

**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](mailto:john@boxx.org.uk) for more information.

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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  
May 12<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>  
in The Stewart Hall  
Little Kimble  
**Mary Tate 01296 612481**

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

**THE SWAN  
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**The Stewart Hall  
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bookings or one-off events: ample  
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Room, Stage, Kitchen  
Booking Secretary  
07527 595813  
[kimblestewarthall@gmail.com](mailto:kimblestewarthall@gmail.com)**

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

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Princes Risborough & Hughenden  
Neighbourhood Police Team  
[Princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn  
.police.uk](mailto:Princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

**YARN WANTED BY  
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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.

**GWEN'S CHARITY  
PLANT STALL**

If you haven't already visited  
my stall, which is situated  
outside my home, at Haylands,  
Kimblewick road, come and see  
what I have to offer. I have  
currently got a good selection  
of spring flowering plants, and  
many coming on well for the  
summer.

As always, every penny goes to  
Cancer Research and Florence  
Nightingale Hospice. So come  
and grab some bargains, and  
help these two wonderful  
charities at the same time.  
Many thanks in advance

*Gwen Nicosia*

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**Mondays 1.30pm for an hour.**

**In The Stewart Hall**

To arrange a free trial  
or a visit to us, Email

[seniorstrings@hotmail.com](mailto:seniorstrings@hotmail.com)

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**GREAT AND LITTLE  
KIMBLE cum MARSH  
NEWSLETTER  
No 563  
May 25**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH  
GREAT KIMBLE  
Deputy Churchwarden**

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**St Nicholas' Church  
Great Kimble**

**4<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am  
Parish communion

**11<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am  
Morning Worship

**18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**St Nic's Kids**  
**Doors open 9.15**  
**for refreshments and**  
**activities followed by a short**  
**and engaging service**

**25<sup>th</sup> May**  
10am  
Informal Communion

**Annual Parochial Parish  
Meeting  
will be held in  
St Nicholas' Church  
11am on 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**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  
May 18<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>  
All Welcome  
[saint.nics.kids@gmail.com](mailto:saint.nics.kids@gmail.com)

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP  
9AM**

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

**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 07979520045**

**VILLAGE  
COFFEE MORNING**

at  
**The Swan, Great Kimble**  
**takes place on the**  
**First Friday of each month**  
**from 10.30am**  
**See you on**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**The future at St Nicholas'  
An update.....**

As you will know our incumbent,  
Reverend Janet Wales, retired in  
April 24. We are now in what is  
termed an interregnum and so the  
process is in train for the  
appointment of a new minister for  
our Benefice.

We are enjoying a variety of local  
ministers leading our services but  
look forward to the stability an  
incumbent will provide.

We are continuing to be part of  
the Kimble, Ellesborough and  
Stoke Mandeville United Benefice

**All Good Wishes**  
**from the Team at St Nicholas'**

Please note there are no services  
at All Saints' Church until June  
25. The Church is open for  
visitors. Many people enjoy the  
calm as they view the historic  
wall paintings

**Democracy at work.....**

Following the recent local  
elections, at which everyone had  
the opportunity to exercise their  
democratic rights, the first  
meeting of the New Parish  
Council will meet on

**Wednesday 14 May at 7 p.m.**

The first order of business will  
be for the council to elect a  
chairman and agree on other  
roles and responsibilities within  
the council. This will be followed  
by the standard agenda items  
details of which can be found on  
the Council website.

**Annual Parish Meeting –  
Wednesday 14 May at 8 p.m.**

As required by the Local  
Government Act every Parish  
must hold a Parish Meeting  
annually.

The purpose of the meeting is to  
provide a platform for the parish  
council to report on its activities  
to the local electorate and allow  
for public participation and  
discussion. **J Austin, Cllr**

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

to contact the Parish Council  
[clerk@kimblecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org)

**Chiltern Arts Festival  
Sacred Concerts  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Two Concerts with optional  
Guided Poetry Walk**  
**1pm St Peter and St Paul's  
Church Ellesborough**  
**3.45pm at St Nicholas' Church,**  
**Great Kimble**  
**For Poetry Walk, meet**  
**at 12noon**  
**Griffin House School Car Park**  
**For more information and**  
**tickets at [chilternarts.com](http://chilternarts.com)**

**Kimbles and Marsh Community Sensory Garden**  
enhancing our space  
**Like to get involved?**  
Lots of people have already volunteered (thank you!) but there is always room for more, so if you would like to help with any aspect of the work involved with running a community garden, from planning to planting, or have any questions about the scheme, do please contact Delia  
([dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk](mailto:dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk)) or Harvey  
([halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk](mailto:halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk)). We'd love to hear from you!

**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.

**It's been 100 Years of fun at the Stewart Hall!...**  
  
**And we will celebrate The Stewart Hall Centenary in November**  
  
**If you have any memories of events to share or photographs do contact Sue Howgate**  
[h.howgate167@btinternet.com](mailto:h.howgate167@btinternet.com)  
07974 690180

**Good News Café**  
**Every Third Wednesday of the month at 10.30**  
**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

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**Read about**  
**Kimble's History and its place in English History in.....**  
**Kimble's Journey**  
[www.kimblesjourney.uk](http://www.kimblesjourney.uk)  
Interested in the history of our parish and other tales of the area, including Chequers, then you will enjoy Kimble's Journey researched and written by local historian, Roger Howgate. In some 272 pages and 400 illustrations the book tells the history of England from the viewpoint of our rural parish. Available from:  
[rhowgate@yahoo.com](mailto:rhowgate@yahoo.com)  
01844 344680 & The Swan Pub, Cymbeline – Princes Risborough £12 each if you collect- £20 by post  
**(profits from the sale of the book are shared among village charities)**

**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](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org)

**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.**



**Kimble & Ellesborough Horticultural Society**  
**Our monthly meetings are held at the Stewart Hall at 8 00 pm.**  
**If you are not a member but would be interested in coming to any meetings please contact Colin Ells (Chairman)**  
**at [colin.kehs@outlook.com](mailto:colin.kehs@outlook.com).**  
**Please see our website for any updates.**

**New Naturalistic Planting**  
**8 pm Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Amber Hine, who trained in garden design at Capel Manor College, returns to look at the rising popularity of looking to nature to design our natural spaces. She'll be using examples from contemporary garden and landscape gardeners and looking at the wonders of perennials, meadows and woodland edges

**PLANT SALE –**  
**Ellesborough Village Hall, Butlers Cross**  
**10 00 – 11 30 am**  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early - everything will be sold by about 11 00 am on past form.

**How to Propagate, Plant and Grow Peonies**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 8pm**  
Alec White, owner of Primrose Hall Peonies, grows herbaceous, intersectional, tree and patio peonies and is a gold medal winner at Chelsea. This talk is an introduction to the origins and history of peonies, propagation techniques and breeding, choosing the perfect peony and how to care for it.

**Members Garden Visit**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 6 00 – 7 30 pm**  
Visit to Professor Sandy Primrose's garden in High Wycombe which contains many interesting and specialist plants. We will have a guided tour and refreshments.  
[www.kehs.uk](http://www.kehs.uk)

  
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**Fancy a walk?**  
**Your Parish Newsletter relies on volunteers delivering to all homes in our expanding Parish. If you have some spare time to help deliver the newsletter do let the editor know. We do need more deliverers**

**Kimble Nature Walks Spring Walk 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Looking at plants, insect, birds and Fungi**  
**Meet at Pulpit Hill Car Park on Longdown Hill at 10.30am**  
**To book your place or for more details please email [dawne.lemon@btinternet.com](mailto:dawne.lemon@btinternet.com)**  
  
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We are planning to run the following if there is sufficient interest  
**June/July**  
Glow-worm search  
  
**June/July**  
Moth trapping  
  
**October/November –**  
fungi walk  
There will be a suggested donation of £3 per person to All Saints' Church  
Please register your interest with  
[dawne.lemon@btinternet.com](mailto:dawne.lemon@btinternet.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](mailto:dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk) or Harvey - [halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk](mailto:halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk) with your number. We look forward to welcoming you.

**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 a chat.  
Do come along

**A Little Bit of History.....**  
**A Confusing Church**  
If you have ever been inside All Saints' Church, Little Kimble you will know that it is a beautiful little jewel of a church, but if you try to read up about it you may become confused by the contradictory statements made about it. The church is dated at 1300 by Sir Nicholas Pevsner and that is backed up by the fact that the first priest dates from then. However, there is a Norman barrel font dated 1100 and a document referring to a church in 1245, but no priest.

The two halves of the church are built in different styles and are different sizes so if you look down the church it looks like two half churches joined together. The church **is** from 1300, and there **was** a church in 1245, but not the present one.

There used to be a castle sited in Little Kimble with a double motte with a keep on one motte and a church on the other. There was no priest recorded because the Chaplain of Lady de Bolbeck acted as priest.

In 1300 the new church was begun in the Early English style but a terrible famine struck in 1314 and the village of Little Kimble was abandoned and church building ceased with it half finished. Later in the century church building resumed but in a different style [Decorated]. The only part of the old de Bolbeck church is the font. The famous wall paintings were added in 1370.

If you visit the Church you may find the leaflet guides missing as a gentleman who violently disagrees with my account periodically removes them and sometimes substitutes his own which may be recognised by the eccentric spellings. Sometimes church history can be controversial.

**Roger Howgate**