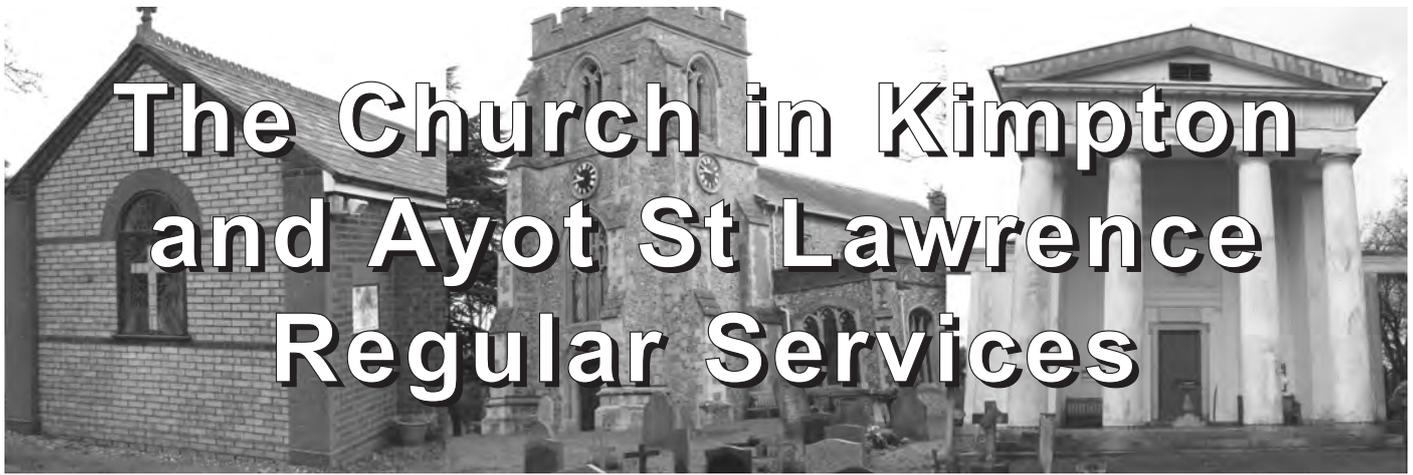


Kimpton Parish Magazine

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*The Parish Magazine team wishes everyone
a happy and peaceful Christmas*



The Church in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence Regular Services

Tuesday

8.45am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

5.30pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

Thursday

8.45am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

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

4th Sunday Morning Prayer

9.30am

4th Sunday Family worship

8am

Parish Church

other Sundays Holy Communion (Common Worship)

9.30am

Holy Communion followed by coffee

11.30am

Ayot St Lawrence

Mattins with Holy Communion

2nd Sunday each month (BCP)

6pm

Perry Green Chapel

Evening Service at Peters Green

The Parish Magazine Team is trying to help the environment

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



Dear Friends,
I write two days after the Church of England voted against allowing women to be Bishops. I have never aspired to the office of Bishop, but like many others I feel hurt as well as disappointed.

When I am asked, how can I explain why, when 42 out of 44 dioceses voted for women Bishops, General Synod failed to pass the legislation? I agree with Archbishop Rowan when he says that the C of E as a whole has lost a great deal of credibility, because as St Paul writes, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28) – and yet the Church begs to differ. I pray that when the time comes for another vote on this issue there will be a different outcome.

I have been thinking back over this year with all its joys as well as its sorrows. Despite the weather the Queen's Jubilee weekend was a delight. Did you know that the concept of Jubilee comes from the Old Testament? According to the Law of Moses every 50th year was to be regarded as a Jubilee, when all debts were to be cancelled. This meant that no-one became enmeshed in endless poverty; everyone had the chance to start again. (Lev. 25). Given the current financial crisis, with whole nations going bankrupt, wouldn't it be marvellous if the world declared a Jubilee in the OT sense?

Soon after the Queen's Jubilee, we had the Olympics, and now there is much discussion about the "Olympic legacy" and how long it will be before it can be measured. A proper OT Jubilee would be a wonderful legacy for future generations – oh well, we can all dream! In one way, though, the dream has come true in the

Person of Jesus Christ. Through Him we have been given the Jubilee of all Jubilees, for in Him we can all start again, and in Him we have the legacy of Eternal Life, bought for us by the Cross. As you celebrate His birthday, I hope that you will remember that Jesus is what Christmas is really about and I pray that you will each know His peace and His joy in your heart.
My love to you all, Lorraine

Please read the Bishop of St Albans' statement on page 20

Christmas Services in Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence

Sunday 9th December

4 pm Kimpton Christingle Service

Thursday 20th December

7 for 7.30pm Carols at The White Horse

Saturday 22nd December

Carol singing around the village (meet outside The Boot at 6pm)

Sunday 23rd December

4pm at Ayot Carol Service

6.30pm at Kimpton Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3 pm Crib Service at Kimpton

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence

Christmas Day

10am Family Communion at Kimpton

Sunday 30th December

9.30am Holy Communion at Kimpton (Please note there will be **no** 8am service)

Coat found in church

After the Service on Remembrance Sunday a small child's coat was found in Kimpton Church. We have not been able to find the owner; if you think it might belong to your child, please contact Revd. Lorraine at the Vicarage.

Grateful thanks

The Editor and production team acknowledge with thanks a donations received from Kimpton Autumn Show, Kimpton Horse Show and Kimpton Parish Council.

