



# ***Kimpton Parish Magazine***

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**Tuesday**

8.45am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Parish Church	Prayers for World Peace

**Thursday**

8.45am	Parish Church	Morning Prayer
2pm ( term time only )	Parish Church	Time for Tots
5.30pm	Parish Church	Evening Prayer

**Saturday**

9am	Ayot St Lawrence	Morning Prayer
5.30pm (summer months)	Ayot St Lawrence	Evening Prayer
5.30pm (winter months)	Parish Church	Evening Prayer

**Sunday**

8am	Parish Church	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	<i>1st Sunday each month</i>	Family Communion followed by Parish Breakfast
8am	Parish Church <i>other Sundays</i>	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
9.30		Holy Communion followed by coffee
11.30am	Ayot St Lawrence <i>2nd Sunday each month</i>	Mattins with Holy Communion (BCP)
6pm	Perry Green Baptist Chapel	Evening service

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## Lorraine's Letter

Dear Friends,

A few days ago a hospital patient told me that my bedside prayers were "not good enough because you didn't **tell** God that He **must** make me better", and "I don't deserve to be ill because I've never harmed anyone".

Apparently the idea that heavy drinking and 40 cigarettes a day might have something to do with the illness did not enter the patient's mind! This popular misconception that God inflicts unjust punishment is a challenge that most Christians have had thrown at them, and is very difficult to answer without offending. We have been living in a society that while it knows its "rights", has frequently ignored the other side of the coin - responsibility. Being responsible means having to put one's "rights" aside occasionally, and might even mean, perish the thought, accepting blame when something goes wrong. Sadly even though most of the world's ills are caused by human beings, God is seen as a soft target for our let's-find-someone-else-to-blame culture. The irony is that God's love for us is so great that He **chose** to take the blame for our misdoings and paid the price on the Cross. The amazing depth of God's love means that He does not punish us, or make us suffer, but we live in a world that, despite its dazzling beauty, is broken, which means that things do go wrong and suffering happens. The retort to that last statement usually runs along the lines of "In that case why doesn't God just fix it?" Of course, being God, He could snap His fingers and all would be well, but how long would it be before we messed up again? God chooses to work in partnership with us, and that means He has to work at our very slow pace, but He is working in our world. His work is evident in patients who recover against all the odds; in enemies who become friends; in the sacrifices

some make so that others may benefit; in those who study Scripture and so come to realise how precious they are in God's sight, the list could go on. Another sign of God's work in our world is in the growing number acknowledging our common responsibility towards the most vulnerable and towards the planet itself. As we go through our struggles, whether personal, national or international, we can be sure that God is not punishing us, but is there in the struggle with us, loving, helping, strengthening, and upholding, even when we are not aware of Him doing so. As the Psalmist wrote, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?" (Psalm 139:7). My prayer for each one of you is that you will be aware of His loving presence in your life and so know yourself to be precious in His sight. *Lorraine*

P.S. A huge THANK YOU to all who took part in May Festival. Only in England could people enjoy cream tea, Pimms and jazz while being pelted with hail stones!

### FORTHCOMING SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES

#### St. Peter & St. Paul, Kimpton

20th June 9:30am

FATHER'S DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday 4th July 11am

PATRONAL FESTIVAL, followed by Lunch.

#### Ayot St. Lawrence

11th July 11:30am

PATRONAL FESTIVAL in the RUINED CHURCH

29th August. Bring your animals to church for a PET SERVICE in the RUINED CHURCH (time to be arranged - look out for posters with details)

### May Festival Vicarage Cream Teas

Liz Jamieson and Valerie Pollington would like to thank everyone, known and unknown, who so kindly made delicious cakes and scones for the 2010 May Festival. Before the event we have no idea whether we will have sufficient, but each year, miraculously, the people of Kimpton respond.

We are also grateful to those who help with the tents, transport tables and chairs, wash up and serve the teas. Also thanks to Lorraine and Malcolm whose house and garden are invaded for the event. All have our heartfelt thanks.

## From The Registers

### Baptisms

04 April 2010

Aaron Alfie Cooper-French

18 April 2010

Nico Teresa Norton-Henson

### Burials & Interments

31 March 2010

Peter Ronald Ilot

10th June 2010

Gordon Howells

Betty, Janice and Malcolm Ilott would like to thank everybody who kindly donated money in memory of Peter. We are sending cheques to Isabel Hospice, Welwyn Garden City and Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospital, who looked after him during his illness. We would also like to thank the District Nurses, who were wonderful and kind to Peter.



## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Ho! Ho! Ho! Yes, Christmas already! Each year Kimpton Christians Together produce a Christmas card which is delivered to every household in Kimpton and Ayot St. Lawrence, listing the various Church Services for the season. For a number of years, Sandra Berti has kindly designed a beautiful front for the cards, but this year, with Sandra's agreement, we would like to invite the children of the villages to submit designs for us. The design should fit onto a piece of paper the size of this page when folded top to bottom. (You can make it bigger, but we must be able to shrink it to that size without losing detail). There will be two age groups: up to 7 years and 8–12 years; there will be one winner from each group, and we shall use the two winning designs for our cards. We don't have any prizes, but each winner will receive a certificate and the knowledge that their artwork will be displayed in half the homes in Kimpton and Ayot Lawrence. To enter, deliver your design to the Vicarage (11 High Street, Kimpton) by the end of September. Please put your name, age, address and telephone number on the back of your entry. Judging will take place at the beginning of October. Please note that we shan't be able to return any of the entries and the Judge's decision will be final.

**Kimpton Flower Arrangers  
invite you to visit our  
village Church  
during Harvest Festival weekend**

Saturday 2nd October (10 am – 4 pm)  
and  
Sunday 3rd October (12 noon – 4 pm)

Please come and see the church  
beautifully decorated  
with flowers, fruits and vegetables  
as well as a display of arts and crafts  
by local clubs

Everyone welcome  
Entrance free

## Kimpton WI

You will have seen us at May Festival: our successful cake stall quickly sold out; our team in 'Brains of Kimpton' were runners up; our float, 'Red Riding Hood', won 3rd prize.

Why not join us on the 2nd Wednesday each month. In July we have Barbara Weeks doing craft with us; in August we have an outing; in September we have a speaker on First Aid. Posters around the parish will keep you informed. New members are very welcome.

