

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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Photo: Andy Wright

May Festival, The Queen's 90th celebrations, Folk Festival and much more



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
3rd Sunday 9.30am	Parish Church	Informal worship followed by Parish breakfast
Sunday 6pm	Perry Green Chapel	Evening Service
Tuesday 5.30pm	Parish Church	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 9am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
Thursday 9am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
6.45pm	Parish Church	Evening Prayer

For special services please see Sunday pew sheet

Prayer Corner

If you would like to have a few moments of prayer or contemplation, please feel free to come to our new Prayer Corner in the Church. There is an opportunity to light a candle for a loved one and sit for a while to think about them and perhaps offer a prayer.

Instead of the Prayer Board, we have a book, where you are invited to write your prayer requests, this will be dated monthly so that there is a permanent record. The Church is open every day and all are welcome to come and experience the peace of our Prayer Corner and beautiful Church.



Our Shared Humanity

By the time this comes out the results of the EU referendum will have already come out and more than likely be old news. But I wanted to share some of my thoughts with you on this historic

occasion – what it becomes historic for only time will tell, and that time will not yet have come even by the time you read this.

This morning I conducted the wedding of a lovely couple in Ayot St Lawrence. It was such a pleasure to marry these two – a couple who it was clear have seen enough of life to know that marriage is not a case of happily ever after, but rather a journey in which they get to know one another better and better through a series of adventures, entered into with graciousness and generosity of spirit. They know life isn't always sunny and bright, that it has a few rainy days – which make the good times all the more to be treasured and celebrated.

The number of guests was small enough, and intimate enough, to allow for all to gather around the couple as we prayed for them. It just seemed the most natural thing in the world to gather their closest family and friends and circle them with the love and blessings of those who know them best.

Afterward, a small group of tourists from Germany wandered into the church, clearly fans of George Bernard Shaw, asking lots of questions about him and indicating a familiarity with one of the UK's most beloved playwrights. I was with someone who was heading out to vote and made it clear they were voting to remain. Our visitors grinned, and shared how happy that made them. They said they wanted everyone in the UK to know how well-loved they are in Europe. The UK is held in great affection.

And I have to say this has been expressed by so many of my European friends, both here in the UK and living within Europe. There was a little film clip of people in Europe passing a chain of kisses in the direction of the UK – all wanting the people of the UK to know how

much they are loved. Unfortunately I only saw it on social media, and not on the main news channels.

So why am I sharing this now, when the vote is known and I am unable to influence it? I am sharing this because whatever the outcome, there are those within the EU who have an affection for the UK, and that affection is not going to go away. Whatever the outcome, it is vital that we keep hold of the positive relationships we have with EU countries, that we value all that is positive, and seek to continue to foster those good relations.

There has been a lot of vitriol during the campaign. Much like any relationship where there has been disappointment, what is called for now is a maturity, a generosity of spirit and a wisdom that allows us as a nation, and as a nation that has neighbours who care about us – not just as partners in trade, but as fellow human beings with whom we have a shared history and culture to move forward together in our common, shared humanity, working to heal any wounds and divisions, and for a better future for us all. *Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills*

Here comes the Noise!

For the seventh consecutive year, the NOISE PROJECT will be hitting the streets of Kimpton. This year, it is on SATURDAY JULY 16TH.

Each year, the numbers of volunteers has grown - last year we had over 80, most of them were young people - and we were able to sort out a huge number of tasks for people in Kimpton and Peters Green; tasks that they couldn't cope with by themselves.

This year, we have got an ambitious list of tasks, so how about coming along and joining in.

It starts at 8.30am for breakfast in Church House and finishes at 6.30pm after a BBQ supper - all of the food is FREE!

If you know of someone who needs our help, let me know (01438 832427).

I hope to see YOU there! *Andy Morton*

From the Registers

Baptisms

28th March 2016 Louis Jonathan Macnab MacKenzie
28th March 2016 Amelie Marjorie Anne MacKenzie

Confirmation

At St Nicholas, Harpenden by Bishop of Hertford on 15th May 2016

Jack Clayton
Thomas Clayton
Charlotte Corcoran
Robert Charles James
Jennifer Elizabeth Meiklejohn
Helena Jane Sweet

Weddings and Blessings of Marriage

7th May 2016 Holly Phoebe Burrows to Daniel Allan Anglin
21st May 2016 Lina Perez and Barty Playdell-Bouverie

Burials and Cremations

29th March 2016 Mary Ellen Dyke
4th May 2016 David Symonds
6th May 2016 Arthur Meritt
18th May 2016 Peter Goldie
7th June 2016 Alfred Brian Howe

We have also learnt with great sadness that Margaret Payne died at Penton Mewsey on 22 Mar 2016

'Thank You' Villagers!

