



Kempsford



(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter



Representatives of Fairford, Lechlade and Kempsford Councils together with Coln Park celebrating the re-opening of the old Bowmoor Lake Footpath and agreed future Footpath Network Plan

December 2016 & January 2017



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

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Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
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Chairman of School Governors	Mr Andrew Doherty		711552
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St Mary's, Kempsford with St Anne's, Whelford

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Or Robert Mitchell (Lay Reader for Kempsford) on 01285 712821

December 2016

Dear Friends and neighbours

Christmas is Coming!

For some of us these words will generate much excitement (and you are probably under 16 years of age!). For others, including myself, it will simply induce panic, brought on by too much to do in too short a space of time. But for some it is not a time to celebrate or look forward to, perhaps because of loneliness, loss or disappointment.

Christmas is not necessarily all that it is cracked up to be and what the adverts would have us believe. Indeed it can be very stressful trying to make it the perfect occasion that everyone will enjoy. And sometimes we get so wrapped up in the planning that we forget the whole point of it.

Many living when Jesus was born, were living in hopeful anticipation of a Saviour being sent by God to rescue them, like a knight in shining armour. As a result they completely missed Jesus arriving as a helpless baby. Jesus, Emmanuel, (which means 'God with us'), came to live among us, as one of us, sharing our joys and sorrows, our everyday lives. And He still makes that promise to each one of us today – to be with us throughout our lives.

Jesus promises to be with us as we prepare and look ahead to Christmas, if we ask him to, bringing His peace and joy. As a community and a church we want to be with you too, not just by warmly inviting you to our Christmas services. So if you know of a neighbour alone this year at Christmas, please may I encourage you to invite them to share your Christmas table, or if that isn't possible, please let myself or someone from our churches know, and we will endeavour to help. Let us share Christ's gift of being with us, with all our community this year.

Wishing you all a very blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Rev'd Lynn

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Services for December and January

Sunday 4 December	10 am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 4 December	10 am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 11 December	10 am Kempford 5 pm Kempford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Paul Springate. Nativity Service
Thursday 15 December	7 pm Whelford	Whelford Carols
Sunday 18 December	10 am Kempford 6 pm Kempford	Family Service led by Rob Mitchell Carols and Readings
Saturday 24 December	5.30 pm Kempford 11.30 pm Kempford	Crib Service led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler Midnight Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 25 December	9 am Whelford 10 am Kempford	Short Said Communion Service led by Rev'd L Hayler Family Communion Service with Carols led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 1 January	9 am Whelford 10 am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson H C led by Rev'd J Swanton
Sunday 8 January	10 am Kempford	H C led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 15 January	10 am Kempford	Family Service led by Robert Mitchell
Sunday 22 January	10 am Kempford	HC led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 29 January	10 am Whelford	TBC

Every Wednesday morning at 9.30 am in Kempford : A short service of Morning Prayer. Everyone welcome including pre school children.

Do you know someone who is unwell or in need and would appreciate a pastoral visit? Please contact Rev'd Lynn Hayler.

Many thanks to all those who donated foodstuffs at Harvest time for the food bank.



With Christmas approaching can I appeal to you to offer the following items: long-life milk and household items such as washing powder, cleaning products, shower gel, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, sanitary products, shampoo and conditioner? And also Christmas goodies such as biscuits, mince pies, puddings and cakes.

There is a collecting box by the font at the church in Kempsford.

If you need more information look at the website: <https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/>

KEMSPFORD FOOTBALL AND YOUTH GROUP

Meet every Wednesday from 6 to 7.30 pm in the village hall for fun and games, table tennis, table football, darts and many more activities.

Tuesday 29 November: the early Christmas party with Bibury kids at Bibury

Wednesday 7 December: no club because of Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert at Kempsford Primary

Wednesday 14 December: last meeting before Christmas, Fun filled special activities

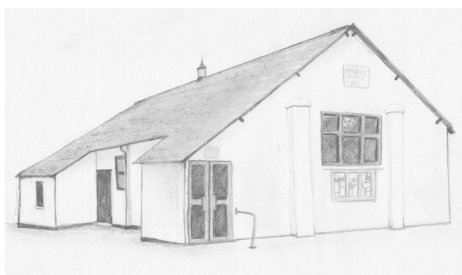
Wednesday 4th January 2017: Club will reopen.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who donated items for Operation Christmas Child and helped fill the shoe boxes on Saturday.