*Read about what the WI was up to 75 years ago on page 21*

## Grateful Thanks

The Editor and production team acknowledge with thanks donations received from Betty Bowler.



# Gordon Howells 1926 - 2010

It's about 8am on Saturday June 5th and I've just had a phone call from Gill, Gordon's daughter, telling me that he had passed away during the early hours of the morning. It's a shock, although I knew for the previous week that it was likely to happen any time and I'd been expecting this call.

What can I say about him? Difficult in a few words. He has been a great friend for nearly thirty years and he and his late wife Jackie were my introduction to Kimpton when I was appointed organist at the Parish Church. Through Gordon I joined the Kimpton Players and became 'The Orchestra' for the Old Time Music Hall.

Members of the Church Choir for about fifty years, Gordon and Jackie would turn up to rehearsals in the most appalling weather and if it was really too cold in the Church we would rehearse at their house and were spoilt with the famous Howells hospitality!

Apart from being a Kimpton Player and a choir member Gordon has been Chairman of the Parish Council, a loyal member of The Royal British Legion, a member of The Probus Club,

The Whitwell Singers, The Hertfordshire Police Choir, The History Group and The Bowls Club (plus, I'm sure, a few more that I don't know about!)

He will be remembered for his generosity, sense of humour (sometimes wicked!), his wonderful joke routine in The Music Hall, his willingness to help others perhaps by driving them to hospital appointments, and, of course, as a family man.

Gordon we'll all miss you. God bless you.

*Andy Wright*

If you wish to make a donation in Gordon's memory the chosen charities are The Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Fund and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Funeral Directors, Austins, will co-ordinate donations, so please make cheques out to Austins. They cannot arrange for your donation to be 'Gift Aided' so if you want this to happen please go directly to the charity concerned.

# An Inspector Calls



For their next production, The Kimpton Players are proud to present one of the great classics of 20th century English theatre, J.B. Priestley's famous thriller "An Inspector Calls", which has just finished an award-laden run in the West End.

The play concerns the prosperous, middle-class Birling family, living in the industrial north Midlands. While at dinner one night, the family is visited by the mysterious 'Inspector Goole', who questions them about the suicide of a young working-class woman. How are they involved, and what part did they play in her death? As

their secrets start to unravel, and their callous look-after-yourself mentality, casual indifference and cruelties are exposed, the very foundations of their comfortable lives begin to shatter. Gripping and thought-provoking, the play forces us to examine our own consciences and our responsibilities to our fellow human beings.

The production is at Kimpton Memorial Hall, June 17th, 18th & 19th, @ 8.00pm. Tickets are £8.00, and are available from the Box Office on 01438 832500, or on the door.

*Laurie Barker as Arthur Birling is pictured with The Inspector played by Lynn Wood.*

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## A WARM FEELING IN THE COLD

It was very chilly on the Sunday and Monday of May Festival, wasn't it? But that shouldn't make us forget that the Saturday was BRILLIANT! Although I didn't do a count, I felt that there were more people than ever before on the Rec and the whole day was FANTASTIC! The sun shone, our May Queen and her attendants were beautiful and everyone was smiling. The more formal arrangements for Car Parking went well and meant that the village was a little less congested and all the activities were very popular.

And we shouldn't forget the huge number of events that took place on the others days, many of which were unaffected by the chilly wind. I tried to work out how many people are involved in helping to run events over the weekend and I gave up when I got over 150! So thank-you to all who helped to make the Festival another great weekend.

Thank you, particularly, to the Committee, who, once again, worked so hard and did so well. If you are not on the Committee, how about joining for May Festival 2011. We are going to need you. I have now been Chairman for five years and intend to stop now, to give other people a chance, so we will need replacements!

Come along to the wind-up meeting on Tuesday June 22nd at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Lounge and tell us what you thought of this year's festival.

*Andy Morton*

## Flowers, fruit and fairytales at Kimpton Community Playgroup

It has been a busy time here at Kimpton Community Playgroup over the spring and summer terms, with lots of exciting topics for the children to enjoy. We've been learning about growth by looking at runner beans, sunflowers and tadpoles – which have been a great favourite!

The children have also been getting their teeth into the subject of food, and have enjoyed exploring the look, taste and feel of lots of different foods from around the world. Fruit smoothies and fruit salads have been a tasty way to teach them about the positive impact of a healthy diet.



Of course we have also had great fun putting our float together for the May Festival, and were thrilled to win 2nd prize this year. The parents and children worked together to create a magical fairytale castle, with the

boys and girls dressed up as knights, dragons and princesses, plus a couple of frogs and unicorns for good measure!

These are really exciting times for our playgroup, the number of children on our books is rising steadily and we are now open Monday to Friday, from 9.15am to 12.15pm. Building work on our new, purpose-built premises in the grounds of Kimpton Primary School will be commencing shortly, and an information evening is planned to give villagers more details about what will be there. We are hoping to move in by October half term, if all goes to plan.

For more details about our playgroup, please contact Karen Pagan on 07833 572820 (playgroup mobile) or 01438 831211 (out of hours phone).

The Parish Magazine is now online at [www.kimpton.org.uk](http://www.kimpton.org.uk) and follow the link

## Monkeying around in the Night Garden

The Kimpton Monkeys have had a fun-packed time over the last term, with some new members joining our friendly group and all the excitement of the May Festival.

The little Monkeys (and quite a few of the big Monkeys too!) dressed up as their favourite 'In The Night Garden' characters and travelled alongside our 'Magical Gazebo' float in decorated pushchairs and trikes. The float looked amazing and we were really pleased to win 3rd prize this year.

And a big thankyou to everyone who picked flowers from Upsy Daisy's garden to win a prize in our chocolate and sweetie tombola – unsurprisingly this was a big hit with both the big and the little kids!

Kimpton Monkeys is a parent-run group, and we really need as much help as possible to continue providing a fun, safe and stimulating environment for local babies and toddlers. If you currently enjoy the sessions with your children and are able to spare some time to help out on the committee, we would love to hear from you.

