


# ***Kimpton Parish Magazine***

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The Parish Magazine team wish everyone  
a very happy and peaceful Christmas



# The Church in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Normal Services

## 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

### **The Parish Magazine Team is trying to help the environment**

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conquer death by rising to new life, so that we might live forever with Him, we get a glimpse of the true depth of God's love for us, a love that remains eternally constant, however we in our flawed humanity might see Him. My prayer for each of you is that you know that love for yourself this Christmas and that the joy of knowing yourself to be so deeply loved and treasured will remain with you always.

*Lorraine*

## **Christmas Services in Kimpton and Ayot St. Lawrence**

### **Sunday 12th December**

4pm Kimpton Christingle Service

### **Sunday 19th December**

4pm at Ayot Carol Service with Kimpton Parish Church Choir

6:30pm at Kimpton Carol Service

### **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 26th Dec (St. Stephen)

10am Holy Communion (NB. no music or hymns today)

Also, in Kimpton on Thursday 16th from 6pm there will be Carol singing around the village. Everyone welcome; meet outside the Boot.

## **CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS**



Kimpton Christians Together say a big THANK YOU to those children who entered our Christmas Card

Competition. The judge found it very difficult to pick the two winners because all the designs were so good, but eventually decided that the winner in the age 7 and under group is 5 year old Toby Knight, and in the age 8-12 group the winner is Polly Jenner, age 9. Well done and congratulations to them both. Toby and Polly will be presented with their certificates at the Christingle Service in the Parish Church on Sunday 12th December at 4pm.

*Front page photo by Andy Wright*

Dear Friends

I write immediately after finishing my sermon for Remembrance Sunday, which is requiring quite a change in mood! Clergy have to become used to such swings of emotion, as within the space of a couple of hours we might meet with those enjoying a time of celebration such as a wedding, or a Christening, or the arrival of a new baby, and then have to see a grieving family in order to arrange a funeral. In my "dual role" of half time vicar, half time hospital chaplain, it can be particularly difficult sometimes to switch from "hospital mode" to "parish mode" and vice versa, and I know that patients, hospital staff and visitors view me differently to the way I am seen by you, my parishioners.

Most of us have several faces because most of us have more than one role in life. As well as vicar and chaplain, I am wife, mother, sister, daughter, auntie, cousin, colleague, and friend, and yet inside I feel that I am just me.

Just as we see each other differently, depending on the context in which we meet, so we can see God differently, depending on the situation we are in or on the way we were brought up. My dad was taught to see God as a wrathful, angry judge, who can't wait to punish us for our sins, while I see Him as my loving, generous, wonderful Lord, who is always there for me in good times and in bad. Others are confused because they cannot reconcile the loving, generous God that Jesus teaches us about in the New Testament with the apparently wrathful God we read about in the Old. (I recommend joining a Bible study group!) The truth is that while He is indeed our Judge, His justice is always merciful, and tempered with love beyond measure.

In the birth of the Christ-Child, coming to earth to live like us and for us, to die for us and

# Harvest Flower Festival

I would just like to say thank you to everyone who visited Kimpton Church over the Harvest Festival weekend of 2nd and 3rd October to see the special flower and harvest arrangements on display. There were lots of comments on how lovely and colourful the church looked. Despite the weather, many people came to have a look round, whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

We had the loan of farm tools and equipment from Ben Cole to compliment our arrangements. Various arts and crafts were displayed in the Millennium Room, including needlework, woodwork and paintings, not forgetting the “nuts and bolts” people.

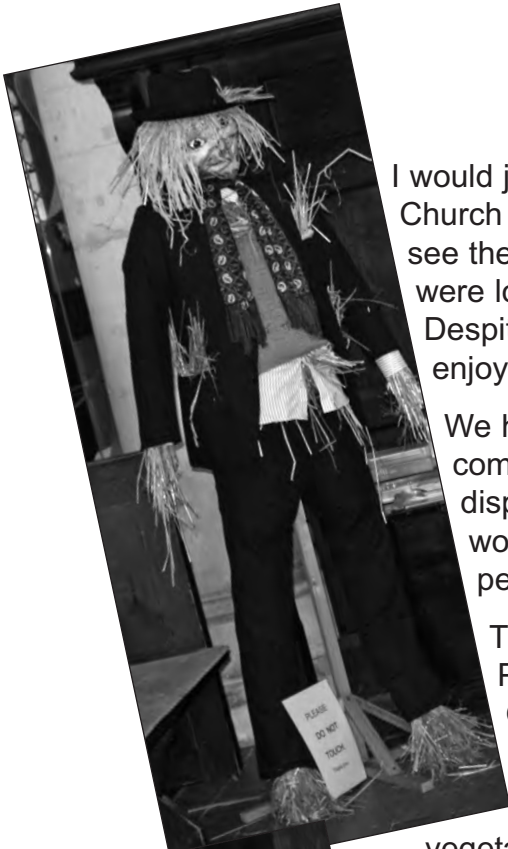
The children from Kimpton School, together with some from Peters Green, made fantastic scarecrows, who joined Wurzel Gummidge and Aunt Sally in adding to the atmosphere.

People were invited to guess the weight of the pumpkin and there was a raffle, the prizes being a box of mixed fruits and vegetables and a small flower arrangement to each of our twelve winners. A children’s quiz hidden around the Church in the form of an anagram spelt the word HARVEST and many of our younger visitors had fun taking part.

I would like to thank Ben Cole, Bob Finch and the Bench Working Party for all their help, all those who lent their arts and crafts, Pat Dyer for the harvest loaf, all the boys and girls for their scarecrows and anybody else involved in helping to make the weekend such a huge success.

But most of all, I would like to thank the flower arrangers. Without you it just wouldn’t have happened.

