

**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
13th and 27th April
Mary Tate 01296 612481



**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

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

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.

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**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.

**GWEN'S CHARITY
PLANT STALL
Haylands, Kimblewick Road
Continuing to raise funds for
Cancer Research
and**

Florence Nightingale Hospice
I have currently got a good selection
of spring/early summer, perennial
plants. Do pop along and see for
yourselves.
If anyone has any saleable, garden
related items, which are surplus to
requirements (no plastic pots) I would
love to receive them. You would be
decluttering, and helping two very
worthwhile charities at the same time.
Please feel free to ring me on 07801
562535 if you think you might have
anything suitable. As always, all
monies go to Cancer Research, and
Florence Nightingale Hospice.
Many thanks, Gwen Nicosia

Ridgeway East Councillors
Steven Broadbent
Steve.Broadbent@bucinghamshire.gov.uk
David Carroll
David.Carroll@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

**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.

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

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

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

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**GREAT AND LITTLE
KIMBLE cum MARSH
NEWSLETTER
No 571
April 2026**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
GREAT KIMBLE
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Secretary
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Saint.nics.kids@gmail.com

**St Nicholas' Church
Great Kimble**

**5th April
10am
Easter communion**
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**12th April
10am
Morning Worship**
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**19th April
9.15am
St Nic's Kids***
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**26th April
10am
Informal Communion**

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
9AM
ST NICOLAS' CHURCH**
Enjoy coffee and a short
Act of Worship

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



**VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING
at
The Swan, Great Kimble
takes place on the
First Friday of each month
See you at 10.30 on
3rd April**

**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

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.
Contact Sue on
h.howgate167@btinternet.com

**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)**

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Read about
Kimble's History and its place
in English History in.....
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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.
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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

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

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07759 885853



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

Kimble's 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 or Harvey halison@kimbleparishcouncil.gov.uk We'd love to hear from you!

Kimble Nature Walks
Spring Walk 17th May
A general interest walk
Meet at
Pulpit Hill Car Park on
Longdown Hill at 10.30am
A suggested minimum
donation of £3 per person
(to be used towards the
upkeep of All Saints Church ,
Little Kimble)
To book a place or for more
details contact
dawne.lemon@btinternet.com

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. Please see our website for any updates. www.kehs.uk

APRIL Roses

8 00 pm Tuesday 7th April
Kerry French's experience includes working at The Royal National Rose Society and RHS Wisley. Her talk covers the selection, planting, pruning, feeding and aftercare of roses.

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SPRING SHOW

Sunday 12th April

2 pm – 4 30 pm

Kimble Stewart Hall

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.

MAY Clematis and Other Climbers

Tuesday 5th May 8pm

George Lockwood, an organic gardener who trained at Capel Manor College, returns to talk about climbers including the different clematis groups and how to plant, prune and look after them.

Plant Sale –

Saturday 9th May

10 - 11.30

Ellesborough Village Hall,
Butlers Cross

This is a great opportunity to buy locally grown perennials, vegetables and annuals. Come early – everything is usually sold by about 11 00 am

THE SWAN GREAT KIMBLE FREE HOUSE

(as featured in the CAMRA good beer guide 2023)
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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.
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The Little Piece of History.....
Lord Scrope Bernard - A rich man who overreached himself
In 1800 the manor of Little Kimble came into the ownership of Scrope Bernard who was a member of the Bernard family of Nether Winchendon and whose father had been Governor of New Jersey. He purchased a large house in Little Kimble and used his wealth and parliamentary influence to build a turnpike road which ran from World's End to the Pedestal at West Wycombe. He also joined with the Russell and Hampden interests in enclosing the three parishes of Great Kimble, Little Kimble and Ellesborough. Since all three parishes had areas of common land and as agricultural prices were high, because of the Napoleonic Wars this benefited the large

landowners greatly at the expense of small farmers and those without land. He also bought the 'Chequers pub' whose name was changed to the 'Bear and Forbear' – the motto of the Bernard family. But after the Congress of Vienna ended the Napoleonic wars there was an economic depression. Scrope Bernard ran a bank but when depositors lost confidence the bank failed. His house was sold to the Russells and later demolished. The pub was also sold although its name was later changed to the 'Bernard Arms'.

When he died he had a grand tomb in Great Kimble Church but when the organ was installed it was put over the tomb. His house has gone and even the pub named after his family has gone. His wife has a memorial in Little Kimble Church and his son has a grave in Great Kimble churchyard but to see his memorial you have to crouch down and shine a light under the organ. **Roger Hougate**

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 or Harvey - 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

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."