

A black and white photograph of a snowman in a snowy yard in front of a brick house with bare trees. The snowman is made of three snowballs, has a carrot nose, and a small hat. The house in the background has several windows and a chimney. The trees are bare and covered in snow.

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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**The editor, production and distribution
teams wish you all a very happy Christmas**



The Church in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Normal Services

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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| 8.45am | Parish Church | Morning Prayer |
| 2pm | Parish Church | Time for Tots |
| | <i>EveryThursdays during term time</i> | |
| 5.30pm | Parish Church | Evening Prayer |

Saturday

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

Sunday

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| 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 | Mattins with Holy Communion |
| | <i>2nd Sunday each month</i> | (BCP) |
| 6pm | Perry Green Baptist Chapel | Evening service |

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hands of humans who could not or would not see Him for who and what He is. Such love is beyond our understanding - almost beyond belief - and yet it is so. To know such unconditional and unchanging love as God's is truly a cause for rejoicing and thankfulness.

I hope to see many of you at the Advent and Christmas church services in Kimpton and Ayot; as always we have tried to ensure that there will be something for everyone.

Whatever you do over Christmas, wherever you are, and whoever you are with, I pray that you will know the Peace and Joy of Christ in your hearts and minds.
Lorraine

Special Services at the Parish Church and Ayot St Lawrence

Sunday 13th December 13th
4pm Kimpton Christingle Service

Wednesday 16th December
7pm Carols on the Green with the Salvation Army Band (outside Kimpton Methodist Church)

Sunday 20th December
Carol Services with Kimpton Parish Church Choir
4pm at Ayot St Lawrence
6.30pm at Kimpton

Christmas Eve
3pm Crib Service at Kimpton
11:30pm Midnight Communion at Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence

Christmas Day
10am Family Communion at Kimpton

Sunday 27th December
9.30 am Said Parish Communion
(no 8am service)

Front page photograph by Juliet Morton

Dear Friends,

In my last letter, I wrote about the beauty and wonder of our world and how we should try to find something to rejoice about every day. Since then, however, our community seems to have suffered one blow after another; there was sadness at the death of Helen Collis, shock at the death of Peter Johnson of The White Horse, sadness again only a few days later when Faith Seymour also passed away. Many villagers have been bereaved or they or their loved ones diagnosed with illnesses of varying severity; my own sister spent just over eight weeks in hospital after catching swine flu, and has still not completely recovered. (I have been encouraging everyone to have the vaccine!)

And yet, even in the midst of all the worry and pain of illness and bereavement there has been much to rejoice about and be thankful for, not the least of which has been the way friends and neighbours have rallied round, some by offering practical help, others by being there to listen and to offer a shoulder to cry upon. It seems to be a natural human response to reach out to others, a part of God's image in us which makes us want to give and receive love and kindness. Perhaps that is why we are angered and appalled by cruelty and injustice, even when cruelty or injustice is inflicted on those we might consider our enemies.

God's own love and kindness towards us was and is manifested in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth we look forward to celebrating at Christmas. In Christ Jesus, God Himself came to earth, a helpless baby, dependent on other humans for His very survival and to die at the

From The Registers

Baptisms

18 October 2009 Ruby Grace Ida Winifred Banks

Weddings

19 September 2009 Alison Twigg to Paul, Christopher Draper
07 November 2009 Samantha Charlene Cooper to Carl, David Stratton

Burials & Interments

25 September 2009 Helen, Jane Colliss
29 September 2009 Rachel Mary Besant
08 October 2009 Faith Clare Seymour
08 October 2009 Frank Peter Johnson

We have also learnt that the Rev Bob Meredith, a past vicar of this parish, passed away in October.

Christmas Services at Perry Green Chapel

Saturday December 12th

7pm Coffee and Carols in the Chapel with Don Champken

Sunday December 20th

3pm in the Chapel "A Donkey's Diary" with Pam Greener

Sunday January 3rd

6pm Covenant Service with Rev Mike Thomas

Kimpton Koffee

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| When? | 1st Wednesday every month, 10.30 am to 12.00pm Next on 2 December 2009 |
| Where? | Lounge of Memorial Hall |
| What? | Coffee, chat, drop in centre. |
| Who? | Anyone - how about you? |
| Why? | Meeting place for everyone. |
| Cost? | Hot and cold drinks and biscuits for only 50p each! |

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

At major festivals, (Christmas, Easter and Harvest) the whole team gathers to make a great display in your church. For Christmas we plan to use mainly natural materials and the displays can be seen from Tuesday December 22nd right through to 12th Night. There will also be a large Christmas tree and a nativity scene for children. Why not visit with friends and family. The Parish church will be open during daylight hours as well as at service times.

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and production team acknowledge with thanks donations received from Kimpton Autumn Show, Royal British Legion (Women's Section) and Kimpton Bowls Club.

December Special!!

Cake Sale for Kimpton Monkeys Toddlers Group – start early for Christmas!

KIMPTON ART GROUP

We welcome new members, men as well as women. The group is ideal for those who say they'll paint or draw when they have time – and then they never do! We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 2 – 4 pm in Church House.

Details from Valerie Pollington **01438 832249**

Generous Support for Refurb



In the Autumn issue of this Magazine I reported on the plans we have to make our Memorial Hall once again the best Hall in the area, and I will return to that subject later on. I also outlined the Management structure and explained how, in practical terms, the day to day running of the Hall falls to the Executive Committee.