Special thanks to the knitters of the village. 48 shoe boxes were filled and are now on their way to make a child happy this Christmas.

Kempsford Village Hall



Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings

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

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New members are always welcome!



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ
Thursday 8th December 12 – 2pm

Please join us for our Christmas Café
and start your celebrations!

Come and try our Homemade Soups and Bread,
Delicious Cakes and Mince Pies,
Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.

The following café will be on the 12th January

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Gilbert (no Sullivan)

Enjoy an evening of comedy based on three of W S Gilbert's funniest tales
performed by The Foundry Group

Friday 24th February 2017
8pm at Kempford Village Hall

Whelford Village Hall



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



Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

What's on -

Sat. 17th December - Quiz Night

Christmas Eve - Live Music

Sat. 14th January - Live Music

Sat. 28th January - Live Music

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 13th December 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempford Village Hall
Tuesday 24th January 2017	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempford Village Hall

Further development for Kempford?

Last month we reported that Pye Homes had attended our Parish Council meeting with a view to hearing the communities views on any further development in Kempford.

Understandably this has led to significant interest from residents, and the distribution to some householders of a leaflet from a parishioner.

Thank you to all who have emailed and called to express views.

We would like to reiterate that at this stage there is no specific plans and all we can do is feed back any comments received.

We will of course keep you informed through this newsletter if any further information arises.

Coln Park and Lakes by Yoo

At the November Planning Committee meeting, the application 16/01818/OUT for changes to future development of the Lakes by Yoo and Country Park site was approved, subject to accompanying Section 106 document.

As part of this application it includes a Unilateral Agreement in respect of footpaths. Below is a plan showing the final proposed footpath network.

Not **ALL** of the footpaths will be open immediately due to land constraints in respect of mineral extraction completion, land tenancy agreements and similar.

The Unilateral Agreement does include schedules outline clear and realistic timeframes on when the paths will be delivered.

Further information can be viewed through the Cotswold District Council Planning Portal Website, quoting the above reference number.

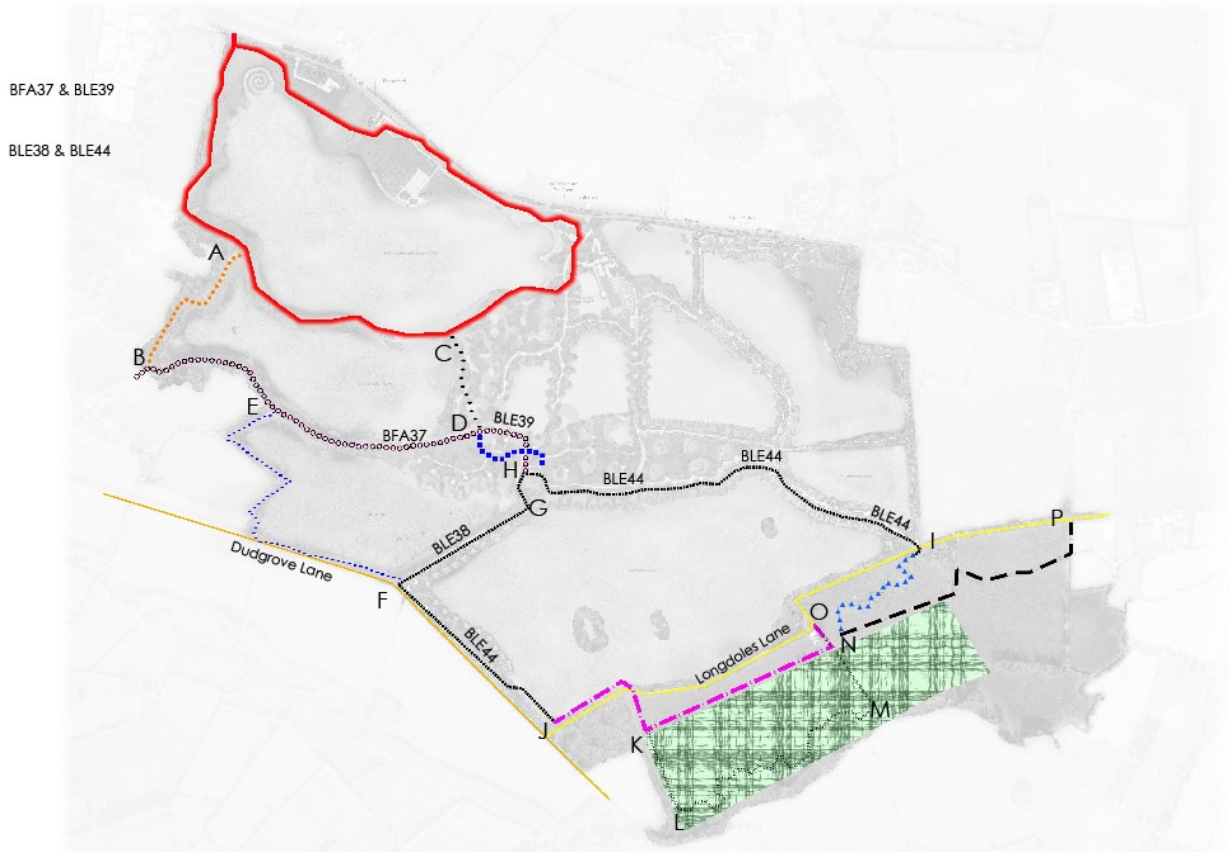
The newly diverted route (footpath number BLE44) around the old Bowmoor Lake (off Dudgrove Lane) is now open. Signage will be erected very shortly and it has been requested that dogs should be kept on a lead through the development.

One of the next stages is for the current permissive paths around the new Bowmoor Sailing Lake (part of the Coln Country Park), and the link path through to Whelford Pools Nature Reserve to be adopted as Public Rights of Way. This is due to be implemented by the 31st March 2017.

The Parish Council will provide regular updates on when new paths become open.

Footpath Network

- Footpath 1 -
- Footpath 2 -
- Footpath 3 -
- Footpath 4 -
- Footpath 5 -
- Footpath 6 -
- Footpath 7 -
- Footpath 8 -
- Footpath 9 -
- Footpath 10 -
- Footpath 11 -



Thank you

On a personal note in respect of the re-opening of the old Bowmoor Lake footpath, I would like to thank Mr Bruce Arkell for applying to have the footpath we had all enjoyed for many years added to the definitive map as a Public Right of Way back in 1998.

The recent announcement that it has been reopened (albeit on a slightly different route) some 8.5 years after it was added, and then temporarily closed for construction works, is welcomed news.

I would like to thank all the members of the local communities who supported the quest to see the path reopened throughout this time, by writing countless letters and signing petitions.

It **DID** make a difference, and your support is greatly appreciated.

Teresa Griffin



Kempsford Quarry have reported drivers having difficulty spotting walkers and cyclists on Washpool Lane late afternoon as it gets darker earlier.

A reminder for your own safety, please wear bright clothing and reflective gear if possible.

Thank you

Christmas and New Year Waste Collections

Week commencing Monday 19 December 2016:

Normal collection day	New revised collection day
Friday 23 Dec	No change
Friday 30 Dec	Will move to Tues 3 Jan 2017
Friday 6 Jan	Will move to Mon 9 Jan
Friday 13 Jan	Will move to Saturday 14 Jan

The collection schedule will return to normal on the week beginning Monday 16 January 2017.

Lechlade & District Lions Club present their

Annual Seniors Christmas Parties

on Saturday 14th January 2017

at St Lawrence School Lechlade and Palmer Hall Fairford

from 2-00 - 4-00pm.

Places are limited so please sign up soon at Lechlade or Fairford Post Office.

For further details / telephone booking contact Keith Musson 01367 253219 or Steve Jones 01376 253025



Last winter, **I Dig Trees** enabled OVO Energy and TCV to inspire and educate thousands of people about the benefits that planting trees would bring to their communities and communal green spaces... and planted 158,000 trees!

We're delighted to again be running **I Dig Trees** in 2016/2017 with OVO Energy, on behalf of its [Greener Energy](#) customers.