The front page picture is a scene from last year's Crib Service in the Parish Church.

Parish Church's Financial Crisis Averted!

In July, Kimpton Church held a campaign to raise awareness of how much it takes to run the Church and provide ministry. Geoff Fletcher from the Diocese of St Albans gave us an insight into the challenges other churches in the area face and also gave us some ideas about how to approach our campaign. No targets were set for what we hoped to raise and we have been very impressed and thankful for the outcome. We have increased the numbers in the Church's Stewardship scheme and other existing members have increased their giving. The campaign raised a significant amount for the church for the rest of this year which will hopefully mean that the church does not lose money. The increasing giving will also benefit us in future years. The PCC wishes to extend its thanks to all those who have contributed and will continue to focus on securing funds for the future.

Kimpton WI

Our busy Autumn schedule ends with a Christmas theme evening centred around an illustrated talk by Janet Holmes Walker and Liz Haynes on the History of Panto. Recent outings included 'Kiss me Kate' in St Albans and a visit to the Supreme Court in Parliament Square. Some members rounded off the London trip with a theatre performance in the evening.

We have a full programme for the spring which, apart from speakers booked for the monthly meetings, includes more reading for our Book Group members on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and Table Tennis on Friday afternoons.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings in the Memorial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.45 pm.

More information from Valerie Pollington on 01438 832249.

Memorial Dedication

A service of dedication of a memorial for Alistair and Ian Rainback will be held in the Parish Church on Saturday January 19th at 3pm

All are welcome to attend.

From the Registers

Baptisms

30 Sep 2012 Oliver Pierre Morgan Connor

14 Oct 2012 Amber Mary Louisa
Bonham-Cann

18 Nov 2012 Rory Jenson William Knight

Burials & Cremations

18 Jul 2012 Bernadette Laird Haley

5 Oct 2012 Lily Joyce Wilson

16 Oct 2012 William (Bill) Reid

24 Oct 2012 Denise Grover

8 Nov 2012 John Alec Bird

Community Coffee Mornings

Our monthly Friday coffee mornings have been going from strength to strength. We regularly have 30 – 40 people (from 8 months to eighty years old) calling in to enjoy the homemade cakes, tea, coffee and a chat. Here are the dates for the next few months.

16th November – with a Christmas bazaar

14th December – Christmas quiz

18th January – Tombola

15th February – Valentine quiz

9.30–12.00 at the Dacre rooms

Locally produced vegetables are regularly available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jackie, Denise, Julie and Julia

Oecos, 11a High Street, Kimpton

Marathon runner

Neil Matthews has always been an active member of the Kimpton community.

He has been involved in organising and playing for the football club and golf society for countless years.

Next year, Neil will be running the Virgin London Marathon for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust.

Please look out for sponsorship and fundraising event details coming soon.

Your support will be very much appreciated.

Kimpton Christians Together Christmas Cards



During the October half-term holiday we combined the annual "Design a Christmas Card" competition with a Craft and Activity Day for children aged over 7. The children enjoyed making the cards and put a lot of thought and effort into their designs. As always the judge had a very difficult time choosing a winner, but eventually decided that the winning card was that designed by Eleanor Bevan with Lizzie Lenthall as runner-up.

Congratulations to both girls. At the Christingle Service Eleanor and Lizzie will each be presented with a certificate and a small prize and all the children's designs will be on display.

The Christingle service is in the Parish Church on Sunday December 9th at 4pm.

The Carol Service is on Sunday December 23rd at 6.30pm.





Books and reading are always a major feature of children's learning at Kimpton Primary School and our Junior children have been finding out about Native Americans, the life of Jamaicans both in the UK and in the Caribbean, The Aztecs and Italy through books chosen carefully by their teachers. If you get the chance, have a look at the totem poles on our top field. They are amazing. Our year one and two children have been finding out about the Great Fire of London and enjoyed a Great Fire of London day when they found out all about life in London at the time of the fire and spent an enjoyable after noon being History Detectives.

Children from years one to six also enjoyed a day working with Jamaican poet and children's author, Valerie Bloom and year six have been to visit the Planetarium in London.

I have presented the KSA with a new challenge this year, the complete refurbishment of our library. They have committed themselves 100% to this challenge, their first main event being the recent successful Car Boot and Table Top sale, with Mrs Wood's wonderful refreshments laid on as usual. As with all of our fundraising events, we value the support given to us by the wider village community; thank you very much.

And now, amazingly, we are once again preparing for Christmas...

Our Christmas trees will be up both in school and in the front garden by the time this is published and once again I would like to thank Mark Klimek for donating the tree. We very much enjoy this special aspect of our Christmas celebrations. Another Christmas tradition which I look forward to every year is our carol service. This is always a lovely occasion, giving children, parents and staff the chance to enjoy singing a range of traditional and modern carols in the beautiful setting of our Parish Church followed by mulled wine and mince pies for the adults back at school.

However, it is always the Christmas production that takes centre stage and the children are currently working very hard on their respective offerings, a traditional Nativity Play for Nursery and Reception and musical called 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' for years one to six. The singing is sounding wonderful already. Our Christmas productions have been a big hit for the last two years and I expect this to be equally spectacular.

I hope you all have a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*With very best wishes
Marion Stewart-Smith and all the pupils
and staff of Kimpton Primary School.*



Kimpton Memorial Hall

Something has to change!

