



***Kimpton  
Parish  
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**A Farmers' Market on your doorstep. See pages 12 & 13**



**Sunday**

9.30am

Parish Church

Family Communion  
**B.L.A.S.T.**

**2nd Sunday**

11.30am

Ayot St Lawrence

Holy Communion

**3rd Sunday**

9.30am

Parish Church

Informal worship  
followed by Parish breakfast

**Sunday**

6pm

Perry Green Chapel

Evening Service

**Tuesday**

5.30pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

**Wednesday**

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

**Thursday**

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

6.45pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

For special services please see Sunday pew sheet

## Prayer Corner

If you would like to have a few moments of prayer or contemplation, please feel free to come to our new Prayer Corner in the Church. There is an opportunity to light a candle for a loved one and sit for a while to think about them and perhaps offer a prayer.

Instead of the Prayer Board, we have a book, where you are invited to write your prayer requests, this will be dated monthly so that there is a permanent record. The Church is open every day and all are welcome to come and experience the peace of our Prayer Corner and beautiful Church.



**In the space of one week, well, less than that – more like 24 hours – we have moved from the heat of a lengthened summer and into the crisp, cool of autumn.**

How quickly we have moved from the crazy chaos of the May Festival, and the wonderful Kimpton Folk Festival, inaugurated this year! Such a great atmosphere all of these festivals create in our sleepy village – although maybe it is not that sleepy after all! The vicarage garden had a plethora of slugs this year, which ate their way through a good deal of my carefully tended new plants. Balmy evenings have been spent listening to the harvesters in the field behind, and to the football players (and yes, I do hear the swearing), children and families just the other side of my garden fence.

Changes are afoot in the church – watch this space. There are some new possibilities for worship with the installation of a new screen and projector, as well as an upgrade in sound equipment. And no the screen is not one of those unwieldy things you have to pull up and which flop about. This one lowers from the arch and goes back up again. Now, if we could just work on some new, accessible toilets and maybe some proper heating! But I suspect that's for another year – or rather several. But this does mean that concerts and other programmes will have much better sound quality, and we can share films – something some of our artists and students may be interested in.

The other half of my life has been very busy indeed, and looks set to get even busier as the humanitarian crisis intensifies. What a word, busy. Everyone seems to be using it. Maybe that's why it feels as if summer was a quick, warm breeze and then gone. I keep searching for a better word to use when asked how things are going. One friend told me she was a washing machine – I identified with the description somewhat, but decided it isn't good enough.

As the days shorten, the harvest in the fields laid to rest, and I realise it is time to turn on the heating again, it is also time to take stock, look back over all the 'busy-ness' and examine what really matters in life. Family and friends who love us, good work and health to sustain us, peace of mind in a job well done, and satisfaction in the simple things that keep us going – these are the staff of life. These are the Good Harvest. There is much to be thankful for, and much that we have to share with the wider world. So this is my word for when asked how I am – I am thankful.

*With much blessing  
Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills*

## **New Youth Group**

All 10 to 17 year olds are welcome to join our fun, friendly, lively and active group.

We meet at Church House from 10.45am to 12.15pm on the first Sunday of each month during term time.

Adult helpers are urgently required.

For more information on either joining or helping please contact Kate at [katherinejames@gmail.com](mailto:katherinejames@gmail.com)

## **Come and sing in the Parish Church Choir for Christmas and who knows it might be for life, not just for Christmas!**

The Carol Services at Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence are on Sunday December 18th so would you like to join our choir to sing at these joyous services?

We will start rehearsing for Christmas in October on Friday evenings

Come along to the church on a Friday evening at 6.30pm or contact organist Andy Wright on 01438 820929 or [kimpton.organist@btinternet.com](mailto:kimpton.organist@btinternet.com)

# What a Noise!!



Most people in Kimpton seem to have heard of THE NOISE – the day of action from the Church when we deal with those tasks that people find they can't cope with.

This year, on 16th July, we held our 7th annual NOISE, and it was bigger and more ambitious than ever before. We dealt with lots of gardens, hacking back overgrown brambles, nettles and grass. We painted sheds and fences, gates and pergolas, and even had another go at tidying up the School pond!

But there was an important addition. The people of Wren Close have had to cope with areas that have become very overgrown and full of junk, and we helped them to tidy it up. Working with the blessing of the Parish Council and North Herts Homes (our first multi-agency involvement!) four teams strimmed and clipped, painted, felled unwanted trees and filled a huge skip with debris. The atmosphere in Wren Close was brilliant! It was almost like a street party, with residents coming out to help – indeed, we couldn't have cleared all the cuttings if it hadn't been for Dave and his red van! And the children all joined in, hauling huge bags, when they weren't spraying each other (and us!) with their water pistols.

It's what the Church is all about and it was fantastic to see so many volunteers, especially the catering team, who kept us well fed and watered.