It all seems a long time ago now, but the Vicarage Cream Tea Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the May Festival Vicarage teas a success.

Special thanks to those who, anonomously, left cakes on the Vicarage doorstep and therefore couldn't be thanked personally by us.

We greatly appreciate all the support that we, on behalf of the Church, receive from the village residents which enables our ancient church building to be kept in good order for the use of everyone. Thank You! *Liz Jamieson*

This year's Kimpton Community Awards

At this year's May Festival service Bonnie presented the annual Kimpton Community Awards to people who have given outstanding service to the village.



Sue Burns, Robin Wells (who was unable to attend), Marion and Dud Ginn received this year's awards.

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks, donations received from Kimpton Garden Club, Kimpton Horse Show, Peter's Green Baptist Chapel.





Six people from Kimpton were confirmed by the Bishop of Hertford at St Nicholas Church, Harpenden. Helena Sweet, Thomas Clayton, Robert James, Charlotte Corcoran, Jack Clayton and Jenny Meiklejohn are pictured with The Bishop and Vicar Bonnie.

BLAST (Bible Learning and Sharing Together) have been talking and learning all about God’s creatures this term.

“So God created ... every living creature that moves. And God saw how good it was. “(Genesis 1:21). There are so many wonderful creatures to celebrate but let’s not forget God’s littlest creatures, bees, butterflies, insects and birds. Let’s remember their needs this summer: A variety of plants for food, rocks, brush piles or even a rotten log for shelter, and bird baths or small dishes for water. If you drop a few rocks in them, small insects like bees and butterflies can crawl down them to drink.

BLAST meets weekly during term time, in Church house, the building just beyond the Parish Church, up in the corner of the churchyard. We have fun, we do crafts, Bible lessons, and we even created our own game of mini golf recently. BLAST runs during our church service, from 9:30 to 10:15 am. At 10.15am we join the congregation for communion.

We would love to have some more friendly faces come and join us. If you are between 4-11 years old, do come along. You don’t need an adult to stay with you, although if they wish to, they are most welcome. *Amanda Corcoran*



Several members of BLAST, who took their first communion recently at the Sunday morning service, receive a blessing from Bonnie. (above)

BLAS(T)ing off on a Sunday morning!



Kimpton History Group

Wednesday 20th July (Site Visit)

“An evening Blue Guide tour of Harpenden”
Elizabeth Eastward, will be our guide again.
Restricted to members and their guests only.

Wednesday 21st September

8pm in the Green Room

“Kimpton water: whence and whither?”
Bob Finch and Bob Malcolm will describe and illustrate the evolution of the supply of clean(ish) water to the parish and the disposal (or not) of both dirty water (sewage) and rain water.

Wednesday 19th October

8pm in the Green Room

“Scandal, Honour and Duty, the families of Kimpton Hoo”

An illustrated talk by Peter Hale, author of the book “Noble & Splendid”

(Please note this is a change to the published programme, the talk “WW1 Miscellany” will now be in November)

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend any of the talks, for which we charge £3 per visit.

For more information about the Group please contact Juliet Morton (01438 832427).

Kimpton W.I.

We have had some interesting and entertaining speakers at our monthly meetings, all of which have been well attended. In April John Hills from Kimpton enlightened our members about his role as Mace Bearer for the Mayor of St. Albans. He came with his full regalia plus ancient Mace, under lock and key, which dates back to the 17th century. He dressed one of our members in his regalia and entrusted her with the Mace. She looked and felt quite grand!

Our Annual Meeting was in May when our committee was re-elected. After the formalities, one of our members, Gloria Barratt, told us about her many years in the fashion industry and how she had an inner sense as to what best suited many of her clients. We all wanted to book her as our fashion adviser!

