

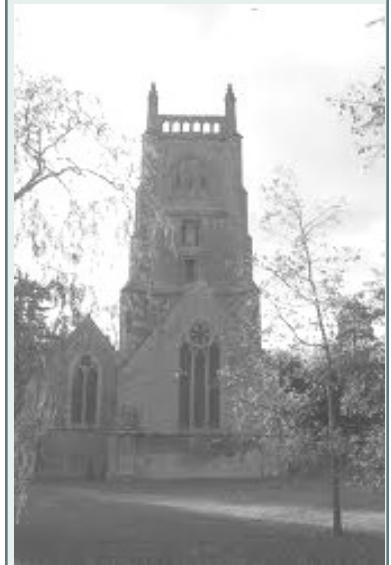
Kempsford

(with Whelford,
Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish News

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!**

*The Parish Council wish to thank all
the volunteers who generously give
up their time every month to deliver
the Parish Newsletter*



**December
2014
And
January
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			712611
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
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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	

December 2014

Dear Friends,

It is with a great sense of sadness that I write this Christmas newsletter in the knowledge that it will be our last Christmas in Kempford as we prepare to move up to Bibury in the new year. After six wonderful and happy years sharing in the life of this amazing village the time has come to move on to serve a different community.

However, since Bibury is still a part of the South Cotswolds team ministry this is really adieu not goodbye since, like all of the clergy in the team, my pastoral responsibilities will continue to be for the whole team not just one small part of it. Indeed this move is an important part of seeking to explore how the church can best serve the needs of a broad rural community in the twenty first century.

The Church of England's 'strap line' is 'a Christian presence in every community' and there has been a worshipping vibrant presence here in Kempford for over 1,000 years. Clergy come and clergy go as servants of those saints and the community as a whole, and my successor will, I am sure, seek to serve not dominate, by providing servant hearted leadership to this very special place. If we have failed in any way to do this as we should have done, please forgive us.

Joanne and I and the whole family cannot really express adequately our gratitude to Kempford and Whelford for the kindness, and generosity you have lavished upon us over these past years. This has become a true home and we have put down deep roots in this perfect spot. It is hard to leave. We have often joked about how these villages contain the best of Dibley, Midsommer and St Mary Mead! That was always stated with love and affection because we do love this place so very much.

So, thank you to everyone for making us so welcome. We will not be far away and we will continue to play whatever part that the team asks of us. In the meantime, please pray for Bob Spackman and Bob Nicholls and Adrian Lines and the whole PCC during this time of change. And please pray for our team rector, John Swanton and our area dean Leonard Doolan. Pray too, as we shall, for God's continued blessing upon Kempford and Whelford. May his love continue to be made known, and may the Church continue to make His love known throughout the village.

Please do join us at one of our Christmas services when we celebrate how God uniquely made His love known to all as he came to earth in the form of a baby, and, if you are free, do come along on Sunday 18th January at 10:00am when we hold our final service amongst you.

May God bless you all this Christmastide and in to 2015

With every blessing and much love

Tim and Joanne



Services for December 2013 and January 2014

Saturday 6 th December	7:00pm	Christmas Soiree with seasonal refreshments
Sunday 7 th December <i>Advent 2</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th December <i>Advent 3</i>	10:00am 5:00pm	Holy Communion Nativity service with mince pies and mulled wine in the church
Monday 15 th Dec	10:30am	Pre School Carol Service
Tuesday 16 th Dec	7:00pm	VWH Carol Service
Wednesday 17 th Dec	7:00pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 18 th December	6:00pm 7:00pm	Youth Group Christmas party Carols at Whelford
Friday 19 th Dec	9:15am	School Christingle/End of Term Service
Sunday 21 st December <i>Advent 4</i>	10:00am 6:00pm	Holy Communion at Whelford Carols and readings by candlelight with mince pies and mulled wine
Monday 22 nd December	7:00pm	Carols at The George with The Salvation Army Band
Wednesday 24 th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:00pm 11:30pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass
Thursday 25 th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Christmas Communion at Whelford Christmas Communion at Kempford
Sunday 28 th December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4 th January <i>Epiphany</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	10:00am	Family Baptism Celebration
Sunday 18 th January <i>Epiphany 2</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford Holy Communion and service of Farewell for Tim and Joanne followed by seasonal refreshments.
Sunday 25 th January <i>Epiphany 3</i>	10:00am	Holy Communion with Revd Curwen Rawlinson

