

# ***Kimpton Parish Magazine***

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***Making a NOISE on pages 10 and 11***



**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

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

6.45pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

For special services please see Sunday pew sheet

**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.

**Grateful Thanks**

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks, donations received from the Baptist Chapel at Peters Green and Kimpton Autumn Show.



a European consultation on 'ending incitement to atrocities leading to genocide' for the United Nations, which focused, in large part, on encouraging European cooperation in providing for the immediate needs of those seeking refuge: food, warm clothing and shelter, a programme of safe travel, ensuring families are able to stay together, and enabling people to settle in a dignified manner. Rather a large task! It was a privilege to sit alongside courageous people who are working hard on the ground with some of the most traumatised people.

Dear Friends,

The evenings are closing in again, the summer all too short! Time to think about firewood, and wellington boots, and a good stew.

The world is changing around us, with so many people on the move seeking sanctuary from war, violent conflict and loss of home and family. It's been incredibly moving to see all the donations that have been left on my doorstep and in the church for those trapped at Calais and around Europe. The donations will be sent to Emmaus, a charity for the homeless with outlets in Harpenden and St Albans, who are taking lorries over to the camps. They are working alongside people who are already over there in order to ensure donations go to the most needy.

There will be more information on the crisis over the coming weeks as one of the tasks I am working on for the Diocese of St Albans is working out a best response. And I have also attended

I hadn't really thought about it, but it was pointed out that Europe is the most culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse region of the world – something which I believe is testament to a commitment to freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, and endeavours toward human decency. This is something I believe Kimpton is very much at the heart of, as demonstrated by the generous response for donations. This winter is going to bring it's challenges, reminiscent of the Holy Family seeking sanctuary in Egypt from the armies of Herod. And in the midst of this, we await the peace of the Christ child. There is much that is good to look forward to.

*With much love,  
The Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills*



Members of the congregation sorting through donations for refugees trapped at Calais.

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

5 July Maxwell Joseph Smale  
25 July Ava Ighotuwewe Ntombelanga James  
25 July Noah Oshiotse Gcinumuzi Ayeni

### Weddings

11 July Gemma Kathleen Helmn to Peter Daniel Goffin  
25 July Theresa Cecilia Mromo to Anthony Ayeni  
31 July Rebecca Louise Field to David James Seeley  
12 September Clare Susan Hills to Nicholas Stuart Burniston

### Burials and Cremations

29 June Anne Laura Day

We have just learnt of the death of Lily Sulston at Cottenham earlier this year

### Peters Green Village Hall

Ideal for Family Parties, Exercise and Dance Classes, other 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

Enquires: Mrs Barbara Kazwini  
01438 832620

barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com

### 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.

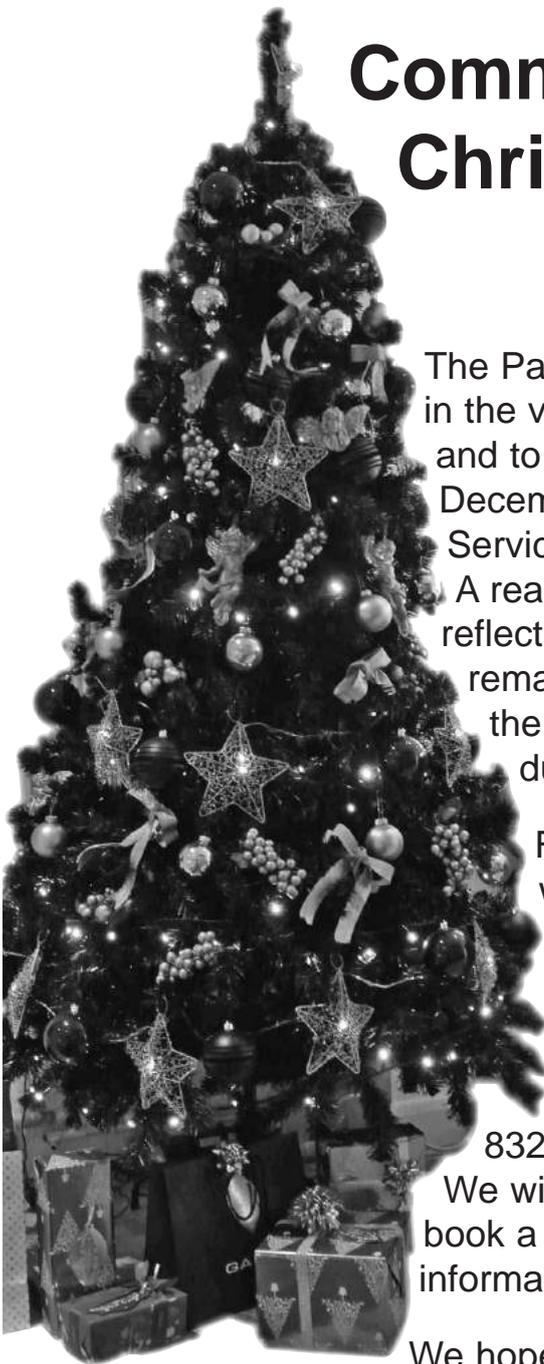
John Bishop  
kimptoncouncillor@yahoo.co.uk