The Hall is used by virtually every village organisation and it is clearly at the very heart of our village life. Recently it has enjoyed some very welcome support, especially in financial terms; but although many of its users have strong views on how it should be run, very few people have actually been prepared to come forward and get involved in the actual running of it. The result of this is that we have an Executive Committee which should have eight members, but which has in fact only six; and the combined ages of the four oldest members (all male!) total 283 years!! It is not that we are a load of "old buffers" hanging on. Without exception we would like to see a logical succession developing, and when it does, we will be happy to pass on any expertise we may possess, and then step aside with good grace. The present, slightly depleted committee comprises of a Chairman (the writer), with Bob Finch as the Vice Chairman who also acts (with considerable success) as our fund raiser, and he and Chris Baker, the Parish Council representative, work incredibly hard and are prime movers in initiating and implementing many of the improvements that are being carried out. Barbara Kaswini (definitely not one of the old buffers!) fulfils two posts, those of Booking Secretary and Secretary and she works tirelessly to keep the hall running

smoothly. The Committee is completed by Lynda Donovan, a meticulous Treasurer, and Peter White the previous Chairman, who retired last March, having served in that capacity for 8 years.

Currently we have a specific need for someone to fill the post of Secretary whose primary tasks would be to prepare agendas for, and take minutes at, no more than half a dozen meetings per year. We would also like to hear from anybody who might be interested in joining the committee in the longer term, perhaps after our AGM next March. One Volunteer is worth a thousand conscripts so if you feel you have something to offer, please do contact me or one of the other committee members.

In the last issue of this magazine I outlined the list of projects currently planned. To this can now be added the removal the redundant air handling unit plant and the conversion of the old plant room (the new air conditioning /heating system having been successfully installed) to form a kitchenette to serve the Green room, and additional storage space in which to store the highly successful, and income generating, Hall 'Lining'. Our hope is that that this additional improvement will enable us to boost letting income by hiring out the Green room, the refurbishment of which is already under way.

The total budgeted cost of the full current Improvement programme is of the order of £65,000, of which £34,000 has already been raised (and most of it already spent!).

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from page 5 Once again we are greatly indebted to some very generous benefactors. Fortunately for us The May Festival Committee has recently adopted a policy of supporting a few large and important projects, rather than several smaller ones. The result of this is that The Memorial Hall has benefited to the order of £7,000 in the past 11 Months.

Since my last report we have also received three more incredibly generous donations: £1,500, from Kimpton Horse Show: £3,000, from the fund at County Councillor Richard Thake's personal disposal, and £750, from The Autumn Show. Most of these donations have been given for specific projects and will be used for those projects only. None of these donations will, under any circumstances, be used to defray normal running costs.

As always, we are also highly indebted to the Parish Council for its ongoing support in all its forms, financial, administrative and moral, and to the Bench working party without whose efforts we would find it very difficult to manage. We are extremely grateful to all these benefactors.

As a previous Chairman, the late, greatly respected, Dr Peter Wardill used frequently to say, "It is your Hall. It is up to you to support it and get involved in it". For the moment the force seems to be with us, so let us all do our utmost to keep up the momentum: and if you feel that you might be able to contribute to the effort, do please get in touch.

*Roger Nash
Chairman, Kimpton Memorial Hall*

The Mysteries - A Moving South African Production

Joan Smith reports

'The Mysteries' was revealed to the Dress Circle audience at the Garrick Theatre, London, on 29th September when a party from Kimpton Church ventured to the West End.

This moving production of spectacular theatre presented by an Olivier award-winning South African Company, kept the audience visually and audibly enthralled with its fast moving interpretation of the Bible story from Creation to the Resurrection. Loud, vibrant music complete with the rhythmic beating of large oil drums, barefoot dancing and a capella singing gave an African Township update on the medieval York Mystery Plays.

Outside the theatre members of the cast came and talked to us as we waited for our mini-bus and said how much they had enjoyed performing for such an enthusiastic audience. Their warmth and energy still evident after two hours of non-stop singing and dancing!

Many thanks to Mary Sissons for arranging this exciting experience.

Kimpton Women's Institute

We begin our 91st year in January so why not come and see what makes us 'Women Inspired'. There is no compulsion to make jam; we rarely sing 'Jerusalem'; but we do provide a range of activities, outings, fun and friendship. We also work for the benefit of the local community and the wider world.

In January we have a talk by local farmer Alistair Clark on 'Farming in Kimpton, then and now'. Wednesday January 13th at 7.45 p.m. in the Memorial hall lounge. See you there.

**The deadline for the spring edition of the Parish Magazine is
Friday March 5th
Please email your copy and jpegs to kimpton.editor@btinternet.com**

Meet Tracey your new PCSO



Hello All!
A little introduction, my name is Tracey Jackson and I am your new Police Community Support officer that is part funded by the village. I took over from Sarah Jeffreys on the 1st November. Some of you will probably recognise me as I previously covered Kimpton for about a year for PCSO Sara Coombes whilst she was on maternity leave. Along with

spending 50% of my time in Kimpton, Peters Green and Blackmore End I also cover Knebworth and Codicote. So between them I should be kept busy!

A little about me, I have been a PCSO for about 5 ½ years now but have worked for the Police for 16 years. I have previously spent most of my service working in the Force Control Room in Welwyn Garden City and before that for the Metropolitan Police in Tottenham.

I have worked all over Hitchin as a PCSO mostly within the Town centre which I enjoyed greatly and learned a lot. For the last year I have been covering the rural areas which have brought a whole range of new issues and problems for me to deal with. I am really enjoying working in the rural area and have already made numerous contacts in the villages. Although the work is similar in a rural area to an urban area the way it affects the community can be very different. I have been made to feel very welcome in Kimpton and am very much looking forward to the new challenge of working within a rural community.