What a strange village this can be. Those of us charged with the responsibility of running the Hall have enjoyed incredibly generous financial support from the whole village. Formidable sums of money have been raised and donated towards our ongoing improvement programme, and we continue to receive generous subsidies and donations on an annual basis. So in those respects nobody has stinted in terms of effort. And yet sadly, I have to report that the last Memorial Hall Management Committee Meeting was a total 'Non Event', due to lack of support.

Over 25 organisations nominate representatives to the Management Committee, which Body is charged with the legal responsibility for running and managing the Hall. Due to poor attendances in recent years, that committee now meets only twice a year. (It is supposed to be four) In spite of this, our October Meeting was, apart from five (of a total of seven) members of the Executive Committee, attended by just three representatives of village organisations: Joan Amos for the WI, Janet Holmes-Walker for Kimpton Players, and John Holmes-Walker for Kimpton Optimists. Three other people sent apologies, but nobody else attended.

Obviously we cannot go on like that! We will not go on like that!!

If the organisations really do not want to be too deeply involved, which appears to be the case, we may have to try sort out a different procedure for running the Hall. Personally I would be in favour of dispensing with the 'ad hoc' Executive Committee (ad hoc in the sense that it forms no part of our constitution, and thus could be scrapped tomorrow) and leaving the interim running of the Hall solely to the officers. This would hopefully have the effect of

placing all the responsibility, and all the actual decision –making, back where it legally belongs, in the hands of the Management Committee; whose meetings might then be seen as more meaningful, and thus be better attended? If we were to do that we would probably need to hold three meetings a year, plus an AGM. However it is (collectively) your Hall, and your decision. But I am not prepared to chair another meeting where so few people turn up!

Perhaps the various village organisations would like to consider this situation before our AGM in March, because the subject will be on that agenda.

A final thought; if in the interim you are electing someone to represent your organisation on the Management Committee, please take the trouble to ensure that that person is prepared to fulfil his or her responsibilities. There is no point in electing them otherwise. The 'representatives' of some organisations have never attended a single meeting, and that is not fair on you, or on my fellow elected officers, who give so freely of their time and effort.

Roger Nash 01438 832101

Is your organisation represented on THE KIMPTON MEMORAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All properly constituted village Organisations and Societies are entitled to be represented on this committee, which is the body with the responsibility for running the Hall.

LET YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE ITS SAY ON THE RUNNING OF OUR HALL

If you are not already represented, contact Roger Nash on 01438 832101 or Barbara Kazwini on 01438 832620



We have arrived at the time of year when we need to consider our budget for the coming year, and discuss whether there are desirable projects that we should look to fund. As you would imagine, there are a number of items up for debate, one of which is a request that has been received from residents concerning Footpath 34. I'm sure the name means very little to most of you, but it is the path running to the north of the High Street between Park Lane and Claggy Road, as shown on the diagram. The Parish Council are considering requests that this path be resurfaced to make it more passable. The main aim of this would be to make it possible for people to navigate that part of the village without the need to use the very narrow pavement on the High Street. This is especially useful during the 'school run' where people are often almost literally rubbing shoulders with the rapidly passing traffic. This proposal is at the early stages, and full consultation will take place.

Requests from residents have also been received concerning a defibrillator for the village. There are now a number of these devices in locations around the country, including one in Codicote. Again, this is still being researched, but it is possible that having such a resource in the village could help save lives while waiting for ambulances to make the relatively lengthy journey to a rural location like ours.

The device is stored in a coded box at a suitable central location, and the procedure would be that the 999 operator would assess whether a defibrillator would be of benefit in a specific case. If so, the operator would give you the code to open the box, and would talk you through the use of it.

At the time of writing, the Parish Council are yet to consider these proposals, along with other ideas, but I thought it was worth mentioning some of the things that we are looking at.

Work is continuing on the Jubilee Open Space, and if you have been out after dark in the last week or so you may well have seen the lights in the yew tree, which lend the site a suitably festive air. These are solar-powered lights, and look very effective.

If you are an internet user, I would also encourage you to visit and register on the website at www.superfastforherts.org. This is an initiative aimed at both home and business users, so has relevance for anyone in the village, and the idea is to secure a slice of funding to improve broadband provision in the Parish.

Currently there are a few over 100 registrations for the SG4 8 postcode area, which covers Kimpton itself, which is a small proportion of the available subscribers, so we would encourage everyone to visit this website and just spend a few moments there to try and ensure that we get our share of funding to help improve the provision of broadband to our homes and businesses.

There are still some vacant allotment plots, so I would urge anyone who is thinking of taking one to contact Carina Helmn (kimptonpc@btconnect.com) as soon as possible. It's a good time to do it while the weeds are dormant, and you have a chance to do some digging (frost permitting!). We are also arranging a series of cuts each year to keep the overgrown areas, or the vacant plots, under control.

In addition, we are intending to remove the rubbish that has unfortunately been dumped on the allotment site, and will in future be securing the gate so that unauthorised vehicle access via Pam's Lane will not be possible. Allotment tenants will be able to gain access, but nobody else. We will be posting notices at the bottom of Pam's Lane to inform anybody thinking of turning up there that there is no longer any access.

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from page 8 It is regrettable that the entire Parish has to cover the cost of clearing up after a selfish few, but if we spend the money on one final clearance, we have no choice but to restrict access in the future. If we don't, then this type of clear-up will become an annual occurrence.

