



Photo: Andy Wright



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord

This Autumn I might have talked about Harvest or 'Back to school' or Christmas, but now, as I write this, uppermost in all our minds, is the sudden death of The Queen, Her Majesty Elizabeth II. Her passing has shocked and surprised everyone. It will be another one of those sad moments in history when we say to one another, 'Where were you when The Queen died?'

As we travel together as a community through that liminal time between her death and her funeral (as we have all done for our own loved ones), we wonder what her State Funeral will be like. I hope and pray that it will have readily and universally accessible language, prayers and music alongside the pomp and majesty. I hope no-one uses the occasion to score points in a sermon this time. I hope it is relevant and simple and dignified and fitting for so great a Servant Queen. And I think we all want, and have a great need, to be involved in bidding Queen Elizabeth goodbye-- whether it is by going to the lying-in-State, being on the streets, or watching it all on TV—because she has been the grandmother or even great grandmother of this nation.

Did you, like me, think that perhaps she would always be there, go on forever in some eternal, permanent way? It is reckoned that some 75% of citizens of the UK have known no other monarch. So, 2022 will be a year of great change. Isn't it interesting that in the space of a week, there was a new King Charles III, a new Prince and Princess of Wales, a new Prime Minister and other officers of State; all of them with new and greater responsibilities. We can expect both change and continuity in our national life and much loved traditions.

Of course, our 'neck-of-the-woods', here was well known to The Queen. She and the Duke of Edinburgh honeymooned at Luton Hoo long before it was a good wedding venue! Her mother grew up at St Paul's Walden—where her family still live and they often visited and attended church there too.

It is the Queen's steadfast faith in God which has been much remarked upon in the many columns of print since her death. In the post-Christendom, multi-faith society in which we live today, such firm faith is rarely encountered. We can do no better than to remember the qualities and characteristics of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as a role model of Christianity, as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Those qualities and characteristics are indeed the gifts of the Holy Spirit; - patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control. All shone throughout her long life, lived in service to her country and to us, her people. It is right that we should give thanks for her sense of duty, her graciousness, fortitude, wisdom, understanding and piety. God bless the Queen.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Rev'd Linda Williams 15th September 2022

The cover photo was taken when The Queen visited St Albans in 1982 to open the new Chapter House at St Albans Cathedral



Why is there scaffolding around the church?

Every five years the church is subject to an architect's detailed inspection. In a report produced in 2017 work costing around £130,000 was identified. That work was to be undertaken in two phases and readers may well recall the scaffolding that was erected around the main body of the church several years ago when phase 1 was completed. Phase 2 is now scheduled and relates solely to the tower where our architect identified required repairs to, mainly, the masonry surrounds of the windows and the tower parapets.

The safe completion of this work necessitates the erection of scaffolding all around the tower which, in itself, will cost some £20,000. Clearly that is not a cost that we wish to incur too often and hence the committee of the Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust took the view that we should complete *all* required work to the tower, both necessary and cosmetic, including the restoration of the two clock faces. The total cost of that work, which will be borne

by the Restoration Trust, will come to some £80,000. However, once complete, our expectation is that there should be no further need to erect scaffolding around the tower for the foreseeable future. Meanwhile the project is scheduled to be completed in time for Christmas which, following the extensive work undertaken to the main body of the building several years ago, will then mean that our church will be in the best structural condition that it has been for many a year with smart, newly painted and gilded clock faces to boot! The church will remain fully open whilst the work is being done but there will be no access to the west door at the base of the tower opposite Church Lane.

Of course none of this restoration work would be possible without the amazing generosity of many people in Kimpton who have made donations to the Restoration Trust. That is particularly true of those hard working people on the May Festival and Art Show Committees who have staunchly supported us over many years and we take this opportunity to thank them and everyone else (you know who you are!) who have helped us to fund this work. Whilst the prime function of the church is clearly for Christian worship, let's remember that the building is used to host many community events which, amongst other things, have previously included the Art Show, the Folk Festival and various other musical recitals. It is also home to a book/puzzle corner and a food table and, in December, it will provide a venue for some stalls for Kimpton's Christmas market. With all the restoration work that has gone into it, perhaps now is a good time to remind people that the church is a village asset, open and available to all within the community, who might want to stage an event.

Meanwhile our apologies to all those residents in Church Lane and the surrounding neighbourhood who will be temporarily inconvenienced by the work. Hopefully you'll agree that it is all in a worthwhile cause.

Jim Wade, Chair, Kimpton Parish Church Restoration Trust.

From the registers

Christenings

Harrison Douglas Hugh Croft was christened during the Sunday morning service on the 24th July 2022. We welcomed Harrison's Mum and Dad Oliver and Nicola, who live in Luton, but whose family have links to Kimpton.

Remember that you can book a Christening with the Vicar for Sundays during services or at other times by arrangement. Simply get in touch—'cos she likes Christening people. You can be any age and only need two godparents who have been christened for children.

Weddings

25th June was Philippa Kennedy and Charles Gardner-Hills wedding day at Kimpton. Charles and Philippa live in Wandsworth, but Philippa's parents live on the High Street and she grew up in Kimpton.

9th July saw Catherine Baldwin and Christopher Harper get married in St Peter & St Paul's. Catherine is a hospital doctor and Christopher a criminal barrister and they have set up home in Letchworth. I'm sure many of you will know Catherine's parents, Mark and Mary and their care of the lido.

16th July. Christopher Hopkins and Kirsty Bird of Whitwell were another couple whose wedding at Kimpton Church was delayed for two years by Covid-19. In between time, they had added to their family. Kirsty's family were originally from Kimpton and her father recalled good memories of Sunday school in the Parvise Room over the South porch when he was a small child.

23rd July Nicola Dale and Alastair McLeod's wedding took place at St Lawrence's, Ayot St Lawrence. Nicola and Alastair and their family live near Ware and are faithful members of St John's church, High Cross. However, St Lawrence's was very, very special place for Nicola as her grandmother Maisie Harding and her family were staunch, faithful members and grew up in the village. No-where else would do for their wedding. You may remember Frances as the first May Festival May Queen.

30th July saw a glorious day for Roseanne Arikoglu and Rob Johnson's wedding day. There was a tennis theme going on all day and

this was incorporated in the ceremony—much laughter that the Vicar was described as 'the Umpire' and bridesmaids were ball girls. Roseanne and Rob live in central London, but Roseanne grew up at the Mill in Kimpton.

There are NO weddings booked for 2023!!! Why is that? Your Churches are there for you—so for info and to find out how much a church wedding costs, contact the Vicar.

Funerals

Marian Ginn, of Parkfield, passed away after a battle with Alzheimers on 6th June. Her funeral on 1st July was a bright and cheerful celebration of her life organised by her children and husband Dudley. There was standing room only at Harwood Park as Marion was known throughout the village. Memories of her given by her grandchildren Laura, Charlotte, Luke, Tom, Rory, and Jake were wonderful.

Sue Newman, of Old Brewery Place, sadly died after a very long struggle with cancer on 9th June aged 79 years. Her funeral on 28th June was held in Kimpton Church, the church she gave so much dedication and time to as a faithful Christian and as a dedicated bell-ringer. Sue's three children, Joanna, Richard and Michael and eight grandchildren paid tribute to her. Sue was interred to rest with her late husband Ken in Kimpton Churchyard.

Robin Shaun Collier, who lived at Blackmore End passed away on 22nd July 2022. At his funeral in Kimpton Church on the 10th August 2022, a trumpeter played—a reminder of Robin's early life when he played that instrument. His children Shaun and Jo paid tribute to their father, whilst his talented grandchildren Heather, Holly, Jacob and Katie played or sang in his memory.

Phyllis Desborough passed away on 17th August 2022 after a long period of ill health. Phyllis was very well known in the village—amongst many other roles and club memberships, she was Women's Section Royal British Legion leader and latterly a member of Loaves & Fishes lunch club. Phyllis's funeral was held at Harwood Park on 31st August 2022. She was much loved and will be missed as evidenced by the packed, standing room only Crematorium chapel.

Visit the village website kimptonpc.org

The Lord Bishop of St Albans, The Rt Rev'd Dr. Alan Smith visits Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence



The Bishop officiated at a service of Holy Communion at Kimpton and a Worship Service at Ayot St Lawrence. He is pictured at Kimpton with Vicar Linda and meeting members of the congregation over coffee. At Ayot St Lawrence he was greeted by these beautiful flowers. He is pictured with some of the congregation.



Photos: Andy Wright



The Parish says farewell to Myra

**Myra
Goldsborough
has been a
Kimpton resident
for many years
having moved
here with her late
husband Mike.**

She was a faithful member of the church choir, the WI, the Garden Club, The Kimpton Players and other local organisations.

Myra's life in Kimpton was celebrated recently at a tea party where she received flowers and other gifts. She has moved to Suffolk to be near her family. We wish her well.



Телефонуємо всім нашим друзям з України

Бажаєте приєднатися до парафіяльного церковного хору, щоб заспівати знамениту українську «Колядку дзвонів» на службі колядок у неділю, 18 грудня.

О 18.30 у п'ятницю, 9 та 16 грудня, у церкві відбудуться дві репетиції для цього

Дякую. Andy Wright, органіст і хормейстер.

Calling all our friends from Ukraine

Would you like to join the Parish Church choir to sing the famous Ukrainian "Carol of the Bells" at the Christmas carol service on Sunday December 18th ?

There will be two rehearsals in the church for this at 18.30 on Friday December 9th and 16th

Andy Wright, organist and choirmaster.
07831 571309
Kimpton.organist@btinternet.com

Christmas services at Kimpton and Ayot St Lawrence

**Kimpton Church Sunday 11th December
9.30am Christingle and Gift Service-** family friendly and specially for children.

We invite you to help out with the cost of Christmas for those struggling with the cost of living, by bringing along a wrapped gift for a child. Please label it as suitable for a boy or girl and age range.

During the service we'll put the gifts under the Christmas tree. Christingles will be given and lit-and the funds raised will go to the Childrens Society who help children on the streets into shelter and new lives.

**Ayot St Lawrence Church Sunday 18th
December 4pm**

**Kimpton Church Sunday 18th December
6.30pm**

Two traditional Christmas Carol Services with readings about the true story of Christmas. Mulled wine and mince pies served at both services.

**Kimpton Church Saturday 24th December
3pm Childrens Christmas Crib Service**—if you want to be in this popular production, start coming along to BLAST on Sunday mornings at 9.30am in Church House after half term.

11pm Midnight Mass at Kimpton Church with carols.

Christmas Day Kimpton Church 10am Family friendly Holy Communion.

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 Christmas Market

A date for your diary of Saturday 3rd December from 12noon to 4pm for our regular elements of craft stalls offering a variety of handmade gifts, Santa's Grotto with fabulous children's activities, Santa Fun Run for all members of the family and family dogs, live music plus plenty of festive food and drink. And yes, we do have a new Kimpton Christmas Mug design for 2022!!

Residents enjoyed our 'walking' element of the Christmas Market last year and so the stalls will be located in the Parish Church, Santa's Grotto in Church House, Food and Drink plus some outdoor stalls on The Green, Live Music and Stalls at The Boot PH and Santa's Fun Run at the Hoo.

The team is always looking at introducing new elements to the day and for this year there will be festive art and craft workshops for both adults and children in the Dacre Rooms. A small charge will be made to cover costs and a booking system will be in place. Have a go at learning a new skill or make your own craft item.

Get into the festive spirit by joining in at the launch evening in the bar on The Green on Friday 2nd December with live music from Kimpton Village Choir.

All proceeds will be divided between Kimpton Primary School PTA and Kimpton Pre-School.

Plan Ahead

From mid-October you will be able to book the Santa Fun Run and buy a time slot for the craft workshops at our Kimpton Christmas Market SumUp Online Store. Information will be on

www.facebook.com/kimptonchristmasmarket/ or www.kimptonpc.org.uk

Christmas Lights

Festive lighting will be in place in the front garden trees of Kimpton School, in the trees at Coopers Hill, along Church Path, up Church Lane and, new this year, on the path leading to the Parish Church. Lanterns will light the way for children to visit Santa's Grotto in Church House at the Christmas Market. Thanks to Bob Finch and the Bench Working Party for erecting all the lights.

Kimpton Cares

Kimpton Cares continues to provide an informal, easy to access self-service food supply available within the Church. The food table is for use by anyone who is in need so please do visit.

A bin is being organised at Budgens for collection of any non-perishable items that can be used at the Food Table. Our thanks to Sanjay and Anita. Further information is available on:

www.facebook.com/KimptonCares/

Allotments

We are operating a waiting list for our allotments at Hall Lane. If you would like to put your name down, please contact the Parish Clerk

clerk@kimptonpc.org.uk



**KIMPTON
CHRISTMAS
MARKET
2022**

Evening Drinks - Fri 2nd Dec, 6pm
Market Day - Sat 3rd Dec, 12-4pm

Gift Stalls • Santa's Grotto
• Festive Workshops • Santa Fun Run
• Tombola • Live Music
• Festive Food & Drink...and more!

To book your stall, visit www.kimptonpc.org.uk

 @kimptonchristmasmarket



Our District Councillor and Member of Parliament pay tribute Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It is difficult to put into words the sense of loss we feel for our Queen who for seventy years, was a constant in an ever-changing world, providing stability and leadership to our United Kingdom, whilst not only witnessing history but making it. I join our County, Country and Commonwealth in grieving for an extraordinary monarch who represents the true embodiment of Service and Duty.

The Queen's 1957 Christmas Broadcast was an historic event, as it was the first to be televised. It was just one example of how the Queen was determined to re-invent the monarchy for the modern age. One of my favourite quotes from Her Majesty is from that broadcast: *"I cannot lead you into battle, I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else, I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations"*. Even at the age of ninety-six the Queen continued to give us her heart and her devotion carrying out her duties with the same commitment and dedication she gave over seventy years ago, reading State Papers transported in her Red Box, meeting with Ministers and Senior Military Officers, High Commissioners and Ambassadors amongst many other state duties.

The numbers associated with Her Majesty's reign are unrivalled; 4000 Acts of Parliament which she gave Royal Assent to, 15 Prime Ministers from Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher to Liz Truss, 14 US Presidents including Dwight Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan and Barrack Obama, 7 Popes, and travelling over 1,032,513 miles to 117 nations.

Queen Elizabeth II is a true inspiration showing how one serves to lead and history will remember her as the greatest monarch that our United Kingdom has ever seen.

Pro tanto quid retribuamus | For so much, what shall we give back?

Cllr Ralph Muncer

I cannot overstate my deep sadness at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

She embodied something very special that is too rare nowadays; an ethic of service. Service to the Commonwealth. Service to our nation. Service to her own family.

I met her only once, and I can testify to her ability to put you at ease, form a special connection and show leadership through her commitment to serve others. We grieve so deeply because we know she was one of a kind.

Public life at any level is not easy, particularly if it is a life one does not choose. Yet her steadfast dedication to duty remained unmatched anywhere in the world. She loved her people, and every inch of this beautiful United Kingdom.

She was our compass. She was our anchor. She was our constant.

Over the coming days of national mourning, let us remember her life, her unique gifts, her service, and her example. She gave us all she had. We will miss her greatly.

Thank you, Ma'am.

Bim Afolami, MP

**Please sign the Book of
Condolence in the
Parish Church**



The Remembrance Parade and Church Service will be on Sunday 11th November

Please meet in the Memorial Hall car park by 10am if you wish to join the parade.

Our AGM will be on **Monday 14th November at 7.30pm in The Boot**. We would love to see new members- you do not have to have served in the armed service to become a member.

We intend to organise more social events next year, including a trip to the National Arboretum. Please contact me if you are interested.

*Kind Regards, Kim Hills, Chairman
RBL (Kimpton Branch) 07901 605383*

Kimpton Poppy Appeal 2022 : Saturday 29th October – Saturday 12th November

After the last 2 years of running static stalls in the village we have decided to return to our house-to-house collections. We will hopefully have one contactless device to use, which will be shared on rota amongst us; but this is also a reminder to have any cash donations ready, should you wish.

Many of our volunteers will be walking their same routes and look forward to meeting you all again, but we are also seeking new volunteers to cover the following areas:

**Parkfield Crescent
Dacre Crescent & Hampden
A section of The High Street
Blackmore End:
Beechway & Blackmore End
Blackmore Way, Brownfield Way
The Paddocks
Kimpton Road**

If any of these areas is a suitable route for you to collect from over Remembrance fortnight, please do get in touch.

We will be holding a Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning at The Dacre Rooms on Friday 28th October.

*Sue Burns. Poppy Appeal Organiser,
Kimpton*

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Kimpton Advent Calendar 2022

We are looking to pass on this community project to a new working group. It has been a wonderful centrepiece for the village over the last 2 years and is a real opportunity for local artistic talent to shine. We will be able to pass on all planning details including: the layout template, the email proformas, artist instructions and the excel tracker.

The project requires management from mid-October through November and then of course daily attendance at the board outside The Boot from 1st December through to 24th December.

Please let me know if you and your friends might be interested in sharing this truly inspiring art project.

*Sue, Anna, Anna and Roisin.
Sue Burns
burns200@btinternet.com*

Grateful Thanks

The Editor and Production Team would like to acknowledge with thanks, donations received from Kimpton Parish Council, Kimpton Garden Club, & Perry Green Baptist Chapel. Now that we are back to the printed magazine, we would welcome donations again from Kimpton clubs and organizations

Kimpton History Group 2022

Wednesday 12th October (please note, not our normal meeting date)

Visit to St Albans Cathedral

The last of our evening visits for this year. Ann Banham will be our guide and will pay particular attention to new treasures, including the amazing wall paintings, which have been brought to life by modern technology. We will leave Kimpton, sharing lifts, for a prompt 7pm start at St Albans Cathedral. There will be a £5 entry fee. Full details in the reminder email to members.

Wednesday 16th November at 8 pm in the Green Room
1950s/1960s Evening

Juliet Morton will talk on the social background of the era and then snippets taken from the Outlook Magazines (including our village magazine) of that period, will be presented by committee members.

Wednesday 21st December at 8 pm in the Green Room
Members Christmas Party

A lively evening of entertainment. Members will be asked to bring a plate of finger food and make a donation towards the drinks. Full details in the reminder email to members.

Visitors or guests are welcome to attend any of our talks for a small charge of £3, which includes tea/coffee. For more information about the Group, please contact Juliet Morton 01438 832427.

Big Changes to the Magazine Distribution Team

For the last 6 years Charlie and Matt Henderson with their children Naomi and Olivia have been responsible for organizing and distributing the Parish Magazine to the army of volunteers, who actually deliver it to your doorstep. Sadly for us, the family are moving to a village near Baldock and Ellie Smith has kindly agreed to take on the role.

This just to say a big thank-you to Charlie and Matt for doing this important task so cheerfully and efficiently over the years and to wish the family well in their new abode.



As the hot, dry summer of 2022 gradually turns to autumn, we are now all trying to come to terms with the death of our Queen of 70 years and the beginning of a new era with the reign of King Charles 111. Truly, a time of change.

A time of change too, perhaps, for Kimpton WI. Our first meeting of the autumn programme will start with an Extraordinary General meeting to discuss a possible change of monthly meeting time. A number of our members have expressed a preference for daytime meetings, especially with the approach of dark winter evenings. Whatever is decided, our times will remain the same until January.

As the committee continues to discuss and book speakers and activities for the year ahead, we already have plans for an outing to the matinee show of "Made in Dagenham " on October 8th at the Eric Morecambe Centre in Harpenden and for our annual Christmas lunch at the Boot in December.

Our Friday afternoon table tennis sessions are due to start again on 23rd September. These are open to both members and non members and we look forward to welcoming our regular non members again and any others who may enjoy a weekly hour and a half of fun and gentle exercise in the Memorial Hall, 2.00 - 3.30 pm.

Handicraft and book groups continue to hold their monthly meetings.

In late June we were very sad to learn of the death of Sue Newman. Sue had been ill for about 2 years, but prior to her illness had been our President for several years. She was a very active member of WI and will be greatly missed.

If you would like to find out more about the activities of Kimpton WI do come along as a visitor (no charge!) to one of our meetings - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7.30 p.m in the Memorial Hall lounge, or contact our Secretary, Liz Haynes (832500) We are keen to recruit new members and you will receive a warm welcome and make new friends.

Chris Bichener

Throughout seven decades HM The Queen encouraged Scouts to do their best and do their duty to help other people. With her own shining example of selfless service, she was someone we could all aspire to.



She also encouraged Scouts to gain skills to succeed in life. The Queen's Scout Award was the pinnacle of a young person's achievement here in the UK, helping our young people discover new talents and find their vocation.

Only this summer, Scouts helped celebrate her long and eventful reign. They played a full part in her Platinum Jubilee celebrations, lighting 100 beacons across the country and taking part in community activities.

HM The Queen leaves a bright legacy of hope and promise for future generations and together, we will honour her memory. She gave so much. Her unfaltering

service and extraordinary sense of duty was an example to all our young people and volunteers.



We will remember her for her kindness and for the encouragement she gave to our Scouts over many decades. She was truly a friend to Scouts everywhere. We promise to honour her memory and carry forward her legacy into the future.

1st Kimpton Scouts are delighted to be awarded The Hertfordshire Scouts Centenary Trophy, for being the best group in the district. I would like to thank all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as well as the adult volunteers for their hard

work over the past year. We have plenty to look forward to this term with camps, crafts, Remembrance parade, and lots of games. Please email secretary@kimptonscouts.org.uk for more information.



By the time this edition of the Parish Magazine is delivered the AGM of the Kimpton May Festival Trust and kick-off meeting for the 2023 May Festival will have taken place on Thursday 29th September. At that meeting we hopefully will have agreed the donations from this year's event and details will be published in the next edition.

If you missed the meeting and would like to be involved in the planning for next year's festival or wish to volunteer to help with any of the events, please get in touch.

The theme for the 2023 May Festival, which will run from **Friday 28th April to Monday 1st May**, is to be **"Rock, Pop & Superstars"** so plenty of time to think about what you could do!

Barbara Kazwini barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com

The Autumn Show **BURSTS** back to life!



You may recall in the Summer Edition that we were quietly germinating and planning a relaunch of the Autumn Show - our small committee certainly delivered!

Kimpton you are incredible !

Thank you for getting behind the revised Autumn Show 2022 .

At 2pm we saw the Memorial Hall burst into life, welcoming familiar faces back together for a fantastic afternoon.

Tables were laden with all kinds of makes, bakes, artwork, jams and preserves, stalls, games and raffles, cakes, music and prizes.

If anyone didn't enter this year- we hope you were inspired to join in next year.

Thank you to an amazing team of people - the committee, judges, stewards, stallholders, bench working party, and memorial hall and countless other people who chipped in and offered a hand- who made this happen, your time and dedication was priceless.

If you would like to get involved- we would love to hear from you. Drop us a message on the Autumn Show Facebook page or watch out for our meetings (which will be advertised on the village groups).

Until next year - have fun, keep safe.

Wendy Harry



Some snapshots of the Autumn Show



Autumn Show photography by Wendy Harry and Wendy Hyamns



Kimpton takes to the Aegean!

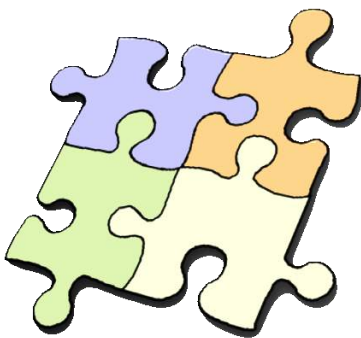
The Kimpton Yacht Club – arguably the furthest yacht club from the sea! – took the waters this year when 24 of our number set sail from Kos in four yachts to fly the flag in Greek waters. A week of lovely weather (including a Force 8 gale!), sunshine, good food and excellent company saw us returning to Kimpton bronzed and content.

A weekend on the Solent – delightful though it was – seemed pale in comparison. As a result, we are off again next year. This time the cruising area will be Croatia!

Andy Morton



JIGSAW SWAP



Both the adult and children's jigsaw swaps have been well used over the summer (it's usually quieter than the rest of the year) but, with autumn approaching and winter not far behind, I would welcome donations of children's jigsaws please as stocks are very low.

Perhaps you have some children's puzzles to return and would also be happy to donate good quality and complete jigsaws too? I think stocks are running low because unfortunately when the boxes are not sealed on return, I am having to dispose of them because pieces are falling into the bottom of the storage boxes, and I am unable to match them up. Please put pieces in a sealed plastic bag before returning the jigsaws in their sealed boxes. This applies to all jigsaws.

No children's toys please, there simply isn't enough room plus I have the responsibility of re-homing/disposing of them.

Many thanks. Margaret Smith 01438 832749

Kimpton Cricket Club



By the time you read this the cricket season will have drawn to a close. As the autumnal shadows lengthen, the leaves turn brown and the evenings begin to draw in we can look back with pride on a fantastic year for KCC. The last few seasons have seen the execution of an ongoing development plan which has incorporated the renovation of the square, the addition of an artificial strip, the purchase of a batting cage and a newly refurbished mower, the provision of ECB-sponsored junior cricket coaching programmes for 5-11 yr olds and the addition of Saturday league cricket alongside the historic Sunday friendly fixtures.

Thanks are due to many at the club who have supported this effort both on and off the field but we would like also to acknowledge the financial assistance provided by both the Parish Council and by North Herts District Council with ground renovation work and equipment purchases respectively. Thanks also to Craig and Treena and all at The Boot for ensuring the troops remained adequately hydrated post their exertions on the pitch.

The 2022 season has proved to be one of our most successful ever. With just one more match left to play we have registered 15 wins from our 19 starts, including eight of our nine league fixtures, thereby securing the title of Herts Saracens League Division 12 (North) winners and a promotion up to the dizzy heights of Division 10 (North) for the 2023 season. We have had 40 different players take the field for Kimpton this season and between them they scored 3,269 runs including four centuries, one of which we believe constitutes a new club record of 181 for Cam Barford, and thirty-nine half centuries. For the stats nerds among you please head over to our website (<https://kimptoncc.hitscricket.com/default.aspx>) and request a login to see the season's scorecards.

Whilst we enjoy winning we remain keen to uphold the traditions of English village cricket and, whether fielding a team of 9 or 13, we like to ensure the focus is on camaraderie and enjoyment...unless the match is against Whitwell, when we just have to win... So whether you've recently retired from the county circuit or haven't picked up a bat since school please come and get involved. Indoor winter nets start in January.

*Cheers,
Simon Thompson*



It's Panto time again!!!

*Well, you all know the response to that!
But it is, honestly!!*

*The Kimpton Players proudly present
"The Wizard of Oz" with all the usual
pantomime knockabout frolics and fun.*

*Performances, in the Memorial Hall,
are on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of December
with a matinée on Saturday December
3rd.*

*Posters will soon appear in the village
with times and box office details.*

The Bowls Club

2022 has been the club's 75th Anniversary and it has been excellent because of the weather and our many new members.

Below is a list of all our Competition Winners and Runners Up for the Season.

	Winners	Runners Up
Roving Jack	Gina Madden	Pat Flury
Drawn Pairs	Mick New	Alan Brown
	Grahame Durrant	Dane Truscott
Triples	Sharon New	Dave Desborough
	Mick New	Andy Fitzjohn
	Pat Flury	Bob Porter
Three Woods	Grahame Durrant	Dane Truscott
Two Woods	Grahame Durrant	Shirley Truscott
Women's Singles	Pat Flury	Hal Boshier
Men's Singles	Grahame Durrant	John Michelin
Handicap	Grahame Durrant	Dane Truscott
Veterans	Jane Robinson	Hal Boshier
Novices	Dane Truscott	Nigel Williams
Yardstick	Dane Truscott	Janet Booth
Fixed Jack	Janet Booth	Mick Saunders
Spoon Drive	Nigel Williams	Ray Banham
Member of the Year		Warren Phillips

Our season has now finished outside until next April but there will be Carpet Bowls on a Tuesday morning again commencing October 12th in the Memorial Hall.

Preschool news

We have had a great start to the new term with children returning, and some new little ones too. The children have been learning about colours, playing music together, making paper mache volcanoes, water play in the garden, and meeting new little friends.

SUMMER DIY PROJECT

We also have a newly spruced up Kimpton Preschool and garden, thanks to the kind and generous community help from the Kimpton Bench Working Party, and The Bright Star pub.



Bob and the 'Bench Boys' made several improvements over the Summer holidays - including strengthening the Pirate Ship, fixing and painting the shed, making a new sandpit lid, bathroom area work, clearing the garden, and more.

The Bright Star team also did a great job indoors - painting and brightening up the walls and notice board areas.

Thank you so much to everyone involved - we are so grateful for your time, hard work, expertise and kindness to help us out. It has brought a new lease of life to the Preschool, and the children absolutely love it. What an amazing village and community we have. Huge thanks.

So, if you are looking for a sparkly new Preschool for your children/Grandchildren, let us know and we can give you a tour...

JOIN US

We currently have places available for 2-4yr olds, please get in touch to find out more:

manager@kimptonpreschool.co.uk or 01438 833936

We accept 15-30 hrs, funded and self-funded.

Immediate start available.

FUNDRAISING FUN

Our latest Preschool fundraising ventures include - a Preschool tombola at the Kimpton Autumn Show, and a stall at Kimpton Folk Festival. Thank you for your village support, the proceeds will go towards our 'wish list' new climbing frame for the children. We will continue to keep raising much-needed funds for our volunteer-led, community Preschool. All support is really appreciated.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

We are delighted to welcome two new Committee members to the team. Great to have you on board Anna and Florrie, and thank you. As a volunteer-run village Preschool, we are always looking for



more people to join our friendly team - so please get in touch for more information:

chairman@kimptonpreschool.co.uk

Best wishes from the Preschool team, Committee, and the children.

Visit kimptonpreschool.co.uk Follow us on twitter @KimptonPre_Sch

A letter from Australia

Six months ago long time Kimpton resident, Diana Rainback, moved to Sydney.

My first 6 months in Sydney have been emotional and exciting in equal measure but it's wonderful to be near my family. They made me so welcome in their lovely home and sorted out any problems (and there were a few!) and it's lovely to be looked after again. Simon is an IT Project Manager and Jo is a palliative nurse practitioner, Charlie (18) end year 12 and Archie (17) year 11 so it's been good to be able to help them too. The boys play hockey at a high level so training most nights with matches at w/ends often at Sydney Olympic Park or further afield and I've often been able to transport them.



I stayed with them for a while before moving into my own spacious apartment in a great location just 8 mins away. It's perfect for me and thankfully my shipment arrived safely so it's become my cosy home again. I have a large terrace overlooking Sydney North Harbour and across the road a beautiful coastal path to Manly Beach. The gardens around here are full of beautiful flowering camellias, gardenias, azaleas, tree ferns, agapanthus and orchids and the sound of kookaburras, mynah birds, cockatoos and magpies is strange and deafening in the mornings.



The bus to huge local shopping malls and to ferries across the harbour to the City stops just outside. I am getting used to driving on the fast busy roads but still have no idea of direction and find myself in the wrong area usually with a big 'ute' on my tail and unable to turn around!

I go to St Matthew's Anglican Church in Manly quite different with no robes, candles or choir but the traditional hymns led by a baritone, alto and soprano and a wonderful organist (a Qantas pilot!). Everyone has made me very welcome and I've been included in several interesting social events.



I've made an effort to get involved in the community so joined Country Women of Australia which raises funds to support women and children in rural areas. They make wonderful craft items to sell, which is not my thing but I have helped out on their charity stalls and with refreshments. I've also joined Probus, a mixed club with interesting meetings and lively social activities. I'm making lots of new friends at weekly coffee mornings and it's amazing the number of people I've met from Hertfordshire.

I shop in Woolworths (Waitrose) and Coles (Sainsburys) supermarkets which are huge, so shopping takes ages checking unfamiliar products to replace my usual ones but some British products are also available. The enormous variety of Australian grown fruit and vegetables is incredible with produce always fresh and in season and not too expensive.

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There are lots of lovely coffee shops and cafes serving food all day in Manly. People are up early swimming or surfing followed by breakfast of smashed avocado on sourdough topped with egg. We always eat together as a family on a Sunday after a dog walk and it's been fun meeting their friends and eating in some of the wonderful local restaurants. I'm excited to make some holiday trips now that summer's coming.

I'm thankful to say that I've kept clear, so far, of Covid and flu, and avoided being bitten, poisoned or stung by the spiders, snakes, sharks and other nasties that scare me. It's just as well, as whilst the medical services are excellent, nothing is free but I can see a doctor face to face at short notice!

I've had low times, especially missing Kimpton Church and village events, but I know this is right and I'm praying for a long and happy future with my family in Australia. (pictured left).

*With love and thanks to all my Kimpton friends
Diana dianarainback@aol.com*



James Marshall Foundation 300th Anniversary

Charity celebrates outstanding landmark of 300 years supporting local young people in education and career development opportunities.

Last month in St Helen's Church, Wheathampstead, the local community came together to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the James Marshall Foundation (JMF), with a charity concert bringing together past and present supporters of the charity, and local community leaders including Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire and Clare Robbins OBE, Executive headteacher at Sir John Lawes. Six local schools performed concert pieces, recitals and did readings to highlight the impact the charity has made on many local residents. At the end of the concert James Marshall's legacy was toasted by all and a cake was cut by the Lord-Lieutenant. JMF was originally created to support young people in Harpenden and Wheathampstead in financial need to achieve long term employment. Now, 300 years on, around 500 grants are awarded every year enabling people aged under 25 years to access education and career development opportunities. In late 2021 the charity expanded its catchment area to include Kimpton, Redbourn, Markyate and Flamstead.

Can James Marshall Foundation help you? The journey through education and into work can be an expensive time. If you need financial support for education or career development opportunities we may be able to help. – Equipment and travel for work/apprenticeships – Further education courses – Apprenticeships/College/University costs – Extra-Curricular activities: sport, music, creative arts – Scouts/Guides and DofE – Laptops and printers – Residential school trips – School uniform We are always delighted to hear back from our beneficiaries and recently received the following feedback "It's lightened the load massively and you'll never know how much the grants mean to us". The application form can be found on JMF's website:

www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk

Osteoporosis



Osteoporosis is where your bones lose strength, making you more likely to break a bone than the average adult.

Losing bone strength is a normal part of ageing, but some people lose bone faster than others.

Women can lose bone strength more rapidly in the first few years after the menopause, making women more at risk of osteoporosis than men, particularly if the menopause begins early (before the age of 45) or they've had their ovaries removed.

However, osteoporosis can also affect men, younger women and children.

Other factors can also contribute to the risk of developing osteoporosis, including:

- taking high-dose steroid tablets for more than 3 months
- other medical conditions – such as inflammatory conditions, hormone-related conditions, or malabsorption problems
- a family history of osteoporosis
- long-term use of certain medicines that can affect bone strength or hormone levels, such as anti-oestrogen tablets that many women take after breast cancer
- having or having had an eating disorder such as anorexia or bulimia
- having a low body mass index (BMI)
- not exercising regularly and heavy drinking and smoking

To help minimise the risk of developing osteoporosis, you can take steps to help keep your bones as healthy as possible. This may include:

- taking regular exercise
- healthy eating – including foods rich in calcium and vitamin D
- consider taking a daily supplement containing 10 micrograms of vitamin D – please discuss this with your pharmacist first
- making lifestyle changes – such as giving up smoking and reducing your alcohol consumption

If you are worried about osteoporosis or any of the risk factors mentioned above, please seek advice from a medical professional.

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



Can we help you with something?

07745 903539

KimptonCares@gmail.com



Hertfordshire OWL membership is currently 162,000 which includes Kimpton with 400 (46% of village households) but we want to improve on that. Please tell your friends and neighbours about it and urge them to join. Joining is simple by visiting www.owl.co.uk, contacting your Ward Coordinators (details below), or our Watch Liaison Officer Verity Soued on wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk.

We would urge you, if not yet registered on OWL, to do so. The more of us that are aware of the system, the email updates it issues and the additional useful information that is available on the OWL system the better for us all.

Have you changed your email address? If so, until it is updated on the system, you will no longer receive the emails. This is something you can do yourself or feel free to contact the Ward Coordinators below.

Here is a sample of recent emails :

01 Sep 22	Advice about fliers offering to buy and sell gold, jewellery and other valuables
27 Aug 22	Fire at a garage block off Wren Close
22 Aug 22	Theft from 3 unlocked motor vehicles in Canham Close and the High Street
04 Aug 22	Sheds broken into and garden tools stolen

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

Also, don't forget that you can report anonymously if you witness any incidents of fly-tipping, 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 online to: 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 Coordinators

To see this magazine in full *colour* visit these websites

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kimptonpc.org.uk



The Bench Boys hard at work in the churchyard photographed by Andy Morton.

The Church in Kimpton

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North Herts Community Volunteer Services

Can provide transport to hospitals. For details ring 01462 689400

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 OFSTED 'Good' Preschool and friendly team are based at Linden Lodge (on the grounds of Kimpton Primary School), offering sessional care for 2-4yr olds.

We are open Monday-Friday (term time), with morning/lunch club/afternoon sessions available.

We accept 15-30 hrs, funded and self-funded.

For more information, please contact the team on manager@kimptonpreschool.co.uk or 01438 833936. www.kimptonpreschool.co.uk

The Dacre Rooms

To book The Dacre Rooms please email our bookings secretary Wendy Dollin bookings@dacrerooms.info

Kimpton Memorial Hall

For bookings contact Mrs Barbara Kazwini. 6 The Wick, Kimpton. 01438 832620 barbara.kazwini@btinternet.com

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