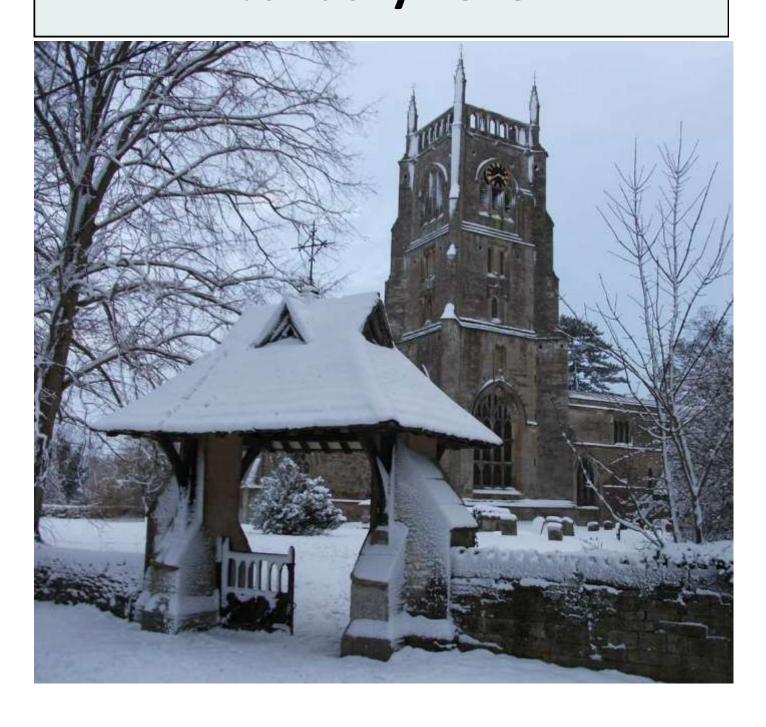
Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter December 2022 & January 2023



KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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PARSIH COUNCIL & OTHER MEETING DATES

Tuesday 20th December at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall Tuesday 17th January at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

OVERHANGING VEGETATION ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

A polite reminder that if your property has hedges and other vegetation that border a public footpath, please can you ensure they are cut back. This is particularly important during the darker nights of winter and during windy weather.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2023 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

RAF Fairford - End of Day Retreat

RAF Fairford has recently re-started the formal Retreat at the end of the working day.

The Retreat is a daily ceremony held at all USAF military installations across the world, as the national flags are lowered at the end of the day. The ceremony of Retreat is derived from the one of the three required formations in the US Army. These formations date back to the Revolutionary War and were held every day in garrison settings to take a roll call. These were held at Reveille (in the morning), Retreat (at the end of the duty day) and Tattoo (before lights out). Over the years, the ceremonies evolved into a flag raising during Reveille and flag lowering at Retreat to mark the end of the official duty day. Today, the Retreat ceremony serves a twofold purpose; It signals the end of the official duty day and serves as a ceremony for paying respect to the UK and US flags.

Fairford will only perform the Retreat ceremony, (not Reveille in the morning) which will include the Retreat, followed by the British National Anthem and finishing with the National Anthem of the United States of America. This will be played on the base loud speaker system, and you may be able to hear off base, especially if the weather is clear.

The Retreat will be played at 5:01pm, and will be played every Monday to Friday, with the exception of US holidays.

Christmas Soirée Friday 9th December 6:30pm at Kempsford Church.

Come along and enjoy a free evening of musical entertainment provided by my beautiful children's choir, soloists and pianists.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the interval.

All are welcome.

Sharon Elliott

Budget Consultation 8 November - 9 December 2022

WE WANT-YOUR VIEWS



Fill out our survey at cotswold.gov.uk/budget





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)		
			20:00 - 21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2nd Tuesday)		15:30 - 17:00 Brownies Philippa Griffin 01285 810754/ 0779 3562704		
Evening	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

*Kathy Woodward, Secretary Rev Kim Brown Ali Leather Luke Fry, Bookings Secretary Karen Saunders, Parish Council Rep Cassie Vickery-Cummings Chloe Amey

*Jo Colson, Treasurer Charlie Leather Beryl Gray

* Denotes Trustee

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome!

Kempsford Village Hall Christmas Bingo

Friday 16th December 2022
in the Village Hall
doors open 6.30pm for eyes down 7pm
Refreshments available
Cash prizes — Raffle

Join us for a fun evening in a warm space.



All profits for village hall funds



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

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

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.

We need help setting up and clearing away the tables and chairs for the café.

Please come along and we'll give you more info (and coffee and cake) if you'd like to join the team.