We opened our June meeting to the public but were rather disappointed that we didn't get

many visitors especially as the evening was so interesting. Sue Mitchell, of Birds of Bray, brought eight of her many birds to the Hall and gave us an insight into their life style and habits. The rather mischievous Barn Owl was allowed to fly round the Hall and landed on the gloved arm of one of our visitors. The children and adults were fascinated by the talk and the birds on display. (see picture below)

Congratulations to our team who got to the finals of the W.I. Three Counties Quiz.

In July we are visiting the Chelsea Hospital and then going on to see the exhibits in the Serpentine Garden Pavilion in Hyde Park. In August we are holding a Strawberry Cream Tea for all our members.

We would be very pleased to welcome you to our future meetings. In September we are having a talk on Police Recruit Training; in October an Introduction to Gemstones; and in November two young Kimpton teenagers will be talking about Helping the Community in Fiji. Look out for our posters around the village. A warm welcome is given to visitors.

We meet 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 832560I.





Kimpton Bowls Club

The bowls season is now well under way, with a good start at May Festival weekend.

Congratulations to the May Festival Committee for another well organised and enjoyable event.

The weather has not been too kind so far, but hopefully, by now it will have settled and matches will not have to be cancelled.

We continue to host visiting clubs and societies for friendly roll-ups and refreshments.

Our triples league team are holding their own in

the 1st Division; hopefully they will remain next season.

We have a few potential new members following our "Open Days" and other outreach activities, but we still require, and welcome new bowlers, both novices and experienced.

Please visit our website or phone Beverley on 01582 834014.

www.kimptonbowlsclub.blogspot.com

Dud Ginn

Kimpton Autumn Show

grow-bake-create

Schedules
on sale
Corner Stores
or
19 High St.

Saturday
3rd Sept
2.30
sale of produce
tea/cake/games





There are a number of projects taking place in the Parish at the moment, and you may see a few changes in the coming weeks and months. The Tennis Club are starting work, at the time of writing, on replacing their club house which will provide a much-improved facility for members. This is funded by the Club, with a contribution from the Parish Council.

The new Lloyd Way (Probyn Close) development is making rapid headway, with the first marketing taking place in recent weeks, and show-homes open on the site. You may have seen the newsletter we posted on the Parish Council website in April, which outlined the various housing options available, and gives you all the relevant contact details should you be interested. There are various schemes, from shared ownership and open market houses, through to affordable and social rentals.

For more information, visit www.kimptonpc.org.uk, and click on the Housing options on the Lloyd Way Development article.

Speaking of websites, a few weeks ago we held a meeting with a number of residents who have involvement in the various 'village' websites, including the History Group, the Parish Council, the Business Directory, the Kimpton Players, and the original village site itself.

There is a lot of overlap between these sites, and some confusion as to where information can be found, and we felt that it was time for a co-ordinated approach. We are therefore investigating the creation of a form of 'portal' for the village, which would act as a hub for all the various websites, as well as providing a platform for those organisations or businesses that don't have or need a full website.

This might take the form of a limited profile style template, so that you would post contact details, a description of what your society or business does, and perhaps a couple of photographs or logos and so on. Alternatively, if you already have, or intend to develop, a full-blown website of your own, then it can be linked from that profile page, as well as obviously being accessible externally in the normal way.

The idea is that it will just provide a central point of contact for the whole village. Those of you who are on Facebook will probably have noticed that a

Kimpton Village page has been created there, and it is very busy and active at the moment, indicating that we are well overdue for another step forward in the digital world!

I mentioned last time that we are updating the Business Directory. The plan now is for this to be incorporated into this 'village' site, with a profile for your business that you can update yourself. This will avoid having a version that is set in stone for a couple of years, and always liable to be somewhat out of date. Obviously people will not always keep their profile up to date, but at least the opportunity will be there!

So, if you are running a business locally and would like an entry in the Directory, please email the details to clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk and we will organise it from there. Also, if you have ideas, or would like to contribute to the creation of this village portal, then please get in touch as well.

Finally, it cannot have escaped your notice that the Folk Festival taking place on the 9th July is in full swing. I hope that everyone will support it, and it looks as if it may become yet another regular fixture in the village calendar, so visit www.kimptonfolk.uk for everything you need to know, and have a wonderful day!
David Hardstaff

Could you use some extra cash?