*Liz Bembridge*



## From The Registers Burials and Interments

21 October 2010	Mary Holden
22 October 2010	Herbert Michael Littleworth
1 November 2010	Margaret Ann Joan Hill
6 November 2010	Edna Mildred Mead

## Kimpton Apple Juice makes a perfect Christmas present

Pasteurised and bottled to keep till next November.  
£2.50 per bottle.  
Call Davina: 01438 832309  
Kimpton Environmentalists

## Music Hall 2011

Another successful panto is over - Oh yes it is!! - but there is no rest for the Kimpton Players who are now in rehearsal for their 47th Old Time Music Hall.

Public performances are on February 24th, 25th, 26th and March 3rd, 4th, 5th  
Tickets go on sale on January 15th. See posters for Box Office details or visit the Kimpton Players' new website  
[www.kimptonplayers.org.uk](http://www.kimptonplayers.org.uk)



## KIMPTON WI

At our AGM in November, fortified by a glass of wine, we recorded a successful programme. We were pleased to welcome several new members during the year. The committee was re-elected 'en bloc' apart from Sandra Benson who is emigrating in the New Year. Sandra was presented with flowers in appreciation of her stalwart contribution to the WI, both on the committee and as a past President. We wish Sandra and Mike 'all the best' in New Zealand where both their children live. We will miss them greatly.

The New Year will begin with a fascinating talk by Harpenden author, Juliet Archer, with a 21st century slant on Jane Austen.

February will be the annual party and in March we have a talk from Chris Winter entitled 'Where there's a Will there's a relative', which promises to be humorous.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings in the Memorial Hall Lounge on the second Wednesday of the month; 7.30 for 7.45pm

## Grateful Thanks

The Editor and production team of the Parish Magazine acknowledge with grateful thanks a donation received from Kimpton Parish Council.

## Fond Memories and Thanks

Through the pages of the Parish Magazine we would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and cards on our move to Scotland. Also for the lovely plants and cuttings from Kimpton gardens to make part of our garden forever 'Kimpton'.

The afternoon and overnight journey here, towing our very laden trailer, was epic! We arrived here at 5.30 am. Watching the dawn and sunrise, even though we were tired, was magical. We had the first frost on 27 September and the first snow on Ben Wyvis on 19 October. Temperatures are a little cooler here and we have a little more breeze but otherwise the climate suits us. The views from the bungalow are spectacular and we have recently seen enormous flocks of migrating geese flying in to land on the shores of the Cromarty Firth to feed. The only blot - we get occasionally 'buzzed' by the local RAF jets!

We miss Dacre Crescent, we miss the Corner Stores and Post Office and all its friendly staff (keep it open, keep using it). We miss our allotment (Geoff we shall make an unannounced inspection) and the other allotmenters. Most of all we miss all the people of Kimpton. Thank you all for giving us such fond memories of our 36 years living in Canham Close and Dacre Crescent.

*With our very best wishes  
David & Lynne Dawes*



# Kimpton

## PARISH COUNCIL

### ***From the Chairman***

Winter, once more is upon us, this year, with the chill winds of the Coalition

Government's Comprehensive Spending Review, today, significantly reducing the economic climate in which your District and County Councils operate. However, to date, we have not received any notification that the Parish Council precepts will be affected and so will continue to be decided by your local council, as has been the case for the past 106 years. However, already the Parish Council has received pressure from NHDC and Herts CC to use our precept to take on those services which they may withdraw or reduce in the coming four years.

Your Parish Council does have two representatives who sit on the North Hertfordshire Partnership Board as well as the Executive and investigations are continuing to identify other funding sources which may possibly become available to assist. We remain hopeful there will be some funding available for Stage 1 of the Kimpton to Harpenden Cycle path which Fundamentals.Org and their industrious team are actively pursuing.

The climate referred to is having its effect on other operations – for example, the proposed development at Lloyd Way and the site at Probyn House. Another meeting at North Hertfordshire Homes to understand their planning application, the pre- contract enquiries and surveys as well as the Section 106 settlement is set for the week of November 22nd 2010. We shall discuss any outcomes at our next Parish Council Meeting.

Many of you will have learned that amongst many quangos to bite the dust recently, the East of England Regional Development Agency was one of the first to go – this may well impact the East of Luton Urban Development Plan which we were relieved to see withdrawn some months ago. It is my understanding that such matters will much more be driven and managed by the local planning process – in Letchworth, under North Herts District Council who were totally opposed to the previous plans discussed. Good news for those who wish to see our rural environment strongly protected.

An important meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on November 4th with the National Planning Inspectorate to examine the application by residents of The Green to have a significant area of our Village Green de-registered. The consequences surrounding such a change, in the view of your Council, significantly altering the likely responsibilities of future Parish Councils and ultimately the parish residents upon whom our precept is levied. We await the Inspectors decision and his recommendations.

To some good news – an initiative your Parish Council encouraged at the beginning of the year is bearing real fruit. I wonder how many of you appreciate we have agreed the funding of the Lamer Fields 'Stay & Play' sessions in the Green Room at the Memorial Hall and now have a highly successful meeting place for young mothers and fathers with their children to meet on a regular basis.

Another, a new entrance gate to the Recreation Ground has been installed, allowing parents an unrestricted view to the gate to the roadway – considered important following the changes to the playground area. Added to this, as I write, following some careful examination and research by a Parish Council working party an order has been placed for the final piece, for the time being, of new equipment- A Climbing Arch to be installed in the recreation ground play area. We will need to identify new funding streams before a bank slide can complete the play facility.

Lastly, a plea for local IT expertise. Your Parish Council believes we should make much more use of technology, in particular our website – providing information and material and up to date news related to our Parish. Therefore, we are looking for a website rebuild – preferably interactive, so - do we have anyone out there who would like to help us, either as a volunteer, or perhaps by negotiating with us a professional package. Ideas and questions, please, to Carina, our Clerk.