Kempsford Church of England Primary School

School News

December 2022

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Term 2 Value: Care and Compassion

Term 2 Learning Skill: Indy Independence

What a busy November! Our Year 6 children sold Poppies in school raising money for the Poppy Appeal in the lead up to Friday 11th when all the children attended a Remembrance service at the Memorial. We have also raised money in school by having a non-uniform day for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations.

Our younger children went to The Wyvern Theatre to see the Demon Dentist with the older children going to Cirencester to see Robin Hood.

PC Davis (our lovely Community Police officer) came into school to talk to the Pride (yr5/6) about Internet Safety

The Year 5s and 6s took part in a Football tournament in Circester and the year 5s completed Bikeability!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Nalah H

Maxi B

Frank B

Mrs Vickery-Cummings





CLUBS TERM 2

Monday

KS1 Yoga with At West Cottage

Tuesday

- Reception and KS1 Multisports
- * KS2 Nature Inspired Art

Wednesday

- * KS2 Football
- * Y1-Y6 Maths Club

Thursday

- * KS2 Multisports
- * KS2 Science Club
- Y1-Y6 Polish Club

Friday

KS2 Yoga with At West Cottage

UPCOMING EVENTS DECEMBER

IN SCHOOL

Tuesday 6th December - The Big 'Friends of Kempsford' Quiz - 7pm for 7:30pm start in the school hall. All welcome. £10 inc ploughman's supper

Friday 9th December - Christmas Fun Day with Mini Christmas Fair at 3:15pm - ALL WELCOME! Stall holders welcome to take a table for a small fee - please ask the school office for details

Monday 12th December - KS2 Carol Service in the church

Wednesday 14th December - The Hive and KS1 Nativity in school.

COMMUNITY WIDE

Monday 5th December - The Long Table LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 2nd January - Bank Holiday Tuesday 3rd January - Inset Day

Telephone: 01285 810367 Email: admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk

THE LONG TABLE, KEMPSFORD

What is the Long Table, Kempsford?

It is a place where one long table (or two) brings people together to share delicious hot food and conversation on a Pay As You Like basis. Its aim is to help everyone in our community to have access to great food and great company.

How did it start?

The Long Table was founded by Tom Herbert and Will Mansell in a Brimscombe warehouse in 2018. They hoped to engender a better relationship between people and food - one third of all food grown and produced is thrown away, and more people live and eat alone than ever before. They built a team that shared one vision: to make locally sourced and lovingly prepared food available to everyone.



What About Kempsford?

When the fuel crisis began, we heard that people in Kempsford were dreading winter and concerned about making ends meet during this cost of living crisis. A public meeting was called in May, in the school hall to consider how we could respond collectively. A lot of people came and we discussed a shared community meal. In August another meeting was held and Tom Herbert and Will Mansell from The Long Table came to help us explore the idea. Several groups went to Brimscombe to eat and explore further, and we agreed to form The Long Table, Kempsford. We want to build community, to gather people together during a difficult time, and offer warmth, food and friendship.

How does it work?

The Head Teacher of Kempsford School has kindly allowed us the of the school kitchen and the hall. hire crockery and cutlery from village hall. A small team prepares and cooks the food and another team sets up and clears away. A local chef advises on quantities and recipes. Some volunteers have taken food hygiene certificates.



use We the Meals are served at 3:30pm - 4.30pm after school for families, and 5:30pm to 7pm for everyone. There is a two course meal with a vegan and "Free From" option. We all sit down to eat together. It operates on a Pay-As-You-Like basis, with donations dropped

into a bucket on arrival.

How is it paid for?

We received a small grant from two local Charitable Trusts, which was used to pay for the food at the outset, items to decorate the school hall etc. Donations received at each meal are used for ingredients for the next meals and to buy equipment such as cookers. A donation from November's



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meal went to the Royal British Legion, and a donation from the meal in December will be sent to The Long Table in Stroud for their work helping start up other meals.



What's next?

The next meal is on Monday 5th December which will have a Christmassy feel (but not a full Christmas meal!) In the New Year we are hoping to hold two meals a month until spring, if we have enough volunteers and people are want to come. We may look into having our own community freezer in the long term.

How can you help?

- 1. Come along and eat all are welcome but please let us know you are coming so we know whether we are cooking for 10 or 60! Tell us if you have any dietary requirements.
- 2. Volunteer Could you help: prep food for 1 hour at 11am; cook food at 1pm; wash up at 4:30pm or 6:30pm, or put away tables etc at 7pm? Please get in touch revkimbrown10@gmail.com Tel: 810954
- 3. Make a dessert a recipe will be provided
- 4. Farmers or food producer Would you like to help us by providing locally sourced food?

Jacqui Howlett, The Long Table Kempsford

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 dizzylizzie@sky.com
or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 churchwarden@kempsford.net
or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

Somehow, we are again approaching Christmas; the year seems to have flown by faster than ever before, spinning us all on a roller coaster of changing prime ministers, economic difficulties and the continuing climate emergency.