## Church flower arrangers request

For most of the year we manage to find enough foliage in our small gardens but for weddings and other occasions (about 6 times each year) we need to be able to cut larger pieces of various trees and shrubs. For several years we had access to a garden at The Slype, but regrettably the Holding's have moved to Devon. If anyone feels that they could offer to help with the supply of foliage we would be delighted to hear from you.

Valerie Pollington  
01438 832249  
jandv@pollington10.plus.com

# Community Celebration with Christmas Trees at Kimpton Church



The Parish Church invites organisations and businesses in the village to provide a Christmas Tree, real or artificial, and to decorate it and put it in the church on Friday December 18th or Saturday 19th ready for the Carol Service on Sunday 20th to which all are invited.

A real community occasion. The tree decoration can reflect the nature of your group if you wish. The trees will remain in the church until January 6th and there will be the opportunity to view them in the church most days during daylight hours.

For the festival to succeed we will need to plan where each tree will stand. If it is to be a lighted tree you will need to provide battery operated LED lights.

To take part it is essential that you contact either Juliet Morton on 832427 or Valerie Pollington on 832249 BEFORE November 25th.

We will need to know the approximate size of your tree, book a place for it and have a contact number for further information.

We hope you like this idea and that you will encourage your organisation to take part and bring family and friends to see the trees. Let us make it a real Community Christmas at Kimpton Church. Needless to say you are welcome at all the Christmas Services and on Sundays throughout the year.

## ***Singing about Christmas!!!!***

Have you ever thought about joining a choir? Come and give us a try for Christmas and sing some carols with the Parish Church Choir. Sing at the Carol Service and enjoy the Christmas Tree Festival at the same time.

We welcome people of any age and voice and there are no formalities. Just turn up to a choir practice at 6.30pm on most Friday evenings in the church. Please give me a call or email before coming as there might be a couple of Fridays when there is no practice.

*Andy Wright (organist and choirmaster) 01438 820929  
kimpton.organist@btinternet.com*

# Kimpton Bench Working Party

I wonder if you have noticed some of the things we have been doing to tidy up the village? Outside the school, we removed a broken waste bin and fixed two new ones next to the bus stops on both sides of the road. Outside the school again, we installed a new notice board and washed the bus shelter. At the other end of the village we removed an old notice board and broken waste bin and fixed a new notice board and a new waste bin to the bus shelter there. At Peters Green we fitted a new notice board and replaced a freestanding broken waste bin with a new one screwed to the bus shelter. These projects are aimed at reducing the 'street clutter'. There are too many posts, bins, etc cluttering the pavements. There is more such work to do.

Do look at the repainted sign at the entrance to the churchyard – the spruced up woodwork and brand new lettering. A lovely piece of work, we are quite proud of it.

