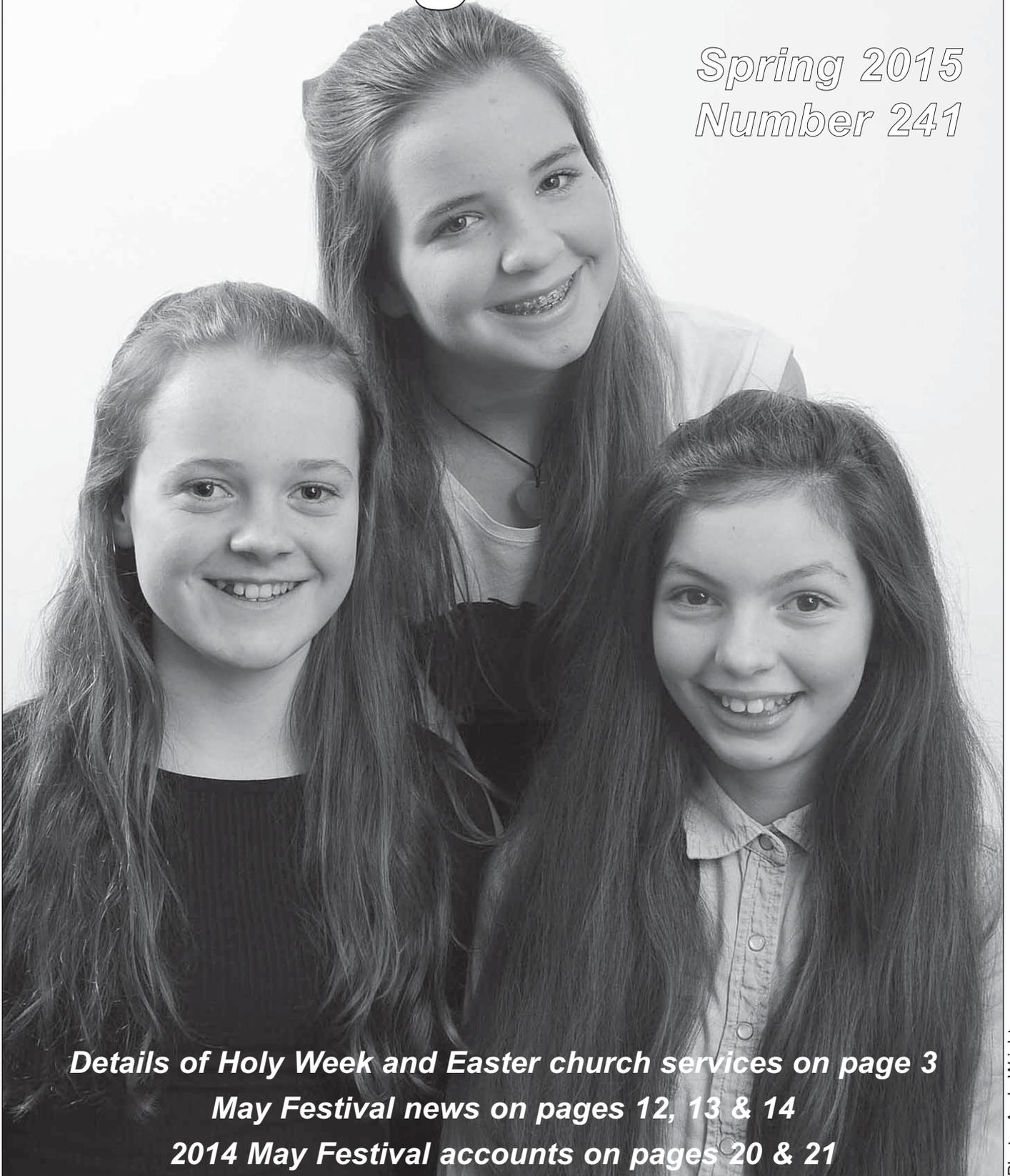


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Sunday

9.30am

Parish Church

Family Communion
B.L.A.S.T. and
Sleepyhedz during
term time

2nd Sunday

11.30am

Ayot St Lawrence

Holy Communion

4th Sunday

9.30am

Parish Church

Informal worship

Sunday

6pm

Perry Green Chapel

Evening Service

Wednesday

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

Thursday

9am

Parish Church

Morning Prayer

5pm

Parish Church

Evening Prayer

For special services please see Sunday pew sheets and the next page in this magazine

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The Parish Magazine is now printed on recycled paper.
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#Je Suis?

It's been a whirlwind since arriving in Kimpton - whoever said village life was quiet?! And we still have May Festival to come – cream teas from the vicarage garden, yum!

Of course the other half of my life, working in interfaith dialogue for the diocese, has had its challenges too recently – what with events in Paris and Copenhagen, and of course so many of our young people running off to Syria. And they are ours, these young people are not just Muslim or Asian or troubled teens – they are our own young people, seeking for a place to belong in the midst of a media that problematizes them, and has done all the while they were growing up. With all this talk of 'British values' we can also ask where are our own? Are we taking responsibility as a nation for all of our young people, or are we choosing to scapegoat a few in order to prevent a necessary self-examination of the values we speak so much about?

For Holocaust Memorial Day, the Church of St Peter and St Paul, heard about the Grand Mosque in Paris which was responsible for saving the lives of Jews during the Nazi Occupation and providing safe passage. It was a means of honouring all those, of whatever background culture or faith, who aided a persecuted religious minority, and helped save lives.

As part of that we looked at passages from the Gospel of John which use the phrase 'I am' – a kind of early 'Je suis'! When we identify with the downtrodden or the persecuted or victims of violence, we take on the identity not only of them, but also take on the identity of God – for we see what is holy in each and every person we meet. In true 'social media' fashion, I took a picture (see page 7) of our congregation holding up signs saying #JeSuisParis – I am Paris! I am all those who suffered during the

Charlie Hebdo incident – I am Charlie, I am the Muslim policeman who was gunned down, I am the Muslim shopworker who saved the lives of customers, I am the Jewish shopkeeper, I am you and you are me. We are all God's beloved children.