At Christmas, we have time to come together with our loved ones, to gather in the darkness with our neighbours and sing carols, to give gifts that express our love and gratitude to one another. It is a time when we lay aside our concerns as well as we can, and cheer ourselves with trees and bright decorations, walks in the cold with our loved ones, a crackling fire or a cup of hot chocolate. When life is stressful as it is now, it's hugely important that we draw on the rituals and traditions that bring us warmth, happiness and cheer. The smells, sounds, tastes and colours of Christmas lift our spirits, and help us make memories to treasure.

The message of Christmas is that God came down to join us in the midst of our struggles, coming as a baby born in chaos in a stable. He did not wait until the conditions were perfect, or even sanitary, coming amidst the violent Roman occupation and into the smells and mess of animals! He came to bring us hope and good news, when all around him the headlines were full of gloom. To tell us that God sees our struggles and wants to help us through them. Jesus came to make the love of God real to us on earth, to bring it to us so we can see and feel it. It is a message of light shining into the darkness.

We look forward to welcoming you to carols, concerts and services over the Christmas period - carol singing is proven to lift our mood and decrease stress! There are carol services at both churches, a Crib service at 2.30pm on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning service at 10.30am at St. Mary's - all are welcome (there will be a children's corner full of Christmas craft materials.) I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Love Rev'd Kim

Dates Ahead:

Advent Groups: Lunch of soup and rolls followed by a short Bible study on the Advent theme of hope, at The Parsonage, High St, Kempsford GL7 4ET on Thursdays 1st, 8th and 15th December, all are welcome, please let Rev Kim know you are coming on 810954 or revkimbrown10a@gmail.com for catering purposes.

9.30am	St Mary's Holy Communion
3.30pm fa	milies/5.30pm - 7pm the Long Table
meal at Ke	empsford School
7pm	Sharon Elliott Musical Soiree St Mary's
8.30am	St Anne's Holy Communion
9.30am	Mary's Service of The Word
6pm	family Carol Service St Anne's
9.30am	Holy Communion St Anne's
5pm	Carol Service St Mary's
2pm	Crib Service St Mary's
11pm	Holy Communion Meysey Hampton St
	Mary's
11.15pm	Holy Communion St Lawrence Lechlade
11.30pm	Holy Communion St Mary's Fairford
10.30am	Christmas Holy Communion, everyone
	welcome
9.30am	Holy Communion, St Mary's
9.30am	Holy Communion St Anne's
9.30am	St Mary's Service of the Word St Mary's
9.30am	St Anne's service of Holy Communion
4pm	Family Service at St Mary's
9.30am	St Mary's Holy Communion
9.30am	5 villages come to St Mary's Castle Eaton
	3.30pm fa meal at Ke 7pm 8.30am 9.30am 6pm 9.30am 5pm 2pm 11pm 11.15pm 11.30pm 10.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am

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

Church Calendar for December and January

Sunday 4 December	9.30am Kempsford	Holy Communion
Friday 9 th December	7pm Kempsford	Sharon Elliot musical
		soiree
Sunday 11 December	8.30am Whelford	Holy Communion
	9.30am Kempsford	Service of the Word
Sunday 18 December	9.30am Whelford	Holy Communion
	5pm Kempsford	Carol Service
Sunday 25 December	10.30 am Kempsford	Family Holy Communion
Christmas Day		
Sunday 1 January	NO SERVICES	
Sunday 8 January	8.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion
	9.30 am Kempsford	Service of the Word
Sunday 15 January	9.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion
	4pm Kempsford	Family service
Sunday 22 January	9.30am Kempsford	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 January	9.30 am	Joint Service for 5
5 th Sunday		Villages

Other events in December:

Advent Groups These will take place on Thursday 1, 8 and 15 December at The Parsonage at 12 noon; a short study on Advent themes followed by soup and rolls. All welcome, please let Rev Kim know if you are coming, for catering.

Long Table Community Meal Monday 5 December 5.30pm: Open to all and pay what you can. Meals also available to take away. Please let Rev Kim know if you are coming so that enough meals can be prepared.

Carol singing: the Salvation Army will again be at The George at 7 pm on Tuesday 15 December for the singing of traditional carols. A collection will be taken for their work.

Whelford village carol service at St Anne's at 6 pm on Thursday 15 December

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve: there will be services at

St Mary's, Fairford at 11.30 pm

St Lawrence, Lechlade at 11.15 pm

St Mary the Virgin, Meysey Hampton at 11pm

Kempsford Youth Club

The youth club started last summer as a response to Covid affecting children's confidence. It runs on Wednesday in term time from 5.20pm – 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Children aged 8-12 attend, with some older children acting as volunteer helpers. We play games and sports, cards and board games, jewellery making and cooking. In spring and summer, we go to the MUGA for games and sports. Each week around 20 children attend and lots of fun and noise ensue!