We have started to clean off the local road signs. You may have noticed how filthy they are all around Hertfordshire, but here in Kimpton we want them to be clean! At the time of writing we have cleaned all the signs from Blackmore End down to the bottom of Coopers Hill, and also the signs at the Hitchin Road end of the High Street. By the time you read this more will have been done.

Back to our roots - we have been cleaning and painting benches. Maintenance jobs have been done at the Memorial Hall and Church House. We helped at the Horse show, and the Autumn Show, and ran the Teddy Bear Parachute event at the Great Kimpton Bake Off. We have put the Memorial Hall marquee lining up a number of times, have been repairing fences, cutting back foliage, and more and more. Much too much to describe here, and yet more still to do! If you would like to help keep Kimpton a really nice place to live then please do get in touch. We have lots to do over the winter, mostly outside work, and it is healthy and good fun. Coffee and cake and robust discussion included.

*Bob Finch*  
01438 832497





The beginning of a new school year is always a wonderful time and it has been lovely to welcome new children and families to our school as well as those who are returning to us after the summer break.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome two new teachers to our team. Miss Jessica Clark (we now have two Jessica Clarks!) is new to the school but has family links with Kimpton village and may be known to some of you. Mrs Kate Clayton will be well known to many of you as our former Nursery Nurse and an active member of the village community. Miss Clark is teaching year one and Mrs Clayton is teaching year three.

We have begun the autumn term with a bang. Our junior children started with a day of practical activities related to their topic of Romans, Vikings, Scots and Saxons which they thoroughly enjoyed. In addition, our year six children had the great adventure of travelling by train from Stevenage to York to visit the Jorvik Viking Centre and the DIG archaeological project.

Meanwhile years one and two have begun their study of influential people in history. As this coincides with the celebration of our Queen becoming Britain's longest reigning monarch, they have been able to start by comparing Elizabeth II with British queens from history. Our new Nursery and Reception children have settled well and are enjoying their Learning through Play.

Kimpton School Association has been very busy raising funds to upgrade our computing provision in school. We are already seeing the benefits of a much more powerful wireless network and are investigating what additional

hardware we need to ensure that our children are able to learn the computing skills they will need for the future. The funding for this has already been raised and we are now planning our next project, a log cabin to provide extra teaching space within the school grounds. I am really grateful to the KSA for their invaluable contribution to our school. I would also like the people of Kimpton for attending our fundraising events and contributing so much to the efforts of the KSA and through this to enhancing the provision we can offer our pupils.

Finally, it is with very mixed emotions that I write what will be my last contribution to the Kimpton Parish Magazine.

I will be leaving Kimpton Primary School at the end of the autumn term to take up the post of head teacher at Farley Junior School in Luton. I have been head teacher at Kimpton for seven years and have enjoyed my time here very much. One of the strengths of the school is its



strong links with the wider community of Kimpton and I have really valued the opportunity to meet lots of people from the local area. Thank you for making me welcome and for supporting the school. I will miss Kimpton very much.

*With my very best wishes  
Marion Stewart-Smith*

# *A superb party venue!*



Many of you will not have seen our Memorial Hall set up for a party, with the magnificent lining in place, replicating the inside of a marquee, but with none of the latter's disadvantages!

We have central heating or air conditioning, whichever may be required, and we can guarantee it will be wind and weather proof. We have stacks of parking, a fully equipped kitchen with a catering standard oven, a separate attractive lounge and a bar area, with double doors opening onto a large and pretty garden.

All this is available at very modest cost, much less than the cost of a marquee. And if your party is more of 'a bash', you can have the roof lining only, which still makes the Hall look very attractive, and you do not run the risk of damaging the walls with red wine!

Our Hall has been totally refurbished recently and we now have 'hotel

standard' toilets as well as the upgraded Green Room which can be hired separately for smaller events, or together with the Main hall for bigger events where extra space is needed. (Perhaps for performers or a band) and of course we have a large stage.

