

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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The editor, production and delivery teams wish everyone a very peaceful Christmas and New Year



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

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

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Flowers and Candles a shield of Love

We have all watched events in Paris unfold in the wake of epic scenes of multitudes making their way across Europe in the hope of finding shelter from harm and a new life. The world is much in need of hope.

A little film clip in French of a Parisian father's conversation with his little child is for me the essence of the hope that a gentle babe brings to the world. This man's son was telling his father they had to move away because bad men came with guns. They would have to leave their home and go someplace else. And the father told him that bad men are everywhere. But he asked his son to look at the flowers that were around them, at the candles that had been lit, they were there for all the people who had been lost. They were there as a shield against the guns. The child visibly relaxed, and smiled and said he felt better, because the flowers and the candles were there to protect him. (If you'd like to see the film clip you can find it here:

www.facebook.com/jrous92/videos/10156190732035487/?pnref=story)

I spent the wake of events in Paris in talks in Geneva with a delegation from Iran on Religion and Violence. It was not the easiest of conversations. But one thing is increasingly confirmed for me, with all that I do in peace-building, is that hatred begets hatred, fear begets fear, violence begets violence – but more importantly, love begets love. And love is stronger than hate. This may sound like some kind of unrealistic fantasy – but I assure that it is not. To love in the face of hatred, in the face of violence, is the only realistic shield from that which seeks to harm. It may sound foolish! How can you face violence with a smile and open arms?! But that is

what it takes. To face violence with violence never solves the problem; it only exacerbates it and drives it all the more fiercely. At some point it must stop.

Which is what the coming of a babe in a manger is all about – God and Saviour of us all in the face of a vulnerable child, in need of our Love. In loving one another, in our weakness, in our need of one another's care, in the joy of childhood innocence, we save the world.

I hope you will take the time to check out the services on offer over this Christmas season and take some time out to come to church and share the Love! But also to come and view all the Christmas trees so many in our community have gotten together to plan and decorate in a Christmas Tree extravaganza! I look forward to seeing all of you around the village and in church, and wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

With much blessing
The Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills

Special Services in December

Parish Church

Sunday 6th

6.30pm Contemplative prayer for Advent

Sunday 13th

4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 20th

6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am Family Eucharist

Sunday 27th

9.30am Non-Eucharistic Contemplative Service

Ayot St Lawrence

Sunday 20th

4pm Carol Service with Parish Church choir

Christmas Eve

6pm Christmas Communion and Baptism

Perry Green Baptist Chapel

Saturday 5th

11am Messy Christmas

Sunday 20th

3pm All age Carol Service

Tuesday 22nd

6.30pm Carol Singing around the village

Light up the Christmas trees!

We are happy to report that many organisations have taken up the challenge of displaying a Christmas Tree in the Parish Church; so far we expect 30 displays. The trees will be put into the church on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th December. The lights will be switched on at the Carol service on Sunday 20th December at 6.30p.m. to which all are welcome.

Come and sing to welcome in the Christmas season.

After that we hope to have the tree lights on from Monday December 21st until Sunday January 3rd but **NOT** Christmas Eve and Christmas Day when viewing will only be at service times.

All other days viewing will be from 10am to 4pm

We hope you will bring friends and family to visit the Church over the festive season to see the beautiful trees.

Juliet Morton and Valerie Pollington

A thought from Dora Scott “He always had time”

I don't know how many would have noticed this inscription under a plaque in the former Methodist social room, dedicated to the memory of John Gatward, a Kimpton chapel minister in the 1920s and 1930s, but it was obviously something that distinguished him. How many of us could have the same said about us – to see nature – birds, wildlife, beautiful scenery, sunrise and sunsets.

*Dora Scott
from hospital*

Feeding the five thousand



Well – maybe not THAT many! But sometimes it feels a bit like it!

‘Loaves and Fishes’ – our Community lunch at the Boot – has completed another successful year.

It is a great opportunity for people to get together and to enjoy each other's company and the noise level can get pretty high when everyone is chatting away!

We have been delighted that children from Year 6 at the School have come along on many occasions to show us what they have been doing and to pick our brains about Kimpton over the years. It has been a great pleasure for both groups and is proving very popular among the children as well as the adults.

If you would like to come along, it takes place at 12.30 on the third Wednesday of each month and costs just a fiver!

We would love to see you!

Andy Morton

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perfect Christmas present.
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Kimpton Environmentalists

From the Registers

Weddings

26th September

Charlotte Louise Thorogood to Matthew Anthony Henderson

Burials & Cremations

15th September

Mike Goldie

25th September

Henry Michael (Mike) Gouldsborough



Welcome to Kimpton

Over the last couple of years, I have tried to take Welcome Packs to people who move into the village – packs that include information about the village, its clubs and societies, footpaths etc. They have always been very well received and people have been most appreciative and expressed their delight at what a friendly and welcoming place Kimpton is. So we can all give ourselves a pat on the back!

