

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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*May Festival news and
pictures on pages 11,
12, 13 and 20*



The Church in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Normal Services

Tuesday

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

Thursday

8.45am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Parish Church	Evening Prayer

Saturday

9am	Ayot St Lawrence	Morning Prayer
5.30pm (summer months)	Ayot St Lawrence	Evening Prayer
5.30pm (winter months)	Parish Church	Evening Prayer

Sunday

8am	Parish Church	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	<i>1st Sunday each month</i>	Family Communion followed by Parish Breakfast
8am	Parish Church <i>other Sundays</i>	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
9.30		Holy Communion followed by coffee
11.30am	Ayot St Lawrence <i>2nd Sunday each month</i>	Mattins with Holy Communion (BCP)
6pm	Perry Green Baptist Chapel	Evening Service at Peters Green

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Lorraine's Letter

Dear Friends,

What a busy couple of weeks at the end of April and beginning of May! Easter was about as late as it can be and May Festival immediately followed, with a Royal Wedding squeezed between. Easter 2012 falls on 8th April, so at least there will be a break before the Festival weekend! My thanks to every one who helped in any way during all the Holy Week and Easter Church activities, and for all the hard work that, as always, made May Festival so successful. I also add here a special thank you to our Lord for the May Festival weather, which was so much better than last year --- who says prayer doesn't work?!

Another answer to prayer has been the launch of BLAST (Bible Learning And Sharing Together), the name of our new Junior Church, which the Church Family has been praying for since I came here five years ago. It was such a joy to see fourteen happy, excited children at the first session and seventeen at the second, and we are all praying that BLAST will go from strength to strength.

Those who think that God does not listen to prayer usually mean that He has not done or given exactly what they have asked for, as if He were a Super Father Christmas instead our loving Father. If you are a parent or guardian yourself, there will have been times when with good reason you have said no to your children's demands; no sweets before tea or no staying up late when there's school the next day, for example. You denied them, not because you want the tantrums or the verbal abuse and door slamming, but because you love them and want what is best for them, and when they grow up they come to understand. So it is with God. He always answers our prayers, but sometimes He has to say "no", or

"wait", or even "yes, but in my way not yours", and just like little children we may stamp our feet or cry out that He cannot love us, or that because He hasn't given us our own way He can't really exist. Like little children we shall not see or understand the whole picture until we have "grown up", that is, until we meet Him face to face. So, never for one moment think that God does not hear, or understand, or love you, but remember the promise we have in Jesus, "I am with you --- always".

My love to you all, Lorraine

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 19th June at Shaw's Corner Ayot St. Lawrence

11:30am Service of Matins with Holy Communion

(Because of the Art Show there will not be a service in Ayot on 12th June)

PATRONAL FESTIVAL SERVICES

Sunday 3rd July Kimpton 11am Holy Communion followed by Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 10th July in Ayot's Ruined Church

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

FARM SERVICE

Sunday 17th July 10:30am at Russell's Farm, Ansell's End

Tractor trailer ride around farm, asking God's blessing on the crops; Holy Communion in the Barn followed by Bring and Share Picnic in the Meadow (or in the Barn if wet weather)
(No 9:30am Service in church)

PET SERVICES

Sunday 14th August at 4pm in Kimpton, and Sunday 4th September at 3pm in Ayot's Ruined Church

Animals are invited to bring their owners to church for a Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing.

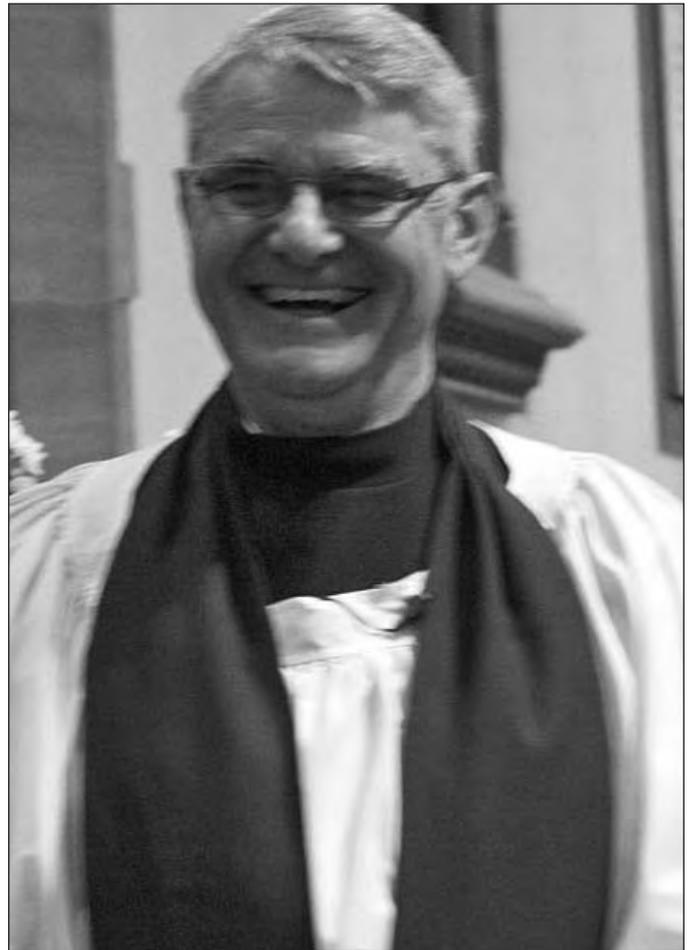
From The Registers

Baptisms

8 May 2011 Grace-Sophia Lauren Franks

Burials & Interments

15 March 2011 Barbara Elliot
17 March 2011 Wilfred Herbert Matthews
24 March 2011 Vera Alice Stamp
5 April 2011 Hugh Nesbit Hills
5 May 2011 Ronald Christopher Hill
13 May 2011 Mary Emmott
19 May 2011 Robin William Boning (at Horley, Surrey)



Andy Morton was given a maroon scarf by the Reverend Lorraine Summers, at the morning service on Sunday May 29th, in recognition of his being relicensed as a Lay Minister.