Saturday 18th April 2015: Wedding of Staycee Hicks at Whelford

Saturday 1st August 2015: Wedding of Jonathan Minns and Emma Knipe at Whelford

Saturday 8th August 2015: Wedding of David Francis and Tara Bostock at Whelford

Saturday 19th September 2015: Wedding of Lee Pearce and Sophie Cornish

Kempsford Village Hall



Village Hall Café

**Thursday 11th December 2014
and Thursday 8th January 2015**

12 noon - 2 pm

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

All welcome! If you haven't been before, why not give it a try!

Forthcoming Event

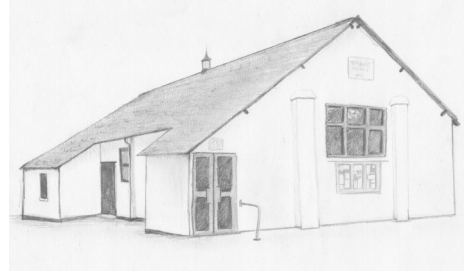
Seven Ages on Friday 27th February 2015

Comedy theatre show that celebrates the idea that we go through seven ages in life from infancy through love and wisdom to growing old disgracefully. The show has had a sell out world tour and excellent reviews in London and the Edinburgh Festival.

“Excellent – this is a must see show” The Times

Food and bar available. Doors open at 7 p.m. To book contact Meike Doherty on 711552, or Dawn Penman on 810419

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

Whelford Women

If you are new to Whelford and would like to meet some friendly women of all ages, then come to the Village Hall/Social Club on the last Thursday of the month at 8pm.

To go on the mailing list, please contact Lindsey at knottspice@aol.com

Forthcoming events—

Christmas at Whelford Church

Organised by Whelford Women

Thursday 18th December at 7pm



Carols, music, readings and nibbles afterwards at the Village Hall/Social Club where the bar will be open.

Everyone is welcome.

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net

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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 16th December 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 20th January 2015	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Cotswold District Council Planning

Planning Decisions -

14/02721/FUL	Formation of agricultural access at Tuckwells Farm,	<i>Application Permit</i>
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For further information, please visit www.cotswold.gov.uk

Update on Kempsford Quarry (Earthline)

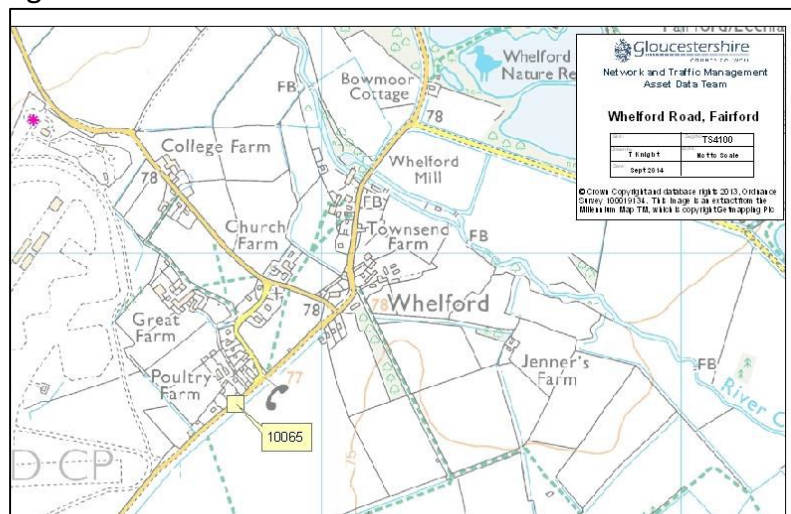
The existing site is now closed for the winter and is all but completed. There are just a few relatively modest stockpiles of material on site, all the land east of the haul road is top soiled and available to the farmer. The land west of the haul road, adjacent to the unclassified highway, is all levelled and ready to take soil but this can't be concluded at this time of the year. Gloucestershire County Council have agreed this.

Some of the remaining land is intended to be used for plant and related activity as part of the planning application currently being prepared to extend sand and gravel extraction and restore the large lake using fill material if permission is granted. An Environmental Impact Assessment will accompany the application and include matters such as archaeology, ecology, water environment and noise.