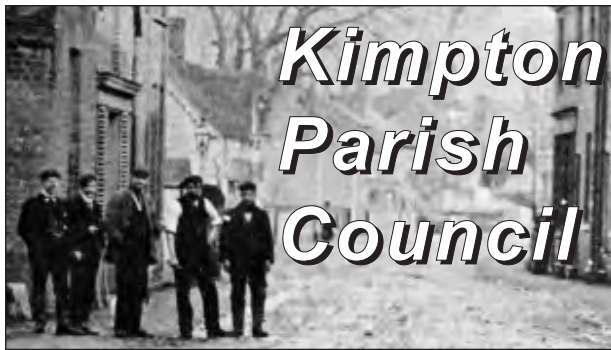


For more details please contact Tamsin Corbett on 01438 833872 or 07810 898101.

## Art Show

A big thank you to all who made the Art Show a fine success. The weather was not so kind to us this year, which meant that attendance and sales were down by about a quarter. However, visitors commented very positively on the very high quality of the works, the variety of displays, the musical contributions and the beautiful ambience of the village's most historic building filled with creative life. In addition, we made £4,000, which will be split equally between the May Festival charities and the Church Restoration Fund.

*Peter Liddell, Convener*



Your new Parish Council met for the first time at the Annual Meeting on May 19th on which occasion we welcomed three new members – David Hardcastle, Donatella Piroli and Ian Corbett. Appointments to committees and other responsibilities were discussed and agreed, we now look forward to representing our parish to the best of our ability, managing much local work and activity important to our area.

Presently, our agendas are busy with matters relating to our Kimpton Play Strategy 2008 – 2018, this having delivered the first stage of significant improvements within a full refurbishment and replacement programme being planned. There being a number of people unhappy with some of the changes implemented we are currently engaged in a second full public consultation and evaluation. We are very grateful to Marion Stewart Smith, Headmistress at Kimpton Primary School, who has agreed to help us canvass the important views and opinions of her pupils in completing a professionally designed questionnaire on the subject – a second public meeting is planned and we continue to seek the widest possible comment from the Parish to inform the best decisions of the Council, going forward.

There remain concerns related to access to the Kimpton Village Green which the Council owns and has responsibility to manage in the highest and widest interests of the whole Parish.

Members from your Council recently attended a progress meeting at North Herts District Council when the proposed development of the land at Lloyd Way and Coopers Close was discussed. Architects and planners are arranging to attend the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 30th June and plans are laid for another Village Day in the autumn where more detail and further planning information for our Parishioners to view and question will be available.

We have not lost sight of the East of Luton Urban Development Plans and have a Parish Council Working Party in place to monitor and report any changes, since Luton BC withdrew earlier proposals. We intend to work in partnership with the District Council and Keep East of Luton Green Committee, together with the support of our District and County Councillors – John Bishop and Richard Thake.

Finally, that old chestnut – the issue of Kimpton Dog Dirt. Several people have commented helpfully, to me, following the article I wrote for the last Parish Magazine, thank you. The Council has agreed to spend a sufficient sum to enable us to provide permanent and prominent signs requesting our dog owners respect our local byelaws and thereby prevent this problem continuing. Several have indicated a measure of improvement even before these signs are in place. Lets us be thankful to those with dogs who have helped us whilst in no way resting on our laurels – yet!

Please, I ask almost every Parish Magazine Report – keep watch on our notice boards – updated regularly by Carina Helmn and maintained – yes, by The Kimpton Bench Working Party. Please, find out the date and venue of our next meetings – we sometimes take our meetings all the way to Peters Green and then COME along and hold us to account – we are your representatives seeking to do your will to the best of our ability – we will welcome your contributions and support.

*David I Reavell Chairman Kimpton Parish Council*

Full Council meetings for 2010/2011 will be held on Wednesdays June 30th, July 28th (Peters Green Village Hall), September 8th, October 13th, November 24th, January 12th, February 23rd (Peters Green Village Hall), March 23rd, April 27th and the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting (starting at approx. 9pm) is on May 25th. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are in Kimpton Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend any Kimpton Parish Council meeting. A Councillor will be available between 7.15 and 7.30 to discuss any matter relating to the Parish.



# THE NOISE PROJECT



**THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST**

Do you know anyone with a garden that has got out of control? A shed or fence that needs painting? Any task that enthusiastic, unskilled people can tackle?

The NOISE project will help you on Thursday 26th August! A group of people of all ages, based from the Parish Church, will be getting down to the tasks.

We need people to help and projects to tackle. Please help us to help the people of Kimpton. Ring Andy Morton 01438 832427

Lamer Fields   
Children's Centre  
Wheathampstead and Kimpton area  
A Sure Start Children's Centre

Announcing: 'Jolly Drops'  
A new 'drop in' in Kimpton  
(from 2nd July 2010)

We will be in the Green Room at the back of Kimpton Memorial Hall every Friday: 9am-11am  
Why not come along, let the children have a play and see what the Children's Centre can do for you and your under 5's

For example:



our 'Jolly Roger' Toy Library



Toys and equipment for Under 5's

Membership only 1.50 per year

Cost of hiring 50p—£5.00 per week

Also offering an opportunity to try before you buy.

Why not come along and take a look at our catalogue or look on our website and ring to order toys to be delivered to Kimpton on Friday mornings?

Any questions please do not hesitate to ring our team:

Lamer Fields Children's Centre 01582 834758

[www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/](http://www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/)





It has been an exciting three months at Kimpton Primary School.

During the Spring Term our Infant children covered most of their curriculum through the topic of Castles whilst the Juniors spent a great deal of their time finding out about Special K(impton)! As a culmination of their topics, they welcomed parents, grandparents and some other members of the village community to a presentation morning. Year 6 pupils showed groups of adults round the work that had been produced by children throughout the school, including mediaeval dancing from Key Stage One and a fantastic model village made up of many of the buildings in Kimpton produced by Key Stage Two.

Our youngest children also do much of their learning through topics which change much more frequently than in the rest of the school and visits to their classes were also included in the tour.

Our latest topic is Africa and for the first time children from Year One all the way up to Year Six are studying the same topic. We had a very exciting start with visitors providing a drumming workshop, a dance workshop and an opportunity to learn about, observe closely and draw many artefacts used in African cultural and religious practices. We have been lucky to find out that several people connected to the school have experience of living or working in Africa and their recounts, pictures and artefacts have enhanced the children's learning greatly. We look forward to sharing some of our work later this term.

Once again Kimpton Primary School pupils have enjoyed success in sport. Our tag rugby team won the St Alban's District Tag Rugby tournament and has only been prevented from

going on to the final by unfortunate timing – the final is during the week that our oldest children are enjoying their Field Week at Osmington Bay! Our younger indoor athletics teams, comprising children from years 3 and 4 came fourth in their competition. For many of them it was their first experience of representing the school. With Cricket, rounders and further athletics still to come all I can say is...watch this space!

We are also very proud of Emily Westcott and Molly Thomas-Chivers who have come 1st and 2nd respectively in the Village of The Year Art competition. You may have seen their work on display at the May Festival.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the school at May Festival. Whether this was by buying food from our barbecue at the Recreation Ground or teas (and delicious cakes!) in our dining room or by contributing money to the bucket as our lovely float went past, we are very grateful for all your support. I'd also like to say a massive thank you to all of the KSA committee and other friends of the school who helped out both beforehand and on the day. All funds raised at present are going towards our computer project which is in its final stages.

With my very best wishes for a wonderful summer  
*Marion Stewart-Smith, Headteacher*

Don't forget the next meeting of the Kimpton Cycle Project. It will be held on July 14th at 122 High Street, kimpton, and starts at 8pm. Andy Knight the area manager of Sustrans (responsible for the Luton to Harpenden cycle path) is hoping to come along and talk about what Sustrans do and how they can help us.

# Kimpton Memorial Hall



## Hiring charges to increase?

Those of you who have visited the Memorial Hall recently will realise that the refurbishment programme continues apace. The work on the Green Room is almost complete, with only a few 'bits' of wiring, and the skirting still to be done. The Parish Council's new projector has been installed, as has the new air-conditioning and heating system, and yet again we are substantially indebted to John Rumble who has donated the new flooring materials, which greatly enhance the room's appearance. We have already attracted some new bookings for the Green Room, and we hope that the income from this improved facility will help us further to narrow the gap between income and expenditure.

As I have reported previously, money which is donated to the Hall is always used to finance an improvement and is never used to defray normal running costs. The shortfall between what we receive in letting income, and what we spend in running and maintaining the Hall, has for the past twenty five years or so, been met by the Parish Council, by way of an annual grant. In effect the Parish Council has subsidised, and continues to subsidise the Hall, and every single organisational user benefits from that subsidy. Our intention is to reorganise the finances, over a period of time, in such a manner that the Memorial Hall becomes self sufficient. With that in mind we are doing

everything we can to increase revenue, without substantially increasing the cost of hire to village organisations.

However, we cannot just ignore what we charge regular users and we are currently conducting an exercise to establish how our charges compare with those of other similar Halls, locally. We expect to have those figures available for consideration by the Management Committee when it considers the hiring charges for next year, at its next meeting on 19th October. If your organisation has an interest in the issue (most organisations have!), please make sure your representative attends. We only have two management meetings a year now, and yet we still receive nearly as many 'apologies' as we see attendees! It really is very important that all the regular users participate in decisions that will affect them, so if your organisation's regular representative cannot attend, please send someone else in their place!

At the same meeting we hope to be able to present our plans to convert the old plant room into a kitchenette with a storage area, and our ideas for getting some natural light into the Green room. Providing those plans meet with approval, all we will need to do then is to raise enough money to be able to carry out the work!

*Roger Nash 01438 832101*

**The deadline for the autumn edition of the Parish Magazine is  
Friday September 10th  
Please email your copy and jpegs to [kimpton.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kimpton.editor@btinternet.com)**

# May Festival 2010 - Enjoyed by all despite the weather!



May Queen Tabi and her attendants Natalie and Adena had a very busy weekend turning up at most of the events. Kimpton Player Mike Taylor sells a couple of tickets for 'An Inspector Calls' to MP Peter Lilley. Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee enjoy the procession. The Dick Van Dyke look-a-like and the Station Master are from the prize winning Dawes Family float. Kieran Doyle looks great as the White Rabbit and Billy Bunter enjoys a chocolate roll. The Youth Club's excellent walking book entry won first prize.

Photos: Andy Wright





It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of one of our very respected and stalwart members, Elliot Matthews, who has served on the

committee for the past five years and has worked tirelessly in the interests of the club. His dry wit would often soften the seriousness of our meetings. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Margaret also a committee member, and their family. He will be greatly missed.

For our March evening, Victor Scott gave us an interesting talk supported by a large number of beautiful slides on the "Alpine Flowers in the North Western Hemisphere". In April, David Empson spoke on "Preparing Fruit and Vegetables for Showing", giving us a good insight into the amount of effort required in producing a good display. Our May meeting was an evening with Peter Fells, who gave an illustrated talk about a tour of "Vermont to the Everglades in the Fall". Another very interesting and colourful occasion.

On the 19th June the club will be embarking on a day outing to the famous R.H.S. gardens at Wisley in Surrey which we know will be a magnificent, interesting and colourful day. We have a few seats available for non-members at a cost of £20 each, if you are interested please telephone Sandra on 832829.

July will be an evening outing to Waterdell Gardens in Croxley Green, and the August meeting will be a social evening for members. In September, Joe Sharman will give us an illustrated talk on "Irises". All meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month and non-members will be very welcome. Just come along and try us, we are a very friendly club.

*Pat Dyer*

## **Kimpton's Autumn Show** **Saturday 4th September 2010** **Memorial Hall**

What is it? It is Kimpton's Annual Village Show of vegetables, cookery, craft, photography, flower arranging, jams, pickles etc which adults and children can enter. There are nearly 20 cups and trophies and, thanks to the Horse

Show Committee, rosettes and small cash prizes for the children. But most of all it is the fun of entering and perhaps the joy of winning. Look for the Show Schedule, which will be on sale in the Corner Stores from July - with tips on entering each class. Choose one or more classes and have a go. How about having a go at the Scarecrow Competition?

Whether you intend to enter or not, put the date in your diary now - the Show is open to everyone to view the exhibits in the afternoon. There will be teas and scrumptious WI cakes, silly games and tombola inside, and in the Garden more games and of course all the Scarecrows to look at. Don't miss it. It will be Great Fun.  
*Bob Finch 01438 832497*

## **Flamstead Scarecrow Festival 2010**

The Festival runs from Friday August 20th until Sunday August 22nd.