Talk to your District Councillor

I would like to publicise the Annual Discretionary Grant that District Councillors can donate to local Volunteer and Community groups. In previous years grants have been made for new dog mess bins, benches, repairs to facilities and youth groups. The amount requested can be as little as £50 Ideas are often channelled through the Parish Council or alternatively contact me direct.

Cllr John Bishop

john.bishop@north-herts.gov.uk



It seems such a very short time ago that I wrote my first missive for inclusion in the Parish Magazine. However, as the saying goes 'time waits for no man'!

So much has taken place here in my short time here at Kimpton Primary School that I hardly know where to begin. We have enjoyed the 'Mad March Sale', The Queen's birthday celebrations and, most recently, a wonderful sports day to name but three. The children of this most special of schools really have been wonderful. The Year 6 and Year 2 children have survived the last two or three weeks despite the dreaded Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) and very shortly those same Year 6 children will be preparing themselves for transfer to their secondary schools. Those secondary schools are very fortunate because during their time here the children who are 'moving on' have achieved so much and been so enthusiastic in their studies. I must thank the dedicated team of adults who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our children are ready for the next chapter in their educational journey, and also their parents who have entrusted their offspring to our care and consistently supported the work of the school.

I shall also be saying 'goodbye' to Kimpton School as Mrs Tracy Clements, our new headteacher, takes up the reins on a full time basis after the summer break. Mrs Clements is getting to know the school well and is looking forward to that challenge, especially as she has already had a 'flavour' of working here alongside myself this term. She has some very exciting plans for the school and the whole school community so ... 'watch this space'!

I would like to thank each and every one of you whom I've met or spoken to on the phone for your kind words and pledges of support. I have

come to appreciate just how special this village community is and, because of that, I shall take away with me so many fond and happy memories!

I now commend Mrs Clements to you all, safe in the knowledge that you will support, encourage and sustain her as she takes up her role in a full time capacity in a few weeks' time.

Andrew Emeny, Interim Head Teacher



The school's new Head Mrs Tracy Clements

Kimpton Memorial Hall



Fire at the Hall! Fire brigade called!

On the Friday of the May Festival, whilst a rehearsal for 'Kimpton Entertains' was in progress, one of the 8' Fluorescent tubular light fittings above the stage, exploded and caught fire, which quickly spread to the ceiling. The Fire Brigade was called, and attended remarkably promptly. The fire was soon extinguished, and the faulty fitting isolated. So this time all ended well.

However, as almost everybody will know, the old Hall burned down in 1981, and it would have been a terrible tragedy if our newly refurbished Hall had perished in the same manner.

We have for some time wanted to replace all those old original (1982) fittings. They are past their 'sell-by', no longer manufactured and the tubes are difficult to source, (and incredibly expensive). However rather than a 'like for like' replacement, I feel that we should do something more ambitious, with a state of the art modern system. The fact that one of the high level (extremely inaccessible!) lights is now playing up and exhibiting similar symptoms to the one that exploded, reinforces that opinion. Again that light has been isolated and I have arranged to have all the lighting safety checked as a matter of urgency. Temporary lights will be fitted if necessary.

On a separate, but associated, subject, I was in the audience for the Kimpton Players most excellent and enjoyable production of Tom Jones last week, and I had the misfortune to be sitting in the well known acoustically 'dead' area, towards the middle of the Hall. Quite a bit of the dialogue, though well delivered, was lost

to me, and to others in the same area, though people at the back could hear perfectly clearly (I hear you say "Perhaps they were younger!?") However it occurs to me that maybe we should be really ambitious and formulate a plan, with expert help, to try to resolve both problems i.e. install a single scheme incorporating acoustic panels and modern lighting. That would be expensive perhaps £15,000, and at the moment we do not have the money, (though probably we could afford a very modest lighting only scheme.) Whether we might be able to afford the more ambitious 'joint' scheme would depend upon whether our regular benefactors, The May Festival, The Horse show, The Autumn show, and the Parish Council, etc., (and perhaps also The Players?) might feel inclined to support that enterprise??..... No doubt that will become clear in due course.

Roger Nash 01438 832101

Kimpton Memorial Hall

For booking enquiries please
contact

Mrs Barbara Kazwini

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A reunion of past and present May Festival chairmen. Pictured left to right are Ken Buckler, Andy Morton, Andrew Ackrill and the present chair John Hills.

“Thank you for a great Festival”

These are the words that have been greeting me since that great weekend. Well first of all let me thank you all for making it yet another successful event- without your support and your enthusiasm all the hard work would be in vain. It was a success despite the Saturday weather, when we seemed to have all four seasons on one day and that Monday afternoon on The Green when the threat of rain hung over us all but did not arrive until it was all over. Somebody up there was definitely on our side.

It was my predecessor Andrew Ackrill who said in last year’s programme that no other village puts on

such a great weekend with such a varied programme. Kimpton does punch above its weight but this is no fluke, it has been going on now for 52 years and long may it continue. It is in part due to your support and participation and partly due to a fantastic committee. I cannot thank them enough for all the hard work they have put in to the make the whole event a great success. They are a remarkable group who have moaned, groaned, laughed and cried, but we have also had great fun, it’s that sort of committee. I am proud to have been their Chairman for this Festival.

That said, we are always looking for new members and new ideas. Please come and join us and make



photos: Juliet Morton

The May Queen and attendents have a few moments relaxation!

your mark on the event for next year. I have specifically been asked for someone to help co-ordinate the craft demonstrations. This was the brainchild of Mike Cox and he has done a great job getting the event up and running. It is now an established part of the weekend. He is still around of course but is looking for a ‘younger person’ to take over the organising. Please contact me if you are interested.

I would like to mention two things that were new this year. The programmes this year were amazing, so a big thank you to Darren Kilby . They were also free. This was a good decision. It meant that all 3000 were distributed throughout the village and to the surrounding areas, one I know went to Australia. Those who advertised therefore had a great audience and I am sure benefited. Those who wish to advertise for next year’s programme please contact as soon as possible, I am sure it is going to very popular.

The second thing was the dog show. An idea from Marion Lawrence which came late in the year but became the success of the Festival. So start getting those pooches groomed and trained for what looks like being a big part of Festival 2017.

I leave you with just one thought, if you like wearing purple, having a drink and a laugh, and just happen to be free on May Bank holiday 2017 come and join us. Our AGM is on Monday 12th September 2016 at 8pm at the Boot Public house and is open to you I look forward to meeting you then.

John Hills – Chair 07785 960353

Animal Magic!





Bunny girls, giraffes, goats, lions and ugly bugs thrived in the changeable weather as did the May Queen and attendants. Committee member Sam Cain puts his all into the tug-of-war and the vicarage teas were scrumptious! Police cadets were on hand to keep law and order and the sun shone on the Bhangra dancing group.

Photos: Andy Wright

Come Reign or Shine!

It may not be The Mall but “Come Reign or Shine”, Kimpton Primary School was determined to celebrate this unique and historic event in the “Best of British Community Spirit”

The event was opened by Head Teacher, Mrs Tracy Clements, assisted by the 2016 Kimpton May Queen (Charlotte Corcoran) and her Attendants (Poppy Grovestock & Emma Lale)

The event was organised by four members of the Kimpton School KSA (Carly Tindle, Renee Learner, Sue Foote, Helena Sweet) .

Sue Foote said ”We had a fantastic and memorable afternoon (and a very memorable morning putting up marquees in the rain together with an army of volunteers!) but the best part of it is that we managed to raise over £400 for local Kimpton charities”

Live music was from Kimpton Primary School Orchestra (teachers, Helen McPhun and Mandy Britton) and other local musicians.

From the delight on the children’s faces as they played at the teddy bears picnic, chased bubbles around the field or tried their hand at croquet, to the pleasure of our “Hope & Glory” Cream Tea Marquee, “Regency Bar” and fabulous live entertainment, the event was a complete success.

Sue Foote



Juliet Morton



Andy Wright





The Queen meets a local boy and the Primary School orchestra is on superb form. Bubble catching is great fun whilst Ellie Smith entertains and John Hills catches up with 'Mr Thwackum', aka Mike Taylor.

Dacre Rooms update

It is now about a year since it was decided that the Dacre Rooms were worth keeping as a village asset. A management committee was formed to oversee the fundraising and refurbishment project.

We can report a fantastically successful year - around £12000.00 has been raised through grants, donations, fundraising events and regular rental income. So refurbishment has been able to start, for example.

A new boiler has meant a more efficient and reliable heating and water system.

A full fire risk assessment has been carried out. The electrics have been checked and improved. Equipment has been purchased - much needed new chairs and tables, crockery and cutlery. Refurbishment of the toilets and windows is in the pipeline.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our many events over the past year, I think you

have proved that the Dacre Rooms are loved and worth keeping. Of course there is more work to be carried out so your continued support is much needed.

Future events not to be missed

Coffee mornings on the 2nd and 3rd or 4th Fridays of each month 9.30 - 1200.

Farmers' markets on the 2nd Friday of each month 2.30 - 4.30

Regular food evenings

Monthly Friday night social from 7.00 (usually 4th Friday)

Look out for posters with more details of all events, or the new Dacre Rooms facebook page.

To be added to our email mailing list please contact katebuckenham1986@gmail.com

To make bookings please call 01438 832446.



One of the few remaining village horse shows in the region is celebrating its 72nd running this year. Make sure you mark Sunday 31st July in your diaries and come down to discover what makes Kimpton Horse Show such a brilliant and longstanding event.

The show welcomes all types of horses and ponies and creates a fun and supportive environment for competitors, whether it is their first show or they are out to qualify for a prestigious Championship final.

The committee is also very proud to host a number of traditional favourites each year, including Chase me Charlie, Horse and Hound show jumping, Fancy Dress and Best Rider, to name just a few. These sorts of classes are just as much fun for the spectator as the competitor!

Over the years, the show has raised thousands of pounds for worthwhile causes, both in the village and surrounding areas, including Macmillan Nurses, Kimpton Village Church and the Herts Air Ambulance.

The very first show was held on 29th April 1944 - a simple gymkhana to raise funds for the Kimpton memorial hall; a post war meeting place for troops and other villagers to meet and socialise. Since then, the show has continued to grow.

Kimpton Horse Show is a great day out for all the family. There will be a bar, trade stands showcasing local wares and businesses, burger vans, an ice cream man and more.

To find out more and download this year's schedule visit www.kimptonhorseshow.co.uk, email secretary@kimptonhorseshow.co.uk or call 07951 381147.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Kimpton Public Rights of Way

Warm(ish) and wet: so weeds and brambles are going mad. The County Council maintenance team is out and about at this time of year, mowing and strimming and they have changed contractor, so hopefully the new people will do a better job. But if you see a path that appears to have been cut, but not properly – for instance around gates and stiles (the specification is 3 inches high) - then please let me know asap and we can get it done again.

Please let me or Tom Goldsmith, (tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk). Countryside Access Officer at Herts. County Council, know of any other problems.

Bob Malcolm 01438 832309 bobm@ideo.co.uk



Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

We will soon be making arrangements for the start of the Poppy Appeal and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by the closure of the High Street for an hour or so on Remembrance Sunday. This is a police requirement of the Road Traffic Act.

On April 16th the centenary of the death of Charles Wells of Whitwell was commemorated at a short service at his graveside in St Paul's Walden churchyard led by the vicar, Elizabeth Bunker. Robin Wells, Chairman of the Kimpton British Legion and Charles Wells only living ancestor, laid a wreath provided by Whitwell RBL, who have recently renovated the grave.



Kimpton RBL members Dudley Ginn and Robin Wells have been presented with community awards.

Anybody requiring further information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Secretary, Dave Gibbs.

*Dave Gibbs, Branch Secretary
07824 387460*



Neil Cain City and Guilds Champion of the Year at National Apprenticeship Awards

Neil, who lives in Kimpton High Street, started out as an apprentice in 1980 and throughout his working life has supported apprenticeship schemes and in doing so has made a significant contribution to life in the workplace.

Currently he is Operations Director for O'Connor's who are Grounds Maintenance Contractors for North Herts District Council. He was awarded the prestigious national award earlier this year.

You may have seen Neil in another role, as a member of the May Festival Committee.

Peters Green Village Hall

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

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Spacious and well equipped kitchen.
Seated capacity: 80

Enquires: Mrs Barbara Kazwini
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The Parish Magazine Team is trying to help the environment

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



Brains of Kimpton

Winners of the 2016 Brains of Kimpton contest were 'Up to Scratch' Doug Jenner, Daniel Hubbard and Max Jenner.

Runners up were The Golf Society and The Cricket Club.

The questions were set by Mark Hubbard and Arthur South with a music round by Andy Wright.



Kimpton Environmentalists

The annual spring clean of the lanes around Kimpton, Peters Green and Whitwell saw 84 volunteers collecting an astonishing amount of litter - 246 bin bags plus some! Well done and thank you to everyone who helped. My special



thanks go to Tim Parfitt for organising it so efficiently. To keep the countryside looking good, remember, when you go out walking, you can always take a

bag and gloves to collect any litter you see along your route.

Thanks to the enthusiastic work of the Rainbows, the wildflower patch along the Memorial Hall path has been extended. Part of our "Bee World" at Parkfield is full of wild flowers and grasses, and part has been reseeded following the clearing of the ditch. Both newly seeded areas may look a bit sparse at first but should flower soon. Please do NOT trample over the ground, dump garden waste or pick any flowers.

Future Events

On Saturday morning 23rd July we'll be walking the footpaths to Whitwell, to visit the farm shop and the Secret Garden, have lunch and get the

bus back. Birds, flowers and butterflies should be spotted en route. Meet at 9.45 outside The Boot, children and dogs (on leads) welcome. Put it in your diary now!

In September we will be hosting a story and song evening with an environmental theme, and in November a film show. And in between there will be work on the wild flower patches and apple-picking – dates will very much depend on the weather. Look out for emails and posters.

Thanks to the generosity of many people, we have been able to donate monies to the Parish Magazine (£100 to fund printing on recycled paper); Friends of the Earth (£150); Greenpeace (£150) and The Woodland Trust (£60 specifically for 4 trees in Heartwood Forest). If you would like more say about how the money is collected and distributed, then come along and join us!

For more information call Davina Malcolm on 01438 832309

Kimpton Friendly Bridge Club

meets every Thursday evening
in Church House
for a 19:30 start



1st Kimpton Rainbows

This term we have been very busy with lots of activities from setting wild flowers to building our May festival float which very proudly was

awarded second place to learning about healthy eating on a Field To Fork trip to Tesco in Stevenage.



On the 21st of June we held a Birthday party with the 2nd Kimpton Brownies and 1st Kimpton Guides to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday. At our party we played traditional English games, made crowns and enjoyed a lovely tea party with lots of cake.

Lloyd Way development behind the High Street

The marketing of the site is by Hightown Homes who will have three homes available for shared ownership sale. These will be initially exclusively for sale to people with a local connection to Kimpton.

The homes will be available in June this year and they hope to have people register their interest in the homes as soon as possible. They will then be able to arrange an open day as soon as the homes are handed over to Hightown by Croudace builders who are the site builders.

There will be one 3-bedroom house and two 2-bedroom houses available for shared ownership purchase and priority will be given to people with a local connection to Kimpton.

Available for shared ownership from Hightown Homes (part of Hightown Housing Association) in line with the Rural Exception Policy, used in smaller rural parishes to help provide affordable

homes for local people, the maximum share of the homes which can be purchased in the future is an 80% share.

A 20% deposit is a requirement of the mortgage lender for this Shared Ownership home due to this restriction to purchase up to only 80% share of the property in the future.

A local connection to the Parish of Kimpton means living there for 6 of the past 12 months, or for 3 of the past 5 years, or in permanent employment there, or your immediate family (parents, adult siblings or adult children) living there for over 5 years.

www.hightownhomes.com – website with information regarding shared ownership

www.helptobuyese.org.uk – government website where potential shared owners can look at the different Help to Buy schemes available and the eligibility criteria for each of them including shared ownership and register online.

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White Horse Update

Thank you to everyone who enjoyed a pint with us at The White Horse pop-up bar on May Festival Saturday. The real ales were a positive contribution to the refreshments on the day. Farr Brew and The 3 Brewers did an excellent job providing us with both draft and bottled beers and the community is now aware of these local breweries.

The White Horse steering group is currently applying for grants from charitable institutions that support rural assets, including The Plunkett Foundation from whom we have gained professional advice. We are working with them in the evaluation of our legal and financial structures.

We continue our dialogue with both the current owners of The White Horse and the estate agents representing them. We appreciate the community's continued interest and support.

For further information, please contact Neil Burns on 01438 832960, or email burns200@btinternet.com.



Is that the time?

Oh no, it isn't!

Oh yes, IT IS!

Pantomime Time

Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood

December 1st, 2nd and 3rd (matinée & evening)

Make the first step towards your perfect Christmas by making a note of the dates of Kimpton Players 2016 Pantomime.

Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood is a new pantomime from the pen of Ben Crocker and what fun it is too.

Come and join the cast in their attempt to defeat the dastardly Sherriff of Nottingham.

This story has all the traditional pantomime mayhem with extra new twists and turns.

You'll be sorry if you miss it ... oh, yes, you will!

1st Kimpton Scouts

As always, there's lots going on with our young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The leaders plan a great variety of activities both indoors and out.

During the half term holiday six intrepid scouts put together all the skills that they had learnt over the years and carried out an expedition in Norfolk. For this expedition they had to plan the route, the food, where they would be staying and the transport arrangements to get there. This demanded a great deal of teamwork and trust. All equipment and food that was needed they had to carry themselves. (pictured)

We are massively grateful to Mark and Kate who supported them during their expedition, ensuring that they were on the right track by meeting them at key points along the route. The Scouts made a presentation to all the scouts and parents recently, and were able to explain the obstacles they had to overcome, not least the very strong winds on the Norfolk Coast!

I will be standing down as Group Scout Leader as my family and myself relocate to Gloucestershire in July. I am delighted to let

you know that Mark Hubbard and Amanda Gummer have agreed to take this role on together. They will be a fantastic team and I am confident that the scout group will flourish under their leadership.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for the support I have received during my 11 years in Kimpton. It has been an immense privilege to be part of the wonderful Scout Group. I'm grateful to all the leaders with whom I have worked and to all the parents and children who have become involved and embraced all that Scouting has to offer.

Annie New, Group Scout Leader
www.kimptonscouts.org





Something for everyone: Kimpton Folk Festival on 9th July

The new Kimpton Folk Festival is almost upon us, and what a day it promises to be for the village! The committee has worked incredibly hard and well over the past 18 months to design a day aimed at catering for a wide range of tastes. And I must say, that goes for the food & drink, as well as the music!

If you told us that for a first event we'd been a bit ambitious, we would have to answer 'guilty as charged'! Our original thought had been to link up with the local scene and making our music more widely known. But then enthusiasm took over, and now here we are, presenting a one-day festival with three stages and concerts of incredible quality in the Memorial Hall, a continuous concert in the Church, and wall-to-wall music and dance on the Green. And then there's all the wonderful food stalls, real ale bars, storytelling, instrumental workshops in the Dacre Rooms and sessions in The Boot (pictured recently).



The concerts will feature highly accomplished musicians performing in a broad range of styles, from trad folk to country, blues and bluegrass. A set number of seats in the Hall means that we've had to limit the number of £27 All-Day tickets which provide admittance to all events on the day. To offset this, we're offering £16 Afternoon Tickets which get you into everything except Concert 3. Go to the festival website and you'll find full details of tickets and what is still available: www.kimptonfolk.uk

The response from Kimpton residents to our new event has been very enthusiastic - to say the least! I won't say 'unbelievable' because we all know what this place is like. Many people have volunteered to give their time help ensure things go smoothly, but we could still do with more volunteers, so if you are available to help for a short while on 9 July, please email us: hello@kimptonfolk.uk



With regard to parking, we are most grateful to Jake Harding for allowing us to use the 'horse show' field as our main car park. As there will be considerable movement of people, we would be grateful to residents if they could minimise their car use on this day.

Finally –please enjoy the day, and let us have any of your comments to assist us in future planning.

See you on the 9th!

Doug Jenner Chairman, Kimpton Folk Events



Photos: Andy Wright

May Festival Extra.....



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SAT 9 JULY 2016

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www.kimptonfolk.uk
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 23rd JULY 2016

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Tickets: £5 each (under 13s: £1)
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 Online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/macmillan

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			Jenny Taylor - sculpture/painting
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			Di King - drawing/painting
	Sun 25th Sept 11am-5pm		Tim Edwards - watercolour/ink
			Sandra Berti - 2-D design

The Church in Kimpton

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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

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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.

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