

Kempsford
(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

April 2025

Annual Parish Meeting



Monday 7th April 2025

7pm

Kempsford Village Hall

**Please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting and hear
from village groups and organisations.**

**Find out what your Parish Council has been doing during
the last 12months.**

Everyone welcome

Parish Diary

APRIL

Wed	2nd	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Thurs	3rd	7.00om - 10.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Darts
Sat	5th	7.30pm	St Mary's Fairford	Fairford & District Choral Society Concert
Sat	5th	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Community Garden Family Seed Sowing Event
Sat	5th	7.30pm	Fairford Comm. Centre	Friends of Fairford Wine Tasting Evening
Sun	6th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion
Mon	7th	7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Annual Parish Meeting - All Welcome
Thurs	10th	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Community Café
Sun	13th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Service of the Word
Sun	13th	4.00pm	St Mary's Kempsford	Palm Sunday Family Service
Mon	14th	7pm for 7.30pm	Memorial Hall, Lechlade	Lechlade History Soc. - Queen Katherine Parr
Wed	16th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Thurs	17th	7.00om - 10.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Darts
Fri	18th	1.45pm - 2.15pm	St Anne's, Whelford	Good Friday Meditation
Fri	18th	3.00pm - 3.30pm	St Mary's Kempsford	Good Friday Meditation
Sat	19th	10.00am - 12.00pm	St Mary's Kempsford	Easter Activities & Fun
Sun	20th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Easter Day Holy Communion
Mon	21st	7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	21st		MAY NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE	
Tues	22nd	3.00pm - 6.00pm	Fairford Comm. Centre	Strengthening Communities Event
Sat	26th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Sun	27th	10.00am	St Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion, All Churches together
Wed	30th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van

MAY

Thurs	1st	7.00am - 10.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Gloucestershire County Council Elections
Tues	13th	7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Village Hall AGM

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	10am - 11am	Kempsford Village Hall	Rosie's Pilates Plus
Mondays & Wednesdays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713607106
Tuesdays	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls (treasurerkempsford@gmail.com)
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford VH Garden	Community Garden open (weather permitting)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Post Office
Fridays	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Zumba

Kempsford Village Hall – APRIL Events

To book the village hall; villagehallbookings@kempsford.net

Regular Events

Mon	Pilates rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com	10:00am – 11:00am
Tue	Short Mat Bowls treasurerkempsford@gmail.com	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wed	Youth Club Chippy Van 2 nd , 16 th & 30 th info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thur	Post Office Darts 3 rd & 17 th davis.william68@yahoo.com Community Café 10 th	12:00pm – 2:00pm 7:00pm – 10:00pm 12:00 – 2:00pm
Fri	Zumba bellaannie1@hotmail.com	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Sat	Pizza Van Sat 26 th solelunapizza3@gmail.com	5:00pm – 7:00pm

Other Upcoming Events

5 th April	Community Garden Family Seed Sowing Event	2:00pm – 4:30pm
7 th April	Annual Parish Meeting	7:00pm
1 st May	County Council Elections	7:00am – 10:00pm
13 th May	Village Hall AGM	7:30pm

Another successful and well attended Six Nations Beer Festival. On behalf of the hall management committee a big thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible.



KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ Thursday 10th April 12 – 2pm

Come and try our Homemade Soups and Bread
Delicious Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.
If you haven't been before you're missing a treat!
Due to increased costs we have had to raise our prices but we will continue to provide the very best homemade food.

Road Closure

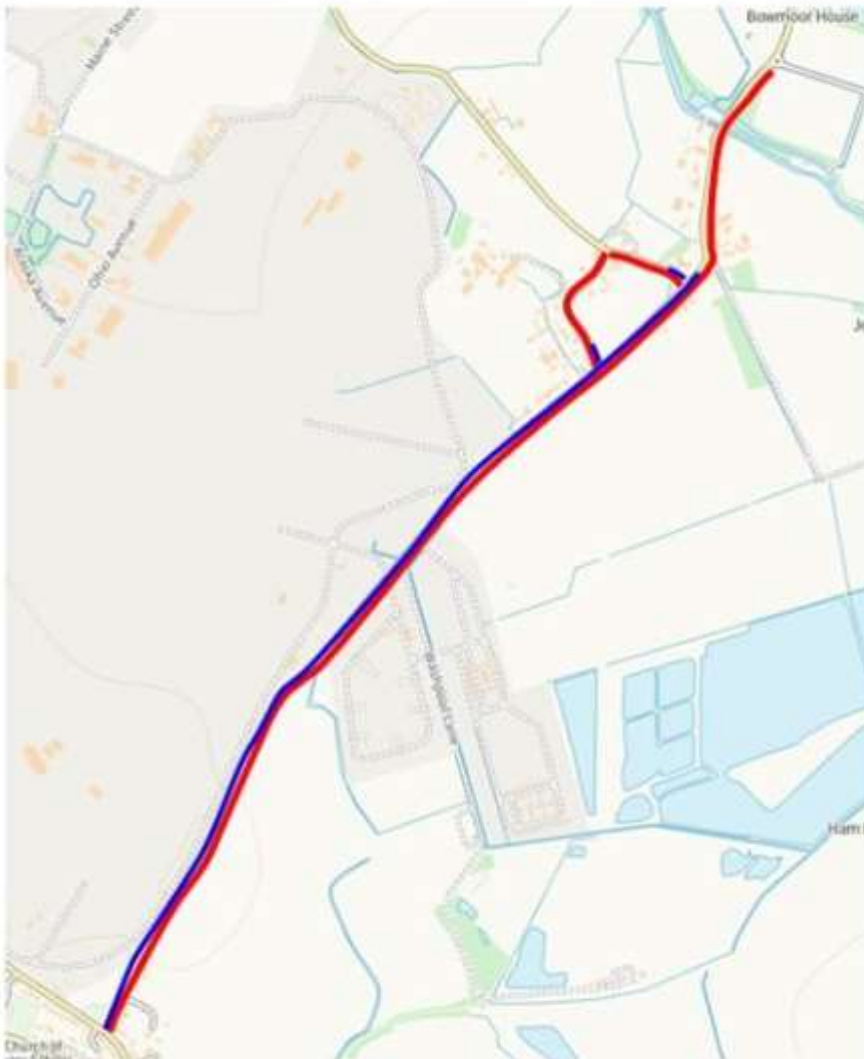
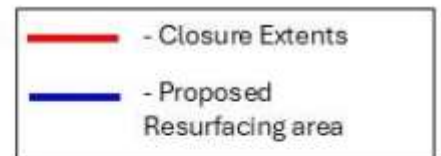
Whelford to Kempford Road

Highways

- What:** Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road** for carriageway resurfacing.
- Where:** **3/172 Whelford Road Kempford**. See below for details of the road closure area.
- When:** For approximately **12 Days (excl. weekends except Saturday 31st May 2025 & Bank Holidays)** between the hours of **07:00 to 19:00**.

The PLANNED start and end dates are currently **Thursday 15th May 2025 until Saturday 31st May 2025**, however, keep an eye on the web page detailed below or the signs on site for any short notice changes.

Road closure extent for 3/172 Whelford Road
Kempford



Find the **most up to date scheme start and end dates** and more information about this scheme via our:

- Website –
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resurfacing/
- Signs in the area

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Catie - 01285 671490 or Rev.catie@gmail.com

Lay Preachers – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821 & Elizabeth Emberson dizzylizzie@sky.com

Church wardens: Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 churchwarden@kempsford.net

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

Curate Catie's Monthly Musings for April

Dear friends,

Hurray! April is here, and with it come lighter evenings, the lengthening of days and all the signs of spring bursting into life and there's a real sense of renewal and hope, which feels fitting as we journey towards Easter.

In the Church, we are still in Lent, that time of reflection and preparation when we spend time thinking about our relationship with God. Perhaps you gave something up, or taken something on, or simply tried to be more prayerful? Whatever your Lenten journey has looked like, we now start to turn towards Holy Week which is the heart of the Christian story.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of this journey, as Jesus rides into Jerusalem to cheers and waving palms. But we know what follows: betrayal, suffering, and the darkness of Good Friday. Yet, as we see in nature at this time of year, darkness is never the end of the story.

On Easter morning, we celebrate the incredible news of the empty tomb - Christ is risen! And just as spring proves that life returns after winter, Easter proclaims that love and life have the final victory. The empty tomb shows that God's love conquers even death - darkness is defeated, and hope is restored – what a wonderful message of hope and joy for us.