We continue to hold Police surgeries in the village with the Mobile Police Station and I am

planning to do some PCSO surgeries in the village where anyone can pop along and speak to me about any issues they have. Alternatively if you see me walking around the village come over and say Hi! I'm never too busy for a chat!! Especially when it's cold outside!!

Tracey meets Barry Smith from The Boot.

Pictures: Andy Wright





Kimpton Garden Club

Our AGM in November was very well attended and a full committee was duly elected. Audrey Fitzpatrick, Helen Freeman, and Maisie Sheed decided to step down and were thanked for their sterling work on the committee over several years. Mike Gouldsbrough has taken on the mantle of Secretary and Joan Amoss has joined the general committee, both being elected unanimously.

Following the AGM, Mark Frost, Chairman of the Kimpton Allotment Association gave us a brief insight into the activities of their members and the excellent vegetables and fruit produced this year with great enthusiasm and pride. It was thought there might be opportunities for both allotment holders and our members to share ideas and this was agreed by all. Mark was thanked for his contribution to our meeting. Then followed a series of slides of the Club taken over the years from inception in 1975 by myself, which proved to be interesting and it was quite amusing to find that some people didn't recognise themselves!!

We celebrate Christmas with a dinner party on 2nd December, following which we will be entertained by Welwyn Harmony, a ladies group of talented singers who will give us a taste of four part harmony barbershop style. In January we welcome back Peter Fells, who will regale us all with slides and chat entitled "From Vermont to the Everglades in the Fall". We welcome any visitors who wish to sample our evenings on the odd occasion or who wish to become members. Just turn up and you will find us very sociable and our evenings interesting. For further info please call 832594 or 832776

Pat Dyer

KIMPTON BOWLS CLUB

Sadly, our President, Peter Johnson of the White Horse has passed away since our last issue. He will be sorely missed by us and the many other village groups that he and Janet actively supported.

Our playing season is now over. Competition results were published in the last bulletin, since then we have held our AGM and can report that the new officers and committee are as follows

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| Chair | Hal Boshier (Dud Ginn standing down) |
| Secretary | Denise Strange 01438 832198 |
| Treasurer | Terry Ready |
| Committee | Doreen Gloyn, Audrey Hill, Allan Strange, Roy Willetts |
| Competition Secretary | John Kirk |
| Fixtures Secretary | Eunice Holt |
| Accounts Examiner | Robert Pate |

The AGM was well supported, which would indicate a healthy interest from the membership and prospective members. We are fortunate this year in having a few prospective new members for next season. New members are always welcome. Please look out for notices of social events to be held during the winter and/or speak to a member of the committee that you may know. A very happy Christmas to all.

Open your Garden for Charity

Do you have an inspiring garden? Or do you and your neighbours have a collection of unique and eye catching gardens? Would you allow people who appreciate gardens to come and visit yours?

Please let us know if you have a garden that you could open one Sunday. At the moment we have over 18 that open throughout the county and we raised a fantastic £30,964. British Red Cross use the money to deliver emergency, medical, practical and emotional care for people in their own homes, the local community, throughout the UK and abroad. Please call Sarah Amexheta or Cas Lawson on **01992 586609** if you can help, either as a volunteer or by opening your own garden.



A very important invitation!

Your current Parish Council will come to the end of its 4 year term of duty in May 2010. Many of your current Councillors have already indicated they will be standing down and not seeking re-election. As I write, we may only have three wishing to continue – PLEASE, will you take an opportunity to have careful thought about the implications which will be likely to result.

In previous letters I have mentioned the significant budget for which we are responsible and the existing shared commitment, of those who serve this parish, to direct all available resources into projects and services desired and appreciated by the majority of folk we represent. If you would wish to seek any information about the roles and responsibilities of Parish Councillors, ask any one of us or, even better, speak to Carina Helmn, our Clerk. Lists of names and addresses appear at the back of this Parish Magazine. It really is a most interesting, and often enjoyable way, of spending roughly 10 evenings each year.....

Recently, we set the new Council's budget for 2010/11, this includes the parish precept that will be added to the rate demands. I am very happy to be able to say we have proposed that there will be no increase in our parish portion of the 2010/11 Council Tax.

Current issues we are considering include assistance in the funding of the significant expenditure required to our Memorial Hall, particularly the heating system, together with other additional work - the subject of reports to be found elsewhere in the Magazine. We have recently renewed, for a further period of 2 years, the contract with Hertfordshire Constabulary, for the re-engagement of the Police Community Support Officer.

Our latest information received regarding the development of the Lloyd Way site, close to Probyn House, indicates the successful conclusion of terms of the contract to acquire the land by North Hertfordshire Homes from North Herts District Council. We are informed that a planning application will be made around the turn of the year with the first ground breaking being probably into April /May, next year.

Councillors are watching closely the situation regarding Secondary Transfer of pupils from Kimpton School to local secondary education, a long standing, difficult issue for parents of children living in this Parish. Together with our Hertfordshire County Council - Kimpton Ward member, Richard Thake, John Bishop our District Councillor in North Herts Council, School Governors as well as the Headmistress we are monitoring closely the latest set of proposals for redressing the balance and removing the barriers which exist. To be truthful, there is still a deal of a way to go.

Our neighbourhood remains threatened by inconsiderate dog owners who continue to choose to flout our local byelaws and offend their own neighbours by selfishly, refusing to pick up dog dirt. This despite the Parish Council providing more and more dog bins around the parish. Please question this behaviour when witnessed, otherwise, make your report to our Police Community Support Officer. Let us together make sure those neglecting a very simple duty of hygiene are totally aware of their unfriendly, also, health risking attitudes – particularly as this directly impacts our children.

