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AT  
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FREE HOUSE  
(as featured in the CAMRA  
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[Cliveharriss@thomasclive.co.uk](mailto:Cliveharriss@thomasclive.co.uk)

**Pilates**  
at  
**The Stewart Hall  
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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**  
3rd, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> July  
7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August  
4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September  
All welcome to these friendly  
evenings,  
7.30pm  
in The Stewart Hall  
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**Mary Tate**  
01296 612481

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07527 595813  
[kimblestewarthall@gmail.com](mailto:kimblestewarthall@gmail.com)  
**The Management Committee  
would welcome new  
members to help with the  
mangement of this important  
parish facility**

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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 01844 342112

**Kimble cum Marsh  
Parish Council**  
**Do check out the  
Parish Council Web Site**  
[www.kimblecouncil.org](http://www.kimblecouncil.org)  
to contact the Parish Council  
[clerk@kimblecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org)

**Kimble Bell Ringers**  
If you are a bell ringer,  
would you be interested in  
joining the bell ringing team?  
If so, please  
contact [john@boxx.org.uk](mailto:john@boxx.org.uk)

**Your Parish Newsletter relies  
on volunteers delivering to all  
homes in the Parish. If you have  
some spare time to help deliver  
the newsletter do let the editor  
know.**

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**GREAT AND LITTLE  
KIMBLE cum MARSH  
NEWSLETTER**  
No 545  
July/August 2023

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH  
GREAT KIMBLE**  
&  
**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
LITTLE KIMBLE**  
**Benefice Centre,**  
28 Risborough Road, Stoke  
Mandeville, 01296 615886  
The Reverend Janet Wales  
01296 612936  
**Churchwarden**  
Matthew Halton  
[matthew.halton@outlook.com](mailto:matthew.halton@outlook.com)  
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[www.facebook.com/St  
NicholasGreatKimble/](http://www.facebook.com/StNicholasGreatKimble/)

**Everyone welcome at  
St Nic's Kids  
On Tour**  
**Sunday 16th July**  
St Nic's Kids goes on tour!  
All the usual fun and  
activities, and an outdoor  
service for all ages, at  
Buckmoorend Farm,  
Butlers Cross.  
Activities start 9:15am  
with drinks and  
refreshments for children  
and adults. The outdoor  
service will finish at  
10:30am.  
Everyone welcome,  
bring a picnic blanket or  
chair, we'd love to see you  
there!!

**St Nicholas' Church**  
**Great Kimble**  
2<sup>nd</sup> July  
9am  
Parish Communion  
\*\*\*  
9<sup>th</sup> July  
10.45am  
Morning Worship  
\*\*\*  
16<sup>th</sup> July  
**St Nic's Kids  
On Tour**  
On the farm  
See separate detail  
\*\*\*  
23<sup>rd</sup> July  
10.45am  
Informal Communion  
\*\*\*  
6<sup>th</sup> August  
9am  
Parish Communion  
\*\*\*  
13<sup>th</sup> August  
10.45am  
Morning Worship  
\*\*\*  
20<sup>th</sup> August  
(no St Nic's Kids)  
10.45am  
Morning Worship  
\*\*\*  
27<sup>th</sup> August  
10.45am  
Informal Communion

**Wednesday Worship**  
9am  
**Each Wednesday  
St Nicholas' Church**  
Enjoy coffee and a short  
Act of Worship  
**All are welcome.**

**All Saints' Church  
Little Kimble**  
9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
8am  
BCP Communion  
\*\*\*  
30<sup>th</sup> July  
9.30  
Benfice Common Worship  
\*\*\*\*\*  
13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August  
8am  
BCP Communion

For weddings, baptisms and  
funerals please contact **The  
Reverend Janet Wales on 01296  
612936** or leave a message at The  
Benefice Centre, 28 Risborough  
Road, Stoke Mandeville, 01296  
615886

**Connect.....**  
Some of us from Great and Little  
Kimble cum Marsh have got together  
and set up a WhatsApp group. It  
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

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Northway 01844 342112

**Kimble Free Church**  
**Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 11.30am**  
Summer Songs of Praise  
and BBQ  
with music by the  
Ellesborough Silver Band  
All welcome

why not.....

Chat at a Coffee Morning.....

Come to St Nic's Kids

Try Pilates

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

Enjoy the Horticultural Show

Play Whist and there is more....

**COFFEE MORNING**  
at  
**The Swan, Great Kimble**  
the first Friday  
of each month  
July 7<sup>th</sup>  
August 4<sup>th</sup>  
10.30am  
Do come along on

**Coffee and Chat**  
in  
St Nicholas' Church  
on the first Tuesday  
of each month.  
Do join us on  
4<sup>th</sup> July  
1<sup>st</sup> August  
10.30 – 12noon

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

**Kimble's Journey**  
Read about Kimble's  
history and its place in English  
History in.....  
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[rhoagate@yahoo.com](mailto: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 charity*)

**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 do contact Brian Butler (Chairman) at [butler@care4free.net](mailto:butler@care4free.net) or call him on 01844 342220. Please see our website for any updates.

If you would like more information, do 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)

**Kimble & Ellesborough  
Horticultural Society**

**SUMMER SHOW**

at Stewart Hall  
on  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
2pm – 4.30pm  
Our displays include sweet peas, roses and vegetables while tempting home-made cakes are available. Come and see our displays which include sweet peas, roses and vegetables and enjoy tempting home-made cakes. If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting, please see our website for more.

**Coffee Mornings**  
at The Free Church  
Grove Lane  
Craft Café  
10am  
Every second Wednesday of  
the month  
\*\*  
T4U - 10.30  
Every third Wednesday  
of the month  
With a talk from a  
representative of a charity or  
organisation

**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. 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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**MACMILLAN COFFEE  
MORNING**

I will be hosting my annual fundraising coffee morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.30 to 12.30. There will be some new stallholders, plenty of delicious homemade cakes, and of course, the Raffle! Hope you can come along for a fun morning in the sunshine! (Fingers crossed).

**Julie Needle**

**GWEN'S CHARITY PLANT  
STALL**

**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  
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All monies to  
Cancer Research and Florence  
Nightingale Hospice.

**Great and Little Kimble  
cum Marsh  
Parish Council**

The Parish Council meets in the committee room of the Stewart Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, apart from May, when the start time is 7pm. and August when there is no meeting.  
The Parish Council are always willing to consider community projects and welcome any ideas from parish residents.  
Contact the clerk -  
[clerk@kimblecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org)

**Litter Picking.** The Parish Council employs Sunnyside Rural Trust to litter pick around the Parish. This is a lovely and very worthy charity, which supports adults with special needs in supervised employment. They currently come once a month but the Parish Council have agreed to see if they are available to come twice a month.

If any resident has the time and would like to litter pick, the Parish Council will provide the litter pick forks and the purple litter pick bags, which will be collected free of charge from any roadside location. Contact the clerk [clerk@kimblecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org) if you would like litter picking equipment.

**and the little bit of history.....**

**All Saints' Church** is remarkable for its wall paintings, dated by experts from about 1370. The church's history is surprisingly controversial, and you may not find a guide in there because a gentleman who believes the wall paintings are a hundred years older than all of the experts say tears up and throws away any guide put in there. I have never actually met him, but he harangued one of the flower ladies on one occasion.

The confusion on dates is because there was an earlier church referred to in documents which stood about 100 yards to the east of the existing church on one of the two mottes [mounds] and was part of the castle of the De Bolbecks. It was demolished in about 1265 as the castle was slighted by the king as punishment for rebellion. The only part of that church which survives above ground is the font which was transferred to the present church but is much older. The church is a puzzle because half of it is built in the Early English style dated by Sir Nicholas Pevsner at 1300 and half is built in the later Decorated style. Several guides to churches suggest that half of the church was knocked down to widen it but the newer half of the church is narrower than the older half and the difference is only about a foot so I think it is unlikely that they would knock down half a church to make it marginally narrower.

The real reason is that the church was begun in about 1300 but in 1314/1316 the village of Little Kimble [which used to stand around the castle] was wiped out by a terrible famine accompanied by a plague which killed all the cattle – which not only provided meat but were the draught animals that pulled the ploughs. So, the church was left unfinished for many years until it was finished in a later architectural style and the wall paintings added. So that's why the church is asymmetrical and the church that the gentleman refers to is the original church long since demolished.

**Roger Howgate**