If you would like to know more – do visit my blog:
bonnieevanshills.wordpress.com/2015/01/11/jesuis

I look forward to seeing you all around the village!
Bonnie

Holy Week and Easter in the Parish of Kimpton

Palm Sunday, 29th March

8am Holy Communion
9:30am Procession and Holy Communion

Evening Meditations 5:30pm, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Maundy Thursday, 2 April

11:00am Chrism service, St Albans Abbey
7:30pm Maundy Thursday foot washing and Holy Communion, Parish Church

Good Friday 9:00

Peter's Green raising the Cross and walking The Way to Kimpton 11am (approx) meet Cross in Kimpton

12noon Good Friday meditation in Parish Church

Easter Morning Parish Church

8:00 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion and Baptism

Ayot St Lawrence

11.30 Communion with Kimpton Parish Church choir.





Valerie Phillips

1939 - 2014

Andy Morton reflects on Valerie's life

Valerie was my friend here in Kimpton, but I am very aware that she touched the lives of very many people of whom I was unaware. Did you know that, when she was at Royal Holloway college, Fred used to climb over the high fence to visit her? Did you know that she worked for the Royal Anthropological Institute and, in that capacity, she walked behind the coffin of Princess Diana at her funeral?

She was born in 1939 in Windsor and grew up during the war in Abingdon and Reading, before moving to Harpenden for Fred's scientific work at Rothamstead.

They adopted four children – Linda, Julian, Vicky and Gareth – and had three great grandsons - Uly, Kai and Shafiq, of whom they were so proud.

I met Valerie when she started her theological training on what was then called the Ministerial Training Scheme. She was in the Luton group –

a couple of years behind my group – and I actually led a project in drama about which she was rightly very critical. (She was always prepared to voice her opinion!)

Like me, she decided against ordination and became a Lay Reader, first in Wheathampstead and then moving the whole family here to Kimpton. She loved singing in the choir as well as the Hardynges choir and took an active part in House groups, drawing together the Christian denominations.

She was always interested in other Christian groups, especially the Lutheran Church. When the Berlin Wall came down, she suggested that our church should link with an eastern-German church. So started a friendship which has continued to this day. Every other year, either we go to visit our friends in Schönermark, Frauenhagen, Beisenbrow, Murow and Passow or they come over here. This summer is our opportunity to go there. Valerie tried unsuccessfully to get me to learn German. I'm sorry I did so badly. The stained glass window on the left at the west end of our church was designed by Dorothee Fichtmueller, the daughter of the pastor, and I am delighted that Dorothee and her sister, Andrea were here from Schönermark for the funeral. Our carved crib figures were made by Christian there and are a symbol of Valerie's pioneering efforts in rapprochement.

Michael Heise, the current pastor, writes 'We are mourning with you all, we, our family, and all our communities she brought into connection after the falling wall. She has done so much for our relation between Germans and English after a terrible war between our countries. We thank God for what he has done for us all, that he gave her the life all her years.'

Valerie Grace Phillips. Valerie was a friend of mine. By that I mean that she told you the truth in love. She and I could be rude to each other without fear of offence. It was a mark of mutual respect and affection.

But that was Valerie. If you wanted glossy, tactful, sycophantic platitudes, you'd come to the wrong person. She was a practical Christian, living her life according to her faith in practical ways. She served on the Deanery Synod (the talking shop of the local Church) for many, many years and, while she appreciated the importance of discussion and debate, she was fiercely critical when she felt that the words obscured the practical work that was needed. She had no time for flummery, for those who felt that they were more important than others, but she was always prepared to focus on the needs of those who were helpless and friendless. Like Jesus, her 'yes' was a yes. Her 'no' was a no. Like Jesus, she bore the sufferings of her life with fortitude and dignity.

Grave

Here lies a **V**aliant fighter for life
Here lies **A** beloved grandma,
Here lies **L**aughter, wry and witty
Here lies **E**nergy for unity of peoples
Here lies **R**adical thinking,
Here lies **I**nspiration for congregations,
Here lies an **E**legant wordsmith.

The earth brings you peace,
Trees above mark the cycle of time,
And we remember with love
A friend whose soul has moved on
To God.

*Juliet Morton has written this poem In
memory of Valerie Phillips who died on
December 22nd 2014*



Valerie was an enthusiastic and much missed member of the Parish Church Choir and was often the only choir member singing alto!

Valerie is pictured taking part, with our German friends, in a service at the church in Schönermark on the parish visit in 2006.





Restoration work is being carried out on some of the church's ancient stained glass windows. An expert is pictured removing the glass from a window in the south aisle.

From the Registers

Burials, Cremations and Interments

26th November 2014	Davina Mary Russell
12 December 2014	Rita Phyllis Webb
15 December 2014	Richard Thomas Muir
20 December 2014	Irene May Philpott
16 January 2015	Valerie Grace Phillips
20 January 2015	Maureen Hardstaff
28 January 2015	Geoffrey Howard Harding
9 February 2015	Jennifer Ashplant
27 February 2015	Jean Elizabeth Hills

Grateful Thanks

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Hail storm

I'm getting wet in the hails
and walking home as slow as a snail
Hails dropping down on me
let's jump in the puddles... whoopee!

This is so fun

but I wish I could have some sun

Splish, splash, splosh

Oh no, my clothes need a wash

I love this time of year

when I jump in puddles and appear

We're walking home dripping wet

some sun is what I want to get

Can't you hear the winter breeze?

everyone is about to freeze!

I love it that God chose rain to be fun and wet
he loves it too I bet.

Alexa Knight, 7

Raise money for Kimpton Parish Church by shopping online

It's easy – before going to your usual website to shop, visit easyfundraising.org.uk

Then sign up for donations to be made to your favourite charity:

Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church, Kimpton, Hertfordshire

Every time you shop, go through the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website and your retailer will make a contribution towards Kimpton Parish Church. It doesn't cost you anything! But it can raise over £1000 annually for the church. Sign up today!

Ein besuch nach Deutschland?

Before you book up your summer holidays this year set aside the weekend of July 30th to August 3rd. to join a party from Kimpton who will be visiting our twin parish of Schönermark. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience hospitality and family life in East Germany. Apart from the cost of travelling most expenses will be paid for by our German friends. Numbers are limited so please contact Kate Chase, kjchase@btinternet.com, if you are interested.



David Millward MBE 1931 – 2015

It is with great sadness that news of the death of David Millward in hospital on Sunday 1st March was received. David and his wife Vera, with their children Andrew, Peter, Mary and John came to

Kimpton in April 1967, when his job re-located from Kent to Welwyn Garden City. They were one of the first families to live in the newly built houses of Dacre Crescent, and this would be David's home for the remainder of his life.

David and Vera became involved with village and particularly parish church life. He was a member of the PCC for many years, and served as church warden. He was frequently found in the Church or Church House quietly carrying out some urgent maintenance task, or in the Churchyard keeping the long grass at bay with his strimmer.