[Community Groups](#)

[Help with tree planting](#)



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Police and Neighbourhood Watch Messages

Police Message

This is a message from the Cotswolds policing team. At approx. 1.30pm on Wednesday 16th November a resident of The Whiteway, Cirencester contacted police to report being approached by a male offering to clean the gutters on his house. The offer was declined by the resident. The male had said that he had been cleaning other gutters in the area.

We advise residents not to accept offers of work from cold callers and to report any cold callers to police on the non-emergency number 101.

Neighbourhood Watch Message

To all of our Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators.

We send you information about undetected crime in the Cotswolds and felt it was about time we updated you with Good News stories from the Police in the south Cotswolds. Please don't think this is all that we have been up to. These are just some of the recent criminal investigations that we think are noteworthy and that members of your schemes might like to hear about.

Jack Ayres, of Cirencester, was arrested on the night of 29th October on suspicion of assault. He was charged the following day with five assaults. When he appeared at Cheltenham Magistrates court on 31st October he pleaded guilty. The case was sent to Gloucester Crown Court for sentencing on 2nd December 2016 and Ayres was remanded in custody until that date. The streets of Cirencester are safer as a result.

Adam Saunders, also from the Cirencester area, was arrested Sunday 13th November on suspicion of Robbery and Burglary. These alleged offences occurred in Cirencester recently. Saunders was charged with both offences on Monday 14th. When he was before the Magistrates on the 14th they revoked a previous Community Order and imposed a 6 week custodial sentence. The new charges were sent to Crown Court for 16th December. Saunders will be in custody until at least that date. We believe this will have a positive impact on the amount of acquisitive crime in the Cirencester area.

A 39 year old man, formerly a resident of Lechlade marina, has recently been charged with a non-dwelling burglary near Fairford. He has also been charged with Handling Stolen Goods and will next be in court on 9th December.

A 26 year old woman from Lechlade has been charged with an attempted burglary and theft of a bicycle in Lechlade. She will be standing trial for these offences at the end of January 2017.

Two men were charged in October with a burglary at the Redrow building site in Lechlade. One defendant has pleaded guilty and been given a suspended prison sentence. The second male, who pleaded not guilty, will be back in court in January 2017.

A Fairford man is being investigated for drugs supply offences following the execution of a warrant at his address in Fairford. Local Police officers seized Cannabis and cultivation equipment and are securing other evidence to prove drugs supply offences.

A man from Cirencester was convicted of burglary at the end of September when Police found him at the scene of a burglary at the Roman Villa in Chedworth. He was given a suspended prison sentence.

Your local Police appreciate your help in preventing and detecting crime and anti-social behaviour in the Cotswolds.

RoadSafety



The Road Safety Community Engagement Hub is the new one-stop-shop for communities who have a road safety concern in their locality. The Hub isn't a replacement for road safety partnership, or any existing services, rather it is an enhancement that compliments everything that we do, and joins forces with colleagues in police and highways to provide the very best resolution or advice to the communities we serve.

Normally, road safety concerns fall into two broad categories – concerns about the 'road' or place, or concerns about the unsafe manner in which some 'people' behave on the road – and it would be very helpful to you if your concern is directed to the most appropriate place in the first instance to provide you with the help and advice you are seeking.

If your concern is about the **road** itself, such as potholes, crossings or drainage, then the best way is to report your concerns directly to the County Council – this can simply be done by visiting –

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/reportit>

However, if your local concern is about the unsafe way some **people** use the road in your community, then the Hub is here to help. Please complete the contact section below and leave the rest to us.

If you are unsure who to raise your road safety concerns with, or if it is a combination of these two areas then the Hub will manage this for you. Please visit –

<http://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/communityhub/>

Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership



Community hub

Love Your Clothes campaign - Cotswold groups sought



The Gloucestershire Joint Waste Team (GJWT) is a partnership of between the councils of Cheltenham Borough, Cotswold District, Forest of Dean District, Tewkesbury Borough and Gloucestershire County Council. We are planning to coordinate a Love Your Clothes textiles campaign across January and February 2017 and are looking for people who would like to get involved.

In the average household, nearly a third of our clothes haven't been worn in the last year, so there is huge potential for consumers to get more from what they already have.

