

Kimpton Parish Magazine

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Photo: Juliet Morton

Eileen Swain and Dud Ginn open the newly refurbished Corner Stores



Yippee! Looking forward to Autumn and Winter fun again

What a very unusual Summer we have had. Leaping into my shorts on sunny days, but shivering on English beaches in the coldest August. (Yes, I too put on the heating mid-August!). Let out of lockdown, but locked in to watching the numbers of Covid-19 infections keep on rising. No longer required to wear a face covering-but still having one handy in the hand-bag. We've unlearned hugging and re-learned 'British reserve'- keeping our distance from one another – after 18 months of being obliged to do so.

Our Boris-esque phrase at church has been to open up again 'Slowly-Carefully-Safely', so that everyone feels comfortable when coming to church to worship God. And it's working!

It has been a delight that the church was in the forefront of opening up village events, certainly in Kimpton. In July we went ahead with our 'Noise!' project to help neighbours with those thorny outdoor jobs. We also pioneered re-opening the Dacre Rooms Community Café-which was much missed. 'Loaves & Fishes' lunches for the older persons at the Boot PH are going strong. Tea, Toys and Tots toddler group (at the other end of life) has re-started on Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am, with lots of new faces—and new 'lockdown' babies!!

Well, now that Harvest is all gathered in, we celebrated the Festival in church at Kimpton where our young people's group provided a special Harvest Festival Parish Breakfast; and with curry and chilli for Harvest Supper at Ayot St Lawrence. (btw, anyone can come along to a Parish breakfast-usually 2nd Sunday monthly in Church House). Just being able to sit and eat with one another is such a treat.

Harvest signposts Summer turning into Autumn. Autumn, and then Winter, are filled with much loved, favourite perennial events that mark time for us. In this last quarter of 2021, let's give thanks that we can now hope and plan to mark all those 'normal and usual' events that the pandemic previously postponed or shut down.

But first --we'll '*Pause to Remember*' those who we have loved and lost; who we still mourn. It is very important we remember all those who have passed away, especially over the last couple of years when the world has been struggling acutely with Covid-19. Many people could not say goodbye to loved ones as they might have wished. Few of us remain untouched by this sadness. So, on 10th October you are most welcome at Kimpton church to '*Pause to Remember*' them. (More details on next page).

Remembrance-tide comes quickly in November. All Souls and All Saint's Days. Remembrance Sunday and the Poppy Appeal. Even Guys Fawkes is a timely reminder of the battles our ancestors fought to achieve Parliamentary democracy and religious freedom. Cancelled in 2020, this year we are planning our village Remembrance Parade and Church Service which will include a very special moment. The refurbished Kimpton War Memorial will be re-dedicated in this 100th anniversary year of the Royal British Legion's founding.

And so we look forward to December and the coming of the Christ-child. It's going to be a busy time, kicking off in Kimpton Village with what is described as a 'Walking Christmas Fayre.' 'What's that?' I ask you say. It simply means there will be stalls all over the village and in Kimpton Church for you to visit and enjoy. On 5th December the Village Choir will hold a Winter Concert in Kimpton church. On 12th December there is the much-loved Christingle Service—the one with oranges, sweets and lit candles! By 19th December I hope you will be in good voice for Christmas Carols at 4pm at Ayot St Lawrence Church and 6.30pm at Kimpton Church.

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Sunday 10th October at 3.00pm

"All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus Christ ...
He comes alongside us when we go through hard times..."
2 Corinthians 1:3



You are invited to a short Memorial service for those
we have lost.
Followed by refreshments.
At Kimpton Church, Church Lane

'Pause to Remember' Memorial and Thanksgiving service

Now that we can meet together safely, and after the last two years of global Covid-19 pandemic, it is very important for us all to make time to 'pause to remember' those we have loved and lost. I would like to invite you all to a special memorial church service. 'Pause to Remember' will take place at Kimpton Church, Church Lane, Kimpton on Sunday 10th October at 3pm. We'll spend some time remembering the loved ones who we mourn and the memories we treasure.

The Service will last about 45 minutes.

Afterwards tea will be served in Church House. This service is for everyone, so please invite friends and family. Please let me know if you are able to attend by 'phone or email.(for catering purposes). I do hope you will be able to join us.

Rev'd Linda Williams, Priest-in-charge, 11 High Street, KIMPTON, Herts., SG4 8RA
Telephone: 01438 833348 Email: lindalpwilliams@hotmail.co.uk

from page 2 A chance to belt out all your favourites—'cos that's what we'll be choosing to sing – all the old favourites.

Kimpton Church's Children's Crib service is at 3pm Christmas Eve. Youngsters wishing to 'tread the boards' should get into practice now. After that we offer you Midnight Mass at both Ayot St Lawrence and Kimpton Church on Christmas Eve to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

There is lots to plan and look forward to and I look forward to bumping into many of you and having a chat about how you've been at one or other of these lovely Autumn & Winter events.

Keeping you all in my prayers.

God bless, Rev'd Linda Williams

From the registers

Kimpton

Baptisms

27th June William George Manning

The son of Andrew and Sarah Manning, the farming family in Claggy Road – and a brother for Ben and Max.

Weddings

17th July Sarah Francis to Richard James Thurston Haygreen

Sarah and Richard's wedding day was hit by the month extension to Covid-19 lockdown to July 19th. Nevertheless, Richard devised a wonderful seating plan enabling all guests to sit in their socially distanced bubbles in church. All was carried out with military precision. Sarah has strong links to this area and Richard is originally from Hitchin. They are making their home with daughter Francesca in Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Burials, Interments and Cremations

5th August Dennis Edward William Clarke of Blackmore End (1932-2021)

Dennis passed away after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease through which he was nursed by his wife Shirley. Over the years, Dennis was a stalwart of village groups and activities including Kimpton Methodist Church, the Royal British Legion, Group Scout Leader, Parish Magazine Editor, the History Group and many more. Dennis was remembered with a minute's silence at the RBL Kimpton Branch meeting in August.

23rd August Anthony Gordon Bacon (1938-2020)

Tony was a former Church Warden who moved away from Blackmore End to Kelso latterly. He was married three times and his widow and some of his large family were able to travel from Kelso and Spain to attend. His ashes were interred at Kimpton churchyard alongside those of his son Michael and other family members.

Ayot St Lawrence

Baptisms

15th August Dali Tess Dickinson

Daughter of Annabel (nee Burrows) & Tom. Annabel and Tom were married at St Lawrence's in 2019. **Rob Redway**, one of Dali's godparents was also christened at the same ceremony. The Christenings took place using the outdoor font at the Palladian Church. Afterwards prosecco and christening cake were enjoyed by all on the church portico. We're looking forward to christening Hugo Angelin, Dali's cousin at Kimpton church in October.

22nd August Penelope and Ivy Houghton

Daughters of Jason and Tabitha Mansfield of Dane End.

Weddings

19th June Sarah Alderman and Anthony Fiducia

Sarah Alderman grew up in the village, but the couple now live in Cottered. Her parents, Roger and Chloe Willing were Churchwardens and lived at Tynings. Chloe left a bequest towards the communion rail kneeler cushions. In spite of lockdown regulations limiting the wedding to 30 people, Sarah and Anthony's adult children and grandchildren were all able to celebrate the day with them.

Burials, Interments and Cremations

4th August Amanda Charlotte Jane Inchbald (1960-2020)

Amanda's ashes were interred in the grave of her stepfather Brigadier Peter Thwaites who died in 1991. Amanda's family had lived in Ayot St Lawrence and were active in the church in her childhood. Amanda was active also in her late father's enterprise as a director of the Inchbald School of Design in central London.

Burials, Interments and Cremations continued.....

20th August Anne Tilley (1931-2021)

Anne and Keith Tilley lived at Ayot Cottage and were very busy members of the Palladian church. Anne loved tennis, bridge, travelling and art. Soon after moving to Harpenden, eight years ago, Anne sadly required full time care at a Field House Nursing Home in Harpenden where she passed away aged almost 90 years. Anne and Keith were together for 66 years. They have three children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Walking groups in the village

There are two walking groups in the village that anyone can access.

Kimpton Pathfinders is for those who like a good distance walk of up to 5 miles. We meet in Kimpton School forecourt on the second Saturday of each month at 10am, returning by lunchtime. Sometimes we take a walk around the village and other times we car-share to a walk start not too distant away.

Good footwear is needed, especially if we have had a lot of rain as we use tracks and paths most of the time. Anyone is welcome.

Monday Strollers is for those who prefer a shorter walk around the village of about an hour's duration. These are generally on tracks so that people can walk and chat. We meet in the tennis club car park at 10am and do a circular walk. All are welcome, including well-behaved dogs.

For more information on both these groups contact:

Jeanette Bowers 832503 or
Jeanette.Bowers@hotmail.com

Regular Services at St Peter & St Paul Church

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 9.30am Holy
Communion

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 9.30am
Worship Service

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 8am Said Holy
Communion in the Millennium Room

5th Sunday varies.

Kimpton History Group

Our evening, talks programme in the Green Room will start in October, subject to any Covid-19 rules that are current at the time.

Wednesday 20th October at 8 pm
“The first 1000 years of St. Albans Abbey”
by Ann Banham

Wednesday 17th November at 8 pm
“Faberge and Luton Hoo” by Fiona Lean

Wednesday 15th December at 8 pm
Members Christmas Party

The usual reminder email, giving full details of the meeting and any last minute changes will be sent to members a few days before the event.

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

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up-to-date village news and past
editions of this magazine and
much, much more.

kimptonchurch.co.uk
www.kimptonpc.org.uk

Kimpton Walking Christmas Market

I'm delighted to report that plans are in full swing for this year's Kimpton Christmas Market. It will be held at 2-6pm on Saturday 4th of December, so please put the date in your diary now.

You might recall that last year we had to go virtual, like so many other community events. But for 2021 it will physically be back in the village, albeit with some minor alterations to manage social contact.

The big twist is that this year it will be a walking market. So instead of the usual marquees on The Green, there will be live music, food outlets and pop-up stalls in gardens, driveways and garages, dotted throughout the village. A trail map will be produced to assist you in finding your way around, whilst the Kimpton PTA will be organising a special trail for children, complete with a chance to wave at a not entirely unexpected 'special visitor'.

Meanwhile the Dacre Rooms will play host to the bar, including mulled wine served in a newly designed Kimpton Christmas Market mug.



Greening Kimpton

My thanks to Councillor Ben Purple for leading the launch of the Greening Kimpton campaign on the 25th of September, with a coffee morning at the Dacre Rooms. The campaign now has its own Facebook page (called Greening Kimpton, unsurprisingly enough) and email address - greeningkimpton21@gmail.com, so it has never been easier to find out more about this timely and important initiative. For it to be a success we need a wide cross-section of the community to get involved, so please do what you can to lend it your support.

Kimpton Business Directory

If you have a business that's either based in or services Kimpton, then please remember you can list it in the Kimpton Business Directory. It's a free service offered by the Parish Council to support local businesses and encourage residents to buy locally where they can. Please email clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk to find out more. The current directory is also available to view at Kimptonpc.org.uk



Anyone for (table) tennis?

The long-awaited outdoor table tennis table is now installed on the Parkfield Sports Ground and I'm pleased to see it has been getting good use over the summer. I've even invested in some outdoor table tennis balls, which are slightly heavier and more durable than indoor balls, making them more wind and water resistant. They're by no means an essential purchase but could be a handy Christmas stocking filler if you're looking to play over the winter months! *to page 7*

from page 6 **Allotment holders wanted**

In something of a rarity, we currently have a few vacant plots up at the allotments. They normally get snapped up fast, so please don't leave it too long before contacting clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk if you're interested in taking one.

Dog waste bins

The council recently installed a double capacity dog waste bin in the Parkfield Sports Ground and relocated the old one to the entrance by Hitchin Road. This is to try and keep up with the increased demand, which had resulted in the old bin overflowing. The dog waste bins are emptied regularly but if you find one that's full, please put your bag in any public bin that has space or take your bag home with you. Please don't leave it on the floor, as it's a particularly unacceptable and offensive type of litter.

Ian Corbett



Tackling Rural Crime - a message from our Member of Parliament

For too long, fly-tipping has not been taken seriously enough. I am working hard to stamp out fly-tipping in our community.

Over the past eighteen months, I have been deeply troubled by the alarming rise in rural crimes across our constituency. In particular, the significant increase in reports fly-tipping and littering has been a source of great concern to me. Working with local Councillors and the Police & Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd, I am doing what I can to tackle this issue.

Recently I wrote to the Secretary of State to call for a review of government guidelines in favour of higher fines and community sentences. This is part of a wider campaign I am helping to lead across several English counties, including Hertfordshire, and would act as a deterrent against these selfish acts of fly-tipping. This is a serious crime and sentences should be much tougher.

Stronger sentences are just one way we can tackle fly-tipping. I am also working hard with Ministerial colleagues to ensure that the right resources are in place to support local Councils and the Environment Agency in dealing with fly-tipping and catching perpetrators. In the Environment Bill – which I sat on the Bill Committee for – the Government seeks powers to introduce an electronic waste tracking system, which will help detect when waste doesn't move as expected. There are also new powers to tackle waste crimes, including fly-tipping.

Finally, it is important that we support the victims of fly-tipping. Local farmers and businesses across our constituency should not have to suffer the costs of someone else's anti-social behaviour. I was very pleased to hear that the Police & Crime Commissioner is able to cover the cost to businesses in both urban and rural settings of clearing up fly-tipping on their land.

Bim Afolami
www.bimafolami.co.uk



Can we help you with something?

07745 903539

KimptonCares@gmail.com



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

**Pop-up-Poppies - Saturday 30th October to
Saturday 13th November**

We have once again decided to run our Poppy Appeal fundraising campaign via Pop-up-Poppies and not via a house-to-house collection. The reasons for this are various but primarily with the view to protect our volunteers at this time. Pop-up-Poppies was very successful last year and so to further this potential, (though dependent on the weather), we will be selling poppies twice a day at two sites:

The War Memorial – 11am – 12

The Corner Stores – 3pm – 4

**Coffee Morning at The Dacre Rooms
Friday 29th October: 9.30 am - 12**

To start our Remembrance fortnight, we would love you to join us for a Coffee Morning at The Dacre Rooms – there will be coffee, cakes and a raffle!

Kimpton Poppy Appeal BACS Transfer or Mobile App Payment

Due to the limitations that we operate under at present, we have been provided with Bank Account details so that should you wish to make an account transfer your donation can be directed to the Kimpton Poppy Appeal fund - please specifically detail the Kimpton Poppy Appeal **Reference Code**. Thank you.

Account: RBL Poppy Appeal

Sort Code: 30 - 11 - 75

Account Number: 01937121

Kimpton Poppy Appeal Reference Code: EED09

The volunteers on duty at Pop-up-Poppies will be totally aware that this process is in operation and will happily provide you with your poppy to wear if you could just mention that you have already donated.

As always, if anyone is unable to leave their home for the purchase of a poppy, please feel free to contact me and I will ensure that we reach you.

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Sue Burns, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Kimpton*

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks, a donation received from the Kimpton Garden Club. Now that we are back to the printed magazine, we would welcome donations again from Kimpton clubs and organisations.



1st Kimpton Scouts



I am delighted to inform you that 1st Kimpton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have returned to meeting face to face at Kimpton Memorial Hall on a Thursday evening. The leaders have planned an exciting programme of activities including the World Challenge badge, a visit to the church as well as plenty of crafts and games. 1st Kimpton Scouts came second in the district cannon race when they competed at the Highland Gathering. (pictured left)

I would like to say thank you to all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for continuing with on-line Scouting when we were unable to meet face to face. Parents, if you are missing all the fun of joining in with the zoom activities you are always welcome to come and help at one of our weekly meetings. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out more about the Beaver, Cub and Scout troop please join us for our AGM on Thursday 14th October from 5.30pm at Kimpton Memorial Hall.

I would like to finish by saying thank you to all the Scout leaders and assistant leaders as well as all the committee for their dedication and hard work. For more information on Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and volunteering please contact us via facebook or email secretary@kimptonscouts.org.uk.

Kate James GSL

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

As we enter the early days of Autumn 2021, we are at last, after eighteen months of restrictions, beginning to resume some of the activities we enjoyed, and took for granted, pre pandemic. Although we are warned of a possible rocky road ahead, it is good to make the most of this new normality while we can and at Kimpton WI we are doing just that!

We held our first “welcome back” social evening in July and then, in August, our first meeting with a speaker, which was very well attended. Entitled “Bring My Violin Alive”, our speaker, Lucy Blunden, gave a very interesting talk about the construction of the violin and demonstrated the differences in sound with different acoustics. She also played us some music including, of course, a rendition of “Jerusalem “!

Our September meeting will be a talk by one of our own members, Barbie Edwards, who will tell us all about her “Life in Needlework.”

Our book group has now held several discussion meetings in members’ houses and the handicraft group hopes to meet again soon. At our next Wednesday meeting we will discuss if and when to resume table tennis. As this is an activity which is open to all, we will ensure that non members who used to join us are kept informed of our plans. Hopefully, we will also soon be able to start planning for other activities which we have enjoyed in the past, such as outings and theatre visits. We have already booked our Christmas lunch at the Boot! Keeping our fingers crossed that this year we will not have to cancel.

Now that we are back in business, it would be lovely to welcome new members, or occasional visitors, into our midst. We are a very inclusive group, so do join us at one of our monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday of the month, 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall) See you there! For more information about Kimpton WI please contact our Secretary, Liz Haynes (01438 832500) keithlizhaynes1965@gmail.com

Chris Bichener

Kimpton Horse Show - back with a bang!

We were delighted to finally be able to run a live event on Sunday July 25th, with real life people and horses at the end of July. After having to run the show virtually in 2020, the 77th Kimpton Horse Show was back with a bang!



After what looked like it might be a soggy start, the rain disappeared and the sun made a much appreciated appearance, along with lots of supporters on foot from the village and beyond who seemed just as keen as us to enjoy the show again. The bar was busy, the shopping stands were well supported and of course the equestrian competition and entertainment took centre stage with large numbers of competitors old and new coming out to support our large range of classes.

Huge congratulations to long-standing Kimpton Horse Show competitor Hayley Ward, pictured left, who went home with the prestigious Harding Challenge Cup,



having ridden her horse Celestial Vision to success in various classes throughout the day. One of our younger competitors Grace Rist, pictured left below, rode her pony Sweet Sunstroke to overall second place to take the Wren.

Our spectators loved the show jumping in the main ring, including our Horse and Hound class where equine and dog took centre stage, as well as something a little different with some traditional Spanish dress in our best turned out and concours classes.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our sponsors who continued to support us after what has been a really tough time for business, as well as everyone who supported us on the day and in the lead up to the show.

Until next year..... The KHS Committee

Bench Working Party

We have been back working as normal for some time now and have been getting a few things done, here are notes on some of our activities.

At Parkfield Rec we removed a load of scrubby growth from the bases of the trees on the east side (the Horse Show field side), this was to, primarily, help the cricket team find their balls but it also allows a better view across the fields. The fences needed new posts and rails, which we did over a number of Wednesday mornings. The tennis club picnic bench was in a bit of a state so we rebuilt and painted it. We replaced the dog poo bin in the car park with a larger one, and placed the original smaller one on the fence at the entrance to the approach roadway.

We have cleaned, repaired and repainted the bus stops at Peters Green and the west end of the High Street. We also cleaned the bus stop near the school, inside and out. You may have noticed that we have cleaned up the pavements by removing the grass and soil that collects on the inside of them. This is an ongoing job that is actually the responsibility of Herts CC, but they have not done it for some years. We also removed a large amount of hedge that was overgrowing the post box and Parish Notice Board at the junction of Lawn Avenue and Claggy Road, and installed a bench there too.

The Horse Show was a great success this year and we helped by manning the gate and organizing the parking of horse boxes and spectator's cars. Around the footpath network we have placed many loads of road scrapings at some kissing gates where water gathers. We also have replaced some broken waymark signs.

We took advantage of the low bookings of the Memorial Hall to catch up with maintenance, including cutting the hedges, removing weeds from the car park, tidying the garden, cleaning out gutters and repairing some of the S bends.

Inside we checked that the sound loops (for the hard of hearing) were operational and also that the marquee lining and it's wire suspension were OK, not having been used for 18 months.

In the churchyard we cut the Hitchin Lane hedge, returned some graves and completely refurbished the 'Harding' gate that leads down to the Hitchin Road. And, OF COURSE, we spent a good deal of time cleaning and painting benches around the village.

It has not been all work, we did play as well. The Bright Star gave us all a free pint of beer one lunch time as a thank you for the work we are doing, and we had an evening playing bowls – courtesy of the Bowls Club. This resulted in an afternoon bowls match between the Boot, the Bright Star, the Church, and ourselves. The Boot won and we came second.

Bob Finch



Following 2 years of no May Festival events, we are sincerely hoping that we can get back to "normal" next year. It's early days and no definite plans have yet been made but as it stands at the moment, it looks as though normal service can be resumed for the **56th Kimpton May Festival** to take place over first May Bank Holiday weekend from **Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May 2022**.

However, some of the stalwarts of the organising committee have decided that they've done their bit and that it's time for some new blood to get involved. So if you would like to get involved with keeping this village tradition going, please let me know.

Barbara Kazwini
Chairman

Kimpton May Festival

barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com

Happy New Term from Kimpton Preschool!

What a fun filled and busy start to the New Term. It has been wonderful to see the children again, and great to welcome our new starters. We have been enjoying getting to know each other and building friendships, confidence, and special memories - through messy play with paint and shaving foam, building sandcastles and towers, exploring our wonderful garden, and sailing off on pirate adventures.

We are delighted to have retained the experience and passion of our existing staff (thank you Tilly & Michelle), and Beth is now our fantastic acting Manager too.

Bag2School Thanks!

An enormous, heartfelt thanks to everyone who kindly donated to our Bag2School fundraiser this Summer. Together we raised an amazing £180. This will be spent on new resources to directly benefit our children, helping to enhance and enrich their learning through play. Thank you Kimpton friends, you are the best!

Registrations open

OFSTED Outstanding Kimpton Preschool are taking new starters from Half Term (and again from January), to support parents with children turning 2yrs old.

- Open to all children from 2-4yrs old. Children can start the day after their 2nd Birthday.

We accept 15-30 hours, both funded & self-funded. Advice on funding applications is available.

For more information, please contact us on: 01438 833936 or manager@kimptonpreschool.co.uk

Preschool Committee - call for volunteers

As a community-run Preschool, we depend on our voluntary Committee. We are therefore looking to add new skills and experience to support the Management Committee - a voluntary group made up of past and present parents that manage all the business aspects of Preschool from Recruitment to Fundraising, Marketing and Finance.

We would be so grateful if any Preschool parents or villagers would like to join us, particularly in Admin and Finance - which would be a huge asset for our team. If you are interested in learning more about being part of the Management Committee (and joining a lovely bunch of people), please email Mike Newman at chairman@kimptonpreschool.co.uk

Thanks for reading. Best wishes from the Kimpton Preschool Team & Committee.

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It's Panto Time Again...Oh yes it is!!!

The Kimpton Players proudly present

The pantomime
**Beauty
and the
Beast**

**Coming to a stage near you
December 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2021**

**Look out for posters, and social media, for box office details to
book your seats at the Memorial Hall.**



Would you like to join the Guides?

1st Kimpton Guides meet in Kimpton on a Tuesday evening. Guides are aged between 10 and 14. They learn about themselves. They gain skills and confidence so that they feel they can take risks and achieve wonderful things. Girl Guiding believes in the value of learning by doing and the Five Essentials put this into practice. 1. Working together in small groups. 2. Encouraging self-government and decision making. 3. A balanced and varied programme which is girl-led. 4. Caring for the individual. 5. Sharing a commitment to a common standard. As well as working on activities in the unit, we support events in Kimpton. We also have trips out and about. In past years we have been bowling, camping, cooked our tea in the woods and each December we have a trip to London to see a West End Show. If your daughter would be interested in joining us, please email me on donna.guides@hotmail.co.uk

Donna Bigg



There continue to be issues below affecting personal, vehicle and property safety so do please take time to read them.

Local Crime and Safer Neighbourhood Policing

During the last few months it has continued to be a relatively quiet time but there have been incidents relating to scams, motor vehicle theft, theft of property from motor vehicles and some drug possession.

In terms of locally generated crime if you are a victim of, or a witness to, an incident which you feel is serious enough, do report it immediately to Hitchin Police Station using 101 and ask for a Crime Number.

We remind you that our Hitchin Rural officers are Ward Constable Gary Pugsley and PCSO Heather Burrows who can be contacted via the automated control at County HQ on 01707 354192 or use the e-mail addresses inside the back cover of this magazine.

OWL (Online Watch Link)

We particularly want more of you to join the growing numbers of residents benefitting from the receipt of police crime alerts direct by email or telephone. Hertfordshire OWL membership is currently 162,000 but we want to increase that so please tell your friends and neighbours about it and urge them to join. Joining is simple by contacting www.owl.co.uk, our Ward Coordinators (listed below), or our Watch Liaison Officer Verity Soued on wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk.

It is important that we maintain the records as up to date as possible to maximise the benefit of NHW within the community. We are always looking for Street Coordinators to each cover a small number of houses. They will maintain the details of new households and amendments as well as keeping an eye on any vulnerable people who also may not have access to OWL on the internet.

Scams continue to be a big problem. Typical ones in circulation today are

1. Scammers posing as Police Officers/Staff/ Banking Officials.
2. HMRC monies owing or refunds
3. Dating websites – Romance scams. Exploiting vulnerable, lonely members of our

society

4. Spoof emails asking you to click on links
5. Post office/ courier texts demanding payment for wrong postage. - This is a double scam whereby payment is demanded to redeliver a parcel. Then a few days later the victim is called by a scammer purporting to be from their bank, and they are told they were victim of a scam (which they were), but because this is the truth the victim believes them and then potentially parts with further money via a Push Payment.
6. Virgin Media network and account issues
7. Amazon prime accounts
8. Courier Fraud - when a victim (often elderly or MH concerns) will be contacted and told they need to move their money out of their account as they have been subject to a scam/ investigation. They then arrange to meet with that individual to collect the money they take out of the account. With large unusual payments or requests to take money out of a branch, the Banking Protocol will be enacted by banking staff whom inform the Police of potentially fraudulent activity
9. Recently there have been phone calls from Visa card fraud department reporting cash transfers from your account. The caller then asks you to call them if you have not made the transaction. This is a scam, just end the call immediately

Please report all scams to Action Fraud on the following link: www.actionfraud.police.uk

Keyless Vehicle Theft – protect your vehicle

Always lock your vehicle. If possible, park your car in a locked, alarmed garage. Check regularly for software updates for your car and keep your vicinity key in a signal blocking pouch which stops the signal from your key. Criminals can also employ remote keyless entry jamming equipment; so, ensure your car is locked before leaving it by trying the door handle and checking the indicators flash. On some cars it is possible to switch the key signal to “off” so check the manual or ask your dealer. For additional security you could also fit your car with a steering wheel lock (e.g, Krooklock or Stoplock} and/or an approved tracking device, which will help police recover a stolen vehicle.

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Vehicle and Contents Theft

Countywide there has been a marked increase in these crimes so always lock your car and set the alarm and don't leave any valuables, Satnavs or Dash Cams on display.

There is an outbreak of theft of catalytic converters particularly from Hybrid cars, even in daylight, where the thieves profit from the sale of the precious metal content. Take special precautions such as parking in a garage or close to a wall, fit CCTV to your home, have fixing bolts welded or fit a dealer supplied security cover. It is also possible to etch or forensically mark the converter and use a windscreen sticker to advertise this.

Hertfordshire Constabulary has teamed up with garages around the county to offer free catalytic converter security marking. Security marking can help to deter thieves. Details of the garages taking part in the security marking scheme can be found at <http://www.herts.police.uk/operationfeline/>. The marking takes around two hours

Seasonal Security Reminders

Reminder - should you leave your property unoccupied for any length of time, please secure all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Do not post your holiday dates on social media and only upload your holiday photos on your

return. Make the property look 'lived in' by parking a vehicle on the drive if possible and installing timer operated security lights and do please give a neighbour your contact details. Never leave any keys within sight of an open letter box

Making Kimpton a better place to live

There has been a big increase in fly tipping recently so don't forget that you can report anonymously if you witness any incidents plus dog fouling, unruly behaviour, excessive noise and nuisance neighbours on Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111. Please use 101 for non-emergencies or you can go on line to: <http://www.herts.police.uk/report/report>

Your Ward Coordinators

If you have any questions relating to NHW then please get in touch and we will be pleased to help

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Kimpton Ward Neighbourhood Watch
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18th December – Kimpton Memorial Hall

Music From: **The Dirty Half Hundred**

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Welwyn Garden City Urgent Care Centre

Welwyn Garden City's Urgent Care Centre (UCC) is to **close overnight**, due to very low numbers of patients using its services at night for a number of years. This decline

has been consistent, despite an increasing local population, suggesting that people are using the new alternative sources of help and support now available.

The **new closing time will be 10pm**. Patients already in the UCC being treated, or waiting to be treated, at 10pm would continue to be cared for appropriately. The UCC will re-open at 8am every morning.

The Governing Body of East and North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, which is led by local GPs, made the decision to close the UCC overnight during one of their regular online meetings in public, on Thursday 22 July.

The number of overnight visits to urgent and emergency care services in Welwyn Garden City has been low for several years, dating back to when the area was served by the Accident and Emergency department of the former QEII hospital.

In making their unanimous decision, the Governing Body noted that:

- on average, less than one person per hour visits the UCC between 10pm and 8am
 - the UCC has to be staffed by at least two highly skilled nurses at all times, for safety reasons
 - these staff could be better used to care for more of the area's seriously unwell patients at the area's Emergency Department, at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage
- a wide range of alternative sources of health help and support are available overnight locally to people with an urgent need, including overnight GP appointments and mental health help. These services have been invested in and expanded in recent years.

The proposal to close the Urgent Care Centre overnight was put to the public during an extensive 12 week public engagement campaign in 2019. Residents and stakeholders were invited to discuss the CCG's proposals at numerous drop-in sessions and public meetings across the area, with paper and online questionnaires distributed and promoted widely.

Following this, the Governing Body voted to suspend their decision until spring 2020, to find out whether a campaign to raise awareness of the UCC and other out-of-hours services made a difference to the number of overnight visitors. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic caused the decision to be postponed until July 2020.

The date from which the UCC will close overnight will be agreed with the Trust and publicised widely throughout the local area.

Plans will be put in place to mitigate any risk of members of the public arriving at the UCC overnight seeking treatment for minor injuries and illnesses after the unit is closed.

If you would like further information about the Bridge Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group please email ppgbridgecottage@gmail.com.

Please read our feature on Migraine on the next page

Migraines

A migraine is usually a moderate or severe headache felt as a throbbing pain on 1 side of the head.

Many people also have symptoms such as feeling sick, being sick and increased sensitivity to light or sound.

There are several types of migraine, including:

- migraine with aura – where there are specific warning signs just before the migraine begins, such as seeing flashing lights or cloudy vision for a short time.
- migraine without aura – the most common type, where the migraine happens without the specific warning signs

migraine aura without headache, also known as silent migraine – where an aura or other migraine symptoms are experienced, but a headache does not develop

When to get medical advice

Simple painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen, can be effective for migraine.

Try not to use the maximum dosage of painkillers on a regular or frequent basis as this could make it harder to treat headaches over time.

You should also make an appointment to see a GP if you have frequent migraines (on more than 5 days a month), even if they can be controlled with medicines, as you may benefit from preventative treatment.

You should call 999 for an ambulance immediately if you or someone you're with experiences: [paralysis](#) or weakness in 1 or both arms or 1 side of the face

- slurred or garbled speech
 - a sudden agonising headache resulting in a severe pain unlike anything experienced before
- headache along with a high temperature (fever), stiff neck, mental confusion, seizures, [double vision](#) and a rash

These symptoms may be a sign of a more serious condition, such as a [stroke](#) or [meningitis](#), and should be assessed by a doctor as soon as possible.

Causes of migraines

Some people find migraine attacks are associated with certain triggers, which can include:

- starting their period
- stress
- tiredness
- certain foods or drinks

Treating migraines

There's no cure for migraines, but a number of treatments are available to help reduce the symptoms.

These include:

- painkillers – including over-the-counter medicines like [paracetamol](#) and [ibuprofen](#)
- triptans – medicines that can help reverse the changes in the brain that may cause migraines
- anti-emetics – medicines often used to help relieve people's feeling of sickness (nausea) or being sick during an attack, many people find that sleeping or lying in a darkened room can also help.

It may take several weeks before your migraine symptoms begin to improve. Information taken from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/migraine/>

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“No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face” John Donne 1572—1631

Prayer Corner

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

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



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North Herts Community Volunteer Services

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The Samaritans

If you would like to talk to the Samaritans or find out more about becoming a volunteer, please ring *01582 720666* or freephone *116 123* anytime day or night or email *jo@samaritans.org*

North Herts & District Citizens Advice Bureau

To contact the CAB phone *0344 411 1444* www.northhertscab.org.uk

Kimpton Preschool

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

We are open during term time, Monday to Friday. Our morning sessions run from 8.50am to 11.50am and Lunch Clubs from 11.50am to 1.20pm. We now also offer 30 hours childcare, with afternoon sessions running from 1.20pm to 3.05pm, where there is enough interest. For more details, please contact Shahnaz Vayani, Preschool Manager, on *01438 833936* or email [*communications@kimpton-preschool.co.uk*](mailto:communications@kimpton-preschool.co.uk)

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