The proceeds will be split between the Hertfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre and Friends of St Leonards Church.

## **Shaw's Corner Summer Events**

### **25th 26th & 27th June**

Outdoor Theatre 'you never can tell' by G.B.Shaw - Gates 5.30pm. performance 6.30pm. Tickets 0844 249 1895

### **23rd 24th & 25th July**

Outdoor Theatre 'Widowers Houses' by G.B.Shaw - Gates 5.30pm - Performance 6.30pm. Advance Tickets 0844 249 1895

### **25th July**

Walk this Way - Join us for a gentle stroll around the village following Shaw's last published work, A Rhyming Guide to Ayot St Lawrence. Booking Essential 01438 829221

On Sunday 27th June and Sunday 25th July you will be able to meet the cast and director Michael Friend at the Palladian Church, 4pm. Places for this are limited so please phone in advance for free tickets.

For any information on any of the above events. please contact Shaw's Corner on 01438 829221



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

### **Gordon Howells**

It is with great regret that I have to inform you of the death of Gordon Howells, our President and past Chairman.

He was a splendid chap and did a lot for the Branch, the Legion in general and of course for the whole village with his involvement in the Kimpton Players and the Church choir in particular.

Gordon had a rough time of it a couple of years ago when he had two hip replacement operations and he was taken poorly quite recently.

Gordon died in hospital early on Saturday June 5th. We offer our deepest sympathy to his son and daughter and to all the family.

### **Remembrance Service**

Planning for the 2010 Remembrance Service is now in hand. You will remember that we mentioned in the last issue was that this year we intend to hold the two minutes' silence at precisely 11.00am as happens in most communities across the country. The vicar was pleased to hear of this plan and we shall therefore be contacting all relevant organisations to make the necessary changes to facilitate this change.

### **Membership**

Membership of the Kimpton Branch remains steady at around thirty but new members are welcomed: remember, you do not have to have served in the armed forces – merely paying your (modest) annual subscription qualifies you. Several villagers have indicated their interest in joining and we should welcome the return of completed application forms as soon as possible. Anybody requiring information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Malcolm Voss on 01438 832921 or our Secretary, Dave Gibbs, 01438 832236.

### **Poppy Appeal 2009**

As at the 4th June the amount collected nationally for the Poppy Appeal has reached just over £33.4 million. Of this £666,455 was collected in Hertfordshire which is £55k up on the previous year.

We will be a few collectors short in Kimpton this year so if anyone feels they could help with the collection in November would they please contact me on 01438 832637. Many thanks.

*Shirley Clarke - Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator*

## **Royal British Legion Women's Section**

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us at May Festival where our Tombola stall raised £262. Thanks to those who donated prizes especially the proprietor of the village off'licence in Wheathampstead who generously donated several valuable items.

The money was split between the May Festival and our own Benevolent Fund.

Our summer program is now under way and we hope that the weather is kind to us all.

*Jenny Desborough*

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Comments: A very interesting village and it looks really pretty. I am interested as my wife's mother was a nurse at the Moss Home about 1940. Would love more information about this.



# Kimpton Cricket Club

Kimpton Cricket Club has enjoyed mixed success so far this season, losing 5 and winning 3 of the first 8 matches.

First up was the regular season opener away to the Carpenter's Arms - Tom Glinka scoring an excellent 68, and James Newth only just avoiding buying a jug by getting caught on 49 in a creditable 208 in our 40 overs. The bowling performance was solid, but having their star batsman dropped on 0, before going on to make 91 was always going to make it a difficult total to defend. A couple of late wickets from Ryan Cotton made it interesting, but they crossed the line with 5 balls to spare.

Our first home game, and first win, was against Codicote, on a wicket much more suited to the bowlers. Tom Glinka again led the way – this time scoring 50 in an 81 run partnership with Ken Hammond (34). Aaron Castle and Chris Westcott then ensure a comfortable win with 4 wickets each – Aaron for just 9 runs in a remarkable spell.

Next up was away to Hatfield Crusaders – a very strong league side. They posted a daunting 222 in their 40 overs, and with a slow outfield and tight bowling, we did well to get to 165 for 5 – Ken Hammond scoring 55 and Simon Thompson unbeaten on 45.

The away fixture with Codicote brought a comfortable win – 85 not out from Jacob Sharpe forming the base of 223 for 5 on a great batting strip. Giles Cooke then led the way with the ball, with outstanding figures of 5 for 17 off 8 overs.

Knebworth Blues came next, but debutant Chris Chown (57) made the only notable contribution with the bat and our bowling

always lacked penetration as they reach our total of 150 with 2 overs to spare.

The next fixture was the inaugural intra-village derby against the tennis club. Perhaps surprisingly, and more than a little embarrassingly, the tennis club won comfortably. At least we can console ourselves with their 2 top scorers Ben Croft (bowed Ollie Croft, 47) and Ian Mitchell (33) usually play for us! Let's just say we are already in talks with Andy Murray to represent KCC when we play them at tennis. The day was most memorable with excellent crowd participation.

The next fixture brought more disappointment, when a dropped catch in the first over left Kensworth to make a 125 run opening stand. Although we re-grouped to move quickly through the middle order, they still managed a total of 226. Our batting got off to a solid start with an opening partnership of 70, but after the openers went, we never looked like making the total and ended 48 runs short despite spirited resistance from our stand-in number 11, Pete Ibbetson (16).

The last match of May took us away to Shefford, where a great 50 from Ben Croft, ably supported by the rest of the middle order took us to a respectable 190. A strong all-round bowling performance then brought a very tight finish, with them ending just 5 runs short of our total for a thoroughly exciting victory.

As ever, there is always room for new player, so please call Simon Thompson, 01438 833767.

*See article on page 20 about one of Kimpton's less respectable cricketers!*

**Please remember that the deadline for the autumn edition of this magazine is Friday September 10th 2010**

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**See the Parish Magazine online at [www.kimpton.org.uk](http://www.kimpton.org.uk)**



## 2nd Kimpton Brownies

Time certainly flies when you are having fun. I have just realised where Spring went.