Finally, as we near the end of 2010, my sincere thanks go out to my colleagues on our two Councils of this year, to our heavily engaged and much appreciated Clerk, Carina Helmn without forgetting Bob Finch and his merry Men (and women) of the Kimpton Bench Working Party for all their hard work and energy to make the experience of living in this great parish that much more pleasurable. Our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to everyone.

*Cllr David I Reavell*

# May Festival 2011

It may not seem that long ago that you were watching the maypole dancing, enjoying a cream tea or trying to avoid Andy Morton's steely gaze drawing you in to bid at the auction, but the planning for the 2011 Kimpton May Festival is already underway. The theme for the Festival is 'The Sixties' so please get your thinking caps on; most people's first thought may be the 1960s but you can go as far back as you like (or even to the future; 2060s anyone?). It could also refer to the 'sixties' in terms of age...however you choose to interpret it, be as creative and imaginative as you always are!

Full accounts for the 2010 Festival will appear shortly and we have been responding to requests from groups and organisations for funding; if you would still like to apply for support please apply in writing to Barbara Kazwini before 31st December.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to offer it grateful thanks to two members stepping down after significant

contributions to the organisation and continuing success of the May Festival; firstly, to Sue May who has served on the Committee for 17 years, instrumental in establishing the very successful Craft Fair, and for the last 3 years has been co-treasurer. Secondly, we would like to thank Andy Morton who is stepping down after 5 years as Chair. One of Andy's last acts was to persuade me to stand as his replacement and I am happy to take up the challenge.

The May Festival Committee is always keen to welcome new members and fresh ideas. For this coming year we need to find someone, or some people, to help with the Grand Draw...plenty of help and support provided! I would also like to encourage a volunteer to help me with logistics for the Fun Run. If you are interested in contributing or have any questions please contact myself **01438 833896** or Barbara **01438 832620** directly, or via [www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk](http://www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk) (under 'feedback').

*Andrew Ackrill*

## **MAY QUEEN and ATTENDANTS 2010**

Hey girls! Do your bit for the community and claim your place in Kimpton village history at the same time!

Are you .....  
aged between 11 and 16 years and living within the parish boundaries?  
taking part or have you taken part in any clubs or organizations  
in the parish (includes being current or past pupil of  
Kimpton School)?

If it's a YES to both, then please come along to the Memorial Hall at 6pm on Friday 4th February 2011 for a relaxed chat with our panel. There will be chocolate (!) and the decision will be made and announced on the night

We look forward to meeting you!  
For further information phone Kate on 01438 832529

# A Big Thank You!

On Friday the 24th September we had a very good turn out at the Macmillan "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" in the Dacre Rooms despite the awful weather. This year we decided to run a Tombola alongside the coffee morning to raise money for the Chelsea Pensioners Charity. For Macmillan Cancer Support we raised £216.79 and for The Chelsea Pensioners £65.20. A very big thank you to all who supported us and we look forward to seeing you all at the next occasion.

*Oecos 11a High Street Kimpton  
www.oecos.co.uk*

## **A Family Celebration of Christmas In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support 7.30pm Monday 20th December Haileybury Chapel**

Come and join Barry Norman, Herfordshire Constabulary Choir and the Hitchin Band for a Celebration of Christmas in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Tickets are £12.50 for adults and £3 for under 14's and are available from Kerry Briars at Macmillan Cancer Support, 12 Prospect Place, Welwyn. **01438 712012** or by email **kbriars@macmillan.org.uk**

## **Santa comes to Blackmore End and Kimpton in December**

In 2005 Harpenden Village Rotary Club revived the age old tradition of Santa and his Elves making their way round the houses of wheathampstead raising over £7000 so far for local charities.

This year he will also be visiting as many streets possible in Blackmore End and Kimpton between 6pm and 8.30pm. He will be in Blackmore End on Tuesday 14th December and Kimpton on Wednesday 15th December. Proceeds will be going to The Hospice of St Francis, Community Meeting Point, Lamer Fields Children's Centre and Wheathampstead MacIntyre Home.

Additionally, Santa will make an appearance in Wheathampstead at 6.00pm on the evening of Thursday 25th November for the official

switching on of the Wheathampstead Christmas Lights! Join us for some carol singing in the grounds of the MacIntyre Home, which is at the end of Mill Walk, just to the rear of T-Potts. The local shops are staying open late and there are lots of exciting things going on in the Village from 6.00 pm onwards.

## **KATS PRESENT The Babes in the Wood A Victorian Pantomime by Alan Brown Based on the original version by Fred Locke and Osburn Blackboem M'Gromagill**

What's that you say? Knebworth doesn't have a panto? Oh yes it does. Look not behind you but forward to December 9-11, when KATS (Knebworth Amateur Theatrical Society) will be presenting four performances of this Victorian pantomime, including a Saturday matinée, in Knebworth Village Hall. Who could resist the possibility of seeing a pantomime originally co-written by the splendidly-named Osburn Blackboem M'Gromagill?

For further information on KATS and this production contact Jo Simson on 01438 814166 [jo.simson@ntlworld.com](mailto:jo.simson@ntlworld.com)

**Advance Notice  
Don't Miss This!**

## **Light Classics Concert in the Memorial Hall 2.30 pm Sunday January 30th**

**Mandy Brittain, John Blackshaw,  
Helen McPhun, Stephen Tees  
the Kimpton School trumpets,  
violins and flutes  
and yet more**

**Box Office Bob Finch 01438 832497**

**In Aid of Memorial Hall Improvements**





## **Recycling Facilities Under Threat?**

Almost all local residents will be aware that the village recycling facility is based in the Hall's car park. The Hall initially agreed to provide the space for the 'bank' (of bins) about 9 years ago at the request of The Parish Council, which has traditionally been extremely generous in its support of the Hall, and whom we had wished, in turn, to support.

What most people will not know is that the Hall accommodates this facility, which is owned and managed by North Herts. District Council (not by Kimpton Parish Council), entirely free of any charge. Not only will NHDC not make any contribution to the cost of the hosting of that facility, they have refused, and continue to refuse, even to consider the effect it has upon the Hall's infrastructure, or the long term highly detrimental effect it will have upon the Hall's finances.

