

**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
5th & 19th October
Mary Tate 01296 612481



**The Stewart Hall....
The Village Hall
Station Road,
Little Kimble**

is available for hire for
regular bookings or one-off
events: ample parking, Large
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Stage, Kitchen
Booking Secretary
07527 595813
kimblestewarthall@gmail.com

The Management Committee
would welcome more
volunteers to help with the
mangement of this important
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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**GWEN'S CHARITY
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Haylands, Kimblewick Road
The prolonged hot, and very dry
weather, which we have experienced
recently, means that trade has been
very slow. Consequently, I have only
managed to take £100 since last
month's newsletter, thus bringing my
total for the year so far, to £2400. No
mean feat, I'll admit, but down on
previous years somewhat.
I have still got a good selection of
hardy shrubs, perennial plants, and
ornamental grasses.
As always, all monies go to Cancer
Research and Florence Nightingale
Hospice
If you are new to the village, do
consider visiting my stall, which is
situated outside my home, at
Haylands, Kimblewick road.
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Hospice **Gwen Nicosia**

**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.

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

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

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**GREAT AND LITTLE
KIMBLE cum MARSH
NEWSLETTER
No 576
October 2026**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
GREAT KIMBLE**
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**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

**Kimble Bell Ringers
at St Nicholas' Church
Tower**

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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

**St Nicholas' Church
Great Kimble**

**4th October
10am**
Parish Communion
*

**11th October
9.30am**
St Nic's Kids
*

**18th October
10am**
Morning Worship
*

**25th October
10am**
Informal Communion
*

**Saturday 31st October
3.30pm**
**Benefice
Memorial Service**
A special service to
remember those we
have lost.
All welcome

Please note that
St Nic's Kids is now on the
2nd Sunday of each month



**The delivery of the
Parish Newsletter relies
on volunteers to deliver
to your door.**

If you have some spare time to
help deliver the newsletter do
let the editor know. We do need
more deliverers. Contact Sue
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**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)**

**VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING
at
The Swan, Great Kimble
takes place on the
First Friday of each month
See you at 10.30
on
Friday 2nd October**

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

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

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:
rhoagate@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)**

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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

**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
at colin.kehs@outlook.com. Please
see our website www.kehs.uk**

6th October 8pm

Planting Pots for

Winter Interest and Spring Joy

Harriet Rycroft was the Head Gardener at Whichford Pottery for many years and became well-known for creating spectacular flowerpot displays all year round. Her talk starts with slides followed by a practical planting demonstration to discuss the nitty-gritty of creating and maintaining such displays.

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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 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

**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

KIMBLE KNITTERS

Are you an experienced knitter or crocheter, who would be interested in joining a friendly, local group, who knit and crochet for charity? Kimble knitters are looking for a couple of such people to join our team. We make babies' and young children's jumpers and cardigans, mainly for Scannappeal. Our items are sold in their shop in Amersham Hospital, and raise vital funds for all the latest scanners, which we are lucky enough to have in our area. We meet at my house, in Kimblewick Road, every Tuesday afternoon, or if you prefer, you could knit from home. We supply all materials. For further information, please telephone Gwen , on 07801 562535

Nature Notes

From David Cooling

While on holiday in Dorset recently I saw my first pristine conker of the year. I couldn't see its outer case but I assume it had spikes on it and so it had fallen off a "White" Horse-chestnut tree. These trees are widespread, but the less common "Red" Horse chestnut trees also produce conkers, however, their conker cases lack spikes and look rather like a walnut fruit case. This made me think. "Red" Horse-chestnut is actually a hybrid between Horse-chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and Red Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*). The result is the *Aesculus x carnea* hybrid, better known as Red Horse-chestnut. Not only are the conker cases different but if you look at the leaf structure that too is noticeably different. Horse-chestnut trees are not native to the UK but have been here for hundreds of years. Their origins are the Balkan Peninsula in South-Eastern Europe, that includes countries such as Greece. The name Horse-chestnut is thought to have come from the feeding of conkers to local horses. This might account for the Latin name – "hippocastanum". The Greek word for horse being "hippos": which also gave us "hippodrome" – a place to race horses, and "hippopotamus" – river horses. Horse-chestnut and Red Buckeye trees both belong to the "Sapindaceae" family

but Spanish or, Sweet, Chestnuts are not related. Instead, they are in the same family as Oak and Beech. Although autumn is here and most leaves are changing colour, you will quite often see Horse-chestnut trees whose leaves are completely brown and withered even during the summer. This is caused by the caterpillars of the Horse-chestnut Leaf-miner moth burrowing into and eating the leaves turning them brown. These leaf miner moths are relatively recent arrivals in the UK, less than 25 years ago. An article I read in the British Wildlife reckoned that the spread of the Horse-chestnut Leaf-miner moth has been as much as 200km per year, aided by moths on trees in car parks hitching a ride in parked cars to a new home! **Crafty!**



**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!

**Traditional all weather
local walks**

(Kimbles & surrounding area)
Sunday afternoons, days off ...
Fresh air, keeping fit, crafts,
meeting people.

New WhatsApp community
group - Rachel 07789025507

**10 Things you might not know
about Little Kimble Station**

The line was originally a broad-gauge line – the rails were 7 feet apart. It was the first broad gauge line to be converted to standard gauge – the whole line from Risborough to Aylesbury was completed in a weekend.

The station originally had a wooden canopy.

There used to be a foot crossing at the north end of the station connecting to a footpath along the north hedge line of North Field.

In 1914 there was a double murder in the platelayers shed at the station.

There was originally a siding at the station.

Stanley Baldwin used the station when he was Prime Minister. He spoke with the station master about the abdication crisis.

It is said that Harold Wilson wouldn't allow the line to be closed because his father was a railwayman, but it's more likely that it was kept open for the rubbish trains as it is engineered to take the heaviest trains.

President Clinton arrived there by the Royal Train when he visited Chequers. The first flush toilets in the village were in the Station's Ladies Waiting Room– the water was pumped up from the station well each day!

Roger Howgate