You will no doubt be aware by now that Hertfordshire has a new Police and Crime Commissioner, in the shape of David Lloyd. As of the time of writing, he is now in post, and more information about the PCC initiative, as well as contact details for the Commissioner can be found at www.hertscommissioner.org.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter of 2012, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Parish Council to wish you the very best for Christmas, and a prosperous and peaceful New Year!
David Hardstaff

Santa comes to Blackmore End and Kimpton

Harpenden Village Rotary Club will escort Santa between 6.00pm and 8.30pm on Tuesday, 13th December round Blackmore End and Friday, 14th December round Kimpton

Also, see Santa 6.00pm on Thursday evening, 29th November at the switching on of the Wheathampstead Christmas Lights!

Join him for carols in the grounds of the MacIntyre Home at the rear of T-Potts. Proceeds from the above collections will be going to Wheathampstead MacIntyre Home, the Christian Lewis Trust, Luton and Harpenden Samaritans, the Elizabeth Foundation and other charities and good causes supported by Rotary



Would you like a donation?

We were delighted to make donations from this year's Horse Show to the Memorial Hall, The Noise Project, this very magazine and several other local organisations, including our erstwhile helpers Kimpton Rovers. Then we had a look at our bank accounts; after putting a bit in the kitty to improve next year's show, we found we had enough money left for a few more donations of up to £200 each!

So, we would like to know if we can help any organisation that benefits the parish in any way, or any local resident with a special need or project.

Don't look this gift horse in the mouth, put your case to our Treasurer Peter on peter.hale@ukgateway.net by the end of January, and bid for up to £200.

The Kimpton Horse Show Committee

Put this in your diary now!!!!

**The deadline for the spring edition of this magazine is Friday March 8th
Please send copy and JPEGs to kimpton.editor@btinternet.com**

Kimpton Bowls Club

Firstly, I must apologise for omitting in the previous report, to record that Ken Ryder won the 2-Wood Trophy on Finals Day.

Our AGM was held on 20th Nov. when each officer gave their report. As mentioned before, the club is reasonably healthy, but still in need of new members.

It is now "closed season", but green keeping and maintenance work continues throughout the winter, thanks to a loyal team of volunteers. Playing will begin again in April. Meanwhile, the club members will enjoy their Christmas Dinner at the White Horse in December as usual, and re-visit Potters Leisure Centre for 4 days of indoor bowling and other activities in the New Year.

Some club members lunch at the White Horse on Wednesdays to get together and take advantage of Janet's Diamond Diners menu. You don't have to be a bowler to join in!

If you are interested in friendly, and / or competitive bowling and gentle exercise, please contact our secretary, any member you may know, or speak to Janet at the White Horse.

Officers elected at the AGM are

President, Dud Ginn. Chair, Hal Boshier.
Hon. Secretary, Beverley Pate 01582 834014
Hon. Treasurer, Roy Willetts.
Fixtures Secretary, Pat Flury.
Green Keeper, Ken Ryder.

Kimpton Cricket Club

The season ended in consistent style with the weather getting the last laugh.

However, after a frustratingly rainy season, we had the end of season party to look forward to, held as ever in the White Horse. In between excellent beer, food and music (provided in great part by the team's own musicians), we gave out the trophies to our top performing players for 2012.

Harvey Kirkland won the batting cup, with 213 runs for the season.

Sav Balac won the bowling cup with a total of 25 wickets.

Simon Thompson took the all-rounder trophy for his excellent wicket-keeping (5 catches and 7 stumpings) combined with a total of 214 runs for the season.

Finally, the President's Cup was awarded to club captain, Tom Glinka, for all his hard work and excellent leadership in a challenging season.

We are aiming to restart pre-season indoor training in the New Year. Meanwhile, as ever, we are always keen to hear from anyone wanting to get involved in playing, umpiring or otherwise helping out.

Please contact our chairman, Simon Thompson on 01438 833767.

Kimpton Rights of Way Working Group

The Parish Council is considering putting a hard surface on the footpath from opposite the Corner Stores to Park Lane - both the straight route and that which heads up Park Lane to come out opposite the path leading to Garden Fields (that already has a hard surface). Nearby residents will soon receive a letter from the Council asking for their views, and it will be discussed at the Council meeting on 28th November.

Elsewhere the dieback of nettles is welcomed, even if it comes at a cost of soggy mud underfoot. But that is no different from the summer.

Once again, walkers, runners, cyclists, riders or landowners, if you have difficulty with any of our paths or bridleways tell either me or Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer at Herts. County Council (tom.goldsmith@hertfordshire.gov.uk). The 'rules' on rights of way are best captured in The Good Practice Guide produced by IPROW - the Institute of Public Rights of Way and Access Management (easily found on the web).

Bob Malcolm 01438 832309 bobm@ideo.co.uk



The members of the Kimpton Karate Club have been very busy since September

In October was the ZOKU Karate Tournament and many students from across Herts came together for the annual Championships. We had some great results from Kimpton members, which included:

Leyah Fullarton-Turner: Two first places, One 2nd place and One 3rd place, in various categories.

Jack Clayton: 1st in Younger boys Freestyle Fighting category

Benjamin Baciu: 3rd in Teenage Freestyle Fighting category.

Leyah, Jack and Benjamin are pictured left



In other news, we now have some new higher grades in the Kimpton club!! On Sunday 11th November 3 members from the Kimpton Club attempted a very special grading. The students arrived just before 9.30am and didn't leave until almost 2pm. Although they did start off a bit cold and then had trouble with a slippy floor and then some very big and bleeding blisters....it did end in success. We are pleased to announce that Jacob New and Tamsin Corbett passed their Intermediate Black Belts and that Patrick New passed his Black belt. Well done to all 3 and huge congratulations!!!

