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Contact Kay 07962.172906 for further information

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GWEN'S **CHARITY PLANT STALL**

If you haven't done so before, do pop down to see the everchanging variety of plants, outside Haylands, Kimblewick Road. Thank you so much to all of you who buy from me, and of course, a special thank you to all who have so generously donated plants, chutneys etc. All monies go to Cancer Research and the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Currently I have a good selection of spring plants-primroses. primulas, snowdrops, narcissus, pansies and violas, and probably more.

Thank you again, Gwen Nicosia

Can You Help? We need people to deliver this Newsletter to the residents of the Parish. It is once a month (not August or January)

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GREAT AND LITTLE KIMBLE cum MARSH NEWSLETTER No 554 June 2024

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> Secretary 07791 088182

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St Nicholas' Church **Great Kimble** Services 2nd June

10am Parish communion

9th June 10am Morning Worship

> 16th June 9.15am St Nic's Kids

23rd June 10am Informal Communion

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 9am **Wednesdavs** in April St Nicholas' Church Enjoy coffee and a short Act of Worship All are welcome.

We're at Buckmoor End Farm **Butlers Cross** on Sunday 16 June 9.15 - 10.45am Breakfast for Dads (It's Father's Day!) Activities and games for children Followed by a fun and relevant service for all ages. Including a performance by Great Kimble School Choir. If vou've never been before come and say hello - we'd love to welcome you to our family service

saint.nics.kids@gmail.com

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. For further information contact:

Julia Northway 01844 342112

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 or Harvey -

halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk with your number. We look forward to welcoming you.

St Nic's Kids is on Tour!

Enjoy a Village Tradition

Kimble Free Church

Invite you

to

Songs of Praise and **BBQ**

with

The Ellesborough Silver Band Saturday June 15th at 11.30am The Church by the Bridge

GWEN'S CHARITY PLANT STALL

I am delighted to be able to report, that on May 1st. I reached my first £1000 in takings for this year. All monies have been banked, and cheques posted in early May. £500 each, for Cancer Research U.K and Florence Nightingale Hospice. Many thanks to all those of you who have bought from me, and as always, special thanks to everyone who has donated plants, chutneys and preserves etc. I really couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Please continue to support me. I have currently got a good stock of summer and autumn perennials, and of course, the chutneys and preserves. If you haven't already visited my stall, it is outside my bungalow, at Haylands, Kimblewick Road. Many thanks again. Gwen Nicosia

VILLAGE **COFFEE MORNING** at The Swan, Great Kimble takes place on the First Friday of each month from 10.30am See you on 7th June

Dementia/Sensory Garden

Cala Homes have proposals for a Dementia/Sensory Garden within the site by The Swan. We will be looking for volunteers to get involved with the planting and maintenance contact Delia or Harvey if interested? dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk

The Swan Quiz League **Every first** Wednesday of the month 7pm – 10pm Teams of 6 max £5 per team member Half time curry/chilli

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.

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.

Little Kimble Free Church

Craft Café 10am -12 noon 2nd Wednesday of the month

T4U 10.30 -12noon 3rd Wednesday of each month (usually with a speaker from a charity & Tea and Coffee)

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 if you would like to join us.

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Kimble & Ellesborough **Horticultural Society**

Monthly meetings are held at the Stewart Hall starting at 8pm.lf vou are not a member but would be interested in coming to any meetings do contact Brian Butler (Chairman) butler@care4free.net or call him on 01844 342220. Please see our website for any updates.

Tuesday 4th June 8pm **Planting Design**

Maria Greenhill returns to talk about what she bears in mind when planning a border, such as plant forms and shapes. She'll also share other tips including about colour scheming, repetition of plants and allseason interest.

Members Garden Visit to Springfield Farm Tuesday 11th June 6 00 pm- 7 30 pm This local garden at

Butler's Cross is 2½ acres. A bridge with a pond leads into the garden which is divided into rooms by beech hedging. It includes a rose garden with mainly David Austin roses. herbaceous and shrub borders, orchard and vegetable garden. Members Garden Visit -**Chalgrove Grange**, Oxfordshire

Tuesday 2nd July 6 00pm – 7 30 pm The 11 acres of gardens include herbaceous borders and a large expanse of prairie with many grasses and a wildflower meadow. Other features include a lake with a planted island, arboretum, old orchard and a partly walled vegetable garden.

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 May, when start time is 7pm. The Parish Council are always willing to consider community projects and welcome any ideas from parish residents. Contact the clerk -

clerk@kimmblecouncil.org.uk

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 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.uk if you would like litter picking equipment.

Kímble's Journey

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rhowgate@yahoo.com

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The Mystery Plant?

This year there seems to be a profusion of a plant which I am not familiar with. It has invaded our garden and is found at the allotments and in the hedgerows. It is a large, lush plant with large, hairy leaves and looks like a member of the forget-me-not family. Until it flowered, I thought it might be comfrey but when it flowered it was clearly not. The flowers are bright blue and very like forget-me nots but the plant is too large for forget-me-nots. They are similar to borage – a herb grown for the drink Pimms Number 1, but does not have black stamens or pointed petals. There did used to be a field of borage in Bledlow on Wigan's Lane and there are still a few self-seeded plants by the footpath and hedgesides.

This left me with either bugloss or green alkanet. We used to call bugloss "ox tongue" and this plant's leaves are more pointed, so I decided to provisionally identify it as Green Alkanet – but I am not sure as I am not a botanist, and unusual plants often turn out to be garden escapees. So, if any botanist can correct me I shall be only too glad to accept an alternative proposal. If it is Green Alkanet I am puzzled by the epithet "Green" when the flowers are so blue, but I understand there is a plant called Alkanet, which has red flowers. Green Alkanet was once only commonly found in the far southwest of England where the climate is mild so perhaps if it is Green Alkanet and the increasing warmth of the climate has allowed it to spread. In medieval times Green Alkanet was cultivated in monasteries as a source of a red dye made from the roots. The plant was native to Egypt and the Middle East and may have been introduced by returning pilgrims or crusaders.

Roger Howgate