It is your Hall, so use it! Make the most of the facilities it has to offer. It is well used much of the time but we are not using it to anything like its full potential. How about indoor bowls, Film clubs, music evenings? Other villages do all those things. Why not us? Come to us with your ideas and we will try to help you find a way of putting them into effect.

*Roger Nash*  
01438 832101

Booking enquires to Mrs Barbara Kazwini  
01438 832620  
barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com



I would like to thank all the residents who have taken the time and trouble to respond to our questionnaires on the Neighbourhood Plan, both on paper and online. We will publish the results on the Parish Council website once they have all been collated, and the data will be used to help us to focus on the issues that are clearly of the greatest importance to residents. Although there seems to be an overall acceptance that new housing is required in and around Kimpton, there is less consensus over the type of housing or the potential locations, so this highlights the importance of having a Neighbourhood Plan in place to make sure that the views of residents are taken into account during future planning and development debates.

Many residents will be aware that the recent sale of The White Horse to a developer has proved controversial. The developer submitted an planning application for change of use to convert the property to residential, but this application was overturned following the intervention of a group of residents, and the property has also been registered as an 'Asset of Community Value' which is a designation that effectively means that it is protected from sale or development for a six-month period to allow local residents to determine whether there are alternatives to the sale.

A group is now looking at what options, if any, exist for keeping The White Horse as a community venue of some sort, so if you are interested, keep an eye on the noticeboards and social media.

We are also purchasing a defibrillator for the village, following donations from the family and friends of the late Norman Sharpe. A plaque acknowledging this fact will be positioned next to the defibrillator, which will be sited outside the school.

The Parish Council is evaluating a proposal which has come around several times in recent years, which is the provision of a 'multi-use games area', or MUGA, in the village. These

areas are essentially fenced-in areas, approximately the size of a tennis court, which are surfaced with artificial grass or other similar surfaces, and marked out for a range of different activities – five-a-side football, tennis, basketball, volleyball and so on.

It provides an opportunity to exercise in a fun way, and we believe it could bring a significant benefit to the community.

We are evaluating the options that we have available to us, and propose to review and discuss these plans at the October meeting of the Parish Council on October 21st in Peter's Green Village Hall, if you are interested in finding out more about what may be proposed. Note that the venue is Peter's Green and not the Memorial Hall Green room in Kimpton.

It's that time of year again when you might be thinking about taking up an allotment for 2016 – if that's the case, then we do have a few vacant plots, so please contact Carina Helmn, the parish Clerk, for more information – Carina can be reached by email at [clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk).

Finally, may I remind you to keep an eye on the Parish Council website ([www.kimptonpc.org.uk](http://www.kimptonpc.org.uk)) and also please follow us on Facebook as well, at [www.facebook.com/kimptonpc](http://www.facebook.com/kimptonpc)

We find that there are increasing numbers of people looking at the online information that we provide, and we had 50 residents completing the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire online, which is a respectable proportion of the total response. We are currently discussing ways in which our online provision can be enhanced so if you have any ideas of what we could do better in the digital world, then please let us know (by whichever medium you choose!)

*David Hardstaff*

# Noisier and noisier!

At our small beginnings six years ago, we had about 40 people taking part in the NOISE PROJECT. This year we had 85, including 45 young people!

The NOISE is going from strength to strength! As a result, we are able to take on more and more challenging tasks. This year, we tackled someone's garden that had not been touched for the last ten years. We called it 'The Jungle' and with justification. Today, it is clear and the householder stands a chance of keeping it clear. Before, it seemed an impossible task.

Another lovely touch was one householder who proudly showed me two lovely little euonymous shrubs in pots. When we cleared her garden two years ago, we had given her a posy of flowers as we always do. Two tiny springs of euonymous were in the posy and she had put them in soil and they had rooted. An ongoing memory of the NOISE.

The NOISE is the Church in ACTION! All over the village there were people wearing the blue T-shirts and busy over a who range of tasks.

Everyone is welcome and it is a great way to get involved in the community. Next year's date? SATURDAY JULY 16th. See you there!

