

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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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

2nd Sunday each month

Mattins with Holy Communion
(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.
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from Kimpton Environmentalists.



Dear Friends,

This is proving to be quite a year for anniversaries. Not only is 2014 the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, it is also the 100th anniversary of the setting up of the Diocese of St. Albans, the 20th

anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Church of England, and the 50th anniversary of Kimpton's May Festival.

Anniversaries give us opportunities to look back, and perhaps gain a better understanding of the events of the past, whether they be international, national, local or personal, and that is important as without an understanding of history we cannot truly understand the present and our own place in today's world. Anniversaries and history also help us to look to the future, to see where we might be going. While it may be good for us to spend some time looking to the past and wondering about the future, though, we must not forget to live each day as it comes, and to make the most of each moment, especially when, as I write, the sun is shining and the daffodils and crocus are opening – not a single drop of rain all day!

Do look at the list of church services for Holy Week and Easter; I hope to see you at some (or all!) of them as we give thanks for the life, death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May you all know the joy of his presence in your lives this Easter and always.

With love and prayers, Lorraine

Church Services for Holy Week and Easter at Kimpton

Monday 14th April at 5.30 pm

Tuesday 15th April at 5.30 pm

Wednesday 16th April at 5.30 pm

Quiet services of prayer and meditation

Maundy Thursday 17th April at 8 pm

Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar and Vigil

Good Friday

10am Children invited to make Easter Garden and have Hot Cross Buns

11.15am (approx) Walk of Witness starts from Church, arriving back at 12noon (approx) for Service

Holy Saturday

4 – 5pm Vicar in church for those who wish to be assured of God's love

Easter Day

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Ayot St. Lawrence

Holy Saturday

10 – 11am Vicar in church for those who wish to be assured of God's love

Easter Day

11.30 am Holy Communion (1662)

Notice seen on a church door

(not one of ours!)

THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN
ENTER YE ALL BY THIS DOOR

(This door is kept locked because of the draught – please use the side door)



John M. Holmes- Walker

1936 - 2014

It is impossible in just a few lines to tell the story of a wonderful man who put so much into life and did so much during his life

time. John was an identical twin born in Roundhay, Leeds – a Yorkshire man through and through.

From a young age, John loved aircraft, cars and boats and mending and fixing things. So it was no wonder that he won an engineering scholarship to De Havilland Aeronautical College and became a qualified aeronautical and mechanical engineer and worked on designing various aircraft and future projects. After twenty years in the aircraft industry, John spent the next twenty years with Sea Containers where he became General Manager of Engineering and an expert on refrigerated marine containers. He left Sea Containers to set up his own management consultancy – Seagull Technology – and worked until he finally retired at the age of 74.

John and I were married in St. Peters Church, St. Albans, in 1964 and moved to Kimpton in 1967. Little did we know how involved we would become in the village. John helped rejuvenate the ailing cricket club and was great making May Festival floats for the Brownies and W.I. He belonged to the Kimpton Golf Society for which he was a one-time Captain, PROBUS for which he was a Chairman and was treasurer for the Kimpton Players for several years as well as helping with set building for many productions. A member of the Environmentalists - he never minded collecting rubbish around the village. He helped inaugurate the Beech Way Residents Association, was the Neighbourhood Watch rep. and enjoyed the Garden and History groups.

All his life he enjoyed sports - an excellent cross country runner, swimmer, boxer and rugby player and a stylish cricketer and golfer. He sang in his school choir and was a member

of the Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir for twenty years.

John was an optimist who had great courage, strength and determination to live life to the full despite his illness. He was a true gentleman, time for everyone, loved and respected by all who knew him, and had a great sense of humour and fun. His cool advice on almost any subject was always helpful. All through his life right to the end, everyone knew him for his great smile.

My three daughters and I would like to take this opportunity of warmly thanking the many people who have sent cards, words of sympathy and condolence, and given us love and support in so many ways. It has been a tremendous help to us at this sad time.

Janet Holmes-Walker

Peter White

Peter, who died last December, had been a member of Kimpton Players for many, many years and had taken on the role of Chairman of the Committee in the past, but will be best remembered for all the years of effort he (along with Laurie Seymour) put in as our Music Hall Business Manager. Until recent years with the onset of his and Mary's ill health, he was a staunch supporter of the Players and still came along to as many of our productions as possible.

Peter was also Chairman of the Memorial Hall, a post he held for 8 years from 1999 to 2008. After retiring as Chairman in 2008 he continued to serve on the Management Committee and on the Administration Committee until 2012 when he finally stood down.

From the Registers

Baptisms

16 Feb 2014 Dylan Michael John Haley

Weddings

30 Nov 2013 Hannah Beadle to
Andrew Peter Pugh

Burials and Cremations

12 Dec 2013 Peter White
12 Feb 2014 John Scott
17 Feb 2014 John Malcolm Holmes-Walker

The Church Book Swap and World Book Night Celebration!

Please come and join us for tea, cake and talks on favourite books from village readers from most generations.

When: April 23rd 2014 5pm -7pm (or drop in!)

Where: The Parish Church

We have been lucky enough to receive from the World Book organisers 18 copies of *The Rivers of London* by Ben Aaronovitch to give away at this event.

The Church Book Swap has proved very successful and is providing lots of opportunities for extending our reading. The idea of the Book Swap is simply bring a book, take a book. We have novels, children's books, travel books, biographies and Christian themed books. We have been delighted in how much it has been used and would like to celebrate its creation and the new floor!

Let us know one of your favourite books by emailing Kate Chase at kjchase@btinternet.com or julietmorton@aol.com

Do come!

Juliet Morton

Community Coffee Mornings open for business 9.30am – 12.00noon in the Dacre rooms on the following dates

Friday 11th April
Friday 9th May
Friday 13th June
Friday 18th July
Friday 15th August

Everyone Welcome

Our monthly coffee mornings in the Dacre rooms continue to be popular. Proving to be a good place to meet for a chat and to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a good selection of homemade cakes. Local vegetables often for sale, and we regularly have tombolas, quizzes and plant sales. In January our regulars enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Boot and a trip to a local garden centre is planned soon.

Denise, Julia and Jackie

Transition Streets Kimpton

Transition refers to making a move towards more sustainable ways of living.

The first group of neighbours, in Kimpton Bottom, had such fun meeting to discuss how to save energy and money that they want to encourage other streets to take part in the project.

Plans are afoot for groups in Claggy Road, Hampden, Parkfield and The Green. If you are interested in participating or simply want more information, please get in touch with Davina Malcolm: 01438 832309

See more about it on the web at www.transitionstreets.org.uk

May Festival Cream Teas

Once again we are calling on the superb cooks of Kimpton to make

***Victoria Sponges (filled or unfilled)
cakes and teabreads
3 inch diameter scones
tray bakes
tea bread
fairy cakes etc***

for the many expected visitors to this special 50th May Festival.

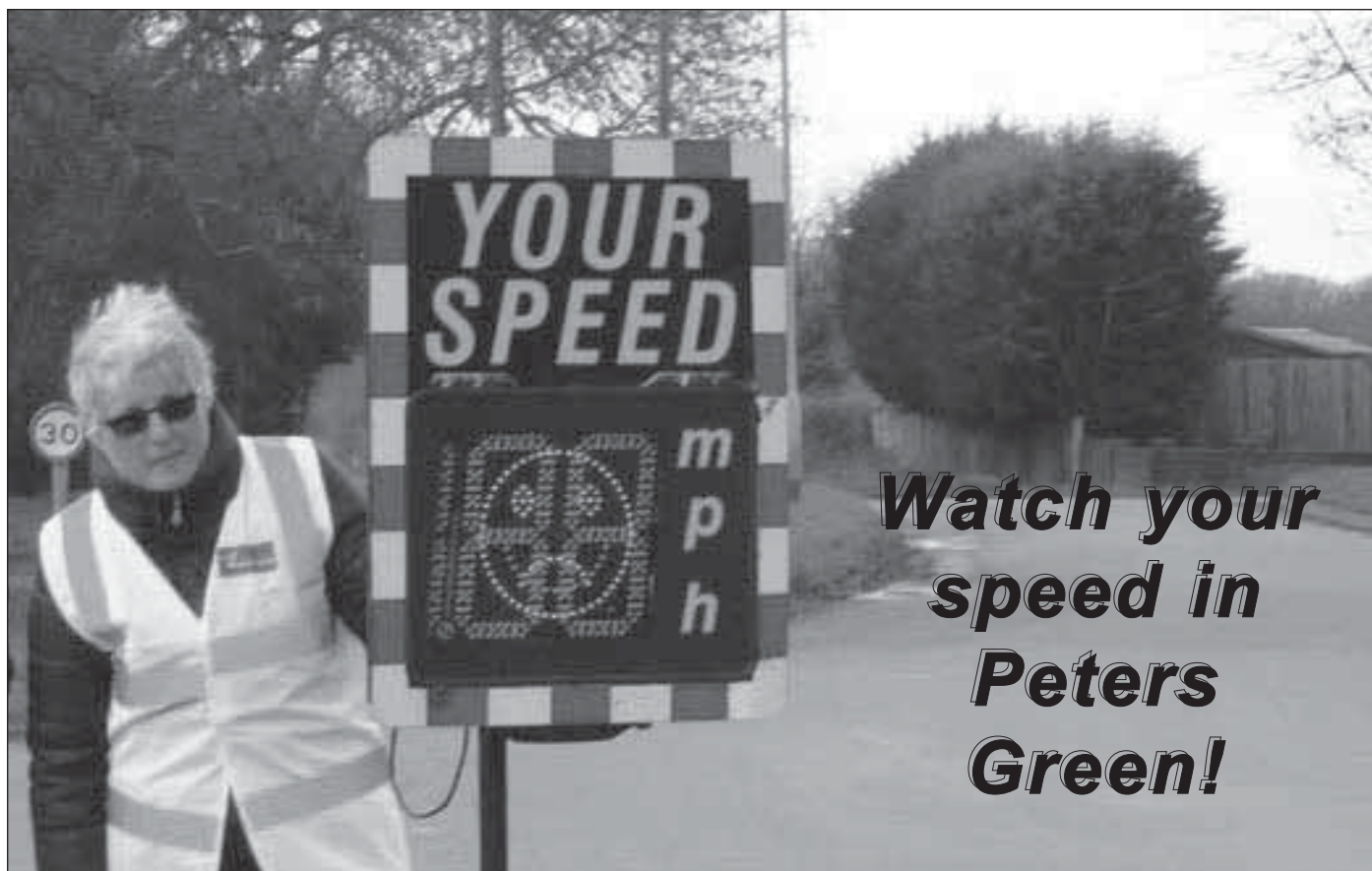
Mary Berry has shown us all how easy it is, so ready, steady, get baking!

Contributions can be left on the Vicarage doorstep in the High Street from Friday afternoon May 2nd until Sunday May 4th

Please label your tins for their safe return.

Every contribution will be most gratefully received.

Valerie Pollington and Liz Jamieson



***Watch your
speed in
Peters
Green!***

Speed Checks to be expected regularly in Peters Green

When news of the DriveSafe scheme, supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, reached our parish last year, Peters Green residents welcomed the opportunity to participate in an initiative aimed at slowing the traffic through their village.

Data gathered in recent years by the North Herts Constabulary had proven Peters Green to be the subject of excess speed by passing traffic with alarming frequency, but the problem was no news to the residents

With almost 20 volunteers now officially contracted into the scheme and trained to carry out roadside speed checks, the presence of high visibility jackets on The Green and at other sites in the village will become a regular occurrence.

Lead volunteers will give even more of their own time to processing the data gathered at the roadside through the Police National Computer. Their motivation is the fear of their friends and neighbours, and their own, that speed will one day cause serious injury, or death, in our community. There have been serious instances and near misses in the past.

As new young families move in and car engines become quieter and consequently represent a more insidious danger for the children and all residents and visitors to our village, the scheme is both a deterrent and an appeal for anyone who uses our roads to understand that the speed limit must be observed to reduce the risks.

Our aim is not to take pleasure in potentially leading to the prosecution of persistent offenders, but rather to raise awareness amongst drivers that there are indeed good reasons for the speed limit to be set at 30mph through the length of the village, regardless of whether it is Day or Night time

We look forward to seeing a smiley face greet you from the electronic board.

Drivers should be aware that they risk prosecution if they are spotted by a member of the Constabulary flashing oncoming traffic to alert it about the presence of the speed camera. DriveSafe volunteers will be able to report drivers seeing using a mobile phone whilst in motion.

Kimpton Memorial Hall



Sad news, and better news

Since the previous issue of this magazine, those of us involved in the running of the Hall have been greatly saddened by the death of Peter White.

Peter served for eight years as Chairman of the Hall, from which position he retired in 2008 (although he continued to serve as a committee member until very recently). I served as his Vice Chairman for nearly all of that time, and he was very supportive of me when I took over the role. He became a very good friend, and I can honestly say that in all the time we worked together, we never had a 'misword'! We will all greatly miss his cheerful disposition and the sound common sense he invariably displayed. On a more cheerful note, I am pleased to report that two longstanding projects are nearing completion. What has always been known as the Green Room (Perhaps it needs a new name now?) has been totally transformed and now has its own totally separate entrance, a new kitchenette, and new toilets. It can be hired separately from the Hall, has its own screen for power-point presentations, and is available at modest cost. All it needs now is a touch of interior design to enhance its ambience, and that is in hand, so watch this space!

The other project nearing completion is the new pedestrian pathway between the High Street and the Hall. The exercise of this 'right of way', which has been in existence since the 1950's has been an ambition of mine for longer than I care to remember, though I can take very little credit for its implementation. The trio of Bob Malcolm, Paul Butcher and Bob Finch (who will

report separately in this magazine on the same subject) have done all the hard work, and we are extremely grateful to them.

In terms of the Green Room project, I must again thank Bob Finch and Paul Butcher, as well as retired architect Michael Strauss, (who took my initial 'fag packet' sketch and turned it into something much more sensible!) for all their help. They have all given unstintingly of their time, effort and expertise, and the result, in my opinion, is highly satisfactory

I must also thank our incredibly supportive Parish Council, which has funded the full cost of both these projects, without which, none of this could ever have happened. And finally I must thank our Parish Clerk Carina Helmn for all her help and constructive input. She absorbed all the extra work required to support these two projects with great efficiency and her usual good humour, and without even a murmur of complaint.

The outcome of all this is that, 'size for size', we now have what is probably the best Village Hall in Hertfordshire. So be proud of it and support it!

Roger Nash

This and previous editions of the Parish Magazine are available as PDF files at the village website

www.kimpton.org.uk

The copy deadline for the summer edition is June 13th



This year is an Election Year for the Parish Council, and the election is due to take place on May 22nd. If you are interested in standing as a member of the Council, then please let us know by contacting any Councillor, or Carina Helmn, the Clerk – contact details are available on the Parish Council website at www.kimptonpc.org.uk, and you can also find plenty of information there about the Council's activities.

If you don't fancy becoming a Councillor, but would still like to be involved in something that will potentially have an important part to play in the future of the community, you may like to become involved in helping us to compile our Neighbourhood Plan. This is in many ways an update of the Parish Plan compiled some years ago in about 2006, but the difference this time is that there is an official framework within which these Neighbourhood Plans sit, and they have a real legal weight when it comes to planning decisions.

Therefore, it may well be that our Plan, when completed, could have a significant impact on any future development that takes place in the Parish. Again, if you would like to take part in this process, please contact us as above.

In terms of development, there has still not been any movement on the Probyn House site, and we are awaiting clarification on the interest in the other site at Lloyd's Way. As I said in the last magazine, we understand that there has been some interest in the land, but we have no further details at present.

Of course, since the last Newsletter the biggest news has probably been the incredibly wet weather. You may have seen the website page www.kimptonpc.org.uk/groundwater, or seen our posts on Facebook. The sump on Claggy Road that allows us to monitor the state of the groundwater has been rising since the middle of February, having been dry up to that point.

I would stress that there is absolutely no indication that this rise will reach the levels where flooding could occur, but it is obviously something that needs to be monitored, so please keep up with the webpage, or the Facebook page, for the latest information. As a result of the kind services of Andy Morton we have a daily reading of the water level, so it is all being regularly monitored. The latest official news at the time of writing is that the Environment Agency do not think that there is a

high risk of flooding in Kimpton, but we will be keeping an eye on the situation.

On a general point, if you are a Facebook user, please 'like' the Parish Council page, as it is a very useful way of communicating, and works both ways of course! There is also a Twitter feed, so please follow us there as well - @KimptonPC.

Another major item on the agenda at the moment is the potential arrival of a new Secondary School in Harpenden, on a site in Batford. This has been widely reported, so I don't need to go into the details here, but it is very important to Kimpton as it will be our closest school if it is built in the location currently being proposed. Therefore our children we will almost certainly be allocated places there, as opposed to at the other Harpenden Schools. The Parish Council and the School Governors are closely involved with a number of interested groups, so we will hopefully have some definite news soon.

On the subject of secondary schools, the admissions for September 2014 have just been released, and it seems that those Kimpton children who were not given a ranked school in Harpenden have this year been allocated Putteridge High School in Luton. It is to be hoped that this situation resolves itself in due course, and the Parish Council will continue to work with Hertfordshire County Council and its representatives to try and achieve a better outcome, but I have to say we have the same conversations year after year with minimal effect, and now of course there is the promise of the new school to put forward as an indication of the actions being taken.

There is a new version of the Business Directory being circulated with this magazine. Please keep it and refer to it when you are looking for services – there is a huge amount of 'talent' in the village, with people providing all sorts of products and services, so it makes sense to look on your own doorstep first and support the community if you have a specific need for something.

Finally, with Spring (finally) in the air, please remember that we are very lucky in this village to have spare allotment plots – which are like gold-dust in many areas – if you would like one, please contact Carina Helmn at the Parish Office.

David Hardstaff, chair



I was rather worried recently to be told by Mrs Pitcher and Mrs McCullough, our year six teachers, that the year six children were going to assess my journalistic style by critiquing my last contribution to the Parish Magazine. They have, as all good critics should, fed their views back to me. Apparently, I have a lively style with good use of humour and I convey information well through the use of the '5 W s' (who, what, where, why, when?) However, I need to use more quotes and write more about events and less about Ofsted (clearly not as significant to the children as it is to the adults!). I will take their comments on board for the next addition; however, in view of this, I thought that, for this edition, it would be appropriate for the children to share some of the recent happenings at Kimpton Primary School in their own words, showing off *their* journalistic style. I hope you enjoy their reports.....

Street Dance

In the autumn term, Kimpton Primary School were lucky to have a Street Dance workshop going on in the hall. "it was very exciting but very challenging and hard to pick up," stated Clary, a year six pupil. The children learnt lots of different dance moves and put lots of effort into it. (Lily)

Roman Day

Dressing up in their Roman finery, Kimpton School children enjoyed a full day of Roman fun.

"I enjoyed the chance to dress up and do fun activities," explained Lily, a year six pupil. First of all the pupils were placed into groups named after Roman gods. In those groups, they went round the different classrooms to do Roman activities. The first activity was craft related and the second was a history detective task. (Clary)

Athletics

On Tuesday 28th January, eight pupils from Kimpton Primary School took part in a breath taking athletics event of strength, speed and stamina. Dan, one of the pupils taking part was heard announcing: "I am eager to get going. I'm doing it for pride...and the trophy, of course!" The event took place at the Priory School in Hitchin and the team was delighted to come 2nd over all. (Sam)

Rugby

On Tuesday 4th February, nine athletic children were lucky enough to be picked to participate in our rugby tournament at Harpenden Rugby Club. Emily, a year six pupil stated: "It was very enjoyable and when we got there we were very excited."

The nine children came back smiling, even when they told us they were not ranked but they still had fun learning new skills. (Eliza).

I hope you have enjoyed reading these short excerpts from the children's journalistic writing about the events they have enjoyed this school year.
Marion Stewart-Smith

Kimpton Scout & Guide Quiz Night Memorial Hall

Friday 21st March £9.00 each

Doors open 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Supper provided, please bring your own drinks and a glass

Tables of 8

Booking Office: Jenny 01438 832432

Please pass on to all your friends

Many Thanks Donna 1st Kimpton guides



Now that we are in Spring, Kimpton Garden Club is concentrating on plans and projects for the Summer.

Our April 2nd meeting will be a talk and demonstration on "Perennials and Propagation", by Tom Cole. This will hopefully enable the Garden Club to prepare for our produce stall for May Festival. We would very much appreciate your support again this year.

Our meeting on May 7th, will be a presentation by a representative from the Luton Hoo Walled Garden Committee. We will learn about the history of the Walled Garden and present day plants and designs.

We are a very friendly club and welcome visitors and/or guests to our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 8 pm in the Green Room of the Memorial Hall.

Joan Amoss 01438 832776

Kimpton Allotments

Now is the ideal time and opportunity to take on an allotment and grow your own fresh vegetables and fruit.

To make it easier for a family to manage a plot the Parish Council has divided some plots up into half or quarter size. These plots are ideal to start with and there are still a few available. It is also a great way to introduce children into growing and then eating their own food.

For further information, costs etc. please contact Carina Helmn, The Parish Clerk on 01438 832573.

Kimpton Environmentalists

We've resurrected some old events with new faces. We had a pleasant boat trip last October, cleverly missing the rain, even if we didn't spot too many birds. And we had a very successful Christmas party with an impossible, wintery-themed quiz, thanks to Robin Riley.

Now, for the first time in ages, we are back working on the Kyme wetlands between the sewage farm and Kimpton Mill. We are clearing the cress from the stream bed to keep the water flowing more smoothly, which should encourage more wildfowl.

On Saturday 29th March we have our annual Litter Clear of the lanes around the village. In April, we'll be working on the "Bee World" bank at Parkfield, clearing grass and sowing more wild flower seeds. If you see us there on dry Saturday mornings please come and say hello. Any offers of help, seedlings or tea/coffee are welcome!

That takes us up to the May Festival. We haven't managed to think of a suitable theme for our fancy dress and stall yet, but we are working on it....If anyone else would like to organise a Kimpton Trail, let me know; I won't be offended!

For more details contact Davina Malcolm 01438 832309

KIMPTON AUTUMN SHOW

*Do not forget this years
Autumn Show..... put it in
Your diary... Sat 6th September
New ideas yet again!
Judging of allotments in July -
Look out for posters.*



*Time to get creative - baking -
Sewing - cooking - digging -*

*Come and see our stall at
May Festival - lovely postcards &
more.....*

love to see you all - Sandra & team x

Introducing our May Queen and Attendants



Hello, my name is Lucy Williams and I have lived in Peter's Green all my life. I used to go to Kimpton School but now I am at St George's School. My main hobby is art, which includes clay modelling, drawing and painting; if I have the time I enjoy baking. I also sing and play the violin and piano. I was delighted to be chosen as May Queen, especially as it is the 50th festival year. Hopefully it will be extra special. I always love the May Festival. My favourite events are the parade and Kimpton Entertains. In the parade, Polly and I have made costumes for characters such as Tweedle dum and Tweedle dee, Shakespeare and Dickens. Some of you may recognise me from the 'unusual' sketches my dad has written for Kimpton Entertains. I'm hoping for sunshine over the weekend and am looking forward to seeing everybody there!

I am Hollie Thurston and I am ten years old. I am currently a pupil at Kimpton Primary School. I have lived in Gustard Wood for seven years now with my family. My hobbies include diving, horse riding, Guides and playing the bassoon. This is my sixth May Festival. This year, I will be dressed slightly grander, I hope, as I have been various different characters from superheroes to Lego people and have also been found dancing around the Maypole. I am really excited to be a May Queen attendant, as this year the Festival celebrates its 50th anniversary and I will get to ride in style up the high street, waving to my family and friends. Also, I have heard I will get to go to lots more of the events..... although maybe not the wine tasting! I feel very happy and privileged.



My name is Eliza Slater and I am 10 years old. I was thrilled when I was told I would be a May Queen Attendant. I have lived in Kimpton all my life and have always been part of the May Festival each year. I attend Kimpton Primary School but soon will be moving on to St. Georges, in Harpenden. The part of the May Festival I enjoy most, is definitely the parade. I like it because you see every one in the village out there in amazing costumes but I also just love the atmosphere and the exiting buzz of everyone around. My hobbies include baking, painting, dancing and playing the trumpet. I enjoy lots of things including going to Guides, playing in orchestras and playing lacrosse. It is an honour to be able to represent Kimpton in a way like this and I am looking forward to every bit of it. I hope you will enjoy May Festival as much as I will.

Hello! I'm Polly Jenner. For someone who has lived in Kimpton for all of their life like me, the May Festival is such a main part of the year, and for some villagers it's like there's five seasons in every year; Spring, May Festival, Summer, Autumn and Winter! I'm involved in many organisations including Brownies, Scouts, the Tennis Club, JKP, and more. Even though I was sad to leave Kimpton Primary School, I am really enjoying Sir John Lawes school in Harpenden. Being May Queen Attendant, I am really looking forward to attending all of the events and spending more time at things like the craft fair and Morris dancing, which I often forget about. The highlight of the May Festival for me would have to be either the procession or Kimpton Entertains. I hope that May Festival will be as special and enjoyable for you as it will be for me.



Hello! I am Sally Slater, I am 12 years old and I have lived in the village with my family, for nearly my whole life. I used to go to Kimpton Primary School and now am at St. George's School in Harpenden. I am so glad to have been asked to be a May Queen Attendant with my friends and my sister on its 50th anniversary. Ever since I was a little girl, I have looked up at the May Queen and her Attendants, always wanting to be one, and now my chance is here! My favourite thing about the May Festival is the parade, because I love making a costume, taking part and having fun. I love singing in Kimpton Entertains too. My hobbies include going to Guides, helping at Brownies, singing, being part of my Church youth group and playing lacrosse and netball. I am really looking forward to the 50th May Festival this year and hope you all are too. I can't wait!

This is how it all started!



Frances Harding was Kimpton's first May Queen in 1965. She was crowned by young actor Gregory Phillips. Gill Howells (Rumble), Anna Price, Michael Howells, Pete Desborough, Yvonne Day (Murphy), Suzanne Brookes, Linda Shepherd, Jean Barnes, Stephen Massam and Linday Oakley, amongst others, are in the group. Fancy dress never changes!

The 1965 photos were originally taken by a *Herts Advertiser* photographer.

This year the Kimpton May Festival celebrates its 50th year

The bumper souvenir programme is about to go to the printers as I write and should jog memories of Festivals over the years.

In times gone by we have had varying numbers of attendants to accompany the May Queen, as you will see in the programme. For this special year, our May Queen, Lucy, will be attended by no less than four; Polly, Sally, Eliza and Hollie. They will be getting very busy, very soon, with dresses to design, photos to take etc., and will be looking forward to a long weekend they will always remember.

We hope you find this year's Festival to be a suitable celebration of an amazing achievement; many familiar items but quite a few new ones and some surprises. This year's theme of '50' (well, it couldn't really be anything else could it?!) should give a lot of scope for interpretation so look out for the floats, costumes and events that may take a 'different' slant on the theme. We will be holding a 'best decorated stall' competition with a prize of £50 so expect to see some very artistic creations.

Let's all think positive thoughts about the weather and see if we can arrange a really good weekend of sun and warmth...pretty much as we had last year!

Remember...you can link to the May Festival on the internet (www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk) and on Facebook ('Kimpton May Festival') and add your comments, suggestions etc.

Andrew Ackrill, May Festival Chair



Bowls Club

As I write 18 members have just returned from our week's trip to Potters Leisure Centre. A most enjoyable break, but Kimpton BC could not out-perform the teams who mostly bowl indoors.

Our next event is our OPEN DAY on Sunday 13th April at 2-30pm. Followed by MAY FESTIVAL on Saturday 3rd May, where we invite you to enjoy our home made cakes with tea, coffee and soft drinks. Also we would like you to try your hand at various bowls related games on the green.

During the season we host village groups to try their hands at bowls. Some groups return regularly. If your club or group would like to visit, please contact Marian Ginn or Pat Flury who will try to arrange a suitable date.

For more information regarding the bowls club, please contact Hon. Sec. Beverley Pate on 01582 834014.
Dud Ginn

Tennis Club

After a long soggy winter the Tennis Club is getting ready for the new season. The courts have been cleaned, the fencing repaired and the club house will soon be spring cleaned.

New members are always welcome, we play league tennis for those of you that enjoy competitive tennis and we also have our club night on Wednesdays which is a very sociable evening, for more details about the tennis club take a look at our web site kimptontennisclub.net

We are having a open day on Saturday 10th May starting at 2pm, this is free and available for everyone over 16. Our coaches will be on hand to help out and we will provide the rackets and balls so come along and have some fun.
Mark Klimek

Cricket Club

After a few good weeks in the nets, Kimpton Cricket Club is looking forward to getting the season underway. Fixtures are still being finalised, but hoping to get underway in late April and praying for a dry season!

Meanwhile, as ever, we are always keen to hear from anyone wanting to get involved in playing, umpiring or otherwise helping out. Please give Simon (01438 833767 or 07899 810743) a call if you would like to get involved or register on www.hitscricket.co.uk

Harness the sun!

For the last two years, we have had solar panels on the roof of our house and we have never regretted the decision. Regular as clockwork the cheques for the Feed-in tariff drop on our doormat and it looks as if we will pay off the cost of installation well within the ten years they anticipated. We have not had a moment's anxiety about the whole thing. The installation took just three days and it has remained trouble-free ever since.

To be honest, I can't understand why more people in the village haven't put panels on their roofs too. Most of the houses on the High Street and Dacre Crescent will have suitable south-facing roofs and could benefit greatly from solar panels. It seems to be a no-brainer; saving money in the long term, being a good financial investment, AS WELL AS putting electricity into the system so effectively reducing carbon emissions!

If you have some spare money to make the initial investment and you are intending to stay in your current house for the foreseeable future, why not go for it?

We would be happy to chat to you and to show you the set-up – but don't expect technical expertise. I don't know HOW it works; I just know THAT IT DOES!
Andy Morton

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

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

We are pleased that we have recently recruited several younger members and that the Branch is beginning to thrive; new members are always welcome.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of World War One. Keep an eye open for events as they are announced.

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

Dave Gibbs, Branch Secretary

Kimpton Women's Institute

We had an excellent December meeting when Gail Stuart came to talk about life with her father, Eric Morecambe. We opened the meeting to non-members and had a packed Hall. After Gail's entertaining talk, everyone was offered a drink and a mince pie, making for a festive evening. We received many requests to do a similar evening again so we're putting on our 'thinking caps' for another entertaining speaker!

We welcomed in the New Year with an interesting talk on Osteopathy by Claire McKenna, who demonstrated her skills on two of our members. In February we celebrated our 95th birthday with a party to which we invited members of other local W.I's. We are one of the oldest running organisations in Kimpton. At our March meeting, Juliet Morton, enthralled us with her talk about Travels in Contested Lands.

We have thriving table tennis, book and handicraft groups. We've had an entertaining poetry afternoon with tea and cake and some members went to see Harpenden Operatic Society's production of "Crazy for You".

In April Damien O'Dell will tell us about a Ghost Hunter in Herts and then in June Anna Conti will be talking about Not Just Churches – Stained Glass.

A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to come to our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall. For details please contact Janet 01438 83597 or Shirley 01582 833285.

Janet Holmes-Walker

An Adventure a Day

Inspired by the motto of a friend who recently lost her battle with cancer, we are compiling a book of adventures in and around Kimpton. To help us put the book together, we'd love to hear about the adventures that have inspired you in this area. Whether it's a nature walk in the woods, a fun-packed family day out or a little-known pub, please tell us about it so that we can include it for others to discover and enjoy.

The book will be on sale at the May Festival, with all funds going towards St Christopher's Hospice and Kimpton School Association.

Please email helen.purple@gmail.com or call 07919 985664 to share your adventures and be a part of our project.



Is it time you came to try out singing with your local community choir?

We are now well into our third season of singing; with over 30 members we make a great sound, we sing songs of all sorts from folk to musicals to pop, and most important of all we all love what we do together!

Monday nights in term time, Kimpton School, 8pm – 9.30pm.

Phone Anna 07796 342620 for details or just turn up for a free trial!

Listen out for us again at the May Festival, or come to the Ayot Summer Concert at 7pm on June 22nd.



Memorial Hall Pedestrian Path

The new pedestrian path to the Memorial Hall is almost complete but has been held up for two reasons. One is that we have found that the sewer pipe running under the path is damaged - caused by tree roots breaking it. This is will be mended with a 'magic sleeve' that can be inserted through one of the man-holes. However we want to wait until that is completed successfully before we put the final layer on the path (just in case something goes wrong). The other is that we have been waiting for the ground to dry out before the final rolling takes place – last time the roller acted like a squeegee and forced water up from underneath. Hopefully both problems will be solved soon and the path finally opened for business!

Many, many, thanks on behalf of you all to the Parish Council for funding the path. It will be a very welcome feature for all those who have struggled up or down Hall Lane in the company of vehicular traffic.

Bob Finch

Thanks from the Bench Working Party

Thank you to all those who supported the Bench Working Party in The Advertiser £500 grant competition recently. We were leading the voting for much of the time but in the final furlong we were pipped at the post by 'Grace's Space'. This charity is a monthly meeting group for autistic children and a very worthy cause – so we are not downhearted. There must have been a large number of people who voted for us, thank you all, and a special thanks to Diane Baker who proposed us initially and rallied the Kimpton voting.

Bob Finch

Bench Working Party Coordinator

Grateful thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks donations received from Kimpton Village Neighbourhood Watch Committee and Maisie Harding.

Enjoy an oasis of calm during the May Festival with a traditional afternoon tea of scones, cakes, patisserie, sandwiches and tea or coffee.

Afternoon Teas

Sunday 4th May

Kimpton Primary School

£5 per person

Advance bookings only

Under 10s £3, under 3s go free

Tables seat up to eight people

Choice of sittings:

2.30-3.30pm or 3.30-4.30pm

Contact Maggie on 01438 833529 or email kimptonksaevents@gmail.com to book your table
(payment required by 27 April)

**Organised by the KSA
Raising funds for Kimpton Primary School**

Kimpton Rainbows and Guides need your help

I have decided that after having run the Guides for over 11 years and opening up and running the Rainbows unit for nearly 5 years, which have been amazing and I have been very fortunate to have met some wonderful girls and taken part in some activities that I may well have never done, it is time to hand over the reins.

This is a plea to ask you to think about whether you want our girls to be able to continue enjoying Rainbows and Guides. We are looking for unit leaders. It would also be fantastic to have a couple of additional adults so that a rota could be drawn up.

The Rainbow unit has several enthusiastic helpers but needs a leader; we have to ensure we maintain our adult/girls ratio, which is 1 adult to 6 Rainbows and 1 to 12 Guides. We know how hard it can be to fit being a volunteer into a busy lifestyle, but it is also very rewarding.

We are able to keep the units running until the summer term. Unless someone comes forward the units will have to close at the end of July. Please feel free to contact me or our District Commissioner Frances Gee on 01582 712099, to find out what is involved in becoming a leader.

Running Rainbows and Guides is fun and rewarding. You know the sort of activities the girls do, but it all takes planning and a lot of work is done behind the scenes. Please help continue the tradition of 1st Kimpton Guides and Rainbows. The teams do a wonderful job and provide the girls with a fun filled programme.

Adults that join Guiding are usually amazed at how much fun it can be and are surprised that it leads to friendship and fulfilment.

*Many Thanks, Wendy Dollin
Guide & Rainbow Guider
Surprises at 1st Kimpton Guides*

Surprises at 1st Kimpton Guides

Sarah and Amy, had been very busy in 2013, they were working on their Baden Powell Challenge Badge which is the highest award a Guide can achieve.

The Baden-Powell Challenge is divided into five zones, each containing lots of different clauses the girls spent 12 months working on these clauses. They organised an International evening for the other Guides in the unit. They produced a cookery book with their favourite recipes; they made a collage to reflect their life style and cultures, these are just a couple of the clauses they worked on. They also had to attend a Baden Powell weekend away, where they met other Guides in the County working on the challenge badge and gained new experiences.

Sarah and Amy had just come off stage after performing the Guide Christmas play to family and friends, when they were surprised by their leaders, Wendy and Donna who presented them with their awards.

We also had a surprise for Wendy, our Guide leader. Wendy was presented with her 10 year Girlguiding service badge. In recognition and Thanks for all the amazing activities and events Wendy has organised for the girls of Kimpton and Wheathampstead over the years.



Sarah and Amy receive their awards from Wendy and Donna.

Peters Green Village Hall

Ideal for Family Parties, Exercise and Dance Classes, other Social Events and for Long Term Hire.

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

Spacious and well equipped kitchen.

Seated capacity: 80

Enquires: Mrs Lesley Lark, 01438 831189.



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

Admission is £2.50 per child with siblings over 6 months old being an extra £1.00. This price includes tea or coffee and biscuits for Mum, Dad, Gran, Grandad, Carers and juice/water and a healthy snack for each child.

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

10.20 is snack and tea time.

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

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

With Easter fast approaching we are looking forward to our easter egg hunt.

It's a great chance to meet other families within the village and surrounding areas.

Find us on facebook for all up to date news about Monkeys:

<https://www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys>

Come along and join in the fun, we look forward to seeing you!

Preston Gardens Open Day Sunday 25th May, 1-5pm

A large number of gardens in this pretty village 3 miles south of Hitchin, Hertfordshire offer a variety of sizes, styles and planting with many interesting details including unusual plants, wild areas and water features.

The small Arts and Crafts church of St Martin will be beautifully decorated and open to visitors.

Stalls on the Green and Teas in the Village Hall. Also Barbeque on the Green from 12 noon. Lunches can be booked at the famous Red Lion pub, tel. 01462-459585

Map supplied on admission.

Entry £5.00 (children free). Free parking.

Contact 01462 456567 (Meta)

Kimpton Scout Group

As ever, your Scout Group is thriving and continues to offer a wide variety of activities for the children and young people. Plans are underway for our biannual Family Camp in September. We hope that this will once again attract a great deal of support and enable the whole family to enjoy what Scouting can offer.

In this issue we would like to celebrate one of our most dedicated Scouters. Zowie Bigg joined us as a Scout and immediately demonstrated great enthusiasm and energy. At 13 she became a young leader helper with Beavers, with our youngest children aged 6-8, and has continued in this role for the last five years. Her dedication and willingness to go that extra mile has been massively appreciated.

It was with immense pride that, on her 18th birthday, she received her full Scout Leader warrant from our District Commissioner.

We are all so very proud of Zowie, her dedication and enthusiasm. To watch her Scouting journey from child to leader has been a fantastic privilege.

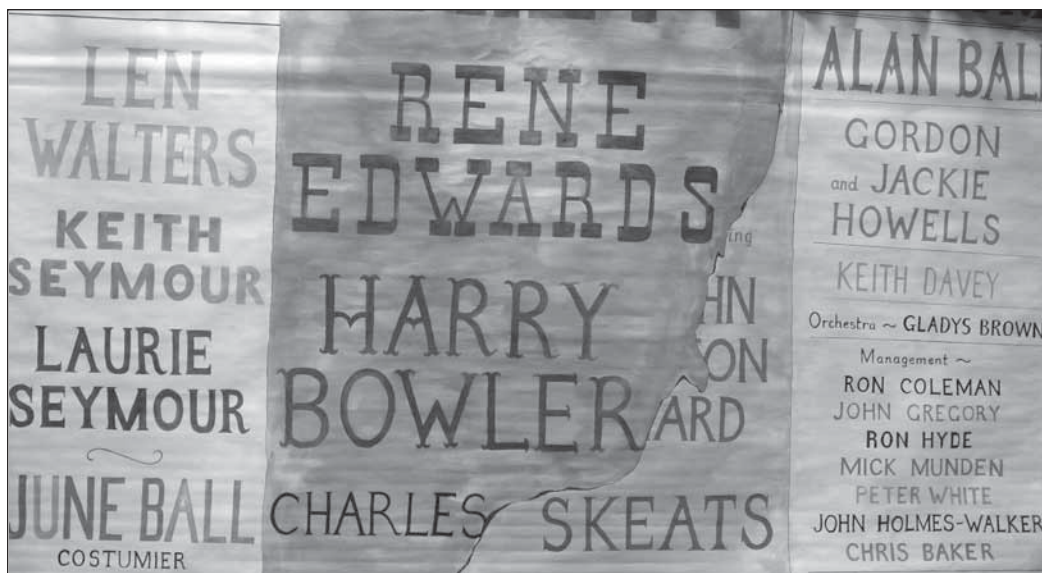
Well done Zowie!

Please visit our website to see what we're up to this term and complete our information form if you would like your child's name on our waiting list. kimptonscouts.org.uk

*Annie New Group Scout Leader
01438 833421*



Enthusiastic helpers at The Boot's annual Christmas Lunch for local senior citizens. Money for the lunch is raised by the regular Wednesday night quiz, a sweepstake and the Christmas draw. Many thanks to all the Boot customers for their support.



The Kimpton Players

have just finished the celebration 50th Old Time Music Hall. And what a show it turned out to be!! With tributes to some of the great stars of the past,

some brilliant new members to carry the traditions on, and fabulous audiences every night, it will stay in our memories for a long, long time. Huge thanks to Keith and Andy for their terrific vision and hard work in bringing it to life. Thanks also to the great cast who worked so hard throughout the winter months and the members and friends who worked front of house and behind the scenes. And most of all, thanks to you, for coming along to support us so loyally throughout the years.

Carol Maguire re-created one of the Players' original Music Hall backdrops but replaced the names of early music hall stars with those of Players who had made a significant contribution to Music Hall over the years and who are sadly no longer with us.

Stay up to date with all of our activities, news and future productions on our new, stunning website and look out for posters around the village. Book and pay for tickets, send us a message, join up – it's all there at thekimptonplayers.co.uk

Arthur South



The cast, chairman and 'orchestra' of the Kimpton Players' 50th Old Time Music Hall.

Letters to the editor.....

Think before you park

We are very lucky to live in a beautiful village, and when the sun is shining there is no greater feeling than taking my granddaughter for a walk in her pram.

This should be the easiest thing in the world to do, sadly due to a few inconsiderate drivers it can be very dangerous. The pavements in Kimpton are being used more and more by cars, the High Street and Claggy Road seem to be favourite places to park your car on the pavement.



This picture was taken recently while out walking, not content with half the pavement, the driver wants all the pavement.

Lets all take a minute to think about parking safely, its not just prams that have a problem, children walking to and from school also have the hazard of having to go on the road to go around these cars.

Please Think before you park! *Donna Bigg*

Giving Notice

It's wonderful that we have so many groups and societies in Kimpton. The problem comes when all of them want to advertise their activities at the same time on the same small notice boards.

That is made worse when organisations fail to take the notices down again after the event!

Some of the notices are months out of date,

have gone soggy and almost unreadable in the wet weather and are cluttering up the boards.

Maybe we need a Notices Tsar to keep the boards refreshed! *Andrew Morton*

Gnome sweet gnome!

I understand the Parish Council are considering making the main entrances to the village more attractive and striking. As one alternative to gardens, which require upkeep, why not purchase two large gnomes, one for each end of the High Street, with hands that wave a welcome to passing vehicles and a 'Welcome to Kimpton' notice.

If the gnomes have brightly coloured hats, the Council could then provide all residents of the village with similar hats. Residents walking along the High Street at designated times would be expected to wear their hats – or if not, to contribute to a new community fund to assist in the upkeep of the gnomes, the hats and other facilities that might be required.

Should we be successful Kimpton could become one of the prime tourist spots in the County. This would be good for all the businesses, the corner shop, and support new enterprises. We would then have to consider parking and other facilities. Why not let's give it a go and enjoy ourselves! *Anon*

Please feel free to write to the editor about any local subject - serious or not! Images can also be sent as a jpeg attachment to kimpton.editor@btinternet.com

Lt. Col. T.H. Ely Kings Shropshire Light Infantry Died May 5th 1945

Does anyone know of any living relatives?
Please contact me

I now have photographs of his grave and
cemetery

Dennis Clarke 01438 832637



Neighbourhood Watch Update

The good news is that we have enjoyed another relatively quiet three months with only a few reported minor crimes in the village

The bad news is that the two scams reported last issue, over a wider area, are still being perpetrated, namely Robbing your Bank and One Day Sales. In the first case you are conned by a bogus policeman on the phone to divulge the numbers of your Bank A/C and Pin. Don't be fooled ... put the phone down.

In the second you are lured into paying for a so called bargain at a one day sale in a local hall which is not all that it seems and you may have problems getting a refund.

Community Policing

Our two Community Officers, PC Chris Suckling and our PCSO Elaine Cuzzo continue to be diverted to higher crime areas resulting in reduced presence in Kimpton and surrounding villages. In recognition of our contribution to the Police Precept of our Council Tax, it would be comforting to see a uniform occasionally other in a passing beat car. However, we hope to see either Chris or Elaine at our next NHW Co-ordinators meeting on 9 April in the Memorial Hall Green Room.

If you need to contact Elaine or any other officer please use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to. Other useful contacts are inside the back cover of this magazine.

Police and Crime Commissioner

David Lloyd told a good assembly of residents during a flying visit to the village last December that his priorities reflected the desires of the community and that there would be no reduction in front line policing. Cross border co-operation with the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire forces was producing very positive results.

Property and Vehicle Security

Make sure that all your house, shed and garage doors and windows are bolted correctly and don't leave tools lying around that could be used for break-ins.

Don't leave your car unattended whilst the engine is running to warm it up in cold weather.

Spring Sale!

If you need any of the following personal and property security items at knockdown prices please contact Alan Smith ... these are really good value for money.

Personal Alarms and Door and Window Alarms and Letter Box Deflectors.

Vehicle Speeding in the High Street

The training of our Community Volunteer Scheme team is nearing completion and we hope that the scheme might go live in late March.

We would welcome more volunteers so if you are concerned about speeding then do please contact Alan Smith.

The Peter's Green scheme may well be active in the next week or two ... so watch out for their hi-viz team kerbside with the dreaded speed monitoring device.

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 or engage in conversation with any dubious phone caller. If they are in any doubt tell them to put the phone down or if they are on the doorstep and are unsure about their identity advise them to call the Police immediately on 999.

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 on the drive and installing timer operated security lights. If your absence is for more than a day do please give a neighbour your contact details.

PVCu doors with handle operated shoot bolts or claws must be double locked with the key, If you don't do this the door can be jemmied! Don't leave any keys within sight of an open letter box. Our Letter Box Deflectors prevent this.

To report a crime in progress call 999 and for all other eventualities call 101.

Compiled by

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Kimpton May Festival Accounts 2013

Income	50%	2013	2012	Up / (Down)
Net Fund Raising Income - Village	Retained	£	£	
Art Show (Church Rest. Fund)	✓	2,800.00	2,700.00	100.00
Auction		2,200.00	2,321.02	(121.02)
Bell Ringers' Collection	✓	42.30	57.60	(15.30)
Bowls Club	✓	100.00	90.00	10.00
Brains of Kimpton		85.70	189.62	(103.92)
Brains Bars		118.85	95.59	23.26
Bridge Club	✓	220.00	155.00	65.00
Brownies Stall	✓	84.00	70.00	14.00
Bucket Collection		237.51	205.99	31.52
Bury Car Park	✓	13.00		13.00
Car Boot Sale		65.00	65.00	-
Church Service Collection		74.41	177.30	(102.89)
Craft Market (Kimpton Preschool)	✓	517.00	478.00	39.00
Cricket	✓	92.70	40.50	52.20
Disco		(23.05)	10.00	(33.05)
Football 5 a side		162.00	132.00	30.00
Football 5 a side Bars		327.64	125.11	202.53
Football Club BBQ	✓	162.50	191.40	(28.90)
Fun Run		520.69	438.23	82.46
Garden Club Stall	✓	128.50	140.00	(11.50)
Grand Draw		1,205.86	1,490.20	(284.34)
History Group	✓	54.00	70.00	(16.00)
Hog Roast		607.28	320.47	286.81
Kimpton Environmentalists	✓	120.31	124.39	(4.08)
Kimpton Rainbows			25.34	(25.34)
Kimpton Entertainers	✓	1,429.50	1,517.50	(88.00)
Kimpton Entertainers Bars		250.54	278.47	(27.93)
Jacob New - Morocco Trip	✓	51.00	72.83	(21.83)
KSA BBQ	✓	925.32	654.12	271.20
Monday Cream Teas (Amy Mitchell)	✓	403.81	205.00	198.81
Pimms Bars		205.99	64.32	141.67
Programmes		1,176.25	2,324.19	(1,147.94)
Saturday Rec Bars		714.87	425.26	289.61
Scout Car Park	✓	58.37	52.00	6.37
Scout Group Book Stall	✓	204.50	245.38	(40.88)
Scout Train	✓	30.00		30.00
Tennis Club	✓	31.95	44.80	(12.85)
The Music Night		840.88	1,488.99	(648.11)
Vicarage Cream Teas	✓	789.00	686.63	102.37
Wine Tasting		386.96	318.72	68.24
Women's Institute Cake Stall	✓	170.00	160.00	10.00
Bench Boys - Haka		111.04		111.04
Plant stall: Freya/Robyn - Ecuador	✓		135.20	(135.20)
Women's Brit legion	✓	95.00	110.00	(15.00)
Zoe Bigg - Austria	✓		50.50	(50.50)
		17,791.18	18,546.67	(755.49)
Misc.		150.00		150.00
Bank Interest		0.32	0.32	-
Charity/Commercial Stalls		875.00	695.00	180.00
Fairground Rides		400.00	330.00	70.00
50% Group Retention		7,093.76	6,508.19	585.07.00
Total Income		26,309.76	26,080.18	229.58

Expenditure

	2013	2012
Entertainment	1,819.00	1,989.00
General Expenses	2,832.99	2,035.18
Traffic Management	1,569.00	1,429.00
Insurance	702.05	697.05
Prizes & Rosettes	364.64	431.14
Publicity Expenses	33.53	49.16
Total Expenditure	7,321.21	6,630.53

Total Income

Total Expenditure	26,309.76	26,080.18
2013 Surplus / (Deficit)	7,321.21	6,630.53
Less 50% Group Retention	18,988.55	19,449.65
Less 50% Bars (Kimpton Guides & Rainbows)	(7,093.26)	(6,508.19)
Less 50 th Festival set up	(705.94)	(912.46)
2013 Surplus / (Deficit)	11,189.35	12,029.00
Less 50 th Festival set up	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Surplus Available for Distribution	10,189.35	11,029.00

Distribution:

Church Restoration Fund (1/3 dist)	3,500.00	3,693.00
Kimpton Memorial Hall (1/3 dist)	3,500.00	3,693.00
Amy Mitchell - China	400.00	-
Dulce Buckingham - Dreamflight	400.00	-
Garden House Hospice	100.00	150.00
Herts Air Ambulance	100.00	150.00
Isabel Hospice	100.00	150.00
J.Worboys - Women/Cancer	100.00	-
Jacob New - Morocco	100.00	100.00
Keen Cottage Hospice	100.00	150.00
Kimpton Bench Working Party	150.00	150.00
Kimpton Bowls		215.00
Kimpton Environmentalists	150.00	-
Kimpton Preschool	-	800.00
Kimpton Rovers Football Club	500.00	-
KSA	800.00	-
Lamer Fields	-	300.00
Noise Project	100.00	-
R.Glass - India/Water Aid	100.00	-
WAKESU	200.00	-
Welfare Payments	-	150.00
Zowie Bigg - Austria	-	100.00
	10,400.00	10,151.00

Opening Balance	6,994.52
Plus Net Income	26,309.76
Less Expenditure	(7,321.21)
Less 50% Group Retention	(7,093.26)
Less 50% Bars (Kimpton Guides/Rainbows)	(705.94)
Surplus	11,189.35
Less Distribution	(10,400.00)
Closing Balance	7,783.87

The Church in Kimpton

Parish Church

Vicar

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Mr Ben Cole
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cole.son@farming.co.uk

Baptist Church Perry Green at Peters Green

Minister

Rev Andrew Gale
01582 422635

Branch Leader

Miss Pam Greener
01582 604771

Police Telephone Numbers

Urgent 999 Non Urgent 101

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

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team
Sergeant Martin Turpin
01438 757604 (usually answerphone)

Police and Crime Commissioner
David Lloyd
commissioner@herts.pnn.police.uk 01992 556600

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Helping Hand

HOSPITAL VISITING

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

NORTH HERTS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES SCHEME

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 459752

CANCER ADVISORY SERVICE

BACUP Link Line. Freephone 181199

THE SAMARITANS

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

HITCHIN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

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

KIMPTON MONKEYS TODDLERS' GROUP

Come and meet local, friendly faces and enjoy general play, craft, ride-on toys, baby corner, singing, etc for pre-school children and babies.

Entrance is £2.00 plus 50p for each additional child and includes tea/coffee/juice and snacks for all. Held at Kimpton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 09:30 to 11:30 during term time.

Contact us at kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys

KIMPTON PRESCHOOL

Our friendly team, based at Linden Lodge in the grounds of Kimpton Primary School, offers sessional care for children aged two to four years old.

We are open during term time from 8.50am to 11.50am, Monday to Friday. We also offer Lunch Clubs (11.50am to 12.30pm) and afternoon sessions (12.30pm to 3.30pm) from Monday to Thursday. For more details, please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager, on 01438 833936.

KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Mrs Lesley Lark, 01438 831189

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www.kimpton.org.uk

www.herts.police.uk

www.stalbans.anglican.org

www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk