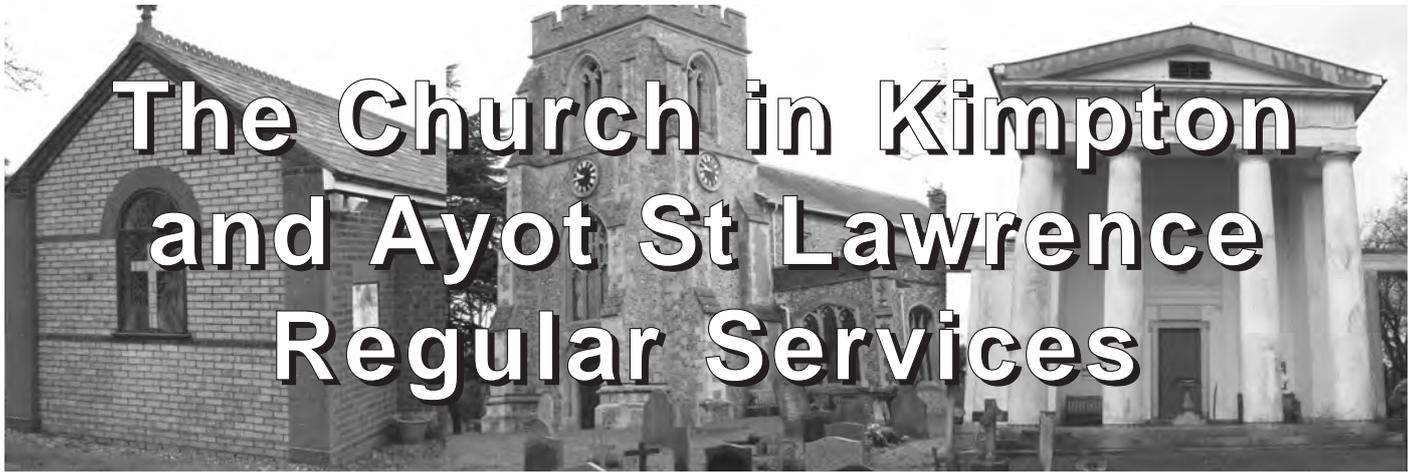


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*May Festival news on pages 12 & 13 including
biographies of the May Queen and Attendants*



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,
A few weeks ago I had my "Ministry Development Review", which in other professions might be called an appraisal. I was encouraged to look back over the last two years and write about what has been successful in my ministry, where there have been weaknesses, and what

goals I might set myself for the next two years. (I'm not going to tell you!). Targets in and of themselves are not bad things, but I sometimes think that we can become so obsessed with targets that we set ourselves up for mental, emotional and perhaps also spiritual battering if those targets are not met. In the Stafford hospital scandal and in the report that rape victims have been "encouraged" by the police to withdraw their allegations, we have seen that targets in our public services can lead to dangerous practices when the need to meet targets, often combined with a lack of the resources needed to meet these targets, overrides human need and compassion. Targets need to be realistic and achievable, so that when they are met the people concerned can feel good about themselves and what they have achieved.

Within the Church our targets are set with the knowledge that God may have other targets in mind. And so we must always be open to the Holy Spirit's prompting and be prepared to alter or abandon our own objectives in favour of His. When I said that I would like our church building to be available for community use I had no idea that Ayot St. Lawrence would be used for a time for fencing practice (swords, not hedges!), and that Kimpton would have its successful book swap corner (come and see – free hot drinks, squash and biscuits available). I hope that those who come into our churches for such secular reasons will also find something of God's love and peace.

The people of Israel wanted a Messiah who would set them free from the Romans, but God sent his Son, who did not raise an earthly army

but set us free by dying on the cross and rising from the tomb on the first Easter Morning. His target is you; He wants to be part of your life, so why not give yourself a target and come along to any of the Services over Easter to find out more about Jesus and how much He loves you?
With my love and prayers, Lorraine

Services for Holy Week and Easter **You are warmly invited to come along to any Service**

The Parish Church

Monday 25th March, Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March at 5.30 pm
Prayer and Meditation (approx. 30 minutes)

Maundy Thursday 28th March at 8 pm
Service of Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar, followed by Meditation and Vigil

Good Friday 29th March

10 am Children's Activities in church
Hearing the Easter Story, making an Easter Garden, eating Hot Cross Buns
11:15 am Walk of Witness with Kimpton Christians Together
Starting at the Parish Church, a Cross will be carried around the village, arriving back at the Parish Church at approx. 12 noon for a Service (Note new starting time!)
6:30 pm Service of Readings, music and Hymns led by the Choir

Holy Saturday 30th March between 4–5 pm
Revd. Lorraine will be available in Church for anyone who would like to have a chat and / or receive assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Easter Day, Sunday 31 March

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Family Service of Holy Communion and Easter Egg Hunt

Ayot St Lawrence Church

Holy Saturday 30th March between 10 – 11 am
Revd. Lorraine will be available in Church for anyone who would like to have a chat and / or receive assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Easter Day, Sunday 31st March

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

Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust

Every five years the condition of the whole of the Church fabric is inspected by specialist architects. We have just received their latest report and were pleased to find that overall the Church is in relatively good condition considering its age and that no major work is required immediately. However as with all buildings a certain amount of maintenance is required and we are currently involved in arranging a programme of restoration of stonework and repointing. Because repointing of flint walls is a specialised task involving the use of lime mortar this will not be cheap and the church architect has drawn up a programme of restoration which he estimates will initially cost about £10,000 - 12,000. Hopefully during this work no further problems will be revealed but with a building of this construction one can never be wholly confident and a continuing programme of repointing will be required in the future. During the May Festival there will be an opportunity to view photographs of the areas undergoing restoration.

We would like to thank the village for their help in maintaining this Grade 1 listed building through the May Festival proceeds which are the major source of funding for the Restoration Trust.

We would also like to thank the Bench Working Party for their continuing work in restoring the graves and headstones in the churchyard. In his report the architect commented that: 'the churchyard was very well maintained and both this area and the church building are a credit to the village'.

*Michael Cox (Chairman Restoration Trust)
Ben Cole (Churchwarden)*

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and production team acknowledge with thanks a donation received from Mrs Betty Bowler towards the production costs of this magazine.

From the Registers

Baptisms

3 Feb 2013 Oscar Rex William Barnett
3 Feb 2013 Oliver James Freddie Barnett

Weddings

2 Mar 2013 Gemma Louise Badet and Mark Alan Chipchase

Burials and Cremations

8 Jan 2013 Joyce McLaren Boddington
7 Feb 2013 Jean Alison MacDonald

Services at Peters Green Chapel

Easter Services

Good Friday 29th March
9am Raising the Cross

Easter Day 31st March
3pm Easter Egg Hunt
6pm Easter Service

Sunday 2nd June

8pm Open air service

Schönermark visit Coffee Morning

We need to raise some money to ensure that the guests from our twin parish in Germany have a really good welcome and stay in Kimpton.

Please come along to a Coffee Morning at Heron's Yard, Hampden sometime between 10am and 12 noon on Tuesday 19th March to help raise the funds.

If you fancy helping at all with some figure-destructive goodies, we would be the last to dissuade you! Let us know on 832427. *Andy and Juliet Morton*

An 'inspiration to the village'



A service of Dedication for the Plinth and Cross given in memory of Ian and Alistair Rainback was held in January. The theme of the service, conducted by Andy Morton, was 'Looking Forward'



“Thanks to the generosity of Diana Rainback, the organisation of Jeanette Bowers and the skill of Mark Davis we have this beautiful new plinth and cross to provide a focal point beyond the altar. One delightful piece of serendipity is that the new lights give two shadows, one each side of the cross – a reminder of the three crosses on Calvary at the time of our Lord’s crucifixion.

Look closely at the cross shape on the new plinth. It is an EMPTY cross. Look above it at

the stained-glass window of the angel sitting outside the tomb saying to the women on the first Easter Day ‘He is not here. He has risen’ It is an EMPTY tomb. Our faith is based on the resurrection. Not on a dead God hanging on a cross or lying in a tomb, but of a living God, down from the cross and alive from the tomb. What greater testimony to our faith could we have asked for?

I pray that it may be an inspiration to the village as it is already for those who worship here.”

Diana greets craftsman Mark Davis when the plinth was installed in January and Mark gives the woodwork a final polish. Alistair and Ian are pictured above.

Fourth Sunday - A new concept for us

Lorraine, our Vicar, is also the Chaplain for QE2 and Lister Hospitals. It is a job that makes it very difficult to do all she would like to do in the parish. In particular, she has to be in the hospitals on the 4th Sunday of each month and it has become increasingly tough to get a priest to take a Communion service.

HOWEVER, we are looking on this not as a problem, but as an opportunity and we have set up a new style of service each 4th Sunday. It doesn't involve a Communion, so it can be a much freer form of worship, with newer hymns and songs, activities for the children and a thought-provoking section for the adults. It is truly worship for all ages.

The first one, at the end of January, saw the children going off for a short time to prepare the letters to illustrate the song 'I am a Christian', which everyone sang at the end of the service. While they were out, the adults discussed who had first introduced them to the Christian faith. After the service, it was time for Parish Breakfast, which the children fell on with alacrity!

Many churches have this sort of service, but it is a new departure for Kimpton. It is an exciting challenge and it would be great to see as many people there as possible to share in the next one at 9.30am Palm Sunday (24th March), which promises to be very exciting! *Andy Morton*

Kimpton WI

Younger women - why not form your own?

See below

In February we celebrated 94 years since the formation of Kimpton WI in 1919. By 1920 there were 120 members. We are only about 40 in number today, but as women are living longer, maybe it's time to set up a new separate WI in Kimpton for '30 plus' year olds.

You may have seen articles in the media about these newly formed groups who are trendy; plan a programme to suit their ambitions and bring a new look to WI. The organisation originally set out to educate women many of whom had only rudimentary schooling; women are far better educated now but the WI still offers opportunities to widen interests and make friendships. If there are any women who would like to form a new WI group, there is help available from the county organisation to set up a new group. So if you are interested then let me know, and I will put you in touch with others who feel the same.

Meanwhile the original group flourishes. In April Kimpton hosts a county event: 'The changing role of women'. Our summer programme of speakers, strawberry teas and outings has been planned. Look out for posters for details.

A warm welcome awaits women of all ages at 7.45 p.m. on the second Wednesday evening of the month in the Memorial Hall.

Valerie Pollington 01438 832249

Kimpton Art Club

This informal friendly group meets on the 3rd Wednesday afternoon each month to paint together. Occasionally we employ a tutor. No experience is necessary; it is just the time we put aside each month to experience the joy (and sometimes frustration) of painting.

Why not join us?

Details from Valerie Pollington.

May Festival Vicarage Cream Teas

Calling all Kimpton Cooks to produce the scones, cakes and teabreads that our visitors have come to expect at May Festival. Unfilled sponges are especially welcome. Contributions can be left on the Vicarage doorstep on Friday, Saturday or Sunday mornings of the Festival. Without our many (often anonymous) cooks there would be no teas and we are extremely grateful for all we receive.

Help with preparing and serving teas during the Festival is also very welcome.

Please contact Liz Jamieson or Valerie Pollington 01438 832249



Chairman to retire - successor required!

I hope the headline may have grabbed your attention, and I will return to that subject later in my report.

In the autumn of last year I reported that The Memorial Hall had hoped to benefit from a 'section 106 windfall' in respect of the proposed Lloyd Way development. (Monies that a developer benefiting from planning consent, must contribute to community projects.) We thought that, were we to benefit, our preferred project would be further to improve the Green Room by creating a glazed lobby, to let in daylight, and create a new access to the rear part of the Hall in the process, the latter incorporating tea and coffee making facilities. This would have created a new facility that would have improved the hall and (hopefully) increased our letting income.

We had also hoped that those monies might fund what has become known as the 'Jubilee Path Project', the idea of using the strip of land on the School playing field side of Hall Lane, over which the Hall holds a right of way, to create a new pedestrian access to the Hall. Our fears that this money might not materialise, have been confirmed, however we do have consent in principle, from the University Chest to create the new pedestrian path.

It also appears that the Parish Council, appreciating the benefits that these two projects would offer, might be prepared to fund them. This possibility is actively being discussed at present and Paul Butcher, who

has been co-opted on to the Executive Committee to help with the process, is currently obtaining costings on the various options. The matter will be considered by the Management Committee at our AGM on 19th March.

Very sadly, I have to report that Bob Finch who has been our Vice Chairman since March 2009 has decided that he does not wish to continue to serve as a committee member. He has been a tower of strength, a man of ideas and great energy. He will be much missed, and I would like to record my personal thanks to him for all his efforts and support over the past four years. Fortunately he has agreed to continue with the maintenance and improvement projects, which he has previously undertaken.

Were I to be re-elected as Chairman, at this AGM, I would like to make the point, that like Bob, my time to retire is due: some might say overdue! I have been involved with this Hall since 1982, before even it was built. I am hopeful that by this time next year most of the projects we initiated as part of our 30 year refurbishment programme will be completed. And I give due notice now that I intend to stand down at the 2014 AGM.

Oh! And by the way, the new Chairs we have been talking about for years have been ordered, and the long promised new ladies toilet really will happen very soon!

Roger Nash 01438 832101

This and previous editions of the Parish Magazine are available as PDF files at the village website www.kimpton.org.uk
The copy deadline for the summer edition is June 14th



You may recall from the last newsletter that the Parish Council had received requests from residents to do something about the footpath running behind the houses to the south of Dacre Crescent, and the north of the High Street.

There was initially a view that a tarmac surface might be feasible, but this has proved not to be the case, partly for reasons of cost but more importantly because the general feeling from our consultations was that it was felt to be a drainage risk and not desirable for reasons of security, and so on. We are therefore undertaking a programme of clearing and tidying the bordering vegetation, and then laying a new type of aggregate surface which is more appropriate to the path.

This work will be undertaken during the Spring. We are also carrying out some other 'housekeeping' tasks around the village. These include the pruning of trees on Parish Council land, specifically to date Parkfield and the Green. We are also clearing the fly-tipped rubbish from the allotments, and have put in place a locked bollard to prevent further unauthorised vehicle access to the allotments. On the subject of the allotments, there are currently some vacant plots, so if you would like to take one on, please contact Carina Helmn in the Parish Office.

We have also received some good news about the High Street resurfacing, which was initially scheduled to take place in 2015/16. The Parish Council wishes to record its thanks to Councillor Richard Thake who weighed in on our behalf with the dramatic outcome that the work is now taking place almost immediately. By the time this article is published, the work will probably be complete!

Councillor Thake has also been very helpful in chasing up reports of potholes, which have been particularly bad this year in the lanes surrounding the villages.

The Parish Council is pleased to be supporting some Memorial Hall projects this year. I have written before about the potential 'Jubilee Path', running alongside Hall Lane. There are a

number of parties involved in the ownership of, and access to, this strip of land, and it has taken some time to unravel all that and ensure that everyone is informed and happy. This has now mostly been done, so we are hopeful that the project can get under way soon.

We are also supporting a project to enhance the Green Room, and create a new access to the back part of the Memorial Hall, improving the corridor and storage. The precise details of the works are yet to be finalised, but the improvements will be, in our opinion, a significant benefit to the village and we are happy to give our support.

We have been successful in securing a grant to allow us to purchase and install some more paly equipment on the Recreation Ground. This should appear over the summer, and comprises a play house and a 'multi-user springer'.

We have created a new page on the website to cover developments concerning Luton Airport.

This page can be found at <http://kimptonpc.org.uk/luton-airport> and I urge you to visit the site and ensure that you submit any comments that you may have in accordance with the various deadlines. The Parish Council has submitted its own response which can be seen on the website. We have objected to the plans based on a number of criteria.

At the time of writing, the Secondary School allocations have just been published. Once again I regret to report that the bulk of our children have failed to obtain a school of their choice, the majority being allocated to a school in Luton. As is the case each year, we can offer what support we can to the families involved – there is significant experience in the village, and plenty of help and support for those families that are just embarking on the appeals process. It has certainly held true in the past that most of it works out in the end, but it is a protracted and painful process and one that the Parish Council will continue to lobby to improve.

David Hardstaff



Kimpton Garden Club

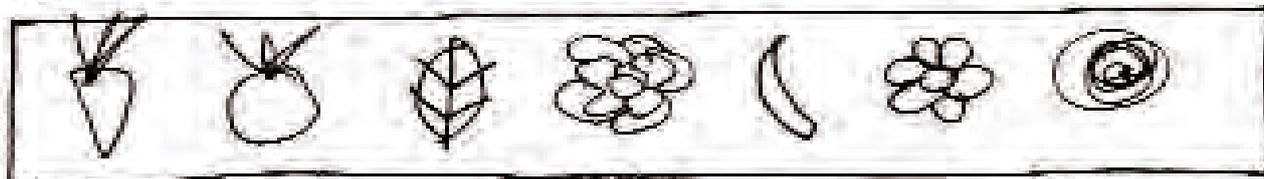
The winter has been a quiet time for the Garden Club. Our proposed visit to Anglesey Abbey for a 'Winter Walk' to view the snowdrops had to be postponed due to the snow. However we hope to reschedule this trip later.

The February meeting was a presentation on "Gardening for Wildlife", by Neil Holmes-Smith and March, on a similar theme, will be "Wildlife Hunting with a Camera", by Richard Revels. Both are regular speakers for the Garden Club and have wonderful photographs to enhance their talks. Visitors are extremely welcome to attend our meetings. We meet every first Wednesday of the month at 8 o'clock in the Green Room of the Memorial Hall.

The April meeting will be about Kuerkenhoff bulb centre in the Netherlands and the May meeting will be "Plants for the Summer Border", when plants will be on sale.

For more information, contact our secretary on 01438 832776. Joan Amoss

SAT 7TH SEPT - Autumn Show 2013



New and exciting show - look out around the village for more info. As the new chair - I would like to re-vamp the autumn show - still keeping the traditional elements. We will be holding a children's activity day during the summer holidays, for children to come and make an entry for the show. Look out for details - to be held on a farm... EXCITING... Sandra - Berti

Peters Green Village Hall



Peters Green Village Hall is available for hire all year round for parties and other social events. It is also an ideal venue for dance and other exercise classes, day or evening time.

It is charmingly decorated and has a newly extended group of volunteers looking after it.

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

It has a spacious kitchen, equipped with a Fridge and Electric Hob and Oven, as well as a water urn and a kettle to cater for hot drinks. Most kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery are also available for self-catering parties.

New Booking Contact
Judith Woodham

The Bright Star Public House
01438 832351

Monkeys Mayhem!

Friendly and fun, Kimpton Monkeys Toddler Group is a great way to tire out your tiny tot! We already have a wide selection of table top toys, crafts and ride-ons and now, after being one of Waitrose's green token charities in February, we have over £300 to spend on new toys. If you have any suggestions for what we should buy then get in touch with us at kimptonmonkeystoddler@googlemail.com or www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys.

Monkeys runs every Tuesday during term time from 9.30 - 11.30 at the Memorial Hall. Entry is £2 plus 50p for every sibling over six months old, though your first session is free. We hope to see you there!

Spring Music Concert
Showcasing the musical talent of local youth
Sunday 24th March 6:00 pm
St Peter and St Paul Church, Kimpton
Adults £7 Children £4
With refreshments and great raffle prizes to be won!
All proceeds will go towards Amy Mitchell's fund-raising for her MyWorld Challenge trip to China.
July 2013
Buy tickets in advance for the best seats at:
www.kimptonmusic.com

The Kimpton Litter Pick 2013 from 10:00 to 13:00 Saturday 6th April 2013

To register interest in helping, email
Tim Parfitt on tim.parfitt@netcel.com
or phone 01438 833965



How lovely it has been over the last few days to see the sun. The school site is showing signs of spring growth and it won't be long before our pond is alive with frogs once again. The children are revelling in the freedom of being able to play on 'Top Field'. Long may this glorious weather continue.

During the spring term, our Junior children have been learning about Tudors, the Infants have been Nature Detectives and Reception have been exploring Space. Just after half term Years Three to Six had an exciting day out at Hampton Court, learning all about life at the court of King Henry the Eighth.

We have already enjoyed sporting success this year with a well deserved second place for our B team and a fantastic win for our A team at a local pop lacrosse tournament. It is a real benefit of a relatively small school that once they get to Year Six, all children who want to take part in inter school sports invariably have the opportunity to do so. We look forward to taking on the local opposition at cricket, rounders and athletics in the coming weeks.

We recently had our first Governors' Day in School, when members of our governing body spent a morning supporting teachers and pupils in their classrooms and also experienced playtimes, school lunches etc. It was a very productive day for everyone and really helped cement the teamwork that has become such a strong feature of our school. We are now looking forward to welcoming parents during our Bring Your Parents to School Week towards the end of term.

Our next big community event is our Mad March Sale on Sunday 17th March, another reason to hope that this spell of glorious

weather lasts! I can promise lots of bargains, and exciting stalls and games for both children and adults. The proceeds are going towards the very important cause of refurbishing our library, a project which is very much overdue. I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

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



99 minutes of ZUMBA 2013

Come along and be part of the Zumba family in and of a worth while charity 'Starlight Foundation' with Vic
£9.99 for 99 minutes

Where: Kimpton Memorial Hall

Wear: Anything florescent

When: Friday 22nd March 2013
19:30-21:09

Who: Anyone up to the age of 99

Why: To support the Starlight Foundation
Dance, dance, dance help us raise funds for the wonderful charity the 'Starlight Foundation'.

www.zumbawithvic.com

Contact: Vicki 07413625700



Hayleigh Castle *Attendant*

Hi, my name is Hayleigh. I am 15 and have lived in Kimpton all my life. It is great that I am an attendant to my sister and with my best friend who I grew up with.

I help out as a Young Leader with Rainbows and am hoping to do my Young Leader Qualification soon. This gives me some experience for my plans for the future. I am going to Oaklands to study Childcare but I want to work with nursery children and become a nursery nurse.

I have many memories of the May Festival but last year was great, with the sheep shearing and my friend Adena as May Queen.

Rhianna Castle *May Queen*

Hi, my name is Rhianna. I am 15 and have lived in Kimpton all my life. I am so proud to have been chosen as May Queen this year, especially as it is with my twin sister, Hayleigh, and my friend, Lauren.

When I finish at Roundwood Park in June, I am hoping to go to Oaklands College to study Childcare. I then want to go on to work with children who have learning and physical disabilities.

My favourite memory of the May Festival was the year that we were all in line for the tug-of-war. We all got ready to pull and as we did, the rope snapped - it was so funny! I am hoping we will have tug-of-war back this year.

Lauren Goldie *Attendant*

Hi, my name is Lauren Goldie. I am 16 years old and have lived in Kimpton my whole life. I go to Roundwood Park School. When I am older I want to be a hairdresser. I am very happy to be May Queen Attendant as I will be with my two friends Hayleigh and Rhianna. I am very excited about May Festival as I have gone to it every year and it's such a good day. My hobbies are going to Youth Club to see all my friends and meeting them at weekends. I hope to see you all at May Festival as it will be great!



News from the Chair

The 49th Kimpton May Festival is rapidly approaching which hopefully means we will soon see some sunshine! This year's theme of 'Toy Box' should give a lot of scope for interpretation so look out for the floats, costumes and events that may take a 'different' slant on the theme.

Rhianna, Hayleigh and Lauren will be getting busy very soon, with dresses to design, photos to take etc., and will be

looking forward to a long (hopefully warm) weekend they will always remember.

Let's all think positive thoughts about the weather and see if we can arrange a really good weekend of sun and warmth (Lorraine; if you could put a word in...)!

Remember...you can link to the May Festival on the internet (www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk) and on Facebook ('Kimpton May Festival') and add your comments, suggestions etc. We would particularly welcome ideas for what we should include for the Golden Anniversary Festival in 2014.

Andrew Ackrill, May Festival Chair

Kimpton Art Show 2013

The Kimpton Art Show is now in its 32nd year. This year's May Bank Holiday Show begins at 6pm on Friday 3rd May and runs until 4pm on Monday 6th May.

The format will be familiar to many of you. The show takes place in the beautiful surroundings of our Parish Church to the accompaniment of a range of local musicians. The Opening Night is Friday 3rd May from 6pm to 9pm and, for many villagers, it is the traditional way to begin the May Festival weekend. Admission is £5.00, payable at the door, and includes a complimentary glass of wine. Admission on Saturday, Sunday and Monday is £1 with children free.

Each year, the Show brings together more than 100 artists from across the region. Exhibits typically include oils, watercolours and mixed

media. Other exhibits are likely to include high quality displays of glassware, stained glass, clay, sculpture, framed photography and textiles.

After last year's success, we will again welcome the finalists from the Kimpton Children's Art Competition, our budding young talent of the future. Details of how to enter can be found on our website.

Proceeds from entry fees, sales commissions and sponsors are distributed to the charities supported by the May Festival and the Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust. Last year they totalled £5,400, a recent record if not the highest ever total, and this is a credit to everyone who contributed in any way.

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from page 13 As ever, we rely on the generous support of our volunteer helpers. The Bench Working Party has kindly offered to assist us yet again but we are looking for assistance from individuals who would be happy to help out on the door, act as stewards or man the desk during the show. Jo South is compiling the rota and she'd love to hear from any of you, even if you can only commit for an hour, at ajsouth@tiscali.co.uk Also, it will be possible to sign-up in church shortly.

If you are an artist who would be interested in showing your work, the registration process is now open. Details can be found on our website www.kimptonartshow.co.uk

Ultimately, selling art work is what the show is all about; for the mutual benefit of the artists and our local charities. And so I'd like to encourage all of you to visit the show. Together with fellow members of the Kimpton Art Show Committee, I look forward to seeing you there.

Ted Frith 07881 787630

Kimpton Cricket Club

The club are busy preparing for the season ahead. Pre-season training is in full flow, with sessions at the Choice Cricket Centre in Redbourn until the start of the season - it is held from 9-10pm on a Monday evening, new members welcome.

As well as joining training, new members are also welcome at our pre-season golf match - Saturday 6 April at Brocket Hall.

The fixture list is taking shape, with the first game scheduled for 21 April against Carpenter's Arms CC away at St George's School, followed by Kensworth CC at home on 28 April. Our first 20-20 game is against the White Horse on 7 June at 6pm. We also have the annual tour to Cambridge which is taking place on 22-23 June.

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

CPRE Rural Living Awards

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Hertfordshire is delighted to announce the launch of its CPRE Hertfordshire Rural Living Awards Scheme.

The Rural Living Awards Scheme is a natural successor to the prestigious Village of the Year Competition which ran from 2000-2012.

Anyone interested in celebrating rural living is invited to make a nomination. Nominations are invited from individuals, groups, parish councils or companies. Don't be afraid to promote your own, or someone else's project!

Full information, including a downloadable nomination form, will be available from our website www.cpreherts.org.uk during March 2013. The closing date for receipt of nominations is 30 June 2013, so there is plenty of time to decide which Rural Living Project or Champion you want to put forward. Judging takes place during July, August and September.

Kimpton Environmentalists

Our planned talk on Recycling by the Waste Awareness Officer at N.H.D.C. has been postponed to later in the year, just as we hear of the new waste collection system they are introducing. In the meantime, there is a new bin outside the Corner Shop for all recyclable waste, right next to the litter bin. Our annual litter clear of the lanes to the village will take place on Saturday 6th April. Please join us. If everyone could also clear any litter from the pavement immediately outside their own house, then the whole village and surrounds would look better.

Following last year's drought and subsequent floods, water management is an important environmental issue. The health and use of local chalk rivers were highlighted in a talk on the Future of the Mimram (the stream that comes from Whitwell, via Kimpton Mill, to Codicote Bottom, Welwyn, Tewin and on to Hertford).

We are also tree planting in Heartwood Forest, planning a butterfly farm visit and a bird-watching barge trip. Look out for posters for all events and come along!

Davina Malcolm 01438 832309



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

The Branch Committee would like to thank the Bench Committee for their work cleaning and keeping the War Memorial tidy.

Membership of the Branch continues to hold up, but we are still keen to recruit new members to the Legion which works to support ex servicemen and their families.

We have recruited a number of 'non active' members over recent years to maintain enough membership to keep the branch going but this cannot continue as a strategy for much longer. We are particularly keen to recruit members who have a little time to spare to contribute to the running of the branch; we shall be needing a treasurer sooner rather than later and a branch secretary later this year.

Anybody requiring further information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Robin Wells (01438 832984) or the Secretary, Dave Gibbs, (01438 832236).

Dave Gibbs, Branch Secretary

Kimpton Bowls Club

Members have recently returned from another week of bowls, other sporting activities and entertainment at Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk. We all had a good time and some members of our club managed to win "gold" medals for archery and curling. Unfortunately we didn't do too well at the bowls! Only one or two of our members play indoor bowls, and it showed! People do say that it is the taking part that matters.

Pre-season maintenance is now under way, ready for "Open Day" on 21st. April, when we hope that some of you will visit us. Also, we intend to provide tea, cakes etc., on May Festival Saturday as usual, and to set up novelty bowls competition events for you all to try.

We welcome new members, both novices and experienced players to join our friendly club, and enjoy a full fixture list of matches, competitions and social events.

Although we did not perform well at "Potters", I am delighted to confirm that our Triples League team, captained by Angus Lennox, has been promoted to the 1st. Division!

If anyone would like more information about the Bowls Club please talk to any member that you may know, or contact our HonSec on 01582 834014.

Dud Ginn

Bridges of London Walk 2013

On Sunday 12th May Garden House Hospice will be holding their annual Bridges of London sponsored walk.. This is a walk with a difference and a great day out for all the family. We travel by coach to Battersea Bridge where to set out to cross 12 bridges and reach the finishing point at Tower Bridge. We also offer supporters the option of making their own way to London for the walk.

There is plenty of time to take in the sights and stop for lunch as you complete the course. The registration fee for the event is £15, £7 for children 12 years and under. This covers coach fare and administration costs. The route is 11miles and involves climbing a number of steps in order to cross the bridges.

Further information and registration form available at www.ghhospice.co.uk or telephone Jo Wiffen, Community Fundraiser 01462 679540.

Closing date for registration Friday 26 April 2013

Marathon Man

A huge thankyou to all who have sponsored me and are supporting the Race Night on March 16th in the Memorial Hall.

For more information about my London Marathon run for the MS Trust and to donate visit www.virginmoneygiving.com/neiljmatthews or get in touch. Thankyou once again.
Neil Matthews neilj.matthews@btinternet.com



Neighbourhood Watch Update



New Police and Crime Commissioner

As you will be aware the new elected Herts PCC, David Lloyd, is now in post and has published details of his role and his intention to lead on a range of important crime, justice and community safety issues.

For more information visit

his website www.hertscommissioner.org and for more contact details see inside the back cover

Community Policing

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

We are still considered a low crime area and apart from two burglaries and one stolen car on New Year's Eve there have only been few reported minor crimes in the last 3 months. However, there was one unreported theft of tools from an unattended vehicle.

The quickest way to contact Ward Constable Chris Suckling, Elaine or any other officer is to use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to. It is fast and reliable. All useful contact numbers are inside the back cover of this magazine.

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

Police Target Issues and Crime Reporting Crime

Reduction of Metal Theft, Fly Tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour. So if you witness any of these crimes and any other crime actually taking place you should ring 999. After the event please ring 101.

Precious Metal Theft.

Metal thieves continue to cut catalytic convertors from the vehicle exhaust systems, particularly on commercial vehicles and often overnight.

Vehicle Speeding

Funds are now available we understand for the purchase of a Speed Monitoring Device to be shared with Whitwell which can be operated by a team of police trained volunteers who will be issued with suitable hi-vis jackets. A team normally comprises one officer and six volunteers and recent checks in Peters Green and Wheathampstead have resulted in a number of warning letters issued and, for persistent offenders, fines imposed.

Providing there is agreement with the Parish Council the intention is to monitor the High Street.

Street Lighting Turn Off

No further comments have been received from residents so we await with interest the publication of the County crime figures for the last six months which we understand might well show no increase in crime or even a reduction

Vehicle Number Plate Theft

Further to previously reported comments if you are a victim of number plate theft please contact Elaine.

Caring Neighbours

You should always check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house. If in doubt they or you should call the Police immediately on 999.

Night Security and Absence

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

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

Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter

We are trying to establish what has happened to the Summer 2012 edition of this new publication which should have been distributed to all Kimpton households.

Have a peaceful and enjoyable spring.

Compiled by

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Kimpton Players Music Hall 2013

Photo: Alison Smith

Another hugely successful Music Hall has now come and gone. This year was our 49th, and we're already thinking about the next one - 2014 will be our big '5 0'!! We're planning to make it a stunning celebration for the Society, so watch this space!

But now for something completely different..... Our next production is going to be an exciting, ambitious departure for us. We're presenting Tennessee Williams' great, autobiographical play 'The Glass Menagerie', a gripping, powerful drama about a family living in New York in 1937. A 'memory play', it's the work that made Williams' reputation, and brought him universal recognition as the greatest of all modern American playwrights - 'The American Shakespeare'.

The show will be on from June 19th - 22nd, in The Memorial Hall, and, in a radical departure for us, and for Kimpton, we'll be presenting the piece as Theatre in the Round. Watch out for the posters, which will give all the Box Office details.

To kick to project off, there's going to be an informal 'introduction' evening in the Playhouse on Thursday, March 21st (7.30pm), looking at the play and its author, and exploring our

approach to it. Open auditions, for the small cast of 4, will be held the following Thursday, March 28th, also at 7.30. So put both dates in your diaries, and come and join us. Truly an event not to be missed!

Arthur South

Thank you Bob!

Our article always focuses, quite rightly, on the fabulous achievements of the children and young people in Kimpton Scout Group. This time however we want to celebrate our oldest member.

Several years ago the brilliant, avuncular, 'once-met-never-forgotten' Bob Finch agreed to be our Group Scout Leader on an 'acting' basis until we found a permanent appointment. To our credit we have managed to string this along for several years and have flourished under the guidance and support Bob has offered. This Spring we have had to finally agree to his departure, and do so with reluctance but huge gratitude for all he has done.

It is virtually impossible to go to any village event and not discover that Bob has had some role to play, be it the hanging of the lining in the Memorial Hall, the removing of unwanted trees or teaching eager Cubs how to tie knots.

We know that Bob may be stepping down as our Group Scout Leader, but it certainly won't be goodbye as we have already booked him to support us in all sorts of activities in the future. We just want to take this opportunity to shout from the roof tops that Bob has done a terrific job and we all thank him for his time, patience and enthusiasm.

For any queries about Kimpton Scout Group, or to register your child on our waiting list, please visit our website at www.kimptonscouts.org.uk

Annie New Group Scout Leader 01438 833421

Put this in your diary now!!!!

The deadline for the summer edition of this magazine is Friday June 14th

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



Kimpton Bench Working Party

We have done so much around the Parish in the year since the last report that there is hardly room even for just the highlights. It is hard to believe that we now have over 50 benches to look after each summer - and we still have a few more to install over the next months! Now benches take up a small proportion of our time, for instance we have decorated Church House outside and inside. Another wet day job has been maintenance of the Memorial Hall where we have made and installed skirting boards for the Green Room and the Lounge, replaced fluorescent tubes high up in the Hall and the stage, and many more jobs too. We look after the marquee lining which so enhances the Hall for parties and weddings. In 2012 we put it up (and took it down obviously) 15 times. We enjoy outside work, and this dominates our time most of the year. At the new Jubilee Garden we dug out a border, cut off the lower limbs of the Yew, installed the metal rose obelisks (fabricated by Roy Davies) and the new metal bench. We topped up the village salt bins twice, replaced a barbed wire fence with a wooden one at a footpath gate out in the sticks, removed lots of overhanging tree branches and had many bonfires on our allotment as a result. We do like working in the churchyard repairing gravestones and rescuing buried ones. We try to keep all the parish notice boards and bus shelters in good repair, and have painted play equipment in the two play areas. This list goes on and on and could fill the magazine, so I had better stop now.

We meet every Wednesday morning and if anyone would like to join us, either permanently or just for the odd morning, let me know. It is not all work though – we had an annual treat – this time a very enjoyable 3 hour long Christmas breakfast at the Boot, and our Wednesday work times are invariably punctuated by coffee, doughnuts and put-the-world-to-rights sessions.

Our average age is probably over 70 (no, we don't look it) and we do quite a lot of heavy work – lifting tree trunks, gravestones etc., so we had a 2 hour session with a professional physiotherapist who gave us advice on 'Lifting and Handling'. Next planned is a short first aid course for us all – just in case!

Finally, and importantly, very many thanks to the Horse Show, the May Festival, and the Parish Council for their generous financial support. This means that we can take on work without worrying how we pay for the tools, wood, paint screws and so on.

Bob Finch

Bench Working Party Coordinator 832497

Transition Streets Kimpton

A group of six households in Kimpton Bottom have joined a pilot project in St Albans for an initiative called Transition Streets. The 'transition' in the title refers to making a move towards more sustainable ways of living. Many of us can already see how essential this is, as we experience climate change and our energy prices soar. It's a global problem that challenges us, and will increasingly challenge our children and grandchildren. But how can we do anything about it here and now in our own homes and street? This is where Transition Streets comes in; the project, which originated in Totnes, Devon, encourages us to re-think local community living by adopting low cost changes to our habits and lifestyle, which together add up to a difference. Our local group has met once a month from the end of January. We rotate between homes, one person acting as host for the night and another person steering the session. A Transition Street workbook provides the focus for discussions and plans. Session by session we'll be looking at Energy, Water, Food, Waste and Travel. After only two meetings, by helping each other monitor our electricity consumption, find out more about light bulbs, consider different ways of heating our homes and commit to making small changes, we are already seeing the benefits.

If the project is the success we hope it will be, in terms of reducing energy usage AND improving community, we could start more street groups within Kimpton. If you're interested in participating or simply want more information, please get in touch with Davina Malcolm: 01438 832309

See more about it on the web at:

www.transitionstreets.org.uk and transitionculture.org/2012/04/12/transition-streets-an-evidence-base-to-support-the-transition-approach-to-change

Catch up on plans to improve the Mimram

There are 32 separate projects planned to improve the Mimram and seven of them are underway already – Whitwell, Singlers Marsh, Digswell, Poplars Green and Panshanger. See the full list and follow progress at: <http://www.beaneandmimrampartnership.org.uk/index.php/mimram/mimram-catchment-management-plan>

And right now Affinity Water and the Environment Agency are putting together their plans for the next 25 years. This will affect how much water is taken out of our river in the years to come.

Come and find out more at the free Friends of the Mimram Open Evening on Wednesday, 24th April starting at 7.30 pm in the Tewin Pavilion, Upper Green, Tewin, AL6 0LX. Speakers will include Tony Rook, (recent history of the Mimram), Affinity Water (2015 Water Planning progress), Friends of the Mimram (What we need to do next)

Concerns about the future of our rare chalk streams are increasing. Visit this website to see the recent Adjournment Debate in the House of Commons about chalk streams www.friendsofthemimram.co.uk/index.html

Good progress - but we still have a long way to go. If you want to get in touch, please leave a message through our website.

Kimpton Preschool

has something to celebrate this term - the acquisition of a wonderful new play surface. Our battered turf was in urgent need of replacement and now, thanks to the generosity of our local community, the children have a fantastic artificial grass surface to run, jump and roll around on.

When we first discovered how much this venture would cost, we feared it would never happen. A £300 grant from Cllr Richard Thake got the ball rolling. An appeal to Cllr John Bishop resulted in a successful grant application to the Southern Rural Area Committee – a fantastic £1,500. The May Festival Committee also took our breath away with a hugely generous £800 donation and last, but certainly not least, The White Horse's Janet Johnson allowed us to get involved with the pub's Jubilee Ball, and gave us a whopping £725 in return. These much-needed funds were of course boosted by the commitment of the Preschool parents, who work hard all year round to raise funds to keep our Preschool functioning and flourishing.

If you are interested in enrolling your child at our Preschool, we would urge you to drop in and pick up a registration form, as our waiting list is growing. Manager Lesley O'Brien is always happy to show you around, so contact us on 01438 833936 if you would like further information.



Lamer Fields
Children's Centre
Wheathampstead and Kimpton area
A Sure Start Children's Centre

Where children and families come first!

Why not register with us, if you aren't already—it is totally FREE!

We run lots of groups and activities for families with children under 5, as well as giving support, providing information and offering a good listening ear!

Why not visit our website or pop in to the centre.

Some of our services: Jolly Tots 'Stay and Play', Jolly Babies—postnatal, Free baby massage sessions, Grandparents 'stay and play', a termly programme of Jolly Mixtures fun activities, Jolly Dads Saturday Group, Jolly Roger Toy Library, Jolly Drops 'stay and play'

We are open daily—Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
(Due to the nature of our outreach service it may be best to ring before you pop, as on occasions staff will not be working on site)

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**PRESTON
GARDENS
OPEN
and
Flower Festival**

Teas Plants 1-5 pm

Sunday 26 May 2013

TICKETS £4, from the village green or the free car park
Preston is 3 miles south of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, off the B656
All proceeds in aid of St Martin's Church

It's all change at the village pubs!

The Boot - Craig and Treena took over in December

It's going to be a busy life for Craig and Treena Barnes who took over The Boot last December. Treena had been working there for over 3 years and when they heard that Robbie and Barry were intending to leave they thought it would be an ideal opportunity.

Craig is a local lad having been born and brought up in Kimpton whilst Treena is from just down the road in Harpenden. They met when both working in Woolworths and got married five years ago in Kimpton Parish Church.

Until recently Craig was a grounds manager at Croxley Business Park and will continue working in garden maintenance as a freelance so he can devote more time to the pub without having to get up at 5am!

They both take an active interest in local events and Craig has appeared on stage in the Kimpton Players' panto and the Chekhov comedies last year.

The Boot serves breakfast from 9am until 2pm, Monday to Friday, Lunch from 12 until 2 and evening meals from 6pm until 9pm (except Sundays). Sunday Lunch is served from 12 until 4. Booking is advisable. There are five letting rooms.

The White Horse - Janet is leaving after 21 years

Peter and I moved into the White Horse on the 25th March 1993 so this is the start of my 21st year here. We came with 4 beautiful daughters, Amy, Sarah, Lisa, baby Francesca who was just 15months old and my stepson Chris. We were welcomed from the moment we stepped behind the bar, the first lunchtime customer I served was Mick Hawkes (sadly now deceased). Malcom Hall was here on our first evening to welcome us (and is still my oldest regular) I remember meeting the village postman Roger Coleman who was after a snack and at the time we had no stock of crisps etc. until the next day, so he shared Peter's Mr Kipling apple pies.

We soon fitted in to village life, slightly different than the big city of Manchester. We decided that if we made our living from the community we should give something back and that is what we did, raising money for village and local charities. It was because of that we were crowned East of England Community Pub of the Year in 1999 and we were the runners up for the whole of Great Britain. We could not have done that without the support of our regulars so I still remain forever grateful to people like Dave Robbins, Ian Matthews, Ogga, Darren Boston, Tony Purvis, Neil Bailey and many more who helped us raise thousands of pounds for our chosen charities. I still help village causes were I can, even though since the loss of my beloved Peter it gets harder.

Over the years I have had tremendous support from village clubs especially the Kimpton Cricket Club, Tennis Club and Bowls Club and I have supported them where I can.

The support they all showed me after Peter passed away was amazing as it was from the Masons, especially those of Park Street Lodge, who even ran the pub for me in the first weeks of his passing. My staff have always been the best and I always knew I could rely on them, so to those who have worked for me past and present, Thank you all.

I still have the support of my beautiful family and there is always one of them there to welcome you when you come in. My family have grown, three of my girls have fled the nest and between them they have given me 5 wonderful grandchildren. That is one of the main reasons I have decided to 'retire' from the pub so I can spend more time with them, doing things that Grandmas do.

You don't get rid of me that easily though, I want to stay in the village or locality with Francesca and Chris who both work locally. I shall be setting up a new little venture 'JJ's KITCHEN' catering for private parties, weddings, celebrations, dinner parties etc so watch out for the flyer coming through your door., I will still be out and about in the village and may be able to join in more with things that go on in Kimpton.

Before I leave I will give the biggest party ever (and I have hosted a few over the years) and everyone will be welcome, so watch out for the date in the near future. I hope you will come in and greet the new tenants of the White Horse, whoever they may be, in the way only Kimpton can.

My love to you all and don't forget I haven't gone yet so pop in and see us soon.

Janet Johnson

Get set for a 'new you' at Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness classes in Kimpton

Are you ready for a brand new body, just in time for your Summer holiday? For people who would like to lose weight, get fit and improve their self-confidence, then help is at hand!

Local instructor Nicola Maddison is holding Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness classes to help you get fit and lose weight in time for the Summer Season. Unlike other diet clubs, Rosemary Conley classes offer a unique combination of dietary advice and exercise, which has been central to the life changing successes that members have seen.

Nicola's classes include a weigh in, motivational talk and a 45-minute workout. For details of how Nicola can help you to lose weight and get fitter and healthier too, call 01438 940 912, or 07773 768744 or visit her website www.rosemaryconley.com/franchisee/NMON for more information on Nicola's classes.

Kilmington May Festival Accounts 2012

Income	50%	Retained	2012	2011	Up / (Down)
Net Fund Raising Income - Village	✓		£ 2,700.00	£ 2,300.00	400.00
Art Show (Church Reel - Fund)			2,331.02	2,331.50	(10.48)
Auction			57.80	58.95	(1.35)
Bell Ringers Collection			50.00	50.00	40.00
Bowls Club			189.62	152.25	37.37
Brains of Kilmington			95.58	112.98	(17.40)
Brains Bars			155.00	200.00	(45.00)
Bridge Club			70.00	68.88	1.12
Brownies Stall			205.99	224.93	(18.94)
Buckel Collection			-	(40.00)	(40.00)
Bury Car Park			65.00	130.00	(65.00)
Car Boot Sale			-	(18.94)	18.94
Childrens' Art Competition			177.30	141.00	36.30
Church Service Collection			475.00	465.00	13.00
Cratt Market (Kilmington Preschool)			40.50	54.30	(13.80)
Cricket			10.00	(58.00)	48.00
Disco			132.00	113.00	19.00
Football 5 a side			125.11	285.17	(140.06)
Football 5 a side Bars			181.40	305.00	(113.60)
Football Club BBQ			438.23	643.02	(204.79)
Fun Run			140.00	150.00	(10.00)
Garden Club Stall			1,480.20	1,175.86	313.34
Grand Draw			70.00	52.00	18.00
Hog Roast			320.47	981.13	(660.66)
Kilmington Environmentalists			124.38	118.97	5.42
Kilmington Rainbows			25.34	5.30	20.04
Kilmington Emeritans			1,517.50	860.50	637.00
Kilmington Emeritans Bars			278.47	325.51	(47.04)
Kilmington Monkeys			-	87.31	(87.31)
Kilmington Rock - Jacob New Morocco			72.83	-	72.83
KSA BBQ			654.12	893.23	(239.11)
Monday Cream Teas - Freyja/Robyn Ecuador			205.00	308.00	(103.00)
Oceca Well			-	88.02	(88.02)
Pinnis Bars			64.32	403.86	(339.54)
Programmes			2,324.19	2,480.82	(156.63)
Saturday Rec Bars			425.26	1,047.75	(622.49)
Scout Car Park			52.00	44.70	7.30
Scout Group Book Stall			245.36	263.00	(17.62)
Scout Train			-	30.00	(30.00)
Tennis Club			44.80	56.20	(11.40)
The Music Night			588.50	69.00	519.50
The Music Nigh Bars			900.48	334.42	566.07
Venueage Cream Teas			686.63	945.30	(258.67)
Vintage Rummage			-	60.00	(60.00)
Wire Training			318.72	191.02	127.70
Womens Institute Cake Stall			180.00	170.00	(10.00)
Explorer Scouts - Denmark Jamboree Stall			-	28.05	(28.05)
Chico/Alice World Challenge Stall			135.20	80.00	(60.00)
Plant stall - Freyja/Robyn - Ecuador			110.00	-	110.00
Womens Bill begin			50.50	78.10	(27.60)
Zoe Bigg - Austria			-	-	50.50
Donations			£ 18,546.67	£ 19,028.90	(482.23)
Bank Interest			0.32	-	30.00
Charity/Commercial Stalls			686.00	580.00	105.00
Fairground Rides			330.00	505.00	(175.00)
50% Group Retention			6,508.18	6,508.31	(472.12)
Total Income			26,080.18	27,134.53	(1,054.35)

Expenditure	2012	2011
Entertainment	1,989.00	1,959.00
General Expenses	2,035.18	1,776.07
Traffic Management	1,429.00	1,940.20
Insurance	697.05	692.06
Prizes & Rosettes	431.14	540.80
Publicity Expenses	49.16	29.42
Total Expenditure	6,630.53	6,937.55

Total Income	26,080.18	27,134.53
Total Expenditure	6,630.53	6,937.55
2011 Surplus / (Deficit)	19,449.65	20,196.98
Less 50% Group Retention	(6,508.19)	(6,980.31)
Less 50% Bars (Kilmington Guides & Rainbows)	(912.46)	(1,042.97)
2011 Surplus / (Deficit)	12,029.00	12,173.70
Less 50% Festival set up	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Surplus Available for Distribution	11,029.00	11,173.70

Distribution:	2012	2011
Church Restoration Fund (1/3 dist)	3,693.00	3,724.00
Kilmington Memorial Hall (1/3 dist)	3,693.00	92.00
Womens British Legion	150.00	150.00
Garden House Hospice	150.00	150.00
Herts Air Ambulance	150.00	150.00
Isabel Hospice	150.00	150.00
Keetch Cottage Hospice	150.00	200.00
Kilmington Bench Working Party	500.00	75.00
Kilmington Monkeys	-	75.00
Kilmington Beavers	-	75.00
Kilmington Bowls	215.00	-
Kilmington Preschool	800.00	-
Kilmington WI	-	100.00
Lamer Fields	300.00	-
Parish Magazine	-	200.00
Westcott/Bornoe	-	200.00
Chloe/Alice World Challenge	-	100.00
Expl. Scouts - Denmark Jamboree	-	75.00
Jacob New - Morocco	100.00	-
Zowie Bigg - Austria	100.00	500.00
Kilmington Rovers Football Club	-	150.00
Noise Project	150.00	700.00
Welfare Payments	10,151.00	10,515.00

2012 Opening Balance	5,016.52
Plus 2012 Net Income	26,080.18
Less 2012 Expenditure	(6,630.53)
Less 50% Group Retention	(6,508.19)
Less 50% Bars (Kilmington Guides/Rainbows)	(912.46)
2012 Surplus	12,029.00
Less 2012 Distribution	(10,151.00)
2012 Closing Balance	6,894.52

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

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

**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.

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

KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

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

USEFUL LINKS

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www.herts.police.uk

www.stalbans.anglican.org

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