*Andy Morton*





photos: Juliet Morton

# Kimpton W.I.



After all the excitement and celebrations of the W.I.'s Centenary in June, we got back to normal in July when we were shown how to do some Extreme Knitting using, among other things, plastic bags and knitting needles the size of broom sticks!

In August we had an outing to London, on a glorious sunny day, when we visited Queen Mary's Rose Garden in Regent's Park (well worth a visit), followed by a trip down the

Regent's Canal from Little Venice to Camden Lock with an excellent commentary.

At the beginning of September, the Kimpton W.I. and Kimpton Belles provided cakes and were kept busy all afternoon serving teas at the ever popular Autumn Show. At our September meeting, Mervyn Edwards, a retired Police Officer, enlightened us as to the fun and games and the extreme lengths to which protesters went to try and stop the building of the Newbury By-Pass.

On Sat. 10th October at the Wheathampstead Memorial Hall from 10 a.m. onwards, there is going to be an excellent Centenary Arts & Crafts Exhibition to which everyone is invited.

For our forthcoming programme, we are looking forward to Claire Goldwater talking about Life Coaching on Wed. 14th October and on Wed. 11th November we will be learning about the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust. Our book club, choir, handicrafts group and table tennis are all on-going and we welcome visitors to these and our monthly meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the lounge of the Memorial Hall at 7.45 pm

For more information contact Janet 832597 or Sue 832560. *Janet Holmes-Walker, President*

## Kimpton Bowls Club

At the time of writing the bowls season is almost over, with only Finals Day to come on 19th September. We have had a full fixture card of matches; league and "friendlies" as well as our knockout competitions and visiting groups and societies.

We are pleased to report the signing –up of a few new members this year; all below the perceived, but erroneous age of the bowling fraternity! All ages and abilities are welcome to visit the club on roll up evenings, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and to watch on match days.

The winners of the in-house competitions were

Roving Jack	Margaret Butterfield
Drawn Pairs	Beverley Pate and Margaret Porter
Triples	Philip, Robert and David Matthews
Fixed Jack	Angus Lennox

The results of Finals Day competitions will be published in the winter edition.

Congratulations to our Evening league squad, captained by Angus Lennox and ably supported by wife Brenda, who finished top of the league and are promoted to the 1st. Division!

Visit our website, [www.kimptonbowlsclub.blogspot.com](http://www.kimptonbowlsclub.blogspot.com) or contact Beverley Pate on 01582834014. Look out for banners and posters in the New Year giving details of 2016 events.

*Dud Ginn*

## **Kimpton Public Rights of Way**

The first pass made by the HCC maintenance contractor this summer was far from satisfactory. As a consequence of our complaints, HCC kindly brought them back to have another go. So it is worth reporting problems.

Now the maintenance contractor is due back for the 'second cut' – probably during October. To get any failings made good, we have only days to survey what they have done and report them. This is where reports from walkers (and horse riders) are most valuable. The official specification is that the surface should be cut to about 3 inches. We don't fuss about the details but we have seen them leave nettles, hawthorn shoots and clumps of grass well over a foot high.

Please let us know asap if you see something similar.

However, if a path is simply overgrown, then there is a good chance that it is still to be cut. Though if it is still overgrown by November, again, please let us know.

We have not yet been able to open up the new stretch of permissive path along the 'Chris Baker Way' from Kimpton to Peter's Green. I'm hoping to clear the route this winter, when dieback should make it easier.

If any problems, let me know or tell Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer at Herts. County Council ([tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk)).

*Bob Malcolm*  
01438 832309  
[bobm@ideo.co.uk](mailto:bobm@ideo.co.uk)

*Sing  
Love*

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**7pm**

**Kimpton Church**

Tickets on sale on the door  
Seasonal refreshments on offer

**Contact Anna Bosatta  
07796 342620**

**Come to our sixth annual  
Winter Concert  
by candle light**

**an evening of words + music**

**by us, the local performers,  
for you, the local audience!**

**Hosted by Kimpton Village Choir  
and with guest performers**

**We would love to have new performers:  
please let us know if you can contribute!**

## Kimpton Garden Club

After the wettest August ever, the Garden Club are settling down to an Autumn programme of speakers to get ready for next Spring.