On a more positive note, the Parish Council was delighted that Phase 1 of the Kimpton Play Strategy was implemented, at the end of October, with the opening of the new play area at the bottom of the Recreation Ground. This saw the installation of much new play equipment for an enhanced and safer experience for our children.

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from page 9 Special thanks are extended to Cllr Chris Baker for leading this project on behalf of the Council. Also, to Amanda Gummer and Sue Archer for their advice, guidance and giving much of their time in helping make this happen.

Being the season of goodwill, fellow Councillors, our most industrious and highly valued Clerk, members of our Kimpton Bench Working Party but mostly to all our Parishioners, I would wish you a very Happy Christmas, together with a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Cllr David I Reavell

Could you use some extra cash?

Talk to your District Councillor

I would like to publicise here the Annual Discretionary Grant that District Councillors can donate to local Community or Volunteer groups

For example 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 channeled through the Parish council, which is fine, or alternatively contact me direct.

John Bishop
kimptoncouncillor@yahoo.co.uk

Ali Rainback Fund

We are delighted to thank everyone who has supported us in any way and helped us to reach (and exceed) our target of £100,000 for the Hospice of St Francis.



We have had some amazing events involving many of Ali's friends at home and abroad and currently the Fund is standing at £108,000 with more in the pipeline.

The Football Tournament was a huge success and we are grateful to the Parish Council and Kimpton Rovers FC for their help and it was fitting that our home team should be the first winners of the keenly contested Ali Rainback Cup.

The Concert was also very successful and we are so grateful to Lorraine for allowing us to hold it in the Parish Church, to the Church Wardens for their invaluable help and to the Police Choir for a lovely programme and a most enjoyable evening.

It has meant a great deal to our family to comply with Ali's wishes but we couldn't have done it without the support and kind generosity of so many of you and we thank you all most sincerely.

With love and gratitude
Diana, Ian, Simon, Jo, Charlie and Archie

Calling all Commuters to Harpenden

Drive many miles less a week!
Avoid the "highway" robbery of paying £6 to park!

Let's get together on Monday 7th December at 8:00pm for a quick drink at The Boot to meet each other and swap phone numbers so that we can arrange informally to share rides to and from the station.

Sharing may only work for you on a few days of the week, or when your car is sick. It may just introduce you to a taxi-buddy for after a Christmas drinks party. Who knows? The more of us commuters who are in contact with each other, the more opportunities there are to save money and/or CO2.

Interested but can't come? Call Davina on **01438 832309**



Peter Johnson

On the 25th September, my husband Peter sadly and very unexpectedly passed away. His funeral took place on the 8th October in our Parish Church. Two hundred and seventy people gathered not to mourn his passing but to help us celebrate his life. As a family we have not yet been able to thank all those present individually, as many left directly after the service so may we take this opportunity to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

I received more than 220 cards and letters and dozens of bouquets many from members of our community and if I haven't thanked you already I do so now.

During Peter's seventeen years as landlord of the White Horse he did an awful lot of fundraising, not just for the village but for local and national charities too and we sat down and tried to calculate how much he had raised and we came up with a staggering £107,000, earlier this year he instigated a fund raising

for The MacMillan Cancer Support and he along with a group of loyal customers and friends achieved a massive £6500. So it seemed fitting to carry on this fundraising and the monies donated to his memorial fund amassed over £2000 to be divided between The Herts Air Ambulance and The North Herts Alzheimer Society. The sale of his 'exit' ticket at his funeral raised in total £345 for the Church. Again my family and I would like to thank all of you who were so generous.

I would also like to thank the Park Street Lodge for all their help and support, many of whom live in Kimpton. I would also like to thank Lorraine our 'Vicaresse' for her kindness and support and also to Lily, Dom, Michael and George for singing at 'Peter's Party'

I do intend to stay on at The White Horse with my children Francesca and Chris. With the help of my family, loyal staff and customers I know we can do it. Life without Peter will be difficult for us to adjust to and I am sure along the way we will make some mistakes but we will get there eventually.

Thank you once again and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas

*Fondest Regards
Janet Johnson*

Lights of Love at Sue Ryder Care Monday Dec 14th 7pm

Lights of Love is a chance to remember someone special. Join us for carols, the Christmas lights switch on and take time to reflect on how much your loved one means to you. The Salvation Army will be in attendance. Ann Males from All Saints Church St Paul's Walden will be presiding over the event.

www.suerydercare.org/pages/lights_of_love

Kimpton Protection Group

With the departure of our much-missed membership secretary, Stephen Tees, I need to update our records. If you are a KPG member or would like to be (life membership a snip at a once-off subscription of £1.00) please email me so that I have your email address, or phone me, so that I can make sure you are on our mailing list and are kept informed of any "protection issues" in the Parish.

Bob Malcolm
bobm@ideo.co.uk
01438 831003



Once again Kimpton Primary School has had a very hectic term. It started off in a state of complete chaos as our new entrance and refurbished offices and staffroom were completed. The building work went well and it would have been hard to find a more pleasant and helpful group of tradesmen than those who occupied our school for the summer holidays and the first part of the Autumn term. The end result, I am sure you will agree, was well worth the disruption. Our beautiful glass mosaic window is now much more prominent and is well illuminated for the whole village to enjoy. We have a secure entrance which is large enough to double as a reception area and visitors are greeted with a friendly smile from Mrs Vine or Mrs Reyner as they enter the building, rather than having to talk to an entry phone system and then negotiate their way down the corridor to the office. The old entrance has been retained as a very attractive feature window and we are now awaiting our Christmas tree which will take pride of place in the recess in front of the window for the whole village to enjoy.

In addition to these improvements, we have also moved our Nursery out of the old nursery building to allow closer links with the reception class in what is now called the Foundation Stage and carpeted and decorated the old Nursery, now known as 'the Old Schoolroom', to turn it into a delightful classroom for our year 2 children. Our final refurbishment was to turn the old resources room into a classroom which now houses our year 5 children. I am absolutely delighted with how these projects have worked out and would be very happy to welcome anyone who would like a closer look. The Kimpton School Association has been busy fundraising to enable us to upgrade our

computer provision. They have done a fantastic job, organising a very successful sponsored walk, charity car park, discos and film nights and we are now very close to our target. I am pleased to say that the ICT system we plan to install is very sustainable and should enable us to recycle and upgrade our existing hardware for many years to come, thereby eliminating the need to dispose of obsolete computer hardware.

We have had various exciting events related to our curriculum this year; a Hip Hop dance workshop was hugely popular and our junior children also enjoyed a Second World War Day which culminated in all 100 children, and most of the adults, dressed in appropriate 1940s costume 'doing the Lambeth Walk'.

Our sporting teams have enjoyed success already this academic year with the netball team coming second in the Rural Schools' netball tournament and the football team achieving fourth place in the equivalent football tournament. We have also had an OFSTED subject inspection for PE which evaluated the whole subject as good and recognised that there was some outstanding teaching. A copy of the letter from the inspector is available in school should you wish to read it in detail.

We have some exciting plans for Christmas too with a visit to the pantomime in St Albans, a whole school Christmas party lunch, followed by class parties, our Key Stage One and Foundation Stage plays and our Carol Service in church to look forward to. I personally also look forward to having the trees outside my office lit up for the festive period. It really gets me in the mood for the festivities. *to page 17*



Photographs needed!

***Day to Day Life in Kimpton 2010
captured in images***

***Kimpton Parish Magazine and the
Kimpton History Group are working
together over an exciting project for 2010
In 2000 we photographed everyday life in
the parish during the year.
Ten years on we want to do the same.***

The Plan

- Take digital photographs of everyday life in Kimpton parish and send them to **kimpton.editor@btinternet.com**
- We will publish a selection of the photographs in each Kimpton magazine for the year.
- A selection of photographs will also be printed for use in the History Exhibition at May festival and on other related key occasions.
- A book will be put together of selected images at the end of the project.
- Although digital images are preferred prints may be submitted.
- If any Village group has a formal photograph taken of them during the year please give either Andy Wright or Juliet Morton a copy for possible use in the project.

Conditions

- Each photograph must be dated, subject titled and include the photographer's name. (If relevant add the time of shot)
- Copyright remains with the photographer but by sending images to us you give permission for the photograph to be used by Kimpton Parish Magazine and the Kimpton History group and associated village websites at no cost.
- For any photograph of under 18's permission from the parents/guardians must have been obtained before submission.

*Andy Wright 01438 820929
Juliet Morton 01438 832427*

A Family Celebration of Christmas In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Haileybury Chapel Hertford Heath

Monday 21st December 7.30pm

**Featuring Barry Norman, Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir & Hitchin Band
followed by seasonal refreshments**

**Tickets available from Macmillan Cancer Support, 12 Prospect Place, Welwyn, AL6 9EN
01438 712012 kbriars@macmillan.org.uk**



Congratulations to All!

On Sunday 11th October 2009, 12 Kimpton Karate students entered the ESKA 30th Year Karate Championships. It was a huge event with hundreds of competitors, which started at 10am and didn't finish until 4.30pm.

It was an amazing day and we ended up coming away with 14 medals/trophies. There were categories in individual kata, team kata, partnered work and freestyle fighting. All those who competed (whether they won or not) had a fantastic time and made Sensei Sarah proud. On Saturday 14th November Guy Rutherford who is our longest training adult passed his intermediate blackbelt (the first in Kimpton). He not only had to pass a physical exam but also a Japanese and Anatomy written exam. A huge congratulations goes to Guy as this grade was thoroughly deserved. He now has to wait a year before attempting his full blackbelt. Well done to all!!!

KIMPTON RESULTS

Amy Lewis Kata 3rd
 Patrick Rutherford Kumite 1st
 Guy Rutherford Kumite 3rd
 Jacob New Kumite 3rd
 Rudey Buzzard freestyle 3rd
 James Brooks kata 2nd, Kumite 2nd and Freestyle 3rd
 Oliver Wood Kumite 3rd
 Gavin Corcoran Kumite 3rd and Kata 3rd
 Team of Laura Critchton, Amy Lewis and James Brooks 2nd
 Team of Patrick Rutherford, Rudey Buzzard and Jasmine Charlton 3rd
 Team of Guy Rutherford, Amanda Veitch and Shannen Fuller 3rd

Kimpton Karate Club takes children and adults from the age of 5yrs 9mths. We train on a Wednesday at the Kimpton Memorial Hall at 6pm. All instructors are qualified, police checked, first aid trained and fully insured. Please have a look at our website for more information: www.kimptonkarateclub.co.uk

Kimpton Cricket Club

Despite the disappointment of the theft of all the lawn mowers at the very end of the season Kimpton Cricket Club has ended the year in style. The annual club dinner and presentations evening was held at our sponsor's, The White Horse. The evening was very lively with a delicious paella and bbq, excellent live music from Michael Curry and Tom Glinka (plus some additional singers late in the evening!) and the presentation of our annual awards. This season the awards went to:

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| Batting Cup | Jacob Sharpe |
| President's Cup | Simon Thompson |
| Bowling Cup | Aaron Castle |
| Karl Deamer Trophy | Janet Johnson |
| All Rounder Cup | Chris Westcott |
| Chris Giddens Award | Aaron Castle |
| Catching Cup | Ken Hammond |

In addition Champagne was presented to the players with the best batting and bowling performances, Ian Mitchell and Ken Hammond respectively.

Although the season may have finished practise will continue after Christmas with Winter Nets at Redbourn on Mondays 9pm – 10pm. Both members and non-members are welcome to come along, ring Simon Thompson **01438 833767** for details.

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Another Successful Village Day



Jan Winn and Jane Coles (who were first timers at arranging this event), organised for over 30 businesses and associations to be represented in our wonderful Memorial Hall, thereby raising awareness of things to do or things to buy right here in our own village. From IT support and Business Advisors to Foot Clinics and Gifts - it's all here in Kimpton.

As visitors browsed the stalls and were cojelled into buying tickets for the wonderfully humorous version of Macbeth, Sanjay, our Post Master (pictured above) was slaving over a hot stove to provide delicious "very hot and spicy" Indian snacks (which trust me, were delicious). Meanwhile, the musicians of Kimpton gently warmed our souls with wonderful music and songs organised by Doug Jenner the Chairman of the KVBV.

This event also provided us with an opportunity to collect names for a petition regarding land allocation to be developed in Kimpton, and to provide the opportunity for consultations with the District Councilors regarding mature residents remaining independent in the village. Your generous donations for food and drink raised £150 which was donated to the Memorial Hall Fund.

Thanks to Bob Finch, the originator of Village Day, and to Carina Helm, both of whom helped Jan and I in our undertaking. Thank you to all who came and all who were involved. The next KVBV meeting is 3rd December at 6.30pm in The Boot Pub. See page 16 for KVBV info. *Jane Coles*





46th Music Hall Rehearsals Start

Our autumn production of 'The Farndale Avenue Macbeth' went very successfully, with excellent audiences and a terrific reaction to the mayhem and chaos on stage.

On the principle of there being 'no peace for the wicked', we are now into rehearsals for our annual 'Old Time Music Hall'! Public performances will take place 26th-27th February and 4th-6th March, 2010, and tickets go on sale 9:00 a.m. on Saturday 16th January 2010 at our Playhouse in the Memorial Hall Car Park. The tickets will be £10 each, (to include a Pie-'n-Pickle supper), and there will be a restriction of 2 tables per person for the Saturday evenings. Afterwards, tickets can be obtained from the Box Office on **01438 832542**.

We've recently welcomed 4 new members, but we are constantly looking for more! As well as actors and singers, we would particularly love to hear from anybody interested in back-stage work – set building, painting, props etc. Contact the Chairman, Arthur South, **01438 820331**, or any Committee member, for more information.

Kimpton Village Business Network



What's all this 'business networking' lark, then?

You may have heard whispers about a new 'business networking' group in Kimpton, so here's a bit more about it...

For as long as people have traded, they've known that getting new customers is about being **known, trusted and recommended**.

As the old saying goes: 'it's not what you know, it's who you know.'

When disparate businesses meet together formally so that they can help each other, it's called **networking**.

For small businesses in our village, there are many benefits.

The first is introductions; helping each other **get new business**, locally and further afield.

The second is **collaboration**. Can businesses

work on projects together?

The third is the **sharing** of business skills and expertise. What can you teach me? What lessons can I pass onto you?

And there are many more. You could, in fact, say that networking is a solution looking for problems.

KVBN (Kimpton Village Business Network) meets on the first Thursday each month at 6.30 pm in The Boot.

It's a laid-back kind of gathering (beer/wine, brief intros, chatting, guest speakers, more chatting) with a powerful purpose.

Perhaps you are based around Kimpton and own or **operate a small business**. If so, get in touch, and start reaping the benefits of networking. **www.villagebusiness.net**

Doug Jenner

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Dib Dib Dib!

So, what do you think of when it comes to Scouting?

Rubbing two sticks together to make a fire? Sheltering from the wind and rain in a tent that you're hoping won't take off? Marshmallows slowly melting on a stick over the embers? Well, in many ways you would be quite right and that's exactly what members of Kimpton Scout Group have been up to.

To prepare for the all-out-adventures of camping in the wilds we begin with the Beaver Scouts enjoying the great outdoors in a variety of ways. Recently, they could be found in open fields cooking pitta bread pizza cooked on an open fire. Stomping around with torches flashing and singing silly songs together is a great introduction to what they can expect when they go on camp later.

The Cubs enjoyed a great, if rather noisy, night hike earlier this term. It's amazing what an adventure you can have walking around the village and woods when it's dark. It doesn't matter how familiar it is, it's a whole new experience when it's pitch black and you have your friends with you. The night hike is not simply about walking in the dark however... the whole experience builds up confidence and friendship which is a vital element of what Scouting offers young people.

The Scouts took on the Green Beret Challenge during what was recorded as the worst storm of the year in mid November. Two teams represented the troop, with the A Team coming in an absolutely brilliant 9th place out of 140 teams from all of Hertfordshire. The first night was a real test of endurance as the wind was so strong it kept many awake. Some other groups found that their tents blew down or were so badly damaged that they had to go home the following day. Not the sturdy bunch from Kimpton though, they pulled on all their layers and took on the various activities with enthusiasm and skill. It's not quite clear whether the purpose of the assault course is to complete it in the fastest time or to return with

the muddiest clothes imaginable. Thankfully, our Scouts took the view that very muddy and very fast is the best way to proceed!

Scouting in Kimpton continues to thrive, and we thank all of you who attended the Scout and Guide Ball on 21 November to help us raise funds so that we can continue to offer great opportunities to the young people in our village. Please contact us, or visit our website at www.kimptonscouts.org.uk to find out how else you can support us and to get your child's name on our waiting list. We hate to disappoint you if we are full, so get names down as soon as you can!
Annie New **01438 833421**

Kimpton Primary School

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On a sad note, we will unfortunately be saying goodbye to Mrs Sarah Clayton at the end of the Spring term. Sarah has decided to resign her post for personal reasons. I know how important and influential Sarah has been in establishing and running the nursery and, this year, our reception class. She has also been a tremendous support to me in my first year and a half. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well.

Finally, another person who has been associated with the school for a very long time will be saying 'au revoir' at Christmas. Mrs Sue Ryder, who has long supported music in the school is to give up her regular commitment. However, I am pleased to say that she will continue to help out with events such as Harvest and our Carol Service, so we will still be enjoying 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' in years to come.

If anyone would like to show their appreciation for the years of service to the school that these two ladies have given, please see Mrs Reyner in the school office.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year from all of the children and staff at Kimpton Primary School.

With very best wishes
Marion Stewart-Smith
Head teacher

Kimpton Pathfinders First Anniversary



Kimpton Pathfinders has just celebrated it's first anniversary.

A group of 20+ travelled over to Ashridge Forest for an anniversary walk in the autumn splendor of the beech forest there.

Our usual walks are on the second Saturday in the month, leaving Kimpton School at 10.00 either walking from the village or going in shared transport, for a walk between 4 and 6 miles. There are posters around the village and in the church porch with the latest walk information on. Anyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a walk and company. For further information call Jeanette Bowers on **01438 832503**.

HERTS POLICE TELL RESIDENTS TO AVOID 'THE BOILER ROOM' SCAM

RESIDENTS across Hertfordshire are being told to be on their guard against a 'Boiler Room' scam to prevent themselves from becoming a victim of a fraud.

Detectives from Hertfordshire Constabulary's Fraud Squad want to help people to avoid falling for the scams, which typically begin over the telephone, where someone will receive a call and is offered to buy shares in a company at a discounted price.

In reality, the company is based outside the UK, and is employed to promote the shares of another company. The salespeople use high pressure tactics, often calling people several times a week in order to get them to buy shares.

Once the caller agrees to buy the shares, they are first asked to send a large quantity of money to release the shares, which are either worthless or of little value.

Detective Constable Jim Frost of the Fraud Squad said: "It really is a case of if it sounds too good to be true, then it really is. These unscrupulous people usually prey on the elderly or vulnerable, spend large amounts of time on the phone, pressuring them to buy worthless shares. Please don't fall for it. It is highly unlikely someone will call with a genuine opportunity to sell you shares – if you're interested in using these services please go out and seek them yourself. These fraudsters might direct you to a glossy website, which may seem genuine – but you can validate their claims by logging on the Financial Services Authority's website and checking out whether the company you are being offered shares in actually exists."

If you feel you have been a victim of a fraud, please call the Fraud Squad immediately on the non-emergency number **0845 33 00 222**.

The FSA's website can be found at www.fsa.gov.uk



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Kimpton Ward PCSO and Ward Constable PCSO Tracey Jackson has been formally appointed as our PCSO (partly funded by the Parish Council) and her beat now more sensibly covers Codicote and Whitwell, having lost Ickleford. Tracey has been active within the village recently as you may have seen but if you missed her and would like to discuss any matter she can be contacted on **01438 757604**. Constable Chris Suckling reports that his changed responsibilities allows him to spend more time on Rural Beat matters and Kimpton issues in particular.

Police Target Issues

In response to public concerns the police have been concentrating on measures to reduce Fly Tipping, Anti-Social Behaviour and off-roading by 4x4's. If you wish to discuss any of these or other issues you can contact Chris on 01438 757604.

Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinator (SC) Vacancies

We now have six vacancies: three in the High St. and one each in Lawn Avenue, Lime Avenue/ The Drive and Wren Close. 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.

Residents with some spare time and a community spirit are requested to contact Alan Smith or Reen Ysselmuiden (our contact telephone numbers at the bottom of this article) if they wish to make a contribution to village community security.

Following the recent sad death of Alastair McCrae we are pleased to welcome Angus Davidson who has kindly agreed to assume responsibility as the new SC for Kimpton Bottom.

OWL -- On-line Watch Link

We make no apologies for once again stressing that this 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 join 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, tel. **01438 757 610**.

Residents without e-mail can receive information by telephone.

Recorded Local Crime

We do not have actual recorded crime figures for the last quarter but from discussions with police we understand that the village continues to be a low crime area. However, fraud and identity theft continue to be a 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 the police receive a 999 call while a crime is in progress there would be a better chance to catch the offenders. The police require information about the appearance of the suspects and details about any vehicles involved. Registration numbers and descriptions of vehicles are very useful and improve intelligence"

Check your neighbours

Please be considerate and regularly check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house. If in doubt call 999. *to page 20*

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Reporting a Crime

It is important that if you have any information about a crime, including Bogus Callers, you should call **0845 33 00 222**. You can also contact Crime stoppers on **0800 555 111** to provide information anonymously.

Crime Prevention Items

The North Herts Crime Prevention Panel website is still under review, however, if you require crime prevention items you may contact the Chairperson Karen Collings, email:

millie@ntlworld.com, 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

Now that shorter days are approaching please ensure that your property is secure with all windows, doors, garages 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.

Best wishes for the Festive Season and don't let it be a good season for criminals and do be careful with Christmas Tree and other lights.

Compiled by:

Reen Ysselmuiden, NHW Ward Co-ordinator for Kimpton **01438 832184**

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SHEILA FRANKS, MBE

In the Queen's Birthday Honours this year Sheila Franks, of Dacre Crescent, was awarded an MBE for services to fostering new born babies and young children, prior to adoption or rehabilitation back home with their birth parents. This was in recognition of 36 years of fostering many very poorly babies too.

Apart from welcoming these children – some of whom had been abused – into her home, Sheila also accompanied many of them during their stay in hospital. She thought nothing of packing her own suitcase and moving into a hospital for two weeks to ensure the child had continuity of care and a “familiar face”. Often the children would stay with Sheila for over a year; however once the child was ready to move on, Sheila worked tirelessly with the prospective adoptive parents to ensure as straight forward transition as possible.

The new family were also welcomed into Sheila's house and spent many hours reading the child's life story book that Sheila had created with photographs and daily routine. Sheila then said goodbye to the child she had cared for so lovingly. Many still kept in touch and still consider her an honorary Grandma.

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As well as fostering, Sheila has given support to many new mums in the local community and was never too busy or tired to offer advice or support. I still remember her coming across the road in the middle of the night when I thought my young son wasn't breathing properly (he was fine, it was his mother who was distressed!!). Then there was the occasion when a neighbour realised that her son had stopped breathing due to playing with a curtain cord which had got stuck around his throat – Sheila resuscitated him and in her usual style couldn't understand what all the fuss was about!

These are just a few examples of Sheila's actions but due to lack of space, I cannot write them all. However, when I thought a few years ago of nominating Sheila and asked for some letters of support for the application I was overwhelmed with letters and emails giving examples of Sheila's selfless devotion to her role as foster carer from previous parents and in some cases the child themselves. As one, they all spoke of how Sheila had made a huge difference to their lives. Sheila herself though says "it is the children who are the heroes here for all they have to endure in their first few months or years of their lives".

So it was that on a bleak November morning, Sheila, accompanied by her daughter Nikki,

myself and my husband, went to Windsor Castle to receive her honour from Her Majesty the Queen. It was an amazing experience and one that will never be forgotten. The castle was closed to the public and Sheila took great delight when the police stopped the traffic to allow our car in! The Investiture took place in Waterloo Chamber – steeped in history and atmosphere. There was a detachment of the Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard (they were created in 1485 by Henry VII after his victory at the Battle of Bosworth Field) and the Queen entered the chamber escorted by two Ghurkha Orderly officers (a tradition begun in 1876 by Queen Victoria). The recipients were called up individually and the reason for their award given to the Queen. Sheila performed an excellent curtsey and very proudly accepted her medal from Her Majesty. While this was all going on, we were entertained by the orchestra of the band of the Coldstream Guards and had time to look at our surroundings and admire some of the other hats!

All too soon it was all over and we filed out, Sheila proudly being photographed with her much deserved medal. We had time to wander around the castle and grounds and reflect on how proud we all were of the medal and how well the British can do ceremony. *Kim Hills*



We all know snow causes disruption, but it is also very beautiful! *Photo by Jeanette Bowers*

Christmas Rape Prevention Campaign Launched

A thought-provoking multi-agency Christmas Rape Prevention campaign goes live on Monday (November 30) calling on potential victims and offenders to think about their behaviour over the festive period and not put themselves in situations they could regret forever.

Divided into two key themes with separate messages aimed at men and women, the initiative will run for the whole of December with radio commercials and posters in washrooms in pubs and clubs across the county.

Through the use of radio advertising and bespoke posters, the first theme aims to remind women that saying 'yes' to a drink doesn't mean you have said 'yes' to being sexually assaulted. Both forms of advertisement contain information about how to find help and support if a woman becomes a victim of rape or any other sexual offence and urges victims not to suffer in silence.

The second theme aims to be a stark reminder for men who go out for the evening and end up falling foul of the law because they have misread the 'signs' and/or deliberately assault a woman. The poster headline is deliberately challenging, it says 'Rape – short word long sentence'. The radio commercial features a discussion between two friends, one of whom is now in prison because he misread the signs and took advantage of a woman.

The posters will be displayed in the male and female washrooms of nearly 30 venues across the county including major pubs, clubs and shopping malls, whilst the radio commercials are being broadcast throughout the day on Heart FM and Mercury FM in Watford during the first week of December.

Co-ordinated by the county's Rape Prevention Board, whose members include representatives from Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Constabulary, the campaign is being staged as part of a national drive to reduce offences over the holiday season.

Superintendent Andy McCracken, who chairs the Rape Prevention Board, said: "We want everyone to enjoy their Christmas celebrations, but we are asking those who go out to take care and not put themselves in situations that they may regret. Equally, there will be situations where men in particular, usually through drink, can misread signals from women and find themselves on the very wrong side of the law.

"Being drunk is not a defence for assaulting a woman and the consequences can carry a 'life-time' sentence. Equally women have the right to say yes to a drink and no to sex and there needs to be a wider understanding about this."

Keith Emsall, Executive Member for Community Safety and Culture, said: "Hertfordshire County Council is supportive of any attempts to reduce violence against women. We want communities where people can feel safe when they go out, regardless of their age or gender."

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

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At Kimpton Community Playgroup we learn by making friends and having fun. We open four mornings a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) from 9.15 to 12 noon in Church House. Children from two and a half to three and a half are welcome. If you would like further information or a prospectus please call 07833 572820 or Emma Davies on 01438 718788 or 07833 572820 and visit www.kimptonplaygroup.org

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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