The Kimpton Club runs on a Wednesday evening at the Memorial Hall.
www.zokukarate.co.uk



What can YOU do for your village?

Many people choose to live in Kimpton because there are so many organisations and activities but do you realise that it is mainly people from Kimpton who run them?

Some of these flourishing organisations will close if newer residents don't come forward to take responsibility for the future of the village organisations.

Here is an urgent plea to Lend a Hand from Kimpton Brownie leader, Coral Duncan:

Help is desperately needed to keep our Pack going. We meet in term time on Tuesdays from 5.30 to 7pm in Kimpton Memorial Hall.

If you can help or would like further information feel free to ring Coral on 01438 832221 for a chat.

Many Kimpton organisations need new blood. **Could it be YOU?**



**The Kimpton
Players proudly
present their 49th
annual Old Time
Music Hall**

The dates of the 2013 show are February 22nd, 23rd and 28th and March 1st and 2nd.

The booking system has been slightly changed so please look out for the posters around the village for details.

May Festival 2013 Get thinking Kimpton!

Unbelievably we are now closer to the next May Festival than the last, though clearly some cold and darkness to get through first!

The 49th Kimpton May Festival will take place from Friday 3rd to Monday 6th May and the theme will be 'Toy Box'. As you begin to think how you and/or your group are going to interpret/reflect the theme could you also spare a thought for the Auction? This is a very popular event over the weekend and we have very generous supporters who provide us with 'lots' on a regular basis...is there something that you could put up as a 'lot' or maybe you know people at companies or organisations that might be willing to donate?

As ever, the 2013 Festival will be a mixture of the familiar and the new and we are always keen to have your feedback to help us deliver a festival with something for everyone; all forms of communication available, including the website (www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk) and Facebook page (note: thoughts and ideas for 2014, when we will hold the 50th May Festival, are also very much welcomed).

We are always keen to welcome new members to the Committee and we would encourage anyone of any age who would like to get involved to do so, but if you would like to volunteer to help with an aspect of the Festival without wishing to join the Committee...please just let us know.

Andrew Ackrill, KMF Committee Chair (andrew.ackrill@gmail.com)

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

There was an excellent turnout for the ceremony for the ceremony at the War Memorial and Service of Remembrance which coincided this year on the 11th. The parade and service saw a large turnout of village organisations. Kimpton Branch would like to thank all young people's organisations and their parents and leaders for having taken part. We also thank the Churchwardens and Sidespersons for their contribution to the service and not least to the vicar for the excellent service and thought provoking address. The "plug" during the address for the RBL Kimpton Branch was much appreciated. We still need to recruit members; you do not need to have served in the armed forces. Anybody requiring information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Robin Wells (01438 832984) or our Secretary, Dave Gibbs (01438 832236) from whom application forms may be obtained. Remember you do not need to have served in the forces to become a member.

We welcomed Jack Clee to the Branch this year and he took over successfully to replace Tom Grovestock as standard bearer for the first time for the parade and service. We shall be looking for a new treasurer and branch secretary within the next twelve months. Don't miss your chance.



The Poppy Appeal raised £2680 and Robin Wells and Dennis Clarke are pictured presenting the cheque to Sharron Clark RBL county secretary.

Dave Gibbs Branch Secretary



INVITES YOU TO OUR SECOND SINGING WORKSHOP

An exciting chance for you to try out your voice and try out our choir
No experience necessary but come with high expectations of musical
fun!

Guest leader: multi-instrumentalist, arranger and musical director
Dominic Stichbury (Euphonix, The Pop-up Choir, The Landmark Singers)

Saturday January 19th, 10am – 1pm

Kimpton School Adults and Children 10+ welcome

Ticket price £10 Refreshments provided

Bookings: Anna Bosatta 01438 832613



The days may be getting colder and darker, but there's never a dull moment in Kimpton Scout Group.

As always it was our pleasure and privilege to join the good folk of Kimpton during the Remembrance Parade on 11 November. There was a great turn out from every Section - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - and we think you would all agree that they did us proud.



Earlier this term saw some of the older Cubs enjoy a day trip to London. Scouting offers these great opportunities where the children can enjoy great experiences which are very different from both family or school trips. A great time was had by all.

You may recall that this time last year we were shouting from the rooftops that our Scouts won the County-wide Green Beret Scout competition. This year we had a record 4 teams, with 24 Scouts supported by 5 adults for the weekend (Kate C, Kate J, Christine, James C and Mark) with additional support from Mandy P, Suzy S and Sue B. There were 142 teams competing with 800+ Scouts. All our teams had a great time and performed very well.



The Results:

Team Manticore – Overall 6th. 3rd in Orienteering. 9th Assault Course. 14th Night Bases. 27th Day Bases. (Joel Williams, Ellen Hume, Oliver Wood, Thomas Clayton, Joshua Shanks, Lucy Williams)

Team Sphynx - Overall 22nd. 7th Orienteering. Team Centaur – Overall 7th. 47th in Assault Course.

Team Minotaur – Overall 94th. 36th in Assault Course.

In coming 6th Team Manticore were highest placed team in the Harpenden and Wheathampstead District so 1st Kimpton retain the District Green Beret Trophy. With many young Scouts who will have an opportunity to compete again, this is an immense achievement and one about which we are very proud. Huge congratulations to all Scouts who took part.