I am aware that, with the new houses in Lloyd Way nearing completion and the other site making great strides, we will have quite a few new folk moving into the village. We also have several houses up for sale, so there may be welcome packs needed for them as well.

Please could you keep an eye out and let me know if you come across anyone who has just moved in, so that I can take them a pack? Better still, come and collect a pack and take it round yourself!

If you are involved in a club or society, check with me that I have copies of fliers advertising it!

Andy Morton, 01438 832427

JIGSAW SWAP

Do you enjoy doing jigsaws?



If so why not take a look in the jigsaw swap box situated in the book swap corner of the church. Help yourself, enjoy and, on return, please ensure that the jigsaw is complete and sealed.

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Santa comes to Kimpton and Blackmore End

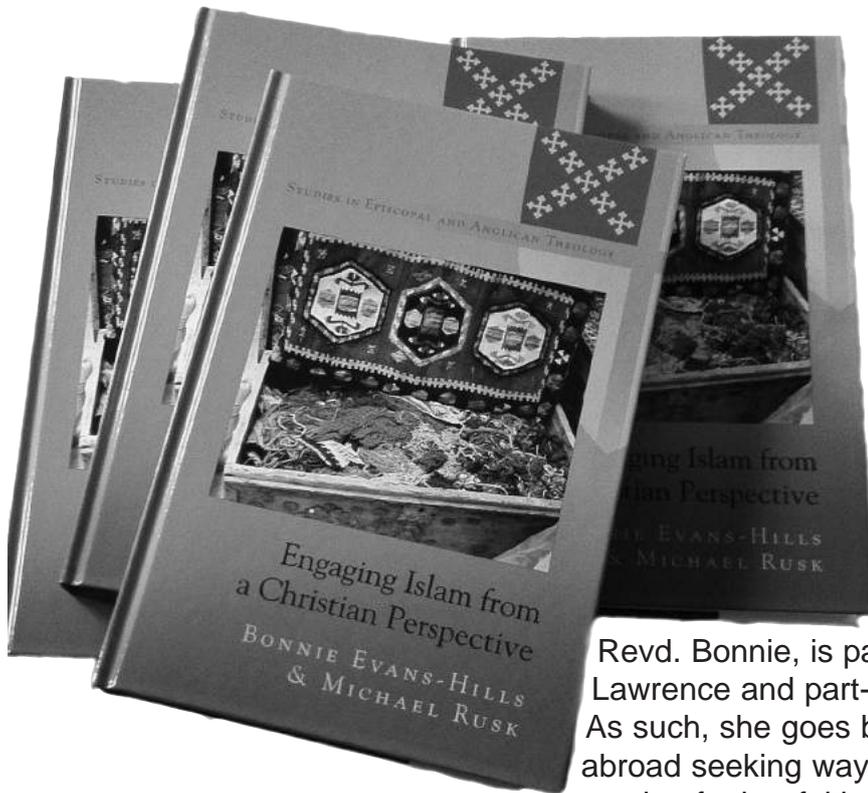
Rotary in Harpenden
the charity arm of Harpenden Village Rotary Club
will escort Santa between 5.30pm and 8.30pm on ...
Thursday 10th December, in Blackmore End
Friday 11th, December around Kimpton

Also, see Santa on Thursday evening, 26th November at 6.00pm at the switching on of the Wheathampstead Christmas Lights.
Join him in the grounds of the MacIntyre Home, at the rear of Charlie's Coffee Shop.



Proceeds from our collections will go to Wheathampstead Community Group, Wheathampstead Thursday Club, ADDvance and other charities and good causes supported by Rotary.

Rotary in Harpenden CIC is a charitable incorporated organisation, Registered Charity No. 1163420, and the charity arm of Harpenden Village Rotary Club. Website: www.hvrc.net



Engaging Islam from a Christian Perspective

**By Revd. Bonnie
Evans-Hills and Canon
Michael Rusk**

Published by Peter Lang

It is not often that we can claim that Kimpton is at the cutting edge of world affairs, but we can with this book.

Revd. Bonnie, is part-time Vicar of Kimpton with Ayot St. Lawrence and part-time the Diocesan Inter-Faith Adviser. As such, she goes belting off around the country and abroad seeking ways to draw together Christians and people of other faiths. At her service of installation in

Kimpton, several Moslems and Hindus were in the church, there to support her as she supports them. It was a great privilege to welcome them to Kimpton. Recently, three friends from Luton came to join in with the Bench Working Party and it was good to discuss their projects in Bury Park and to share our experiences with them.