At Easter and in August, we had fun when World Jungle brought drumming, cooking, sports and games to the village for families and The George cooked up delicious lunches for all the children.

We are grateful for our volunteers from the village, Margaret Wolfenden, Cassie and **Tobi Cummings, without whom we wouldn't be able to have so much fun and stay safe.** We are also thankful to those who give us funding – **St Mary's PCC, Kempsford Parish** Council and the Friends of Fairford & Lechlade.







ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2022

In its introductory letter for the 2022 Poppy Appeal, the Royal British Legion emphasised how important the Appeal is for raising funds that are used to help members of our armed forces, past and present, and their dependents, when they are confronted with a major problem, a crisis or, in a some cases, a life changing situation.

To that end I am very pleased to report, as a result of the tremendous support provided by the House to House Collectors, the residents of Castle Eaton, Dudgrove, Dunfield, Kempsford, Whelford, the Parish Council, Kempsford Primary School, staff and pupils, St Mary's Churches at Castle Eaton and Kempsford, The RAF Charitable Trust (RAFCTE) Fairford, the George in Kempsford, the Red Lion in Castle Eaton and the Shell Garage on London Road, we have raised £1864.93 for The Royal British Legion.

Thank you all very, very much.

Alvin

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

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FRIENDS OF KEMPSFORD



NEW DATE DUE TO WORLD CUP!

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

7PM FOR 7.30PM START

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

PLEASE come and join us! £10.00 per person – teams

of 4. This is a great night out for a tenner!

Times are tough for all at the moment —
schools especially. We desperately need to
raise funds due to having a baron couple of
years with COVID and not being able to
fundraise. Your school needs YOU! Please do
come along for a fun evening — bring friends,
bring relatives, bring neighbours. BRING
YOUR OWN BOOZE Ploughman's dinner
included! Email:

friends@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk for tickets.

Parentkind Member Association





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For patients living with a life limiting illness. Carers are welcome to attend too if they wish.

Maximise your strength & flexibility in a safe & supportive environment, with movements tailored to your ability.

Boost your confidence and increase your motivation to become more active, allowing you to continue to do the things that are important to you

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Longfield Community Hospice Care, Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, GL5 2PQ ORegistered Charity No. 298627



FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages. (Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)



News and Information from your Community Friends

SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of the Charity we wish everyone well through the festive season and beyond. Please remember to look out for friends and neighbours and we hope you all have a peaceful festive season and New Year.

THANK YOU

The Trustees would like to express their gratitude to every individual, family, organisation or business that has supported us this year. Whether you attended an event, made a donation, volunteered or helped to raise awareness of what we do – THANK YOU.

100 CLUB **-** 2023

Join our 100 Club for 2023 to be in with the chance of winning a cash prize! If you are already a member and pay annually by cheque please forward your cheque for £12 to Jeff Dawson, Glen Lea, High Street, Meysey Hampton, GL7 5JW. If you would like to join please see our website (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or contact Kerry Simms on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300. Half of all the money raised each year is distributed in the prize funds, the remaining half is added to our charitable funds.

2023 CHARITY CALENDAR

The charity has partnered with local businesses and organisations to create a cheeky, 'Calendar Girls' style calendar for 2023, great for a gift! £15 each or £20 for two. Get in touch with Kerry to place your order (payable by bank transfer) on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk or pick up a copy from one of our participating stockists.

COMING UP IN 2023

We are in the process of planning another busy calendar of events for 2023 so do keep an eye out on our website and social media for more information. If you would like to be first to know what's happening, you can join our mailing list by contacting admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so online through our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Charity Shop, Lloyds Chambers, High Street, Lechlade, Glos GL7 3AE.

Information on what we do can be found on our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk and the names of our existing team of trustees are listed on the Charity Commission's website.

Shelley Welsh, Chair

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CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.



The Cricklade Club, 38 High Street, Cricklade SN6 6AY - Car parking at the rear or the High Street

All with Parkinson's and their carers are welcome to attend. Jan 18th, Feb 15th, Mar 15th, Apr 19th, May 17th, June 21st.

Please contact: Vincent on mobile: 07951944760 or e-mail: parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com.

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Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
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Cricket	Anthony Axel-Berg		07766222951
Royal British Legion	Mr 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	GLOUCESTERSHIRE	highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
	WILTSHIRE	northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk	0300 456 0105
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Newsletter items	Mrs Teresa Griffin	As above	0781 8626158
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Kempsford Parish Council Website		www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net	









Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year!