On October 7th we will have the third presentation by bee and honey expert, Stephen Poyser. Stephen will provide answers to the questions, 'What's happening to our native bees?' and 'Why do we have flies and wasps?'

On November 4th the club has its AGM and an entertaining quiz.

December 2nd will be our Christmas Party with music provided by Kimpton Folk Singers.

The Garden Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month, in the Green Room at 8pm.

## Kimpton History Group

The evening meetings for the remainder of 2015 are

**Wednesday 21st October at 8pm in the Green Room**

"The Home Front in Kimpton during WW1"

**Wednesday 18th November at 8pm in Church House**

"Kimpton Men in the Trenches of WW1"

Presented by members of KHG 1911 - 1920 Research Project

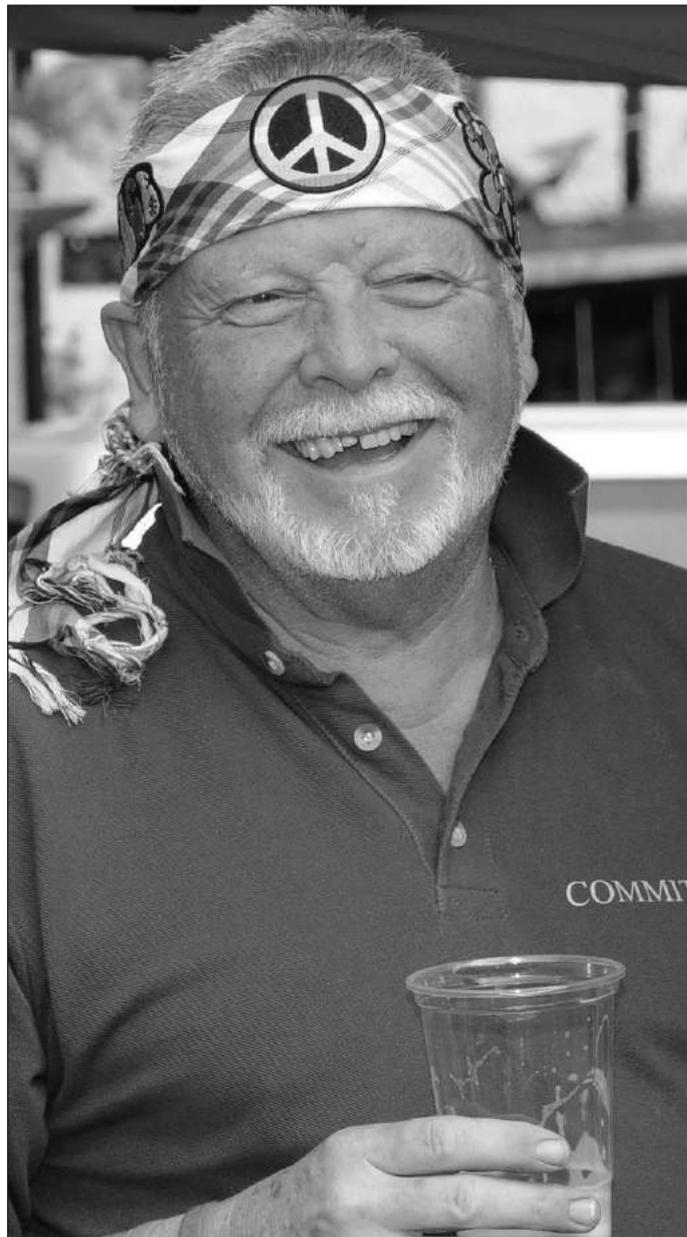
**Wednesday 16th December at 8pm in the Green Room**

Christmas Party for members only

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend our evening talks, for which we charge £3 per visit.