That is what will help to build bridges. That is what will help people to trust each other. And that is also what is at the heart of the message in Bonnie's and Michael's authoritative book. She has been there. She knows what she is talking about – establishing friendships in the face of opposition - and she writes in an engaging and fluent style that goes to the heart of the problem and helps us to reflect on our role in combatting racism, prejudice and distrust.

The book could hardly have come out at a more appropriate time – just a month before the dreadful events in Paris and Beirut.

We should remember that, although Kimpton is often viewed as a little island, Luton, with all its opportunities for multi-cultural links and experience is just over the hill and we have the chance to help build those bridges and establish constructive relationships.

Andy Morton

Kimpton Meditation Group

Wednesdays 7- 8 pm Millenium Room, Kimpton Parish Church

The weekly one-hour session includes a short talk, a period of silent meditation and the chance to share experiences and ideas. This is intended to be an open space for exploring all sorts of meditative practices; your experience and contribution is welcome.

My own practice for several years has been based on mantra meditation as taught by WCCM (World Community for Christian Meditation) and body awareness / mindfulness. The regular practice has transformed my life, with no exaggeration. I'm no expert, but there's no doubt that for me, sharing the experience helps. Will you join me?

Newcomers are always welcome so feel free to drop in sometime.

Anna Bosatta 07796 342620 or Rev Bonnie Evans-Hills 07548 687504

Mark Klimek

24th June 1964 –
18th November 2015

Kimpton has lost one of its great characters. Mark Klimek's sudden death in the early hours of 18th November has shocked and deeply saddened everyone who knew him.

Mark loved life and was a very successful businessman, but first and foremost was a family man -- a loving husband, father, brother, son, cousin, and uncle. He was a good friend to many within Kimpton and the surrounding area.

His cheerful approach to life and his smile were never just for show. Mark was a kind and generous man.

Over the years he was instrumental in raising funds for many charities, for causes abroad and closer to home. He was a man of action and while everyone else was still shocked by the Christmas tsunami in 2004, Mark initiated and choreographed a fundraiser for its victims.

Mark loved Kimpton Tennis Club which benefited not only from his leadership as chairman, but also from his tireless fundraising. In addition, Mark has assisted many village organisations; helping to arrange and fund the Loaves and Fishes lunch; and organising and paying for entertainers at the annual pensioners Christmas lunch. He has even provided the Christmas tree for Kimpton School for a number of years.

Many will remember Mark as a keen tennis player and leading light at Knebworth Cricket Club. He was also a loyal Chelsea fan from his youth, when he was a promising semi-professional footballer. And when he first moved to live in Kimpton, he used his skills to manage the village team.

Despite great business success and a thriving company generated through hard work, Mark never forgot his roots and was always the first to offer support, often being first to spot that it was needed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Denise, Liam and Holly and the rest of his family at this most difficult time. He will be much missed.



David Robbins

Kimpton History Group

Evening meetings for the start of 2016

Wednesday 20th January

“Node Court.” John Warwick and Mike Creasey from Codicote History Society, will share with us their research on the history of this historic house near Codicote.

Wednesday 17th February

“Cassivellaunus: Man, Myth and Legend.” Neil Sankey will explore the facts around this legendary man. In 54BC he ruled from his capital in Hertfordshire uniting the British against the invasion by Julius Caesar.

Wednesday 16th March

A quick AGM followed by: “Remarkable women of Hertfordshire”. Marion Hill will explore some of the brilliant women who appear in the Hertfordshire archives, including Queen Elizabeth I, Jane Wenham the witch, Dame Juliana Berners and Elizabeth Conder.

All these meetings are at 8 pm in the Memorial Hall Green Room.

Visitors are extremely welcome to attend these talks, for which we charge £5 per visit.

For more information about the Group please contact Juliet Morton (01438 832427).

A message from the new May Festival Chair

I must begin this by thanking my predecessor, Andrew Ackrill, who did a sterling job as May Festival Chairman for many years and will be a hard act to follow.

The committee have already met twice to start the plans for next year and I would like to also thank them for their continuing commitment. We have several new members but are always looking for new recruits- please give me a ring if you think you can spare even a couple of hours over the very busy weekend. The profits from the weekend are given back to community groups and some individuals so by helping out you will be helping your village!!!

The festival next year starts on 29th April and the theme is Animal Magic - a great opportunity to dress up and join in the procession. By the

next magazine I will be able to tell you more about the fun things we have arranged.

Finally, congratulations to my vice chair, Emma Rice-Oxley, on the safe arrival of her second son, Oliver Joseph. No doubt a future May Festival committee member!

John Hills 01438 832762

W.I. news

How time flies – it seems like only yesterday that I was writing my report for the autumn edition of the Parish Magazine and here we are again.

At our October meeting our members were encouraged to make the most of opportunities that came their way with a talk on Life Coaching by Claire Goldwater. In November we had an excellent talk by Sarah Kohl on the Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust illustrated by beautiful pictures of places to visit in and around our county. Our book club, choir, handicraft group and table tennis are all on going.

The Art and Crafts Exhibition at the Wheathampstead Memorial Hall was a great success with some wonderful exhibits on display.

Three of our members attended the Autumn Council Meeting in the Sandpit Theatre in St. Albans. After the general business, Mandy Hickson enthralled the audience with an illustrated talk on her seventeen years with the R.A.F. as one of their first women fast jet pilots – what an incredible life experience!

Future events are a trip to Kings Cross to see “The Railway Children”; a Christmas meeting when there will be an opportunity to make a variety of Christmas handicrafts and enjoy refreshments and carols; the Breachwood Green W.I’s Christmas party with Scottish dancing and singing; and our Christmas Lunch at The Boot.

A warm welcome is always given to visitors. Why not come and join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in the lounge of the Memorial Hall. For further information contact Janet Holmes-Walker (President) 01438 832597 or Sue Newman (Secretary) 01438 832560.

Kimpton W.I. wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Janet*



It is my sad duty to start this newsletter by recording the recent and untimely death of Mark Klimek – aside from the huge personal loss felt by his family and many friends, he will be sorely missed as a valued member of our community. His enthusiasm for helping the village where he could, and the great many pieces of work that he and his company carried out on our behalf, often without reward, have helped to make the village environment what it is. The Parish Council would like to extend heartfelt condolences to Mark's family and friends.

On a more mundane level, perhaps the most noticeable event in the village recently has been the appearance of a fenced-off area on the field at the west end of the village (more generally known as Ron Hyde's Gap!). This has been constructed by the contractors working on the Lloyd Way site, and is intended to provide a secure area for visiting suppliers to use, with the intention of reducing congestion around the construction site itself. As it is intended to be temporary, it was put up with the permission of the landowners, but without planning permission, which is in fact required as we believe it could be there for up to 18 months. Therefore, planning permission is, to the best of our knowledge currently, being sought retrospectively. More centrally in the village, a second planning application for development at the old DAG site is in hand, this time based on a smaller proposal. The allotment site has also been tidied up a bit, as part of ongoing maintenance, and a significant problem with the water supply has been fixed – this cost the Parish a bit of money last season, because of an underground leak. The water supply will be switched off over the winter to prevent frost damage to the system.

Allotment regulars may have noticed the appearance of a large supply of wood chippings, which has originated from the Lloyd Way site, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the contractors, Croudace, for taking the time and trouble to transport the considerable load over to the allotments.

The defibrillator that I mentioned in the last Parish Magazine is now in position outside the school, and we also have another 'portable' device which is

available for use by clubs and societies or for special events. We would like to thank the May Festival Committee and some private donors for funding this second defibrillator. We are still in the process of establishing a permanent home for this machine, but if anyone would like to borrow it for an event in the near future, please contact the Parish Clerk in the usual way.

As I also mentioned last time, the Parish Council is still considering the provision of a 'multi-use games area', or MUGA, in the village. A further suggestion has come to light, which is that, instead of a fenced in MUGA we also consider the option of an all-weather surface (without the fencing) which could potentially be positioned at the foot of the Recreation Ground, where it can get a bit boggy in wet weather.

We are currently pulling together some quotes and initial evaluations for a couple of different options, and will then carry out a consultation. If we did do something along these lines, it would be a major project for the village, and we need to be fully confident that the costs are justified by demand and also that the provision is of the most suitable type. We would obviously be happy to hear from any residents who may have useful suggestions as to the type of facility that might be of the greatest benefit to the village.

Another regular topic in these newsletters is the Neighbourhood Plan – for a variety of reasons, mostly to do with the availability of those involved, progress has been a little slow over the Autumn so there is nothing new to report in that area. As usual, 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 where we will keep you up to date with the latest news and developments, and it only remains for me to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a prosperous and secure 2016. *David Hardstaff*

Kimpton Memorial Hall

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New and Younger faces needed!

Having issued a plea for help in a recent issue of this magazine I am delighted to report that Jane Coles who volunteered to become Treasurer, now has her feet well and truly under the table. She is proving to be a great asset in every way, bringing with her a wealth of management experience and (unlike some of us!) a highly organised mind. She already has a complete grasp of our financial position, and provides us with full sets of figures with metronomic efficiency.

We were less successful in recruiting someone to provide us with secretarial support, and we are still looking for help in that area. The duties would be far from onerous and would involve recording the minutes for probably five meetings over the year, and a small amount of other correspondence. So if you feel inclined to help, do give me a call.

I know I have bleated on about this before, but I do think it is time for the younger generation to pick up the ball and run with it, so far as the Hall is concerned. I first became involved in 1982 when I was forty two years of age, so I have served for well over thirty years, far and away too long! I had a lot of ideas and energy.....once!!

We now have one of the very best Halls in the area. We get a huge amount of support from the village. We have the BWP to do most of the maintenance, and in Barbara Kazwini, we have a truly outstanding Booking secretary. So the basis is excellent.

But we need new and younger blood on the Committee. We need the drive that only the younger generation can provide. It really is time for me to stand down. So, you 'youngsters' come forward, volunteer, and allow me the opportunity to do just that. It is your Hall, you can make it what you want, and run it how you want.

Roger Nash 01438 832101

Save Our White Horse Update

Since the meeting at Kimpton Memorial Hall on the 22nd September where we witnessed an overwhelming show of support from a packed hall, we have studied the results of the survey which show that almost all respondents want the White Horse retained as a village pub, and 81% would support it as a co-operative concern. There was a clear message that high quality affordable food and a good selection of real ales were important.

Over 70% would be happy to make some form of financial investment; nearly half are interested in offering voluntary support, and we have had several offers of professional advice and services including financial and business planning, catering, banking, valuation, accounting and administration.

The owners, Haut Ltd., have approached North Herts District Council and requested a review of the granting of the White Horse as an Asset of Community Value. In response, a letter from us has been sent to NHDC re-emphasising why this status should be retained. Furthermore, we have submitted a letter of support from 'Pub is the Hub' (an organisation set up by HRH Prince Charles) who have confirmed the potential viability of the White Horse as a profitable concern and acknowledged it as an important asset for the community.

With expert advice, we are working on a business model that can be presented in due course, and are looking at the best ways to make this a viable product for potential investment.

We will keep you informed of further developments.

For further information, please contact either myself or Sue Burns (01438 832960)

*Wendy Hyams (01438 831149) on behalf of the
'Save Our White Horse Campaign'*

**Carol Singing at The Boot
Tuesday December 15th
7.30pm**



It's the Great Kimpton Wash Off!!



Yes, the washing machines of Kimpton were on overdrive this week after two intrepid teams returned from the annual Hertfordshire Green Beret competition for Scouts. A brilliant time was had by all, with a fantastic second place in the Orienteering competition. I was particularly struck by how well all the young people got on, with lots of good humour despite the strong winds and heavy rain. They did us proud. Massive thanks to Mark who organised everything, and to the parent helpers who made it all possible. Your support is so much appreciated.



The Cubs and Beavers have enjoyed some super trips this term, with golf and a trip into London. As always they enjoy a varied programme of activities. Our volunteer leaders always demonstrate such enthusiasm! We hope that you were as impressed as we were by the respectful way in which all our Sections participated in the recent Remembrance Parade. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some of our 'unsung heroes', those who quietly get on in the background and make it possible to run our thriving Scout Group. A massive THANKYOU is extended towards Tamsin, our Sensational Secretary; to Renshaw, our Terrific Treasurer; and to James, our Charming Chairman. Without you, we just wouldn't function!



Please visit our website to see what we're up to and register your child's name on our waiting list.

www.kimptonscouts.org.uk
Annie New, Group Scout Leader
01438 833421

Christmas Cards for Good Causes
are available at the United Reformed Church
Vaughan Road, Harpenden
until Saturday December 12th 9.30 - 4.30
Supporting local and national charities

The village remembers



The Parish Church was packed for the annual Remembrance Day service.

Local uniformed organisations together with many other villagers marched from the Memorial Hall to the church, pausing for reflection at the war memorial.

The service and procession was organised by the Royal British Legion.

photos: Juliet Morton





Royal British Legion

As always, there was an excellent turn out for the parade and Remembrance Day Service. Kimpton Branch would like to thank all young people's organisations and their parents and leaders for making such an enormous contribution. We also thank the Parish Council, the Police and North Herts DC for facilitating the parade. Thanks in particular to Bonnie, our new priest in charge for her contribution and for kindly officiating at a short service at the War Memorial on the 11th itself. We were grateful to the School staff and children

who joined us that day.

The Bench Committee deserves all our thanks for keeping the War Memorial clean and tidy; and particularly for their recent painting of the railings which surround it.

The Branch continues to recover from the difficult time we have had over the last 18 months, but we are still looking to recruit new members.

Anybody requiring information about the Legion and what it does, should contact our Chairman, Robin Wells (01438 832984) or our Secretary, Dave Gibbs (01438 832236) from whom application forms may be obtained. Remember you do not need to have served in the forces to become a member.

Dave Gibbs Branch Secretary

Royal British Legion Women's Section

We would like to thank all those who supported our Tombola, either by donating a prize or buying a ticket, at the village Coffee Morning held recently in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

Seven members, including our Standard Bearer, attended the village Remembrance Parade and three members represented the Section at the County Conference held in Woolmer Green. We are a small friendly group who meet bi-monthly in a member's house.

If anyone feels they would like to join us please contact Jenny Desborough (01438 832432) or Shirley Clarke (01438 832637). You do not need to have been a member of the armed forces.

K.A.T.S. Present
A *GHOSTLY* evening
Two chilling stories of the supernatural

The Monkey's Paw
An old Family friend re-enters the White's lives, but his tale of life and death leaves them cold.



The Dark
Three ex-students' yearly get together with their old professor is darker than they realise.



Knebworth Village Hall, 4/5th December, 7.30pm for 8pm
Tickets £7 (concessions £6) including glass of mulled wine and a mince pie
Box Office: 01438 814166/07952 199183 jo.simson@ntlworld.com
or Village News, Station Road, Knebworth
Licensed bar

Kimpton Friendly Bridge Club
meets every Thursday evening
in Church House
for a 19:30 start

Please remember that the deadline for the spring edition of this magazine is Friday March 11th
Please send copy and JPEGs to kimpton.editor@btinternet.com



The Kimpton Players

For various reasons, the society hasn't staged a production since our Music Hall earlier in the year. So the really brilliant news is that we are currently working hard on next year's show, which will be staged at the end of February beginning of March 2016!

For those of you who have never been to our Music Hall, which is unbelievably now in its 52nd year, it is an original, fun-filled theme evening transporting the audience back to the days of Victorian and Edwardian entertainment.

The hall decor is transformed into a Music Hall. The audience sits at tables waited on by attentive waiters and waitresses, provided with food, drink and song sheets, encouraged to join in with the songs, and even to wear period dress if they wish.

The show is brimming with laughter, pathos and musicality brought to you by entertaining artistes and held together by a jovial Chairman and talented pianist.

Beautifully and authentically costumed, the show is always enormously enjoyed by all who attend. Give it a try – we think you'll be delighted!

Keep your eyes peeled on the village notice boards for the posters with full details.



Medical matters.....

First Aid in Kimpton

In 2012 I organised some first aid courses which were run by the Red Cross. There should have been a follow up this year but unfortunately the course has changed and this is now not available.

For those who would like to update their skills and any others who are interested in gaining first aid awareness or certification there are a number of options on offer. You could learn how to deal with common emergencies affecting both adults and children such as burns, choking, falls, loss of consciousness etc or you could attend a course covering life saving skills such as CPR for both adults and children. This option has an assessment but you would receive a certificate which lasts for 3 years. It is also something you may wish to consider as we now have an AED (defibrillator) outside the school and anyone can save a life!

If you are interested and would like more information please get in touch.

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Care for yourself, your pocket and the NHS this winter

Most of us will be hit with a cough, cold or bug this winter. But with a bit of preparation, a spell of ill health doesn't have to hit you in the pocket too.

Now is the ideal time to prepare for winter by stocking up on over-the-counter remedies before you need them. Own brand remedies are widely available and can be up to 6 times cheaper than branded equivalents.

In the last year alone, the NHS in east and north Hertfordshire spent £580,000 on prescriptions for paracetamol. That's £1 for every man, woman and child in our area. While some patients need specially prescribed medicines for their condition, for many common illnesses you can save yourself and the NHS time and money by buying remedies over the counter at your local pharmacy. If you pay for

your own prescriptions, at £8.20 per item the cost can soon add up.

You don't have to spend a lot to make sure that your home medicine cabinet is fully stocked so that you and your family are prepared for winter. Cheaper, own brand versions of common remedies for colds and allergies work just as effectively. If you're not sure what to choose, remember that pharmacists are expert healthcare professionals who can give advice and recommend treatments for minor health conditions such as coughs, colds, sore throats and childhood fever. Most pharmacists now have consultation areas where you can ask for their advice in private.

A new way to get your prescriptions

The Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) is an NHS service and gives you the chance to change how your GP sends your prescription to the pharmacy.

The service is right for you if you have a stable condition and don't want to go to your GP practice every time for your repeat prescription. You just nominate the pharmacy of your choice and you don't need a computer for this. Staff at Codicote Pharmacy are able to do this for you. EPS is reliable, secure and confidential. For more information visit your local pharmacy, GP practice or www.hscic.gov.uk/epspatients

Free home delivery of medications

Codicote Pharmacy offers free home delivery of medication and shopping in the Kimpton area.

Apart from NHS and private dispensing they can also offer Flu vaccination service, medicine check ups, stop smoking advice, blood pressure checks, chlamydia screening, holiday health care, disability and independent living aids.

Please call 01438 821418 or visit www.codicotepharmacy.co.uk

The Bright Star in Peters Green has new custodians!



Nick and Kate Tominey, a local couple, have taken over this beautiful country pub and hope to welcome both locals and visitors with a carefully chosen selection of local ales, lagers and wines, to compliment the traditional 'pub grub' menu. They have already carried out a number of improvements including some redecoration in the public areas, overhauling the kitchen and the cellar, which now boasts new beer lines.

With Christmas fast approaching, bookings are filling up for the festive three course menu. The Bright Star is the perfect venue for parties and meetings, and with separate bars, can offer exclusive areas for any celebration or event.

Nick and Kate, together with their sons Dan and Charlie hope to welcome you soon to the Bright Star. They hope to expand the family team soon with the addition of a cook and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to work in a fun environment and can offer fabulous home cooking.

Please give them a call on 01438 832351 or pop in to discuss any special requirements.

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Peters Green Village Hall

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Saturday 23rd January
10am – 1pm
Kimpton Primary School, Kimpton SG4 8RB

All ages and abilities welcome

£10 / £8 concessions
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Pump hunt for sewage station owners

Thames Water is to take on the responsibility of 4,000 sewage pumping stations from property owners and managers.

Utility will take over electricity and maintenance costs under new legislation, potentially saving customers thousands of pounds.

Firm appeals for help tracking 1,800 'missing' stations.

Thames Water is appealing to customers to help identify privately owned sewage pumping stations.

The utility, which serves 15 million customers across London and the Thames Valley, will take responsibility for around 4,000 pumping in October 2016, but needs to track down 1,800 currently off its radar.

New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

Jerry White, of Thames Water, said: "This is really good news for customers. We'd urge anyone who thinks they may have one to get in touch so we can check they are eligible for the transfer of ownership. In some cases, as well as electricity savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so it's an excellent deal for them.

We believe we know where approximately half of the stations we need to take over are, but really need help to find the other 1,800. Please get in touch if you think this applies to you and we can take on the responsibility forever."

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt

Samaritans

You may have already heard that Samaritans have changed, and added to, the contact methods available to callers. In addition to the local Luton, South Beds and Harpenden Branch telephone 01582 720666, you can now call free on 116 123.

You can also e-mail at jo@samaritans.org and text 07725 909090.

Callers preferring to talk to a Samaritan face-to-face are welcome at 33 Cardiff Road, Luton, LU1 1PP.

The free phone number will usually put you through to your local branch, but if their phones are busy your call will automatically be routed to the nearest available branch. No engaged tones!

50 years ago in Kimpton

Sound of Music for the choir

The senior members of the Choir and the Sunday School teachers went to see the musical "The Sound of Music" at the Palace Theatre, under the vicar's charge. The party arrived just in time for the beginning of the show, having been delayed by half an hour's wait outside St Pancras station. No one was bored while waiting for the train to move, thanks to a party of friendly Italians or Spaniards in the same carriage. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and everyone was home by midnight.

Lighten our darkness

The Parish Council has been told that the street lighting programme has had to be postponed because of the government credit squeeze. Rates already paid to the government for this purpose would be credited to the Parish Council account.

Gas for Kimpton

Several members of the Parish Council have urged Eastern Gas Board to bring a supply of gas to the village. The council decided to ask the Board's district manager to make a survey of the village.

Look what's happening in the Dacre Rooms!



Dacre Room dates of events December to February

December

11th	Coffee morning	9.30–12.00am
11th	Farmers market	2.30–4.30pm
18th	Coffee morning	9.30–12.00am
22nd	Carols and Mince pies	6.00–7.30pm

January

8th	Coffee morning	9.30–12.00am
22nd	Coffee morning	9.30–12.00am
29th	Friday Evening Social	7.00–10pm

February

12th	Farmers market	2.30– 4.30pm
12th	Coffee morning	9.30–12.00am
26th	Coffee morning	9.30–12.00am
26th	Friday Evening Social	7.00–10pm



Our Dacre Rooms

The Dacre Rooms were built and gifted to the men of Kimpton parish in 1879 by Lady Susan Dacre, who it was thought wanted to keep the men out of the eleven pubs that were in the village at that time!

Some of you may have already noticed that there has been an increased amount of activity at the Dacre Rooms in the last six months.

So what is going on, you may well ask?