How many Scouts can you get in a phone box? Kimpton Scouts enjoyed their visit to London. The victorious Green Beret team are pictured at the top of the page.

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from page 14 Many thanks to the tremendous support given by all leaders and parent helpers.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to one of our fabulous Scout leaders, Matt Wood, as he leaves us to become an Explorer Scout leader in Wheathampstead. It is good news for the Explorers however and great for our Scouts to have a familiar face when they move on to Explorers. We wish him every success.

If you want to find out more about our Scout Group please visit our website at www.kimptonscouts.org.uk

It is highly recommended that you get your child's name on our waiting list after their 5th birthday to avoid disappointment.

Annie New 01438 833421

KIMPTON GARDEN CLUB

The Autumn has been an interesting time for the Garden Club, especially with the Autumn Show providing opportunities to display garden produce.

The November meeting was a presentation on "Botanic Gardens & Wild Flowers of Australia" and December 14th, a Friday, will be our Christmas Party.

The programme for 2013 includes a 'A Winter's Walk' at Anglesey Abbey in January when, hopefully, we should be able to see their wonderful display of snowdrops. In February we shall have a talk on "Gardening for Wildlife", and March will be about "Wildlife Hunting with a Camera".

We meet the first Wednesday in the month. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information contact our secretary on 01438 832776. *Joan Amoss*

Volunteers Wanted for Age UK Hertfordshire

Local charity Age UK Hertfordshire is looking for volunteers who can help older people remain independent and active for as long as possible.

Age UK Hertfordshire has a wide variety of volunteering opportunities which could fit around your schedule and suit your interests. Roles range from visiting an isolated older person in their home, giving information and advice, assisting at a 10 to 3 club or day centre, supporting healthy eating and exercise groups or helping the charity to raise awareness and funds by supporting its fundraising team at events in your local area.

To ensure you gain the most out of your volunteering experience the charity provides relevant training, ongoing support and out of pocket expenses.

Carla Johnson joined Age UK Hertfordshire as a Visiting Scheme volunteer because she wanted to gain experience in social work. She loved the role so much that she now works full time for the charity as a Healthwise Coordinator. Carla says "If I hadn't volunteered I would still be doing 'little jobs', this role is perfect for me and it is great for my self esteem because I feel like I have done something worthwhile."

Whether you can spare an hour each week or just a couple of hours each month, your support could help change the lives of older people in Hertfordshire. For further information please visit www.ageuk.org.uk/Hertfordshire call the HR Team on 01707 386060 or email volunteering@ageukherts.org.uk

Would you like to meet a Secret Dealer?

The ITV1 antique show is coming to this area soon

Secret Dealers sees three rival antique dealers doing battle in private homes for items they can sell. The competing dealers tour the house inspecting everything of value. The owners are then faced with a bonanza of surprise valuations and cash offers on some of their most prized (or not so prized) possessions. They can either accept or reject the offers and the owners must then face the choice between sentimental attachment and the chance to make a fast buck.

If you think you have something of interest or value contact the show now on 0117 970 7674 or email secretdealers@rdftvtelevision.com



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Community Policing and Local Crime

PCSO Elaine Cuzzo provides us with as much cover as possible consistent with her varying shift patterns and demands from other villages.

Fortunately recent Hitchin police data indicates that we can still be considered a low crime area and there have only been a few minor crimes in the last 3 months.

Peter's Green has seen an outbreak of parking and driver harassment issues which are now resolved and police action has been taken against speeding drivers. We have requested Hitchin police to carry out random speed checks in the High Street and take action against inconsiderately parked vehicles. If you need to contact Elaine or any other officer please use the automated system through Police County HQ on 01707 354192 where you must clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to. Other useful contact numbers are inside the back cover of this magazine. A reminder that PCSOs now have powers to issue on the spot fines to motorists for offences including inconsiderate parking, anti-social driving (e.g. driving/parking on the verge or footpath), failure to display a valid tax disc and causing an unnecessary obstruction.

Police Target Issues

Hitchin police aim to reduce Metal Theft, Fly Tipping, Anti-Social Behaviour and Cold Calling, so if you witness any of these crimes actually taking place you should ring 999. After the event please ring 101. This particularly applies to the cruel sport of Hare Coursing which fortunately is now on the decrease. Metal thieves continue to steal precious metal by cutting out the catalytic converters from a vehicle exhaust system, particularly on commercial vehicles that are left unattended for long periods.

Street Lighting

I have only received one complaint about lack of street lighting since the last Update, however it is interesting to note that some authorities have decided to reinstate lighting on

motorways and certain road junctions due to safety concerns.

Vehicle Number Plate Theft

We have been alerted via the OWL messaging service to an increasing number of vehicle number plates stolen which can then be used for criminal purposes on other vehicles. Herts Constabulary have made arrangements for DAG Auto Repairs to fit anti-theft fixings free of charge. The date will be posted on village notice boards.

Italian Scam

OWL has also alerted us to a scam whereby Italian motorists wave you down and ask for money as they claim to be short of petrol and offer you an expensive watch or leather jacket in exchange. Don't get involved as they may take you to the cleaners i.e. the nearest cash point!

If you enrol in OWL (it's free!) you will receive these messages and many others with really useful information.

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.

Night Security and Absence

Do ensure that you have secured all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make your property look 'lived in' if possible by parking a vehicle in front of your garage or at least on the drive. Install a timer operated security light and/or an external PIR operated flood light. If your absence is for more than a day give a neighbour your contact details and make sure your Upvc doors are fully locked.

