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get to hear of their needs. For  
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Julia Northway 01844 342112

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Parish Council**  
**Do check out the  
Parish Council Web Site**  
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to contact the Parish Council  
[clerk@kimblecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org)

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**GREAT AND LITTLE  
KIMBLE cum MARSH  
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**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH  
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&  
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
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Everyone welcome at  
St Nic's Kids  
on  
Third Sunday of  
each month  
at  
St Nicholas' Church  
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Doors open 9.15am  
service ends 10.30am  
Games, activities, craft &  
refreshments for the  
children; coffee and pastries  
&  
Sunday newspapers  
for the adults  
Followed by an engaging and  
relevant service for all.  
Could be the best hour of  
every family's week  
Do join us on 19<sup>th</sup> March  
for  
St Nic's Kids  
Mothering Sunday

**St Nicholas' Church  
Great Kimble**

5<sup>th</sup> March  
9am  
Parish Communion  
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12<sup>th</sup> March  
10.45am  
Morning Worship  
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19<sup>th</sup> March  
St Nic's Kids  
Doors open 9.15  
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26<sup>th</sup> March  
10.45  
Morning Worship

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**Wednesday Worship  
St Nicholas' Church  
Come and See  
Lent Course**

All welcome to join this six-  
week programme which has  
been much enjoyed the  
previous two years.  
All are welcome.

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**All Saints' Church  
Little Kimble**

12<sup>th</sup> February  
8am  
BCP Communion  
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26<sup>th</sup> February  
8am  
BCP Communion

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For weddings, baptisms and  
funerals please contact The  
Reverend Janet Wales on  
01296 612936 or leave a  
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**Kimble Bell Ringers**  
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Kimble And Ellesborough  
Horticultural Society



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 on our March and  
April events in this newsletter.  
We hold 3 Shows each year –  
Spring, Summer and Autumn - 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](mailto:butler@care4free.net) or  
Charlie Taylor, Membership  
Secretary, at  
[kehs.bucks@outlook.com](mailto:kehs.bucks@outlook.com) for more  
information or visit our website  
[www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/)

**In March why not.....**

Come along to a Coffee  
Morning

Try Pilates

Enjoy warmth, soup and chat at  
The Warm Hub

Join the Lent Course

Relax with Saturday Breakfast  
at The Swan (9am-11.30am)

Come to the  
Horticultural Society meeting

Play Whist  
and there is more....

Turn over for more details

**Come and See** takes place during Lent each year. This is the third year we will be running this session at St Nicholas' Church, Great Kimble. The session runs over a period of six weeks on a Wednesday from 9am to 10am. This year, our focus is on the Beatitudes, as found in Matthew 5:1-10 – The Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes show us the very best of what it means to be human: how to live the most fruitful life we can. Although the session is structured, the presentation is informal and encourages participation, but without any pressure or prerequisites. Session 1 is on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to receive more information about the session, please contact Estelle Fourie [estellef@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:estellef@hotmail.co.uk)

**COFFEE MORNING**  
at  
**The Swan, Great Kimble**  
**The first Friday**  
**of each month**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**10.30am**  
**Do come along on**

*Coffee mornings are on the first Friday of the month*

**Coffee and Chat**  
in  
St Nicholas' Church  
on the first Tuesday  
of each month.

Do join us on  
**7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10.30 – 12noon**

**Kimble & Ellesborough Horticultural Society**  
Our monthly meetings are held at **Stewart Hall and start at 8 00 pm.** If you are not a member but would be interested in coming to any meetings please contact **Brian Butler (Chairman)** at [butler@care4free.net](mailto:butler@care4free.net) or call him on **01844 342220** before attending. Please see our website for any updates.

**Future events**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**7.15pm AGM**  
**Followed at 8pm**  
**by**  
**TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE**  
**Plants with at Least**  
**Two Attractive Features**

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. There are many plants with two or more reasons for growing them. Flowers and fruit is an obvious combination but there are many others including scent, foliage and autumn colour. \*\*\*

**SPRING SHOW**  
at  
The Stewart Hall  
2 00 – 4 30 pm  
on  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
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**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Pest Recognition and Control**  
Andrew Halstead, author, lecturer and retired RHS Entomologist from Wisley will share his expertise and give a general talk on the more important pests of garden and glasshouse plants.

Visitors are always welcome free of charge. If you would like more information, please contact Charlie Taylor, Membership Secretary, at [kehs.bucks@outlook.com](mailto:kehs.bucks@outlook.com) or ask any Committee member at one of the meetings. You can also visit our website for further details.

[www.bucksvoice.net/kehs](http://www.bucksvoice.net/kehs)

**The Warm Hub**  
in  
**Kimble Free Church Hall**  
**'The Church**  
**by the Bridge'**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**10am to 1pm**  
**Coffee, Tea, Soup and**  
**Chat**  
**All Welcome**

**Coffee Mornings**  
**at The Free Church**  
**Grove Lane**

**Craft Café**  
**10am**  
**Every second Wednesday of**  
**the month**  
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**T4U**  
**10.30**  
**Every third Wednesday**  
**of the month.**  
**With a talk from a**  
**representative of a charity or**  
**organisation**  
on  
**March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
it is about  
**Medical Detection Dogs**

**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:  
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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 charity*)

**Hayfield Build**  
For any queries about the Hayfield Build Please contact the Site Manager Matt Phillips on [mphillips@hayfield.co.uk](mailto:mphillips@hayfield.co.uk)

**Chiltern Ladies**  
Would like to welcome new members to a Ladies Club held in the Stewart Hall Little Kimble HP17 0XN

The meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 2pm. However this month it is our AGM.

**1<sup>st</sup> March AGM**  
**At 10.30**

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

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**A Little Piece of History**

This month we focus on The Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society. The society has existed in three forms: The first was as the Velvet Lawn Cottage Garden Association which encouraged horticulture amongst cottagers [ families who paid less than £10 per annum in rent]. It was founded in 1860 by Lady Frankland Russell Astley who was the chatelaine of the Chequers estate. Velvet Lawn is on the boundary of the parishes of Ellesborough and Kimble just beyond All Saints Church. The annual show was a grand affair with people coming from all over the county and classes included a section for working horses. There was a grand ball in a marquee in the evening. After the death of Lady Rosalind the estate was rented by the Clutterbucks – a Yorkshire brewing family who much preferred cricket to horticulture.

The opening of the Stewart Hall led to a revival of the society under the aegis of Doctor Burra of Glebe House, Little Kimble. The shows returned and also included sports events for adults and children on the cricket ground which was then on Benyon's Field

at the back of the hall. By now cottagers were defined as paying less than £30 per annum and the distinction was made between their competitions and the open classes because in those days many of the wealthier members of the community employed professional gardeners. The society folded in the 1960s but was revived as the Kimble and Ellesborough Horticultural Society following a meeting in 1975 in the Saab Garage [later a garden centre and now land for housing] on the way to Askett. It was led by Jeffrey Cheetham, Henry Peplow and Jim Stacey. The society organised a number of village events including a gymkhana and a Country Fair. It also ran two shows a year and organised visits and monthly speakers – which it does to this day.

*Roger Howgate*

**Why not visit**  
**Gwen's Charity**  
**Plant Stall,**

situated outside her home at Haylands, Kimblewick Road. This is a permanent fixture, with an ever-changing supply of perennial plants and herbs. Also, chutney and preserves. All monies to Cancer Research and Florence Nightingale Hospice.

**This Year's Pace BIG**  
**To sign up visit**

<https://thepacecentre.org/event/the-big-walk>

**Walk routes will take in the famous Ridgeway Trail.**

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