Whelford Traffic Survey – September 2014

A summary of the report from Gloucestershire County Council Transport Monitoring Team:

- A survey was carried out on Whelford Road between Monday 8th September and Sunday 14th September 2014.
- The survey was carried out by mean of an Automatic Traffic Counter (ATC) pneumatic tube attached to the road surface. The degree of accuracy is estimated as within +/-2% for traffic flows, and within +/- 3% for overall speeds.
- The mean speed is the measurement used nationally in assessments for speed limits and is used within the report results for consistency. The 85th percentile speed (the speed exceeded by only 15% of vehicles) was formerly used for this purpose and is included to facilitate comparison where previous data exists.
- Flows – the figures given are the directional, 24hour flows
- Classification – eleven vehicle classes have been collected from this survey and the results used to calculate the percentage HGV.



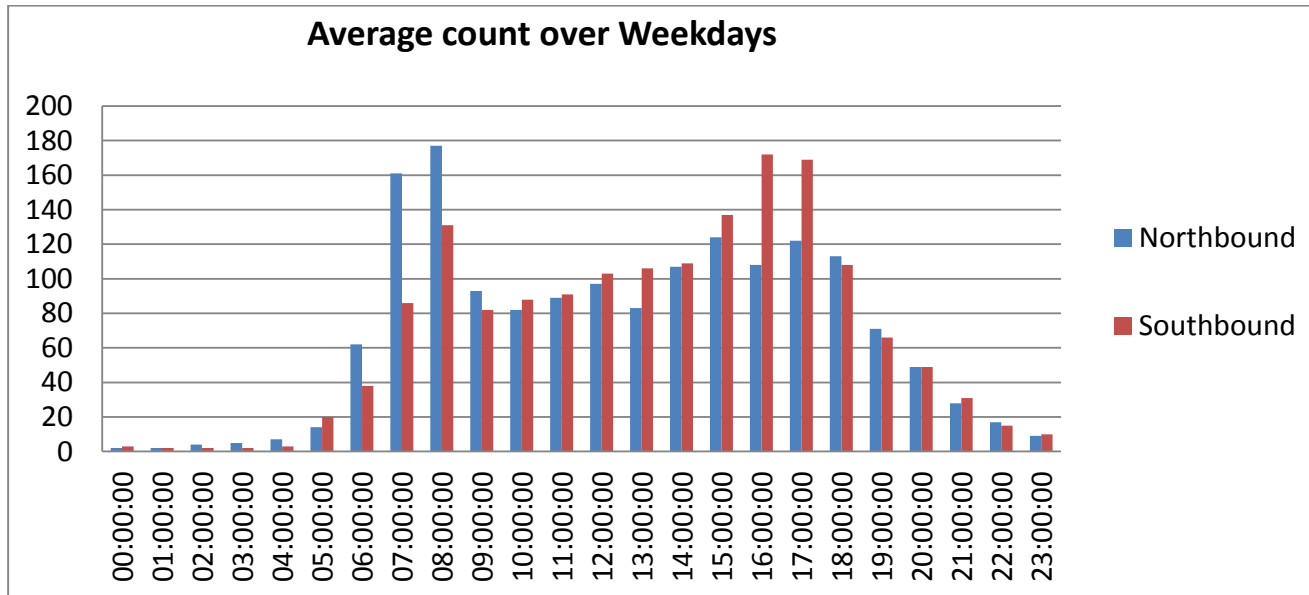
Whelford Road, Fairford – Site 10065	Northbound	Southbound	Combined
Mean speed (mph)	35.6	37.5	36.5
85 th %ile speed (mph)	43.2	45.8	44.6
Average Mon-Fri daily volume	1627	1622	3249
Average Mon-Sun daily volume	1478	1463	2941
HGV – 2 & 3 Axle Rigid daily volume	70	67	138
HGV – 4 Axles Rigid & Articulated Vehicles daily vol.	43	45	90
PSV's	6	7	14

- Speeds – The speed limit at site 10065 is 30mph. The average speed of traffic is above the speed limit in both directions with a mean speed of over 35mph northbound and over 37mph southbound.
- Traffic volume – The total traffic volume of approximately 3,250 vehicles is an average for a weekday, calculated from one week of measurement. In general, traffic volumes are higher during the week than at the weekend.
- Classification – The percentage of larger HGVs is just less than 3% of all traffic for each direction.