Thank You

Hazel Littleworth and family wish to thank everyone for their help and support during the past difficult year.

Thank you for your generous donations sent to Grove House Hospice in memory of Mick.

The total amount raised was £1613.74

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A NOISE?

Last year, 45 intrepid volunteers worked with the Parish Church to tackle a whole series of tasks in the village that people couldn't deal with on their own. This year, we want even more volunteers to have a go at even more tasks!

The date is **SATURDAY AUGUST 20th**, and free breakfast, lunch and barbeque supper is included for the volunteers.

The day is run from the Parish Church, so come along and make a difference. Everyone, aged 6-66 (or whatever!) is welcome.

It is a great way to give something back to our wonderful village.

Contact Andy Morton 01438 832427

BLAST!

The Junior Church was relaunched on Sunday 8th May as BLAST (Bible Learning And Sharing Together). At the first session the children enjoyed a treasure hunt for the materials to make their name badges for BLAST and then decorated them beautifully.

Snack time was well deserved before returning to join the church service to share the name and meaning of BLAST with the rest of the congregation. A great time was had by all and we look forward to further fun meetings of Bible Sharing And Sharing Together.

BLAST will take place at 9.30am in Church House on Sundays during term time excluding the family service on the first Sunday of the month. Children from 4 years and above are welcome to join us.

The Art Show

A big thank you to all who made success possible. Admission receipts were up by £1,000 and sales by £4,000. Everything and everybody helped: the weather, the 60's theme, the Royal Wedding, the website www.kimptonartshow.co.uk, the publicity, the many helpers, the artists themselves and the setting (the art show would not have the same feel in any other setting).

And so to next year! I shall not be able to chair the committee next year. Mary and I have moved out of the village and we shall be spending much time by the sea. The committee meets on June 23 to review 2011 and welcomes offers to help for 2012.

*Peter Liddell 01438 871135
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Thanks to the Cooks of Kimpton

Thank you to the many cooks, known and unknown, who baked so many delicious cakes and scones for the Vicarage May Festival Cream Teas.

The excellent weather meant that we had two very busy afternoons. Somehow there were

sufficient cakes with a few to hand on to the Westmacott's for their 'Teas on the Green' on the Monday.

We are thankful to all who baked for us as the provisioning of this event is entirely in your hands.

Heartfelt gratitude from Liz Jamieson, Valerie Pollington and the Church Teas team.

Lend me a Tenor!

Would you enjoy singing in a choir?

If the answer is 'yes' then why not give the Parish Church Choir a try?

We're a friendly group and meet on most Friday evenings at 7.30 in the Church for about an hour to practice.

We sing at the 9.30 service every Sunday, about 4 times a year we go to the Palladium Church at Ayot St Lawrence and in July sing at the Patronal Service in the ruined Church at Ayot. There are also several weddings a year and, of course, the Carol Services.

We particularly need altos and tenors, but any singers are welcome. No formalities or ability to read music - just turn up on a Friday evening at 7.30 but contact me before coming in case the practice is cancelled.

*Andy Wright
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Kimpton Primary School is looking particularly vibrant this term as our children from Years One to Six learn about India. Colourful displays adorn our walls and windows and I have just had the pleasure of watching our Unicorns group perform a Bollywood style dance on top field during a sharing assembly. It was a spectacular display which I hope is a foretaste of things to come. As part of our curriculum planning we always try to work towards a finished 'product' of some kind. We are planning to end this topic with a Mela- an Indian festival on Friday 8th May. We would welcome visitors from the village at this event. Please look out for posters and come and join us if you can. Details will also be on our new website which is now up and running. You can also see some of the exciting things we are currently doing in school by visiting our class pages at

www.kimptonvillageprimaryschool.co.uk
May festival was very successful for our school this year. Our wonderful Thunderbirds float, largely created by the artistic flair of Mr and Mrs Hartley assisted by some very enthusiastic children from throughout the school, was awarded a second prize in the children's competition. Additionally and to our astonishment our school team, were victorious in Brains of Kimpton, surely the most impossible quiz in the entire world. The KSA also raised a considerable sum of money from the barbecue and the teas and coffees in the school dining room. Thank you to all who helped and all who visited our 'food outlets'. Our final May festival event took place today in our assembly, when I was very pleased to

present Mrs Grace French with a May Festival Community Award for her wonderful service to the children as our crossing patrol lady. Never without a smile on her face, Grace thoroughly deserves this recognition of her dedication to her job and to the children of Kimpton.

On a sadder note, we were very sorry to hear of the death of Mr Ron Hill. Ron served Kimpton Primary School as our caretaker for many years with great dedication and I know his quiet presence will be missed around the village. Our Harvest festival will certainly never be the same again without Ron's delicious jam. Our condolences go to Ron's family. It is rare to get to the end of a school year, without some good byes and this is no exception.

Mrs Evans, our deputy head has decided to retire and in characteristic fashion wishes to do so without any fuss or fanfares. Nevertheless, I know there are many of you in the village with fond memories of Mrs Evans as your teacher or a teacher of your children and I know you would wish to join us in wishing Mrs Evans a long and happy retirement.

I wish you all a lovely summer
With my best wishes

Marion Stewart-Smith
Head teacher
www.kimptonvillageprimaryschool.co.uk



What a load of rubbish!

The Kimpton Litter Pick on Saturday 2nd April was a great success. Kimpton Environmentalists saw over 20 volunteers step forward to enjoy the warm Spring weather to clear litter from the lanes around Kimpton and so help make the village look its best for the upcoming May Festival. Split into teams and armed with bin bags and litter pickers, the volunteers cleared 1.5 miles of litter from the lanes towards

Whitwell, Kimpton Mill, Blackmore End, Kimpton Bottom and Peters Green, as well as Ballslough Hill and Claggy Road to Ansells End.

In total, a staggering 92 bin bags of litter were collected, consisting of cans, bottles and food packaging along with many car parts including 4 car tyres, wing mirrors, hub caps, an exhaust pipe and an entire car dashboard! A well-spent morning Spring-cleaning Kimpton's lanes was rounded off with a well-deserved lunchtime drink in The White Horse.

To volunteer for the next Kimpton Litter Pick, please contact the Kimpton Environmentalists on 01438 832309.



History Group Walks and Talks

Wednesday 15th June

Walk around Wheathampstead, from East Lane car park.

Meet at Kimpton School at 7.10pm to share lifts. Cost: £3.00 per head.

Wednesday 20th July

Walk around older parts of Welwyn Garden City.

Meet at Kimpton School at 6.30pm to share lifts. A small charge will be made.

Wednesday 21st September

Kimpton Memorial Hall

Historical snippets of Kimpton – by Bob Finch
An interesting talk about Kimpton – details to be advertised

Wednesday 19th October

Kimpton Memorial Hall Lounge

The Herts Millenium - A talk about '1000 years of Herts History'



Kimpton WI

We had a great May Festival; coming 2nd in 'Brains of Kimpton' final; 2nd prize for our float

'Florence Nightingale's 1st School of Nursing, 1860' and a very successful home-made cake stall. Our members also contributed to Church Cream Teas.

Currently we are helping Kimpton Guides make souvenir pennants for the competitors at London 2012 Olympic Games. Our talks this summer will include 'In a writers mind' and our August Outing is fully booked.

We will be taking part in the Autumn flower, fruit and veg show where we will be serving our delicious cakes and tea.

New members are welcome at our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m.in the Memorial Hall lounge.

Valerie Pollington

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Kimpton Memorial Hall



New access to the Hall? An old idea revisited

In 1959 when the land upon which the hall is built was gifted to the Village by the Oxford University Chest, the conveyance included a pedestrian right of way across what is now the school playing field to the Hall. This right of way runs parallel with Hall Lane from the now unused gate on the East side of the foot of the lane, up past the Electricity sub-station and into the Hall's land. From the plan it would appear to be about 5 metres wide. (*see 50 years ago page 19*)

To the best of the writer's knowledge this right of way has never been used, but its existence is fully and formally documented. However since that conveyance, the land in question has also changed hands and now belongs, we believe to Hertfordshire County Council. The rights referred to, will undoubtedly have been included in any subsequent conveyance.

The Management of The Hall would like to explore the possibility, in co-operation with all the other parties involved (Kimpton JMI School, Kimpton Parish Council, Hertfordshire County Council,

and North Hertfordshire District Council) of creating a community project to open up and construct this footpath access, which we feel would be to the benefit of the whole village.

Over the next few months we hope to talk to all the interested parties and establish whether such a project might be mutually beneficial, and considered desirable, and whether as a community we might be able to find a way to fund it. As a 'ball-park' figure we estimate it might cost fifteen thousand pounds or so. In the meantime if anyone has any recollection of the right of way ever being used, we would be delighted to hear from them.

On a less constructive note, I need to report that North Hertfordshire District Council is being extremely difficult over our request that the plastic recycling facility should remain at the Hall. In an outright contradiction of a previous written statement to us, they now say that if the glass facility is removed, the Plastic will also have to go. We hope to persuade them otherwise! Watch this space!!

Roger Nash 01438 832139



The Chairman's Report

Your Parish Council completes another full year of service without elections, we continue

with existing council members into a new year, having just held our Annual Meeting. We look forward to the summer with two more meetings before the August break. This I mention, in the hope that as well as reading this brief summary of business, our electors may choose to attend upcoming meetings themselves, perhaps also finding out more by logging onto our website.

As for the final quarter of the council year, we have continued to closely monitor planning and other development issues at Lloyd Way, presently awaiting sight of an Environmental Survey required by North Herts District Council to satisfy regulatory requirements. It is our understanding this, together with the sealing of the Section 106 agreement (Planning Gain) by North Hertfordshire Homes and the District Council will, once completed, result in work commencing on site in the Autumn.

Other work undertaken and business transacted included the commencement of the review of The Kimpton Parish Plan, research in setting up an interactive council website, securing further funding in the continuing work to implement the Parish Play Strategy – now seeking to upgrade and improve the quality and layout of equipment at Wrens Close so paying particular interest in the provision for younger children. Also, supporting work and research in the plans generated for a Cycle Path, eventually to run from Kimpton to Harpenden, attending to monitoring and instructing our Police Community Service Officer, recently replaced, renewing our support of the Lamer Field's Children's Centre weekly Drop In for younger children in the Green Room at the Memorial Hall and, working very closely with the Executive Committee of the Memorial Hall in connection with their substantial plans for a much needed refurbishment of many areas of the Hall, an integral asset of this Parish. Two members of your Council sit on the Memorial Hall Committee, thereby fostering our close involvement.

Having received a request from the Hall Committee, the Parish Council affirmed their decision to remove the Glass bottle Bank from the Hall Car Park – all such glass now being collected kerbside through out the Parish – the plastics collection bank will remain.