It would be great to see the same thing happen each year. So why don't YOU come along and join in? Keep the date free – SATURDAY 15TH JULY – and a huge thank-you to the 65 who worked so hard this year! *Andy Morton*



Noise Project  
photos by  
Juliet Morton

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

3rd July 2016

Rose May Grey

7th August 2016

Riley William Stagg

### Burials, Interments and Cremations

19th July 2016

Maisie Sheed

26th August 2016

Eleanor May Andrews

1st September 2016

Amanda Ann Love

3rd September 2016

Fances Joan Mark

## Maisie Sheed 1930 - 2016



Maisie was truly a local girl having been born in the village, attended the village school, married in the local church and lived all her life in Kimpton. Her father owned the Village Store situated on the corner of Claggy Road.

From an early age Maisie wanted to be involved in village organisations and was later to be actively participating in Kimpton Players where, with Rene Edwards, she was a great Music Hall double act.

Maisie was an enthusiastic gardener and a leading light in the Garden Club whose members enjoyed many Summer Parties in her beautiful garden in the High Street.

She married John and with their two sons they made their lovely house on the High Street a centre for many happy gatherings.

For a number of years Maisie ran her own Recruitment Agency company in Hitchin.

Many Kimpton friends attended her funeral at Harwood Park Crematorium to say farewell to a very popular and highly respected lady.

## Kimpton History Group

**Wednesday 19th October at 8 pm in the Green Room**

“Scandal, Honour and Duty, the families of Kimpton Hoo”

An illustrated talk by Peter Hale, author of the book “Noble & Splendid”

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

“WW1 Miscellany”

Snippets about the war and the home front in Kimpton, an illustrated talk by members of the KHG 1911-1920 Research Project.

**Wednesday 21st December at 8 pm**

Christmas Party, details to members later.

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend any of the talks, for which we charge £3 per visit. For more information about the Group please contact Juliet Morton (01438 832427).

## Grateful Thanks

*The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge, with thanks, donations received from Kimpton Environmentalists, Kimpton Players, Hightown Homes, Kimpton May Festival Committee and Kimpton Parish Council.*

Previous editions of the Parish Magazine are available as PDFs at the village website [www.kimpton.org.uk](http://www.kimpton.org.uk)

The copy deadline for the winter edition is November 18th



# Kimpton Bowls Club

As I write the club is getting ready for its Finals Weekend, which culminates with presentation of trophies and BBQ at The Boot. Following which the Green will be “put to bed” until re-opening in the spring. Greenkeeping and clubhouse maintenance continues throughout the winter months.

Our Triples League team have enjoyed their 2016 visit to the 1st Division of the Welwyn/Hatfield League, but will be coming home to the 2nd Division again next season.

Sadly, two of our “retired” members; Joan Mark and David Bover have recently passed away. They were both active club members when able.

Seven groups/clubs and societies visited the bowls club this season for friendly roll-ups and hospitality; mostly regular visitors.

There will be a number of new Kimpton residents by next season, who will be welcome to call in on Open Day or May Festival weekend to introduce themselves to this friendly club. Details will be in your Welcome Pack.

Following our AGM in November, my winter report will give details of the club’s officers and committee, together with club trophy winners.

*Dud Ginn*

## Kimpton WI

The last few months have been a busy time for Kimpton W.I. Three of our members attended the H.F.W.I. annual meeting in Brighton and five members attended the W.I’s Denman College to learn more about Shakespeare and his play ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’. An interesting visit was organised in July to the Chelsea Hospital and Serpentine Garden Pavilion in Hyde Park and on a lovely sunny afternoon in August members enjoyed a Strawberry Cream Tea in the garden of the Memorial Hall. We provided tea and cakes at the Autumn Show and in September had an excellent talk by Kim Hills and her colleague Catherine Elbourne, on the history of the police, especially police women and how they are trained. We should be very thankful for the wonderful work our Hertfordshire Police Force do to make our county a safe place to live.

In October we are looking forward to Andrew Waite who will be giving a talk on Gemstones and in November Daniel Hubbard and Ellen Hume will be telling us about their experiences ‘Helping the Community in Fiji’.

We have a varied programme to suit all tastes, interesting speakers and outings, a thriving book club, table tennis on a Friday afternoon in the Green Room of the Memorial Hall and we

often help and take part in events in the village. Look out for posters around the village and do come along to any of our meetings where you will receive a warm welcome. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall at 7.45 pm.

If you would like to know more about us please contact Janet Holmes-Walker (President) 01438 832597 or Sue Newman (Secretary) 01438 832560.

## In praise of the NHS and NHDC

My experience of both has fortunately been good. Over the past year I have been helped by receiving the necessary equipment from NHDC, so that I can live at home, together with care from the NHS.

My daughter’s husband has recently been in hospital in Croatia, following a fall from a mountain bike, and commented that although treatment was good, it couldn’t be compared with the NHS.

Their problem, as we know, is partly financial. We must be grateful for all we have here.

*Dora Scott*



It has been quite busy in the Parish over the summer, which is normally quite a quiet time!

We have just undertaken some improvements to the Wren's Close playground, which have just been completed at the time of writing, and we feel that the area is considerably enhanced by the work, as the before and after pictures show.



The Parish Council appreciated input from the nearby residents, who attended a public meeting on the site, and also from Year 5 at Kimpton primary School. We would also like to thank Amanda Gummer for her contribution, and we hope that residents will enjoy the new amenity.

If you visit the Parkfield Recreation Ground, you will see the new Tennis Club clubhouse, constructed through an impressive fund-raising drive by the Club, along with some support from the Parish Council. Again, I hope you will agree that this new facility is a very worthwhile addition to the village.

On sport again, following the recent limited take-up of the footballing facilities on offer, the

Recreation Ground playing field has now been taken over by the newly formed Kimpton Rugby Club. The Club has also taken over management of the pavilion, and some new floodlights have been installed. We wish the new Club every success, and please contact them if you are interested in taking part!

The first Kimpton Folk Festival in July was a great success, and huge congratulations are due to all the organisers for running with an ambitious idea and making it work in really a very short lead time, from a standing start. The second Festival has already been timetabled for July 2017, so keep a space in your diary – it seems that the Parish has yet another key event in the calendar!

As a reminder for those looking for more information about the housing development at Lloyd Way, you can visit [www.kimptonpc.org.uk](http://www.kimptonpc.org.uk), and click on the Housing options on the Lloyd Way Development article. There are various schemes on offer, from shared ownership and open market houses, through to affordable and social rentals.

Finally, a few bits of housekeeping. As I write this, we have just had some torrential rain, and many of the surrounding roads have been flooded as usual. We are constantly in touch with the relevant authorities pushing for drains and gullies to be maintained and kept clear, and we do get a response, but budgets are tight, and it can take time to get results. We understand that the drains on the Hitchin Road are due for maintenance in December.

We continue to receive complaints from residents concerning dog-fouling on rights of way. Not only do we have to suffer the fouling, but some individuals go to the trouble of bagging up their dog's waste, and then throwing the bag into the grass or a hedgerow instead of using one of the many bins provided. We would ask again that dog-owners behave considerately, as it is evident that the majority do.

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from page 8 Although we are heading, sadly, for the winter months once again, there are a couple of allotment plots available ... if you fancy spending the cooler months preparing your plot for the Spring, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk) and ask about availability.

As ever, please keep an eye on our website at [www.kimptonpc.org.uk](http://www.kimptonpc.org.uk) for any updates and important news that may be relevant.

*David Hardstaff*

## Garden Club

We have enjoyed a busy summer with meetings and trips , firstly in July a rather wet day at Hever Castle in Kent followed later by an afternoon at the Gibberd Garden near Bedford.

These outings are always fun and an inexpensive opportunity to visit and admire unusual plants and shrubs.

We had a successful day at the May Festival in spite of the fact that the dreaded slugs had decimated a lot of the potential produce. Members enjoyed a very pleasant Summer Party in August at West Lodge, Porters End by kind permission of Pauline Tarbox. A number of members exhibited at the Autumn Show and the prestigious Garden Club Trophy was won by Pat Dyer.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Maisie Sheed who passed away in June and who was a very keen member for a number of years.

We meet on the first Wednesday in the month in the Green Room at 8p.m. when new members and visitors are most welcome.

The 5th. October meeting will be our AGM followed by Cheese/Wine and some light entertainment.

For more details please contact Mary on 01582 832110.

## Kimpton traffic petition

A number of us are concerned about the volume, speed and size of traffic in Kimpton and particularly the number of scrapes/accidents in the High Street.

We are looking to progress work that was previously started, but stalled, to monitor traffic in the hope of persuading Highways to implement traffic calming measures/speed controls.

If you are concerned and would like to help or be kept up to date please contact Jackie at [jax\\_51a@hotmail.com](mailto:jax_51a@hotmail.com).

## May Festival 2017

Firstly I would like to thank everybody who either attended or helped during the 2016 May Festival, it was an overwhelming success. We have already made donations to the Church Restoration Fund, The Memorial Hall, The school (towards their library system), the Dacre Rooms and the bowls club. More requests are being considered as this goes to press.

### *“At the Movies”*

Already the second meeting of the year for the Kimpton May Festival committee has taken place and remarkably the theme for next year has been chosen. The theme will be “At The Movies”. We hope that gives everyone scope to join in!!

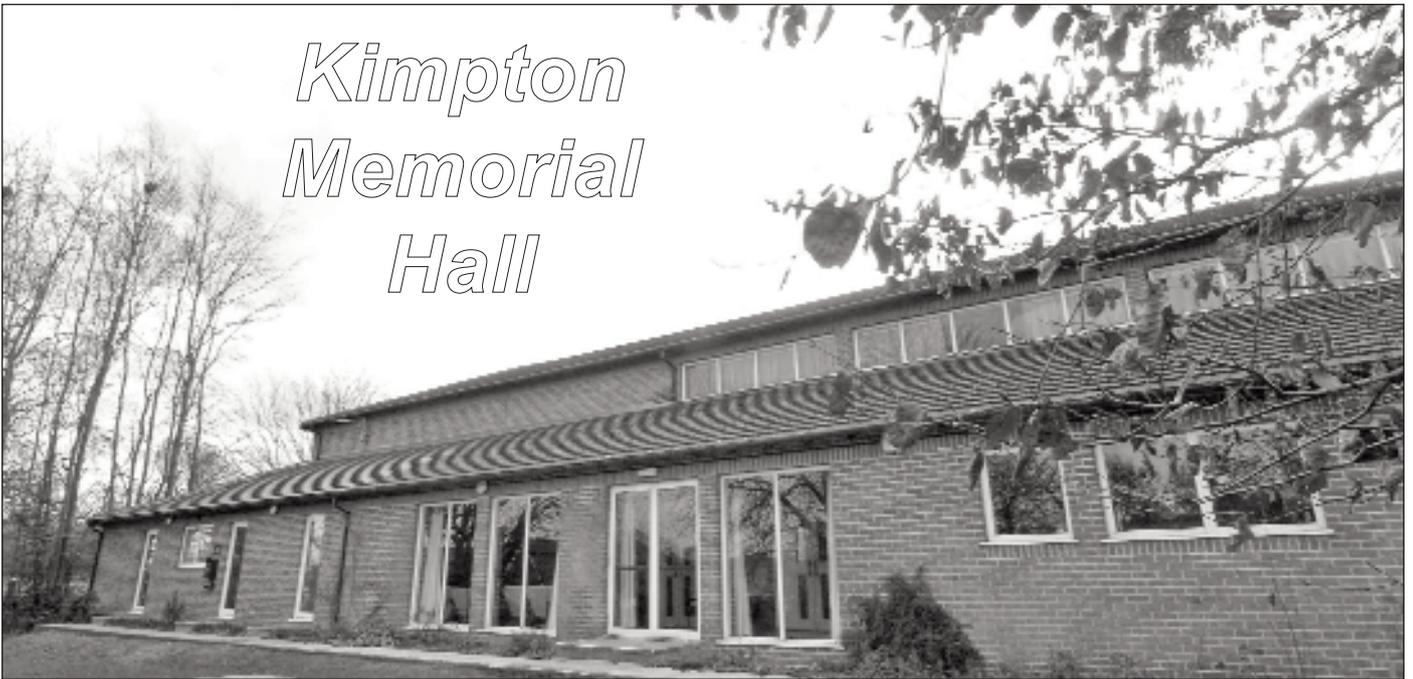
As usual, we are looking for more committee members. The festival is growing but we do not have enough people to make everything happen. So if you can spare a few hours over the weekend of 29th April 2017- please let me know. Yes, it can be hard work but it is also great fun and there's a lot of laughter along the way!

*John Hills*  
May Festival Chairman,  
07785 960353

### **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

# Kimpton Memorial Hall



## A Huge THANK-YOU!

As we approach the equinox, with the harvest gathered in, I am reminded as to how much your Spring and Summer activities are of benefit to our Memorial Hall. I am also reminded how generous and supportive the Village is towards the efforts of those of us charged with its management.

Only yesterday I learned that The May Festival has yet again made another extremely generous donation. And they have done that every single year of the eight years I have served as Chairman. We have never asked, but they have always unfailingly given. We are exceedingly grateful to them, and we do understand that that the money they donate is hard earned, and that the collective effort involved in running the May Festival is enormous.

We also enjoy regular and substantial financial support from two other bodies, the Kimpton Horse Show, and the Autumn Show. Technically the latter started life as a Memorial Hall venture, but in practice it has been run totally independently by a dedicated group of volunteers, for as long as I can remember (A very long time, 30 years, plus!). The amount of effort involved in organising both the Horse Show and the Autumn Show, is huge, and we would like everybody to know how much their labours are appreciated, and how grateful we are for the monies those organisations have donated.

Also, I feel I should mention that throughout my period of office, the Parish Council has also been extremely generous in supporting several major projects. In this instance we have always made a formal request, but the support has always been forthcoming.

At the risk of repeating myself, I must add that all the money donated to the Hall is used to effect improvements, never to subsidise or defray running costs. So when those of you involved in raising that money look at the Hall now and consider how much it has improved over the past few years, you can feel justifiably proud of your efforts. It could never have happened without your support!

*Roger Nash 01438 832101*

## Kimpton Memorial Hall

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## Kimpton Village Choir New Term and a New Leader

If you have ever sung in a choir then you will know how enjoyable it can be. There are many health benefits, for both mind and body when it comes to singing, especially in an group.

Anna Bosatta set up Kimpton Villlage Choir over 5 years ago and it has gone from strength to strength. For now Anna has decided to take a break from the choir and has given me the privilege of running it.

I am a professional singer, producer and choral director and have lived in the village for over four years now. I am delighted to be taking this role on. I also teach singing in the village (shameless plug!).

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us in the choir, no audition is necessary! We meet every Monday between 8pm and 9.30pm at Kimpton Primary School.

We work on quite an eclectic mix of music, ranging from classical (all eras) to pop and, as is compulsory in Kimpton, some folk!

If you would like further information on membership please contact Yvonne Harper for details - [yveharper@gmail.com](mailto:yveharper@gmail.com)

Our first concert will be at 7pm on the 11th December in the Parish Church - it will be a wonderful programme of music including lots of Christmas favourites.

So shake off the Monday blues\*, come and join us to raise the roof and end your evening on a high note.

*Tim Armstrong-Taylor*

\* we may occasionally sing the blues on a Monday if I can find a good arrangement!

### **Noye's Fludde at St Helen's Wheathampstead**

Tim Armstrong-Taylor is directing Noye's Fludde, by Benjamin Britten, at St Helen's Church, Wheathampstead. Performances on 20th - 22nd October at 7.30pm and a matinee at 5pm on the Saturday.

John Blackshaw and Mandy Britton are helping lead the strings and the brass and children from Kimpton village will be involved, playing, singing and acting.

It is a full staged children's opera with musical direction by David Ireson. The Producer is Ruth Coles.

Tickets are £10 and £12 from Frost's in Wheathampstead or call 01582 833581.

### **Peters Green Village Hall**

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# A Farmers' Market on your doorstep!



Kimpton Farmers' market is held at the Dacre Rooms, a lovely building and a village asset.

The Market, held on the 2nd Friday of the month, is hosted by Mitch (Michelle Manning) and Berti (Sandra Berti), pictured top right.

It is a huge success with lots of wonderful stalls selling local produce - vegetables, jams, cakes, meat and fish, beer and much more including demonstrations by local craftsmen.

Lovespoon maker Mike Cox is pictured below. The stalls open at 12 noon.

The day starts at 9.30 for tea, coffee and cake, then lunch from 12 and afternoon tea until 4pm. Some people have spent the day there!

The menu, using local seasonal produce and homemade, is on show one week ahead and takeaway is available.





Photos: Andy Wright

# SCOUTING FOR Volunteers.

**Kimpton Scouts**  
needs leaders and assistants

Interested?

EMAIL:

[secretary@KimptonScouts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@KimptonScouts.org.uk)



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

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# Ist Kimpton Scouts

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Annie, our GSL as she moves to Gloucestershire. She takes the heartfelt thanks of the whole group with her and I know she will be missed. I have agreed to take over from Annie as GSL to keep things ticking over until a permanent replacement can be found, so if anyone does have a background in scouting and fancies a more management-style role, please do get in touch.

At Easter, Mark Hubbard stepped down after many years of running what I think is the best scout group in the district, if not the county. Again, he takes with him the gratitude of many families in the village and surrounding area. I am very grateful that Mark has agreed to be our Assistant GSL and will fulfil a lot of the 'uniform' aspects of the GSL role as well as providing me with his guidance and expertise on all things scouting.

We are incredibly lucky that Lynne Wood has taken over the reigns at scouts and the group continues to thrive in its new slot on a Monday evening. Cubs and Beavers remain on a Thursday evening, and continue to be run by Pete Desborough and Scott Goodge respectively. As always, it's worth remembering that these people are all volunteers who dedicate an enormous amount of time and energy to provide our children with exciting, interesting and hugely beneficial opportunities and they are always grateful for any additional help that is offered.

We have exciting times ahead with fun-filled programmes already up on the Kimpton Scout website for each section ([www.kimptonscouts.org.uk](http://www.kimptonscouts.org.uk)) so parents please make sure your child turns up in the appropriate clothing - full uniform unless otherwise stated.

The Remembrance Day commemoration is on 13th November - it's always a real tribute to the village how many of our young folk turn out to pay their respects at this event and I look forward to seeing them all there again this year.

There are also lots of fun Christmas activities planned and we have several members of cubs and scouts already rehearsing for the Gang Show in January.

We look forward to welcoming new members to the group and supporting our children as they move through the scouting movement. All scouting enquiries should be directed to [secretary@kimptonscouts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kimptonscouts.org.uk)

*Amanda Gummer*

## Kimpton Public Rights of Way

The new County Council maintenance contractors made a reasonable job of their first cut in June, but they missed some stretches of path and some gates. So I'm trying to clarify with HCC what the specification should be in future. They are about to start the second cut and we have about 10 days from the cutting in which to get them back if they don't do it properly. So if you see that they've been but missed bits (or in one case last time, took the wrong course) please let me know asap.

Nothing new under the sun: earlier in the year we were plagued with one or two people riding motor bikes along footpaths. This is from the Parish Council minutes for October 20th, 1930

*"A letter was read from the Hitchin Superintendent of Police informing the Council that special attention is being given in respect to persons riding motor cycles etc. along the Commons footpath."*

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

*Bob Malcolm*  
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### Kimpton Friendly Bridge Club

meets every Thursday evening in  
Church House  
for a 19:30 start



## Royal British Legion, Kimpton Branch

The Summer has come and gone, and our thoughts turn to Autumn and November when we will soon be making arrangements for the Poppy Appeal and the Remembrance services at

both the War Memorial on Friday November 11th, and on Remembrance Sunday November 13th. This year it is very poignant being the centenary of the commencement of the Battle of the Somme, and those brave men from Kimpton who lost their lives.

