

**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
7th & 21st September
Mary Tate 01296 612481



**The Stewart Hall....
The Village Hall
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regular bookings or one-off
events: ample parking, Large
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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

AGM
Wednesday 2nd September
7pm in the Committee room

**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
My total for this year, is now currently
standing at £2300.
The last few weeks have been very slow,
as all of our gardens have frizzled in the
extreme heat, which we have all been
experiencing. However, I hope that by the
time this goes to print, that we will have
had some much needed rain.
Then is the time to rectify some of the
damage, and consider replacing some of
your scorched and ruined, perennials.
This can be done whilst the ground is still
warm, as if left until early spring, the
ground will be too cold for tender roots. At
the moment, I have still got a good
selection of good, healthy, hardy
perennials for sale.
If you are new to the village, do consider
visiting my stall, which is situated outside
my home, at Haylands, Kimblewick road.
As always, all monies go to Cancer
Research and Florence Nightingale
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@bucinhamshire.gov.uk
David Carroll
David.Carroll@buckinhamshire.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 575
September 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

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at St Nicholas' Church
Tower**

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experienced bell ringer who is
looking to join an active group.
Interested? contact.
John@boxx.org.UK

**St Nicholas' Church
Great Kimble**

**6th September
10am**
Parish Communion
*

**13th September
9.30am**
St Nic's Kids
*

**20th September
10am**
Morning Worship
*

**27th September
10am**
Informal Communion

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



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**Macmillan Fundraising
Coffee Morning**

This year I will be hosting my
annual coffee morning event on
Friday 25th September
Bonnybrook, Little Kimble.
10am to 12.30am

There will be a selection of
stalls, plenty of homemade
cakes, and a great opportunity
to catch up with friends, and
make new ones!
Not to mention the ever-popular
Raffle!

Please do put the date in
your diary.

I look forward to welcoming you
for a fun morning's fundraising.
Julie Needle

**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 4th September

**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 on
h.howgate167@btinternet.com

**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:
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)**

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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

**1st SEPTEMBER
8pm Dahlias**

Carolyn Ormesher of Missenden Seeds is passionate about flowers which are good for cutting and pollinators, including dahlias. She will talk about the history of dahlias, different types, how to grow and propagate them and top tips for beautiful dahlias.

AUTUMN SHOW -

Sunday 6th September

Stewart Hall 2 00 – 4 30 pm

Come and see some beautiful displays including chrysanthemums, dahlias and vegetables and enjoy delicious home-made cakes. If you are not a member and are interested in exhibiting, please see the Autumn Show Information on our website.

**6th OCTOBER. Planting Pots
for Winter Interest and Spring
Joy**

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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

Nature Notes

From David Couling

We all got very excited about watching a solar eclipse through colanders and homemade pin hole cameras. What about eclipse ducks?

Each year around July and August ducks undergo a moult of their feathers. During this period ducks shed all their primary wings simultaneously as a result, they are unable to fly. This whole moult takes about one month during which time they are vulnerable to predators.

To avoid detection the brightly coloured male ducks (drakes), moult their breeding plumage feathers and replace them with dull brownish feathers so they blend in with reeds or other vegetation and thus make them harder for predators to find. When the flight feathers have been replaced, the drakes then moult some feathers again to regain their colourful plumage ready ahead of the next breeding season.

This temporary "eclipse" plumage, as it is known, occurs throughout all our species of duck, but it is most noticeable in our most common species of duck, the Mallard. The male Mallard has an iridescent green, sometimes it looks purple, head and grey back, but during the eclipse plumage period these bright colours disappear, and they look just like a female Mallard. So, the next time you go and feed the ducks and all you can see are dull brown looking females, check them out as there might be some males masquerading as females.

**Little Pieces of History
10 Things
you might not know about
St Nicholas' Church**

*The Church is aligned north/south – 96% of churches are aligned to the east-This probably means it was built on the foundations of a Roman building.
* Lord Scrope Bernard, Jerome Horsey and John Colet are buried under the Church floor.
* The Church was originally very small – the chancel, side isles, porch and tower were added in the 14th Century
* The original roof was a hammer beam roof - the loggia style roof was added in the 1920's -you can see the stone abutments for the original beams
* The oldest thing in the Church is the font – the finest in the "Aylesbury Style"
* The second oldest thing is the original parish chest which has seven locks [but no keys]
* John Hampden and his tenants refused to pay "Ship Money" here leading to the English Civil war [you can see a facsimile of the returned tax warrant on the wall]
* The church was totally restored in 1876 – mainly financed by Lady Rosalind Frankland-Russell – Astley of Chequers. [She has a stained-glass memorial window]
*There is a crypt somewhere under the Church.
*One of the bells from 1570 has a Roman Catholic inscription – Ave Maria gratia plena [very daring in 1570]
Roger Howgate

**Bucks Historic Churches
Ride and Stride
Put Saturday the 12th of
September in the calendar.**

You would be welcome to join walkers or cyclists or just visit St Nicholas, Church. Every second Saturday in September is marked by a sponsored bike ride/ sponsored walk in which intrepid walkers and cyclists set out to visit as many churches during the day as they can. Roger Howgate has been doing this every year since 1995 – although he did miss one year through cancer treatment. Roger would welcome cyclists to accompany him, so long as they are not too athletic and also anyone who would be prepared to sponsor him. In the last thirty years there have been only two rainy Saturdays. Unfortunately, one was last year and Roger suffered two back wheel punctures. Some walkers will also be setting out from St Nicholas' Church. **St Nicholas' Church, Great Kimble, will be open for refreshments during the day.**
rhowgate@yahoo.com

**BEYOND THE REPS
Meet Ian from Tough Talk
with real gripping stories
Little Kimble Fre Church
Saturday September 26th 7pm
For more information
www.kimblefreechurch.org**

