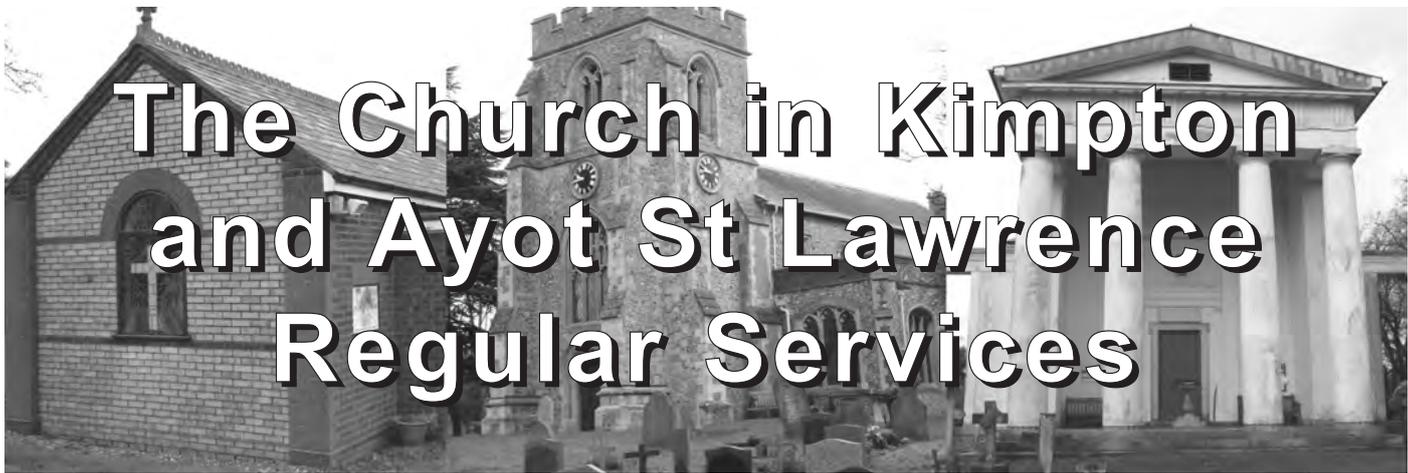


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The Church in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Regular Services

Tuesday

8.45am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

5.30pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

Thursday

8.45am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

5.30pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

Saturday

9am

Ayot St Lawrence

Morning Prayer

5.30pm (summer months)

Ayot St Lawrence

Evening Prayer

5.30pm (winter months)

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

Sunday

8am

Parish Church

4th Sunday Morning Prayer

9.30am

4th Sunday Family worship

8am

Parish Church

other Sundays Holy Communion (Common Worship)

9.30am

Holy Communion followed by coffee

11.30am

Ayot St Lawrence

Mattins with Holy Communion

2nd Sunday each month (BCP)

6pm

Perry Green Chapel

Evening Service at Peters Green

The Parish Magazine Team is trying to help the environment

The Parish Magazine is now printed on recycled paper.
The editor and production team acknowledge with thanks a donation received from Kimpton Environmentalists.



Dear Friends,
What wonderful weather we had for the May Festival weekend. It was lovely to see so many people of all ages enjoying themselves. Many from outside the village come to May Festival every

year, which is a great tribute to our village. Many thanks to all the committee members, stall holders and helpers and all who spent their hard earned money. The following weekend was cold and miserable and I heard lots of positive comments about the Festival timing and the effectiveness of prayer!

We are looking forward to a visit in July from members of our "twin" church in Schönermark, Germany. We have several events arranged for them including a day trip to Windsor Castle, and Pastor Michael will preach at our Patronal Festival, when we celebrate our two saints, Peter and Paul, in Kimpton church. There is an exchange visit between our churches every two years, so we shall be going to Germany in 2015.

Events like May Festival and the German exchange visits bring communities together, uniting them and strengthening existing bonds. Together we can learn to respect and enjoy different traditions while acknowledging our common humanity. Greater understanding between differing groups can heal divisions and reduce tensions; those who refuse to engage with others of different traditions only fuel hatred which can lead ultimately to violence, terrorism and warfare.

Jesus, the Jew, (the fact of His Jewishness surprised a Muslim I was chatting with a few days ago!) never turned away those non-Jews or pagans who came to Him. In fact, we know that He entered into theological discussion with at least one (and a woman at that!) and healed others. If the world would follow His example of loving acceptance it would be a much better place in which to live.

Whatever you are doing this summer, whether holidaying at home or abroad, if you meet people whose outlook is not the same as yours, I hope that you will be able to see through the differences and accept them as they are, and that they will do the same for you.

With my love and prayers, Lorraine

Special Services at Kimpton

Sunday 7th July

11am Patronal Festival service with visitors from the twin parish in Germany

Sunday 18th August

Pet Service. Bring your pet, large or small, for a blessing. See posters around village for time

Sunday 22nd September

Harvest Festival Service

Ayot St Lawrence

Sunday 13th August

11.30 Patronal Festival service in old church

Sunday 1st September

Pet service Time to be arranged



Georgina Pakenham dies aged 103

Georgina Pakenham died peacefully at her Blackmore End home in May.

Probably Kimpton's oldest resident, Georgina moved from

Harpenden to Blackmore End in 1952 where she lived with her late mother and brother.

During the 1939-45 war she was a Land Army Girl and this interest stayed with her all her life as she as she was a very keen gardener, often giving her neighbours more fruit than they could cope with!

Georgina is pictured on her 100th birthday at her local, The Cross Keys, Gustard Wood.

A Different style of worship

Every fourth Sunday of the month at St. Peter + St. Paul's is an opportunity to worship God in a different way.

It started when Rev. Lorraine's duties at the hospital meant that she couldn't take the services here and she found it impossible to get other priests to cover for her.

However, we told ourselves, it is not a problem but an opportunity!

Since January, we have been holding a non-Communion service. They have been shorter and more informal - more of a chat than a sermon! - and with people of all ages in mind.

It has been a great chance for us to experiment and to learn what style of worship suits people, so come along and join in and tell us how YOU would like to worship God! *Andy Morton*

Your Parish Church Choir needs you!

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

From the Registers

Baptisms

17 Mar 2013 Mia Kimberley Ann Bennett
19 May 2013 Henry David Paul Grey
19 May 2013 Amelia Poppy Bell

Weddings

18 May 2013 Georgina Molly Newth and Henry Robert Morse

Burials & Cremations

7 April 2013 Edna Ethel Attwood
25 April 2013 Fred Tudor Phillips
9 May 2013 Janette Elaine Wright

Noise to the rescue!

For the last two years, the Parish Church has been holding a day of NOISE!

During it, a group of stalwart volunteers have been tackling tasks that some people feel are beyond them. Many of them have involved taming overgrown gardens, painting or repairing fences or sheds or even decorating rooms!

It is a great service to those who can't manage the task themselves and a lovely chance to get together on a really worthwhile day. The Church provides free breakfast, lunch and a BBQ in the evening and we intersperse the work sessions with worship.

Would YOU like to take part?

Do you know anyone - perhaps an elderly neighbour - who needs help? Contact Andy Morton (832427) and help to show GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION!

May Day Cooks of Kimpton!!!

A huge thank you to the many people, known and unknown, who contributed scones, cakes and other wonderful 'bakes' for the Church Cream Teas over the Saturday and Sunday of May Festival.

Nothing was wasted as Amy Mitchell sold the surplus on The Green on Monday in aid of her school trip abroad.

We are so thankful to you all as without you there would be no cream teas.

Liz Jamieson and Valerie Pollington

Kimpton History Group Project to commemorate World War 1

To commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War in 1914, the History Group have started a project to record "Kimpton before, during and after WW1". We are studying not only the men from Kimpton who fought so bravely during the war, some of whom died or were wounded, but also what happened in Kimpton during the war, and how the war changed life in the village for the future.

If you have relatives from Kimpton who fought in the First World War, and have details of their experiences, or details of what went on in Kimpton during the 1911 – 1920 period, that you would like to share with us, please contact John Pollington, 01438 832249 or email jandv@pollingto10.plus.com

We can copy or photograph any pictures, documents or memorabilia without damage to the originals.

We also think a branch of the "League of Nations" may have been formed in Kimpton after the war, if anyone knows anything about this could they please contact us.

John Pollington

Kimpton WI

We have had some very good meetings recently with speakers on a wide variety of subjects. Our table tennis, book club and handicraft groups are thriving. We have had a theatre outing and are off to Greenwich in August to see the newly refurbished Cutty Sark.

Our members have the opportunity of attending County events such as illustrated talks on various artists, international evenings, performing arts, e.g. play readings, plays and poetry, handicraft sessions, current affairs and leisure events, etc. We also have our own Denman College which runs a wide range of courses all through the year.

We are now looking forward to a talk on the History and Music of the Harp (September); an informative speaker on How to Cope with Dementia (October); an enlightening evening by a Royal Journalist (November); and to end the year Eric Morecambe's daughter talking about "life with her father" (December).

We look forward to welcoming you to our meetings which take place in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For further information please contact Janet (01438 832597) or Shirley (01582 833285).
Janet Holmes-Walker

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.

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

There is 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



Kimpton Environmentalists had a fantastic turn-out for the Kimpton Parish Litter Pick, with 45 volunteers spending a Saturday morning to fill 150 bags of rubbish from the lanes around Kimpton, Peters Green and Blackmore End. Along with the mass of food packaging, drinks cans and plastic bottles, we collected some more unusual items including an office shredder, a fire grate, and enough car parts to build a new car!

As a result, the lanes around Kimpton Parish look so much better and many cyclists and motorists paused to thank us for our hard work. The clean lanes helped to present Kimpton at its best for visitors to the May Festival.

Next year's litter pick is provisionally scheduled for Saturday 29 March 2014. To be added to the mailing list, please email tim.parfitt@netcel.com See page 19 for more *Environmentalists* news

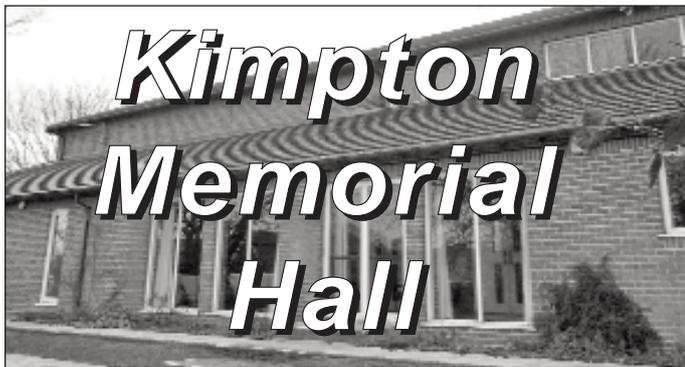
A busy year for the Kimpton Players

The Kimpton Players have just completed their Spring Production. This year it was *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams. Because of modifications to the Memorial Hall this performance took place on a thrust stage with audience on three sides which presented the Players with a whole new set of challenges both artistic and technical.

The Players next production will be "Oh What a Lovely War" from 7th -9th November. 2014 sees the 50th annual Old Time Music Hall which promises to be a great show.

The Players now have a website www.thekimptonplayers.co.uk Please visit the website to learn more about The Kimpton Players, get details of past and future productions and to pay for tickets. Tony Newton has gathered a vast archive of material relating to productions going right back to the society's formation in 1943. Over the coming months and maybe years this detail will be added to the website.

Mike Taylor



Exciting Progress

It was always a matter of great disappointment to me that, when the old Hall was burnt down in the arson attack of July 1981, the horrid flat roofed extension on the Southern elevation, did not go with it!

The result of this was that due to financial constraints, we were forced to retain that building, and to an extent we had to design the new building to accommodate the hotch-potch that we were forced to retain. Had it not been 'saved', our insurance would have covered its replacement and we would have had an entirely new Hall.... I wish!

It has long been my ambition to remedy this situation, but my ideal solution, to knock down the flat roofed area, and start again, was financially beyond what the village could afford. About 18 months ago we revisited the problem, with a view perhaps to retaining the extension, but to change it substantially to form a new entrance to the Green Room, and create a separate kitchenette to serve that area in the process. The Parish Council was enthusiastic and indicated that it might be prepared to support the project financially. Sketches were drawn up and we were on the point of appointing an architect, when due to a serious

illness in my family, I had, temporarily, to withdraw from proceedings.

Fortunately some very able villagers took up the cause, Bob Finch (The Hall's deputy Chairman) involved Paul Butcher (retired professional surveyor). And Paul in turn, involved Michael Strauss (retired Architect). It pains me to admit that between them, they came up with a much better layout than the one I had originally suggested! And by the time I was able returned to the fold, late last year, plans were very well advanced.

To cut a long story very short, we have 'tweaked' those plans a bit, with the help of John McCall, the architect who designed the original Hall, and the 2004 extension We have since : obtained planning consent: been granted full financial support by the Parish Council: obtained tenders and appointed a contractor. At the time of writing work is well advanced, and completion is due by the end of August.

I would like to record my personal gratitude to Bob, Paul, and Michael for all their unstinting efforts and support. I would also like to thank our Parish Council without whose support the project could never even have 'got off the ground'. With great generosity it has funded the entire project, leaving us sufficient of our own funds, to refurbish the toilets, as we have long promised. (They should also be completed this summer).

One final note: Bob Finch is organising another of his marvellous concerts, to raise funds for the Church and the Hall, which is due to take place in the Church on Saturday July 13th. Do please support it (more details elsewhere in this magazine).
Roger Nash. 01438 832101



It was 30 years ago on July 10th 1983 that Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother officially opened the new Memorial Hall after the arson attack in 1981.



Despite the relatively poor weather making it feel like there has been no Spring this year - and not, at the time of writing, much prospect of summer either – a lot seems to have happened since the last newsletter.

The High Street is looking hugely improved after the resurfacing, which I know many residents felt to be long overdue. We would like to record our thanks once again to Councillor Richard Thake, who was instrumental in getting the work brought forward by some considerable time.

The new equipment that we have procured, largely via a grant, has been installed in the Recreation Ground play area, and the footpath running between Claggy Road and Park Lane (officially known as Footpath 34) has now been resurfaced. We have received a number of positive comments about this work, to the extent that we have decided to finish the job off, as it were, by also resurfacing the shorter spur to the south (Footpath 35, as it happens).

The Parish Council is extremely conscious of the impact of tree works along Footpath 34 at the Park Lane end, and we have liaised extensively with residents as to the right approach to take. There will be some more work in the coming weeks and months, and we are hopeful that a suitable balance can be struck between the maintenance requirements and the amenity itself.

I would also take this opportunity once again to ask all residents to be considerate when walking dogs around the village. The new footpath has been fouled on a significant number of occasions, despite the fact that we have provided a bin halfway along its length. On one occasion, someone had gone to the trouble of bagging up their dog's waste, and leaving it on the floor a matter of yards from the bin! On this occasion, I also get to write a shorter newsletter, as my fellow Councillor Ian Corbett is stepping in with some words about a Neighbourhood Plan, which we are proposing to work on over the coming months.

Cllr David Hardstaff

A Neighbourhood Plan for Kimpton

I don't think any of us would dispute that people have the right to get involved in development decisions that affect them, but in practice, people have often found it difficult to have a meaningful say. Neighbourhood Plans change all of that. The provisions contained within the Localism Act 2011

give communities the power to set priorities for their own local development – with much reduced interference from central government.

Eden in Cumbria recently set a historic landmark in community rights and localism when it became the first place in the country to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan. Top of Eden's agenda was to provide more rural affordable housing, more homes for older people and to improve broadband provision – no doubt themes that will resonate with many residents of this parish!

With this in mind, the Parish Council has decided it's time we got in on the Localism Act and created our own Neighbourhood Plan. And, though it might not sound like it, there are two significant implications that stem from this decision.

Firstly, the Plan can't be brought in to force unless you, the parishioners, approve it. Once it's finalised, there will be a public referendum, where 50 per cent or more of you have to vote "yes" or it won't ever see the light of day. If you do approve it, this brings the second big change.

Once approved, the Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the Local Development Plan. This statutory status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight than some other local planning documents, such as the parish plan that we already have.

Put simply, it will be used to determine planning applications and guide planning decisions in the parish – having a Plan means legally the local planning authority, developers and other key stakeholders must listen to us.

Which leads nicely on to my final point. This is your Neighbourhood Plan – not the Parish Council's.

Once it's complete, it needs to set our community's vision for the future – so it's vital everyone is engaged from the outset to reach the consensus view. But more than just your support, we will also need to draw on your skills and knowledge to help formulate a realistic and deliverable Plan.

Over the summer, we'll start talking a lot more about the Neighbourhood Plan and asking for people to get involved in its creation. On average, it takes 12-18 months to complete the process properly, so it's by no means a quick or easy project. But it's one I'm convinced will protect the future development and growth of our parish, and on behalf of the council, I look forward to working with you on it.

Cllr Ian Corbett

Kimpton Garden Club

Thank you to everyone who supported our Garden Club stall at the May Festival. I hope the experience of talking to members will encourage some of you to join us on the first Wednesday in the month for our meetings. Apart from interesting speakers we do have many knowledgeable enthusiasts who are happy to give advice on gardening topics.

The next three meetings are summer outings and a social get-together. In June we are visiting a garden featured in the National Garden Scheme. It is a garden owned by former Kimpton residents so there will be some catching up there. In July we have a day trip to Hyde Hall. In August we have our summer party.

On September 4th we continue with our normal Wednesday evening meetings. Stephen Poyser will be concluding a series of talks about bees. In this third presentation, entitled "Honey Hive to Table" we will have another opportunity to learn about these fascinating, but endangered, creatures. Stephen has promised to bring along some honey for us to buy.

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

Kimpton Bowls Club

The Club 'opened' successfully on 21st April, but, as last year, the weather has been against us, as well as other summer sports. Fortunately the weather was kind to Kimpton throughout May Festival, and the Bowls Club were able to sell lots of teas and cakes. We thank all those who visited the club; their support enabled us to donate £100 to Festival funds.

Bowling is going at a pace, with Triples League matches often twice weekly, as well as our friendly fixtures and in-house competitions. We still welcome visitors and new members, both experienced and novices. Also, we host other village sports clubs and societies throughout the season by arrangement. These events are enjoyable and hopefully remind sportsmen and women that there is life after football, cricket, tennis and Zumba!

If anyone would like more information regarding the Bowls Club, please talk to any member that you know, visit us on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, or contact our Hon. Sec. Beverley Pate on 01582 834014 *Dud Ginn*

Kimpton Autumn Show



A show where you can show-off your talents

baking cakes -
growing vegetables/flowers -
making art/craft -taking photographs

Memorial Hall -

new classes to enter

Sat 7th Sept - 2.30 pm

sideshows - tea + cake

schedule on sale now! from corner shop/19 high st.

WANTED.....

Book a place today...
Sandra Berti
07760191325

Young people of Kimpton -

FUN.... Activity/craft workshop making items for the Kimpton Autumn Show -

WHERE???....

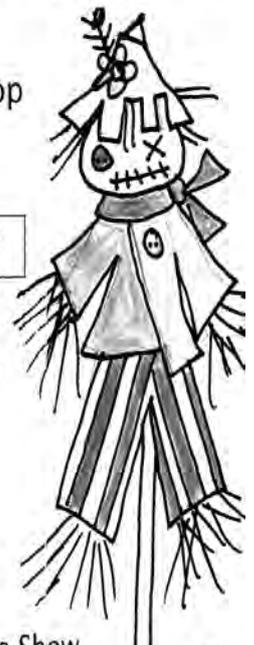
down on the Farm..... making scarecrows + more...

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OPEN to 3-13 year olds (parents welcome to stay!)

SAT 3rd August - 10 - 12.30

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50th Kimpton May Festival May 2nd – May 5th 2014

In 2014 Kimpton will be celebrating 50 wonderful years of May Festival.

Were you a May Queen or one of her attendants, did you dance The Maypole. You might have been one of the strong guys on the end of The Tug of War rope, or perhaps you were just enjoying a cream tea. Whatever you were doing we would love to have photos and stories from past festivals, to include in our special 50th programme.

Could *YOU* design the 50th May Festival programme cover?

A competition is being held for the design of the front page of the 2014 programme.

Your design should reflect May Festival over the last 50 years, or perhaps May Festivals of the future. All residents of Kimpton are invited to enter and designs can be drawn or painted on A4 paper or entered as a pdf file.

If you have any memories, images or competition entries please email them to Donna donna.guides@hotmail.co.uk or drop through her door at 185 High Street Kimpton.

Please make sure you include your name and contact information. Please note that we cannot guarantee the safe return of original artwork

Donna Bigg.

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 autumn edition is September 20th

May Festival Chair, Andrew Ackrill, writes.....

Well, this year the weather was very much on our side which brought the crowds out for the full weekend. The festivities began even earlier than usual with the Three Counties Radio live broadcast from The Boot, a chance to promote the many groups, activities and personalities the village has to offer (Messrs Jenner, Redway and Finch surely deserve a national audience!?)

As ever, my huge thanks go to the Committee members, who work so hard to prepare and deliver the Festival, but also to numerous other people who play a major role in its continued success. The latter include Jörg Otte and other residents of The Green who kindly provide us with power and water on the Monday, Steven Harding for allowing parking in his yard to ease congestion and, for me personally, Sue Burns for replenishing the Chairman's hat with the most amazingly colourful flowers over the weekend.

It is very difficult to pull out a specific highlight but Monday afternoon on The Green, with the sun shining, and seemingly the whole village in attendance, was magical. Many of you will have seen, via Facebook or elsewhere, the fantastic picture taken by Steve Spalding that captures it wonderfully. (page 13) A close second would have to be the sheer delight on the faces of the WI team as they finally, after many near misses, won Brains of Kimpton!

Just a reminder that 2014 will be the 50th Anniversary May Festival, so please do continue to send us your feedback on this year's Festival (and requests for funding) and suggestions for the 'big one'.

The Committee AGM will be held on Wednesday 25th September in the Memorial Hall Lounge...all are welcome!

Pictures from the weekend's festivities are on pages 11, 12, 13 and 14

BBC Three Counties Radio visits Kimpton

The sun shone, the pub was packed and the atmosphere was buzzing! BBC Three Counties Radio were at The Boot on the Friday of May Festival weekend.

A three hour lunchtime programme of music and interviews was presented by Nick Coffey.

Nick said he'd rarely visited a village with such a great community spirit.



Presenter Nick Coffey interviewed local musician Nick from the band "Nick and the Sun Machine" Craig Barnes, landlord of The Boot and Mike Cox talking about love spoons. He also tried some of Val Pollington's scones, took part in a rehearsal of the Kimpton Players' production of "The Glass Menagerie" and talked to local folk musicians who have their sessions at The White Horse.

Photos: Andy Wright

May Festival Magic



May Queen Rhianna Castle with her attendants Lauren Goldie and Hayleigh Castle are joined by last year's May Queen Adena Moulding at the crowning ceremony. The judges of the Fancy Dress and best float competitions must have had a very difficult task.

Photos: Juliet Morton





Panoramic photo by Steve Spalding



Steve Spalding's image of the Village Green on Bank Holiday Monday totally captures the atmosphere of the May Festival. Great fun was had by all in the Tug-of-War on Saturday afternoon. Photos: Andy Wright

Kimpton entertains and educates!



*What amazing talent this village has! Kimpton Entertains was up to its usual high standard. There were young musicians, professional musicians and family acts. The Kimpton Players gave a potted version of their 2013 Old Time Music Hall and, of course the inimitable Emma Rice-Oxley! The highlight of the evening was the very energetic Bench Boys Haka. The Brains of Kimpton final provided much quieter entertainment particularly for those with a thirst for knowledge.
Kimpton Entertains photos by Juliet Morton*





ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

The Kimpton Branch of the Royal British Legion was formed in 1922, and has plodded along nicely since then. Of course, none of the original members are still with us and it is currently being maintained mostly by members who were called upon to do their National Service in the late 1940's and through the 1950's; also thankfully, by a few members who are non military, but have joined the Legion and have taken an active role by joining the committee to keep it going.

We have a relatively small membership, and most of that is non active, so we have arrived at a situation where age is creeping up on many of us and failing health is a major problem. At this moment in time, our Treasurer Dennis Clarke cannot continue due to health reasons, and our Secretary Dave Gibbs would prefer not to continue after our AGM in November. Unless we can fill these important positions, the committee feels we are unable to continue as a Branch. We are currently seeking help from our area County secretary for options and guidance as to what avenues we can take to keep the name of the Kimpton Branch going.

The other alternative would be to recruit more members – particularly those who would be willing to lend a hand. Some ex-servicemen in the village have considered joining the Legion but have as yet not committed.

You do not have to have served in the armed forces to join the membership of the Legion, so if you feel you have time to be an active member of the Branch, please contact either our Secretary Dave Gibbs on 01438 832236, or myself on 01438 832984.

Other important positions we are anxious to fill are Poppy Appeal collectors during early November, so if anyone has time to take on a small area of the village to do a Poppy collection we would be most grateful. The Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator, Mrs Shirley Clarke on 01438 832637 would be most pleased to hear from you.

Remember, the function of the Royal British Legion is to support current and former members of the Armed Service. We also organise the Remembrance Day parade and Service: it would be a loss to the village to lose that.

Robin Wells, Branch Chairman

Transition Streets Kimpton

Six households in Kimpton Bottom are part of a pilot project in St Albans called Transition Streets. The 'transition' in the title refers to making a move towards more sustainable ways of living.

We have had great fun getting together to discuss ways of reducing our energy usage. We haven't got as far as sharing baths but we are sharing skills and gardens for vegetable growing. A second group under the guidance of St Albans is planned to start very soon. We hope to get funding for more street groups within Kimpton in the autumn.

If you're interested in participating or simply want more information, please get in touch with Davina Malcolm on 01438 832309 or visit www.transitionstreets.org.uk

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Ayot St. Lawrence Palladian Church

Sunday 30th June | **Box Office:**
7pm | *Call Audrey on*
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Refreshments will be served



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Community Policing

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

If you need to contact Elaine or any other officer the quickest way is to use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to.. Other useful contact nos. are inside the back cover of this magazine, including the new Police & Crime Commissioner.

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

Local Crime Alert

Whilst we are generally perceived as a low crime area there have been three serious burglaries since the start of the year in which houses were entered by forcing doors or windows. Considerable quantities of valuable items were stolen including cars as the burglars readily found the keys.!

Please don't leave car keys that can be easily spotted and retrieved by a long wire through the letter box and ensure that all entry points are key locked and alarmed if possible.

We have the following personal and property security items for sale at knockdown prices that are really good value for money.

Personal Alarms Rip Cord activation

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

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

Door, Window, Personal Alarm Electronic Coded

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

Metal Theft

Metal thieves are concentrating on precious metals that can be retrieved once they have unbolted or cut out diesel catalytic convertors from the exhaust system, particularly on light commercial vehicles that are left unattended even just overnight.

Vehicle Speeding in the High Street

Regrettably there is only slow progress as we now have to submit a Petition with at least ten signatures to trigger off the scheme and release funds and equipment followed by training for the six volunteers. I hope that we can share the equipment with Peters Green who have a functioning scheme. Please do contact me if you would like to be involved.

Caring Neighbours

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

Look out for Blue BMW

Police advise that a blue BMW Estate is thought to be involved in a number of local crimes and if you see one with a roof rack and a damaged front fog light please ring 101.

Night Security and Absence

If you are planning on leaving your property unoccupied in the coming weeks please do ensure that you have secured all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make your property look 'lived in' if possible by parking a vehicle in front of your garage or at least on the drive. Install 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.

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



As we draw near the end of the summer term, we are, as usual, busy with sporting events. Children have taken part in cricket, rounders, netball and athletics inter school competitions. In addition some of our year four children, together with our Bronze Sports Ambassadors recently took part in the grandly titled 'School World Games' at Oakland College, where they, together with other schools from the Harpenden and St Albans district took part in a series of sporting activities. For the purposes of this event, Kimpton School children represented Brazil for the day!

It is also a term full of music, with many of our children taking part in Wind and String days with other musicians from across Hertfordshire. We will also have our usual representation in the Hitchin Music Festival.

You may have been aware of a lot of entrepreneurial activity taking place in the village recently which has emanated from the school. The KSA gave all of our children the challenge of 'Growing a Pound (£)'. This involved each child being given a pound coin and then coming up with a way of spending or investing it to make more money. At the time of writing, the project is still ongoing so I have no idea how much money has been raised towards the refurbishment of our library. However, the children have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and learn lots of valuable lessons as well as having a lot of fun. If you have contributed in any way to this initiative, thank you very much.

I can scarcely believe that in five and a half weeks our year six children will be leaving us. I am delighted that they are all moving onto secondary schools that they are happy with and I wish them well as they move on to the next stage of their education.

I wish you all a lovely summer and hope that the sun will not only make an appearance but stay with us for a reasonable length of time

With my very best wishes

Marion Stewart-Smith

Kimpton Village Choir ... where everyone can sing

Singing together is good for the soul! Our second year together as a community choir has been great fun and has consolidated our strengths and developed us musically. Having the support of pianist Charlotte Vickerstaff has encouraged us no end; gaining more men has also boosted our sound and broadened our scope! We are currently singing some older and newer folk songs in 3 or 4 voice parts, including Danny Boy, Bridge over Troubled Water and Shoshone Love Song; and are open to new ideas!

Not heard us yet? There is one more chance this season – see the separate ad for the concert on June 30th, also featuring other local musicians.

Please feel free to try us out at our first rehearsal of next term, September 9th, at 8pm in Kimpton School. No experience necessary.

Anna 07796 342620

Put this in your diary now!!!!

**The deadline for the autumn edition
of this magazine is Friday
September 20th**

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

Kimpton Rights of Way Working Group

During the Winter we arranged the removal of several trees that fell across footpaths and bridleways during gales. In Spring we surveyed all the public rights of way in the Parish and have arranged for various gates to be repaired or replaced and signs and waymarks to be added or renewed, and reported examples of poor maintenance to our colleagues in the County Council. Given the lateness of Spring this year, the first maintenance cut had little impact and paths are now overgrown. A second cut is about to begin, but if after the end of June anyone thinks that the cut has not been done adequately, please let me know. We are considering taking on the maintenance within the Parish and we would like to know of any problems of vegetation obstructing access.

The new surface has now been laid on the footpath from opposite the Corner Stores to Park Lane. After some teething problems with the surface being too loose it now seems to be consolidating well. In the process of clearing the vegetation overhanging that path we hit some problems with a hedge running alongside it. The Countryside Management Service advised us that "The trees are in an unhealthy state.... It is a major concern that people using the footpath and properties adjacent to the hedge are at risk from falling timber." After discussion with the adjoining residents we have now begun a programme to renew and revitalise the hedge.

And, please, dog owners, don't leave dog poo on the paths. Nor in plastic bags hung in the hedges.

Once again, walkers, runners, cyclists, riders or landowners, if you have difficulty with any of our paths or bridleways tell either me or Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer at Herts. County Council
(tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

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Kimpton Zoku Karate Club

As usual, our highest grades at the karate club have been working extremely hard recently. Once again, we have some very exciting news about some newly awarded black belts, at the Kimpton Zoku Karate Club.

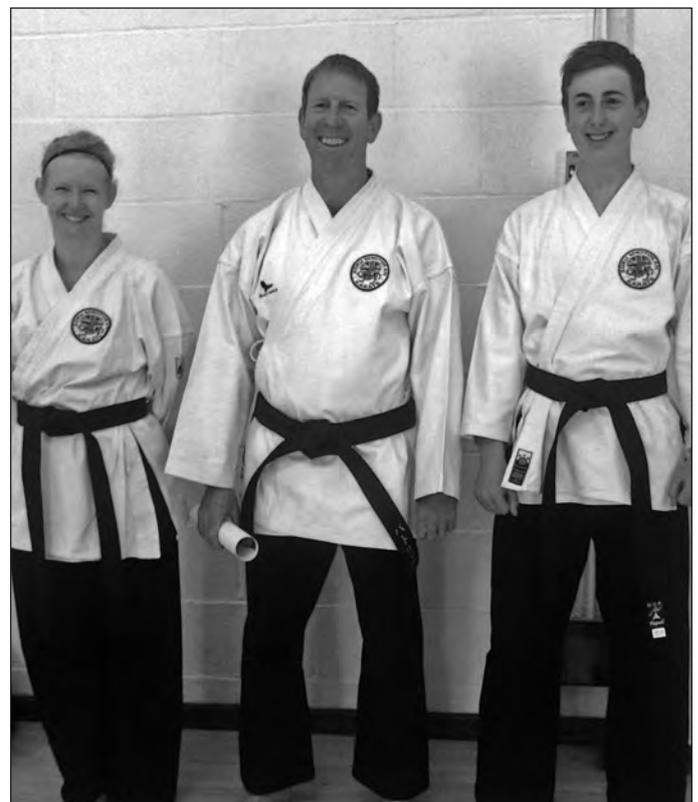
Tamsin Corbett and Jacob New have recently taken part in a tough grading exam, which lasted many hours. They worked very hard throughout and finally awarded their Black belts!

In ZOKU, a black belt is hard to achieve and not given out lightly. A black belt must be earned and a great deal of hard work put in. Well done to them both!

Patrick New (one of our current black belts) was awarded with his 1st Dan (Shodan) grade. He put in a great deal of training, teaching, research and effort, in the 6 months after gaining his Black belt. A grade thoroughly deserved. Well Done!

Grades in the Kimpton club are rising and some fantastic karateka emerging.

The lower grades at the club are also working very hard towards their next colour belts, and with the Championship just around the corner, they are putting in extra effort to be the best they can. Zoku Website: www.zokukarate.co.uk



The Kimpton Horse Show now online and back on Hitchin Road



On Sunday 28th July Kimpton will once again echo to the sound of horses and riders being put to their paces in our famous annual Horse Show. The thousands of pounds that are raised will go, as always, purely for the benefit of local organisations. The show attracts competitors from dozens of miles away, but while we're pleased that Kimpton has become a tourist attraction, we also want to stress that there are plenty of attractions for us locals, including the ever popular fancy dress class. Get all the details from www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk

This year's innovation - you can now enter easily on line, so you won't need to hunt for a stamp or your cheque book. We are back at our usual ground on Hitchin Road too. If you would like to help out on an enjoyable day, we'd be delighted! You can contact us through the website or Facebook.

Free stands for local businesses at the Horse Show on Sunday 28th July

Do you run a small local business? The show is here to support everybody local, so this year the Horse Show is offering free space to set up a stand to sell your wares to our hundreds of visitors.

If you would like to take us up or talk it over, please let me know by July 10th on peter.hale@ukgateway.net. Stands that have done well in the past are ones orientated towards animals, or with simple and low-cost products and impulse buys (we aren't the Ideal Home Exhibition). By the way, we have to let our caterer have the exclusive rights on hot food and drinks.

Kimpton Cricket Club

After a cold and miserable spring, Kimpton Cricket Club have got the season off to a very enjoyable start with some close and high quality cricket. The first game of the season was away against the traditionally strong Carpenter's Arms team. Some very tight bowling from Ken Hammond, and an excellent 5-36 from Robbie Parry (playing his first game since turning 70!) restricted them to 177 and half centuries from Bob Voyce and Tom Glinka ensure we got off to a winning start.

The second game saw Kensworth visit us, and after a solid effort with the bat, including a half century for Simon Gibb, we felt we had a good opportunity. However, Duncan Wingfield (Junior), hit a chanceless 124 not out for Kensworth to take the game away from us. After our most senior player starring in the first game, the third game saw Carpenters visiting Kimpton, when our youngest (ever?) player, Jonty Dawes took a wicket with his first ball in senior cricket. He went on to take a second, and despite his dad dropping a catch off his bowling, Kimpton overhauled a sub-par score quite easily, with a very solid 50 from Jacob Sharpe anchoring the innings.

We have since played Bamville home and away, with one win and one loss and more fifties - another from Bob Voyce and one from Chris Westcott.

The season may be in full flow, but 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

Kimpton Environmentalists

The litter pick at the beginning of April was better attended and picked up more rubbish than ever – over 150 sackfuls. Thank you to everyone who helped.

For the May Festival we focussed on bees with the help of Friends of the Earth, St Albans. We even got interviewed on Radio Verulam. Our magnificent bee costumes in the procession made sure that lots of people became aware of the 'Plight of the Fumblebees'. They visited our stall to inspect a real hive and sign postcards to petition the Government to do more to preserve bees and other essential pollinators.

The Kimpton Trail proved popular once again, with more entries than usual, in part because of the surprisingly fine weather. Please, please villagers, put more gnomes in your gardens so that we have something new to look for next year!

Continuing the bee theme, we are establishing a wild-flower "Bee World" at Parkfield. The aim is to cover the mound on the south and east of the car-park with native wild flowers. They may take a while to come through, so temporarily the bank may look worse than usual. But, hopefully even by next year, we shall have a colourful, attractive display that provides nectar and pollen for bees for a longer season than the current mixture of grass and weeds.

My thanks to everyone who has helped with these projects – their time, labour, plants, water, compost bins and tea and biscuits!

Davina Malcolm 01438 832309



A big thank you from Neil

Your support and generosity in supporting my fundraising for the MS Trust has been amazing.

The Race Night alone raised £2,372 out of a Current Total of £6,200.

I completed the Marathon in 4hrs 4mins 56secs. A big thank you to all those who came up to London to cheer

me on. It was a memorable experience with a tremendous atmosphere.

A special final thank you to Yvonne, Emma & Amy for all their fund raising organisation – I only did the running!

You can still support the cause at www.virginmoneygiving.com/neiljmatthews

Neil Matthews

River Mimram News

If you have driven along Codicote Road recently you will suddenly have seen the River Mimram beside you. Scrub has been cleared and two willows pollarded to let more light in to improve the river and its wildlife.

This project is part of the Catchment Management Plan the Friends of the Mimram are helping to implement in conjunction with the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency.

We are also progressing in our campaign to reduce the amount of water taken out of the Mimram. The EA agree and we are waiting to hear if their compensation fund will be big enough. Affinity Water have now said in the consultation workshops that they too want to reduce the abstractions.

However Affinity's plan will have to be approved by Ofwat, who need to know this plan is what their customers' want. So to provide the evidence that you agree, please join our petition which you can find on our website www.friendsofthemimram.co.uk

BRASS CONCERT



Saturday July 13th

5pm

Kimpton Parish Church

A quintet of brass players from the BBC Concert Orchestra, led by John Blackshaw, will play a bumper selection of music, from Beatles to Baroque, in the beautiful setting of Kimpton Parish Church with its excellent acoustics.



Something for everyone



Adults £10

Children £5

Wine and soft drinks available

Tickets from 19th June

Bob Finch

01438 832497

Profit from the concert will be divided between Kimpton Parish Church and Kimpton Memorial Hall





All at sea!

The Kimpton Yacht Club is now over one year old and has already proved an enormous success.

Despite being at least two hour's drive from the nearest sea, we have over 40 active members and our get-togethers at The Boot every other month have attracted over 30 people each time!

Very recently, we held

our first Regatta - on Kimpton Millpond!, using six radio-controlled model dinghies - to raise funds for the RNLI.

Over the last year, we have sailed together and several new Day Skippers have qualified through Heron Sailing - Kimpton's own Sailing School!

All are welcome to join in. Contact Andy Morton 01438 832427.

Andy Morton

**WANT
TO GIVE
SOMETHING
BACK?**

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

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

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

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

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

The Church in Kimpton

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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.

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www.stalbans.anglican.org

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