He enjoyed hill-walking and mountaineering holidays with Vera, and they began running to keep fit, joining the Garden City Joggers. This

led to charity runs in the London and New York Marathons. He was involved with the organisation of the May Festival Sponsored Walk at the time when it turned into a 'Fun Run'. On the evening before the event, he would run round the course fixing the way-markers for the route. He was also the May Festival treasurer for a number of years.

He was a member of the Kimpton Modern Sequence Dance Club; he assisted Vera with the senior citizens "Welcome Club"; was a keen allotment holder and member of the Garden Club.

David was Head of Research for Rank Cintel, developing their MkIII telecine equipment for which they were international market leaders in the 70's and 80's. In 1991 he was awarded the MBE, and he also received awards from film & TV societies. He retired in 1994.

In recent years David devoted all his attention to caring for Vera when her health declined until her death in 2013. David was a gentle, kind and caring man, and this is how he will be remembered by his many friends in Kimpton and beyond.



*Holocaust Memorial Day
in the Parish Church.*

Photo: Bonnie Evans-Hills



Situations Vacant - A plea for help!

As I have reported previously, it is a commonly held misconception, that our Memorial Hall is funded and run by some mysterious public body. In fact, it is a registered Charity run by a small 'Administration Committee' of public spirited volunteers, elected at our AGM.. Having served for a period of five years, two of those volunteers are standing down at the next AGM on 25th March, Christine Snelling-Nash, our Treasurer, and Cei Jenkins our Secretary. Christine brought our accounting procedures into the twenty-first century, (Previously they were in the nineteenth!), and has maintained our accounts meticulously over her period of office.

Cei's primary duties have been to provide agendas for our meetings and to prepare the minutes for those meetings, which she has again done with great efficiency. She has shown a very lively interest in the way the Hall is run, and has provided helpful input at every level. Because we will need many fewer meetings in future, her successor will have a lot less to do.

We are extremely grateful to both Christine and to Cei, for everything they have done, and I personally would like to thank them for their support.

But perhaps the headline gives the lie to where this article might be leading? We need to replace these two 'Officers' with similarly minded Public Spirited individuals, and would be pleased to hear from anyone with appropriate experience who might feel inclined to have an input in the running of this asset that is so vitally important to our village.

The Treasurer will obviously need some basic accountancy skills, but is required only to

account for that which is spent and received, not to raise any invoices in respect of hirings, and probably that would involve no more than about twenty book-keeping entries per month. . So far as the Secretary post is concerned, this comprises, almost entirely, the preparation of agendas for meetings, and the minutes of those meetings, probably in the region of 6 meetings a year. Good administration and modest computer skills are the basic requirement.

Being a charity, we appoint up to four trustees: who in simplistic terms hold the Freehold of the Hall on behalf of the Village. The two 'retiring' officers are both Trustees, so two more will need to be appointed in due course. Generally, but not necessarily, these would be the Treasurer and the Secretary.

In addition to the two specific 'Officer' posts, we are seeking to fill, we will be happy to hear from any public spirited individuals, with a little time on their hands, and an interest in our Hall, who feel they might like to have an input, and assist with its general management.

Our meetings are succinct but informal affairs, and will remain so whilst this Chairman continues in office!

So if you feel you may be able to help, and that you have skills and energy to offer, do please give me a call. Alternatively speak to Bob Finch or Barbara Kazwini, both of whom will be well known to many of you.

Roger Nash 01438 832101



In the six and a half years that I have been head teacher of Kimpton School, I have grown used to the pattern of the school year and eagerly anticipate particular events. Usually these involve the children: Christmas plays, class assemblies, special days such as World Book Day and annual events like Mad March Sunday and May Festival. However, one of the events I look forward to most is one that no one plans for...it just happens. The children do not participate as such but they love it just as much as I do. It is...the arrival of the frogs! Every year at the beginning of March, the frogs arrive in our pond, usually overnight. It is then alive with activity for a couple of weeks before they depart just as suddenly as they came. It is an annual event that inspires awe and wonder in our children and, for me, signals the start of spring.

I always love the spring term at Kimpton Primary School because we base our class topics on novels that give children an insight into life in other countries and cultures. This term started with our very creative staff creating for the children the experience of going on a journey by plane without anyone leaving the school building. The children checked in, went through passport control and security, queued up at their gate to board and then boarded a 'plane' that had been set up in the school hall. They had their safety briefing, took off courtesy of a You Tube clip from the cockpit of a Boeing 737, had snacks served by cabin crew and 'flew' to various destinations. These were later revealed as the settings for books they were to study during the spring term. As a result, Kimpton may seem a little quieter than usual; year six are currently in China, year five in New Mexico, year four in

Spain and year three commuting between South Africa and England. Years one and two are travelling around the world with The Snail and the Whale! Of course these 'countries' currently exist within the confines of their classrooms but this in no way limits the enjoyment that the children have had. Some examples of their learning can be seen on our website. www.kimpton.herts.sch.uk

Another privilege of my job is that our school really is at the heart of wonderful community. It never ceases to amaze me just how much the people of the village contribute to making Kimpton the vibrant place that it is. As a school, we have great support from the wider community, particularly those who are willing to take on the role of school governor. Governors carry out the vital role of holding school leaders to account for the achievement of pupils and for the wise and effective use of public money.

Governors attend six full governing body meetings a year as well as another five or six committee meetings. They attend school events and, as part of the role, gain a real insight into the world of primary education as a whole and the life of Kimpton Primary School in particular. Governors do not need to know anything about schools and education; we need a range of skills and experience on our governing body. We are always looking for people who would be interested in taking on the role of school governor when vacancies arise from time to time. If you would like to contribute to your local school in this way, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me on 01438 832394.

*With best wishes from Kimpton Primary School
Marion Stewart-Smith, Head Teacher*



There has been a significant amount of activity around the North Hertfordshire District Council Strategic Housing Plan consultation. This is the proposal that identified a number of sites in and around the village where development could potentially take place.

Kimpton already has two developments under way, at the Probyn House site and also the adjacent Lloyd Way site where development is scheduled to begin in late June, subject to the planning applications being approved. We anticipate no issues with this, as a similar scheme was passed previously.

However, the current housing requirement for North Hertfordshire is stated as 14,200 homes, which represents a significant percentage increase and (if allocated pro rata) would translate into 200 homes for Kimpton – not really a practical proposition.

