

Kempsford

(with Whelford,
Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish News

Kempsford Annual Parish Meeting

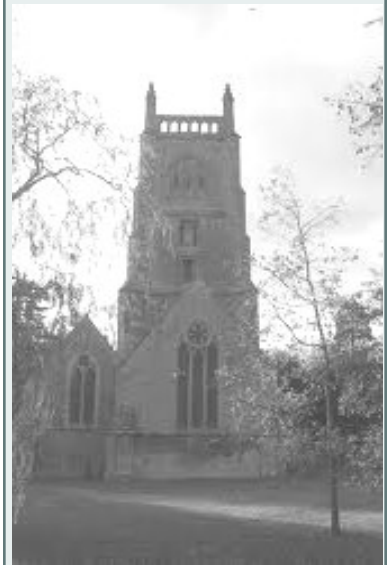
Will be held at
Kempsford Village Hall

On

Tuesday 7th April 2015 at
8pm

ALL WELCOME

Please come along and find out news from
2014 and plans for 2015.



**April
2015**

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Mr Andrew Doherty		711552
Chairman of School Friends	Mrs Philippa Griffin		810754
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall	Mr Pete Wolfenden		810477
Kempsford Village Hall—Booking	Mrs Mollie Price	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810534
Kempsford Preschool	Amy Allen	staff@kempsfordpreschool.co.uk	811000
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Whelford Village Hall—Booking	Mrs Sue Griffin		712979
Dance Classes at Kempsford V.Hall	Ms Gillian Shearing		01793 875934
Kempsford Brownies	Donna Kent	www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved	
Cricket	Richard Caswell		810270
Church Office		Alines.t21@btinternet.com	07599 625240
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		810035
Soldiers, Sailors & Airman's Acc.(SSAFA)	Mr & Mrs A Hill		810035
Scottish & Southern Electricity			0800 072 7282
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
Non-emergency Police Contact			101
Thursday Club	Mrs P Crew/Mrs B Ockwell		810338/713261
NHS 111 Service		(when less urgent than 999)	111
Environment Agency	Floodline—0845 9881188	General Enquiries -	03708 506 506
Bulk Refuse	(phone to book)		01285 623000
Highway Matters & Street Light Faults			08000 514 514
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Sue Coakley MBA	sue@suecoakley.plus.com	01367 253306
	Sandra Carter	Sandra.carter@cotswold.gov.uk	01367 253616
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
		Out of hours <u>Social Care issues only</u>	01452 614194
Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Raymond Theodoulou	rtheo525@aol.com	752000
Constituency MP	Mr G Clifton Brown	cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk	01242 514551
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Teresa Griffin	teresagriffin@kempsfordparish	713691
(see Parish Council page for Councillors)		Council.net	
Newsletter items	Mrs Teresa Griffin	As above	713691
Kempsford Website		www.kempsford.net	
Kempsford Parish Council Website		www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net	

St Mary's, Kempsford with St Anne's Whelford
07811 690535 email alines@talk21.com

April 2015

Dear Friends.

As Easter draws near and the first signs of warmer spring weather will soon be upon us it is a good time to consider the new situation that we find ourselves in the village. As most of you will know we have entered into an interregnum, a period between a departing vicar and his replacement.

During this period it is the role of the churchwardens and the PCC to manage the situation and the affairs relating to weddings, funerals and baptism's as well as maintaining the programme of services at Kempsford and Welford. We have always taken pride in the fact that Kempsford, Welford and Dunfield are an open and well integrated community with Village Hall, Pub, Church, School and Parish Council all working well together. As always the Church is open for all to use and enjoy irrespective of religious disposition. During this difficult period we therefore ask for the support and understanding of all the community.

One of the tasks during this period is to ensure continuity of services as normal using local vicars to support us. This is going well notably we will have the pleasure of welcoming back the Rev David Ackerman who will be conducting a special Evensong Service on Palm Sunday evening 29th March. All are welcome and we will be retiring to the George afterwards for light evening snacks.

Easter is also the time when the election of churchwardens and PCC members takes place and we would encourage new members to put their names forward to ensure ongoing fresh input and ideas into the management of the church in the community.

Yours very sincerely

Churchwardens. Bob Spackman, Bob Nicholls and Adrian Lines.

St Mary's, Kempford with St Anne's Whelford

07599 625240 email alines@talk21.com

April 2015

Services for April/May 2015

Thursday 2nd April	7.30pm Kempford	South Cotswold Deanery Maunday Thursday Stripping of the alter Led by John Swanton
Friday 3 rd April	10am-12 Kempford	Making Easter gardens and Easter activities
Friday 3rd April	2.00 - 3.00pm	Good Friday Vigil St Mary's Fairford
Sunday 5 th April	10.00am Kempford	Easter Day Holy Communion And Egg Hunt Led by David Bainbridge
Sunday 12 th April	10.00am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Paul Springate
Sunday 19 th April	10.00am Kempford	Morning Service led by Adrian Lines Followed by APCM and coffee
Sunday 26 th April	10.00am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 3 rd May	9.00am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Archdeacon Robert Springett
Sunday 3 rd May	10.00am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Archdeacon Robert Springett

Saturday 1st August Wedding of Jonathan Minns and Emma Knipe

Saturday 8th August Wedding of David Francis and Tara Bostock

Saturday 19th Sept Wedding of Lee Pearce and Sophie Cornish



Village Hall EASTER Café

Thursday 9th April 2015

12 noon - 2 pm

On offer - Fresh Coffee, Homemade Soup and Bread, Speciality Teas and Homemade Easter Themed Cakes. What could be better?

Holiday time? Parents/grandparents bring the children/grandchildren along for a treat!

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VILLAGE HALL A.G.M.

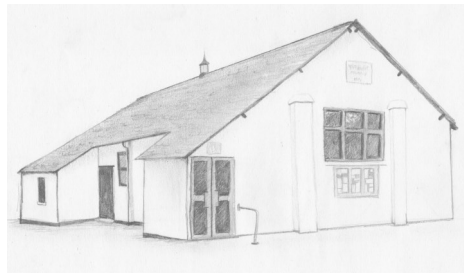
Wednesday 13th May 2015

8 p.m. at the Village Hall

All Residents welcome

New Committee Members needed

Kempsford Village Hall



Regular bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00—11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett			Café 2nd Thurs in month 11:30—14:00	
PM	16:00—17:00 Rainbows Karen Cornish	Dance Classes 15:30—17:00 Ms Gillian Shearing	15:30—17:30 Private Dance Classes Ms Gillian Shearing	12:15—14:15 Post Office	
Eve	18:00—19:00 Zumba Donna	18:00—19:30 Brownies Donna Kent		19:00—21:00 Youth Group	
	19:00—20:30 Karate www.greywolfkarate.org	19:45—21:45 Parish Council Meeting (once a month, usually 3rd Tues in month)			

Contact details: Rona Bennett—01865 820754, Donna — 07891660089, Gillian Shearing —01793875934

Brownies—Donna Kent, www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved, Rainbows—Karen Cornish 07837785666

For Bookings, contact Mollie Price on 01285 810534 or villagehallbookings@kempsford.net

Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Pete Wolfenden (Vice Chair)

Tel: 01285 810477

Jacky Stagg (Treasurer)

Tel: 01285 239287

Dawn Penman (Secretary)

Tel: 01285 810419

Meike Doherty

Tel: 01285 711552

Joy Cross

Tel: 01285 810439

Mrs Trudy Lines

Tel: 01285 711019

New members always welcome

Whelford Village Hall



For Bookings, contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or email— 374croft@gmail.com

What's on at

Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

Live Music Saturday 4th April

Live Music Saturday 2nd May

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

Wed, Fri & Sat: 8pm—12pm, Sun: 12—6pm & 8-11pm

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Teresa Griffin, Winterwood, Whelford, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4EB

Tel: 01285 713691 Email: teresagriffin@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Parish Councillors	Email	Tel.
Mr Tony Williams (Chair)	tonywilliams@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810628
Mr Jerry Stokes (Vice-chair)	jerrystokes@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	07834 369645
Mrs Christine Nugent	christinenugent@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810306
Ms Alison Ward	alisonward@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810273
Mrs Sue Griffin	suegriffin@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 712979
Mr Eric Hiscock	erichiscock@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810031
Mr Mark Strange	markstrange@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810635

Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 7th April 2015	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 21st April 2015	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 12th May 2015	Annual Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Cotswold District Council Planning

Planning applications lodged or new details received:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/00344/FUL	Two storey extensions to north east elevation, first floor extension to north west elevation & conversion of existing garage, raising existing roof structure by 1.1m & erection of 3-bay detached timber garage	Reevey Cottage, Reevey, Kempsford
15/00662/FUL	Single storey side & rear extension	6 Lancaster Road, Kempsford

Gloucestershire County Council Planning

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Location</u>
13/0097/CWMAJM	Revised concept restoration plan for extension of sand and gravel extraction operations	Manor Farm Quarry, Kempsford

Kempsford Parish Council

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF DATE FOR THE EXERCISE OF ELECTORS' RIGHTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

Audit Commission Act 1998 Sections 15 and 16
The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (SI 2011 No.817)

NOTICE	NOTES
<p>1. Date of announcement <u>8TH APRIL 2015</u> (a)</p> <p>2. Each year the Council's/Meeting's (b) annual return is audited by an external auditor appointed by the Audit Commission. Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31st March 2015 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to:</p> <p>(c) <u>TERESA GRIFFIN (CLERK)</u> <u>WINTERWOOD, WHELFORD, GLOS. GL7 4EB</u> <u>TEL: 01285 713691 OR 0781 8626158</u> <u>EMAIL: TERESA.GRIFFIN@KEMPSFORD.NET</u></p> <p>between the hours of (d) <u>9am</u> and (d) <u>5pm</u> on</p> <p>(e) <u>MONDAY</u> to (e) <u>FRIDAY</u></p> <p>commencing on (f) <u>22ND APRIL</u> 2015</p> <p>and ending on (g) <u>22ND MAY</u> 2015</p> <p>3. Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> question the auditor about the accounts: and object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Council / Meeting (h) <p>The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose on (i) <u>1 June 2015</u> and until the audit has been completed.</p> <p>4. The council's audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice, all as transitionally saved. Your appointed auditor is:</p> <p>Barrie Morris Grant Thornton UK LLP Hartwell House 55 – 61 Victoria Street Bristol BS1 6FT Tel: 0117 305 7600</p> <p>5. This announcement is made by (j) <u>TERESA GRIFFIN (CLERK)</u></p>	<p>(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 14 days before the date in (f) below</p> <p>(b) Delete as appropriate</p> <p>(c) Insert name, position and address of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts</p> <p>(d) Insert the times between which any person may apply to inspect the accounts. <i>NB Indicate if there is a lunchtime closure</i></p> <p>(e) Insert working days of the week any person may apply to inspect the accounts – usually Monday to Friday allowing for any days the council is usually closed</p> <p>(f) Insert date at least 21 working days before the date appointed for audit in (i) below</p> <p>(g) The inspection period between (f) and (g) must be 20 working days and (g) must be at least one day before the date appointed for audit in (i) below.</p> <p>(h) Delete as appropriate</p> <p>(i) The date appointed by the auditor</p> <p>(j) Insert name and position of person placing the notice</p>

Councils' Accounts: A Summary of Your Rights

The basic position

By law any person interested has the right to inspect a parish council's or parish meeting's accounts. If you are entitled and registered to vote in local council elections then you (or your representative) also have the right to ask the appointed auditor questions about the council's accounts or object to an item of account contained within them.

The right to inspect the accounts

When your council has finalised its accounts for the previous financial year it must let you know that they are available for inspection. Giving your council reasonable notice of your intentions, you then have 20 working days to look through the accounting statements in the annual return and any supporting documents. By arrangement you will be able to inspect and make copies of the accounts and the relevant documents. You may have to pay a copying charge.

The right to ask the auditor questions about the accounts

You can only ask the appointed auditor questions about the accounts. The auditor does not have to answer questions about the council's policies, finances, procedures or anything else not related to the accounts. Your question must be about the accounts for the financial year just ended. The auditor does not have to say whether they think something the council has done, or an item in its accounts, is lawful or reasonable.

The right to object to the accounts

If you think that the council has spent money that they shouldn't have, or that someone has caused a loss to the council deliberately or by behaving irresponsibly, you can object to an item of account by sending a formal 'notice of objection' to the auditor at the address below. **The notice must be in writing.** In it, you must tell the auditor why you are objecting and what you want the auditor to do about it. The auditor must reach a decision on your objection. If you are not happy with that decision, you can appeal to the courts.

You may also object if you think that there is something in the accounts that the auditor should discuss with the council or tell the public about in a 'public interest report'. **You must give your reasons in writing** to the auditor at the address below and send a copy to the council. The auditor must then decide whether to take any action. The auditor does not have to, but usually will, give reasons for their decision and you cannot appeal to the courts.

You may not use this 'right to object' to make a personal complaint or claim against your council. You should take such complaints to your local Citizens' Advice Bureau, local Law Centre or to your solicitor.

What else you can do

Instead of objecting, you can give the auditor information that is relevant to their responsibilities. For example, you can simply tell the auditor if you think that something is wrong with the accounts or about waste and inefficiency in the way the council runs its services. You do not have to follow any set time limits or procedures. The auditor does not have to give you a detailed report of their investigation, but they will usually tell you the outcome.

A final word

Councils, and so local taxpayers, meet the costs of dealing with questions and objections. In deciding whether to take your objection forward, one of a series of factors the auditor must take into account is the cost that will be involved. They will only continue with the objection if it is in the public interest to do so. If you appeal to the courts against an auditor's decision, you will have to pay for the action yourself.

For more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication ***Council Accounts – A Guide to Your Rights*** are available from the Audit Commission website.

If you wish to contact your Council's appointed external auditor please write to the person named in Box 4 of the Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

To enable essential carriageway repairs to be carried out, the following road will be closed from 30th March 2015 until 2nd April 2015—

Road number and local name: A417 London Road, Fairford
Closure Location: From jctn with 3/157 Lower Croft to jctn 3/157 London Road to Hatherop Road, Fairford
Total Distance: 540m
Type of Closure/Restriction: Full Road Closure, No Parking/No Waiting
Pedestrian access to be maintained

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

To enable Gas Mains Replacement to be carried out, the following road will be closed from 7th April 2015 until 17th April 2015—

Road number and local name: A417 Bridge Street & A417 London Street, Fairford
Closure Location: From:- O/S 5 Whiteheart Court, Bridge Street
To:- O/S Allium Restaurant, London Street
Total Distance: 22m
Type of Closure/Restriction: Full Road Closure

Why is it important that everyone votes in local elections?

Did you know that your local councillors are consulted on nearly everything that happens in your area? They take an active part in influencing what services are and are not provided - and that affects you and your family!

Parish and Town Councils are responsible for many things like: bus shelters, litter bins, local halls and community centres, parks, public clocks and footpaths to name but a few. They are also consulted on planning applications, highway improvements, street signs, grant funding and projects that affect where you live and what facilities your community has or receives.

Local councils are delivering more services for residents than ever before and with District/Unitary/County Council reviewing their services, Parish and Town Councils will be in a position to do even more in the future.

Everything we come into contact with on a daily basis affects how we feel and what we do - so how much effort do you actually make to get your opinions known? Voting in local parish and town council elections takes so little time, but will have a daily impact on you for the next four years, because councillors remain in office for a four year term and their decisions affect the future for your whole community. If you leave voting to others your opinions and wishes will not be heard and simply by voting for a candidate you feel will reflect your view sends a clear message of your opinion to the decision makers.

It is said 'people get the local council they deserve'. Do you know who in your community is standing for election and what they hope to achieve? The names of your councillors should be on your parish notice boards, in local post offices or displayed around your community. If you cannot find this information locally your District/Unitary Council may be able to advise you.

Councillors live side by side with you in your community; they are the most local level of government, being easily contacted and directly answerable to the community every time they walk out of their front doors. They raise money primarily through your council tax to administer their decisions and you need to be sure that you have voted for the right people to look after your community.

If you do not vote, others will and their views may change your life.

Have a voice - vote in the local elections on 7 May 2015



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election of District Councillors for the Cotswold District Council

Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected	Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
Abbey	One	Moreton West	One
Blockley	One	New Mills	One
Bourton Vale	One	Northleach	One
Bourton Village	One	Sandywell	One
Campden & Vale	Two	Siddington & Cerney Rural	One
Chedworth & Churn Valley	One	South Cerney Village	One
Chesterton	One	St Michael's	One
Coln Valley	One	Stow	One
Ermin	One	Stratton	One
Fairford North	One	Tetbury East & Rural	One
Fosseridge	One	Tetbury Town	One
Four Acres	One	Tetbury with Upton	One
Grumbolds Ash with Avening	One	The Ampneys & Hampton	One
Kemble	One	The Beeches	One
Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	Two	The Rissingtons	One
Moreton East	One	Watermoor	One

1. Nomination papers for these elections may be obtained from the Returning Officer, at the offices of Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 1PX, on any working day (excluding bank holidays) Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. until Wednesday 8th April 2015 and between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 9th April 2015. The Returning Officer will, at the request of an elector, prepare a nomination paper for signature.
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3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 7th May 2015.
4. Applications to register to vote at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 1PX by Monday 20th April 2015.
5. Applications for, amendments to, or cancellations of postal votes, and amendments to or cancellations of proxy votes, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 1PX by 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 21st April 2015.
6. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 1PX by 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 28th April 2015.
7. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 1PX by 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 7th May 2015. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 28th April 2015; and to apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware after 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 28th April 2015, that they cannot go to the polling station in person.

Monday 23rd March 2015

Nigel Adams, Returning Officer



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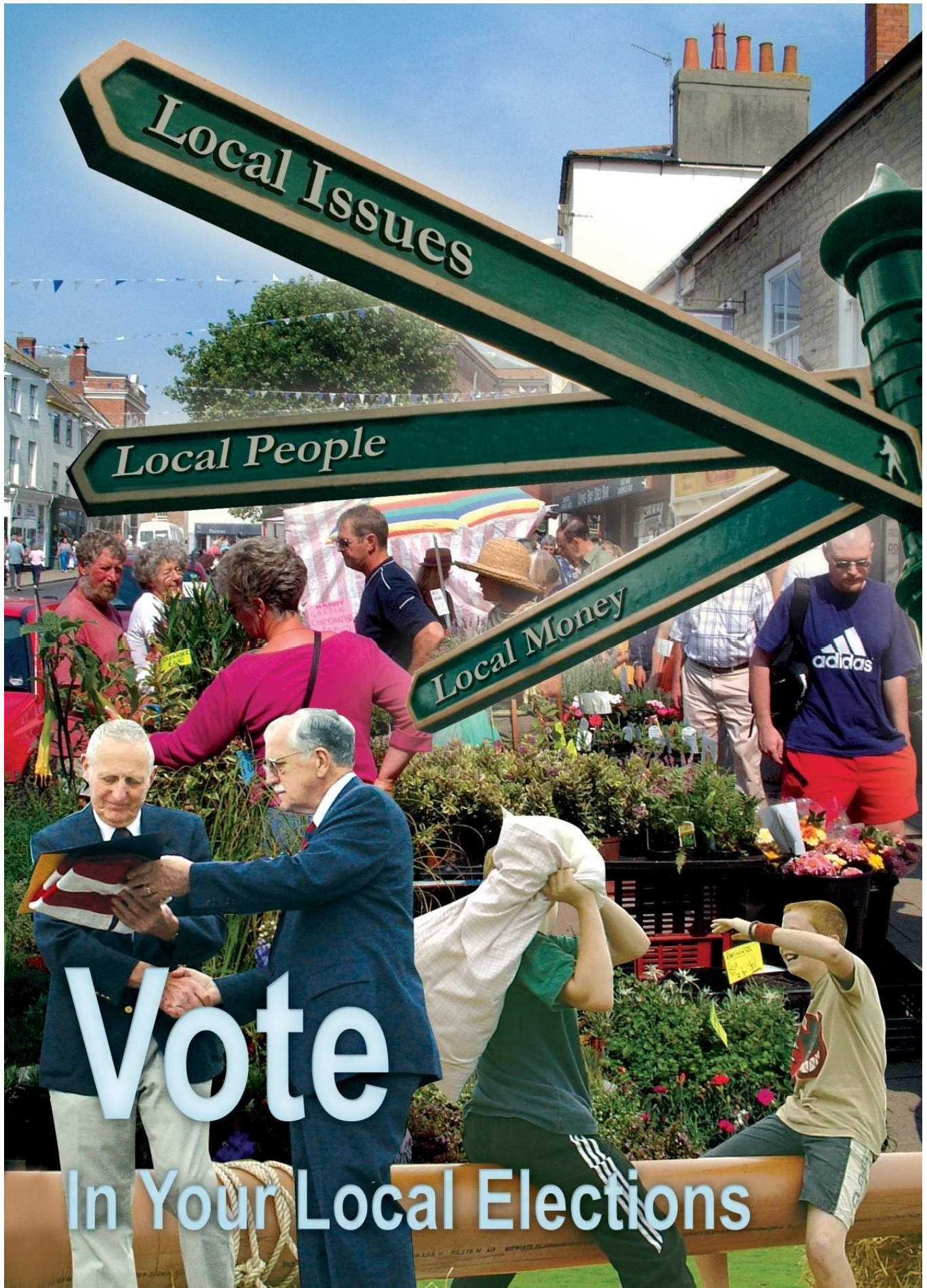
Election of Parish/Town Councillors for the areas listed below

Parish/Town Council/Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected	Parish/Town Council/Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
Aldsworth	Five	Great Rissington	Seven
Ampney Crucis	Seven	Guiting Power	Seven
Andoversford	Seven	Hatherop	Five
Avening	Nine	Kemble	Nine
Bagendon	Seven	Kempsford	Seven
Barrington	Five	Kingscote	Five
Baunton	Seven	Lechlade-on-Thames	Thirteen
Beverston	Five	Little Rissington	Five
Bibury	Seven	Long Newton	Five
Bledington	Seven	Longborough	Seven
Blockley, Aston Magna Ward	Two	Lower Slaughter	Five
Blockley, Blockley Ward	Seven	Maiseyhampton	Seven
Blockley, Paxford Ward	Two	Maugersbury	Five
Bourton-on-the-Hill	Seven	Mickleton	Eleven
Bourton-on-the-Water, Bourton South-East Ward	Three	Moreton-in-Marsh, Moreton East Ward	Six
Bourton-on-the-Water, Bourton Village Ward	Eight	Moreton-in-Marsh, Moreton West Ward	Five
Boxwell with Leighterton	Five	Naunton	Five
Brimpsfield, Brimpsfield Ward	Five	North Cerney	Seven
Brimpsfield, Caudle Green Ward	Two	Northleach with Eastington	Eleven
Broadwell	Seven	Oddington	Seven
Chedworth	Seven	Poultton	Five
Cherinton	Five	Preston	Seven
Chipping Campden	Eleven	Quenington	Seven
Cirencester, Abbey Ward	Two	Rendcomb	Five
Cirencester, Chesterton Ward	Two	Rodmarton	Seven
Cirencester, Four Acres Ward	Two	Sapperton	Seven
Cirencester, New Mills Ward	One	Sevenhampton	Seven
Cirencester, St Michael's Ward	Two	Sherborne	Seven
Cirencester, Stratton Ward	Two	Shipton Moyne	Five
Cirencester, The Beeches Ward	Two	Shipton Oliffe	Five
Cirencester, Watemoor Ward	Two	Siddington	Eleven
Coates	Seven	Somerford Keynes	Seven
Coberley	Five	South Cerney, South Cerney Rural Ward	Three
Cold Aston	Five	South Cerney, South Cerney Village Ward	Eight
Coln St Aldwyns	Five	Southrop	Five
Coln St Dennis	Five	Stow-on-the-Wold	Eleven
Condicote	Five	Swell	Seven
Cowley	Seven	Temple Guiting	Seven
Cutsdean	Five	Tetbury, Tetbury East Ward	Four
Daglingworth	Five	Tetbury, Tetbury Town Ward	Six
Didmorton	Seven	Tetbury, Tetbury West Ward	Five
Dowdeswell	Five	Tetbury Upton	Five
Down Ampney	Seven	Todenhams	Seven
Driffield	Five	Upper Rissington	Seven
Duntisbourne Abbots	Five	Upper Slaughter	Five
Duntisbourne Rouse	Two	Weston-sub-Edge	Seven
Eastleach	Seven	Westonbirt with Lasborough	Five
Ebrington	Seven	Willesley	Nine
Elkstone	Five	Winstone	Five
Evenlode	Five	Withington	Seven
Fairford, Fairford North Ward	Nine	Wyck Rissington	Five
Fairford, Fairford South Ward	Four		

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Monday 23rd March 2015

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I am writing to let you know about a new and exciting website that I have just launched in the area.

I covered the Cotswolds as a local newspaper reporter for a number of years in the 1990s, but was unfortunately made redundant from my most recent job as chief sub-editor of the Evesham and Cotswold Journal in January 2014.

So I have decided, in partnership with Cheltenham-based Cotswold Web Services, to launch "Loving the Cotswolds" (www.lovingthecotswolds.com) which has just gone live.

The website is focused on the positive side of life in the Cotswolds and is packed with information and features about the area, including a section called "101 Reasons to Love the Cotswolds", which consists of 101 features on some of the Cotswolds' best attractions, events and traditions.

There are also a number of more off-beat sections, including Cotswolds Claims to Fame, Cotswolds Trivia, the Wacky Side of the Cotswolds and Filming in the Cotswolds.

There is also an educational element, with features including those on the Cotswolds AONB and the Cotswold Hills Geopark.

You can follow us on Twitter @lovingcotswolds or on Facebook - Loving The Cotswolds.

Finally, if there's anything going on locally that you think might make an interesting story, I'd be extremely grateful if you could put me on any media mailing list you may have.

Best wishes

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Fairford Library:

Opening Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9.30am to 5pm,
Thursday 9.30am-7pm, Saturday 9.30-1pm

Easter Closing: The Library will be closed on Easter Saturday, 4th April and Easter Monday, 6th April

Special Offer DVD hire over the Easter period: hire on Thu 2nd April return Wed 8th April – 6 night's hire for the price of one! Stock up, we stock the latest releases to loan for only £1.50 or older titles for only £1

Advance Notice: *A Children's Spring Craft Event is planned for Thursday, 9th April 2.30-4pm*

- **Free family history research** help with our "Ancestry buddy" volunteer
- **Apply for your concessionary bus pass for free:** no need to buy a passport photo.
- **Weekly Events: Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time – every Wednesday** 10.30 – 11.00 (Songs and Rhymes for babies up to 2 years). **Toddler Time** every **Monday in term time 10 – 10.30am** (approx 2 years – pre-school),
- **Want to learn how to use a computer?** Free computer help to get you started with our "Computer buddy" volunteer
- **Library Club every month (3rd Thurs):** Next 19th March. Books, coffee and a chat for those unable to get out and about. Free transport with disabled facilities
- **Home Delivery Service :** We now have some Home Delivery Volunteers who can deliver library books to your home. If you are interested in this service please contact the Library.
- **Latest publications: 1,000's of books** to choose from and collect at Fairford library.
- **New text and email renewal reminder service:** no need to worry about when to return your books or forgetting and incurring fines. Download the **Library App** to manage your account on the move.
- **E-books and e-audio books** available to loan – ask us for more details or see website

Copies of the Events Guide for March—August 2015 are available now at Whelford Pools Nature Reserve. The Parish Council also has a small quantity available on request.



Gloucestershire



my wild events

March – August 2015



Gloucestershire

Waterside living

Do you have a river, stream, ditch or culvert running through, or alongside your property?

If so, you are probably responsible for its maintenance and this guide is for you.



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Gloucestershire County Council have recently updated their Waterside Living Leaflet.

The leaflet details landowner's roles and responsibilities to maintain watercourses, streams or ditches running through or adjacent to their land. This can include homeowners, farmers and businesses. Such landowners are formally known as riparian landowners.

The intention of the leaflet is to encourage maintenance to help mitigate flood risk.

The Parish Council have a small amount of leaflets available.

Please contact the Clerk if you would like one. Alternatively copies can be made available upon request from the Flood Risk Management Team at Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Gloucester.

The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group now have a volunteer group that could be operating in and around your area as part of our Water With Integrated Local Delivery (WILD) project. We are working to reduce flood risk, improve water quality and provide valuable habitat by restoring ditches and watercourses in the Gloucestershire area. Valuable knowledge can be gained from local people and we would like to encourage your support to help us reduce some of the issues our villages are facing because of poor water management.

If you would like to join in please look at our website at <http://www.fwagsw.org.uk/what-we-do/fwag-volunteer-group/>. Or call 01823 355427

Kempsford Public Access Defibrillator



Many of you may have noticed a yellow box now at the side of The George.

Its installation has been made possible thanks to the generosity of the Gresham Wells Trust (Trustees – The Parish Council) and of the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT).

IN AN EMERGENCY Dial 999 or 112

If your call is deemed to be an appropriate emergency situation, you will be given the location of the nearest defibrillator and the access code for the box. Ambulance call handling staff will also provide additional support and instructions as appropriate.

Awareness Sessions, aimed at familiarising those attending with the use of a defibrillator and how it could help you to save a life, are being planned. Details of those sessions will follow.

Defibrillators are now located at:

Fairford Youth Football Club (GL7 4DD)
Bull Inn, Fairford (GL7 4AA)
Lechlade Library (GL7 3AB); and,
Southrop Village Hall (GL7 3PE)

For more information, please contact Stephen Andrews (07795-915902)

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY.

Monday 20 April, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. **The Rise and Fall of the English Public House.** Mike Marsham tells the story of this English institution from Saxon tabernas and medieval alehouses to gin palaces and present-day public houses.

Guests welcome £4. Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

Exploring Faith

Is Christian faith relevant today? How did the world begin? Is there a personal God who has any interest in us? Was Jesus a real person?

Some of the questions we will look at along with a whole host of others where discussion and exploration will be a large part of journeying together.

Exploring Faith is a course that will help young people look at the basic tenets of Christian faith and beyond and help them to consider their own response. For some that might involve baptism or confirmation at the conclusion but we really don't want to be prescriptive.

The course will run on a Wednesday at Quenington Village Hall for about an hour (with refreshments before) and we are looking to start on **Wednesday 25th March** with a taster session. Breaking for Easter we will recommence in April and conclude during June. Sessions will be from 7-8pm each week (refreshments from 6.30pm). There is no cost involved in participating.

For those keen to sign up please do get in touch with our youth worker, Chris Saunders, on [saundersc2014@gmail](mailto:saundersc2014@gmail.com) or (01452) 30142.

For those considering getting involved why not come to the 'taster week' before Easter to find out what it's all about. It will be possible

Open to any young people of secondary school age (11 to 18 years)

MAY NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

Monday 20th April 2015 please

**Lechlade & District
Lions Club**



CHARITY AUCTION

& BOOK SALE

SATURDAY

18th APRIL 2015

MEMORIAL HALL

LECHLADE

DOORS OPEN - Noon

AUCTION COMMENCES - 1.00pm

Book Sale Admission- 50p; Auction Registration £1

FURTHER DETAILS – Tel. 01367-252984/252797

WWW.LECHLADELIONS.ORG.UK

Auction sponsored by :-

Row Electrical, The Old Dairy,

Back Lane , Fairford, Glos.

Tel. 01285 712626

Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

April 2015

*Cirencester: Thursdays departing Fairford 08.30am(1) & 09.30(2) returning 11.15am
& 12.15 cost £3.60 (March) 3.80 (April)*

<u>APRIL 2015</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart Fairford AM</u>	<u>Return PM</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Wednesday 1 st	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	5.00
Tuesday 7 th	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.50
Thursday 9 th	Carterton Market (replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	5.00
Friday 10 th	Witney	09.00	1.00	6.80
Wednesday 15 th	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Tuesday 21 st	Cheltenham (Limited Seats)	09.00	1.00	8.20
Friday 24 th	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	8.20
Friday 24 th	Burford Garden Centre	09.00	1.00	5.50
Monday 27 th	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	5.50

All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station

All departure times are from the Fire Station and NOT arrival at your home.

{Please note from April 1st there are fare increases.}

To book seats please ring 01285 713852 (Jill or Clive) or pop into the Community Centre Office Mon-Fri 0800-1200