Our car park was constructed in 1982. Its surface is worn out. A huge lorry servicing the recycling facility became stuck in it, in the snows of February 2009 and sank to its axles. NHDC effected a temporary repair. Despite innumerable requests, and almost as many promises, we are still waiting for a permanent one! A financial offer has very recently been made but it will not even cover costs.

The car park was constructed to accommodate normal motor cars, not vehicles of the weight and size required to service the recycling facility. Nor, when it acceded to the Parish Councils request, did the Hall's management appreciate quite how much additional traffic would be involved, or the wear and tear (and the mess!) it would create..

Now we are faced with trying to find the money to resurface the car park, and we find that the cost of doing so in a manner that will tolerate the use to which it is currently subjected, will be of the order of £7,000 more than the cost of a normal repair. So far NHDC have refused even to discuss making any contribution towards any of those costs.

These facts were considered at the meeting of the Hall's Management Committee on October 19th, and the overwhelming view was that NHDC should be asked to remove the facility to another venue.

The current situation is that the Hall's Executive Committee, which runs the Hall on a day to day basis, has asked for a meeting with the Parish Council, to discuss the matter, but a very strong possibility remains that the Hall will not continue to host the facility. The final decision will be taken at the Hall's AGM in March. We can only hope that a satisfactory solution can be found in the interim. *Roger Nash 01438 832101*

## **Could you use some extra cash? Talk to your District Councillor**

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

In previous years grants have been made for new dog mess bins, benches, repairs to facilities and youth groups.

The amount requested can be as little as £50.

Ideas are often channelled through the Parish Council or alternatively contact me direct.

John Bishop

kimptoncouncillor@yahoo.co.uk

## Fundraising Horse Power

As reported in the autumn edition, the Kimpton Horse Show supports organisations that benefit the parish, and following July's successful show, thousands of pounds have been handed over at Ramridge Farm. Sallie Wilson, Chairman, and Wendy Manning, Secretary, gave donations to



among others "Pilot Pete" of Herts Air Ambulance, Roger Nash of the Memorial Hall, the Kimpton Rovers Football Team, and Janice O'Neill from Keech Children's Hospice. For more information about the show and how to help it keep up this level of support please take a look at [www.kimptonhorshow.co.uk](http://www.kimptonhorshow.co.uk)

## Kimpton Bowls Club

We have enjoyed a good season being blessed with good weather for most of our games. We ended the season with our finals competitions followed by presentations and a fabulous barbeque with Janet at the White Horse.

Competition winners for 2010 are as follows

Roving Jack	Audrey Hill
Drawn Pairs	Bob Porter & John Kirk
Fixed Jack	Audrey Hill
Triples	Dud Ginn, Angus Lennox & Hal Boshier
Three-Woods	Bob Porter
Two-Woods	Hal Boshier
Womens Singles	Audrey Hill
Mens Singles	Bob Porter
Handicap	Alan Strange
Vetreans	Roy Willetts
Novices	Phil Matthews
Yardstick	Doreen Gloyne
Member of the Year	Ken Ryder

Our new members have integrated well into the club and contributed well to club activities. We have also had some great support from member's families, helping us to maintain our green and clubhouse.

We are now looking for a secretary for our committee as our present person has had to step down for personal reasons.

If you are interested in joining our very friendly club please contact me on 01438 871358 and I will arrange for you to come and meet us and try your hand at bowling on our green.

*Hal Boshier, Chair 2010*

**The deadline for the spring edition of the Parish Magazine is  
Friday March 4th 2011**

**Please email your copy and jpegs to [kimpton.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kimpton.editor@btinternet.com)**



Many thanks to everyone involved in a very successful walk of the cycle path recently. Almost 40 people attended and enjoyed beautiful weather and great food along the way. Momentum is really starting to build as we raise awareness but the more people who become involved, the quicker the Cycle Path will become a reality, so please spread the word.

The Coffee Morning was great fun and was also well supported with some fabulous shopping to be had, raising almost £500 for the charity.  
*Vicki Rice www.fundamentals.org*

## ***Kimpton Garden Club***

Following our AGM on October 6th, we were treated to a personal view of the flora of New Zealand, illustrated by spectacular photographs taken by Sandra Benson.

In our November meeting, James Buttress gave an inspirational talk about his time as a judge for the campaign/competition "Britain in Bloom". His comprehensive selection of slides illustrated the efforts, often humorous, of people throughout Britain who have endeavoured to improve their living and working environments with plants and flowers. Certainly food for thought.

Our Christmas Party and entertainment will be held on Friday December 10th.

The Garden Club looks forward to a full and exciting programme for 2011 including:

January	"Fabulous Falklands"
February	"Herbaceous Borders"
March	"Anatolia"
April	"Climbers and Wall Plants"
May	"Madeira"

We warmly welcome visitors to any of our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 8 o'clock in the Memorial Hall lounge. For further information please contact our Secretary Mike Gouldsbrough on 01438 832776.

*Joan Amoss*

## **2nd Kimpton Brownies**

Well, what a year we have had. It has been full on busy fun. We shall be rounding it all off with a trip to see The Kimpton Players, Jack and the Beanstalk, and then the week after we have our Christmas party celebration.

We shall then be saying goodbye to Ebru, Mia, Millie and Sophie who have come to the end of their Brownie adventure, good luck girls.

If you would like to see what we have been up to, catch up on our news or would like to contact us, visit

**[www.2ndkimptonbrownies.org.uk](http://www.2ndkimptonbrownies.org.uk)**

We would love to hear from you if could help us. If we could receive commitment from one or more adult helpers to attend the meetings each week, we would be able to continue to provide the Brownie Adventure for the girls. Finally, all of us at 2nd Kimpton Brownies would like to express our thanks to those of you in the Community who have given us opportunities and fun times that will stay lifelong memories for many lucky girls.

Those thanks also go to you Ladies; Wendy, Rachel, Alice, Jessica, Maisie and Hattie, who dutifully take their turn each week making our plans and projects happen.

The Brownies, Brown Owl and Snowy Owl wish you all a very happy Christmas indeed.

*Coral Duncan*

*[coral@2ndkimptonbrownies.org.uk](mailto:coral@2ndkimptonbrownies.org.uk)*

# Kimpton's Heritage Online



## *Browse the Past*

Would you like to know more about Kimpton and Blackmore End? Read up on the local aristocracy and their part in Britain's past? Look for pictures of your relatives or friends? Or are you just curious about the past or looking for rural images from days of yore? Or to remember the last few decades?

There are over 6,000 items in the Kimpton History Group Archive right through the 19th and 20th centuries and there are three fascinating History Group publications too, so what better way to spend a winter's evening than browsing through them in the warmth and comfort of your own home. Because it is all on the internet.

You'll find plans, documents, photos, posters, old parish council records and parish magazines, club photographs, press cuttings and much more in the Archive. Go to the village website [www.kimpton.org.uk](http://www.kimpton.org.uk) and follow the links. Download the catalogue (in pdf format) and you will see that most entries have a direct link to the item. You can search through the catalogue in the normal way. (Just one thing, please use the website only for personal interest, for copyright reasons.)

Thanks to John Pollington the archivist, this substantial record of Kimpton right up to the recent past is for all to enjoy and learn from. And it must be far from complete. If you have anything that may be interest to others - whether you think so or not - please let him know through the website address.





Are you in any of these photographs or do you recognise anyone? Please let us know if you do ([kimpton.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kimpton.editor@btinternet.com)) Perhaps you have some old photos tucked away in a cardboard box in your loft just gathering dust. Kimpton History Group might well be interested in them ([www.kimpton.org.uk](http://www.kimpton.org.uk))

:: METHODIST CHURCH, KIMPTON ::

**Anniversary** *October 7th 1850*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th

at 4 o'clock

A SERMON will be preached by  
**REV. W. RUSHBY, M.C.**  
of Letchworth

He will also give his popular lecture at 6.45 on  
**"THE EARTH THAT IS TO BE"**

Choir to be taken by  
**Mr. A. W. Goldhawk**  
of Letchworth

SOLOS will be given by Mr. DAN HALL  
of Olley

A PUBLIC TEA will be provided at 5.15  
TICKETS 9d. EACH.

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On the following SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th  
TWO SERMONS will be preached by  
**Mr. G. ENGLAND**  
of St. Albans, at 11 and 6 o'clock

Soloist, Miss M. CROOKS  
of Luton

COLLECTIONS AT ALL SERVICES FOR TRUST FUNDS





Once again we have started a new academic year with a building project. The Preschool building is looking very impressive and we are looking forward to welcoming our new neighbours. Although the preschool is totally independent of the school, staff from both settings already work together to try to make children's entry to Nursery as easy and enjoyable for them as possible. Having the preschool next door will help us to develop an even closer relationship which should be very beneficial to our youngest pupils. As a result of the project, our school has had some material gains as well: a new path across the front of the school; some lovely new play equipment and (at last) a freshly tarmacked car park. The term has been busy for the children too. One of the highlights has been a very successful 'Bring Your Parents to School Week'. Many parents took advantage of the opportunity to come into school and spend some time learning alongside their children. The feedback was very positive and we hope to

make this an annual event.

Christmas preparations are already well under way in school. Our main Christmas production this year departs from tradition and instead of just the Infants, everyone from Year One up to Year Six is busy practicing for our Christmas production 'Sheik, Rattle and Roll'. At the heart of the play there is still the traditional nativity story but there are also many interesting and unexpected additions. Our Foundation Stage children have also begun rehearsing their own play which they are looking forward to performing for their families.

Once again this year we have planned finish the term with an exciting week of activities. Christmas lunch, parties, a Christmas present Swap Shop, our Carol Service and a trip to the Panto in St Albans will all be taking place during that week. After which, I think all the staff will thoroughly deserve their holiday.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas  
With my very best wishes

*Marion Stewart-Smith*

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**Name:** Arthur R. Tuppen

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**Comments:** I am the Grandson of Henry Edward Tuppen and Mary Draper Tuppen and Henry Edward Tuppen was in the service of the 22nd Baron Dacre and Susan Lady Dacre for approximately nineteen years, 1871 to the year 1890 when Lord Dacre died. Therefore, the Tuppen Family are interested in tales of the life and times during these years for the Tuppen Family Genealogy. Also, if there is anything I might contribute to some other study or genealogy, please send an e-mail.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*



There was a small ceremony at the village War Memorial on Thursday 11th November at 11 am to commemorate the dead of the two world wars, on the anniversary of when the Armistice took place in 1918. There was a good turn out in rather poor weather. We particularly enjoyed the presence from some hardy children from Kimpton Primary who laid a wreath and were accompanied by their Deputy Head Teacher.

The Remembrance Sunday Parade and service went off almost without a hitch and we were pleased that the forecast bad weather held off for most of the morning. We managed this year to hold the two minutes silence at 1100hrs. Robin Wells is to be thanked for his sterling work in ensuring that the timings worked. The vicar gave what was generally agreed to be an excellent address. The Branch would like to thank all village organisations who took part, their leaders and in particular all of the children and young people. Membership is holding steady at 34 with about three application forms still to be returned. Anybody requiring information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Malcolm Voss (01438 832921) or our Secretary, Dave Gibbs (01438 832714) from whom application forms may be obtained.

*Dave Gibbs, Branch Secretary*

# The Bench Working Party

Surely David Cameron must have coined his slogan 'The Big Society' on one of his visits to Kimpton. All around us he would have seen examples of community self help. Hospital visiting, village helpline, and the countless people helping neighbours in all sorts of ways. Look at what goes on in Kimpton - the volunteers that produced such a fantastic flower display in the Church for us all to see in early October, the NOISE project in August where volunteers worked to tidy up Kimpton people's gardens and houses at no charge, the KSA that raises money for the school, and many more such examples. Then there are the voluntary organisations that give money to local charities every year - for example, the May Festival, the Horse Show, the Kimpton Players. Both the Boot and White Horse have fundraising events for local charities, they also organise an OAP lunch and a children's party for the village each year. I could go on and on. Yes David - it definitely started here.

We also have been at work every week as usual. Installing benches on the footpath network, (recently on Holt farm, Ramridge farm, and Russells farm - thank you to the farmers), cleaning and painting all the existing benches, painting the war memorial railings, helping to maintain the Memorial Hall, tidying up the allotment area, refurbishing the bus shelter and laying paving slabs at Blackmore End, helping to keep the Churchyard and the Church House garden tidy as well as renovating gravestones, cutting down overhanging trees at Peters Green, removing excess rose briars and redundant play equipment from the Rec play area. We refurbished the cast iron 'The Green' sign - look at it on the corner, lovely, why did they remove this type and replace with plastic? Many more jobs have been done, but by now the reader is exhausted, as we usually are by lunchtime Wednesdays.

As well as our weekly stints, we help each year at village events - we refurbished the May Festival art show display stands, manned the gate at the Horse Show, erected the staging at the Autumn Show, erected the marquee lining countless times for Memorial Hall events, and so on.

Finally, thank you very much to the May Festival, the Horse Show, the Beech Way residents association, the White Horse and some private individuals too for the recent donations to our funds.

*Bob Finch Bench Working Party Coordinator*



The end of the season brought a close and exciting win against Greenwood with some excellent bowling from Chris Westcott and a great batting performance from Kiran Sakhamuri. We also had a good win over Frogmore where Ben Croft and Tom Glinka both got half centuries and Ryan Cotton continued his good bowling season with 3 wickets. However, September also brought our heaviest defeat of the year against a very strong Hatfield Crusaders team.

On November 13th, we held our annual end of season celebration in the White Horse where the much anticipated prizes were given out - Chris Westcott winning the bowling cup, Tom Glinka batting and Giles Cooke our top all rounder. Perhaps unsurprisingly Ben "bucket hands" Croft won the catching prize. Ryan Cotton was awarded the Karl Deamer trophy

for triumph over adversity having come back from illness to put in a fantastic season. The Chris Giddens trophy, for maintaining the spirit of the club, was awarded to Hugh Cutler. Finally, based on a vote of the membership, the President's trophy was awarded to Simon Thompson for his contribution as Chairman.

The evening also brought a great deal of excellent entertainment, with our own Robbie Parry and Tom Glinka providing much of the musical entertainment. We also have refreshed the club's bank account with fund raising from the tickets and raffle.

Pre-season training is starting from 3 January at the Choice Cricket Centre in Redbourn from 9-10pm on a Monday evening. As ever, we are always pleased to hear from prospective new members, with a particular thirst for enthusiasm rather than talent. We are also very keen on finding non-playing volunteers that might be interested in scoring, umpiring or fundraising. Please give Simon (01438 833767 or 07899 810743) a call if you would like to get involved.  
*Hugh Cutler*



As we go to press we are delighted to announce that the Scouts achieved some fantastic results during their Green Beret Challenge weekend. 1st and 6th place was achieved by two of our teams in the orienteering and another 1st place in the night base challenge. Our final positions were 12th, 20th and 58th. Out of well over 100 teams to achieve anything in the top 20 is awesome, and our third team are sure to beat their score next year. HUGE congratulations to all those who took part, braving the cold and the huge mental and physical challenges they had to face. Mention must also be given to the leaders - Mark, Matt, Christine and Kate - without whose training, patience and support the Scouts would not even have taken part.

*More Scout news on page 17*



# Kimpton Pathfinders



This friendly walking group meets every month on the second Saturday at 10.00 leaving from Kimpton School, our walks tend to be between 4 and 6 miles, getting back by lunchtime.

We have taken walks around Kimpton as well as some further away, when we use shared cars. There are many footpaths and tracks around this part of North Herts and we are happily enjoying them, walking in all weathers and have seen daffodils, bluebells, snowdrifts, autumn leaves and lots of lovely views.

We have just celebrated our second birthday with cake (of course) and a walk around the Lea Valley using part of the newly surfaced Lea Valley pathway.

If you like walking and enjoy company at the same time, come along and join us. Contact Jeanette Bowers on **01438 832503**

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## 1st Kimpton Scouts

With the nights drawing in and a definite chill in the air, I am glad our fabulous Family Camp was in September. A hundred of us slept under canvass and enjoyed a great week-end with host of activities to entertain. We got in a tangle on the string trail and both wet and exhausted on Bob's cross-country chariot challenge. A superb highlight was our evening campfire "Scouts Entertain" where all family members brought on cheers with their singing, dancing, jokes and quite frankly awesome human pyramids. A brilliant time was had by all. Once again a brilliant example of how Scouting in Kimpton is flourishing and has so much to offer every member of the family. Many thanks to all the leaders and FOGS who made the weekend possible.

Thanks too to all of you who supported us at the Scout and Guide Ball; once again a great evening with delicious food courtesy of Janet at the White Horse.

All Sections - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - are following exciting programmes this term. We work towards different activity and challenge badges, but our real aim is to learn new skills together, develop confidence and make new friends.

In January, all Sections will meet on a Thursday night; Beavers 5.15-6.15, Cubs 6.30-7.45, Scouts 8.00-9.15.

For more information please visit our website [www.kimptonscouts.org.uk](http://www.kimptonscouts.org.uk)

*Annie New 01438 833421*



### **Community Policing**

Our PCSO, Tracey Jackson (TJ to her friends), as you will probably have seen, continues to make regular visits, sometimes with her colleague Charli Tizard.

When the Mobile Police Station is parked in Claggy Rd. don't forget to use this facility if you need any advice on local issues, crime prevention and security (personal and/or property). Tracey is happy to discuss any matter personally

Police telephone contact is now through a new automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to.

Tracey can also arrange a visit to conduct a free crime prevention survey..

There is now more emphasis on Rural Beat issues enabling our Ward Constable Chris Suckling to spend more time in our area often making nocturnal visits and reports some success with fly tippers, opportunist burglars and suspicious vehicles.

The new Automatic Number Plate Recognition system is scoring many successes in identifying vehicles without tax, insurance or MOT. Coupled with Selecta-DNA property marking we are pleased to note the following arrests :-

- 2 males for burglary in Knebworth
- 4 males for pedal bike theft in Letchworth
- 3 males for scrap metal theft in Hitchin.

### **Police Target Issues**

The public and the police want action taken to reduce Fly Tipping, Anti-Social Behaviour, Hare Coursing and off-roading by 4x4's so if you witness any of these crimes actually taking place you should ring 999.

Local riding stables, farmers and gamekeepers are joining forces with the police to combat rural crime by reporting suspicious persons/vehicles linked in with Farm Watch and Horse Watch.

We must wait to see whether the impending cuts will have adverse effects on local policing.

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

Vacancy in Coopers Close/Coopers Hill, plus six others, three in the High St. and one each in Lawn Avenue, Lime Avenue/ The Drive and Wren Close. The work basically is 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 minded residents with some spare time are requested to contact Alan Smith (my contact details at the bottom of this article) if they wish to make a contribution to village community security.

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

This system is reliable, SAFE and suitable for expansion as a means of receiving and passing on information from the police concerning actual local crime, crime trends and reports from adjoining Wards. Additionally, there is access to property and vehicle security and advice on prevention of identity theft.

Street Co-ordinators will encourage watch members also having e-mail to allow their email address to be included in the OWL system, however, they will be required to sign an easily completed NHW OWL Consent Form which can be requested from the OWL Administrator and NHW Watch Liaison Officers Penny Knapper and Lucy Harris whose 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**

In the last seven months there were 63 recorded crimes compared to 80 in the same period in 2009 which is a welcome reduction.

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from page 18 The majority of these were burglaries or thefts from garages, sheds, allotments and business premises. 15 were thefts from or damage to vehicles. Fraud, Bogus Callers and Identity Theft continue to be a threat and you are reminded to be particularly alert when operating a cash machine.

Theft of handbags and wallets in supermarkets remains a problem with serious consequences in particular the theft of personal identity.

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 about a crime in progress they have a better chance to catch the offenders. The police require information about the appearance of the suspects and details of any vehicles involved. Registration numbers and descriptions of vehicles are very useful and improve intelligence.

### **Jock White**

Sadly, Jock died peacefully at home (10 Dacre Crescent) on 8 November, aged 80, and will best be remembered locally by the younger residents as a driving instructor.

However, he was the founder of Kimpton NHW, initially in Dacre Crescent, in 1990 which expanded in 1996 with the help of Sheila Newman. We send our sincere sympathy to his family.

### **Caring Neighbours**

You should always check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house. If in doubt call the Police immediately on 999.

### **Reporting Crime**

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

### **Crime Prevention Items**

Should you need advice or to purchase items please contact Dennis Wall, email [dennis.wall@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dennis.wall@herts.pnn.police.uk) or Mark Montgomery, email [mark.montgomery@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mark.montgomery@herts.pnn.police.uk).

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

### **Night Security and Absence**

Now that shorter days are with us ensure that your property is secure with all windows, doors, garages and sheds properly locked. Make it look 'lived in' if possible by parking 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. Use timer switches on lamps or leave a security lamp (energy saving bulbs)

Upvc doors with key operated shoot bolts must double locked, otherwise it is possible for an intruder to jimmy the door, gain entry and perish the thought!

Have a peaceful and secure festive season.

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*Please turn to page 22 to see other information from Hertfordshire Constabulary on Cyber Bullying and Disability Hate Crime.*

**Please remember that the deadline for the spring edition of this magazine is Friday March 4th 2011 Please send copy and JPEGs to [kimpton.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kimpton.editor@btinternet.com)**

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

# **NHS East of England consultation - "Better health and wellbeing for people with a learning disability and their families: the vision for achieving the best, together in the east of England"**

NHS East of England is running a formal consultation on the proposed Vision for Better Health and Wellbeing for People with a Learning Disability and their Families. The consultation began on 12 October 2010 and will run through to 11 January 2011.

The vision focuses on putting people with a learning disability at the centre of what we do. We must ensure that everyone is treated as a person, not with a learning disability label, supporting them to make informed and personal choices and ensuring that they have equal access and equivalent health outcomes to the rest of the community.

The Vision sets out how, over the next 10 years, health services will be transformed so that people are supported through better health to achieve the lives they want.

By listening to people with a learning disability and their families we have identified 12 key features to enable good healthcare:

- Prevention of environmental causes of learning disability
- Accurate and early assessment and identification of needs
- Support through the early years
- Support in transition from children's to adult services
- Access to mainstream health services
- Better health outcomes through primary care
- Effective care and support plans for people with a learning disability and their family carers
- Specialist learning disability services
- Partnerships with people with a learning disability and family carers
- Partnerships with other services
- Workforce development
- Planning information

Each of these key areas has a vision statement, a short term commitment (2-3 years) and a longer term (10 year) commitment attached to it.

The consultation invites views on:

- Current issues for people with a learning disability and their family carers
- The vision statements for each of the 12 key features
- Each of the short term and longer term commitments
- What do you like about the vision and why?
- Is there anything you do not like and why?
- Is there anything you would add to the vision?

You can respond to the consultation by:

- Completing and returning the feedback form at the back of the consultation documents
- Completing the survey online at <https://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/eoedeanery/learningdisability>
- Emailing your views to [vision@eoe.nhs.uk](mailto:vision@eoe.nhs.uk) or
- Leaving a short telephone message on 01223 596888.

The consultation closes on 11 January 2011



## **'Button Path' or 'Butt End Side' The Name of a Historic Footpath and its Probable Derivation**

*by Bob Finch*

The Bench Working Party has started to refurbish part of the fence on the footpath that runs from the Hitchin Road to the top of Church Lane. Diana Parkinson in conversation remarked that she had heard older people calling it 'Button Path'. A few phone calls later to some old boys born and bred in Kimpton and yes, that's nearly right, but it was 'Button Side' not 'Button Path'. So why is it called that?

Quite a few theories later, I think I have it. Looking at field name derivations 'Butt' could mean a place where archery was practised or an odd shaped piece of land at the corner of a common field. Hmm, nearly there.

When a farmer ploughs a field he naturally ploughs it up and down in straight lines, from one side of the field to the other. If the field is not square or rectangular, then at the end he has to plough a triangular section. The Butt is the name farmers give to that awkward shaped corner of a field. 'We plough the Butt' as Geoff and Steve Harding told me at the Horse Show this year. Steve pointed out that the field on the north side of the footpath had such a triangular piece at the Church Lane end, if it were ploughed East/West. Look on the OS map and you will see. So the name of the path is, or was, probably, Butt End Side. That's what I think anyway.

*Picture shows Butt End Side from the Hitchin Road end.*

## **THINK B4 YOU SEND**

For anti-bullying week police are reminding on-line users that sending malicious or abusive emails/texts is not only disturbing for the recipient, but could cost the sender a fine or criminal record.

Many people, especially teenagers, don't realise that sending abusive or bullying messages is against the law and if convicted it could seriously affect an individual in later life.

Although a still under reported crime, the force is being increasingly contacted by concerned victims of cyber bullying who are genuinely distressed by the tone or the content of the message they have received.

Inspector Lara Stevenson, Youth Engagement lead officer, said: "The victims who contact police feel vulnerable because they have been so personally targeted. These are mostly teenagers who have received abusive messages via a social network site, text or on an email. Often victims find the content of these messages threatening and are not clear how to deal with them.

Lara added: "Often we find ourselves giving support to someone who receives an unwanted message and advising the 'sender' (where known) that the content of their message puts them at risk of committing a criminal offence. The sender is often completely unaware that their message could put them in trouble with the law.

"In most instances words of advice are given to the sender and support is given to the recipient. However we are prepared to take action against those who persist in this bullying type of behaviour."

Those who are targeted by cyber bullies can get access to advice on how to combat the heartache and protect themselves when on-line by following some simple advice via this website link

**[www.herts.police.uk/youngpeople/index.php](http://www.herts.police.uk/youngpeople/index.php)**

Lara continued: "There is easy to follow advice available for internet users and there are simple ways you can protect yourself from unwanted abuse. There are police officers and staff who go into schools and can give further support to signpost children, young people and their families to advice so that they can take some simple steps to protect themselves."

## **HERTS POLICE REINFORCE MESSAGE THAT BULLYING OF DISABLED PEOPLE IS A HATE CRIME**

AS ANTI-BULLYING WEEK draws to an end, the Constabulary would like to take the timely opportunity to raise awareness of disability hate crime, remind people of the alternative avenues to report this crime and encourage witnesses or victims to contact police. If a person is called names, is verbally and physically harassed or assaulted, or has their property taken or damaged because they are disabled, they are not only

victims of bullying, but they are also considered victims of disability hate crime which is punishable by law.

In fact if it can be proven that a crime has been motivated because of the victim's disability, offenders can face a significantly more serious sentence if the case comes to court.

Police in Hertfordshire are keen to encourage victims and witnesses of disability hate crime to come forward without fear and to reassure them that they will be taken seriously. As reporting crimes to police could be considered daunting, the Constabulary has put measures in place to make this process easier. Especially designed disability hate crime reporting forms can be obtained.

The Force also has specially-trained hate crime officers who will help people who are victims of crime because of their disability, race, faith, religion; or because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. These dedicated officers treat cases seriously when they are reported. They can offer victims help, support and advice, can meet them in a place they feel comfortable, will explain options, and can be there for them if the case goes to court. The Constabulary's hate crime officers can be contacted via the force non-emergency number **0845 33 00 222**. In an emergency always dial 999.

In addition to this victims and witnesses can report incidents of hate crime on-line via the Herts Police website [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk) under the 'Report a Crime' section. Once a victim or witness has filled in a self reporting form, it can be printed off and sent to the Constabulary who will record the incident, investigate it and do their best to stop similar incidents happening in the future.

Inspector Ian Tycer, the Constabulary's champion for tackling hate crime, said: "Anti bullying week is a great platform for us to reinforce the message that any form of crime where victims are taken advantage of because they are disabled is totally unacceptable.

"What might seem to others as harmless banter towards a disabled person, is taken just as seriously by police as if someone had been assaulted or robbed because they are disabled.

"We are committed to reducing the harm disability hate crime causes to victims, their families and to the wider community and it is vitally important that incidents are reported to police so action can be taken. It is understandable that many disability hate crimes still go un-reported as victims may feel awkward or embarrassed talking to police face to face. We hope that through the alternative reporting methods available more victims will be encouraged to come forward so perpetrators can be brought to justice."

For further information about disability hate crime and hate crime as a whole, visit **[www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)** and type 'hate crime' into the search box.

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Parish Church

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### **Priest**

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Baptist Church - Perry Green

### **Secretary**

Michael Littleworth  
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## **Police Telephone Numbers**

Urgent 999

Non Urgent

0845 33 00 222

*local rate*

to contact any police station or department in  
Hertfordshire

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team

Rural Issues

01438 757604

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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 Preschool

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

## USEFUL LINKS

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

[www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)

[www.stalbans.anglican.org](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org)

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