Kempsford (with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove) Parish Newsletter April 2022



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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 Mark Strange (Chair)	markstrange@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810635
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PARSIH COUNCIL & OTHER MEETING DATES

Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Tuesday 5th April

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

8pm Kempsford Village Hall

Everyone welcome, particularly Parish Clubs, Societies and organisations

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Kempsford Parish Council PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Further to the recent notice about the vacancy arising from the retirement of Jerry Stokes, the time has passed for an election to be called so the Parish Council now wish to co-opt a new parish councillor.

Could this be you? Are you interested in serving your local community?

Kempsford Parish covers the villages of Kempsford and Whelford, and the hamlets of Dunfield and Dudgrove.

The Council meets monthly, usually the third Tuesday in the month, and meetings are generally held at Kempsford Village Hall, with Whelford Village Hall as a reserve option.

Parish Councillors volunteer their time to work on behalf of their local community. If you have lived in the Parish, or within 3 miles of it, for at least a year and are over 18, you are probably eligible (please check with the clerk for further eligibility criteria). Training will be given by the Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils, and funded by the Parish Council, if desired.

For a copy of the Application and Eligibility Form, or any further information, **please contact the Clerk or visit the 'News' page of our website –** <u>www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net</u>

Applications close on Friday 15th April 2022.

A decision to co-opt an applicant will be made at the next meeting of the Parish Council which will be held on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Mrs Teresa Griffin, Clerk to Kempsford Parish Council, Winterwood, Whelford, Glos. GL7 4EB Email: <u>clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net</u> Tel: 0781 8626158

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR



IF YOU CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU

JOIN US AND MAKE A LOCAL CHANGE



Kempsford Village Hall booking for the month

	Sunday	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
AM		10:00 - 11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754					
PM		15:30 - 16:30 Rainbows Caroline Gooch		17:30 - 18:30 Youth Club (Term time only)	12:00 - 14:00 Post Office Monthly Café (Café 2nd Thurs of the month)		
Evening			20:00 - 21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2nd Tuesday)		15:30 - 17:00 Brownies Philippa Griffin 01285 810754/ 0779 3562704		
	20:00 - 21:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna		19:45 - 21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)				

CAN YOU HELP?

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL urgently needs new committee members due to the 'retirement' of some long-standing members. Can you spare a few hours a month? Do you have ideas for new village events or fundraising? If so please contact one of us - email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net.

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- *Hannah Dickens, Chair *Joy Cross, Secretary Kathy Woodward Rev Kim Brown
- *Mel Denny, Bookings Secretary *Amy Durban, Health & Safety Louise Edwards Karen Saunders, Parish Council Rep ** Denotes Trustee*

*Jo Colson, Treasurer *Kate Collins Luke Fry Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome! IF YOU WISH FOR YOUR VILLAGE HALL TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY PLEASE DO CONSIDER JOINING US

Community Litter Pick Saturday 25th June at 2pm

Please assemble at the Village Hall car park to get kitted up (hi viz, bags , gloves, litter pickers)

Please contact Phil Nickson for any further information -

Email: philnickson@kempsfordparishcouncil.net or



Telephone: 07801 295331





KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ Thursday 14th April 12 – 2pm

Come and try our Homemade Soups and Bread, Delicious Homemade Hot Cross Buns and Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.

We have missed seeing you all and if you haven't been before you're missing a treat! It's the holidays, so children bring mum and dad and your grandparents too!

Covid-19: please wear masks in the hall unless you are seated and eating.



9:30 to 12:30pm Lechlade Memorial Hall, Oak Street. GL7 3AY



Our volunteer repairers will try to repair your portable household appliances and other items.

We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month.
9th April. 7th May. 11th June. 9th July.
13th August. 10th September. 8th October.
12th November. 10th December 2022

For further information or advice email: lechlade.repaircafe@gmail.com or call: 07554 230323





ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or revkimbrown10a@gmail.com Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821 Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson <u>dizzylizzie@sky.com</u> or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 <u>churchwarden@kempsford.net</u> or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

Vicar's Ramblings

We never know what a new month will bring. When I wrote last month, I didn't know there would be a war raging in Europe. A truly terrible act of aggression on the nation of Ukraine, for which there is no justification. We hope and pray negotiations will succeed in drawing it to an end very soon.

Some of our local villages felt a strong desire to respond by giving money or items such as medical supplies. One of our village churches was inundated with donations, and a young woman in another village co-ordinated these being transported to a charity in Swindon where they were packed into a lorry going to the Ukrainian border. One of our local primary schools coordinated with parents who work at Brize Norton to gather a large number of useful items. After the **insular times of the last two years, it's been** uplifting to see local people stand in solidarity and action for our fellow humans under siege in their own land.

There are some conversations taking place around organising support for refugees who may come to stay in local spare rooms, and support for those who are kind enough to register with the government to offer their spare room. Even though everyone may not be in a position to offer a room, we can all work together to share the support for a family in need – there will need to be drivers, translators, befrienders, someone who offers a bed or toys for the children, creating opportunities to gather with other families who arrive in other villages. If you are able to offer a room, or any other kinds of support, please contact me and I will try to coordinate a group who can meet to share plans and resources.

Jesus was himself a refugee, escaping as a child to Egypt with his parents after Herod planned to kill him. When he came to live here on earth among us, he showed solidarity **with human suffering and brought God's love to those who were struggling. The Bible is** full of instructions to care for the refugee and those who are poor or alone. As we look at our lives in Lent, preparing for the pain and joy of Easter, it is good for us to consider our care and generosity for those who are in such desperate need.

Closer to home, the Prospect Hospice in Wroughton is in great need of funds. Many loca people have received first class support and care at the most difficult times in their lives and it would be shocking if that service was no longer available. The pandemic and closure of charity shops has made a tough funding situation impossible – if you can make a donation or hold a coffee morning to support the Prospect please do so. I wish you a blessed Easter time of renewal and blessing. With love, Rev Kim

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

Church Services

Sunday 3 April	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion	
Sunday 10 April	8.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion	
Palm Sunday	9.30 am Kempsford	Service of the Word	
Thursday 14 April	7 pm Kempsford	Compline and Stripping	
Maundy Thursday		the Altar	
Friday 15 April	10 am till 12 noon	Making an Easter	
Good Friday	Kempsford	Garden	
	3.30 pm Kempsford	Vigil of Prayer	
Sunday 17 April	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion	
Easter Sunday			
Sunday 24 April	(No service in	Service of the Word for	
	Kempsford or Whelford)	all 5 Villages.	
	9.30 am Castle Eaton		

Morning Prayer continues to take place, via The 5 Villages Facebook page, every weekday at 8 am. **St Mary's is open every** day and St **Anne's** is open on Fridays, for prayer and reflection.

Save the Date: Children & Family Activities in April 2022

- Monday 11th April 10am-1pm World Jungle, an outdoor youth organisation, and Kempsford youth Club, are proud to offer a morning of free outdoor activities for children and young people of all ages at the MUGA and Village Hall. There will be lots of things to try – sports, music, crafts and lunch will be included. Come down and join in the fun. (Children under 10 will require an adult with them please.)
- 2. Families are invited to St Mary's, Kempsford on Good Friday, 15th April from 10am–12pm to make an Easter Garden and Easter crafts.

Food Bank

Thank you to all those who continue to donate for those who are in need. The boxes are still in place outside both St Mary's and St Anne's in the porches.

Advance notice

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 1 May at 10.30 **am after the Communion Service in St Mary's, Kempsford.** We will report on the last year, share plans for the year ahead and elect church wardens, deanery synod representative and members of the PCC for the new year. All are welcome to attend.





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A chance to enjoy the outdoors, spend time on the park and have a fun filled couple of hours with the World Jungle team. You will get a chance to learn some African drum rhythms or come up with some of your own. You will learn how to start a fire without lighter or matches using just spark sticks . Learn also how to use a hand drill and saw to **create your own wooden crafts. You'll also get a chance to take part in sports and games** and learn some new skills that you can show off to your friends as well as work as team to fire the giant slingshot.

World Jungle are an award winning youth & community group who have run activities around the Cotswolds for over 15 years. They established the Summer off the Streets programme in 2006 and are still going strong. The team are experienced youth and community workers and will make sure that everyone who attends has a great time. You will come away with new skills, new experiences and also maybe some new friends. Join us just for the local event or follow us around the Cotswolds each day.

Can parents/carer/siblings attend? Parents are encouraged to attend and stay, the sessions are open access and you can come for the whole session or stay just for a bit. All are welcome. If your child normally attends the park on their own they are also welcome to come along on their own too.



FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES (Reg. Charity No: 1180059)



YOUR LOCAL CHARITY Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages. (Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)

News and Information from your Community Friends

NEW CONTACT DETAILS

We've updated our contact details. Please find our most up-to-date contacts below:

Nursing team: Emma Kennedy and Jan Killingback <u>nursing@friendsoffairford.org.uk</u> 07938244335 Patient Transport Coordinator: Val Harvey <u>transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk</u> 07540798226 General Manager: Kelly Silk <u>GM@friendsoffairford.org.uk</u> Administrator: Kerry Simms <u>admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk</u> 01285 707300 Lechlade Charity Shop <u>shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk</u> 01367252189

CHARITY CRAFT FAIR: 10th April

Following the success of our Craft Fair in November we are hosting another on the 10th April, 14:00 to 17:00 at Lechlade Memorial Hall. There will be over 20 stalls selling a range of handmade items. We will also have hot drinks and cakes as well as a raffle and some easter crafts for the children. FREE ENTRY!

HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION: 9th – 22nd May

Our wonderful team of volunteers will be visiting homes in our area in May this year collecting donations for the Charity. There will also be drop-off points for our envelopes and alternative **options to donate if you don't keep cash.** This is a vital fundraiser for us and we are so grateful to the generosity of the local community. For more information, please feel free to get in touch: <u>admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk</u>

2022 EVENTS

In addition to the above, we are also holding the following events this year: 2nd June: Jubilee Event at Fairford Festival (Cricket Club): We will be hosting a **celebration Children's Tea Party at 12:00 and a Vintage Tea Party with Highworth** Silver Band at 15:00 for mature members of our community (Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding areas). Please pre-book by emailing <u>admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk</u> or calling 01285 707300. The Vintage Tea Party is limited to 30 places. Transport can also be arranged via our transport service but please book well in advance as it is a Bank **Holiday. When booking children's places please tell us their age and any allergies.** 29th June: Open Gardens at Langford Down Farm, Southrop. An opportunity to walk through and admire this wonderful garden in all its glory. Tea and homemade cakes

available.

8th July: Cheese and Wine evening at Whelford Mill, Whelford. With kind permission from Mr and Mrs Arkell, it is our pleasure to host an evening with cheese and wine. Indulge in this beautiful garden bordering the River Coln. Tickets will be available in advance.

15th July: Open Gardens at Eastleach. These inspiring gardens cover 14 acres and include a walled garden, a stone rill, south-facing lawns and a 10 acre park. 27th November: Festive Craft Fair and Annual Raffle. A host of small local business stalls offering festive delights, light refreshments and homemade cakes.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

Run by the Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities Nursing Team. A drop in café for anyone that has suffered a loss and would like to talk. First Friday of every month in The Heritage Room, Fairford Community Centre, 10:00 to 12:00. No booking required. Donations welcome. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email <u>admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk</u>

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Our team of volunteer drivers provide a lifeline to many in our community who need to get to their medical appointments at the GPs and hospitals. With appointments opening again we urgently need more drivers to help with this vital community service. We ask our volunteers to complete a DBS check as this service provides much needed support and assistance to many vulnerable people in the community. Car running costs are paid for. If you think you can help, please contact Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or email transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities and the Lechlade Lions have teamed up to offer a free prescription delivery service in our local area. If you, or anyone you know, is entitled to free prescriptions but is unable to collect them, please call or email our patient transport coordinator who can provide more information: Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

COVID 19 FUNDING

Are you or someone you know experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19? The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities is a local charity that has funding available to help individuals and organisations at this difficult time. For more information and criteria on how to apply please see our website <u>www.friendsoffairford.org.uk</u>.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so online through our website <u>www.friendsoffairford.org.uk</u> or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD.

Information on what we do can be found on our website <u>www.friendsoffairford.org.uk</u> and the names of our existing team of trustees are **listed on the Charity Commission's website.** Shelley Welsh, Chair Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)

BIN IT, DON'T BLOCK IT

Everything that gets flushed down the loo or poured down the kitchen sink, eventually meets up in the sewage pipes under your home. That's why you should only put the three Ps down the drain, pee, poo and toilet paper. Anything else will block your pipes and could cause it to come back up into your home.



Charity Calendar Photo Competition









For local amateur photographers

Photos can be taken with a camera or phone

Theme: Seasons of the Year

Categories: Adult; Under 16

Prize: Given to each photographer whose entry is published

Closing date for entries: 12 noon 31st July 2022

For full details, contact Ann & Myra at churchfundraising@kempsford.net

Kempsford Village Hall

Saturday 21st May 10.30am - 1.30pm



Organised by Kempsford and Whelford PCC Raising funds to support the church in the community and the development of facilities for all those who use our churches.

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Vicar	Rev Kim Brown	revkimbrown10a@gmail.com	01285 810954
Church Wardens	Keith Howlett	churchwarden@kempsford.net	01285 712268
	Elizabeth Emberson	dizzylizzy@sky.com	
Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Darren Jeffrey	chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	810875
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall Bookings	Mel Denny	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	0734 1901986
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Brownies	Philippa Griffin	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/	
Cricket	Anthony Axel-Berg		07766222951
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		810035
Soldiers, Sailors & Airman's Acc.(SSAFA)	Mr & Mrs A Hill		810035
Scottish & Southern Electricity		Reporting of power cuts	105
			0800 072 7282
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
Non-emergency Police Contact			101
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		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
Cotswold District Councillors	Steve Trotter	Steve.trotter@cotswold.gov.uk	07710 405323
	Stephen Andrews	Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	01285 719924
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
		Out of hours Social Care issues only	01452 614194
Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Dom Morris	Dominic.morris@gloucestershire	.gov.uk
			07500894702
Constituency MP	Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown	cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk	01242 514551
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(see Parish Council page for Councillors)		Council.net	
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