No Parish Council report can be considered complete without proper reference to Kimpton Bench Working Party from whom we regularly receive reports on their work undertaken and completed – thank you to each of you for the often extensive lists of weekly jobs and improvements you have finished. In meetings with representatives of other Parish Councils we often share with them, to their amazement, the significant advantages gained by this Parish as a result of your efforts. Thank you.

Localism and the launch of the Big Society looks to be just around the corner affecting every level of local government (legislation currently in the House of Lords), we are, therefore, very fortunate in continuing to retain our Clerk who with her many other responsibilities is always extremely well informed in the latest areas of change, Our sincere thanks go out to you, Carina.

Finally, having completed my full term as Chairman, I am very happy to be handing over to another David – Cllr David Hardstaff, who has served with us all this past year and in handing over feel certain he will prove to be a safe pair of hands, particularly as we had also served together for over 4 years on Kimpton School Governing Body. I take this opportunity of wishing David every success in his new appointment and also would wish to thank a great group of fellow Councillors, both for their support through my time, but also in the knowledge it will be their shared desire to continue doing so.

David I Reavell Chairman 2008 - 2011



The JKP are Back!

2nd Kimpton Brownies Summer News

I received an email the other day from a lady who had visited our web site. On our web site we try to document what we do at our weekly meetings, it is lovely to reflect on a happy evening, and it is an opportunity for family to share the fun moments. The Ladies message congratulated us for having such an active Brownie Unit and that we were very lucky doing all our fun things. She is right, we are lucky, if it wasn't for the Brownies Mums supporting us with their time, the young helpers and those of you in the community who offer us fun activities to do, it really wouldn't happen at all.

We have an equally fun packed programme awaiting us this summer, probably even more exciting, with cooking out of doors, badges to earn, a talent show to put on, and to cap it off, our end of term water games.

If there is any way you could help support our pack with opportunities, activities or resources that the girls would enjoy, we would love to hear from you. We would also love to welcome you if you are interested in being a volunteer helper, young or old, your time would be valued and appreciated so much.

The sad side of it all is that we have such a large waiting list with so few places to offer. If you are interested in joining us, Brownies start at 7 years, so do email me with your details so you can be put on the list as early as possible.

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Following a short break, the Junior Kimpton Players (JKP) are back!

With Hayley and Gary on honeymoon and relaxing after their nuptials, Gill is being assisted by Lynne and an array of other willing helpers.

The big screen has been influential in making Shakespeare popular and tenable with the likes of Gnomeo and Juliet, and has also inspired the youth to give Shakespeare a go! We have steered away from tragedy (kissing and sword fights) and have instead decided to embrace comedy; A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare, well an abridged version by Leon Garfield anyway. Set on a barmy summer night, the very nature of the play, partly in a wood with fleeing lovers, fanciful fairies and mischievous sprites lends itself to an alfresco performance with nature as the theatrical set!

Despite the complexities of the Shakespearean language, talent and enthusiasm abounds in JKP and the play is almost cast! The next few weeks will not just be about learning and acting in a play, but about stepping out in character, increasing self - esteem and confidence, building relationships with others, and having fun!

We meet every Wednesday 6.30-8pm during term time at the Playhouse, behind the Memorial Hall, Kimpton.

It's not too late to get involved, if you are aged 11+ and would like to join then please contact Gill Vine on 01438 833364 or Lynne Wood on 01438 832148 and please visit our new website www.thejkp.org.uk

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The Garden Club has had a very interesting programme for the spring. The April meeting was a presentation by Neil Holmes Smith on "Climbers and Wall

Plants". Neil encouraged members to regard climbers as the most dramatic and rewarding of garden plants. His photographs gave us ideas for beautifying walls, fences and outbuildings. Roger Skipper gave us a comprehensive guide to the 'Flora and Fauna of Madeira' in our May meeting. This unique island, with its virtually twelve months of summer and extremely fertile soil, is a gardeners' paradise. It would seem to be the ideal winter break while our gardens are lying dormant.

During June, July and August the Garden Club will not have the usual Wednesday evening meetings at the Memorial Hall. Instead there will be an evening outing to Thundridge Hill House near Ware on Wednesday, June 1st, a day trip to Coton Manor in Northamptonshire on Saturday, July 9th and an evening social on Wednesday August 3rd.

Kimpton Garden Club is a very friendly group and we welcome new members. For more information please contact our secretary on 01438 832776.

35th Autumn Show

Flower, fruit, veg, arts and crafts

No scarecrows this year but a competition for the best decorated wheelbarrow. No excuse if you don't own a wheelbarrow as we have plenty available!!! The decorated barrows will be judged along with all the usual traditional classes on Saturday 3rd September in the Memorial Hall. Viewing starts at 2.30pm.

There will be games for all ages in the garden where the wheelbarrows will be on show and WI teas in the lounge. Don't miss this event as it has all the feel-good factor of the May Festival compressed into an afternoon.

We especially welcome new people to enter the classes and please encourage your children as we have included items from Kimpton School's summer term curriculum.

Schedules and entry forms are available now from The Corner Stores. *Valerie Pollington*

And the sun shone....

The collective crossing of fingers paid off and the sun continued to shine through the end of April and into May giving us clear skies, warm days and a great excuse to spend our time enjoying May Festival. The extra holiday on the Friday for the Royal Wedding gave us all a little more time to get ready for the 'main event' and spirits were very high as the Art Show opened its doors and we were off!

My recollections: Early on Saturday we were treated to the arrival (and rapid departure) of the Air Ambulance...the sight of Lorraine offering a tray of tea to the pilot on landing was quite surreal! The procession and arena events were very well received, reflecting all the work put in by groups and individuals. Kimpton Entertains did exactly what it says on the tin, and the Bench Boys are surely heading for internet stardom. Brains versus K-Town Rocks on Sunday night posed a dilemma, with both well-attended and providing excitement to their respective audiences. On Monday, Fun Run, hog roast and Pimms was a perfect triple starter for a return to The Green for maypole (and zumba) and the auction.

The whole 'production' is so much more than 'the Committee' and we rely upon so many non-Committee members, without whom the event would not be possible; for example, providing car parking space, dressing and 'preparing' the May Queen and attendants, storing and transporting chairs and tables, providing the lead car for the procession and, on a personal note, daily floral restoration of THAT hat! To all of you...many, many thanks. The Festival is always looking to evolve and to improve, bringing in new events (wheelie bin race anyone?) whilst keeping the core features. Please do give us your feedback (good or bad) and suggestions on www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk, on Facebook ('Kimpton May Festival') or to any Committee member. We would also welcome new members...don't be shy!

Applications for funding need to be received by the end of FIRST week of September, so we can agree on distribution of funds at our Sept meeting. *Andrew Ackrill, KMF Committee Chair*

**Photos and a message from the May Queen and her attendants are on the next two pages and page 20*

Peace and love...



We're sure everyone will agree that this year's May Festival was amazing yet again! The weather was good and there were so many things to do! The procession was wonderful with some really good floats and costumes, Kimpton Entertains was filled with talent and the football was great! Kimpton Brains was good fun (and difficult!) and the fun run was a success once again. There were so many good parts, but we have a few favourites: Lucy - Kimpton Entertains and the fun run (especially pressing the horn!) Rosie - Giving the medals out to all the runners at the fun run! Emily - The fair on Saturday and being driven in the car!

We would like to say another huge thank you to Kate Frost for organising us, Lisbet Clarkson for our wonderful dresses, Stephanie for our beautiful flowers, Michelle at Fringeline for our lovely hairdos and Sarah & Beth Dunn for our excellent nails and make-up. Andy Wright for the great photos, Roy Roberts for organising the fabulous car, Kieran Doyle for driving us in the procession, all the May Festival committee and everyone who helped out and made the weekend amazing. We would also like to say a huge thanks to our parents for supporting us, getting us there on time, giving up their time, helping us through it and carrying our bags!

Lucy, Rosie and Emily

...a fab weekend!



May Festival photos: Andy Wright



Here Comes Summer

It's been a busy few months as we've been settling in to our new home, and we've had all the excitement of the May Festival. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the 'TV

character' float, and their costumes looked amazing. Well done to the children for behaving so well, and to the parents who put such effort into creating the float.

Once again Kimpton Preschool was responsible for organising the May Festival craft fair, and as always it proved to be very popular, so a big thank you to all the visitors who came to browse and buy and the parents who helped to organise it.

We have also had some staffing changes, and are thrilled to welcome Lesley O'Brien as our new Preschool Manager. Lesley is a familiar face to many Kimpton parents from her work with Lamer Fields Children's Centre, and the Jolly Drops sessions on Friday mornings at the Memorial Hall. She has a huge wealth of skills and experience in Early Years care, and we are very excited that she will be leading our friendly team.

We have now established our Tuesday/Thursday lunch club and afternoon sessions, and the number of children on our books is increasing steadily. We are planning to increase the number of sessions available soon, as demand is picking up.

We are also concentrating hard on fundraising over the summer, and have tried to come up with some events that the whole village can enjoy. Posters will go up before each event giving you all the details, but please put the following dates in your diary

Cricket & Cocktails, Friday 24 June

Kimpton Cricket Club, 6pm

A charity Twenty20 cricket match - Kimpton Preschool vs Kimpton Cricket Club - with lots of family fun. We'll have a BBQ, refreshments and a luxury hamper raffle, so come and join us!

Cream Teas, Sunday 10 July

Kimpton Preschool

Enjoy a cream tea served in the leafy surrounds of the Preschool garden.

Bag2School collection, 2pm Tuesday 12 July

Kimpton Preschool

Have a clearout of all your old textile items – clothes, bedding, shoes, belts, bags, toys etc - and instead of taking them to the charity shop, support a Kimpton charity by bringing it to Preschool instead! We'll receive a payment from Bag2School based on the weight of the donations we provide. Items can be placed in black bin bags, or alternatively you can collect a Bag2School bag from Preschool. All donations need to be with us before 2pm on 12 July. If you are unable to bring your items to the Preschool, give us a call on 07810 898101 and we'll collect from you.

Kimpton Horse Show, Sunday 31 July

Once again we'll be running our popular tombola, so come and try your luck in support of a great cause! If you are able to help with donating any prizes, particularly bottles of alcohol, please call 07810 898101 and let us know.

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*



The May Festival saw the placement of the British Legion Bench on the Recreation Ground between the Bowls Club and the soccer pitch. The bench is presented to the villagers of Kimpton to mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Royal British Legion. The funds were raised by an appeal to RBL members and other members of the community. The Kimpton Branch thanks the Parish Council for their help in organising the purchase of the bench and Bench Committee working Party for installing it; thanks also to Arthur South for highlighting the new bench during his sterling work as MC

over the May Bank Holiday weekend. A small surplus from the appeal will be added to this year's Poppy Appeal.

We are still keen to recruit new members to the Legion which works to support ex servicemen and their families. Anybody requiring further information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Malcolm Voss, 01438 832921 or the Secretary, Dave Gibbs, 01438 832236.

Dave Gibbs Branch Secretary

Little Monkeys at the May Festival

Well another year had gone by and another May Festival was upon us.

Kimpton Monkeys chocolate tombola was set up bright and early and the only problem seemed to be how to position the chocolate out of the sunlight!

A great age range of children participated in picking a flower from a sandpit and blue ticket winners got to pick a raffle ticket which in turn gave them a chocolate prize.

Our congratulations go to the anonymous winner of the first prize, a lovely young girl dressed in period costume, who got to take the Monkeys cake home with her.

Special thanks go to Christine Barker from Cake Craft who kindly made and donated the cake to our stall and also a huge thank you to all our helpers on the day, particularly Georgina Shaughnessy and Caroline Akker and their families for setting up in the morning. But most of all, thank you to all the boys and girls for

having a go, we hope you enjoyed the chocolates, even the consolation eggs! You have helped us raise valuable funds for Kimpton Monkeys.

We are a parent led toddler group and would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their ongoing interest and support, without which we would not be able to stay open. All new faces are welcome to our Tuesday morning sessions (term time) held in the Kimpton Memorial Hall from 09:30-11:30.

Also, please be aware that we hire out our toys, slides, ride on toys and tables and chairs for children's parties at £5 each set. These are available for parties held in the hall or can be collected by prior arrangement. Please contact Natasha Mayling on 07970 172571.

The first prize cake was donated by www.cakecraftltd.co.uk





The cricket season is now in full flow, and Kimpton CC are off to a flying start. We started with a comfortable win against Carpenter's Arms with their leading batsmen struggling and Chris Westcott chipping in with 4 wickets to restrict them to 95 runs. This left Dan Kerry (44) and Tom Glinka (30 not out) to knock off the runs quite easily.

After a successful midweek 20-20 against St John Fisher, next up was Wheathampstead and again the bowlers restricted them to a low total, with Ken Hammond, Tom Lincoln and James Pitcher sharing the spoils. We made hard work passing their 111 total, but eventually snuck home with one wicket to spare.

Next up were the traditionally very strong Knebworth Blues - a solid performance in the field kept them to 167 all out. However, this time the batting line-up had no trouble, with Jacob Sharpe and Tom Glinka both passing 50 in a 9 wicket win.

Our one Saturday game of the season so far - against Biggleswade - also led to our only defeat. Aaron Castle bowled brilliantly, returning with 6 wickets for only 20 runs to keep them to 70 runs. However, a weakened batting line-up only managed 63 in reply.

The last two games have shown our batting at its very best. Against Kensworth, all of the top order contributed strongly in a total of 293, followed by an excellent spell from Robbie Parry to restrict them to 103 runs.

Finally, in the last game of May, we posted the highest total ever from Kimpton, with 312 scored in 40 overs, built around a truly remarkable 175 not out from Tom Lincoln.

All in all, a very strong start to the season, and we are looking forward to the rest of the summer. As ever, we are always pleased to hear from prospective new members and non-playing volunteers that might be interested in scoring, umpiring or fundraising. Please give Simon, 01438 833767 or 07899 810743, a call if you would like to get involved.

ALL THE FUN OF THE SHOW

How difficult can it be to make a horse jump over a three foot fence? Does it take skill, luck or talent? Or all three? What makes a perfectly groomed horse, and what's the difference between a hunter and a cob? How can I help local village organisations? Where can I get a drink and something tasty to eat, see trade stands and enjoy a friendly atmosphere? You could find out the answers by coming to one of the county's best traditional horse shows at Kimpton on Sunday 31st July. All day, just up Hitchin Road past the church. You can't miss it. You shouldn't miss it.

www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk

Kimpton May Festival Programmes

On behalf of the KMF committee and our advertisers, I'd like to say thank you to all the people who helped sell the Programme. With your persuasive efforts, we sold more than 750 booklets making over £1100 from the sales alone.

I'd also like to thank everyone who bought a programme and remind you to keep it by the telephone so that you can easily contact village organisations and trades-folk. Let's keep the community spirit alive throughout the year, not just for the Festival. *Davina Malcolm*

Peters Green Village Fun Day 2011 Sunday 5th September 12pm

**Games, Crafts, Cakes, Books,
Plants, Children's attractions,
BBQ and so much more.**

Interested in having a stall?
Contact Coral (coral@freeola.com) or
Donatella (07879 425879).



Community Policing

As reported last issue PCSO Elaine Cuozzo is our part funded officer and she is supported by her colleague PCSO Charli Tizard, who has primary responsibilities in other Wards..

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

We would remind that the quickest way to contact an officer by phone is to use the new automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to.

Our Ward Constable Chris Suckling continues to concentrate on Rural Beat Issues in our area often making nocturnal visits on the look out for fly tippers, opportunist burglars and suspicious vehicles.

The new Automatic Number Plate Recognition system is scoring many successes in identifying vehicles without tax ,insurance or MOT or up to no good .

Police Target Issues

A recent meeting of the Hitchin Locality Panel re-affirmed the priorities to be a reductions in Fly Tipping, Anti- Social Behaviour, Hare Coursing and 4x4 Off-roading so if you witness any of these crimes actually taking place you should ring 999.

Valuable assistance/intelligence is being provided by local riding stables, farmers and gamekeepers as part of Farm Watch and Horse Watch. Business and Dog Watches have also been created.

New Hi- tech Property Marking is here.

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

The bottle contains sufficient fluid to mark about 50 items and is unique to your home, so it is not possible to share with a neighbour, and enables the police to trace stolen items to your household.

If you are interested in purchasing a kit please contact PC Matthew Jenkins on e-mail matthew.jenkins@herts.pnn.police.uk ,or Elaine or leave a message on 01438 757604 with full details of your contact information

Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinator (SC) Vacancies

Vacancies in Coopers Close/Coopers Hill , plus six others, three in the High St. and one each in Lawn Avenue, Lime Avenue/ The Drive and Wren Close. The work basically is 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 minded residents with some spare time are requested to contact Alan Smith (contact details at the foot of this article) if they wish to make a contribution to village community security.

OWL On-line Watch Link

Any resident with an e-mail address can be included in the OWL system, however, you will be required to sign an easily completed NHW OWL Consent Form which for the time being can be obtained from Alan Smith, contact details at the end.

Reported Local Crime

Recent six monthly figures confirm that Kimpton continues to be a low crime area but we must not be complacent so please be aware that Fraud ,Bogus Callers and Identity Theft continue to be a threat and you are reminded to be particularly alert when operating a cash machine.

Theft of handbags and wallets in supermarkets remains a problem with serious consequences in particular the theft of personal identity.

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Shed and garage security advice

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

- ensure that they have the right locks to enhance security.
- consider purchasing a shed alarm which is sensitive to vibrations.
- metal "up and over" garage doors can be secured with additional locks fitted to either side and/or a floor mounted closed shackle padlock.
- wooden garage doors can be secured with two substantial hasps and staples and closed shackle padlocks (your local DIY store should be able to advise on the appropriate lock for your application).

Caring Neighbours

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

Reporting Crime

It is important that if you have any information about a crime you should call 0845 33 00 222. You can also contact Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 to provide information anonymously.

Crime Prevention Items

Should you need advice or wish to purchase items please contact the North Herts Crime

Prevention Panel on contact@nhcpp.org or Dennis Wall, dennis.wall@herts.pnn.police.uk
Items include Purse/Bag/Bike Alarms and free Marker Pens.

We hold a small stock of items for sale at very modest prices and the good news is that some are free to the elderly and vulnerable. You can select required items by contacting Alan Smith who can provide a price list and place an order on your behalf.

Night Security and Absence

With holidays coming up ensure that your property is secure with all windows, doors, garages and sheds properly locked during your absence. Make it look 'lived in' if possible by parking 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 how you can be contacted. Use timer switches on lamps or leave a security lamp on always using energy saving bulb of course.

Upvc doors with key operated shoot bolts must double locked with the key, otherwise it is possible for an intruder to jemmy the door, gain entry and perish the thought ! Don't leave any keys within sight of an open letter box.

Have a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Summer.

Compiled by

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Name: Sally-Ann Kimpton

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Comments: Hello my maiden name is Kimpton, my father's name is Harold Francis Kimpton this is amazing, are there many Kimptons living in Kimpton? I would love to visit sometime, I live in Melbourne, Victoria Australia.

Name: Den Sykes

E-mail address: jenden.j1@tiscali.co.uk

Comments: A very interesting village and it looks really pretty. I am interested as my wife's Mother was a Nurse at Moss Home about 1940, probably one of the two referred to by the Evacuee. Would love more information about this. Thank you for a very good Website.

Fifty Years ago from the the Parish Magazine and Local Press

They Pulled Their Last Pint

Maurice and Joyce Deeks left the Bright Star at Peters Green where they had been landlords for 11 years. All the regulars turned up to give them a rousing send off as did Maurice's mother and father who kept the Tin Pot at Gustard Wood. There was an hour's extension. Mr D Gillibrand, from Cheshire, took over as landlord.

Welcome Club

Kimpton Welcome Club had their first outing of the season. After tea at the Memorial Hall members went for an enjoyable ride through Welwyn and on to the Barnet By-Pass and then to Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamstead and Dunstable via Whipsnade Zoo.

Bethrothal

The engagement has been announced of Mr Alan John Corley of St Albans and Miss Iris Monica Lander of Church Lane, Kimpton.

They Pledge to give £1800 a year

After the controversy which threatened to split the village of Kimpton into two camps, the first stage of the Christian stewardship campaign has been successfully concluded.

Church attendance has more than doubled, and at a special thanksgiving service the chairman of the stewardship campaign, Mr Paul Nicolson, announced that pledges amounting to over £1800 had so far been received. The comparable normal collections during the last twelve months totalled only £800.

Village Green Gets New Look

Kimpton Village Green is taking on a new look. The Parish Council recently had the green levelled and reseeded. Villagers are taking a keen interest in the

progress of other improvements which are being carried out by voluntary labour.

To raise money for this work a jumble sale was held in the Memorial Hall and resulted in £48 going towards the cost of materials.

Competition winners were Mrs E Carter, Mrs D Goodge and Mrs Muir. Two cushions made and given by Miss M Carter were auctioned. It is now planned to provide a new footpath across the green and to raise enough money to donate two seats for old people who may like to relax on the new village green.

Confirmation at Kimpton

In the flower decorated Parish Church 42 candidates from Kimpton and Knebworth were confirmed by the Bishop of Bedford assisted by Rev C W Lawrence, Vicar of Kimpton and Rev D Howells, Rector of Knebworth.

Those from Kimpton who were confirmed are Derek Butterfield, Michael King, Barry Maud, Simon Peck, David Prior, Anthony Warner, Yvonne Bloomfield, Pamela Carter, Gillian Coleman, Susan Desborough, Pauline Dollin, Annie Dollin, Patricia Peck and Lavinia Spalding.

Kimpton School Playing Field

Most of a three-quarters acre plot used as a playing field at Kimpton School is to be bought by Hertfordshire Education Committee for £3250. At present the whole of the land is let to the County Council by the Oxford University Chest.

The University Chest will not however sell a 20ft wide strip of land adjoining Hall Lane but will continue to let it to the County Council until it is needed for road widening.

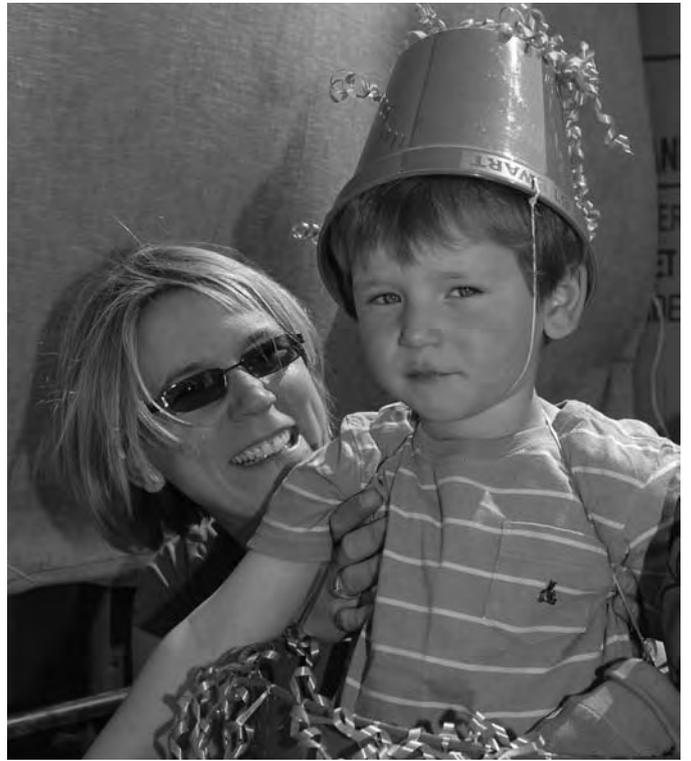
All this and much more can be found at www.kimpton.org.uk

Please remember that the deadline for the autumn edition of this magazine is Friday September 16th 2011

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

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

May Festival Extra



Kimpton Celebrates Kate and William's Special Day



Andy Wright

STREET PARTY WITH CHARITY AT THE HEART

To celebrate the Royal Wedding, the residents of Lime Avenue held a fantastic Street Party raising over £1500 for two charities, Keech Cottage and the MacMillan Cancer Trust.

With over 200 people supporting the event, the residents enjoyed an afternoon of sports competitions, followed by a Hog Roast Barbeque. The party then culminated with local band, the "Bee Stung Lips", entertaining the revellers. What a fantastic example of combining support for the Royal Wedding and upholding the traditions of the great British Street Party, whilst raising money for two such worthwhile charities.



Lots of Cakes at the Dacre Crescent Party!

The Dacre Crescent street party was a marvellous opportunity to share in the fun of the Royal Wedding and enjoy the company of neighbours. Organised by Kate and Mark Frost, the party was extended to include Hampden and passing visitors. About 60 people talked and ate their way through the afternoon and well into the evening. It was a wonderful start to May festival!

Ronan (left) ate most of his cup cake and Barbara Blight had been busy in the kitchen!



Juliet Morton

THE 2011 FLAMSTEAD SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The Flamstead Scarecrow Festival is a fun, family fundraising event, held in the picturesque village of Flamstead. This unusual three-day event grows in popularity each year. It is amazing to see creativity of the villagers with their amusing and clever scarecrows.

There will be cream teas all weekend, a Cake Stall, Refreshments, Puppet Show and English Miscellany Folk & Morris Dancers on the Saturday and a Tombola, Aldbury Morris Men and the Hemel Hempstead Band on Sunday.

A Care Bus will be laid on to take anyone unable to walk, around the village on the Scarecrow trail.

The proceeds are split between two charities – the Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Letchworth and the Friends of St. Leonards in Flamstead.

This year the dates of the festival are Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August.

The Festival times are 12.00pm – 5pm on Friday, 10.00am – 6pm on Saturday and 10.30am – 5.00pm on Sunday.

Visit our websites to see last year's scarecrows and to find out more about the Hertfordshire MS Therapy Centre and the Friends of St. Leonard's.

www.flamstead-herts.co.uk

www.hertsmsttherapy.org.uk

The Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group (WPPG) invites Kimpton residents to the following WPPG activities

15th June at 7.30pm at Memorial Hall, Marford Road, Jacqui Bunce from NHS Hertfordshire – NHS changes after the budget
Jacqui is an excellent speaker and is returning to Wheathampstead to update on NHS changes which affect all of us. 'Keep your finger on the pulse' with regard to health matters. Bring your questions. Reserve a seat: 01582 832305

3rd July at 10.30am at The Mead Hall (next to car park in East Lane) – Mini Health Fair
Get your blood pressure checked. Do you know

your Body Mass Index (BMI)? Are you in the Healthy Weight Zone? How much hidden sugar are you eating?

St John's Ambulance will be demonstrating resuscitation (CPR).

Free tea/coffee/juice/bicuits/cake.

JUST TURN UP! Conveniently this coincides with the monthly Car Boot Sale run by WEB which starts at 10am.

Pilates in the Memorial Hall, non-profit-making at £5 per session, with male Pilates teacher, also a Physiotherapist.

Every Tuesday, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5pm. Mixed sex, all ages. **JUST TURN UP.**

All enquiries to Audrey Capy on 01582 832305



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01582 604771

Roman Catholic Church

Priest

Father Brian Reynolds
01582 832114

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

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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

Come at meet local friendly faces and enjoy general play, craft, ride-on toys, baby corner, singing etc. for pre-school children and babies. Entrance is £2 and includes tea/coffee/juice and snacks. Kimpton Memorial Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am during term time. Contact Sally Mayers on 07866 564167

KIMPTON PRESCHOOL

Our friendly team, based at Linden Lodge in the grounds of Kimpton Primary School, offers sessional care for local children aged two to four years old. We are open 9am to 3pm Tuesdays/Thursdays and 9am to 12noon Mon/Wed/Fri during term time only. For more details, please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager, on 01438 833936 or visit www.kimptonpreschool.co.uk

KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Pauline Massam 01438 833806

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www.kimpton.org.uk

www.herts.police.uk

www.stalbans.anglican.org

www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk