation of floodlights on the other two courts.

The club is very active and caters for all ages and abilities. It has about 120 senior and 80 junior members. It runs several coaching courses for juniors and for senior beginners and improvers. There are regular club evenings, competitions and tournaments, which are very well supported. There are also several teams playing in summer and autumn leagues. Our autumn league team has won its division for the last two seasons.

Once part of the club, members soon become involved in its regular social events such as the barbecues following the summer tournaments. This year, following on from our successful 'Floodlight Ball' last year, we are having a 'Silver Ball' to celebrate our 25 years in the Memorial Hall on Saturday May 15th. If you are interested in joining the club or coming to the ball, then please contact Jackie Worboys on **01438 832878** or email **jax51a@hotmail.com** You can also visit our website **www.kimptontennis.net** for more information about the club.



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Kimpton Ward PCSO and Ward Constable

PCSO Tracey Jackson reports that she has settled quite smoothly into her new beat responsibilities which now more sensibly includes Codicote and Whitwell. If you have any crime intelligence to report or you would like to discuss any other matter contact Tracey on **01438 757604** or mobile **07796 527891**.

Constable Chris Suckling reports that he continues to concentrate on Rural Beat matters and Kimpton issues in particular, the highlights of which will be found below.

Police Target Issues

In response to public concerns the police continue to give much attention throughout North Herts to measures to reduce Fly Tipping, Anti- Social Behaviour, off-roading by 4x4's and to apprehend participants in Hare Coursing.

There continue to be incidents of Distraction Burglaries, Bogus Callers and Cold Calling throughout North Herts and we should always be on our guard.

If you wish to discuss any of these or other issues you can contact Chris on **01438 757604** or the NH Crime Prevention Officer, Mark Montgomery.

Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinator (SC) Vacancies

Three in the High St.(Hall Lane to Coopers Hill) and one each in Lawn Avenue, Lime Avenue/ The Drive and Wren Close. The work largely involves communication with neighbours and is not demanding or time consuming. Access to e-mail is desirable (see item below on OWL) but not essential.

Community spirited residents with some spare time are invited to please give this some thought and contact Alan Smith or Reen Ysselmuiden (our contact details are at the bottom of this article) . Street Co-ordinators meet informally at four monthly intervals in the Memorial Hall to receive police crime reports and generally exchange views .

OWL -- On-line Watch Link

This is an excellent medium for receiving and passing on information from the police concerning actual local crime, crime trends and reports from adjoining Wards. It is safe and reliable and also

provides access to advice on property and vehicle security and prevention of identity theft.

If you wish to enrol and are happy to allow your email address to be included in the OWL system, you will be required to sign a NHW OWL Consent Form, ensuring security of the system and total confidentiality of personal data.

Consent Forms can be requested from the OWL Administrator and NHW Watch Liaison Officer Penny Knapper, contact details are:

01438 757610,

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

alternatively Watch Liaison Officer Lucy Harris, **lucy.harris@herts.pnn.police.uk, 01438 757 610.**

Residents without e-mail can receive information by telephone.

Recorded Local Crime

We do not have actual recorded crime figures for the last quarter but from discussions with police we understand that the village continues to be a low crime area. However, on a wider basis fraud and identity theft continue to be a concern and you are reminded to be particularly alert when operating a cash machine and to be wary of the theft of handbags and wallets in supermarkets

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

Check your neighbours

Please be considerate and regularly check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house under any circumstances. Even if you get a visit from a reputable organisation always ask for proof of identity. If in doubt call the Police immediately on 999.

to page 19



Helping with the Olive Harvest on the West Bank A Talk with Slides Tuesday May 11 Church House 8.00 pm

In October, Peter Liddell joined a group of volunteers sponsored by the International Women's Peace Service, to help Palestinian

farmers access their olive groves. He spent two weeks in the villages of Madama and Bureen, which lie between the settlements of Bracha and Yitzar, near Nablus. In November, Bureen featured in the Today Programme and more recently, because of the threatened demolition of its mosque, on Al Jazeera television.

The roots of the Arab-Israeli conflict are deeply embedded. Throughout the centuries, the Church has played a major role in excluding Jews from society. The "Holy Land" has had an immeasurable influence upon our culture. Britain had its own unique influence on events through period of the Mandate. The Middle East fuels the underlying conflict between east and west. Addressing the need for peace is formative for our future. Giving up hope cannot be an option.

Not many visitors to Israel travel to the West Bank, which is a different world. This presentation is an opportunity to understand some of the daily realities of life there, to struggle with those who struggle for existence and peace and to hold in balance the perspectives of two peoples who each feel that their survival is threatened. Peter Liddell was Vicar of Kimpton 1977-82.

Reporting a Crime

It is important that if you have any information about any crime or potential crime, you should call **0845 33 00 222** or contact Crime Stoppers on **0800 555 111** to provide information anonymously.

Crime Prevention Items

The North Herts Crime Prevention Panel website is still under review, however, if you require crime prevention items you may contact the Chairperson Karen Collings, millie@ntlworld.com, Dennis Wall, dennis.wall@herts.pnn.police.uk or Mark Montgomery

mark.montgomery@herts.pnn.police.uk.

Please remember that we hold a small stock of crime prevention items for sale at very modest prices and we can confirm that some items are free to the elderly and vulnerable. You can select required items by contacting Alan Smith or Reen Ysselmuiden who can provide a price list and place an order on your behalf.

Night Security and Absence

The longer hours of darkness are still with us so please ensure that your property is secure with all windows, doors, garages, tools safely stored and sheds properly locked. Set up a security light preferably on a timer. If possible park a vehicle in front of your garage or at least on the drive. If you intend to be absent for more than a day let a neighbour know of your absence and how you can be contacted.

Best wishes for a safe and secure Spring.

Compiled by

Reen Ysselmuiden, NHW Ward Co-ordinator for Kimpton

01438 832184 reenyss@aol.com

Alan Smith, NHW Village Co-ordinator for Kimpton
01438 832749 margaret.smith5@talktalk.net

Please remember that the deadline for the summer edition of this magazine is Friday June 4th 2010

Please send copy and JPEGs to kimpton.editor@btinternet.com

See the Parish Magazine online at www.kimpton.org.uk

Kimpton Brownies

We had a fantastic end to last year with our pantomime production, The Four Riding Hoods. So many thank yous are owed to our Brownies Mums who without them we would not have had such a slick show. How lucky are we to have Lorry corregraphing, Jane seamstressing and every one else supplying props, costumes and not to mention encouraging and helping with the lines and selling refreshments on the night. Rachel and Emily were the best you could have back stage, Hollywood will have jobs for you! You can see for yourself on our website how fantastic it was. It was really warming to me, and summed up the whole Brownies ethos, sharing, coming together and working as a happy productive team. Well done Girls! And thank you to our audience, you were great too.

We said farewell to Sienna, Ellie, Alice, Ellen and Susanah and welcomed seven new girls to join our pack for 2010.

Our weekly meetings have been crammed with things to do and make and the games, which everyone seems to get so much fun from.

It has been an important time in the Guiding Calendar. All Brownies, Rainbows and Guides have been celebrating 100 years of Girlguiding. Our celebrations launched with a party last September at the Recreation Ground. We have also been busy on our Adventure 100 Challenge, again part of the centenary celebration, doing fun activities and tasks, striving to achieve 100 points along the way to earn the Adventure 100 Badge. Nationally and locally events called One World One Beat have been arranged for Brownies, Rainbows and Guides to get together and celebrate. We have been lucky enough to attend one at Stevenage and one in Harpenden. Again, such numbers of girls getting together and sharing the fun and experience is quite amazing.

Thinking Day is celebrated on February 22 every year. It is the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell and his wife Lady Olave Baden-Powell, the Guiders founders. Its a day for the girls to show their appreciation and friendship to their fellow Guiders. To mark this occasion Brown Owl gave all the girls a tube of Smarties, once emptied to fill with pennies, as it is a centenary year, 100 pennies. This money goes to help the World Association of Guides.

We don't have long before our Easter Break but there is so much planned to do in the mean time. Photos of our activities and events are placed on our website, there are some lovely very happy moments captured and worth having a look. Simon

Adamyk is responsible for the creation and management of the site, we owe him a huge thank you for the time and expertise given to this.

I would just like to share some news that Brown Owl has decided that it is time for her to leave at the end of the Summer Term.

20 years ago Jan joined with Yvonne Matthews, and has been Brown Owl ever since, offering local girls the Brownies Adventure, a fun dynamic programme for girls to realise their full potential.

I would like to say on behalf of the past, present and future Brownies of Kimpton, for all the fun and the experiences you have made happen, "Thank you Jan".

It is a hard task to match, but Tawny Owl and Snowy Owl will carry on to match the hard work Brown Owl has given for so many years.

I think that is most of our news to date. If you are approaching seven and would like to join 2nd Kimpton Brownies, please ring Jan Ibbetson, **01438 833324**, and ask to have your name put on the waiting list. We look forward to you joining us.

THE 'NOISE' PROJECT

What are YOU doing on Thursday 26th August?

What about spending the day helping your neighbours?

Whatever age you are, from 7-70+, you can help.

There are lots of people who need your help in Kimpton.

It could involve weeding a garden, painting a fence, clearing an overgrown area.

But come and enjoy yourself giving a hand to others.

We need a huge team and we'll feed you! Lunch and dinner will be free!

It seems a long time away, but it will come very fast.

You will probably have finished your exams and it is still a few days before the schools go back.

So come and join us.

Ring me, Andy Morton, 01438 832427, or look out for me in the silly hat during the May Festival!

And MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!

KIMPTON MAY FESTIVAL Income and Expenditure		
	2009 (£)	2008 (£)
NET FUND RAISING INCOME -		
Art Exhibition & Sale	2,500	2,850
Auction	1,560	1,635
Salsa/Barn dance	273	76
Bars	1,741	1,807
Bell Ringers Collection	63	64
Bowls club	150	110
Brains of Kimpton	147	180
Bridge Club	76	
Brownies Stall	85	85
Bucket collection	188	142
Bury Car park	51	31
Car boot sale	110	110
Children's Art competition	-6	4
Church service Collection	113	130
Craft Market	841	793
Crickel	80	84
Disco	45	122
Environmentalists	197	202
Football 5-a-side	34	
Football club BBQ	275	400
Oeags Well	30	100
Fun Run	883	784
Garden Club Stall	150	170
Grand Draw	1,922	2,210
Guides refreshments and ice Creams	210	77
History group	45	84
Hog roast	772	968
Junior Football Stall	147	87
Kimpton Entertainers	992	898
Meatholst Cream Teas		300
Playgroup Stall		145
Pinnis Bars	100	673
Prizes/raffies	2,293	2,141
School Association (KSA)	836	738
Scout & Cub Stall	250	250
Tennis Club	47	46
Vicarage Cream Teas	1,986	1,791
Wine Tasting	292	458
Women's Institute Stall	200	180
Ye Olde Village Stocks		246
OTHER INCOME		
Donations	130	125
Bank interest		8
Charity/commercial Stalls	455	334
North Herts Grant		1,000
Fairground Rides	495	465
TOTAL INCOME	20,756	23,108
EXPENDITURE:		
Entertainment	2,020	1,940
General Expenses	5,093	4,389
Prizes & Raffles	741	383
Publicity Expenses	407	512
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,262	7,224
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	12,494	15,884

KIMPTON MAY FESTIVAL Distribution & Closing Balance		
	2009 (£)	2008 (£)
Distribution - Prior Year		
Blue Cross		100
Garden House Hospice		250
Junior Kimpton Players	300	
Keech Cottage Hospice		250
Kimpton Bench Working Party		250
Kimpton Bowls Club		250
Kimpton Collis		150
Kimpton Memorial Hall	3,500	1,250
Kimpton Monkeys	300	200
Kimpton Playaloup		312
Kimpton Rainbows		
Kimpton Rovers	200	
Kimpton Youth Group	990	250
Lamer Fields	250	250
Royal British Legion	200	75
Welfare Payments	152	58
	6,152	3,895
Current Year Distribution		
Blue Cross		200
Church Restoration Fund	6,247	7,942
Garden House Hospice		500
Keech Cottage Hospice		500
Kimpton Guides	250	250
Kimpton Memorial Hall	3,600	797
Kimpton Playaloup	450	
Kimpton Primary School	500	862
Kimpton Rainbows	150	
Kimpton Rovers	1,500	
Kimpton Scout Group		300
St Peter & St Pauls PCC	993	995
Welfare Payments	68	130
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	13,758	12,476
Opening Bank Balance 21/10/2008	18,578	
Less Cheques cleared previous year		7,942
Plus Income Current Year	20,756	8,262
Less Expenditure Current Year		13,758
Less Distribution Current Year		3,222
CLOSING BALANCE	3,222	
Closing Bank Balance 20/10/2009	9,969	
Less Uncleared Cheques current year		6,747
CLOSING BALANCE	3,222	

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

The May Festival Committee would like it to be known that there is a welfare fund which is available to be drawn upon, in the event of hardship befalling a resident of the village. Please contact Andy Morton with requests or nominations.

Could YOU be a Samaritan volunteer?

Samaritans always need more volunteers at their branches including Hitchin, Luton, Ware and Watford.

Visit www.samaritans.org for details of your nearest branch and introductory days.

To talk to Samaritans in confidence please call **0845790 90 90** or email

jo@samaritans.org

**North Hertfordshire District Council
Licensing Authority-Licensing &
Enforcement
NOTICE OF APPLICATION under the
Licensing Act 2003**

Notice is hereby given that the Management Committee of Kimpton Memorial Hall has applied to NHDC for a Grant of a Premises Licence to include the sale of alcohol, for the premises known as Kimpton Memorial Hall, Hall Lane, Kimpton, SG4 8RD.

The Hall is a village hall available for all sections of the community to use on any day of the week between the hours of 8am and midnight with an extension to 1am on New Year's Day.

The Hall committee wishes hirers to be able to sell alcohol between the hours of 11am and 11.30pm, if they wish, at approximately 20 functions per year such as concerts, parties, plays and fund raising events.

The Hall has provision for Regulated Entertainment including plays, films, indoor sporting events, live music, recorded music and performances of dance.

Any person wishing to make representations should do so, in writing, within 28 days from the date of this notice to:

North Hertfordshire District Council
Licensing Authority – Licensing & Enforcement
Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth,
SG6 3JF.

Tel: **01462 474832**

website: **www.north-herts.gov.uk**

e-mail: **licensing@north-herts.gov.uk**

The full application can be inspected by appointment at the above Council offices. Persons wishing to make representations must be prepared to attend in person at a public Licensing & Appeals Committee hearing. Copies of all representations, including names and addresses, will be passed to the applicant and included in a public report.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application.

Dated this 12th day of March 2010

HERTFORDSHIRE'S VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2010 IT COULD BE YOURS!

There have been some exciting developments in the Hertfordshire Village of the Year Competition. Our major sponsor, Calor Gas, is withdrawing its support for 2010. We are delighted to have secured replacement sponsorship from the Hertfordshire Community Foundation. Look out for the new logo in all our Village of the Year communications. North Hertfordshire District Council continues to sponsor the Hertfordshire Village of the Year North Award.

Hertfordshire's Village of the Year - it could be yours, but only if you enter the competition. For further information/an entry form call Jo Simson on **01438 717587** or visit **www.cpreherts.org.uk**

Become a kitten foster parent!

The local RSPCA are looking for foster homes for the many litters of kittens that will no doubt be rescued this year.

This would be a really worthwhile activity for someone who loves animals but perhaps does not want the commitment of a full-time pet. However, it does not matter if there are other pets in the house.

The main requirement of a foster parent is to be able to spend plenty of time playing with the kittens so that they get used to humans and living in a house (often they have been born wild). They will need their own space, such as a conservatory, breakfast room or lobby, where they can play safely and sleep quietly.

The RSPCA pays all vet's bills and provides foster parents with food and cat litter, so you won't be out of pocket. They also provide advice and support to nervous parents!

The main season for kittens is from Easter to October, and litters stay with foster parents until they are around ten weeks old. Sometimes the mother cat is fostered with the kittens. There is no pressure to keep a kitten (or the mother) at the end of the fostering time.

If you would like to discuss kitten fostering (with no obligation), please contact Sue on **01707 329951**.

The Church in Kimpton

Parish Church

Vicar

The Reverend Lorraine Summers
The Vicarage
11 High Street
Kimpton SG4 8RA
01438 833419
revles@btinternet.com

Readers

Mrs Valerie Phillips
15 Hampden
Kimpton SG4 8QH
01438 832649

Church Wardens

Mrs Liz Jamieson
Southview
21 Hampden
Kimpton SG4 8QH
01438 832858

Mr Tony Mann
50 Parkfield Crescent
Kimpton SG4 8QE
01438 832733

Methodist Church

Minister

Reverend John Fellows
40 Churchfield
Harpenden AL5 1II
01582 713056 / 764738
cft-cfellows@tiscalli.co.uk

Superintendent Minister

Reverend Robert Foster
16 The Park
Redbourn AL3 7LR
01582 793057
robert.foster@methodist.org.uk

Roman Catholic Church

Priest

Father Brian Reynolds
01582 832114

Baptist Church - Perry Green

Secretary

Michael Littleworth
01438 832628

Police Telephone Numbers

Urgent 999

Non Urgent

0845 33 00 222

local rate

to contact any police station or department in
Hertfordshire

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team

Rural Issues

01438 757604

Ward Constable Chris Suckling

01438 757604

Community Support Officer

PCSO Tracey Jackson

01438 757604

07796 527891

Parish Magazine

Editor: Andy Wright

email: ***kimpton.editor@btinternet.com***

Typed or written copy to John Pollington, 10 Canham Close
Kimpton SG4 8SD 01438 832249

Deadline

Copy for the summer edition must reach us by June 4th

Parish Council

Cllr Chris Baker	chris_diane baker@onetel.com
Cllr Geoff Curry	geoff_curry@hotmail.com
Cllr Bob Davies (vice-chairman)	01438 833418
Cllr Kim Hills	kimhills@btinternet.com
Cllr Jon Marsh	jon.marsh1@tesco.net
Cllr Sue O'Brien	01438 832446
Cllr Jon Palmer	j.palmer@caldex.co.uk
Cllr David Reavell (chairman)	david.reavell@btinternet.com

Parish Clerk

Carina Helm, Memorial Hall kimptonpc@btconnect.com
01438 832573

North Herts District Councillor

Cllr John Bishop kimptoncouncillor@yahoo.co.uk
07836 630194

County Councillor

Cllr Richard Thake racthake@googlemail.com
01462 434711

Helping Hand

HOSPITAL VISITING

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

VILLAGE HELPLINE

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

NORTH HERTS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES SCHEME

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 459752

CANCER ADVISORY SERVICE

BACUP Link Line. Freephone 181199

THE SAMARITANS

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

HITCHIN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

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

KIMPTON MONKEYS TODDLERS GROUP

Kimpton Memorial Hall, Tuesdays 9.45am to 11.15am for pre-school children and babies. Contact Charlotte Knight 01438 831216 or 07813 646847

KIMPTON COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

At Kimpton Community Playgroup we learn by making friends and having fun. We open four mornings a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) from 9.15 to 12 noon in Church House. Children from two and a half to three and a half are welcome. If you would like further information or a prospectus please call 07833 572820 or Emma Davies on 01438 718788 or 07833 572820 and visit www.kimptonplaygroup.org

KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Pauline Massam 01438 833806

USEFUL LINKS

www.kimpton.org.uk

www.herts.police.uk

www.stalbans.anglican.org

www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk