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Sunday 9.30am	Parish Church	Family Communion B.L.A.S.T. and Sleepyhedz during term time
2nd Sunday 11.30am	Ayot St Lawrence	Holy Communion
4th Sunday 9.30am	Parish Church	Informal worship
Sunday 6pm	Perry Green Chapel	Evening Service
Tuesday 5.30pm	Parish Church	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 9am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
Thursday 9am 6.45pm	Parish Church Parish Church	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

For special services please see Sunday pew sheet

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There is promise in the blossom

It's been a crazy winter! Not long after Christmas and the New Year, we started having early blossom, even daffodils.

The cherry trees came into bloom in January – not just before the May Festival, as they did last year, and are only now, mid-March, starting to produce that cherry-blossom snow that makes the walk up the path to the church full of magic and wonder.

That early warmth was followed by some very chilly weather – in the middle of which we held Sunday evening Lent sessions in church. Despite the heat having been on full, we all sat around in many layers of clothing, coats, hats and gloves – and our breath still coming out in smoky trails! But the sessions themselves were fascinating, first with Richard John from Ayot, who has worked in the area of sustainable environments for over 30 years. This was followed by a friend of mine, Mary Jane Burkett, from Brighton Voices in Exile (brightonvoicesinexile.co.uk), who shared with us some of her work in responding to the current humanitarian crisis. We then hosted Fiyaz Mughal, from Faith Matters (faith-matters.org), who spoke to us about his work in ending incitement to hatred and fear.

While each of these issues are complicated and not easily unpicked, there are simple things each of us can do to make a positive difference, to look after the environment, care for those in need, and end hatred of difference through loving welcome. In this is promise of a better and brighter future – a better and brighter now for us all. There is promise in the blossom, and a reminder in the cold that warm of human kindness comes when we pull together and look after one another.

Later in May I am heading to Istanbul to join the United Nations in endeavours to end the current humanitarian crisis. Please keep all those working for peace in your good thoughts and prayers.

Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills

Fun at Kimpton Parish Church on Sunday mornings!

The children that attend B.L.A.S.T. (Bible learning and sharing together) on a Sunday morning have spent some of their Sunday mornings learning and thinking about Christianity around the world. The children have discovered that Christians are geographically widespread and that Christianity is still by far the world's largest religious group.

The children spent one morning finding out about the work of Morning Star- a Christian Care Centre in Welkom, South Africa. This is an organisation close to my heart as I have been a clothing sponsor for two children that attend the centre for 13 years. The children that attend Morning Star, through no fault of their own, find themselves in situations of extreme poverty, neglect and often abuse. The children collected and donated small gifts and spent the morning wrapping them to send to Bokang (Aged 15) and Owethu (Aged 11) and their friends at Morning Star.

If you wish to find out more about B.L.A.S.T, do come along to Church house, we meet term time, every Sunday morning 9.30-10.30am.

Morning Star have a website with further information and contact details for those that are interested in their work.

www.morningstar.org.za

Amanda Corcoran



B.L.A.S.T. children with their gifts.

From the Registers

Baptisms

13th December 2015

Ella Georgina Shaw

7th February 2016

Frederick Alexander Basil Ramsay

6th March 2016

Ottilie Annabel Morse

Burials and Cremations

10th December 2015

Mark Anthony Klimek

4th January 2016

Stephen Richard Fletcher

12th January 2016

Alison Jane Wright

14th January 2016

Gerald Everett



Alison Jane Wright 1959 -2016

Many were saddened to hear of the death of Alison in January following a short illness. She, with her dog Zac, was well known among the dog walkers of Kimpton and she had been involved with the Autumn Show, the British Legion, The Art Show, May Festival Fun Run and in the Kimpton Bake Off. She had also worked with the 'bench boys' at one time and also helped with maintenance of the churchyard. Her funeral on 12th January at Kimpton Church was attended by many past and present members of the Hertfordshire Constabulary with whom she had worked, as well as family, local friends and her dog Zac.

Alison Wright became Police Constable 999 in January 1978. At first Alison was in uniform on general police duties in St Albans. The photograph shows Alison collecting the Queen's flowers when she was chosen to accompany Her Majesty on a visit to St Albans. At that time it was a very male orientated police force

and the women had some formidable governors. Alison was reprimanded for wearing her hair down on that occasion but she was unphased.

In 1982 Alison joined CID – this in itself told of her strength of character, for women at that time had to work twice as hard as men to make their mark. Alison loved working out of the North Herts CID office and thought of North Herts as her home, first Baldock, then in Kimpton.

In 1987 Alison moved to the Crime Detection unit at HQ in Welwyn Garden City. Again this was a great tribute to Alison as a detective. She had a great tenacity and when she got 'the bit between her teeth' she did not let go. She could talk to suspects and offenders and get them to open up and trust her.

In 1994 Alison was one of the first officers in the newly formed Child Protection Team, and was instrumental along with a few others, for the professional and joined up way that these horrendous offences are now investigated. Alison thrived in this new role and her empathy and compassion for the children she protected was outstanding.

In 1999 Alison became the Prison Liaison Officer at The Mount prison. Once again she was working in a totally male environment and again rose to the challenge. She worked closely with her colleagues in the prison, the prisoners and local police, targeting offenders especially in relation to drugs. She was a very committed Police Officer; it was never just a job, it was a vocation. Even after her retirement in 2006, she continued to work with offenders. She still got a buzz from getting results even after 30 years. Although she had retired she never once stopped being a Police Officer, and when out with her dog Zac she patrolled the village. Alison was an exceptional officer and had really high standards for herself; she was covert, she was confidential and she was special. *Mandy Purvis (adapted from her Eulogy at the funeral)*

A Right Royal Picnic and Street Party Sunday 12th June from midday at Kimpton Primary School

Arrangements are well in hand for a “Right Royal Picnic and Street Party” to be held at Kimpton Primary School. The event will be taking place on the afternoon of Sunday 12th June 2016 at the same time as the Queen hosts her Patron’s Lunch (a classic British ‘street party’ lunch for 10,000 guests) the first of its kind ever to be held on The Mall – a truly iconic occasion. The Queen’s event will be one of a number planned to mark her 90th milestone birthday. The Palace is keen for this birthday to be a national celebration rather than when the Queen becomes the country’s longest serving monarch on September 9th . The Queen specifically does not want to draw attention to her succeeding Queen Victoria in that respect, but wants to celebrate her birthday instead. It is hoped the event will inspire communities around the world to hold their own street parties/picnics on the day for the direct benefit of their community.



Photo: Andy Wright

The KSA believe it would be great for the whole village to join in the celebrations and hope that everyone will dust off their picnic tables/blankets and join together in celebrating this remarkable milestone. It is not every day that our children will be part of a truly historical event.

From refreshments (bring your own British hamper lunch), cream teas, beer/pimms tent, live music, games, competitions, raffle, face painting, croquet, egg and spoon races, tug of war, teddy bear picnic, street quizzes, cupcake decorating, balloon race, balloon modelling, to an old fashioned royal “sing along”, there really will be something for everyone!

If you already have your own arrangements in hand for the day, you may wish to consider bringing your street/club party to Kimpton Primary School so that we can celebrate this very special and unique event in the “Best of British Community Spirit”.

The Queen is pictured visiting St. Albans in 1978 to open the Cathedral’s Chapter House.

The Great Kimpton Bake Off and Garden Party returns in the summer of 2017

Jigsaw swap at the Parish Church

I hope you agree, the jigsaw swap has proved a tremendous success. I met a very pleasant couple recently on their way to swap a jigsaw and have a browse through the books. They travel from a nearby village, specifically for the welcoming atmosphere in our church, the book corner and the jigsaw swap.

Following feedback, it has been suggested that 500 piece jigsaws (perhaps two in one box) would be more manageable, but do please continue to ensure the boxes are sealed to avoid lost pieces accumulating in the bottom of the plastic container. Also, it would be really helpful if edge pieces could be sealed separately in a small bag to save keep sorting them each time.

Thank you for your support and please don't hesitate to contact me with any suggestions or comments.
Margaret Smith 01438 832749 margaret.smith5@talktalk.net

Church Roof Alarm

The theft of lead from church roofs has been increasing significantly in this part of the country. On advice from the Diocese, the PCC have decided to have a roof alarm fitted to Kimpton Church roof. This work has been kindly funded by the Church Restoration Trust, and the alarm was installed a few weeks ago. Residents living near the Church have already been advised of its operation.

When the alarm is triggered, a siren and voice will sound for approximately 30 seconds only. The alarm is only triggered again by more movement on the roof, and the alarm will sound again. It is not like a car or house alarm that sounds for ten or fifteen minutes at a time. At the same time, blue strobe lights mounted in the tower louvers will flash for approximately 20 minutes, and an automatic signal is sent to an Alarm Receiving Centre.

Should anyone in the vicinity of the Church hear the alarm, or having heard something see the blue strobes flashing from the tower, we would advise that they do not approach the church, but that they call the police. It is highly unlikely that even the most persistent intruders would remain behind, but we cannot know this.

We sincerely hope this will be a sensible preventative measure and that it will not cause any problems or inconvenience to local residents. *Church Fabric Committee*

Christmas Tree Festival 2015

From December 20th until New Year the church was open most days and the Christmas Tree lights were on, so that people could view at their leisure. The different interpretations of 'Christmas Tree' were amazing and a great tribute to those who gave of their time and talents. The Scouts used old plastic bottles with flashing lights inside, in a tree shape; this was real 'thinking outside the box'. The Kimpton WI Belles offering defies adequate description; they used a dressmakers 'dummy'; with a conifer skirt with floral decoration and lights and a bodice that would grace any Ball. All the youth organisations used symbols from their activities, as did the adults; from mini books

from The Book Group to 'made in Kimpton', decorations on the Parish Council tree. There were 28 'trees' at the final count and also a tent, provided by our Vicar Bonnie, who wanted us to remember the refugees at Calais and to recall that the Holy Family had to flee into Egypt; a strong message for the Christmas Season.

A huge thank you to all who took part in any way in the festival, including those who acted as 'Welcomers' and those who shared the rota for switching the lights on and off each day. This was a successful event that could be repeated again in a few years time. Do contact us if you have any ideas for Christmas 2016; we'd love to hear from you.

Juliet Morton and Valerie Pollington

Kimpton History Group

Wednesday 20th April 2016, 8pm in the Green Room

"Spies and Secret Wireless Stations." Stan Ames will talk about the secret establishments in Hertfordshire during World War Two.

Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May 2016 at Church House, Kimpton

May Festival Weekend – The History Group's Exhibition

Photos and displays about Kimpton over the last two centuries. The special display this year will be about farming.

Wednesday 18th May 2016, 8pm in the Dacre Rooms

"The Legend and the Reality: life and adventures of Dick Turpin" Talk by Margaret Bale of HALS.

Wednesday 15th June (Site Visit)

Visit to 'Medieval Wall Paintings' at Piccotts End, Hemel Hempstead. Visit details not yet available.

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend these talks, for which we charge £3 per visit. For more information about the Group please contact Juliet Morton (01438 832427).

Boot customers give another successful Christmas party for village Senior Citizens



In January over 70 Kimpton seniors enjoyed a Christmas lunch in the Memorial Hall provided by customers of The Boot. They were given a wonderful three course traditional turkey meal cooked and served by Boot 'regulars' The money for this is raised during the year by the Wednesday night quizzes and other donations. Next year's lunch is already being planned.

The Bright Star, Peters Green

We've survived the winter and are looking forward to the warmer weather and some sunshine (we have also discovered the importance of reading your gas tank meter regularly - a chilly couple of days at The Bright Star when we ran out!!!!)

We are looking forward to our new chef joining us and will be hosting a tasting evening so everyone can sample some of his new seasonal menu. Our first quiz night is the 23rd March - something which we plan to host regularly. We are planning live music evenings, Murder Mystery Dinners and also some 'guest chef' nights, the first of which is with Lino who holds very successful evenings at a number of hotels. The best way to keep up to date with forthcoming events is to 'Like' us on Facebook - all the details and photos will be there to see.

We are happy to sponsor The Kimpton Festival and will be open all weekend, including Monday, usually our closed day, with a barbecue all day - weather permitting!! You may spot Gizmo the pub dog in the Fancy Dress class of The Dog Show (but his outfit is top secret).

We would just like to thank everyone for making us so welcome and for the continued support, and we look forward to making The Bright Star shine even brighter.

*Nick and Kate Tominey
01438 832351 info@thebrightstarpub.co.uk*

Latest News on The White Horse

In January we received news that the appeal by the owners Haut Ltd. to overturn the Asset of Community Value status was refused, and the opportunity for Haut Ltd. to appeal against the refusal regarding Change of Use to Residential status, has lapsed. This means the likelihood of The White Horse once again being a public house is more likely.

The 'Save our White Horse' steering group has created a limited company and has officially registered a community interest with North Herts District Council to make a bid for The White Horse. This registration means the community is the only party whom the owners can sell to until mid-July.

A formal offer to purchase the property has been made to the owner on behalf of the community and we are awaiting a formal response.

In the meantime we are preparing a business plan to present to Kimpton residents as soon as we have a definitive direction on acquisition. We are keen to hear from those who are interested in investing, and are hoping to provide more information at the Kimpton May Festival.

The wish to reopen The White Horse as a community pub serving good quality, locally sourced food and craft ales remains as strong as ever, and we will let you know of any further developments.

For further information, please contact either Wendy Hyams on 01438 831149 or Neil Burns on 01438 832960 or email burns200@btinternet.com www.saveourwhitehorse.co.uk

The 'Save our White Horse' Steering Group



I will be keeping this newsletter brief to allow space for some feedback concerning our Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire, which was completed by a healthy number of residents, and has given us plenty of food for thought. One thing that stood out was the popularity of the village shop and Post Office, so I hope that we all continue to support it, and ensure its future as a part of the community.

For those who may not be aware, the Book Swap facility operating in the Church now has some talking books available, so if you haven't been along for a while please make a point of having a look.

It's time for the Parish Council to review the Kimpton Business Directory, now several editions old. On this occasion we are considering a larger online presence with hard copies available for those who prefer their information in a more traditional format! As ever, if you are running a business locally and would like an entry in the Directory, please email the details to clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk.

We have recently been notified by North

Hertfordshire District Council that there is an increase in items that cannot be recycled being found in residents' mixed recycling bins. For example, they are finding a lot of plastic bags and films, electrical items and food waste, as well as dirty recyclables such as tin cans, which should be given a quick rinse round before adding to the recycling.

Please review the website at www.north-herts.gov.uk/recycleright to find out how to recycle properly, and how to reduce the risk of entire consignments being sent to landfill because of the actions of a few people.

Finally, another bit of housekeeping – with Spring (hopefully) upon us or around the corner, please remember that all residents who live adjacent to a highway or a right of way need to ensure that overhanging or protruding vegetation doesn't become a danger or obstruction to passing pedestrians. The Parish Council has received the annual request from County Highways to remind all residents of their obligations! *David Hardstaff*

Kimpton Neighbourhood Plan Update

Production of the Kimpton Neighbourhood Plan has been delayed pending finalisation of the North Herts Local Plan (due June 2016). KPC are aware that many people have asked for details of the findings of the survey held last year, and highlights are as follows. For simplicity, the figures are presented ignoring abstentions, although some questions raised very high abstention rates, so the figures presented may give a distorted impression. KPC received 122 completed forms.

Housing - there was majority agreement that new development is required (59%), although this should be of limited extent (63%). 74% favoured provision of 'Affordable Housing', and 81% agreed to increase in retirement accommodation. 78% favoured family accommodation, typically of 3-bedroom. 82% considered Green Belt development should not occur, although 35% recognised that pressure on land was likely to require Green Belt development.

Employment - 72% felt that it was unlikely that new companies would locate in Kimpton, with 65% feeling that poor communications discouraged businesses moving to Kimpton.

Communications - 65% believing that roads into the village should not be widened. 74% considered broadband provision inadequate, and 60% that bus provision was inadequate. 60% considered their families would regularly use a cycle track to Harpenden, and 87% regularly used footpaths.

Environment & Facilities -26% of respondents felt noise from Luton Airport intrusive. 83% would like to see improved flood prevention, and 49% agreed with renewable energy generation on un-economic agricultural land. 64% consider village facilities are sufficient, although 64% would also like to see improved play equipment.



Kimpton Village Choir

After another very successful Christmas concert in Kimpton Church in December, Kimpton Village Choir held an extremely well attended workshop in January. We were treated to a memorable morning of uplifting gospel singing led by Geraldine Latty and approximately 100 people from the local area and beyond filled the school hall. It was a great success, and thanks go to Anna, who organised it, and to all who helped make it such a great event. We are hoping to hold a similar event next year for all those who missed out.

The choir goes from strength to strength, and thanks to the skillful direction of Anna Bosatta, we are looking forward to another appearance at the Art Show in Kimpton Church on Saturday afternoon during the May Festival, and also to our next summer concert which is to be held in Kimpton this year on July 3rd.

For anyone wishing to join, or for more information, please contact Anna Bosatta 01438 832613

*Wendy Hyams
Kimpton Village Choir Committee*

The cold spell we are currently experiencing can do nothing to dampen or to dull our spirits here at Kimpton Primary School as we continue to march into the spring of 2016 with renewed vigour and anticipation.

We are, after all, moving eagerly into the springtime; a time that brings with it 'new life and hope'. Already here at our village school this is a time of 'new beginnings' for a number of children and families who have very recently joined our school community, not to mention those 'new shoots' in the form of our nursery aged children who are already achieving so much here during their days in school. We welcome all our new families to village and school life, particularly our youngest pupils as they embark on the wonderful journey of education.

Our school's netball and football teams are already making their mark and have played with energy and enthusiasm winning quite a number of matches along the way too! Our 'budding musicians' continue to amaze all of us with their skills and abilities on such a wide variety of instruments. The school orchestra has already performed on a number of occasions this year to most appreciative audiences.

So may this 'soon to blossom' season be everything you expect of it. For myself, I look forward to the prospect of seeing our children 'blossom' and reach their full potential as the days lengthen and the expectation of the warmer months quickly becomes a reality.

In conclusion, I must take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the warm welcome you have afforded me as I too, recently joined this unique community here in Kimpton as the school's Interim Head Teacher.

Andrew Emeny

Preston Gardens Open Day Sunday 29th May, 12.30 - 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. Art exhibition. Barbeque on the Green from 12 noon. Lunches can be booked at the famous Red Lion pub, 01462-459585.

Entry £5.00 (children free). Map supplied on admission.

Free parking. Post code SG4 7RU.
Contact: 01462 456567 (Meta)

This and previous editions of the Parish Magazine are available as PDFs at the village website www.kimpton.org.uk

The copy deadline for the summer edition is June 24th



It's AGM time againAs spring approaches, I am reminded that another year has passed, and yet another Memorial Hall AGM looms.

The Hall is in fine fettle, well used, financially sound, well maintained, and well supported. Most of the improvements we planned eight years ago when the writer first became chairman have, thanks to the support of the village, and the effort of a very hardworking committee, been implemented. A few small things remain to be done, and a couple of those are in hand. The gravel area to the North of the car park, i.e. the area between the car park and path to the Green room entrance, will shortly be concreted over with a decorative 'cobbled' finish. This will prevent the gravel from being strewn over the path by 'over exuberant' youth!

We will also be fitting a new instant hot water heater in the kitchen, so we can dispense with the archaic urn.

Subject to the availability of funds, we would like to refurbish or renew the frontage of the stage, which has been there since the Hall was built, and (like the writer) is showing its age.

As the years go by, the rule of diminishing returns applies. There are fewer of us in terms of active committee members, but the workload, whilst not onerous, remains similar. We really could do with more help.

Sadly our excellent treasurer may well be leaving the village, which will leave yet another vacancy. If nobody volunteers for that post, we may have to pay a book-keeper to do the job. And if that means hiring charges eventually have to increase to cover that expenditure, there is nothing we can do about that!

At the risk of repeating myself: I know I have been my post for too long, and I would very gladly stand down, but I would prefer to see some sort of succession in place, before I do so!

Traditionally previous Chairmen seem to have died in harness. God willing, I do not intend to do that, and if I have to leave a vacuum that the village has to fill; then so be it. I volunteered to do the job for five or six years, not 'ad infinitum'. It has been a pleasant worthwhile and rewarding task, and at times it has been great fun, but enough is enough.

I will serve one more year if asked, but it really will be my last! So come on you 50 year olds, stand up and be counted!

Roger Nash 01438 832101

Kimpton Memorial Hall

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Grateful Thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks, a donation received from Mrs Maisie Harding.

Kimpton Public Rights of Way

The first stretch of permissive path along the 'Chris Baker Way' from Kimpton to Peter's Green is now 'kind of' usable. It is a little over a quarter of a mile long, starting opposite the house 'Commons' on Fox Hill, running inside the hedge by the Peter's Green road and ending at a place that is a relatively safe place to cross to join the existing footpath on the south side of the road. We've made the access ramps from the road at each end and cleared a way through a field boundary, but we've still to put some surfacing on the ramps to make them less muddy. And we've still to put up signs and bollards to prevent vehicles entering the fields.

On this subject we've had several incidents recently of both 4 wheeled vehicles and motorbikes deliberately (and illegally) 'off-roading' on the rights of way and in the fields. It is quite dispiriting to spend a back-breaking day voluntarily improving a path, only to find it churned up by an off-road motorbike the very next day. Our farmers are making ever greater effort to block vehicle access, but it is difficult on the paths without making access more difficult for legitimate users – contrary to what we are generally trying to do.

Otherwise, apart from the mud, most paths seem to be in reasonably good shape. If you think not, please let me or Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer at Herts. County Council, know.

(tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Bob Malcolm 01438-832309 bobm@ideo.co.uk

Nominations now open for CPRE Hertfordshire's Rural Living Awards

The future of our green and pleasant land is in all our hands and how we preserve it for generations to come. This is why the CPRE Hertfordshire Living Awards are a vital chapter in the county's never ending quest to maintain its heritage as one of the finest counties in England and reflect the work by groups and individuals to keep Hertfordshire a vibrant beacon in country affairs. They aim to highlight efforts made by groups or individuals to improve life and enhance the environment in Hertfordshire's villages and its countryside. CPRE Hertfordshire is now launching the Rural

Living Awards 2016 so if you want to put your project, as an individual or a community, forward for consideration then get organised now and you could be making your own chapter in the county's rural history at the end of the year. Deadline for nominations to reach us is Friday 27 May. Don't be shy, anyone can make a nomination, you can even nominate yourself.

The Awards are judged in two categories – Community and Environment, with judges looking for innovative projects that unite rural communities, benefit the community and promote access to the countryside. There are also awards for Rural Living Champions: young people and adults who make outstanding contributions to rural life. New to 2016 is the Rural Business in the Community Award: for a rural business which has made an outstanding contribution to community life.

More information, details of previous recipients and nomination forms can be found on our website: www.cpreherts.org.uk

Garden Club News

The Club meets on the first Wednesday in every month in the Memorial Hall Green Room at 8 p.m. where members are entertained by speakers on topical subjects usually with video support.

We organise coach outings to beautiful gardens and in June we are off on a day trip to Hever Castle in Kent. and in addition there are afternoon and evening outings.

The Club is a very friendly gathering and members enjoy a Summer Garden Party and a Christmas Party with entertainment.

Visitors are welcome, £2 a visit and membership is very reasonable at £12 p.a. For more details contact Mary on 01582 832110.

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Autumn *September 16th*

Winter *November 18th*

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Meet the 2016 May Queen and her Attendants.....and other May Festival news



From the Chairman....

On behalf of the Committee let me welcome you to the Kimpton May Festival 2016 . This is my first year as Chairman and I must take time to thank our previous Chairman ,Andrew Ackrill for all of his hard work and leadership over the last five years. This year's theme is Animal Magic and you will see this reflected in the floats, costumes, events and activities throughout the Festival. Keep a special look out for the Dinosaur.

Please give your support to our May Queen Charlotte and her attendants Emma and Poppy. This is their weekend and they are in for a busy time. I am sure they will enjoy themselves and hope they will go away with great memories.

It always surprises me how a small village like Kimpton can produce year on year a top class festival and I am sure this year will be no different. This of course does not happen on its own, it takes a dedicated team of committee members to put it together, all bringing various skills to the table. This year a few new members came forward and it has especially been encouraging to see a younger element joining our ranks. That said we are always after more members to join our happy band. If you are interested please approach any Committee member (look out for purple polo shirts) or visit the Committee tent on Saturday or Monday on The Green.

The May Festival is a great social event but it is important to remember that the money raised by all of you continues to support the Church as well as a number of groups that operate in and around the village.

Finally for those who are attending for the 1st or 51st time, we hope you enjoy the Festival and please if you see me strolling around or on the bar (probably wearing a silly hat) stop and have a chat.

Have a fantastic weekend. John Hills

Bakers wanted for Vicarage Cream Teas!

We are sure it has not escaped your notice that May Festival starts in April so on Friday April 29th there will be a box on the Vicarage doorstep in the High Street for donations of home baked cakes and scones. The box will also be there on Saturday and Sunday.

Whole cakes of all kinds, especially coffee and chocolate are very welcome. Unfilled plain sponges, tray-bakes, small cakes and biscuits are also suitable. Those of you who bake scones (to go with our jam and Cornish Cream), could they please be plain (no fruit) and 3 inches / 8cm in diameter.

If you have never baked for us before, why not do so this year? Your baking will be greatly appreciated by all who come to enjoy Vicarage Cream Teas. If you would like to help by serving, working behind the scenes or washing up, there will be rotas at the back of the church for signing up. We depend entirely on the goodwill of all our wonderful Kimpton home bakers.

Liz Jamieson and Valerie Pollington



Hi, I'm Charlotte! I'm 13 years old and currently at Sir John Lawes School in Harpenden. Before starting SJL I went to Kimpton primary school. I have lived in Kimpton my whole life and have been to every May festival.

My hobbies include baking, playing the piano, shopping and spending time with my friends but mostly swimming! I swim 3-4 times a week at Harpenden swimming club. I've enjoyed many activities in the village such as Rainbows, Brownies and Guides as well as going to B.L.A.S.T then Sleepyheadz at Kimpton Church.

I was thrilled to be chosen as the May Queen and I'm excited to spend time with my friends Poppy and Emma. I love the May festival as it's a time the whole village gets together and is one of the highlights of my year. Fingers crossed the weather is good, I can't wait to see you all there!

Hi, my name is Poppy and I'm 13 years old. I go to Roundwood Park School but when I was younger, I went to Kimpton Primary School. I have lived in Kimpton my whole life and I'm probably going to stay in Kimpton for the rest of my life!

My hobbies include reading, meeting up with friends and horse riding. I have a pony called Kimber and she means the world to me.

I was super excited when I was told that I was May Attendant for this year's May Festival and I'm going to have so many memories from this amazing experience! I can't wait to spend the weekend with my friends Emma and Charlotte! And I can't wait to see you at the May festival either!



My name is Emma, I am 13 years old and I currently go to St. George's School. I moved to Kimpton from London five and a half years ago and joined Kimpton Primary School in year 3.

My hobbies include music, drama, art, and sport. I started playing the flute in year 4 and I am currently working towards my grade 5. Last September I joined Junior Kimpton Players and recently we performed a pantomime in the Village Hall. I discovered my love of sport and art when I came to Kimpton Primary School. I've always loved the May Festival; I think it's a wonderful part of Kimpton life.

My favourite parts are the arena events and the stalls. I always look forward to 'Kimpton Entertains' as it's fun and the acts are really unique and enjoyable.



KIMPTON ART SHOW

Kimpton Art Show 2016

The Kimpton Art Show is now in its 35th year. This year's May Bank Holiday Show begins at 6pm on Friday 29th April and runs until 3pm on Monday 2nd May.

The format will be familiar to many of you. The show takes place in the beautiful surroundings of our Parish Church to the accompaniment of a range of local musicians. The Opening Night is Friday 29th April from 6pm to 9pm and, for many villagers, it is the traditional way to begin the May Festival weekend. Admission is £5.00, payable at the door, and includes a complimentary glass of wine. Admission on Saturday, Sunday and Monday is £1 with children free.

Each year, the Show brings together more than 100 artists from across the region. Exhibits typically include oils, watercolours and mixed media. Other exhibits are likely to include high quality displays of glassware, stained glass, ceramics, sculpture, framed photography and textiles.

Proceeds from entry fees, sales commissions

and sponsors are donated to the charities supported by the May Festival and the Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust. Last year we were able to distribute £7,000, a recent record if not the highest ever total. This year we are aiming to do even better!

As ever, we rely on the generous support of our volunteer helpers. The Bench Working Party has kindly offered to assist us yet again but we are looking for assistance from individuals who would be happy to help out on the door, act as stewards or man the desk during the show.

Tim Edwards is compiling the rota and he'd love to hear from any of you, even if you can only commit for an hour, at edwards1812@gmail.com Also, it will be possible to sign-up in church shortly.

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

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

Ted Frith 07881 787630

MacFest is back!

The fantastic Macmillan music event Macfest is back again this year and is organised by the Welwyn and Hatfield Macmillan Fundraising Group. It is on Saturday 23rd July and will be held at Robin Hood Little and John pub in Rabley Heath.

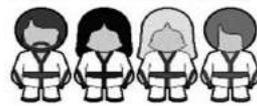
For the event we want to raise as much money as possible for people affected by cancer and so we are asking local companies to sponsor the event for which we need £2,000. We also need lots of volunteers to help on the day so if you are able to help with either request then please get in touch with Josie Chamberlin on Josie.chamberlin@btopenworld.com

May Festival 2015 accounts are on page 22

music night 7

Presents...

ABBA Band Swede Dreamz



& The Pirate Captains

If the last six shows are anything to go by this will be another **SELL OUT** event!

Sunday 1st May 2016

With a Swede Dreamz concert come a massive catalogues of ABBA hits sung with superb live vocals, harmonies, fantastic lighting show and stunning costumes. (Several costume changes throughout the show)

Swede Dreamz from the opening beats of 'Waterloo' to final notes of 'Thank You For The Music' Swede Dreamz will deliver the Magic and excitement of one of the World's successful bands.

The night's performance will feature all of ABBA's greatest memorable hits including: *Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, Take A Chance On Me, SOS, Voulez Vous, Fernando, Knowing Me Knowing You, Money Money Money, Waterloo* and many more!

Returning back to Music Night will be local heart throbs The Captain Pirates. This bunch of local guys and girls are guaranteed to perform a fast and furious set featuring hits from 60s, 70s and 80s. Last time their performance had the Music Night audience jumping and dancing until they dropped.

So come and experience a great party atmosphere by purchasing your tickets for Music Night 7 and you're sure to have the time of your life!

Limited early bird discounted tickets available from Website: Eventbrite/kimptonmayfest.co.uk or May Fest Box office, High Street
Tickets: £10 (advance) or £20 (on the door)

Over 14 years old only • Licensed Bars • Doors 7 30pm

*Events at the
Palladian Church
Ayot St Lawrence*



Saturday 23rd April

1.30pm Celtic Singing Workshop

Saturday 14th May

7.30pm Tutored Wine Tasting

Sunday 22nd May

7.30pm The Corenno Singers

Saturday 11th June - Monday 13th June

10am - 5pm Ayot Art Show

Tea and cakes will be available at the Church on Saturday and Sunday

There is also a Beer Festival at the Brocket Arms over the weekend

Saturday 11th June (11am-5pm) and Sunday 12th June (2pm-5pm)

National Open Gardens Scheme at 2 Ruins Cottage and West House, The Old Rectory

Saturday 18th June

5pm Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir

**Kimpton Litter Pick
Saturday 2nd April**

Can you help with this year's litter pick on Saturday 2nd April? Since 2011 the annual litter pick has collected a staggering 784 bags of rubbish from the lanes around Kimpton. Can you imagine what an eyesore that would have been on our beautiful countryside? If you can help in 2016 then please let Tim Parfitt know on tim.parfitt@netcel.com or 01438 833965 / 07977 001753.

The litter picks starts at Claggy Stores at 10am and ends with a well-earned drink in The Boot from 1pm.

Kimpton Bowls Club

Since the last report the bowls club has had it's Finals Day and AGM.

The trophy winners were

Three Woods:	Phil Matthews
Two Woods:	Pat Flury
Handicap:	Pat Flury
Novices:	Jonathon Shelbourne
Veterans:	Margaret Butterfield
Yardstick:	Margaret Porter
Ladies Singles:	Pat Flury
Mens singles:	Phil Matthews

The Club Person of the Year was awarded to husband and wife "team", Angus and Brenda Lennox.

Angus was proud to announce that Kimpton topped the Welwyn/Hatfield Triples League so will now play in the First Division.

At the AGM, the elected officers were

Chair	Hal Boshier
Secretary	Beverley Pate
Treasurer	Jane Robinson
Captain	Angus Lennox

Committee members are Audrey Hill, Marian Ginn, Brenda Lennox and Warren Phillips. Roy Willetts, who had served as treasurer for many years, was awarded Honorary Membership.

Forthcoming Events

Opening of Season Sunday 17th. April
May Festival 30th April. Join us for fun and games and tea at the bowling green.

Open Day

Saturday 7th. May. Watch for posters for details.

As usual, the bowls club will be providing teas. Coffee homemade cakes etc. on May Festival Saturday, with fun and games for all on the Green. In addition you will be invited to "Beat the Bowler" challenge; a one-on-one short match to test your skill against a club member! We look forward to seeing you all again this year and, hopefully joining this very friendly village club. Details available on May Day, from Beveley Pate 01582834014, or visit our website www.kimptonbowlsclub.blogspot.com

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Kimpton W.I.

The Kimpton W.I. has had an interesting few months. We had a trip for members, family and friends to the Kings Cross Theatre to see the excellent production of "The Railway Children", followed by afternoon tea in the station buffet. A group of eight members attended Breachwood Green W.I.'s Scottish Christmas party and had a great time joining in the Scottish dancing and singing.

In January Nigel Dowse, a computer expert from Kimpton, answered a wide variety of computer queries and problems and made a lot of us feel much happier about using our computers.

In February we celebrated Kimpton W.I.'s 97th birthday (one of the oldest organisations in the village) and were delighted to have with us our County Chairman, Jill Profit, County Trustee, Jean Curl, visitors from Breachwood Green W.I., Peters Green W.I. and several members of the Kimpton Belles. It was an excellent evening with a delicious supper provided by members and wonderful entertainment by the operatic singer Ashley Bowyer from Hitchin.

Debbie Brady came to our meeting in March and enlightened us about being 'A Female in Fleet Street'.

John Hills will be giving us a talk about being a Mace Bearer in April and in May we will be holding our Annual Meeting, followed by one of our members talking about 'Fashion and Clothes'.

June will be an open meeting to which the public will be invited to come and see the fascinating Bird Lady – Sue Mitchell. Her talk entitled 'Enraptured with Raptors' will be accompanied by a display of flying by several of her birds. Keep an eye out for posters around the village advertising this event nearer the date.

A warm welcome is always given to visitors. Why not come and join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in the lounge of the Memorial Hall. For further information contact Janet Holmes-Walker (President) 01438 832597 or Sue Newman (Secretary) 01438 832560. *Janet*

Goodbye to Peter's Green Women's Institute 1920 - 2015

It is very sad to report that at the end of last year we had to make the decision to close the village W.I., one of the oldest in Hertfordshire, having been formed in 1920. It has always been a very active group, enjoying all the activities organised by ourselves, other W.I.'s and County House, and having held many events in the Village Hall, the last being the Queen's Jubilee when 10 other W.I.'s joined us. However, as our members numbers fell to 6, we had to make the decision to close. Very sad for many of our long term members, who joined in their 20's and remained with us until well into their 80's. We have enjoyed the use of the Village Hall and have many happy memories there.

*Mary Bremner
Secretary, Peter's Green W. I.*

Peters Green Village Hall

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

The level grounds 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

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**The deadline for the summer edition of this magazine is Friday June 24th
Copy and photos to
kimpton.editor@btinternet.com**



Royal British Legion

I'm sure many of you saw the excellent display in Church over Christmas which comprised of a Christmas tree bearing a gift for each fallen serviceman whose name appears on the War Memorial and an entry for each in a logbook giving some personal details.

Many thanks to Sue Burns for this which was done on her own initiative.

This current year's Poppy Appeal currently stands at £3236.13. Many thanks to Sue, Appeal Organiser and to all collectors and the Populations of Kimpton, Peter's Green and surrounding communities.

The Legion in Kimpton could be making some changes in the near future. Following an initiative from Head Office we will be debating a merger or the Women's and Men's Branches at our next meeting. This should prove interesting.

Kimpton Branch has recently updated its website. You will find information on Kimpton branch and the Legion Nationally; the link is

www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/Kimpton

Many thanks to Duncan Reed for his efforts on this.

We are still keen to recruit new members to the Legion which does sterling work in supporting ex servicemen. Anybody requiring further information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Secretary, Dave Gibbs, (0782 438 7460).

Dave Gibbs
Branch Secretary



Blood in pee campaign

Mr Nikhil Vasdev, Consultant Urology Surgeon from Pinehill Hospital has been selected to be a spokesperson for Be Clear on Cancer 'blood in pee' campaign aimed at raising awareness of bladder and kidney cancer symptoms, and encourage those with symptoms to visit their GP.

Blood in the urine can be an early symptom of bladder and kidney cancer. Each year, around 17,450 people in England are diagnosed with bladder or kidney cancers and approximately 7,600 die from these cancers. On ITV News Mr Nikhil Vasdev said that diagnosing both cancers at an early stage improves both short term and long term survival rates. Speaking about the campaign, Mr Nikhil Vasdev said "The blood in pee campaign highlights the importance of seeking medical advice if this symptom arises. Bladder and kidney cancers can cause blood in the pee, hence, it is crucial

to raise the importance of recognising the symptoms. The key is to get a diagnosis quickly, and if either bladder or kidney cancer is diagnosed, patients can have prompt treatment which can improve patient outcomes from the perspective of immediate cure and hopefully improve long term outcomes as well" The campaign's key message is 'If you notice blood in your pee, even if it's 'just the once', tell your doctor'. The additional message from the campaign is "look before you flush".

**Kimpton Friendly
Bridge Club**
meets every Thursday evening
in Church House
for a 19:30 start

Kimpton Scout Group

As the days are getting lighter, and Spring is almost upon us, our Kimpton Scout leaders are busy preparing for an exciting Summer Term with plenty of outdoor activities to both excite and challenge.

This term has seen the Beavers learning photographic skills and completing their Teamwork Challenge badge. The children always have fun and we are currently looking to add to our numbers so do please register on the Family Information Form on our website www.kimptonscouts.org.uk.

Some of our older Scouts recently joined the Explorer Chiltern Challenge and came second in the training teams category; a great achievement indeed. The Scouts do lot of preparation for outdoor challenges, not least learning how to cook a nourishing meal on a couple of gas rings. The photo shows one patrol experimenting in the hall.

You will know that for some time we were appealing for a new Scout Leader. We are delighted that Lynne Wood has agreed to take over in April. The night for the Scouts will change to a Monday, so if you feel that this evening suits you better and you'd like to volunteer please get in touch.

With Lynne taking over, it means that the time has come to say a very sad 'good bye' to Mark Hubbard as our Scout Leader. He re-established the Scout Troop and has made it the tremendous success it is today. We are all indebted to his commitment and dedication. Thankfully he has kindly offered to continue to support us by being our Quarter Master, ensuring we keep all our equipment in order. I'm sure everyone connected with Kimpton Scout Group would like to join me in extending the most heartfelt thanks to Mark for everything he has done.

Annie New Group Scout Leader 01438 833421



Scouts demonstrate their cooking skills (left) and Lynne Wood who is taking over as Scout Leader in April.



Safer Neighbourhoods (SN)

I understand that the door to door introductions by our PCSO, Heather Burrows, will resume shortly which involves checking whether residents have any security concerns and encouraging them to join the OWL messaging service and receive selected police and NHW e-mails.

If you need to contact her or our Ward Constable PC Chris Suckling please use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 and clearly identify the officer with whom you wish to speak. Other contact numbers are inside the magazine's back cover including the Police & Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd.

For non-emergency calls please use 101

More news is expected shortly about increased police support for NHW from Rural Teams across the County based on links with Herts Watch, the County NHW Committee, and all ten North Herts District Councils.

Local Crimes

There have been no reported incidents in the last three months which is good news.

Alerts

In addition to previous warnings please put the phone down on any of the following cold calls:- Wills and Trusts

Don't get involved with any firm claiming to be able to safeguard your assets with advice on Wills or Trusts.

Taking advice from your chosen solicitor is the only safe way to proceed.

Breaking into your Bank

Caller claims to be your bank saying that your account has been hacked and they need to put you through to the police. After a pause another voice comes on, obviously in the same office, claiming to be a policeman and asks for your account and pin numbers. Police Officers would never ask you to do that.

Royal Mail email Virus

Beware a bogus Royal Mail email saying they have a letter/parcel for your collection and inviting you to follow some instructions in order to release the item and if you comply you allow

a virus into your computer which then encrypts some files. Subsequently you are requested to send a ransom to have the files decrypted!!

Fraud Prevention

Numerous examples of fraud can be found on the police OWL website.

Senior Resident Security

Herts Watch has just launched a new scheme called Senior Watch aimed at providing protection and advice to the growing number of elderly residents particularly those vulnerable to rogue traders, frauds and scams and do not have access to e-mail.

The scheme organisers will work with other local agencies to inform members about local support services and support groups and provide other useful advice such as how to access a vetted and reliable tradesperson.

To register, visit www.owl.co.uk/herts/senior

Membership is voluntary, free of charge., and targetted at relatives of elderly residents, carers and caring neighbours.

Caring Neighbours

Please do check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and, in particular, remind them not to let unexpected doorstep callers into their house or engage in conversation with any dubious phone caller. If in any doubt, tell them to put the phone down or if the caller is on the doorstep and they are unsure about their identity, do advise them to close the door and then call the Police immediately on 999. The police say that if you do this they can react more quickly to a crime in progress and there is evidence to support this.

Night Security and Absence

If your property will be unoccupied in the coming weeks, please 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..

Finally, please be aware of and report any suspicious activity.

*Alan Smith, Kimpton Village NHW Co-ordinator
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The Kimpton Players
next production

Tom Jones

15th - 18th
June 2016

By Joan Macalpine
Based on the novel by
Henry Fielding

For more information
watch our website
www.thekimptonplayers.co.uk
or follow us on Facebook or Twitter

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*"A fast paced
comedy romp,
following the
fortunes of a young
man much beset
by women"*

**Don't miss this
18th century
romp!**

Since acting in this play in London and Florida, producer Keith White has wanted to stage a production of Tom Jones at Kimpton. This fast moving and funny adaptation of an 18th Century comic novel offers some great parts for actors and riotous fun for the audience. The problem has always been finding an actor of the right age (and stamina!) to play Tom. The Kimpton Players is now fortunate to have had an influx of younger members so now is the right time to do it.

So do come along for a fun packed evening and see some familiar (and some new) faces having fun on stage!

Poster design: Gary Vine

*Looks
like
spring
has
arrived!*



photo: Andy Wright

Kimpton Folk Festival

Saturday July 9th 2016

An exciting new musical event for the village

Just in case you haven't heard, there's going to be a one-day folk festival in Kimpton on 9 July. Let me tell you a bit more about it all.

Why a folk festival? For a good few years now, pubs in Kimpton and surrounding areas have become a bit of a centre for folk 'sessions', where musicians drop in and play informally, over a few drinks. Our sessions at the moment are fortnightly at The Boot (2nd and 4th Thursdays) and the 3rd Friday of the month at The Brocket Arms. In late 2014, a session attendee who shall remain nameless (otherwise known as Annie New) suggested we build on our reputation as a



festival village and organise a Kimpton folk festival. The idea kind of took hold, and a committee was set up.

What? Since December 2014, the committee has been meeting regularly – now once a fortnight – to thrash out what a Kimpton Folk Festival might look like and how we might raise the funds to put something on. Grants from Kimpton Parish Council, North Herts District Council and our own May Festival have enabled us to plan a festival which will take place around the village, with three concerts on the main stage in the Memorial Hall, free all-day events on the Green, a continuous concert in the Church, and workshops in the Dacre Rooms. Plus street stalls, sessions and dancing.

Who? Folk music may not be your 'thing', but bear in mind that we have selected artists who together represent a very wide range of musical styles. Our headline act is Nancy Kerr and James Fagan who are multiple winners of BBC Radio 2

Folk Awards, with many other brilliant performers like Wild Willy Barrett, who is featuring in a special preview concert on 23 April.

Most importantly, this festival is not just about spectating, it is also about joining in - with the dancing, the sessions, the instrument workshops – and in just having a good time. I hope you are as excited about this new event as I am!

Please visit the website to see the complete lineup: www.kimptonfolk.uk or email the organising committee with any other suggestions or queries: hello@kimptonfolk.uk

Doug Jenner Chairman Kimpton Folk Events

Income	50% Retained	2015	2014	Up / (Down)
Net Fund Raising Income -		£	£	
Art Show (Church Rest. Fund)	✓	3,500.00	3,250.00	250.00
Auction		2,140.00	2,720.00	(580.00)
Ballroom Race		-	44.00	(44.00)
Brains Bars		117.76	134.31	(16.55)
Brains of Kimpton		241.24	151.25	89.99
Bucket Collection		193.24	193.24	0.00
Car Boot Sale		145.00	115.00	30.00
Church Service Collection		165.05	37.36	127.69
Craft Demonstration		139.75	-	139.75
Craft Market (Kimpton Preschool)	✓	576.50	550.00	26.50
Dacre Rooms	✓	225.00	-	225.00
Disco		41.60	(23.27)	64.87
Football 5 a side		160.00	150.00	10.00
Football 5 a side Bars		199.77	265.15	(65.38)
Fun Run		1,123.45	424.79	698.66
Games Zone - World Challengers		129.05	-	129.05
Grand Draw		1,491.00	999.76	491.24
Hog Roast		449.98	535.43	(85.45)
Hog Roast Bar		27.34	-	27.34
Kimpton Bell Ringers Collection	✓	59.12	43.25	15.87
Kimpton Bowls Club	✓	90.00	123.00	(33.00)
Kimpton Bridge Club	✓	180.00	140.00	40.00
Kimpton Brownies	✓	115.85	96.30	19.55
Kimpton Cricket Club	✓	85.00	112.85	(27.85)
Kimpton Entertains		1,498.10	1,440.00	58.10
Kimpton Entertains Bars		391.13	449.57	(58.45)
Kimpton Environmentalists	✓	107.65	137.42	(29.77)
Kimpton Football Club - BBQ	✓	-	150.00	(150.00)
Kimpton Garden Club	✓	138.40	168.50	(30.10)
Kimpton History Group	✓	62.75	72.00	(9.25)
Kimpton Scouts - Book Stall	✓	196.57	176.00	20.57
Kimpton Tennis Club	✓	191.50	191.50	0.00
KSA BBQ	✓	1,000.00	777.62	222.38
May Fest 1-Towels		140.00	(365.30)	505.30
McPhun/McColl Cakes		-	14.44	(14.44)
Patrick Rutherford - World Challenge	✓	55.00	403.01	(348.01)
Monday Cream Teas (Kimpton Belles)	✓	398.70	455.00	(55.30)
Music Night		6.50	6.50	0.00
Music Night Bars		944.17	1,634.67	(690.50)
Pimms Bars		168.89	312.33	(143.44)
Programmes		1,241.00	1,064.50	176.50
Saturday Rec Bars		841.13	995.14	(154.00)
Scout Car Park	✓	30.00	36.00	(6.00)
Scout Train	✓	30.00	30.20	(0.20)
Teddy Bears Picnic	✓	757.08	145.00	(612.08)
Vicarage Cream Teas	✓	794.88	978.04	(183.16)
Wine Tasting	✓	123.80	384.81	(261.01)
Women's British Legion	✓	97.25	97.25	0.00
Women's Institute Cake Stall	✓	157.50	140.00	17.50
		20,840.45	19,565.38	1,275.07
Misc.		-	23.01	(23.01)
Bank Interest		-	0.33	(0.33)
Charity/Commercial Stalls		875.00	845.00	30.00
Fairground Rides		350.00	430.00	(80.00)
50% Group Retention		8,050.42	7,481.44	568.98
Total Income		30,115.87	28,345.16	1,770.71

Kimpton May Festival Accounts 2015

Expenditure	2015	2014
Entertainment	1929.00	4764.12
General Expenses	2824.90	3080.62
Traffic Management	1050.44	1602.00
Insurance	620.01	742.53
Prizes & Rosettes	459.70	649.49
Publicity Expenses	88.43	151.57
Total Expenditure	6,972.48	10,990.33

Total Income	30,115.87	28,345.16
Total Expenditure	6,972.48	10,990.33
2014 Surplus / (Deficit)	23,143.39	17,354.83
Less 50% Group Retention	(8,050.42)	(7,481.44)
Less 50% Bars (Kimpton Guides & Rainbows)	-	(922.08)
2014 Surplus / (Deficit)	15,092.97	8,951.31

Distribution:	2015	2014
Church Restoration Fund	5,000.00	3,000.00
Kimpton Memorial Hall	2,000.00	3,000.00
World Challenge - Emily Westcott	250.00	100.00
World Challenge - Ben Purvis	200.00	-
World Challenge - Patrick Rutherford	75.00	-
World Challenge - Daniel Hubbard	50.00	-
World Challenge - Robert Mitchell	50.00	-
World Challenge - Jonty Watkin-Rees	50.00	-
World Challenge - Tom Clayton	50.00	-
Flower Arrangers	-	100.00
Garden House Hospice	2,000.00	200.00
Dacre Rooms	1,500.00	-
Royal British Legion	150.00	-
Herts Air Ambulance	200.00	200.00
Isabel Hospice	200.00	200.00
Keetch Cottage Hospice	200.00	500.00
Kimpton Bench Working Party	-	-
Kimpton Defib	500.00	-
Kimpton KSA	1,500.00	-
Kimpton Tennis Club	1,000.00	-
Kimpton Preschool	500.00	-
Kimpton Folk Fest	1,000.00	-
Kimpton Bowls	-	100.00
Kimpton Rovers Football Club	-	200.00
Noise Project	50.00	60.00
	14,925.00	7,860.00

Opening Balance	8,817.18
Plus Net Income	30,115.87
Less Expenditure	(6,972.48)
Less 50% Group Retention	(8,050.42)
Surplus	15,092.97
Less Distribution	(14,925.00)
Closing Balance	8,985.15

The Church in Kimpton

Parish Church

Vicar

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Urgent 999 Non Urgent 101

Ward Constable Chris Suckling
Community Support Officer PCSO Heather Burrows
01707 354192 (automated system)

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team
Sergeant Steve Oliphant
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 freephone 116 123 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, Monday to Friday, with morning sessions from 8.50am to 11.50am and Lunch Clubs from 11.50am to 1.20pm. 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
barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

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USEFUL LINKS

www.kimpton.org.uk

www.herts.police.uk

www.stalbans.anglican.org

www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk