

**Kimble Bell Ringers
St. Nicholas' Church**

If anyone is interested in taking up bell ringing and joining the Kimble Bell Ringing group, contact john@boxx.org.uk for more information.

Cllr. Clive Harriss

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**Pilates
at
The Stewart Hall
Little Kimble**

There is a class on Tuesdays at 10.30 am and on Wednesdays at 5 pm. All levels are welcome. Contact Kay 07962.172906 for further information

Whist Drives

All welcome to these friendly evenings, 7.30pm February 3rd & 17th March 3rd, 17th & 31st in The Stewart Hall Little Kimble
Mary Tate 01296 612481

Sensory Garden

There will be a Sensory Garden within the Cala Homes site by The Swan. We are looking for volunteers to get involved with the planting and maintenance – contact Delia or Harvey if interested? dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk

**THE SWAN
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FREE HOUSE**
(as featured in the CAMRA good beer guide 2023)
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Check out the Christmas Festivities at The Swan

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Booking Secretary 07527 595813
kimblestewarthall@gmail.com

The Management Committee would welcome new members to help with the management of this important and long-standing parish facility

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Princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

**GWEN'S CHARITY
PLANT STALL**
At the end of 2024, I am pleased to say, that I had raised a whopping £3200 on my Charity plant stall. I had a bumper year on Christmas wreaths, netting over £400. All monies have been banked, and cheques sent to Cancer Research and Florence Nightingale Hospice.

As always, many thanks to all who bought from me, and indeed, all who donated plants, preserves, apples, etc, not forgetting, all the friends whose gardens I raided, for foliage for my Christmas wreaths. Without all of you, none of this would have been possible.

By the time you read this, I hope to be back, with a good selection of spring plants, and hope that I can count on your continued support. Many thanks again.

Gwen Nicosia

Your Parish Newsletter relies on volunteers delivering to all homes in the Parish. If you have some spare time to help deliver the newsletter do let the editor know. The Newsletter is produced & delivered by volunteers. Advertising, along with the welcome donations, helps defray costs. Editor: Sue Howgate, 07974 690180 Copy deadline 20th of each month h.howgate167@btinternet.com

**GREAT AND LITTLE
KIMBLE cum MARSH
NEWSLETTER
No 560
February 25**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
GREAT KIMBLE
Deputy Churchwarden**
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**St Nicholas' Church
Great Kimble**

2nd February
10am
Parish communion
*
9th February
10am
Morning Worship
*
16th February
10am Morning Worship
*
23rd February
10am
informal communion

Pastoral Care It is the aim and the privilege of the Pastoral Team to visit sick, bereaved, lonely or house-bound members of the community. We are also happy to assist with transport for those who are in need of it. Do get in touch if you know of anyone who would value a visit and the support of the team, it is often the only way we get to hear of their needs. For further information contact: **Julia Northway 01844 342112**

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
9AM**
Wednesdays
St Nicholas' Church
Enjoy coffee and a short Act of Worship
All are welcome.

**VILLAGE
COFFEE MORNING**
at
The Swan, Great Kimble takes place on the First Friday of each month from 10.30am
See you on 7th February

St Nic's Kids
(currently alternate months)
Save the dates and join us at this fun family service.
We are looking at cool things animals show us

March 16th
May 18th
July 20th
All Welcome
Saint.nics.kids@gmail.com

Connect.....
The Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh WhatsApp group provides a place to share local news, talk to and look out for each other and contact neighbours for support. Delia and Harvey moderate the chat if needed but are not in charge, just aiming to provide a useful facility for the community. If you would like to join in please contact Delia - dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk or Harvey - halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk with your number. We look forward to welcoming you.

Please note there are no services at All Saints' Church until June 25. The Church is open for visitors

Why not come along to one or more of the activities in our community – there is quite a lot going on and it could be fun

Winter Soup Café
Kimble Free Church
(The Church By the Bridge)
Wednesdays
12 – 2pm
Do come along to the soup café for warming home-made soup

Chiltern Ladies

Would like to welcome new members to a Ladies Club held in the Stewart Hall Little Kimble HP17 0XN Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 2pm. We are a group of ladies who enjoy meeting once a month. We have speakers on a variety of subjects and have outings to places of interest, some by our own transport and some by coach. We also enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit (or cake) Please come and see if you would like to join us.

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Players –**

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Mondays 1.30pm for an hour. In The Stewart Hall
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 place in English History**
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 area, including Chequers, then
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 researched and written by local
 historian, Roger Howgate. In
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 illustrations the book tells the
 history of England from the
 viewpoint of our rural parish.
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 Pub, Cymbeline – Princes
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 from the sale of the book are
 shared among village
 charities**)

Kimble & Ellesborough
 Horticultural Society
**We are a very active,
 friendly and informal
 society and welcome
 new members and
 visitors.**
**There are 10 meetings a
 year with expert
 speakers on a wide range
 of horticultural subjects.**
**Our very popular Plant
 Sale in May enables us to
 fund excellent speakers**

**on specialist and topical
 subjects. Our talks are
 followed by refreshments and
 a raffle. You can find
 information about our events
 on our website.**

**We have a Spring Show and an
 Autumn Show with a wide
 range of classes with
 something for all members of
 the family whether adults or
 children, beginners or experts.**
**We also arrange group visits
 to local gardens and places of
 interest.**

**Please contact Brian Butler,
 Chairman, at**
butler@care4free.net **or Liz**
O'Donnell, Membership
Secretary, at
kehs.bucks@outlook.com **for**
**more information or visit our
 website www.kehs.uk**

Monthly meetings are held at the
 Stewart Hall starting at 8pm. If you are
 not a member but would be interested
 in coming to any meetings do contact
 Brian Butler (Chairman)
butler@care4free.net or call him on
 01844 342220.

For our meeting on **4th February**
 Andrew Mikolajski, writer,
 speaker and RHS judge, returns
 to talk to us about hostas and
 advises on how to choose
 amongst the many fabulous
 varieties. He will also cover the
 history of hostas in gardens, how
 to grow them (including slug
 control), propagation and
 growing in containers

**On Tuesday 4th March we have
 our AGM at 7 15 pm
 and then at 8pm our talk is**
Colour in a Small Garden.
 Timothy Walker, former Director
 at Oxford University Botanic
 Gardens and now lecturer in
 Plant Sciences at Somerville
 College, Oxford, is always a very
 informative and entertaining
 speaker. This comprehensively

updated talk was inspired by
 the Botanic Garden's Gold
 Medal winning exhibit at the
 Chelsea Flower Show. It
 explains some of the theory
 employed by artists and
 gardeners to achieve a variety
 of effects. The theory is
 supported by examples of
 specific colour combinations
 from his wife's garden of 1/5
 acre and their new much
 smaller garden

**Great and Little
 Kimble cum Marsh
 PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council meets in the
 committee room of the Stewart
 Hall on the second Wednesday
 each month at 7.30pm, except
 May, when start time is 7pm.
The Parish Council are always
 willing to consider community
 projects and welcome any ideas
 from parish residents.

to contact the Parish Council
clerk@kimblecouncil.org

**The Swan Charity
 Quiz League
 at
 The Swan
 Great Kimble
 Every First
 Wednesday of the
 month
 7pm – 10pm
 Teams of 6
 £5 per team member
 (half time nibbles)**

**YARN WANTED BY
 KIMBLE KNITTERS .**

If anyone has any unwanted wool,
 we would love to receive it. We
 knit for several local charities,
 mainly Scannappeal. Any amount
 is acceptable, from oddments to
 larger amounts. We will use it all.
 Please telephone Gwen on 07801
 562535. We can collect.
 Thanks in advance.

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**The little piece of
 history.....**

The Railway in Kimble
 This year marks the 200th
 anniversary of the Stockton
 and Darlington Railway,
 which most people outside
 South Wales would
 consider to be the world's
 first modern passenger
 carrying railway, so there
 will be a number of events
 celebrating the history of
 railways. I previously
 wrote an article about the
 railway in Kimble but here
 are a few notable points

- The railway was first
 built on broad gauge
 and was the first line
 to be converted from
 broad to standard
 gauge. That is why
 the track bed is so
 wide.
- Parts of the old track
 were used in fencing
 and gateways
- The present
 Aylesbury station was

- originally built for this
 line and was enlarged
 when the Metropolitan
 Railway extended to
 Aylesbury and beyond.
- The first flushing toilets
 in the village were in
 the Ladies waiting
 room at the station.
- Prime Minister Stanley
 Baldwin used the
 station and was given
 advice on the
 Abdication Crisis by the
 station master.
- Prime Minister Harold
 Wilson, whose father
 worked on the railways,
 supported the
 continued existence of
 the line when closure
 was proposed.
- The line probably
 stayed open because
 trains carrying rubbish
 from West Ruislip,
 Southampton and
 Avonmouth used it to
 access the landfill site
 at Calvert brickworks.
- U.S. President Clinton
 came to visit Chequers
 in the Royal Train to
 Little Kimble.
- During the foot and
 mouth epidemic burnt
 carcasses were
 transferred to Calvert
 along the line.
- A mysterious and
 unrecorded tanker train
 used to use the line at
 night sometimes.
- For years the line
 operated as one
 section but was then
 modified to operate as
 two sections with
 signals by the station.

Roger Howgate

**Just Worship
 at
 Kimble Free Church
 Grove Lane
 First Friday of the month
 6pm - 7pm
 An hour of worship songs – the
 perfect way to enter the weekend
 burden free and refreshed.**

**Craft Café:
 Every Second Wednesday
 of the month
 at
 Kimble Free Church
 10am -12noon**

We come together from the
 Community and Church for Craft
 Café in the Church Hall. You can
 bring your own craft, or not, and
 enjoy spending time together
 for a cuppa and chat.
 Do come along

**Good News Café
 (formerly TFU)
 Every Third Wednesday
 of the month at 10.30
 At Little Kimble free Church**
 we have a representative of a
 charity or organisation speak on
 their specialist subject.
 This always gives us fascinating
 insights into areas of life that
 otherwise might be 'under the
 radar'. Please come along, you
 will not be disappointed –
 and the refreshments are
 always delicious!

**Do check out the
 Parish Council Web Site**
<https://kimblecouncil.org.uk>

to contact the Parish Council
clerk@kimblecouncil.org