In May of this year, the rooms were under threat of closure due to lack of use and funds. The Community Coffee Morning girls undertook a survey to find out what the village views were regarding the future of the Dacre Rooms. They received one hundred and thirty responses. An overwhelming 91% wanted the building to be refurbished and used as a community space, 6% were in favour of it being sold and 4% thought that it should be converted into office space and rented out.

The May campaign

New members joined the committee and a "Use It or Lose It" campaign was started in June. We started testing the water with a variety of events. Bookings gradually increased from just three hours a month in June to a healthy seventy hours in November.

Regular Current Events

Coffee mornings run on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 9.30 – 12.00pm

Drinks and Nibbles evening on the last Friday of the month 7-10pm. We provide the nibbles, you bring your own favourite tippie and a glass. All we ask is that you give a small donation towards the refurbishment fund and running costs of the hall

Farmers' Market usually runs on the 2nd Friday of the month, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Looking forward to 2016

In addition to the above events, we are hoping to run one themed evening every month. We have already trailed an Italian Pasta Night and a winter casserole evening. Both sold out within 4 days and were a great success. Maybe a group of you would be brave enough to get together and run a small event. The Rooms can be hired out for private functions at £8 per hour. For bookings contact Sue O'Brien on 01438 832446.

The main room seats 4 tables of 8, an ideal number for a small event or a huge dinner party! We also have invested in new wine glasses, matching white table ware, cutlery, table clothes, etc. There is an office upstairs that may be available for a small local business to rent.

Fund Raising and Refurbishment

In order to achieve a more contemporary /modern interior we have estimated that we will need to raise between £20,000 and £30,000. There are some big essential and expensive projects to be tackled. The electrics need sorting. A new gas boiler is required. A new loo block is needed to include a disabled toilet. Disabled access to the hall and so the list goes on. We are applying for every grant that is available but as you know funding is very limited at present. So if you feel that you can help in any way with your time, suggestions, or financially we would love to hear from you.

With the support of the village we feel that the above could be achieved quite simply in bite size pieces

Have fun and become part of Dacre Rooms project

Our vision is for the Dacre Rooms to become a fun and bustling little hub of the Village for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to receive regular updates of forthcoming events and information, please email Kate Buckenham at kate@kittedout.com and become a friend of the Dacre Rooms. Or just come along to one of the regular events and have fun.

*Kate Buckenham 01438 832923 kate@kittedout.com
Booking enquiries to Sue O'Brien 01438 832446*



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Safer Neighbourhoods (SN)

PCSO Heather Burrows' door to door resident introductions have been shelved for the time being due to changes in shift patterns. I believe that she will resume in the New Year checking whether residents have any security concerns and encouraging them to join the OWL messaging service and receive selected police and NHW e-mails.

If you need to contact her or our Ward Constable PC Chris Suckling or any other officer please use the automated system at County HQ on 01707 354192 and clearly identify the officer with whom you wish to speak. Other contacts are inside the magazine's back cover.

Non-emergency calls please use 101.

Further to the report in the last issue about increased police support for NHW I understand that the Hitchin Rural Team are consolidating the procedure for implementing this under the leadership of Sergeant Steve Oliphant. Direct links have been made with Herts Watch, the county NHW Committee, and with North Herts and the nine other District Councils.

Local Crimes

3 attempted burglaries and one actual where a strimmer was stolen.

5 instances of theft from or damage to motor vehicles.

News has just arrived indicating that there is a spate of theft of door mirrors from the new style Mini and owners should be wary.

In addition to previous warnings please put the phone down on any of the following cold calls -

Wills and Trusts

Don't get involved with any firm claiming to be able to safeguard your assets with advice on Wills or Trusts'

Taking advice from your chosen solicitor is the only safe way to proceed.

Breaking into your Bank

Caller claims to be your bank saying that your account has been hacked and they need to put

you through to the police. 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.

Royal Mail email Virus

A bogus Royal Mail email says they have a letter/parcel for your collection and inviting you to follow some instructions in order to release the item and if you comply you allow a virus into your computer which then encrypts some files. Subsequently you are requested to send a ransom to have the files decrypted!!

Websites for Crime Prevention

Fraud Prevention

Numerous examples of fraud can be found on the police OWL website Fraud Prevention Update January 2015

University Student Safety

Excellent advice on student safety on www.suzylamplugh.org

Cyber Computer Attack

www.getsafeonline.org/nca

Caring Neighbours

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

Night Security and Absence

If your property will be unoccupied in the coming weeks, please 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..

Finally, please be aware of and report any suspicious activity.

Best wishes for the forthcoming festive season.

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The Church in Kimpton

Parish Church

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01582 422635

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Miss Pam Greener
01582 604771

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
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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
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PETER'S GREEN VILLAGE HALL

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www.herts.police.uk

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