The Parish Council have responded to the consultation and, in common with most other Parishes, have asked that the strategy be reviewed. Our main concerns, aside from the sites themselves, are that there is insufficient infrastructure to allow for development on this scale – the roads and schools and everything else are difficult enough as it is.

I would stress that this is consultation only, so nobody is saying that 200 houses will be built in Kimpton in the near future, but we clearly need to be aware of the fact that housing is required and we cannot simply say no to every site and every proposal. However, we feel that we have done our bit for the moment with the developments in hand, so will be keeping a close eye on any future proposals.

I would also like to thank the residents who have helped us with the analysis of various sites around the village – we have been able to present informed and constructive feedback and input as a result of this support, and this is always much better than just criticising everything! Of course, if you are concerned about this issue and would like to support us as well, then please get in touch.

In other news, we are considering a tarmac surface for the Parkfield Recreation Ground car park – this follows the success and positive reaction we have received to the tarmac of the footpath coming out of that car park. It seems a logical next step to undertake, so we



will keep you informed of any decisions. We have undertaken more tree work around Parkfield as well – specifically the hedge along Park

Lane which has been tidied up for the first time in a long time. The photograph shows the improvement.

We have also tidied up the small clump of trees adjacent to the tennis courts, and will shortly be installing some preventative measures to deal with root damage to the courts.

We are also installing two replacement Parish noticeboards – one outside the school and one to the west end of the village.

I'm pleased to report that we have had several new allotment tenants signing up for this year, so if you would like a plot of your own, please contact us as soon as possible – you can reach Carina Helmn at clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk Speaking of which, it has recently come to my attention that Carina has just passed her twentieth anniversary as Clerk to Kimpton Parish Council – so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her both personally, for all the support she gives to me and the other Councillors, and also publicly on behalf of the entire Parish. We are extremely lucky to have the benefit of both her experience and her tireless energy!

Finally, may I remind you to keep an eye on the Parish Council website (www.kimptonpc.org.uk) and also please follow us on Facebook as well, at www.facebook.com/kimptonpc

David Hardstaff

**Spring events at the
Palladian Church
Ayot St Lawrence**



A String Quartet evening (featuring members of the Herts Philharmonia)

Saturday 9th May 2015, 19.30 Tickets at £10.00

Santé to Santiago. An evening of tutored wine tasting with Mark Buckenham of the Wine Society exploring wines along the Camino to Santiago de Compostela. Saturday 16 May 19.30 Tickets at £12.50

Ayot St Lawrence Art Show

Saturday 6 June 2015 (10.00-18.00) to Monday 8 June (10.00-14.00)

Ayot St Lawrence Open Garden weekend

Saturday 6 June 2015 (11.00-17.00) and Sunday 7 June 2015 (14.00-17.00)

Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir

Saturday 13 June 2015 17.00 Tickets at £10.00

Booking details for all events at ayotstlawrence.com

Peters Green Village Hall



**Food and Craft Fair
Coming soon!**

The Village Hall Management Committee is in discussions with producers of genuine local Farm and quality Homemade Food Products, as well as a variety of Hand Crafts, with the aim to hold a Food and Craft Fair at the Hall, this Spring.

The most likely date is Saturday, May 16th

but we will advertise the Fair with flyers and posters when the date is confirmed.

For enquiries call Donatella on 07879 425879

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The copy deadline for the summer edition is June 26th

Introducing the 2015 May Queen and her Attendants.....and other May Festival news

Roll up, roll up! The 51st Kimpton May Festival is rapidly approaching which hopefully means we will soon see some sunshine and feel some warmth!

This year's theme of 'All the Fun of the Fair' should give a lot of scope for interpretation by groups and individuals; look out for the floats, costumes and events that may take a 'different' slant on the theme.

Our May Queen, Eleanor, and her attendants, Katie and Lizzie, are now busy with dresses to design & fit, photographs to take etc., and will be looking forward to a long weekend they will always remember. Let's all think positive thoughts about the weather and see if we can arrange a really good weekend of sun and warmth, for them and all of us!

Remember...you can connect with the May Festival on the internet (www.kimptonmayfest.co.uk) and on Facebook ('Kimpton May Festival'). We are always welcoming of ideas, comments, suggestions for what we should include (or not include) to keep the Festival relevant and enjoyable. Please feel free to stop by and say 'hello' at the Committee tent on the Rec on Saturday...happy to take suggestions verbally.

Here's to a fabulous Festival 2015!

Andrew Ackrill, May Festival Chair

Change to the May Festival Procession Saturday 2nd May

This year, following advice from the police, the procession will assemble and start at the western end of the High Street and travel along the High Street to the Recreation Ground. We have been granted permission for the High Street to be closed between Luton Road and Church Lane from 12 to 1.30pm to allow the parade to assemble and travel safely and signed diversions will be in place.

We hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe May Festival and would like to thank all residents for their continued support of this traditional village event.

*Barbara Kazwini
Secretary to the May Festival Committee*

The Great Kimpton Bake-up!

May Festival will soon be upon us and we are asking for your help once again. We will need plain scones (2" diameter); sponges (filled and unfilled); tray bakes and fairy cakes, to provide for the many who flock to Vicarage Cream Teas. We will also need freezer space for the items baked in advance.

Some of our older bakers, who have been contributing for decades, can bake less now, so we are appealing to people all ages, especially newcomers, to help us. Whether you can bake one cake or ten, your contribution will be very welcome. Please label your containers with name and address so that we can safely return them to you.

Contributions can be left on the Vicarage doorstep in the box provided, from Friday am (May 1st) through to Sunday (May 3rd). Fresh scones each day are especially welcome. Any queries to Liz Jamieson on 01438 832858 or Val Pollington on 01438 832249

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Hello! I'm Eleanor, I'm 13 and I go to Berkhamsted School. I have lived in the village since I was five and I have been to every May festival since.

My main hobbies are sport, especially swimming, and I love spending time with my family and friends.

I was delighted to have been chosen to be the May Queen this year especially as I will be sharing the experience with two of my friends.

I hope there is sunshine during the weekend, but whatever the weather, I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

My name is Katie and I am in year 8 at Sir John Lawes school. I have lived in Kimpton since I was one and went to the primary school. I have been in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts since I was 6. Now I have gone back to Beavers to help. The memories I have of the May Festival are all happy ones.

This year's theme is 'All the fun of the fair' so I can't wait to see what crazy, amazing costumes people come up with.

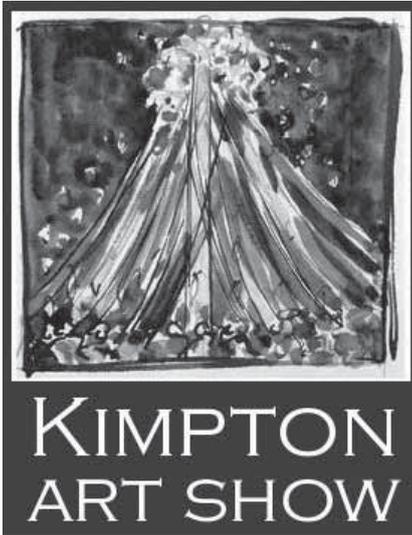
In the May Festival I have done: Maypole, 5-a-side football, Kimpton Entertains, been in the parade and helped on stalls. I can't wait to see it happening from a different perspective. I'm really lucky to be doing this with Lizzie who is one of my best friends and I am looking forward to getting to know Eleanor.



Hi! I am Lizzie and I am 12 years old. Previously I have been to Kimpton Primary School, but now I go to St. George's School. I have many favourite subjects at school, but my favourites have to be PE, music, drama and art. I go to Kimpton Scouts which is really fun! I also enjoy raising money for charity, in November I organised a Sponsored Dog Walk and got an amazing outcome!

I really enjoy coming to the May Festival and seeing all the fantastic displays and the whole community coming together because it is a fantastic atmosphere. This year I am really excited to be a May Queen Attendant with Katie and to have Eleanor as the May Queen! I am really looking forward to this year's theme as I think it will be fun and colourful! I hope you have an amazing time, just like I will!





Kimpton Art Show 2015

The Kimpton Art Show is now in its 34th year. This year's May Bank Holiday Show begins at 6pm on Friday 1st May running until 3pm on Monday 4th May.

The format will be familiar to many of you. The show takes place in the beautiful surroundings of our Parish Church to the accompaniment of a range of local musicians. The Opening Night is Friday 1st May from 6pm to 9pm and, for many villagers, it is the traditional way to begin the May Festival weekend. Admission is £5.00, payable at the door, and includes a complimentary glass of wine. Admission on Saturday, Sunday and Monday is £1 with children free.

Each year, the Show brings together more than 100 artists from across the region. Exhibits typically include oils, watercolours and mixed media. Other exhibits are likely to include high quality displays of glassware, stained glass, clay, sculpture, framed photography and textiles.

Proceeds from entry fees, sales commissions and sponsors are distributed to the charities supported by the May Festival and the Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust. Last year we were able to distribute £6,500, a recent record if not the highest ever total.

This year we are aiming to do even better. We have increased our involvement with Strutt & Parker in Harpenden who will kindly be providing some food for the opening night as well as helping us to promote the show to buyers of art in their network. Additionally, we have begun to partner with the Art Faculty at the University of Hertfordshire and we hope to see a variety of new artists from this source.

As ever, we rely on the generous support of our volunteer helpers. The Bench Working Party has kindly offered to assist us yet again but we are looking for assistance from individuals who would be happy to help out on the door, act as stewards or man the desk during the show. Tim Edwards is compiling the rota and he'd love to hear from any of you, even if you can only commit for an hour, at edwards1812@gmail.com Also, it will be possible to sign-up in church shortly. If you are an artist who would be interested in showing your work, the registration process is now open. Details can be found on our website www.kimptonartshow.co.uk

Ultimately, selling art work is what the show is all about; for the mutual benefit of the artists and our local charities. And so I'd like to encourage all of you to visit the show. Together with fellow members of the Kimpton Art Show Committee, I look forward to seeing you there.

Ted Frith 07881 787630

Spring is on the way and Kimpton Garden Club is already preparing for the May Festival

We would very much appreciate your loyal support for our combined efforts again this year.

Meetings during the Winter months have been very interesting. In January we held an in-house Gardeners' Question and Answer Session. It was a valuable opportunity to exchange gardening tips from our members and to hear about particular successful strategies. If only there was an easy way to rid us of slugs!

The February meeting was a photographic and illuminating talk by Roger Gibbons on British Butterflies and Orchids of Provence. Roger was a very knowledgeable speaker and his photographs were wonderful. March's meeting "Gardening for Wildlife" was another stunning visual display by professional photographer, Neil Holmes-Smith.

In April we are looking forward to a second talk from Tom Cole, entitled "Planting for the vegetable garden, fruit trees and bushes". Tom is a lecturer at a local Agricultural College and his advice is very sound and understandable. In May we will have a talk about British Wild Flowers, with a quiz. Our meetings in June and July are outings to well-known gardens in the vicinity.

For more information please call 01582 832110

Preston Gardens Open Day Sunday 24th May 1-5pm

A large number of gardens in this pretty village 3 miles south of Hitchin, offer a variety of sizes, styles and planting with many interesting details including unusual plants, wild areas and water features. The small Arts and Crafts church of St Martin will be beautifully decorated and open to visitors. Stalls on the Green and Teas in the Village Hall. Also Barbeque on the Green from 12 noon. Lunches can be booked at the famous Red Lion pub, 01462 459585. Entry £5 (children free). Free parking. Post code SG4 7RU. Contact 01462 456567

Kimpton WI

Our December open meeting was another successful evening. We had a full house and were entertained with music and sketches by the renowned Kimpton artistes, Roly and Tim. It was a great way to welcome in the festive season.

We started 2015 with an excellent talk on Nutrition by Sevan Mazlounian, a member of the Kimpton Belles. In February we celebrated our 96th anniversary with a birthday supper and talk about the life of a village bobby in the 1960/70's. We were pleased to welcome W.I. members from Breachwood Green.

In March Juliet Morton will be talking about Butterfly Adventures and then in April one of our members will be telling us about Volunteering in Tanzania.

May Festival then looms when we will be running our ever popular cake stall and entering a float in the procession. The week after May Festival on Friday, 8th May, we will be welcoming the W.I.'s 100th Anniversary Baton to a lunch in the Memorial Hall. It will then be transported on our float to Peters Green where they will be holding afternoon tea. Do come out and give it a welcome.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in the Lounge of the Memorial Hall. Why not come along to one of our meetings where you will be given a warm welcome. For more information contact Janet 01438 832597 or Shirley 01582 833285.

Kimpton Autumn Show

Put the date in your dairies ... *SATURDAY 5th SEPT 2015*
Spring is here and it is time to get creative!!!
Plant those seeds, get out those cookery books, dust off your sewing machine, clean your brushes and get out and about with your camera - inspiration is all around us.

We hope to have another amazing Autumn Show and want you to join in. Look out for the Schedule end of May/June with lots of new and exciting ideas.
Activity Day - to be decided - look out for posters!

The allotment judging will be held again on Saturday 11th July - so get growing. Followed by refreshments.



Plant - sew - grow - sow
Veg - flowers - art -
Photos - cook - bake -
Teas - cakes - music -
Enjoy - make - sideshows
Games - creative - FUN!*



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION *Kimpton Branch*

The Branch Committee would like to thank the Bench Committee for their work cleaning and keeping the War Memorial tidy.

The Royal British Legion has recently re-launched its national focus under the slogan "LIVE ON".

From 23 October, the launch of the 2014 Poppy Appeal, we are updating the Legion's look and feel to give it a fresh, modern and hopeful expression that joins up our Remembrance and welfare work. We want people to understand that the poppy is not just about Remembrance; it's also about providing hope for the Armed Forces community of all ages, throughout the year.

LIVE ON™ is a simple and memorable way to link our twin commitments to the memory of the fallen and the future of the living. It's also about presenting our charity in a lighter, cleaner way. Live On describes both equally important parts of our work:

As Custodian of Remembrance we ensure the memories of those who have fought and sacrificed in the British Armed Forces live on through the generations.

Through our welfare work we help the British Armed Forces, veterans, and their families to live on to a more hopeful future.

The Royal British Legion nationally is about to launch a telephone fundraising campaign. If any member of the public has a query or complaint regarding this activity you are encouraged to contact DM supporter care on fundenquiries@britishlegion.org.uk or 0203 465 9183 (Nick Scarfield, ext. 1183).

The Branch continues to grow and we are now in the process of recruiting some women members.

Anybody requiring further information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Robin Wells (01438 832984) or the Secretary, Dave Gibbs, (01438 832236).

Dave Gibbs, Branch Secretary

The Royal British Legion Women's Section

The Women's Section continues to meet bi-monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month and new members would be welcome. We will be having our Tombola stall at the May Festival again this year and hope you will pay us a visit and support us in our fund raising. Contacts: Jenny Desborough (01438 832432) or Shirley Clarke (01438 832637).

St Albans Tea Ride Cycling with tea and cake!

The electric bike is a great way to explore the great outdoors. You can enjoy a leisurely day out with friends and family visiting local historical places and seeing the countryside.

The electric bike tours can now offer you the opportunity of visiting St Albans and Wheathampstead, with the promise of spectacular views and natural beauty. During the cycle ride, you are encouraged to indulge in your love of cake, as the ride relaxes at Mill Green Mill with a home baked cream tea.

Anyone who has ridden a bike before will love this experience and marvel at the electric bike's ability to whizz up the steep local hills.

The rides are every Sunday and start from Mill Green Mill in Hatfield. To find out more about these guided electric bike tours, please telephone 01442 927522 or email support@electricbiketours.co.uk With plenty of things to do, see and eat, electric bikes are a great way to experience the outdoors.



Scout Troop may have to close by end of year

The days are just getting a bit lighter and the bulbs are beginning to pop up so it's all a good sign that Spring is just around the corner! As I write our children and young people are already half way through their Spring Programme and the Leaders are making plans for a fantastic range of activities and opportunities for the Summer Term.

With all this forward thinking, it is with immense regret that I have to announce that, unless anyone steps forward very soon to become a Scout Leader, **our Scout Troop will be closing at the end of the year.** These are not scare tactics. We have no alternative plan up our sleeves. I have made appeals over the last 12 months but no one has come forward. All our leaders are at capacity and cannot take on any additional responsibilities to keep the Troop going.

A vital part of the legacy our current Scout leaders will leave us is a comprehensive three year programme that is detailed in its planning and can be adopted by anyone willing to take over. Added to this we have a very well

equipped store that has everything the Scouts need to make their experience a really exciting one.

The impact of all this upon our current Beavers, Cubs and our existing Scouts is enormous. The thought that their journey within the Scout movement ends when they are ten and a half rather than 14 is heart breaking. There is no availability in other Scout troops elsewhere in the District. As parents and carers reading this you will know only too well how much your children value and enjoy their time with us.

Our ideal scenario would be if a couple of adults were willing to join us, using the next few months to shadow our leaders and learn about the programme and the responsibilities involved in running the Scout Troop. I appeal to anyone who is interested to contact me as soon as possible.

Annie New
Group Scout Leader
01438 833421

A defibrillator in memory of Guy

Zoku karate have been working extremely hard over the last couple of months, for a very good cause. Students, instructors and family members are trying to raise enough money to buy a defibrillator, in memory of Kimpton resident and Karate student, Guy Rutherford, who sadly died of a heart attack. It is now five years since Guy passed away and we feel that buying a defibrillator would be a vital piece of machinery to mark this anniversary

It is fact that if someone has a heart attack and a defibrillator is used within the first three minutes, they have a 70% chance of survival. Without a defibrillator, a person has only 3% chance of survival and that's with good CPR

being performed. So it just shows you how important these machines really are.

Jacob, Patrick and Annie New completed a charity Santa Run, we have been busy selling ninjabread cookies and are currently starting a raffle. We have applied for several sports funding but have been declined for all of them so far.

We are now asking any Kimpton residents or local business, who would like to contribute to our fundraising, to please feel free to contact us or any of our karate families, who live in the village, to give a donation. All donations, no matter how big or small, are warmly appreciated.

Sarah Fullerton
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Kimpton Bowls Club

As I write, 28th. Feb., 18 members of the Bowls Club returned from a week's trip to Bembridge on the I.O.W. Our two teams played in the indoor bowls tournament and performed well, considering that we are an outdoor club! A most enjoyable trip, worth repeating.

Our bowls season begins with "OPEN DAY" on Sunday 19th. April at 2-30pm. Please call in to meet members if you are interested in gentle exercise and "bonhomie". If you can't make that date, please feel free to visit the club to watch home matches, both at weekends and mid-week. Fixtures will be published around the village and on our website:

www.kimptonbowlsclub.blogspot.com

We will, of course, be providing the usual teas, coffees, soft drinks, home made cakes and bowls-related games on the green on May Festival Saturday.

Please contact our Hon. Sec, Beverley Pate, on 01582 834014 if you want any information relating to Kimpton Bowls Club, or speak to any member that you may know in the village.

We look forward to seeing you.

Kimpton Environmentalists Litter Pick and Earth Hour

This year's litter pick is taking place on Saturday 28th March. It will be the same format as previously: we'll meet at Claggy Stores at 10:00 and split into groups to pick litter in the lanes leading from the village before enjoying a well-earned drink in The Boot from 1pm. Bring work gloves and litter-pickers if you have them. We'll provide more litter-pickers and bin bags, plus fashionable hi-viz jackets.

Residents of Peters Green and Whitwell are involved once again clearing in their neighbourhoods, so the whole area should look spotless – hopefully at least till the May Festival.

In total since 2011 we have collected over 550 bags of rubbish. That would have been a real eye-sore on our beautiful countryside, so thanks to everyone who has helped over the years. BUT... there is a lot of new rubbish to clear this year, so spread the word – the more people that can help, the better.

And Saturday 28th March is also Earth Hour, initiated by WWF. For the last eight years people around the world have been turning their lights off for an hour, between 8.30 and 9.30pm local time, to demonstrate their commitment to reducing energy use. Look on the web for dramatic photos of lights going off on national monuments worldwide. Join with millions of others, experiment and find what YOU can do in a fun-filled candle-lit hour!

For more details contact Davina Malcolm
01438 832309

Nominations now open for CPRE Hertfordshire's Rural Living Awards

Nominations to CPRE Hertfordshire's Rural Living Awards scheme are invited countywide. The awards celebrate groups or individuals who improve life and enhance the environment in Hertfordshire's villages and its countryside. They are judged in two categories – Community and Environment. There are also awards for Rural Living Champions: young people and adults who make outstanding contributions to rural life.

Judges are looking for innovative projects which bring rural communities together, benefit the community and promote access to the countryside. Examples might be: a community-owned and run facility such as a pub or shop; a community event; a photography or art project which celebrates Hertfordshire's countryside; a volunteer group creating or maintaining access to it.

Last year's top accolades went to an Infants' School Eco Council and a Play Area, both in Redbourn. Over on the South West of the County, Oxhey Woods Conservation Volunteers were 'Over the Moon' to receive a commendation

Nominations for 2015's Awards – and don't be shy in coming forward, you can self-nominate – need to be made by 30 May.

For full information, or to download a nomination form, visit www.cpreherts.org.uk, or contact Gill Bryant on 01438 717587.



Lend a helping hand to the Kimpton School Association

Having recently taken on the mantle of Chair of the Kimpton School Association (Kimpton Primary School's PTA), I thought it would be a good idea to let the wider village know a bit about who we are and what we do.

As a dad of two daughters who is typically not around for drop-off and pick-up, my three years on the KSA have been a great opportunity to meet other parents, teachers and to feel really connected to the school. If you're new to the school, I honestly don't think there's a better way to find out how it all works and help make your child's school experience even more rewarding.

The KSA is an integral part of our school community, providing closer links between home and school, and is an excellent way to bring staff, parents, carers and friends together socially in support of our village school.

In its time, our KSA has raised tens of thousands of pounds. This money has been spent on equipment, resources and activities to enhance our children's education experience and the school facilities. Even with a smaller committee in 2014, we managed to raise nearly £6,000, which funded the school pantomime and upgraded the school's PA system, among other things. However, we still need to do more, and this is only possible with parent support.

I encourage all parents and members of the school community to get involved, even if you only have a small amount of time available. Whatever level of participation you choose, your time and involvement will be greatly appreciated. Many parents feel that they cannot participate in the KSA because they cannot attend meetings or be at school during the day. But whatever time you can spare - whether it's inside or outside of school hours - your ideas, your time and your talents are truly needed.

If you would like to be more involved and help out at events, find out more about what we do or simply give us your fundraising ideas, please do get in touch. You can leave a message with the School Office, contact me directly on darren.kilby@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/KSAkimptonprimaryschool We look forward to hearing from you. Darren Kilby

And there it was, gone.....

Our 2015 Music Hall took place over two weeks, finishing on March 7th, and without any doubt, a good time was truly had by all! Cast, crew and audience all revelled in this annual celebration of one of Britain's great traditions – and we're already looking to 2016, and our 52nd year!!

As usual, we gave two nights away to specific charities – this year, one was on behalf of a number of charities by Park Street Lodge, and the other was taken by the Stevenage and North Herts Parkinsons Group. They raised in the region of £3000 - £3500!!

If you know of a charity which could benefit from having an evening at Music Hall, completely free of charge, to raise money for their projects, please let us know. Please contact Arthur South on 01438 820331 or by e-mail at arthur.south@btinternet.com

Please keep your eyes peeled for posters around the village for details of our spring production.

We're always pleased to welcome new members – either on stage, or behind the scenes- so if you'd like to take part, just contact Mike Taylor on 01438 832869.

Sue Ryder Needs You!

Sue Ryder is seeking volunteers to support the incredible care they provide at their care centre in St Paul's Walden, home to 45 people living with complex neurological conditions such as Huntingdon's disease and multiple sclerosis.

Debbie Wright has recently taken on the brand new role of Community Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at Stagenhoe, with the aim of recruiting new volunteers and raising the profile of the centre within the local community.

"Volunteers are an essential part of what we do at Stagenhoe." says Debbie. "They support our residents' activities and help raise awareness. Just a few hours a week or even each fortnight can make a difference".

Debbie is keen to hear from anyone that would enjoy covering reception at evenings or weekends, minibus drivers, IT enthusiasts who can help residents to use social media and computers and activities assistants who can help run arts and crafts sessions and events. Please visit our website.

www.sueryder.org/volunteer.

You can also call Debbie directly on 07775 030826.

Kimpton May Festival Accounts 2014

Income	50% Retained	2014 £	2013 £	Up / (Down)
Net Fund Raising Income - Village	✓			
Art Show (Church Rest. Fund)	✓	3,250.00	2,800.00	450.00
Auction		2,720.00	2,200.00	520.00
Balloon Race		44.00	-	44.00
Brains Bars		134.31	118.85	15.46
Brains of Kimpton		151.25	85.70	65.55
Bucket Collection		-	237.51	(237.51)
Bury Car Park	✓	-	13.00	(13.00)
Car Boot Sale		115.00	65.00	50.00
Church Service Collection		37.36	74.41	(37.05)
Craft Market (Kimpton Preschool)	✓	550.00	517.00	33.00
Disco		(23.27)	(23.05)	(0.22)
Football 5 a side		150.00	162.00	(12.00)
Football 5 a side Bars		265.15	327.64	(62.48)
Fun Run		424.79	520.69	(95.90)
Grand Draw		999.76	1,205.86	(206.10)
Hog Roast		535.43	607.28	(71.85)
Jacob New - Morocco Trip	✓	-	51.00	(51.00)
Kimpton Bell Ringers' Collection	✓	43.25	42.30	0.95
Kimpton Bowls Club	✓	123.00	100.00	23.00
Kimpton Bridge Club	✓	140.00	220.00	(80.00)
Kimpton Brownies	✓	96.30	84.00	12.30
Kimpton Cricket Club	✓	112.85	92.70	20.15
Kimpton Entertains		1,440.00	1,429.50	10.50
Kimpton Entertains Bars		449.57	250.54	199.03
Kimpton Environmentalists	✓	137.42	120.31	17.11
Kimpton Football Club - BBQ	✓	150.00	162.50	(12.50)
Kimpton Garden Club	✓	168.50	128.50	40.00
Kimpton History Group	✓	72.00	54.00	18.00
Kimpton Scouts - Book Stall	✓	176.00	204.50	(28.50)
Kimpton Tennis Club	✓	-	31.95	(31.95)
Kimpton Working Bench Party - Haka		-	111.04	(111.04)
KSA BBQ	✓	777.62	925.32	(147.70)
May Fest T-Towels		(365.30)	-	(365.30)
McPhun/McColl Cakes		14.44	-	14.44
Monday Cream Teas (Kimpton Belles)	✓	403.01	403.81	(0.80)
Music Night		2,089.67	840.88	1,248.79
Pimms Bars		312.33	205.99	106.34
Programmes		1,064.50	1,260.25	(195.75)
Saturday Rec Bars		995.14	714.87	280.27
Scout Car Park	✓	36.00	58.37	(22.37)
Scout Train	✓	30.20	30.00	0.20
Teddy Bears Picnic		145.00	-	145.00
Vicarage Cream Teas	✓	978.04	789.00	189.04
Wine Tasting		384.81	386.96	(2.15)
Women's Brit Legion	✓	97.25	95.00	2.25
Women's Institute Cake Stall	✓	140.00	170.00	(30.00)
		19,565.38	17,875.18	1,690.21
Misc.		23.01	150.00	(126.99)
Bank Interest		0.33	0.32	0.01
Charity/Commercial Stalls		845.00	875.00	(30.00)
Fairground Rides		430.00	400.00	30.00
50% Group Retention		7,481.44	7,093.26	388.18
Total Income		28,345.16	26,393.76	1,951.41

Expenditure	2014	2013
Entertainment	4764.12	1,819.00
General Expenses	3080.62	2,832.99
Traffic Management	1602.00	1,569.00
Insurance	742.53	702.05
Prizes & Rosettes	649.49	364.64
Publicity Expenses	151.57	33.53
Total Expenditure	<u>10,990.33</u>	<u>7,321.21</u>

Total Income	28,345.16	26,393.76
Total Expenditure	<u>10,990.33</u>	<u>7,321.21</u>
2014 Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>17,354.83</u>	<u>19,072.55</u>
Less 50% Group Retention	(7,481.44)	(7,093.26)
Less 50% Bars (Kimpton Guides & Rainbows)	(922.08)	(705.94)
2014 Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>8,951.31</u>	<u>11,273.35</u>
Less 50 th Festival set up		(1,000.00)
Surplus Available for Distribution	<u>8,951.31</u>	<u>10,273.35</u>

Distribution:		
Church Restoration Fund (1/3 dist)	3,000.00	3,500.00
Kimpton Memorial Hall (1/3 dist)	3,000.00	3,500.00
Amy Mitchell - World Challenge	-	400.00
Emily Westcott - World Challenge	100.00	
Dreamflight	-	400.00
Flower Arrangers	100.00	-
Garden House Hospice	200.00	100.00
Herts Air Ambulance	200.00	100.00
Isabel Hospice	200.00	100.00
J.Worboys - WomenVCancer	-	100.00
Jacob New - Morocco	-	100.00
Keedi Cottage Hospice	200.00	100.00
Kimpton Bend Working Party	500.00	150.00
Kimpton Bowls	100.00	
Kimpton Environmentalists	-	150.00
Kimpton Rovers Football Club	200.00	500.00
KSA	-	800.00
Noise Project	60.00	100.00
R.Glass - World Challenge/Water Aid	-	100.00
WAKESU	-	200.00
	<u>7,860.00</u>	<u>10,400.00</u>

Opening Balance	7,683.87
Plus Net Income	28,345.16
Less Expenditure	(10,990.33)
Less 50% Group Retention	(7,481.44)
Less 50% Bars (Kimpton Guides/Rainbows)	<u>(922.08)</u>
Surplus	<u>8,951.31</u>
Less Distribution	<u>(7,860.00)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>8,775.18</u>



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Community Policing

Should you need to contact our Ward Constable PC Chris Suckling or our PCSO Elaine Cuozzo please use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 and clearly identify the officer you wish to speak to. Other useful contact numbers are inside the back cover of this magazine, including the Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd. The good news is that the police have confirmed that two males in a white van were arrested on charges of burglary mainly due to information received from the public.

There are a few issues that you should be aware of some of which are repeated 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 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 numbers. Police officers would never ask you to do that so put the phone down immediately.

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

Do 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' using the name of a

company like Microsoft saying you have a problem which they can put right if you give them certain details! Don't get involved.

Theft of Keyless Start Motor Vehicles

The police advise that there is an increase in this type of crime as thieves develop devious methods to circumvent the latest technology. We understand that fitting a dual band tracking device that works on both VHF/UHF and GPS so that one band is always active is a very sound precaution.

Also never leave your vehicle unattended with the doors unlocked and fit a secure lockable device over the diagnostic port to prevent criminals using software to code a key electronically. Contact your dealer for info.

Caring Neighbours

Please be kind enough to check on elderly and vulnerable neighbours living alone and remind them not to let unexpected callers into their house or engage in conversation with any dubious phone caller. If in any doubt tell them to put the phone down or if they are on the doorstep and are unsure about their identity advise them to close the door and call the police immediately on 999.

Night Security and Absence

If you intend to leave your property unoccupied in the coming weeks 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 do please 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.

Don't let any of the worries above spoil you having a peaceful spring, which might be just around the corner.

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The Church in Kimpton

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Police Telephone Numbers

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01707 354192 (automated system)

Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team
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Helping Hand

HOSPITAL VISITING

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

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 us at kimptonmonkeystoddler@gmail.com 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

PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

For bookings please contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 01438 832620
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www.herts.police.uk

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