For many, Easter means school holidays - a chance to slow down, spend time with family, and (hopefully!) enjoy some sunshine and if that's you, have a great time. And there'll be lots happening in the churches across our 5 villages (chocolate may be involved!) so whatever you are doing I pray we all may find time to pause, reflect, and rejoice in the good news of Easter. Jesus is alive, and his love is with us today and always.

Wishing you a joyful and blessed Easter!

Rev. Catie

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KEMPSFORD & WHELFORD CHURCH SERVICES – APRIL '25

6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion, Kempsford
13 th	9.30am	Service of the Word, Kempsford
	4pm	Palm Sunday Family Service, Kempsford
18 th	1.45 – 2.15pm	Good Friday Meditation, Whelford
	3pm – 3.30pm	Good Friday Meditation, Kempsford
19 th	10am – 12pm	Easter Activities & Fun, Kempsford
20 th	9.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion, Kempsford
27 th	10am	Holy Communion, All churches together, Kempsford

For the other services across the 5 Villages, please check the church noticeboard

Kempsford and Whelford churches held their Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting on Sunday 23rd March. Keith Howlett was reappointed as church Warden, James Arkell as Deanery Synod Rep and Rosemary Andrews, Jacqui Howlett, Myra Sheppard and Ann O'Hara were all reappointed to the church committee. The advertisements for a new vicar did not bring forth any suitable candidate so the post will be re advertised after Easter.

Lechlade History Society

Monday April 14th - Queen Katherine Parr - Gloucestershire's Queen by Mike Bottomley
An integrated live presentation of the extraordinary life of Katherine Parr, the 6th and last wife of King Henry V¹¹. He uses music, readings and video to recreate the atmosphere and intrigues of the Tudor Court to tell the largely unknown storey of the Queen and her journey from obscurity to the heart of English history and on to her final resting place at Sudeley Castle. Step Mother to two Queens, "Bloody Mary" and one of our greatest Queens, Elizabeth 1. She was Queen, Queen Regent, Wife ad Lover - Katherine's life storey resonates through the ages

A popular organ concert with Keith and the King of Instruments

St Mary's Church, Fairford is hosting a popular organ concert with Keith Hearnshaw, 2.30 pm **Saturday 17th May. Programme includes Bach's Toccata and Fugue BWV 565, the Hymn to the Fallen from 'Saving Private Ryan' and Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance No.4 amongst other pieces.** Tickets £20 for lunch and concert; £15 concert only, available on the door from 1.00pm on the day or from the Parish Office in advance. For more information visit - <https://stmaryschurchfairford.org.uk/keith-hearnshaw-organ-recital/>

COME TO OUR Strengthening Communities EVENT

FREE Fun Activities
for children, young people
and adults including
arts and crafts.

22nd April 2025
3pm – 6pm

The Community Centre,
High Street, GL7 4AF



- ★ **FREE FUN ACTIVITIES** for all ages in your town!
- ★ **GREAT PLAY ACTIVITIES** from Working 4 Wellbeing and The Door
- ★ **LOVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT** with The Ernest Cook Trust
- ★ **GENTLE EXERCISE SESSIONS** from a trained fitness instructor
- ★ **RELAXING WELLBEING ACTIVITIES** for adults
- ★ **FREE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS**
- ★ **LOTS OF HELPFUL** information from local organisations!

...See you there!

No need
to book!



COTSWOLD
District Council

Email: community.support@cotswold.gov.uk



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Church & Hand Bell	Sally Strange		01285 810635
KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
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Community Garden	Jacqui Howlett		01285 712268
WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL			
Bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	01285 712979
SCHOOLS			
Kempsford School	Helen Seward (Head)	admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810367
School Governors		chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810875
Farmors School	Matthew Evans (Head)		01285 712302
COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL	(including Bulk Refuse)		01285 623000
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	Switchboard		01452 425000
	Adult Social Services		01452 426868
	Children's Social Services		01452 426565
GLOUCESTERSHIRE HIGHWAYS		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
WILTSHIRE HIGHWAYS		northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk	0300 456 0105
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		01285 810035
SSE		Reporting of power cuts	105 or
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
Environment Agency		Floodline - 0845 9881188	03708 506 506
Non-emergency	Police		101
NHS 111 Service		(when less urgent than 999)	111
Hilary Cottage Surgery			01285 712377
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