From making Mothers Day presents, Easter bonnets and baskets, learning about countries and their flags, a wonderful visit from Rory Thomas and our attendance at Harpenden's St. Georges Day parade. This all busily brought us to the May festival.

Like most of the Village we had been busy preparing. We collected tombola presents and created a fantastic collage for our stall, which was an important part to earning our Artists badge. Each of us took a turn manning the stall, we even have pictures on our web site [brownies.wooduk.co.uk](http://brownies.wooduk.co.uk) and, we made our best ever total. So, a big thank you to every one for supporting our stall by donating presents and buying tickets.

The rest of our pack meetings have been equally filled with fun. We had a Sixes challenge evening. This produced so many smiles as we tried to change one another's shoes and socks while holding hands in pairs, building sugar cube towers and other challenges under the names of fluffy bunnies and chop stick sweetie challenge, to name but a few.

Then, the girls wanted to put on a show. So, 'Brownies Entertains' delighted a packed house with an array of dancing, quizzes, musical instruments, poetry and jokes. It was a fabulous evening. Abbi, Anna, Emily, Tegan, Charlotte and Lucy earned their Hostess badges by serving the audience with refreshments, a very big task indeed, well done ladies, your badges were hard earned.

I am writing during half term, looking at our calendar of events. At our next meeting we are having a pets evening. This fills me with some trepidation, Brown Owl however, has seen this all before and assures me it will run smoothly and be a great success.

From then on, we shall be filling our evenings planning our Brownies pack holiday. We are very excited about this and can't wait! Then we shall round off our Summer term with a book evening and finally an evening packed with water games.

2nd Kimpton Brownies wish you very happy summer and hope the sun shines for us all.

## Walkers website gets better – and goes National

Walking in Herts [www.walkinginherts.co.uk](http://www.walkinginherts.co.uk) is a website packed with useful information for walkers.

With more than 150 walks to download and print, free, and details of around 100 guided walks every month, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

Now, after three years hard work local man John Harris has taken the concept Countrywide. Walking in England [www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk) has thousands of walks to download and print – and all free of charge!

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in England has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home or away on holiday you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

Did you know that walking for just 30 minutes a day can help you to:

- Feel good (you will feel fitter, your body will be more toned, and you will feel better about yourself).
- Have more energy.
- Sleep better.
- Reduce stress (have you ever noticed how it's difficult to walk and worry at the same time?).
- Reduce your blood pressure.
- Manage your weight.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!



### **Kimpton Ward PCSO and Ward Constable**

PCSO Tracey Jackson has been highly visible during the past three months and can often be seen walking our streets most recently accompanied by new recruit Charlie.. They report that fortunately crime is at a low level but do stress that if you have any crime intelligence to report or you would like to discuss any other matter contact Tracey on 01438 757604 or mobile 07796 527891.

Constable Chris Suckling continues to concentrate on Rural Beat matters and Kimpton issues in particular, the highlights of which will be found below.

### **Police Target Issues**

Responding to public concerns they continue to give much attention throughout North Herts to measures to reduce Fly Tipping, Anti- Social Behaviour, off-roading by 4x4's and to apprehend participants in Hare Coursing. You will be pleased to hear that there have been a number of arrests and convictions recently, some as the result of cross border liaison with the Bedfordshire force. There has been the usual outcrop of Distraction Burglaries, Bogus Callers and Cold Calling throughout North Herts and we should always be on our guard.

If you wish to discuss any of these or other issues you can contact Chris on 01438 757604 or the NH Crime Prevention Officer, Mark Montgomery( see e-mail address below)

### **Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinator (SC) Vacancies**

Three in the High St.(Hall Lane to Coopers Hill) and one each in Lawn Avenue, Lime Avenue/ The Drive and Wren Close. We would point out that the work largely involves communication with neighbours and is not demanding or time consuming. Access to e-mail is desirable ( see item below on OWL) but not essential.

Community spirited residents with some spare time are invited to please give this some thought and contact Alan Smith or Reen Ysselmuiden (our contact details are at the foot of this article) . Street Co-ordinators meet informally at four monthly intervals in the Memorial Hall to receive police crime reports and generally exchange views .

### **OWL -- On-line Watch Link**

This is an excellent medium for receiving and passing on information from the police concerning actual local crime, crime trends and reports from adjoining Wards. It is safe and reliable and also provides access to advice on property and vehicle security and prevention of identity theft.

If you wish to enrol and are happy to allow your email address to be included in the OWL system, you will be required to sign a NHW OWL Consent Form, ensuring security of the system and total confidentiality of personal data.

Consent Forms can be requested from the OWL Administrator and NHW Watch Liaison Officer Penny Knapper, contact details are:

01438 757610, email address:

penelope.knapper@herts.pnn.police.uk, or

alternatively Watch Liaison Officer Lucy Harris, email address: lucy.harris@herts.pnn.police.uk , 01438 757 610.

Residents without e-mail can receive information by telephone.

### **Recorded Local Crime**

In the absence of actual recorded crime figures for the last quarter Chris Suckling reports that the village continues to be a low crime area. However, on a wider basis fraud and identity theft continue to cause concern and you are reminded to be particularly alert when operating a cash machine and to be wary of the theft of handbags and wallets in supermarkets

Please remember the police warning on these issues is as follows: "Residents should be vigilant and always report any suspicious activity immediately. If we receive a 999 call while a crime is in progress we would have a better chance to catch the offenders. We welcome information concerning the appearance of the suspects and details of any vehicles involved. Registration numbers and descriptions of vehicles are very useful and improve intelligence."

### **May Festival 2010**

Our stand was well placed and attracted a fair amount of attention although unfortunately the Safer Neighbourhood/Crime Prevention Display Van was unable to attend.

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from page 18 Many thanks to PCSOs Tracey and Pam who together with Robin Wells helped to erect/dismantle the Gazebo and the NHW Banner.

### **Check your Neighbours**

Please take a moment to regularly check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house under any circumstances. Even if you get a visit from a reputable organisation always ask for proof of identity. If in doubt call the Police immediately on 999.

### **Reporting a Crime**

It is important that if you have any information about any crime or potential crime, you should call 0845 33 00 222. You can also contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 to provide information anonymously. For crimes in progress use 999.