The national [Love Your Clothes](#) (LYC) campaign has been developed as part of the Sustainable Clothing Action Plan, coordinated by the Waste and Resources Action Programme, who estimate round £140 million worth (around 350,000 tonnes) of used clothing goes to landfill in the UK each year. The clothing sector has the fifth biggest environmental impact in the UK.

Our county-wide campaign will encourage people to:

- **reduce** think 'do you need it' before you buy new/consider buying pre-loved
- **reuse** learn how to mend clothes/consider donating to charity shops
- **recycle** use recycling centres, and bringbanks

What do we want to do?

We would like to raise the profile of pre-loved and vintage clothing options through some short you-tube **videos**. We'll highlight the recycling process by filming an item of clothing from home to recycling processor. We'd also like to show people how to repair and renovate textiles through practical skills **workshops** and how-to **films**. We plan to run a big **Clothes Swap**, and we also want to get people together at **collaborative community sessions**, creating lots of 'Love Hearts' quilts and throws from old textiles which will be passed forward to others in our community.

How can you help?

Volunteer – do you have sewing skills, or could you help out at a clothes swap?

Hold a workshop – could your community group run a skills-sharing workshop or collaborative Love Hearts sewing session?

Venue – do you have a community space that could host a textiles workshop?

Share – put up a poster / advertise events

Film yourself - do something related to reducing textile waste, and we'll upload it to our new Youtube channel.

Embed the videos – could your organisation support us by linking to or embedding videos?

Retweet and like the social media – Follow @Gloscc and @loveyourclothes

Do something else! There are many ways you can take part and help reduce textile waste. Please drop us a line with your ideas. We'll try to help if we can.

Waste Minimisation Officer, Joint Waste Team

Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TH

Tel: 01452 426525 (direct line)

Working on behalf of Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean District Council, Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council

Update from Cllr Lynden Stowe, Leader

November 2016



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Six months have passed since my last Leader's Brief and, as always, a lot has happened at the Council in that short time. The following is an overview of some of the main developments – please contact me if you would like to provide feedback or if you require more information; you can email me at the address below.

Cotswold District Local Plan

We sent a newsletter to every household in June informing residents about the key policies in the draft Local Plan prior to submission for approval. The newsletter also set out how people could comment on the draft Plan during a consultation period which ran from 27 June to 18 August. The representations made by the public are now available to view at http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk/portal/fp/local_plan_2011-2031/reg_19/reg_19. We received many constructive comments and our forward planning team have accommodated most of them by making minor modifications. However a small number of representations will necessitate the publication of changes that would have a more significant effect on the content of the Plan; these are known as Focused Changes. After seeking legal advice, it is clear that it would not be good practice to go to the examination stage of the Plan without making some Focused Changes and providing the public with the opportunity to comment on them. Failure to resolve such issues before submitting the Plan would probably prompt the examining Inspector to question its soundness, which could result in the examination being suspended until the proposed policy changes have been addressed. I realise that this will be interpreted as another delay but if we don't fix these known problems now we risk the almost certain adjournment of the examination hearings possibly for many months. With this in mind, the quickest route to achieving the adoption of the Local Plan is to conduct another round of public consultation – confined to Focused Changes only. More details about the consultation dates and how to comment will be available soon on the CDC website.

Waste collection round changes

I am very grateful to residents for their cooperation during a recent change which saw about 70% of households in the District being assigned new collection days to improve the efficiency of collections and the service to customers.

The changes were introduced to counter the impact of a significant increase in the numbers of properties in the District, especially in areas where large new developments had been built. This had led to increasingly heavy workloads for Ubico Ltd crews on some refuse and recycling collection rounds, resulting in not all waste being collected on the agreed day. At the same time there were other rounds far less busy in comparison.

Rebalancing the rounds has enabled Ubico to improve both their efficiency and the service to customers by maximising the effectiveness of current resources. This will also enable us to absorb the impact of further property development over the next few years. Continuing with current arrangements would have resulted in considerable extra costs for taxpayers through the purchase of new trucks and the hiring of extra crews on certain days - both would then have been surplus to requirements on other days, representing a considerable waste of public money."

Residents affected by the changes received a letter and collection calendar informing them about their new collection day – for both weekly collections of food (and garden waste service if subscribed) and fortnightly refuse and recycling collections. Waste calendars are available on our website - please see www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/waste-collection-calendar/

Cirencester parking

Since I last wrote to you about addressing parking problems in Cirencester six months ago, the Council's Parking Board has made considerable progress. We have always said that we wouldn't be able to turn things around overnight but – working with the community – the Board has achieved some small wins recently, including spreading the word more effectively about greener transport options, the 'free after 3 pm' parking offer in the Brewery and Forum car parks, and the free weekend parking offer at Trinity Road and St James's Place. The aim in the short-term is to provide about 100 additional parking spaces by the end of next summer and kick on from there with further 'big scale' improvements, including one or maybe more decked car parks. A [special webpage](#) devoted to the Cirencester Parking Project is now up and running and is refreshed on a regular basis – it contains the latest information, including a range of questions/answers and details of Parking Board meetings.

District's first Neighbourhood Plan gets the green light

It was good to hear that local residents in the Lechlade area gave their approval to the first Neighbourhood Plan in the Cotswolds. At a referendum in October, almost 88% of the votes cast were in support of the proposals. CDC will now 'make' the plan, at which point it will form part of the Development Plan for the District – this means that all planning applications in Lechlade parish will be subject to the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. In other words, residents will have more say in important planning matters affecting the town.

Neighbourhood planning is one of the powers introduced by the Localism Act to give residents more influence over planning issues within their area. They must follow national and local strategic policies, but they add a new dimension to planning because they give the community more input on what goes where, and what it looks like. For more details about this and other neighbourhood plans please see [/residents/communities/neighbourhood-planning/](#)

Vehicle charger usage greatly exceeds expectations!

Figures showing the annual use of two rapid Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs) provided by the Council have shown that almost 200 owners charged their vehicles over 6,600 times – an average of 44 charges per vehicle, or 100% more than anticipated.

The EVCPs - one at the Beeches Car Park in Cirencester and the other at the Old Market Way car park in Moreton-in-Marsh - were installed last year to encourage more people to adopt a greener mode of travel between locations in the north and south of the district, as well as linking to the nationwide electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

These figures show that the use of electric vehicles in the Cotswolds is far higher than we would have expected at this stage, and indicates that local motorists are keen to adopt environmentally-friendly vehicle technology. Charges during the first year were the equivalent of a saving of over 1,450 kg of carbon dioxide emissions and I expect this trend will continue to rise as more people buy electric vehicles.

The EVCPs allow motorists to charge their vehicles in about 30 minutes – up to 8 hours quicker than standard charge points, and also a 3-4 hours improvement on fast charge points. There will be a £4 'charge and park' fee which will cover a charge-up for each vehicle using the EVCPs and up to an hour's worth of parking. Users can access a Pay As You Go service via telephone or mobile phone app to pay for this service.

Credit card payments

Some good news is coming very soon! With effect from mid-November no surcharges will be applied to credit card transactions with the Council. This should make it easier for customers to make payments to CDC, and I hope that more people will visit our website www.cotswold.gov.uk to do so. This online route is the fastest – and cheapest – method for us to collect payments so this change should be a win-win for all parties.

Cllr. Lynden Stowe
Leader, Cotswold District Council
Email: lynden.stowe@cotswold.gov.uk



Changes to recycling banks coming soon

Release date: 14 November 2016



There will soon be some changes to the provision of recycling 'bring' sites across Cotswold District, reducing the number of glass recycling banks while increasing recycling facilities for the recycling of textiles and 'Tetrapak' cartons.

Glass recycling banks will only be retained at locations which have a full range of recycling banks.

This should have a very limited effect on residents as glass is one of the items that can be recycled through the fortnightly kerbside collection service. Glass bottles and jars can be left out alongside papers, cans and tins in the kerbside recycling box, mixed plastics (plastic bottles, pots tubs and trays) in the white reusable sack and cardboard in the blue reusable sack.

We are increasing the number of banks for textiles and cartons as it is not possible to recycle these at the kerbside. Textile recycling banks will be included at all recycling points (space permitting). Carton ('Tetrapak') recycling banks will be available at three key locations across the District initially so that we can assess their effectiveness before considering additional banks as they cost the Council about £1,000 a year to operate.

What happens next?

In the next two weeks the Council will display posters on the glass recycling banks which are scheduled for withdrawal. The actual removals will take place from the week commencing 5 December.

For further information about recycling, please visit the relevant CDC [website](#) or the [Recycle for Gloucestershire](#) website.

Bring sites where glass recycling banks will be removed:

Avening* – Sunground Playground
Barrington - Inn for All Seasons Public House
Barrington – Fox Public House
Chedworth – Village Hall
Cirencester – Abbey Car Park
Cirencester – School Lane
Cirencester – Waterloo Car Park
Daylesford – Daylesford Estate
Didmarton – Village Hall
Meysey Hampton – Church Street car park
North Cerney – FHA garages
Northleach – Westwoods centre
Sapperton - Bell Inn car park
Sherbourne – Social club car park
Temple Guiting – Village Hall
Westonbirt – Arboretum
Weston Subedge – land near Bowls Club
Withington – Mill Inn car park

**All banks will be removed at the request of the Parish Council*

Bring sites where textile recycling banks will be introduced:

Barrington – Inn for All Seasons Public House
Down Ampney – Village Hall
North Cerney – FHA garages
Sapperton – Bell Inn car park
Temple Guiting – Village Hall
Tetbury – Tesco
Weston Subedge – land near Bowls Club
Withington – Mill Inn car park

Bring sites where 'Tetrapak' carton recycling banks will be introduced:

Andoversford – Village Hall
Bourton-on-the-Water – Rissington Road car park
Tetbury – Tesco

Bring sites where there will be no changes:

Cirencester – Beeches car park
Fairford – Hatherop Road
Stow-on-the-Wold – Maugersbury Road car park

FESTIVE MARKET

Friday 2nd December

Fairford Market Place

6.30pm-8.30pm

**Browse around a wide range of stalls in
a friendly, festive atmosphere**

Switching on the Christmas tree lights!



Hear A Splash of Red sing!

Street Entertainment!

Funfair!

Santa & Friends will be in the Grotto!

Christmas starts here!

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

We do not meet in December.

Monday 16th January at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

The Vickers Factory at South Marston. Established in 1941 as a shadow aircraft factory for bomber construction, it became part of Vickers Armstrong by 1943 concentrating on the production of Spitfires. Its final role was the production of hovercraft. Guests welcome £4. Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

New Lions mini bus

And recognition of outstanding service

The acquisition of a new bus is a bit of a coup for the Lions. On its side is written, 'Funded by the UK government' because of a government initiative. Back in 2014 The Department for Transport, DfT, asked for bids to access a £25 million Community Mini Bus Fund. The Lions submitted one of just 300 successful bids, and they were then asked to specify what they needed. With expertise and knowhow from within the Lechlade and District Lions they asked for windows that do not open as these rattle but an air conditioning unit. There is a special wheelchair lift which does not compromise the number of seats they can have, reversing camera, front and rear parking sensors and an electric step. The bus was delivered on October 5th 2016. The right honourable Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP came along to Lechlade to officially hand over the keys to the brand new Lions mini bus. He wished everyone well and attended a small reception to chat to the Lions and sponsors. Richard Marriage from Moore Allen & Innocent Estate agents, John Hitchcox from the Lakes by yoo, Ian Bailey from Lechlade Motor Company have all helped with the everyday running costs of the bus.

There was another important announcement from President David Benson. He made a presentation to David Sharp of the Melvin Jones Fellowship. The fellowship was created in 1973 named after the founder of Lions Clubs International (LCI), Melvin Jones and is an honour--not an award. The fellowship was established as



LCIF's highest form of recognition to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service. David was praised for his patience and outstanding service to the Lions.

Left to right: David Sharp, Cllr Sue Coakey, David Benson and Geoffrey Clifton Brown

Story Margaret Hing

Photo John Sheffield

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2016

The 2016 Poppy Appeal Lapel Pin (1916 – 2016) reminds us of the Battle of the Somme in 1916; a five month long battle that took place 100 years ago as part of the First World War and in which the British Army suffered 420,000 casualties (nearly 60,000 on the first day). However, the purpose of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is not just to remind us of a single battle, its aim is to ensure that we remember all those who fought and lost their lives for our country in wars and conflicts that have taken place since the First World War and right up until and including those that are ongoing today. The Appeal also helps us to raise funds that can be used to help our servicemen and ex-service personnel and their dependents when they fall upon hard times and are confronted with problems that they are unable to resolve on their own.

To that end, I am extremely pleased to report that as a result of the very kind and most generous support of the people of Castle Eaton, Dudgrove, Dunfield, Kempsford and Whelford, the Parish Council, Kempsford Primary School staff and pupils, St Mary's Churches at Castle Eaton and Kempsford, The RAF Charitable Trust (RIAT), The George Pub in Kempsford and the Shell Garage on London Road, and of course the outstanding work that is done by the House to House Collectors, we have been able to collect £ 1757.87 for the 2016 Appeal.

I can assure you that from what I see on the welfare side of the British Legion and SSAFA, that this money will be put to very good use for the welfare needs of our serving and ex-service personnel and their families.

Once again, thank you all so much for your very kind and continued support.

Alvin M Hill
Squadron Leader (Ret'd)
Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

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Christmas Soirée

on **Saturday 3rd December** at 7pm

in Kempsford Church.

Everyone is welcome!

No tickets necessary just local children singing and providing festive entertainment to get us in the mood for Christmas.

Father Christmas and his float, accompanied by the Lechlade and District Lions will be in Kempsford on the following date:-
Monday December 19th between 6:00pm and 8:00pm



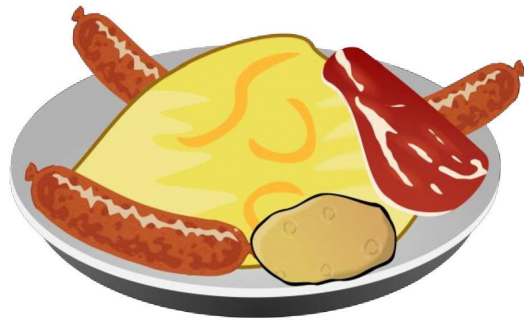
CHORAL CONCERT
Sunday 4 December 7.30 pm
FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY
St Mary's Church, Fairford.

The choir will perform two contrasting choral works – Dvorak's *Mass in D* and *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen. This will be the choir's second concert under conductor Marysia Gorska, after the very successful performance of Messiah in May. Tickets : £12 (under 18's £5) from Blenheim Antiques. Or visit the website for full details. www.fairford.org/choralsociety

Fairford Primary School PTA

proudly presents an evening of

“Bingo and Bangers”



Saturday 10th December

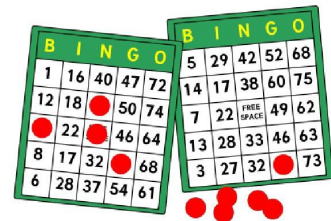
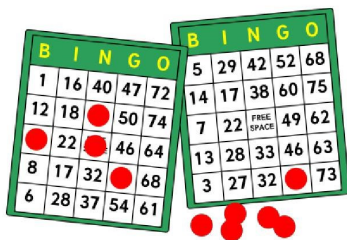
Doors Open at 7:00pm

“Eyes Down” at 7:30pm

At the Palmer Hall,

Fairford

£10 per ticket



Includes Bangers & Mash and 5 games of Bingo and a Raffle Ticket.

Cash bar available.

Tickets available from Fairford Primary School office, 7a Coffee Shop & Fairford Community Centre.

Thank you for your support.



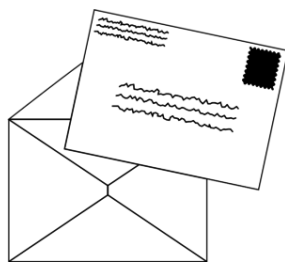
At Kempford Village Hall

A reminder that the Post Office Service operates from Kempford Village Hall **every Thursday between 12 and 2pm**

With the recent closure of Lloyds Bank in Fairford, please remember that cash withdrawals and Lloyds cheque deposits can be made at the Post Office.

In addition to the normal postal services, a good selection of stationery and cards are available.

Please support your local service.



FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by
Monday 23rd January 2017 please