Have a peaceful and enjoyable winter and festive season.

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With thanks to a list left by Jim Williamson we are now able to identify the scouts in this photo (autumn edition)

Back row L/R

Maurice Plain
 Laurence Bozier
 Brian Peters
 Trevor Coleman
 Donald Smith

Middle row

Jim Willet, Frank Miller

Front row L/R

Alex Smith
 Keith Towersey
 David North
 Fred Towersey
 Waly Toyer
 Jim Williamson

Come and Join Us.....

The charity Samaritans is looking for new faces to join their active branch of volunteers. Although based in Luton, the branch covers a wide area of North Hertfordshire and South Bedfordshire taking calls from across the country from people who are struggling with life's challenges and need emotional support.

The branch's Director Elisabeth Grover explains "Our branch is a wonderful place to work and I'm immensely proud of what we do. Our volunteers come from all over the area, and from different walks of life, with the sole purpose of helping others who are struggling with feelings of despair and deep sadness. We offer full training to help you support people on the phone so that you don't feel out of your depth. We also offer training for email responses as some people struggle to talk about their feelings and find that writing it down can be powerful and cathartic for them. The branch is also open during the day for people who prefer to talk to someone face to face. I'd like to personally welcome you to our friendly and supportive group and I am sure that you will find life skills you learn from this kind of volunteering are transformational"

If you would like to find out more about volunteering with Samaritans, please email Elisabeth directorlutonsamaritans@gmail.com

Do something different this Christmas

Christmas is just around the corner and residents across Hertfordshire are being urged to get out and take part in community activities as part of a countywide campaign being led by Hertfordshire County Council and HertsHelp. Whilst many people look forward to the festive season, it can be a difficult time of year for others who may be spending much of it on their own. HertsHelp is encouraging people to be active and join in this December to help them beat the blues.

Whether it's taking part in local events, volunteering to help or even setting up one of your own, just a few hours of your time could make a huge difference.

Please contact HertsHelp if you know of any local events happening in your area over Christmas and New Year, so that they can spread the word. Call 0300 123 4044 or email info@hertshelp.net For all the latest news and to join the conversation, follow us on Twitter at [#aloneatChristmas](https://twitter.com/aloneatChristmas).

If you are thinking about volunteering or running an event, HertsHelp can point you in the right direction for support and advice. You can also add your event to the calendar on the county council's website: www.hertsdirect.org and click on the 'Events' tab.



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St Peter and St Paul Restoration Trust

These limited edition, quality Kimpton Tea Towels will make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Using photographs of doorways from around the village, the tea towels are a beautiful memento of our special village and will be appreciated by those here and abroad.

Our thanks to Sanjay and Anita who are selling the tea towels in the Corner Stores or available from either Juliet Morton on 01438 832427 or Carina Helmn on 01438 832573 or email kimptonpc@btconnect.com

Proceeds to Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust, Charity Number 289296



Thanks for support

I have been so over whelmed with all the love and support me and my family have received from everyone in Kimpton relating to my son Torrunn Harper not being allocated a place at one of his chosen schools and I would really love to say a big thank you to everyone.

I am now extremely happy to report that he got into Roundwood last week on the continued interest list after all appeals failed.

He had his first day today and loved every minute.
Julie Harper

The Kimpton Litter Pick 2013 from 10:00 to 13:00 Saturday 6th April 2013

To register interest in helping, email Tim Parfitt on tim.parfitt@netcel.com or phone 01438 833965

Fantastic weight loss since September at new Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness classes in Kimpton

Do you want to be the proud owner of a wonderful new body? For people who would like to lose weight, get fit and improve their self-confidence, then help is at hand in Kimpton.

For members of local Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness Clubs instructor Nicola Maddison's Monday evening Kimpton classes, this is already happening!

"What a busy, successful and eventful time it's been!" says local instructor for Kimpton, Nicola Maddison. "Since opening my classes in September we have already seen so many amazing achievements. Many of my members have either already reached their target weight or are on their way to reaching their goal weight and a healthy BMI - I am very proud of them all!" Nicola, who runs the Kimpton class at the Memorial Hall on Monday evenings between 7.30p.m - 9.00 p.m. says "It's amazing what you can achieve with help and support in our classes. We encourage each other's progress and we are there for each other when support is needed. I have a job that I love and I am now trying to help people to achieve their goals, and hopefully change their lives for the better too. The exercise sessions are adapted to suit any ability, so even people who have not exercised before can join in and enjoy the fun".

Nicola's classes include a weigh in, motivational talk and a 45-minute workout.

For details of how Nicola can help you to lose weight and get fitter and healthier too, call 01438 940 912, or 07773 768 744 or visit her website www.rosemaryconley.com/franchisee/NMON for more information on Nicola's classes. *Nicola is pictured with Rosemary Conley.*



From the Local Press 50 years ago

One of Wheathampstead's best known personalities, Mr Ron Hyde, has given up his postmen's round to go into business in Kimpton running a milk delivery service with Mr Peter Harding, formally licensee of the Brocket Arms, Ayot St Lawrence. Ron had been a postman for 16 years.

Kimpton's Old Peoples Welfare Committee held a bring-and-buy sale at the Memorial Hall and raised £75 8s 10d for buying gifts for elderly people.

About 40 babies and toddlers enjoyed a Welfare Clinic Christmas party given by Miss Pam. Miss Pam started the clinic in 1927 and has looked after it ever since. She was presented with a bouquet by Lesley Bailey.

In a Landrover driven by Mr Hobbs, Father Christmas toured Kimpton village before selling lucky dips at the Scouts Christmas Fair and Social. The Social was organised by members of the Welcome Club and dancing was to the Mick Walters band. Over £60 was raised for Scout funds.

The Meteorological Office forecast for Mid Hertfordshire is not encouraging. Clear skies are expected to bring sharp drops in temperature. There was far less rain than usual in November with a total of 2.52in. The hours of sunshine in November were the lowest ever recorded with only 26.5 hours compared with an average of 35.2

A Hymn was rung on handbells by the Kimpton Parish Church bellringers during the Harvest Festival service. Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs also attended the service and the lessons were read by Gordon Gatward and Jacqueline Peters. *From the village archive www.kimpton.org.uk*

The Bishop of St Albans the Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith issued a statement on 20th November 2012
The Bishop of Hertford and the Bishop of Bedford have associated themselves with it

After many years of discussion and debate the General Synod of the Church of England today rejected the legislation which provided for the ordination of women as bishops. A two-thirds majority was required in all three Houses of Synod. Whilst the House of Bishops and the House of Clergy achieved the necessary two-thirds majority, the motion was lost by a few votes in the House of Laity. I have always been a supporter of women bishops' legislation and I share in the disappointment of the many outstanding women priests who play such a valuable role in the mission and ministry of our diocese.

I recognise that a significant minority of people in the Diocese of St Albans have theological objections to the proposals which were being debated. I have always tried to keep in close contact with them and to support them. Nevertheless I know that the vast majority of people in the diocese were in favour of this development and for them today's vote will be a cause for deep sadness. We need time to reflect on what has happened. In the meantime, I urge everyone to double their efforts to love and serve their communities, offering their pain and frustration to God. No one has any cause for rejoicing; all are aware that the pain felt will affect the whole church. I was grateful for the grace shown when the result was announced to the General Synod in silence.

It is a bishop's task to unite all those in his care and I call on all the people of the diocese that I lead to continue in the service of their communities, loving them as Christ loved us, sacrificing their pain to that task. As we double our efforts to reach out to the most needy, we will discover the future to which God is calling us.

We have more listening and more work to do to achieve the end result which so many believe is the right way forward both inside and beyond our church. †Alan St Albans



Members of the Parish Church choir are pictured by Pat Dyer at last year's Carol Service. This year's Carol Service is on Sunday December 23rd at 6.30pm. The choir is also singing at Ayot St Lawrence Carol Service at 4pm on the same day.

We are a friendly group and always welcome new members. Choir practice is on Friday evenings at 7.30 for about an hour and usually one service at 9.30 on Sunday. If you are interested in joining please email Andy kimpton.organist@btinternet.com Andy Wright

Kimpton resident *Dora Scott* describes her recent visit to South Africa



Cape Town is a lovely city with sandy beaches and beautiful gardens with a mountain backdrop. Nearby is Boulders Beach with its colony of penguins and a short distance away the Cape of Good Hope.

On arrival at the airport the very first view is of Table Mountain with its cable car to the top where you can wander around with a panoramic view of the city below.

Boat trips can be taken to Seal Island and Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for eighteen years. There's a hotel in Cape Town named after him where afternoon tea can be taken – similar to the Ritz and almost as grand!

We also visited the Garden Route taking an internal flight to East London and a long drive of almost 800 miles back to Cape Town. This took three days with interesting stops on the way. One place was Storm River Valley where an American diner appeared to be dedicated to Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe with two flashy American cars (duly cordoned off!)

On our various journeys we saw Ostrich, baboons, penguins, seals, whales and dassies – small creatures resembling large guinea pigs whose nearest relative is an elephant! (pictured left)

During the whole week we saw not a scrap of litter until nearing the airport where two plastic cups had been discarded in the car park.

Africans are keen to preserve their lovely country and their care for wildlife and their environment will play a large part in ensuring a better life for all.



Pictures: Andy Wright



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Helping Hand

HOSPITAL VISITING

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

NORTH HERTS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICES SCHEME

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 459752

CANCER ADVISORY SERVICE

BACUP Link Line. Freephone 181199

THE SAMARITANS

If you would like to talk to the Samaritans or find out more about becoming a volunteer, please ring 01582 720666 or 08457 90 90 90 anytime day or night or email jo@samaritans.org

HITCHIN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Support and guidance offered for all carers, including support groups, a telephone link line and a regular newsletter. Carers can contact the centre on 01462 456660

KIMPTON MONKEYS TODDLERS' GROUP

Come and meet local, friendly faces and enjoy general play, craft, ride-on toys, baby corner, singing, etc for pre-school children and babies.

Entrance is £2.00 plus 50p for each additional child and includes tea/coffee/juice and snacks for all. Held at Kimpton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 09:30 to 11:30 during term time.

Contact Natasha Mayling on 07970 172571. www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys

KIMPTON PRESCHOOL

Our friendly team, based at Linden Lodge in the grounds of Kimpton Primary School, offers sessional care for children aged two to four years old.

We are open during term time from 9am to 12noon, Monday to Friday. We also offer Lunch Clubs from Monday to Thursday and afternoon sessions from 1-3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more details, please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager, on 01438 833936 or visit www.kimptonpreschool.co.uk

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

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

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