### **Crime Prevention Items**

If you require crime prevention items you may contact the North Herts Crime Prevention Panel Chairperson Karen Collings, email: millie@ntlworld.com, or Dennis Wall, email dennis.wall@herts.pnn.police.uk or Mark Montgomery, email mark.montgomery@herts.pnn.police.uk.

Please remember that we hold a small stock of crime prevention items for sale at very modest prices and we can confirm that some items are free to the elderly and vulnerable. You can select required items by contacting Alan Smith or Reen Ysselmuiden who can provide a price list and place an order on your behalf.

### **Night Security and Absence**

We must all ensure that our property is secure with all windows, doors, garages, tools safely stored and sheds properly locked. If possible park a vehicle in front of your garage or at least on the drive. If you intend to be absent for more than a day let a neighbour know of your absence and how you can be contacted and set up a security light preferably on a timer..

Best wishes for a safe and secure Summer.

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## **Police Work to Deal with the Problem of Abandoned Horses**

Police officers in Hertfordshire have introduced a new scheme to assist with dealing with horses which are found near public highways.

The force control room at Hertfordshire Constabulary Headquarters frequently receives calls about stray horses or horses being abandoned and running near main roads and arterial routes in the county

This procedure has been devised in accordance with the law under the Highways Act.

The procedure specifically states that it is for animals found on the highway – which includes the verges and land immediately adjoining the highway, if the animals have immediate or uncontrolled access to the highway.

A new 'green yard' facility can now be contacted by the control room which means the horses are collected and can be recovered to a suitable venue for a maximum of fifteen days.

The 'green yard' will recover the horse and remove it to suitable premises.

PC Christopher Jones, from the Rickmansworth Anti – Social Behaviour Team, Inspector George Holland, the Constabulary's lead officer on rural affairs and Inspector Duncan Grieves from the Force Control Room devised the plan earlier this year.

Currently the plan is on a trial periods until August 1st but is already proving to be successful. PC Jones said: "The abandonment of horses and horses being found near public highways was causing us concern and that is why we have launched this trial period of recovery involving the mobile 'green yard'. "It is proving to be extremely successful and is one of the many initiatives which we have introduced to support the rural communities of Hertfordshire".

# Kimpton's Cricketing Vicar

**"a foul-mouthed, dishonest man who was one of the most hated figures in society ... he bought and sold matches as though they were lots at an auction"**



*By Bob Finch*

Lord Frederick Beauclerk, vicar of Kimpton from 1797 to 1827 was an outstanding but controversial first class cricketer. He was a founder member of Lords Cricket Ground and President of the MCC. He was also, undoubtedly, a great player, chosen to play cricket for England no less than 46 times between 1796 and 1823. Not because of his position or money but for his sheer ability. He was apparently somewhat of a showman, affecting a slight limp to gain crowd support and sympathy, and while batting he would suspend his gold watch from the middle stump to show disinterest or even contempt for the abilities of the bowler. This gamesmanship made him quite unpopular, hence the quotation at the top of this article - one of many fairly rude comments about him one can find in cricketing history articles and books.

Why he was Vicar of Kimpton (and after that Redbourn) is not clear. I am not sure how many times he preached, or signed registers at Kimpton, but suspect not very many. He was presumably an 'absentee vicar' who left his village in the hands of his Curate. He was a true aristocrat and well connected, the fourth son of the Duke of St Albans, and thus the great great grandson of King Charles II and his mistress Nell Gwyn!

Despite being Vicar of Kimpton he had a number of interests that fell foul of his 'calling' and caused much criticism in high places. One was his interest in gambling - he often played cricket for large sums of money, some of the matches were advertised as paying £1,000 to the winners. A massive amount of money 200 years ago. He boasted that he made £600 a year from betting on cricket matches. He also owned a racehorse called 'Poet', but to avoid any trouble with his Bishop he ran it under the name of 'Mr Brand'. (The Brands being the stately occupants of Kimpton Hoo). As well as complaints to his Bishop, letters were sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury pointing out that his gambling was unseemly conduct for a clergyman, but they seemed to have no affect.

I can find no evidence of him ever playing for the Kimpton Cricket Team. There is a handbill advertising a cricket match in 1806 'between Eleven Gentlemen of Kimpton and Eleven of Ware for 100 Guineas' that lists the Kimpton players, but it does not include Frederick. Perhaps the stakes were not high enough?

*Next time another Cricketing Hero - this one home grown and much more respectable.*

# ***From the Parish Magazine 75 years ago.....***

## ***The Sunday School Outing August 1935***

Subscribers were invited to vote to where they should go, and Clacton was carried by a large majority. The four buses started just before 7am on a cloudy morning that never developed into real heat. There was a short spell of rain at 3pm and at 5.30 a thunderstorm, with a heavy downpour, lasting for half a hour. Our departure was timed for 6.30pm and no difficulty was experienced in getting everybody together.

Mrs Wells of the Church Lane Store very kindly provided toffees, which were distributed before the return journey began.

A good many children and grown ups bathed in the sea, a few went in a steamer and some in a motor boat, though the sea for part of the day was rather rough.

There were many other amusements to pass the time, and everybody enjoyed the day thoroughly.

## ***The Chancel***

As a result of a discussion by the Parochial Church Council, who repaired to the Church in order to try the effect, an experiment is being made to widen the aisle in the chancel, and to open it up generally. One result has been to bring to light the beautifully carved oak fronts of the proper choir stalls, and to provide adequate space for a wedding, confirmation, Festival Communion and children's service.

Lord and Lady Hampden have been consulted, for Lord Hampden as Lay Rector is responsible for the Chancel, and also the change would involve their occupying a seat further back in the Dacre Chapel. No expense has been involved up to the present, except that the pedestal base of the pulpit was found to have rotted away, and has been replaced by a new one. This would have been necessary in any case. The preacher trembles to think how near he has been to capsizing and coming down in a dusty ruin. His sermon has on one occasion come to an abrupt end in the middle of a sentence because somebody's house had caught fire, but never, so far, through the pulpit turning turtle and spilling him out!

## ***Women's Institute***

July 27th. Lecture by Rev. C.H. Brown on "Hearts are Trumps". Outdoor games, 3.30 at The Grange, by kind invitation of Mrs. Arbuthnot.

## ***School Sports***

It was a proud day for Dacre House when Joan Spacey and Jack Dollin received the cup from Viscountess Hampden.

It should be remembered that the school sports club is run entirely by the children themselves, and the only support it gets is any small sum which the Headmaster can allocate. The children have to pay for their bus fares themselves when they go out.

The inter-school sports were held on June 4th when a new shield in honour of the Jubilee was competed for by the smaller schools.

Kimpton retained the shield for their division by the narrow margin of three points.

Among the juniors J. Williamson gained 9 points, J Dyke 8, P. Valentine 6 and W.Toyer 8.

Among the seniors M. Butterfield gained 4 points and M. Plain 5.

Six children have been selected to represent Mid-Herts Association at the County Sports at Ware.

## ***Baptism and Confirmation***

Seven girls and two boys were prepared for confirmation at St Albans Abbey. Questions have been asked when the next confirmation would be held at Kimpton and it is thought that Kimpton is not a good centre "buses are not very convenient".

Peter Edward Burgess was Baptised on June 16th.

## **1st Kimpton Scouts have lots to be thankful for....**

The Scouts of Kimpton continue to thrive, with absolutely loads of fabulous new experiences on offer. It's not just the children and young people who get involved, but the families too. We have just enjoyed another great Quiz Night, raising much-needed funds to support our programme of activities for children and young people in the village; many thanks to Donna et al for their great role as quiz masters.

Once again May Festival week-end was a wonderful occasion for us all; huge thanks to all of those who give up so much time to make it such a great event. We were thrilled this year to receive First Prize for our float, a great achievement given the wonderful variety of floats on the parade and a super example of what can be achieved when all Sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts), plus a dedicated group of parents, work together. We were so proud that almost every member of the Scout Group dressed up and joined in with such enthusiasm; the spectacle of 70 young people from the village, aged 6-13, was a true testimony of the relevance of Scouting to young people today.

Sunday of MF weekend saw two Beaver teams compete for the coveted 5-a-side football trophy. We had 2 teams entered and they entertained us all. A narrow victory for Beavers United in a very close game against Beaver Rovers. Once again, we extend our thanks to the fabulous Kieran and Sam from Kimpton Rovers for organizing this great event. Many thanks too to all of you who supported the Scout bookstall on the Recreation ground. We raised a record amount of money and hopefully have supplied you with plenty of reading to enjoy during the hot, lazy days of summer!!

We are now well into planning our Family Camp in September when we hope to have many families joining us for a brilliant weekend offering new challenges and lots of fun. More on that in the next issue ÷

If you have a child aged 4+ then it's time to get your name down on our waiting list. Please visit our website at [www.kimptonscouts.org.uk](http://www.kimptonscouts.org.uk) to register on our waiting list, or call Annie on 833421.

*Annie New Beaver Scout Leader*

## **Kimpton Bench Working Party**

You may have seen us on Wednesdays around the village, tidying up, repairing, and so on. We are also the backbone of the work-force that erects the Memorial Hall marquee roof lining. It transforms the Hall for weddings, parties, balls etc. This year it will be erected (at weekends invariably) nearly 20 times! This is as well as helping at village events such as the Autumn Show, the Horse Show, the May Festival

Art Show.

More new benches have been installed around the footpath network. You will find one on the footpath near Cuckolds Cross, another on the corner of Bishey Wood, and another on the footpath from Kimpton to Whitwell. Many thanks to farmers Clark, Manning and Harding for permission.

The fence in the Church House Garden has been made child proof, and a small paved area laid for the dustbins in the Churchyard. Several Wednesday mornings were spent repairing the bus shelter at Blackmore End, and laying paving in front of the post box there. (We have run out of paving slabs - has anyone unwanted ones?). The roof of the bus shelter at the west end of the High Street has been repaired, and we have started to refurbish the Parish Council notice boards.

During the last year we have been much involved in helping with the maintenance of the Memorial Hall - painting, removing the old boiler, lifting the piano on and off the stage (not easy for men of our advanced age), inserting 2,500 screws to try and stop the stage squeaking and much more.

The list could go on and on, but I am only allowed 300 words, so, to finish, anyone who would like to join us in our work would be most welcome. As would donations to our nuts, bolts, coffee and doughnut fund!

*Bob Finch 01438 832497*

## **Tiny Tots Tunes**

Local mum Pippa Robson started Tiny Tots Tunes in Spring 2010. Tiny Tots Tunes is a fun drop-in music group for young babies and toddlers with lots of singing, actions, colourful puppets and a range of multi-sensory resources to stimulate your little ones' minds while they benefit from the developmental progression that music and movement bring. There is time at the end for mums, grandparents and carers to have refreshments and a chat before they leave.

There is much research to show how introduction to music at a young age can assist the early learning process - music making, actions and songs not only help the understanding and development of language, words and speaking, but also support the growth of physical skills.

In our busy daily lives it is not always possible to attend classes every week, which is why Tiny Tots Tunes does not request termly payments - you just pay £4.50 (for one child / £6.50 for two) each time you attend, and as it's drop-in, you can come as often as you wish!

Classes run for one hour and are split into two groups: Tiny Tots (for newborns to those who are crawling and cruising) and Toddling Tots (for walkers up to the age of 2.5 years).

Classes are held at Kimpton Memorial Hall on Friday mornings and at All Saints Church Hall in Harpenden on Monday mornings.

For further information please telephone Pippa on 07769 694178 or visit [www.tinytotstunes.co.uk](http://www.tinytotstunes.co.uk)

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Urgent 999

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*local rate*

to contact any police station or department in  
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Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team

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# Helping Hand

## HOSPITAL VISITING

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

## VILLAGE HELPLINE

If you need transport to hospital etc. please contact Linda Thompson 01438 833180

## 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

Craft, ride-on toys, baby corner, music, dance and singing for pre-school children and babies.

Entrance is £1.50 and includes tea/coffee/juice and snacks.

Kimpton Memorial Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am during term time.

Contact Tamsin Corbett 01438 833872 or 07810 898101.

## KIMPTON COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Our friendly team, based at Church House, offers sessional care for local children aged two and a half to four years old.

We are open five days per week during term time, from 9.15am – 12.15pm. For more details, please contact Karen Pagan on 07833 572820 (playgroup mobile) or 01438 831211 (out of hours phone).

## KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

## PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Pauline Massam 01438 833806

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