Whelford Traffic Survey – September 2014

In addition to the summary by Gloucestershire County Council on the previous page, Kevin Starling, a Whelford resident has analysed the data further.

It is clear from the graph below that traffic is at its peak when people are travelling to and from work. This is also the time when motorists exceed the speed limit most.



Other interesting facts –

- 20,587 vehicles travelled in both directions during the survey period.
- 5% (1029 vehicles) travelled at more than 52mph.
- 10% (2058 vehicles) travelled at more than 49mph.
- 15% travelled at more than 46mph.
- 25% travelled at more than 43mph.
- 50% travelled at more than 37mph.
- 61% travelled at more than 34.5mph (15% above the 30mph speed limit).
- **Just over 17% (3,623 vehicles of the 20,587 total) were travelling within the speed limit of 30mph.**
- Approximately two-thirds of all crashes in which people are killed or injured happen on roads with a speed limit of 30mph or less.
- The risk of a pedestrian who is hit by a car being killed increases slowly until impact speeds of around 30mph. Above this speed, the risk increases rapidly, so that a pedestrian who is hit by a car travelling at between 30mph and 40mph is between 3.5 and 5.5 times more likely to be killed if hit by a car travelling at below 30mph.

PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED



Six volunteers within the Parish have now been trained in the use of the appropriate speed measurement devices and in basic health and safety considerations when conducting speed checks at the roadside.

They will shortly be commencing checks under the guidance of our local Community Police Officers, before carrying out checks unaccompanied.

More volunteers have come forward and training sessions will be offered shortly.

If anyone else is interested in taking part in the scheme, please contact:

Andy Fogden MBE

Neighbourhood Watch Officer

Cotswold Local Policing Area

Tel: 01242 247198 / Contact Centre 101

www.gloucestershire.police.uk

Naming of a new street in Kempford

Construction of 11 affordable dwellings, 18 family homes and community facilities at Top Road, Kempford is expected to commence in February 2015.

The District Council have contacted the Parish Council in respect of the naming of a new street in conjunction with the above.

This development has been very much led by the community, and therefore we would like to ask members to put forward suggestions for the new street name. Suggestions can be either within the area theme, historic, relevant to Kempford or even of relevance to date.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 0781 8626158 or teresagriffin@kempfordparishcouncil.net by the 31st December 2014.



COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Christmas and New Year Waste Collection Arrangements

Cotswold District Council's waste and recycling collection service provider, Ubico Ltd, will **not** be making collections on Thursday 25, Friday 26 December and also Thursday 1 January.

However, the crews will be working on Saturday 27 December and Saturday 3 and 10 January to catch up, and the revised collection schedule will be as follows:

Week commencing Monday 22 December 2014

Normal collection day	Revised date
Mon 22 Dec 2014	No change
Tues 23 Dec 2014	No change
Weds 24 Dec 2014	No change
Thurs 25 Dec 2014	Will move to Sat 27 Dec 2014
Friday 26 Dec 2014	Will move to Mon 29 Dec 2014
Mon 29 Dec 2014	Will move to Tues 30 Dec 2014
Tues 30 Dec 2014	Will move to Weds 31 Dec 2014
Weds 31 Dec 2014	Will move to Friday 2 Jan 2015
Thurs 1 Jan 2015	Will move to Sat 3 Jan 2015
Friday 2 Jan 2015	Will move to Mon 5 Jan 2015
Mon 5 Jan 2015	Will move to Tues 6 Jan 2015
Tues 6 Jan 2015	Will move to Weds 7 Jan 2015
Weds 7 Jan 2015	Will move to Thurs 8 Jan 2015
Thurs 8 Jan 2015	Will move to Friday 9 Jan 2015
Friday 9 Jan 2015	Will move to Saturday 10 Jan 2015

Collection schedule will return to normal on the week beginning Monday 12 January 2015

As usual, **we will be allowing a 'side waste amnesty' for every household's first full collection after Christmas Day (i.e. full = collection of household waste plus recycling)**. Residents will be able to leave out additional amounts of non-recyclable waste in bin liners next to their grey wheeled bin/beige refuse bags. Please place all containers at



**Youth Group EVERY Thursday in the
Village Hall 6:00-7:30pm
Christmas Party
18th December!**



Kempsford Church of England Primary School

"Quality Education founded on Christian Values"

Kempsford, Gloucestershire, GL7 4EY
admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk

Tel: 01285 810367
www.kempsfordschool.com



November 2014



Remembrance Crosses – We created our own remembrance display in school, from crosses personalised with a message from each child. This was a very moving experience and gave the children the opportunity to think about those who have given their lives for their country and fellow countrymen.

