

**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**  
**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, 7.30 pm in The Stewart Hall Little Kimble 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March  
**Mary Tate 01296 612481**



**Help! Kimble Stewart Hall is in need of someone to polish our parquet floor (we have an electric polisher) If you can do this call Sue on 07974 690180 or email [h.howgate167@btinternet.com](mailto:h.howgate167@btinternet.com)**

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**The Stewart Hall**  
Station Road, Little Kimble is available for hire for regular bookings or one-off events: ample parking, Large Hall, Small Meeting 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 management of this important and long-standing parish facility**

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**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.

**Good News Café**  
Every Third Wednesday of the month at 10.30  
Kimble free Church  
We have representatives of a charity or organisation speaking on their specialist subject. Do come along, you will not be disappointed –and the refreshments are delicious.

**GWEN'S CHARITY PLANT STALL**  
Haylands, Kimblewick Road  
Continuing to raise funds for Cancer Research and Florence Nightingale Hospice  
I have spring flowers, such as Snowdrops, Primroses, Daffodils, Bluebells, and Hellebores, among other things on my stall also some rhubarb crowns.

I hope that I can count on your continued much valued support. Thank you again. **Gwen Nicosia**

**Craft Café:**  
Every Second Wednesday of the month at Kimble Free Church 10am -12noon  
You can bring your own craft, or not, and enjoy spending time together for a cuppa and a chat.

**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.  
**Julia Northway. 07979520045**

**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**

**Local Police Matters in the Risborough Area** For information and advice about crime prevention, please visit:  
[www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)  
Princes Risborough & Hughenden Neighbourhood Police Team  
[Princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

**Do check out the Parish Council Web Site**  
<https://kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk>  
to contact the Parish Council clerk at [clerk@kimblecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org)

**GREAT AND LITTLE KIMBLE cum MARSH NEWSLETTER**  
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**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH GREAT KIMBLE Deputy Churchwarden**  
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**St Nicholas' Church Great Kimble**

1<sup>st</sup> March  
10am  
Parish communion

8<sup>th</sup> March  
10am  
Morning Worship

15<sup>th</sup> March  
9.15am  
St Nic's Kids\*

22<sup>nd</sup> March  
10am  
Informal Communion

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 9AM**  
**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH**  
4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, March  
Enjoy coffee and a short Act of Worship & Come and See Sessions

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



**Community Engagement: Housing Proposals off Kimblewick Road Land & Partners** invite you to a drop-in session at Kimble Stewart Hall to discuss proposals for up to 60 new homes on land west of Kimblewick Road, with nearly half (48%) delivered as affordable housing to meet local needs. Join us on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, from 15:30 to 19:00**, to view the plans, ask questions and share your thoughts with the team.

**News from the team at St Nicholas**

In February Rev. Matthew Routledge, and Rev Michael Hunt were licensed and installed to serve in the Benefice of Ellesborough, the Kimbles and Stoke Mandeville. Revd Matthew Routledge, joined as Rector with Revd Michael Hunt as Associate Priest. They both have a long association with this part of the Chilterns and have known each other for about two decades, Michael has been one of the visiting clergy, helping with services in Ellesborough and the Kimbles. By coincidence, they both felt called to ministry after long careers in secular work. They both trained for ministry and studied theology at Ripon College Cuddesdon (RCC) and Matthew will continue to mix parish work with his part-time position as Chaplain to St Peter's College Oxford (the role of Rector is part time.) Michael's role as Associate Priest is on a self-supporting basis and will be undertaken alongside his part-time position as College Accountant at RCC. Along with the lay team of volunteers at the Churches they will provide services in each parish each week, plus being available for weddings, baptisms and funerals and the pastoral and other work that is art of Parish ministry. If you spot one or other of them walking around the parish, please do stop and introduce yourself as they would love to meet you.

**GREAT & LITTLE KIMBLE cum MARSH**  
**UNITY TREE**  
COMMEMORATING THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

**FINAL CALL!**  
Calling all those who didn't get a chance to paint a pebble on Coronation Day for inclusion in the new Sensory Garden **UNITY TREE** sculpture.  
The **UNITY TREE** is nearing completion now and looking fantastic, and this is your last chance to see your masterpiece included within it. If you'd like to paint a pebble to be included please drop by Yeats Cottage, Hillview, Great Kimble to collect one. You can paint it how you wish with chalk markers or acrylic paint.  
Pebbles and spaces in the tree are limited, so collect yours now to avoid disappointment. Please return your painted pebble to my mailbox at Yeats Cottage no later than Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. I'm sorry that any received after that date cannot be included, so don't delay, collect yours today!

**VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**  
at  
**The Swan, Great Kimble**  
takes place on the  
**First Friday of each month**  
See you at 10.30 on  
**6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Kimble Bell Ringers at St Nicholas' Church Tower**  
Are you a Bell Ringer or want to learn bell ringing? We are looking for new people to join our friendly and active band. Bell ringing offers a unique and enjoyable way to stay active, improving your overall fitness and sharpening your brain. Get in touch if you are interested in learning this centuries old tradition or if you are an experienced bell ringer who is looking to join an active group. Interested? contact. [John@boxx.org.UK](mailto:John@boxx.org.UK)

**Village Hall Week runs from 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
so on  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 11am to 2pm**  
Drop in for a chat at The Stewart Hall  
Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee  
Call in to see what your village hall has to offer

**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)**

**Kimble's Journey**  
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 in August.  
<https://kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk>  
**to contact the Parish Council**  
[clerk@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**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.**

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**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 us

**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@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:dburton@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk) or Harvey [halison@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:halison@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
We'd love to hear from you!

**Kimble Nature Walks**  
**Keep an eye out for dates and locations in forthcoming newsletters and join us in the coming months.**

**Kimble & Ellesborough Horticultural Society**  
**Your Local Gardening Club**  
Our monthly meetings are held at the Stewart Hall  
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. [www.kehs.uk](http://www.kehs.uk)  
**Tuesday 3rd MARCH**  
AGM 7 15 pm  
Followed at 8pm by  
**Euphorbias - Probably the Best Garden Plants in the World**  
Timothy Walker, former Director at Oxford University Botanic Gardens, will explain some of the natural history of euphorbias and their botany, describe some of the most desirable species and cultivars and suggest some planting associations..

**SPRING SHOW - Stewart Hall**  
Sunday 12th April 2pm-4.30pm  
Come and enjoy some beautiful displays of Spring flowers and enjoy delicious home-made cakes. If you are interested in exhibiting please see the [Spring Show](#) Information on our website.

**VIOLIN, VIOLA & CELLO Players**  
Senior Strings Club is a very supportive and friendly group. Whatever level you are, we have music for you!  
Why not come along and meet us? The music we play is varied and exciting – from Bach to Beatles and beyond! All the music is arranged for your standard, and you are encouraged to learn to improve on your instrument. No patronising tutor books here, we learn REAL music together.  
Give us a go, come along and find out what it's all about. **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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**The Little Piece of History.....**  
**Rectors of Great and Little Kimble**  
As we welcome new clergy to our parish it is interesting to look back at previous rectors.  
Great Kimble's first recorded rector was Henry of Wendover in 1227 – but as parts of the church are older than that there must have been predecessors. Little Kimble's first rector was Hugh of Berkhamsted in 1300 when the present Little Kimble church was built. Little Kimble rectors included Robert Parles appointed in 1361 who was accused of cattle rustling and abduction and then escaped consistory court by exchanging the living of Little Kimble for one in another jurisdiction. John Penne was appointed in 1461 due to a clerical error and then replaced in the

same year by John Fenne who was the intended incumbent. Great Kimble became a battle ground between the descendants of John Hampden and the parishioners. Richard Hampden appointed George Swinnock who was a puritan, and when he was removed by consistory court replaced him with another puritan minister who also had to be removed. In the 18th century the Hampdens changed tack and persuaded the Bishop of Lincoln to annexe Great Kimble parish to become part of Great Hampden parish with the priest based at Great Hampden. They then arranged the removal of the altar and the font from St Nicholas. In 1857 Great Kimble got its rector back in the person of John Ormond who had Great Kimble House built. In 1885 the process of combining the two parishes began. Bizarrely, one of the first things Buckinghamshire County Council did after its creation was to move to get this done. It will surprise no-one that a process involving both the Church of England and Bucks County Council took ten years and ended in bureaucratic confusion. At this point Queen Victoria stepped in and cut the Gordian Knot by issuing an Order in Council.

**Roger Howgate**

**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@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:dburton@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk) or Harvey - [halison@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:halison@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk) with your number.

**Planning Volunteers Needed**  
**Protect the Chilterns**  
The Chilterns are facing unprecedented development pressure. Housing targets and weakened planning protections are putting the Green Belt, landscape, and local character at risk. The Chiltern Society's **Planning Group** challenges detrimental planning applications, whilst supporting appropriate development. Our work is respected by planning authorities and is often included in decisions. **We can currently cover only 60% of parishes. That is not enough. We need more local volunteers – WE NEED YOU!**  
No planning experience is required. We provide training, support and expert guidance. All that's needed is a passion for your local area. **If you care about the Chilterns, this is your chance to make a real difference. For more information or to get involved please contact**  
Call: 01494 771250 or  
Email [getinvolved@chilternsociety.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@chilternsociety.org.uk)

**Healthwatch Bucks latest project looks at how those living in the rural parts of Bucks access health and social care.** Project Manager, Alison Holloway says: "It's important for us to learn more about any difficulties these communities might encounter." The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) define a rural community as people living in areas with fewer than 10,000 residents. So, if you live in a village or a rural area, please tell Healthwatch Bucks what works for you and what could make it easier for you to access any health or social care such as dentists, hospitals, and respite care. People can share their feedback in confidence via the online survey via this QR code, or on their website <https://bit.ly/4jVz2HB> The survey closes on 31st May.



Healthwatch Bucks would also like to have small group discussions with 6 to 12 people to fill out our survey. Please call them on **01494 324832** if you would be interested in hosting a group to talk in more detail about this subject. Healthwatch Bucks will write a report summarising what they have been told. It will include recommendations about what would make accessing health and social care rural in Bucks better. Zoe McIntosh, Chief Executive of Healthwatch Bucks, says: "Our goal is to make sure local people influence the health and care services that residents of Buckinghamshire use. It's very important that those living in the countryside feel heard and can easily get the care they need. We will share what we find out so we can help to bring about positive change where it's needed."