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

## Your new May Festival Chair!



I am pleased to say that John Hills was unanimously elected as the new Chair of the May Festival Committee and the Festival hat was transferred in a solemn ceremony conducted at The Boot. My best wishes to John, to Barbara, Emma and James who are staying on in their roles as Secretary, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, and to the whole Committee. I am sure most people know John, but here he is in 'relaxed mood' at Festival 2014.

*Andrew Ackrill*

# KIMPTON AUTUMN SHOW

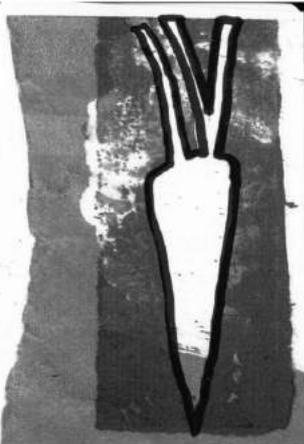
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## AUTUMN NEWS

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Yet another amazing Autumn Show with lots of exhibits to look at.. It was lovely to have some first time exhibitors this year and we do hope they will enter again next year.

The way The Show comes together always fascinates me, it starts on the Friday evening setting up The Hall and it looks plain and stark with its white tables and then early Saturday morning entries start arriving and the transformation is wonderful, bringing life and colour to The Show, then the judging takes place, followed by a lovely lunch, the doors open to the public and what a turnout – brilliant.....



All coming to see the wonderful exhibits, have a go on the tombola, take part in the raffle, listen to the great music whilst enjoying fabulous tea and cakes. Children playing outside games and people browsing the gorgeous crafty shop and what a bonus ..... It was a dry afternoon.

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## **THIS YEAR WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE YOUR MEMORIAL HALL £1,200 AND £50 TO THE PARISH MAGAZINE AND A SMALL AMOUNT BACK FOR NEXT YEARS SHOW**

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Thank you to Bob Finch and The Bench Boys for helping set up The Hall for The Show and their amazing quick dismantle as if it never happened! Also for providing such great sideshows. Thanks to Nigel Hyams, Doug Jenner and Richard Steawart for the brilliant live music which really enhances The Show. Big thanks to The W.I. and Kimpton Belles for the gorgeous tea and cakes and to all our Sponsors for the Raffle, thanks to Oliver Berti for the tractor and straw bales, Kimpton Horse Show for the Rosettes, all going towards helping make this a wonderful country village Autumn Show. Thanks to The Judges, Stewards, all the organisers helpers, supporters, exhibitors and of course The Committee Team..... Here's to next years Show which is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 – Sandra x and the team xx

**Please remember that the deadline for the winter edition of this magazine is  
Friday November 20th  
Please send copy and JPEGs to [kimpton.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kimpton.editor@btinternet.com)**



## Royal British Legion

There will be an extra Friday Coffee morning at the Dacre Rooms on Friday 6th November in aid of The Poppy Appeal. All are welcome; tea, cakes and

locally sourced vegetables are all available at very reasonable prices.

The Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 8th November this year. Two minutes' silence will be observed at 11.00am; mustering will be at 10.15 at the Village Hall to arrive at the War Memorial by 10.40. If you are intending to attend the Church Service, please be in Church in plenty of time preferably before 10.40am

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the closure of the High Street for the Parade. The closure will run from approximately 10.15 to 10.45.

Anybody requiring information about the Legion and what it does should contact our Secretary, Dave Gibbs (01438 832236) from whom application forms may be obtained.

Legion members will also be remembering the fallen at the village War Memorial at 11.00am on Wednesday 11th November. All are welcome to join us. Next time you are passing the Memorial, it is worth noting the names of the men who gave their lives; you will recognise a number of family names which are still common in Kimpton.

*Dave Gibbs  
Branch Secretary*

## New life for the old White Horse?



As you know, the White Horse pub has, for many years, played a key role in the history and community of Kimpton village. Earlier this year, despite reassurances made to the village that the pub would be sold as a going concern, McMullens sold the property to developers who immediately sought a change of use – from 'commercial' to 'residential'. As a result of endeavours by Kimpton residents, this proposal was rejected by the Planning Control Committee on August 20th 2015 and the pub was also granted status as an Asset of Community Value.