Remembrance Service - Thank you to those of you from the community who joined us for our Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November. We were extremely proud of all of the children, who were attentive, ready to answer questions, and most respectfully quiet when the names were read out at the War Memorial. Despite an increase in the rain just on 11:00, the silence was kept and no one complained about getting wet! It was very apparent that even the youngest of the children understood the meaning behind the memorial service. At the memorial, the children received a book entitled *Kempsford and Whelford Soldiers*, which they will be bringing home today. These books were kindly donated by Cotswold District Council to mark the 100 centenary since the commencement of WW1. Thank you to Adrian Lines for conducting the service, to Stephen Andrews for his wonderful solo, to Pam Nelmes for helping the children with their beautiful singing and to Jan Kilgariff for playing the piano for us.

Poppy Appeal – As in previous years, the children enjoyed their involvement in the Poppy Appeal. All of the children wore their poppies with pride, and some of our older pupils showed the beginnings of entrepreneurship skills in successfully selling the poppies to visitors, staff and the other children. We are proud to have raised £56 through the selling of poppies and wrist bands this year. The Royal British Legion will make very good use of this money to help towards the welfare needs of our serving and ex-service personnel and their families.

Richard Mendum
Headteacher

The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital
ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Khushi's Indian restaurant – Lechlade

The League enjoyed a very successful curry night at Khushi's Indian Restaurant on the 6 November raising over £400 for the League. The evening was a sell out and our thanks go to Muj and his team for hosting the event and providing an excellent buffet meal.

100 CLUB

The 100 Club has had a very good start with 96 members and this has raised £576 in 2014. It has also generated £576 in prize funds and there have been 10 lucky winners to date. The final draw for 2014 will be made towards the end of November when two more lucky winners will be announced.

Subscriptions are now due for 2015 so if you have not set up a direct debit for the 100 Club please send your £12 to Paul O'Shaughnessy, Treasurer, Scissor Cottage, Turville Barnes, Eastleach, GL7 3QB. If you want to set up a Direct Debit or have not yet joined and are interested in doing so then please refer to our website (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or contact Julie Zarczynski on fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk for further details. A Direct Debit will ensure being included in the draw every year. Please submit new applications and subscription renewals by 31 December.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The League's Christmas Cards are now on sale at our Lechlade Charity Shop Centre and Fairford Hospital.

Graham Hewitt, Chairman. graham.hewitt@yahoo.co.uk 01285 851022

NEW FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINT

There is already a collection box at Kempsford church near the font. But from 1st December The George had agreed to place a collection box in the shop area of the pub. There is always a need for sugar, tea, coffee, UHT milk, fruit juices and tins of meats, vegetables, fruit, soups and puddings. However, with Christmas approaching, donations of shortbread, chocolates, tinned salmon and ham and other goodies will be very welcome.

Rosemary Andrews



Cotswold water park trust event

December 9th

9.30 – 12.30pm

Gateway Centre

Spine Road

Deck the door with boughs of holly, ivy and other things! A workshop

Come and be inspired to make a stunning festive door swag and a beautiful centrepiece for your Christmas table. This seasonal workshop, is led by local ladies Pat and Fiona who will show you how to create two professional Christmas displays for your home. They will provide all materials, and demonstrate techniques to lift your decoration from the ordinary to the extraordinary!

Cost: £25 to include coffee/tea and a delicious Relish cake.

Payment on booking please. Booking essential.

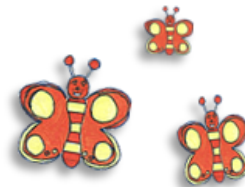
For any more information, booking and payment please contact the

Cotswold Water Park Trust on 01793 752413 or email events@waterpark.org



CHRISTMAS SOIRÉE

Everyone welcome to an evening of musical entertainment provided by the talented children of Kempford on Saturday 6th December at 7pm in Kempford Church.



Kempsford Pre-School

Registered charity No. 1023770

The Kempford Pre-School Christmas Carol Concert

The children, staff and parents of Kempford Pre-School would like to invite all members of the Parish to join them for a very special Christmas event. On Monday 15th of December at 10:30 am we will be having a Christmas Carol Concert in St Marys Church, Kempford. The children have been practising very hard to learn a lovely selection of Christmas carols new and old. We would love to see members of the community there and we will be serving tea and coffee and a selection of cakes afterwards. We really hope you can join us!



What's on at

Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

Sat 6th December —Xmas Bingo

Sat 20th December —Live Music with Andy & Tracey

Live Music Xmas Eve & New Year's Eve

Live Music Sat 24th January

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2014

Many, many thanks to all of you in Castle Eaton, Dudgrove, Dunfield, Kempsford and Whelford, the Parish Council, Kempsford School, St Mary's Churches at Kempsford and Castle Eaton, The RAF Charitable Trust (RIAT), The George Pub Kempsford and the Shell Garage on London Road, for your kind and most generous support for the 2014 Poppy Appeal, which acknowledges 100 years since the start of the First World War in 1914 and remembered those who lost their lives while serving their country. With your generous support we managed to raise £1824.89 for the Appeal this year and this is a new record for us.

The success of The Appeal in our area rests a great deal on the effort put in by House to House Collectors, many of whom have been involved for a number of years; thank you for your continued support. That said, on this occasion I wish to thank Janet Ayers in particular; Janet has been active as a collector for the Appeal for a period approaching 30 years, however, this year, because of her health, she decided to hand over her patch to someone else. Thank you so much Janet for your continued and dedicated support for The Appeal over the years.

In addition to help raise funds, with your support, for our serving and ex-service personnel and their families; I have recently completed a SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Air Force and Families Association) Welfare Caseworkers Course, which involves me in being part of a team in Gloucestershire that investigates claims for assistance from the Service and ex-Service community. When a claim is confirmed it is the task of the Caseworker to identify an individual's problem or need and, if required, to source the funds from respective charities, which includes the Royal British Legion and other military and civilian charities, to resolve whatever problem has been identified. I mention this to let you know that the money you raise through the Poppy Appeal is used extremely well, but with appropriate controls, for the purpose of supporting genuine needy cases.

Therefore, if anyone becomes aware of someone who needs help and who has a connection to the Services, either directly or indirectly through a relative, please contact me and I will ensure that the matter is dealt with appropriately.

Once again, thank you all so much for your support this year.

Alvin M Hill
Squadron Leader (Retired)
Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

(01285 810035)
am.jhill@tiscali.co.uk

**Enter the gRRReen awards
competition now!**



From 24/11/14 - 20/02/15 we want communities*
across the Cotswold District to develop
innovative and sustainable ways to...

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle waste

Your community can help to save the planet by
competing to reduce costly and unnecessary landfill.

The three best performers will qualify for funding worth
a total of £2,000 to finance further improvements.

For a competition application form and information sheet, please email waste@cotswold.gov.uk, phone
01285 623123 or write to GRRREEN AWARDS COMPETITION, COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL, TRINITY RD,
CIRENCESTER, GL7 1PX. Copies are also available at the Council's Cirencester and Moreton offices.

*Community groups - for the purposes of the competition, a community group could be comprised of representatives from
a small group, a whole village, a ward or perhaps even a whole town provided they are based in Cotswold District.



Improve your home and stay Warm and Well...



a fitter home for a healthy future

Grants are currently available to help keep your home warm and to help you stay well.

You may be eligible for a range of support, including funding to help you insulate your home*.

Warm and Well can help with this, and with offering advice on saving energy, managing fuel debt, renewable energy and more.

For free, impartial and local energy advice call Warm and Well on: 0800 500 3076.

*All surveys subject to terms and conditions

Thinking about having work done on your property? Call us and arrange a Green Deal Assessment – it's like an MOT for your home!

Call 0800 500 3076

Email warmandwell@severnwye.org.uk

Text WARM to 83010

Visit www.warmandwell.co.uk



Lechlade & District Lions Club present their annual Seniors Christmas Parties on Saturday 10th January 2015 in Lechlade Memorial Hall & Fairford Palmer Hall from 2.00 – 4.30pm. Places are limited so please sign up in Lechlade Post Office or Fairford Post Office as soon as possible. Further details from David Benson 01367 252645 or Steve Jones 01367 253025

League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

(Registered Charity No: 1006416)

PRESS RELEASE

The Government's health watchdog has been told by local people that the standard of care provided by a nursing service run by a volunteer service in the East Cotswolds is excellent.

The accolade has been bestowed by people questioned as part of the Care Quality Commission's inspection of the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital, which provides support to the NHS in Fairford, Lechlade and surrounding villages.

In their report on an inspection carried out recently they quote one person as saying: "The service means people can remain at home... It can mean the difference between meeting people's wishes to die at home or their having to go into hospital.

The inspectors were told by a local doctor that the League's service is able to provide the continuity that other services can struggle with, meeting the gaps and providing consistent and responsive care.

Said the League's chairman, Graham Hewitt: "We are naturally delighted the service has achieved a top ranking, which is due in large part to our excellent nursing team. We are grateful to them and to the community, which responds generously to all our fund-raising efforts."

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FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by
Monday 26th January 2015 please

Fairford Library:

Opening Hours

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

Christmas Hours: Christmas Eve closing early at 1pm

Closed Christmas Day, Saturday, 27 Dec and Thursday, 1st January 2015

Open as usual 9.30am – 5pm Monday, 29th and Wednesday, 31st December

Special Offer DVD hire over the festive period: Christmas Eve until 1pm – 5 night's hire for the price of one! New Year's Eve – 3 night's hire for the price of one!

We stock the latest releases to loan for only £1.50 or older titles for only £1

Saturday, 6 December: Children's Christmas Photo Booth – 10.30-12.00 – come and make your own personalised Christmas Card! Bookable event – charge of £1.50 per child. Please book your place with the Library. Tel 01285 712599

- **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 18th December. Books, coffee and a chat for those unable to get out and about. Free transport with disabled facilities
- **Need help? Drop in to see P3 - Community based support Wednesday 10th December 1 – 3 pm** at Fairford Library. Free confidential service for adults to access help offering a wide range of support including: Maximising benefits, Staying independent, Dealing with debt, Accessing community groups, Getting back into education and training, Getting in touch with other agencies
- **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
- **E-books and e-audio books** available to loan – ask us for more details or see website
- **Occasional free talks and activities** for both adults and children

*We would like to thank our wonderful team of volunteers for all their help and time freely given, and we look forward to seeing **YOU** in the Library very soon. May we wish all our customers, past present and future, a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.*

Your local Library Team – Chrissy, Ingrid, Janet and Debbie



Kempsford Pre-School
Christmas Grotto

Saturday 13th December
10am – 2:30pm,
Kempsford Primary School Hall!

Come and join us for lunch! Our Christmas Café will be open serving homemade soup, sandwiches, mince pies, delicious cakes and lots of yummy treats!



Book your slot to see Father Christmas with Louise Jeffrey at the school gates or call **077583 54617**

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

No meeting in December.

Monday 19th January: The Little Faringdon Murders. Richard Martin will tell us about the double murder at Little Faringdon in July 1893. 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Guests welcome £4. Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

Lechlade & District Lions Club



**Look out for SANTA
and his helpers in
Kempsford on the 3rd*
of December**



Christmas Greetings from Lechlade & District Lions Club

**Bringing Santa to you and raising monies
for our Christmas Charity Appeal**

*** Subject to weather conditions**

**FURTHER DETAILS: Tel. 01367-252797/01285-713278
WWW.LECHLADELIONS.ORG.UK**

Cotswold Careline provides reassurance for vulnerable residents this winter

Now that the clocks have gone back and winter fast approaches, Cotswold residents are being reminded that the Cotswold Careline emergency monitoring and contact service offers 24 hour support, 365 days a year to vulnerable members of the community.

The Careline service was founded by Forest of Dean Council in 2004. The service has an outstanding reputation and provides friendly professional support to residents across the Cotswold district from as little as 52p per day. Service users benefit from renewed independence and security without intrusion, allowing residents to remain in their own home. The service also provides extra peace of mind for family and friends.

The service can provide reassurance for the following:

- The elderly or disabled
- Residents living alone and at risk of falling
- Residents suffering from dementia, epilepsy, heart disease or who have suffered a stroke
- Residents with special needs or learning difficulties
- Victims of domestic violence

The Careline itself is a slim alarm unit that sits by your own phone which links to a personal pendant that can be worn upon your wrist, clothing or on a chord around your neck. When pressed, the pendant raises a call for help and alerts our monitoring centre that you need assistance. The pendant is extremely effective and operates around the home and garden. The pendant range means that in the case of an incident the user does not have to worry about getting to the telephone or remembering telephone numbers.

Cotswold Careline offers a friendly, professional, low cost 24 hour service, which provides immediate reassurance through the dark winter months. The simple body worn pendant gives peace of mind and allows the wearer to continue living independently in their own home. Installation of the Careline is so quick and easy that new users often tell us that they wished they had it installed years ago.

Apparently, some service users are often worried that they might press the red button on their body worn pendant by mistake, causing embarrassment to themselves and an inconvenience to the person on the other end of the line. This is a myth and service users are encouraged to press their red button regularly to ensure the equipment is working effectively and the operator on the other end of the line can have a friendly chat with the user to check their wellbeing.

To find out more about the Cotswold Careline service it simply takes a phone call to chat to one of the team on 01594 812505, or alternatively email cotswoldcareline@fdean.gov.uk or visit the website www.cotswoldcareline.co.uk. The friendly staff will be able to answer any questions you may have and can offer a no obligation free demonstration in residents own homes."

INVOLVE SWINDON

Involve Swindon – helping employees volunteer - is an alliance of companies, statutory bodies and voluntary organisations working together to encourage employees to give their time and develop their skills through volunteering in the local community.

We are particularly looking for new projects that teams of employee volunteers can help out with. Things like decorating village halls or scout huts, helping out with the creation of community gardens, doing up the gardens of sheltered housing or similar.

In the past, teams of people from local employers have helped out at Bishopstone Village Hall, helped clear up an area of waste ground for Stratton Parish Council, re-painted the play equipment of pre-schools & primary school and more - see www.involveswindon.co.uk for our latest case studies.

If you think you might know of a suitable project, we'd love to hear from you. Or if you'd just like to find out more, we'd be just as delighted to talk.

Contact: Jo at Volunteer Centre Swindon on 01793 420557 or e-mail involve@swindonvolunteers.org.uk

Fairford Dial-a-Ride important information

Information to accompany Timetables from January 2015

Timetable changes: Please note that there are slight timetable changes as follows:

Monthly Witney is moving from the 1st Friday to the 2nd Friday.

Alternating garden centre trips between Lechlade & Dobbies/Blooms.

Carterton is replacing Cirencester on the 2nd Thursday of each month January – March as a continuing trial.

Fare increases: please note there will be small fare increases in January, April, July and October 2015. This is due to fares falling behind actual running costs.

Pick-up times: Please note the timetable for departure times which are when the **bus leaves its car park** and NOT when it will collect you.

We appreciate that waiting is frustrating, but we would ask for your patience and understanding that the driver may have many pick-ups before yourself.

Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable December 2014/January 2015

*Cirencester: Thursdays departing Fairford 08.30am(1) & 09.30(2) returning 11.15am & 12.15 cost
£3.40 Dec & £3.60 Jan 1st 2015*

	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart Fairford AM</u>	<u>Return PM</u>	<u>Cost</u>
December				
Tuesday 2 nd	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.00
Wednesday 3 rd	Blundson Market	10.00	12.15	4.50
Friday 5 th	Witney	09.00	1.00	6.00
Wednesday 10 th	Marlborough (Market Day)	08.30	1.00	8.20
Tuesday 16 th	Cheltenham Christmas Market (Limited seats)	09.00 (or earlier)	1.00 (approx.)	7.50
Wednesday 17 th	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Thursday 18 th	Carterton (**replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	4.50
Friday 19 th	Blooms Garden Centre (Jct 16 on M4)	09.00	1.00	5.30
Monday 22 nd	Central Swindon- <i>last trip before Christmas</i>	09.00	12.30	5.00
January				
Tuesday 6 th	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.30
Wednesday 7 th	Blundson Market	10.00	12.15	4.80
Wednesday 14 th	Gloucester	09.00	1.00	8.50
Thursday 15 th	Carterton Market (replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	4.80
Friday 16 th	Witney (date change due to bank holiday)	09.00	1.00	6.50
Tuesday 20 th	To be advised			
Wednesday 21 st	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Monday 26 th	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	5.30
Friday 30 th	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	7.80
Friday 30 th	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	5.30

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 January 1st there is are fare increases.

