# Kempsford (with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove) Parish Newsletter



Alan Sumnall, Cotswold Water Park Reserves Manager for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, with the new interpretation board at Whelford Pools Nature Reserve

# April 2016

#### Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

	5 - 5		
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 Bookings	Kate Collins	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810478
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Preschool	Lisa Nichols	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
	Stephen Andrews	Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	01285 810663
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
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Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Raymond Theodoulou	rtheo525@aol.com	752000
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(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 John Swanton, Team Rector 01285 – 851309 email: john@swanton.plus.com

April 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbours

I have eaten my fair share of Hot Cross Buns recently, and I will make sure I have (probably more than) my fair share of Easter Eggs this Easter! Food and faith have strong links - which too often we either take for granted or forget.

Some people think the Christian faith can be a bit drab and dour because it can be associated with abstinence and denial – for some it sounds like a perpetual calorie controlled diet! Of course, the emphasis should be on 'the Feast', with the time of self-denial (like during Lent) a time to prepare yourself to enjoy the party and savour all the flavours.

Jesus enjoyed a good party – he turned water into wine (gallons of it) at a wedding reception (Luke 2); he accepted invitations to meals with the most unlikely people (Luke 19:1-10); and was criticized by the religious people for having too much of a good time! (Matthew 11:19)

He also used food and meals as a source of ideas for his teaching – about the great banquet: and when invitations were refused other less likely people were summonsed and given pride of place (Matthew 22:1-14). And the night before Jesus died he had supper with his friends. On the first Easter Sunday Jesus broke bread with two of his disciples in Emmaus (Luke 24:30-35) and days later the Risen Jesus cooked breakfast for the same friends (Luke 22:7-39 & John 21:1-14).

We are taught that the Kingdom of God will be like a great feast; and that sharing a meal with others can help us draw closer to God. We are blessed in many ways when we share food and fun together – may we be reminded of this during the 50-day Feast of Easter.

'O taste and see how gracious the Lord is' -Psalm 34

Rev'd John Swanton, Rector

#### **Services for April**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.00 am	Holy Communion led by	
	Whelford	Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson	
Sunday 3rd April	10.00 am	Holy Communion led by	
	Kempsford	Rev'd Lynn Hayler	
Sunday 10 <sup>h</sup> April	10.00 am	Holy Communion led by	
	Kempsford	ТВА	
Sunday 17 <sup>h</sup> April	10.00am	Family Service led by	
	Kempsford	Lay Team	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Holy Communion led by	
	Kempsford	Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am	Holy Communion led by	
	Whelford	Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10 am	Holy Communion for Rogation Sunday	
	Kempsford	led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler	

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day Services:

These take place at Bibury at 7.00 am and Down Ampney at 7.00 pm

The Annual Parochial Church Council meeting takes place on Sunday 24 April at 11.00 am following the church service.

All parishioners living in Whelford, Kempsford, Dudgrove and Dunfield are welcome to attend.

#### **BOUNDARY WALK**

#### SUNDAY 8 MAY

Starting at 10.30 am from Kempsford Church, join us as we walk the bounds of the parish of Kempsford, Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove

Everybody welcome

Further details next month

#### **Kempsford Football Group**

## The new season kicks off on Tuesday 29 March with a friendly Football Match against Bibury at Bibury Court at 6 pm.

Football Training and games begin on the School Field every Wednesday from Wednesday 13 April 6pm to 7.30pm.

Open to all 6 to 13 year olds and girls are included. There will be a separate activity for those who do not wish to play football. Refreshments provided.

**Upcoming Events** 

Wednesday 20 April Fun and Games and BBQ with Bibury Saturday 11 June Thames Challenge Walk Thursday 16 June It's A Knockout at Bibury Thursday 14 July Fun, Games and BBQ (venue to be confirmed) 25 to 28 August Holiday Club with an overnight camp

Contact Rosemary on 07785 258839 for more details

### Kempsford Village Hall



# Whelford Village Hall



For bookings, contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or email— <u>374croft@gmail.com</u>

# **Whelford Social Club**

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

# Live Music—Saturday 16th April

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

**Opening Hours:** 

Wed, Fri & Sat: 8pm–12am, Sun 12pm–6pm & 8pm–11pm



Kempsford Cricket Club. Located behind the George public house, High Street, Kempsford, Glou

#### If you notice an error with any of the fixtures please email kempsfordcc@gmail.com

	Opponents	Venue	Status		e
April					
Sunday 17th	Barnsley Beeches 🖾	Home	Confirmed	1:30 Start	
Sunday 24th	The Journeymen 🕮	Home	Confirmed	2:00 Start	
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# Kempsford Village Hall



#### **Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings**

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00-11:00			12:00-14:00	
	Pilates			Café	
	Rona Bennett			(monthly,	
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	
PM	16:00-17:00	15:30-17:00	15:30-17:30	12:00-14:00	
	Rainbows	Dance Classes	Private	Post Office	
	Karen Cornish	Ms Gillian	Dance Classes		
		Shearing	Ms Gillian		
		_	Shearing		
Eve	18:00-19:00	18:00-19:30	18:00-19:00	20:00-21:00	
	Zumba	Brownies	Football	Youth Group	
	Donna	Donna Kent		-	
	19:00-20:30	19:45-21:45			
	Karate	Parish Council			
	www.greywolfkarate.org	Meeting			
	<b>_</b>	(monthly,			
		usually 3 <sup>rd</sup>			
		Tuesday)			

**Contact details**: Rona Bennett-01865820754, Donna-07891660089, Gillian Shearing-01793875934, Brownies (Donna Kent)-www.girlguiding.org.uk, Rainbows (Karen Cornish)-07837785666

#### For Bookings, contact Kate Collins on 01285 810478 or email: villagehallbookings@kempsford.net

Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Pete Wolfenden (Vice Chair)	Tel: 01285 810477	Kate Collins	Tel: 01285 810478
Jacky Stagg (Treasurer)	Tel: 01285 239287	Pete Robinson	Tel: 01285 810356
Joy Cross (Secretary)	Tel: 01285 810439	Mark Strange (PC Rep)	Tel: 01285 810635

New members are always welcome!

# KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Teresa Griffin, Winterwood, Whelford, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4EB Tel: 01285 713691 Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Parish Councillors	Email	Tel.
Mr Tony Williams (Chair)	tonywilliams@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810628
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Mrs Sue Griffin	suegriffin@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 712979
Mr Mark Strange	markstrange@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810635
Mr Philip Nickson	philnickson@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810466

Parish Council and othe	r Meeting dates	
Tuesday 5th April 2016	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm at Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 19th April 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 17th May 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

#### Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to distribute the monthly Parish Newsletter to the new houses at Hazel View, Kempsford (between Top Road and the High Street). Please contact the Clerk for more information or if you are able to help. Thank you.

#### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at Kempsford Village Hall.

Everyone welcome, particularly society and club representatives.

It is a great opportunity to find out what has been happening in the Parish and hear future plans.

#### **Community Emergency Plan**

The Parish Council is preparing a Community Emergency Plan. Whilst emergencies don't really happen that frequently, when they do, the impact can be very serious.

Most emergencies affecting communities will be dealt with by the Emergency Services and /or the County and District Council, but, if there is a delay in their arrival, or the scale of the situation means their provision is stretched, then we want to ensure our community has a plan in place. That way, we can organise things to respond quickly and effectively and help the Emergency Services as needed.

We need to establish where emergencies – of any or all types – could affect us, which are more likely, and the resources we have available to deal with them. A key resource is of course the help that residents and people who work here can offer.

In 2007 when a large proportion of Whelford and some parts of Reevey were flooded, lots of people came forward and helped move furniture, provided meals etc.

We would like to record that sort of offer so that we know who we could call on, in advance. If you have specific skills we can use, let us know. Alternatively, you may need some particular help, and want to contact us about that, or you might be able to offer help after the event to get things back on the road to recovery... anyway, please do get in touch.

We have included a quick questionnaire to help with this process. If you could put it in the box at The George Kempsford, Egg Farm Whelford, or drop it in the post, it would really help.

#### **Kempsford Parish Council community questionnaire**

Developed from a template produced by Cotswold District Council

#### Community Emergency Plan Can you offer help before, during or after an emergency?

Please complete this questionnaire to let us know how you might be able to help this community in an emergency.

### Please return to the Parish Clerk by putting in boxes at The George, Kempsford, the Egg Farm, Whelford or by post to the address on Page 8.

#### How can you help? you have any of the following skills that you are prepared to offer in an emergency? ase tick Builder Mechanic ctor Plumber Corgi Gas Installer armacist **Fire Fighter** Electrician se st Aid Engineer Catering ninistrative HGV License Counselling ateur Radio Plant Operator Vet er (please describe)

### you have any of the following that you are prepared to offer for use in the event of an ergency? Please tick

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iler	Lifting gear	Portable heater
Vehicle	Generator	Gas cylinders
ergency Lighting	Portable pump	Mobile water tank
ain saw	Camp Beds	Blankets/Pillows
er (please describe)		

#### uld you be prepared to offer temporary accommodation to people and/ or pets in the int of an emergency? If yes how many

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II	Spring	Other	
you have an alternati	ve form of heating/lighting?	2	
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od	Lantern	Other	
at cooking facilities o	lo you have?		
ctricity	Gas	Other	
at type of property do	o you have?		
Jse	Bungalow	Caravan	
m	Flat –ground floor/upper	Other	

# POWER TO YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



## **ONLINE PETITION**

# GIVE YOUR PARISH COUNCIL THE RIGHT TO APPLEAL PLANNING

## DECISIONS

SEARCH GOOGLE

**"ONLINE PETITION 110489"** FOLLOW

## LINK AND VOTE !!

**CONTACT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL FOR HELP** 

01843 821339



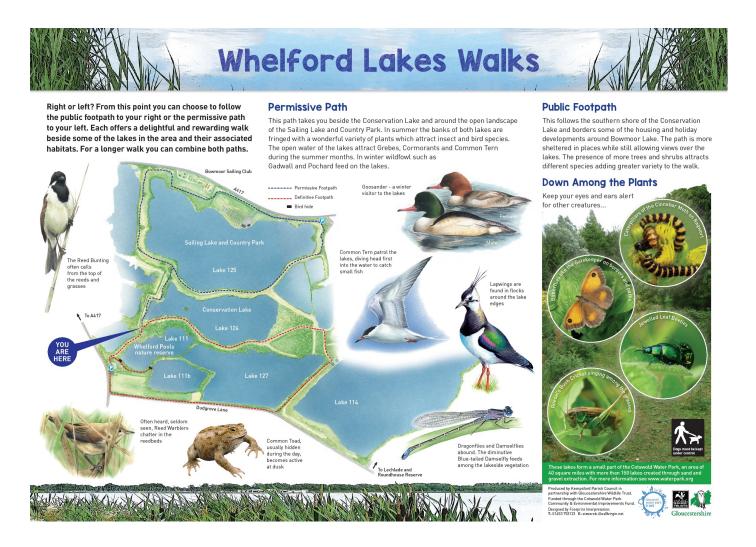
KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



#### New Interpretation Board at Whelford Pools Nature Reserve

The board will provide valuable information to visitors on the unique habitats as part of the Cotswold Water Park environment, together with walks within the area.

It was funded through the Cotswold Water Park Community & Environmental Improvements Fund and produced by Kempsford Parish Council in partnership with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.



# Forthcoming Events in the Cotswold Water Park



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Whelford Pools

04:30 - 06:30

Dawn Chorus + Heronry

Walk around reserve and adjacent lakes listening to dawn chorus learning bird calls/songs + look at Heronry

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Roundhouse Lake

11:00 - 13:00

Roundhouse Lake Walk

Normally closed to the public, a chance to have a guided walk around the reserve looking at different habitats/wildlife present and also management undertaken

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Whelford Pools

20:30 - 22:30

Nocturnal Wildlife

See what wildlife comes out at night. Walk around reserve with bat detectors and also setting Moth traps

For further information about any of the events, please contact:

#### **Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust**

Conservation Centre, Robinswood Hill Country Park,

Reservoir Road, Gloucester, GL4 6SX Main Switchboard: 01452 383333

www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

#### LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 18th April, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

**Gloucestershire Almshouses**. John Loosley is a historian from Stroud, founder of the Oakridge History Society and also Secretary to the Committee for Archaeology in Gloucestershire. He will be telling us about the history of the county's almshouses. Guests welcome £4. Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.



#### Fairford Library: Opening Times

Monday	9.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 5pm
Thursday	9.30am - 7pm
Saturday	9.30am - 1pm

- \*\* NEW \*\* Free Wi-Fi service now available in the Library allowing all to use laptops, tablets and other mobile devices
- Apply for your concessionary bus pass for free: no need to buy a passport photo.
- Weekly Events: Toddler Time every Monday in term time 10 10.30am (2 years pre-school), Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time every Wednesday 10.30 11.00 (Songs and Rhymes for babies up to 2 years).
- Home Delivery Service : We have Home Delivery Volunteers who can deliver library books to your home. If you are interested in this service please contact the Library.
- Free computer instruction: would you like to learn how to use a computer or Wi-Fi tablet to access the internet/email and to improve your skills? We offer free basic tuition with our 'computer buddy volunteer. Contact us to book an appointment
- Latest publications: 1,000's of books to choose from, you can reserve a book for free online and collect it from a library of your choice. Do come in and browse our shelves or read the papers on our comfy sofas.
- Download the Library App to manage your account on the move.
- Free eMagazines Library members can now use their library card not only to download eBooks but now eMagazines as part of our digital services. See website or ask us.
- DVDs: latest releases to loan for only £1.50 until our next opening time, older titles just £1.
- Occasional free events, please contact the library for details.

#### 01285 712599

Free parking at the rear of the library.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

The Library



#### **Community First Responder**

Community First Responders (CFR) are volunteers trained to attend medical emergencies where it might be essential for the patient to receive immediate life-saving care. No previous medical training is needed to become a CFR. CFRs are an integral part of the local Ambulance Service.

**The next course is being arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June** with applications having to be made in April, interviews 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May and an aim that those attending the course will "go live" in August.

The local group, which covers an area from Lechlade through Fairford to Kempsford, meets monthly. Local CFRs are encouraged to attend these as part of their continuation training.

Interested? Then find out more from either:

Stephen Andrews at andrews@btinternet.com or call 07795-915902; or,

David Chapman at davidcchapman999@gmail.com or call 01367-850454





Kempsford and Whelford Branch

Email: KandWCB@btinternet.com

#### Kempsford Conservative Branch 2016 Annual General Meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The Cotswold Conservative Association, Kempsford Conservative Branch Annual General Meeting will take place at 7:00pm (for 7:30pm) on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Our Guest Speaker will be the Conservative Candidate for the forthcoming election for the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner, Will Windsor-Clive.

If you a Member, Supporter, or a potential Supporter you will be most welcome. If you are interested in attending, please email us (<u>KandWCB@btinternet.com</u>) so that further information can be sent to you.





#### ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages. News and information from The League Upcoming Events

#### **2016** House to House Collection : 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April

The League's House-to-House Collection will be held in April. This is our biggest fund raiser and in anticipation we thank you for your support

# CURRY NIGHT AT KHUSHI'S INDIAN RESTAURANT, LECHLADE TUESDAY 26th APRIL 7.30 pm

An Indian buffet meal - cost £15.00/head (excluding drinks).

A maximum of 60 people can be accommodated so purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be obtained from:

- Ruth Berridge 01367 252706
- David Chapman 01367 850454
- Graham Hewitt 01285 851022

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 23 May 2016, 7pm at Fairford Hospital Come and support us and hear about the League's activities. Tea & Coffee will be served.

#### LECHLADE CHARITY SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare three hours a week to help out as a volunteer for The League of Friends Charity Shop in Lechlade?

# We have a committed team of cheerful and enthusiastic volunteers that are great to work with but we do need more help.

The Shop is always in need of donations of clothes and bric a brac so please if you have items you no longer need bring them to us and help us help our community. If you think you can help please contact Debbie Ash (Shop Manager) on 07519 846765/01367 252189 or call in to the shop at Lloyds Bank House, Lechlade; or email us at: fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk

If you need further information on any of the items above, please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email:<u>fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk</u>.

Graham Hewitt Chairman

#### www.friendsoffairford.org.uk



**The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital** (**Reg. Charity No: 1006416**) President, Earl St Aldwyn



ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

News and information from The League

#### NEW TREASURER REQUIRED

Paul O'Shaughnessy has decided to step down as Treasurer from the Management Committee as he wishes to devote more time to his many and varied interests. Paul has done a great job over the last 6 years and we are now looking for someone to take on this role.

If you wish to express an interest in this rewarding role please contact Paul on email: paulatscissor@btinternet.com or Graham Hewitt on 01285 851022. Graham Hewitt Chairman

#### Kempsford Footpath Walkers

After a break over the winter period the Kempsford Footpath Walkers will be organising a few more walks over the coming months.

Our next walk will be:

## Sunday 3rd April at 11.00am in Whelford. Meet at Whelford Village Hall car park

The walks are open to all, so please come along and join us. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day.

We aim to start the walks promptly so please be at Whelford Village Hall 5 minutes beforehand.

For further information, speak to any of the following residents;

- Dawn Penman 810 419
- Mark Strange 810 635
- Mollie Price 810534

Iris Lewis - 810 770 or email iris.lewis@btinternet.com

# **Cotswolds** Photographic Competition

### CAPTURE OUR GLORIOUS TOWNS, EVENTS & LANDSCAPES

The 5 photography categories are: Best Cotswold village life • Taste of the Cotswolds Showcasing our beautiful Cotswolds towns Best live event scene • Stunning rural landscapes

Category winners images will be featured in tourism promotions and publications

#### **ONE OVERALL WINNER WILL RECEIVE:**

- Canvas of winning photo supplied by Blueprint Imaging
- Treat yourself courtesy of Cotswold House Hotel: 30 minute Spa treatment, 2 hours use of the Spa facilities and a £15 voucher for use in the restaurant
- Cotswold Farm Park Family Pass

Closing date Friday 10th June 2016

Contact your local **Tourist Information Centre** for more details or visit www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org/photocomp



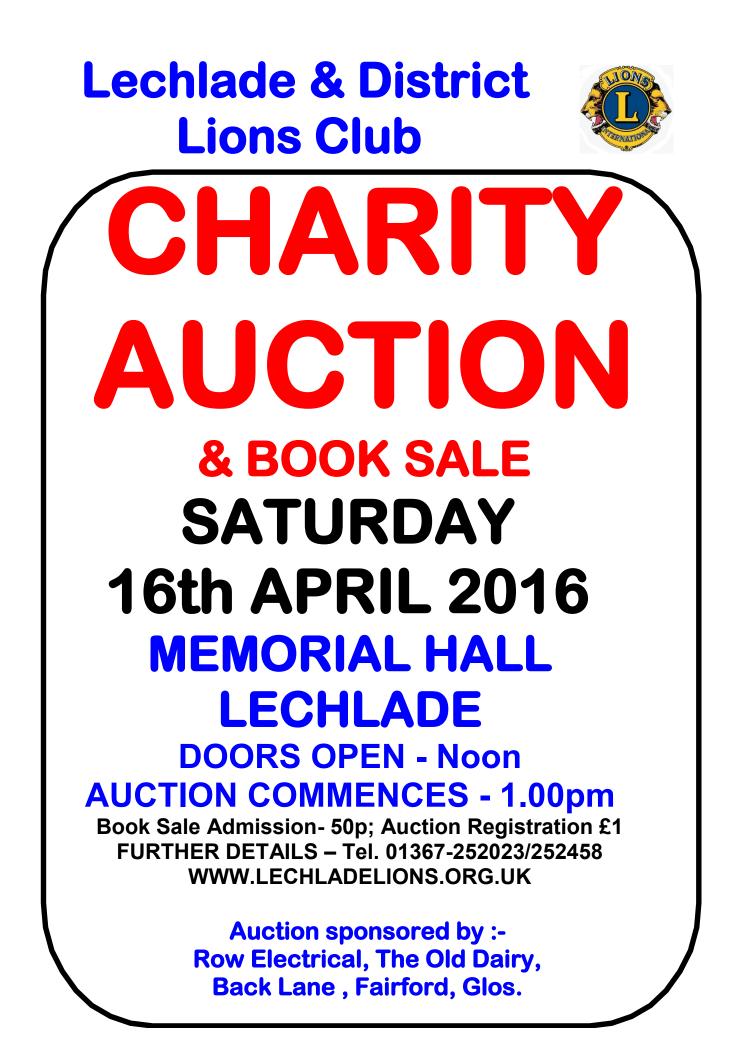


Cotswold House Hotel & Spa









#### Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable April 2016

# Cirencester: Thursdays departing Fairford 08.30am(1) & 08.45(2) returning 11.15am & 11.45 cost 3.80

April 2016	Destination	Depart Fairford AM	Return PM	Fare
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.90
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	08.30	1.00	7.20
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Milletts Farm	09.00	2.00	7.50
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton (Replaces Cirencester 1)	08.30	12.00	5.30
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham (Limited Seats)	08.30	1.00	8.60
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon	08.30	Flexible	5.90
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	08.30	1.00	8.60
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre	09.30	12.30	3.70
	Fair weather destinations from May onwards			

<u>All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station</u> All departure times are from the Fire Station and NOT arrival at your home. To book seats please ring 01285 713852 or pop into the Community Centre Office Mon-Fri 0800-1200

#### FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY perform Handel's MESSIAH

#### Sunday 1 May 2016 St Mary's Church, Fairford at 7.30 pm

This ever popular choral work, accompanied by the Corelli Ensemble, is the first concert with the choir's talented new conductor Marysia Gorska and sure to be popular. Booking opens 1<sup>st</sup> April. Tickets £15 (under 18's £5) from Blenheim Antiques 01285 712094 or visit <u>www.fairford.org/choralsociety</u>

#### **MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by Monday 25th April 2016 please Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net