Firstly, our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Sue Burns Tel 01438 832960, would like to hear from anyone who could volunteer to do a house to house Poppy collection in the village. There are three small areas in the village that are not covered, so if anyone feels they would like to fill those spots, please contact Sue.

On Friday November 11th, there will be the usual short service of Remembrance at the War Memorial where a two minute silence will be observed at 11.00am.

After the service, please take a short walk to the Dacre rooms where refreshments will be available, and also there will be a display of craftwork including Knitting and Crochet by ladies of Kimpton WI and others, who have made craft Poppies available for sale, and all proceeds will be given to the Poppy Appeal.

The Remembrance Sunday Parade will take place on Sunday November 13th. If you wish to take part in the Parade, please muster at the Memorial Hall by 10.15am where the Parade will move off by 10.25am approx. If you wish to go

to the Church service, please be in Church preferably by 10.40am.

Our usual apologies for any inconvenience caused by the road closure on the 13th, and this will run from 10.15am to 10.45am.

You will recall the grand Christmas Tree display in the Church last year that Sue Burns did for the Remembrance of the fallen men of the village in two World Wars.

This year Sue is arranging another display in a similar form to last year, which will take into account when all those men lost their lives, but also a map showing where they died. This will be very interesting to everyone, and will be on display in the Church for Remembrance Sunday and for a while after.

Sadly, we have to report the death of one of our Legion members, Mr David Symonds. Dave served his country in the Army in the late 1940's and was a long time member of the Royal British Legion.

We are always looking for new members to join the Kimpton Branch of the Royal British Legion. It is no longer a requirement to have served in the Military, and Women can now join the Men's section if they wish, as the Women's section of the RBL is being disbanded.

We currently have two Women who have now joined the Men's section, so if you are interested in joining the Legion, please contact our Secretary Dave Gibbs on 01438 832236.

Look forward to seeing you at the Remembrance Services.

*Robin Wells, Chairman.*

## Poppy Appeal 2016

Our house-to-house collection team requires 2 new volunteers to assist with Remembrance fortnight in October/November.

Specifically the areas to be covered are Kimpton Road, Blackmore End - approximately 35 houses. The Parish Farms - This route is admittedly over 40 properties but could be divided between 2 volunteers who fancy a drive out into the countryside.

If you would like to join our team please contact me.

*Sue Burns, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Kimpton.  
burns200@btinternet.com  
01438 832960*

THE  
KIMPTON PLAYERS  
PRESENT

# ROBIN HOOD

The  
Panto

& THE BABES IN THE WOOD

By Ben Crocker

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

7.30pm for 8pm • 2pm & 7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Kimpton Memorial Hall

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**£5 child • £10 adult**



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The Kimpton Players is an Amateur Dramatic Society Registered Charity No. 265243



## The White Horse Update

### One year in - and it looks like we may be in this for the long haul!

The White Horse owner is not presently minded to sell at a price, that is for us, commercially viable. Apart from our offers, we believe there are currently no active offers in negotiation. Two offers from other parties have been made and subsequently withdrawn when overall costs were evaluated.

The owner also owns, from his McMullen's acquisition, The Maiden's Head in Whitwell and The Rose and Crown, Aston, which remain up for sale. We are in regular dialogue with the owner but he obviously has a clear commercial strategy with aspirations above current market place appraisals.

However, we are working to ensure that the project is fully researched and tested so that we are in a position to progress should we be able to secure an agreed purchase price with the owner. We continue to work with the Plunkett Foundation, which promotes and supports co-operatives and social enterprises in rural communities, and we have recently received from them, a grant of £2,500 to enable us to work with independent legal and financial consultants, ensuring a sound and credible business plan. The legal basis of a co-operative structure that we are working towards is represented by a multi-stakeholder organisation, with varying degrees of % ownership and voting powers.

We have spoken with North Herts Planners regarding the internal changes that we would wish to make which address some of the issues raised by the community survey. These have been positively received and the next action would be to make a formal listed planning submission. We are presently in talks with a Chef/Restaurateur with the express purpose of exploring a specific stakeholder interest that could deliver a high quality food led offer while maintaining the community pub aspect. This provides an exciting opportunity to bolster the momentum that we will need to see this task through to completion.

*Neil Burns, Chair*

*Save Our White Horse*

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**Oh yes  
it is!!**

The Kimpton Players will be performing "Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood" by Ben Crocker.

Performances, which take place in the Memorial Hall, will be at 8pm on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December and at both 2pm and 7pm on Saturday 3rd December.

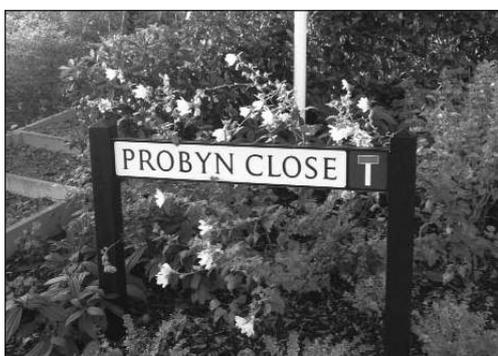
Produced by Lynn Wood and Nicky Jackman with a cast of thousands (oh no it isn't).

Watch noticeboards and the website

([www.thekimptonplayers.co.uk](http://www.thekimptonplayers.co.uk)) for box office details.



## Welcome to Kimpton



The elegant new houses on Probyn Close are now receiving their first residents and it has been my privilege and delight to welcome the newcomers to our lovely village.

Welcome also to those who have moved into the new houses at the end of Lloyd Way and to the many newcomers to the rest of the village. I hope you are as happy here as we have been for 40 years! You will be amazed by how much goes on in Kimpton and, I trust, you will find a welcome from all who already live here.

You may be interested in knowing that Probyn Close was named after Dr. Tom Probyn (1939-71) who was a most beloved in the village. (Question; Does anyone know why Lloyd Way was so called?) When I take the Parish Council Welcome Packs round, people are always absolutely delighted and impressed. However, I can only do this delightful task if I am told when people are moving in, so PLEASE let me know - or, better still, ask me for a pack so that you, their immediate neighbours, can present it to them.

Also, it is a great way for the many organisations and societies to advertise. Please let me have fliers and programmes of forthcoming events, so that I can include them in the pack.

Have a great time in Kimpton!

*Andy Morton 01438 832427*

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## Kimpton Pathfinders

This is a village group, for anyone who likes walking.

We meet every month on the 2nd Saturday of each month, starting from Kimpton School at 10 am.

We walk about 4 miles each time, sometimes sharing cars to get to further starting points. Walks are led by a variety of leaders so we get to walk some favourite paths and see lovely views around Hertfordshire. Sometimes we finish the walk with a pub meal and all are welcome to come and try our walks.

See notice boards for details or contact Jeanette Bowers for more information 01438 832503





# The Kimpton Folk Festival is born

Right up to the day itself, the organisers of this year's inaugural Kimpton Folk Festival had maintained a

collective open mind about whether they would repeat the exercise in 2017. By the time the rapturous applause had died down at the end of a day of hugely successful concerts at venues throughout the village, there was clearly no longer any choice in the matter. Kimpton Folk Festival is here to stay.

Artists and audiences alike agreed that the day had been special. Unlike most established folk festivals around the country, the Kimpton event had been a real village affair, showcasing established stars of the folk world like Nancy Kerr and James Fagan, Jaywalkers and Wild Willy



Barrett alongside a host of talented local singers and musicians.

From noon to nearly midnight music poured out from every corner of the village, from the Memorial Hall, the church, the Dacre Rooms, the Boot and busker sites dotted around the lanes. Crowds wandered happily from venue to venue, enjoying the music as well as the food and drink dispensed from a wide variety of stalls and bars. A day of lively free concerts under a giant marquee

on the lower green culminated in a summer ceilidh. Workshops, Morris dancing and story-telling completed the picture. The folkies were ecstatic, the non-folkies were converted.

The festival is yet another example of Kimpton's extraordinary capacity to both generate and support local events. A 60-strong team of volunteers ensured the day ran like clockwork.

Plans for next year are already well underway. Some of the top acts from this year will be returning by popular demand, but there will be lots of new attractions. The 2017 festival will, of course, be bigger and better, though the organising committee is determined not to meddle too much with a winning formula.

See you on Saturday, July 1, 2017 for the 2nd Kimpton Folk Festival.

*Brian King*

# Bench Working Party Report

Despite the heat of the summer and despite the age of some of us, we have been out and about on Wednesday mornings during the last few months. Maybe you have seen us. Admittedly there are some who do a lot of leaning on shovels, and giving helpful advice to those working, but where would we be without a shovel?

The job list achieved is too long for this report, but two jobs that we are particularly pleased with



are the replacement of posts on the corner of Commons Lane and Claggy Road, and also on the corner of Park Lane and Canham Close. The very large lorries that we see in Kimpton these days just can't manage the corners so they break or dislodge the posts that are supposed to stop them mounting the kerb.

Our range of jobs is very varied, for example we made a new seat for one of the dugouts at the football pitch, we fitted fire door closers at the Dacre Rooms, installed a new waste bin at Lloyd Way, painted numerous benches, including recently those at the Wren Close play area and in

Wrens Close itself. We removed weeds from the pavements in the High Street and Hampden – lots more streets to do this for. Perhaps some of the readers might like to join us in this task? As well as the sort of jobs listed above, we worked in the Churchyard and Church House and the Memorial Hall, we mended and painted some jumps for the Horse Show as well as manning the gate for the Show and organising the car and horse box parking. The list goes on. But it is not all work, we do have coffee and cake and some robust discussions – imagine us at coffee during the Brexit-or-not period!

We rely on donations to pay for small tools, screws, concrete, timber etc and thank you to the May Festival committee for their donation recently, and to Margaret and Alan Smith for their donation too.

We have about 30 items on the outstanding job list, how about coming along one Wednesday morning to see if you can help reduce that number, and also cope with us?

*Bob Finch 01438 832497*

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## The Dacre Rooms - a great village facility

*A recent Pasta Evening and an Open Studio event are a couple of the many events that are held at the Dacre Rooms.*

*The rooms can be hired for private functions. Contact Kate Buckenham on 01438 832923*



*Juliet Morton*



# Neighbourhood Watch Update

## Community Policing

Should you need to contact our Ward Constable PC Chris Suckling or our PCSO Heather Burrows please use the automated system at Herts Police HQ on 01707 354192 and clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to.. Or e-mail

*Chris.Suckling@ herts.pnn.police.uk*

Other useful contact numbers are inside the back cover of this magazine, including the Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd.

## OWL (On line Watch Link)

Is celebrating 10 years of active service and now has over 110,000 properties enlisted to receive crime alerts direct from the police .throughout the County.

You can enlist by visiting [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)

## Local Crime Alert

There are a few issues that you should be aware of some of which are repeated here because of their importance to your security and peace of mind.

## Cold calling on Wills and Trusts

If you get a cold call from a firm claiming to be able to safeguard your assets with advice on Wills or Trusts don't get involved just put the phone down. Taking advice from a solicitor is the only safe way to proceed.

## Breaking into your Bank

Caller claims to be from your bank saying that your account has been hacked and you must transfer your money into a safe account and give you the new number, which is theirs!

Alternatively, they say they need to put you through to the police and after a pause another voice comes on, obviously in the same office, claiming to be a policeman and asks for your Account and Pin.

Police officers would never ask you to do that so put the phone down immediately

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

## Nuisance Phone Calls

These pests are still with us despite attempts to block by various means such as the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) or built-in blockers as fitted to the latest generation phones.

## Computer Attack

Ensure that your computer is loaded with the latest security software to avoid attack by cyber criminals. Don't get involved with callers claiming to represent 'Computer Software Technical Support'

## Theft of Keyless Start Motor Vehicles

If your vehicle is stolen contact both the police and your dealer as the latter may be able to trace the vehicle .Fit a secure lockable device over the on-board diagnostic port to prevent criminals using software to code a key electronically.

## Caring Neighbours

Please be kind enough to check on elderly, vulnerable and neighbours living alone and in particular remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house or engage in conversation with any dubious phone caller.

If in doubt dial 999.

## Night Security and Absence

If your property is unoccupied please do ensure that you have secured all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Make your property look 'lived in' if possible by parking a vehicle on the drive and installing timer operated security lights. If your absence is for more than a day give a neighbour your contact details.

Don't leave any keys within sight of an open letter box. Our free Letter Box Deflectors prevent 'peeping toms' having a quick look. Please let me know if you would like one.

## Making life more bearable

Don't forget that you can, and should, report anonymously any incidents of abuse, dog fouling, unruly behaviour, excessive noise and nuisance neighbours on Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111. 101 for non-emergencies or if you prefer you can join the new Constabulary online web chat facility: [herts.police.uk/contact\\_us/contacting\\_us.aspx](http://herts.police.uk/contact_us/contacting_us.aspx)

Finally, please be aware of any suspicious activity and don't let some of the worries above spoil you having a peaceful autumn.

*Alan Smith, Kimpton Village NHW Co-ordinator*  
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# The Church in Kimpton

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## Baptist Church Perry Green at Peters Green

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### **Branch Leader**

Miss Pam Greener  
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## **Police Telephone Numbers**

Urgent 999      Non Urgent 101

Ward Constable Chris Suckling  
Community Support Officer PCSO Heather Burrows  
01707 354192 (automated system)

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team  
Sergeant Steve Oliphant  
01438 757604 (usually answerphone)

Police and Crime Commissioner  
David Lloyd  
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Cllr Donatella Pirola  
Cllr David Reavell

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# Helping Hand

## 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 freephone 116 123 anytime day or night or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

## HITCHIN CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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

## CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

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

## KIMPTON MONKEYS TODDLERS' GROUP

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

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

Contact us at [kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com](mailto:kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys](http://www.facebook.com/KimptonMonkeys)

## KIMPTON PRESCHOOL

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

We are open during term time, Monday to Friday, with morning sessions from 8.50am to 11.50am and Lunch Clubs from 11.50am to 1.20pm. For more details, please contact Lesley O'Brien, Preschool Manager, on 01438 833936.

## KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

[barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com)

## PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 01438 832620

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## USEFUL LINKS

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

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

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

[kimptonchurchherts.wordpress.com](http://kimptonchurchherts.wordpress.com)



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