So what happens next? That is very much down to the local community, and you are invited to have your say. A questionnaire has been designed to help identify how we should all respond. This is available from the Corner Stores, and your input would be much appreciated. Please be assured that all information will be treated in strictest confidence. We'll have another update in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

*Doug Jenner*

## The Boot Annual Christmas Party for over 65's

The Boot will be holding their annual Christmas party for over 65's on Sunday January 10th in the Memorial Hall.

Please be there at 12.30 ready for the meal at 1pm

**No invites will be sent out this year.**

Please call Craig or Treena on 01438 832438 at The Boot before December 18th to reserve your place.



# Neighbourhood Watch Update

## **Safer Neighbourhoods (SN)**

The recent arrival of this publication from Hitchin Rural Police Team is timely as it contains a wealth of information on some subjects that I would have covered. The SN contains details of police priorities, vehicle speed monitoring, burglary reduction and retrieving stolen property.

## **Community Policing**

Look out for visit in a street near you from our lively PCSO Heather Burrows as she continues her door to door introduction checking whether residents have any security concerns and encouraging them to join the OWL network to receive selected police and NHW e-mails. She is also considering attending one of the Friday Coffee Mornings in the Dacre Rooms.

If you need to contact her, our Ward Constable PC Chris Suckling or any other officer please use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 and clearly identify the officer with whom you wish to speak. Other contact details are inside the magazine's back cover.

## **For non-emergency calls please use 101.**

A recent meeting with Hitchin Rural Police confirmed that they are dedicated to improving the support for NHW Street Co-ordinators with a team of 3 Ward PC's and 2 PCSO's led by Sergeant Steve Oliphant.

## **Local Crime Alerts**

In addition to the warnings in the SN 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. 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**

A bogus Royal Mail email says they have a letter/parcel for you to collect and invites to follow some instructions in order to release the item and in so doing you allow a virus into your computer. Subsequently you are requested to send a ransom to have the files decrypted!!

## **Using Websites for Crime Prevention**

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

## **University Student Safety**

Excellent advice on student safety on [www.suzylamplugh.org](http://www.suzylamplugh.org)

## **Cyber Computer Attack**

[www.getsafeonline.org/nca](http://www.getsafeonline.org/nca)

## **Theft of Keyless Start Motor Vehicles**

Increasingly thieves are using devious methods to circumvent the latest technology. Police and dealers recommend fitting a dual band tracking device. Never leave your vehicle unattended with the doors unlocked. Fit a secure lockable device over the on-board diagnostic port to prevent unauthorised cloning of a key electronically.

## **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.

## **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. Don't leave keys in sight of an open letter box.

Our free Letter Box Deflectors prevent peeping toms having a quick look. Please let me know if you would like one.

Finally, please report any suspicious activity.

*Alan Smith, Kimpton Village NHW Co-ordinator  
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# Harvest Festival in the Parish Church

In a packed church children played a major part in the Family Communion service celebrating Harvest festival. Members of B.L.A.S.T. led the prayers and presented their harvest gifts at the altar.

Vicar Bonnie invited them to sit in front of the altar during the blessing of the bread and wine for communion.

The produce was auctioned at the end of the service with the proceeds going to The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2015



Photos: Andy Wright

# The Church in Kimpton

## Parish Church

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Urgent 999      Non Urgent 101

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# Helping Hand

## HOSPITAL VISITING

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

## NORTH HERTS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES SCHEME

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 459752

## CANCER ADVISORY SERVICE

BACUP Link Line. Freephone 181199

## THE SAMARITANS

If you would like to talk to the Samaritans or find out more about becoming a volunteer, please ring 01582 720666 or 08457 90 90 90 anytime day or night or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto: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](mailto:kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys](http://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](mailto:barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com)

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[www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk](http://www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk)