

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter



**December 2017
& January 2018**

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 19th December 2017	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 23rd January 2018	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Footbridge over brook by Ham Barn/Quarry

Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way will be providing a new bridge to replace the broken existing bridge. There has been a delay with delivery, but with the kind offer by Aggregate Industries to collect it, we hope to have it installed soon.

New permanent speed sign for Reevey

The Parish Council has now received the funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the new speed sign at Reevey. The sign has been ordered and we hope to have it installed by the new year.

New community play facilities at Hazel View, Top Road, Kempsford

The Parish Council share resident's frustration at the time it is taking to get the new facilities open to the community. The good news is that the developers have now had the equipment inspected and the handover process has begun. Until the Parish Council has adopted the site it is not covered by our public liability insurance. We will inform you as soon as the handover is complete. Thank you for your patience.

There has been a number of burglaries, attempted burglaries and thefts of quad bikes during November in our area.

Residents may wish to consider signing up to the following 'Community Alerts Scheme' -



Your Community Alerts is Gloucestershire Constabulary's new, free messaging system that enables residents, businesses and community groups to participate in a two-way exchange of information about what is happening throughout the county. Whether you live in Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Stroud, the Forest of Dean or the Cotswolds you can receive up-to-date messaging about incidents that may affect you.

Don't worry, we won't bombard you with every incident. You can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive. For example, you can help tackle crime by registering for witness appeals or keep ahead of those traffic jams by registering for road closure alerts. The aim is to send relevant information which is chosen by you and together we can make a greater impact on the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities.

The service is entirely free and you can receive the messages in a way that suits you. You may subscribe to alerts via text, an alert through the mobile app, a text or a voicemail. The choice is your hands.

Visit www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/ for further information.

Kempsford Village Hall



Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00-11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754			12:00-14:00 Café (monthly, 2 nd Thursday)	
PM	16:00-17:00 Rainbows Karen Cornish 07837 785666		16:00-17:30 Dance Classes Ms Gillian Shearing 01793 875934	12:00-14:00 Post Office	
Evening	18:00-19:00 Zumba Donna 07891 660089	18:00-19:30 Brownies Donna Kent www.girlguiding.org.uk		18:00-19:30 Football & Youth Club Rosemary 07765 258839	
	19:00-20:30 Karate www.greywolfkarate.org	19:45-21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, usually 3 rd Tuesday)	20:00-21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, usually 2nd Wednesday)		

See <http://kempsford.net/villagehall/calendar.php> for the up to date Events Calendar.

**For Bookings, contact Kate Collins on 01285 810478 or email:
villagehallbookings@kempsford.net**

Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Pete Wolfenden (Vice Chair)	Tel: 01285 810477	Kate Collins (Booking Sec.)	Tel: 01285 810478
Caroline Jacobs (Treasurer)	Tel: 07921 725402	Pete Robinson	Tel: 01285 810356
Joy Cross (Secretary)	Tel: 01285 810439	Mark Strange (PC Rep)	Tel: 01285 810635
Davina Hedges	Tel: 07540 299970	Ruth Gray	Tel: 01285 810747
Mark Britt	Tel: 07771 506527	Hannah Dickens	Tel: 07597 625284

New members are always welcome!

Whelford Village Hall



FREE fast broadband available to all Hirers

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

Whelford Christmas Service



Thursday 14th December

7pm in Whelford Church and afterwards at
Whelford Village Hall for refreshments

Everyone is welcome to this child-friendly service of readings,
carols and the usual 'Cathy Stanford Spectacular'

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all those who provided gifts for Samaritans Purse
Operation Christmas Child.

Almost 50 shoeboxes were filled which are now on their way to
needy children around the world.

A special thanks to all those who produced hand knitted items
and to Nickson & Co who donated stationary.



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ

Thursday 14th 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 11th January

Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

What's on -

Sat. 2nd December—live music

Sat. 16th December—Quiz Night (8.30pm start)

Christmas Eve—Live Music

Sat. 13th January—Live Music

Sat. 27th January—Live Music

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Christmas waste collection schedule

Cotswold District Council's waste and recycling collection service provider, Ubico Ltd, will be making normal collections up to and including Friday 22 December. The following week, the crews will not be working on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December and will also be on holiday on Monday 1 January 2018. As a consequence, there will be changes in collection days until the normal schedule resumes on Monday 15 January 2018.

The collection days will change as follows: (please note that crews will be working on three Saturdays - 30 December, 6 January and 13 January – to catch up.)

Week commencing Monday 18 December 2017:

Normal collection day	New revised collection day
Friday 22 Dec	No change
Friday 29 Dec	Will move to Tues 2 Jan 2017
Friday 5 Jan	Will move to Mon-8 Jan
Friday 12 Jan	Will move to Saturday 13 Jan

The collection schedule will return to normal on the week beginning Monday 15 January 2018.

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2017

Many, many thanks to the House to House Collectors and especially to 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, Fairford, for your contributions to the 2017 Poppy Appeal.

Because of your tremendous support for the Appeal we have been able to raise an outstanding sum of £1789.80 this year. This sum is very close to the best ever collection in the last 20 years.

As always, this money will be added to the Royal British Legion Welfare Fund, and it will be used to support our serving and ex-service personnel and their families in their time of need.

Thank you all so much for your continuing and most generous support.

Alvin M Hill
Squadron Leader (Ret'd)
Local Poppy Appeal Organiser
(01285 810035)
amjhill@btinternet.com

Lechlade & District Lions Christmas Party



Lechlade & District Lions Club are pleased to be holding their Annual Seniors Christmas Party on Saturday 13th January 2018 at The Palmer Hall Fairford from 2-00pm to 4-00pm.

Places are limited so please sign up as soon as possible at the Fairford Post Office. For further details contact Peter Egerton 01285- 712734 or Brian Ellis 01285-712516

KEMPSFORD FOOTBALL AND YOUTH CLUB



Meeting Day changed to Thursday

6pm to 7.30pm in the Village Hall during the winter months

Open to all 7 years and upwards

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 30 November: Christmas Party and last meeting
before Christmas

Thursday 4 January: Club restarts

Thursday 15 February: No club because of half term

For more details contact Rosemary on 07765258839.

Calling all Mums/Dads/Carers

Are you at home with small people and would like to meet others in
the village?

Come and join us for coffee
on Wednesday 10th January
in Kempsford Church
from 10.30am.

Small children particularly welcome!

For further details please contact Rev'd Lynn
(lynnhayler@hotmail.co.uk)

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

During the vacancy please contact the Team Curate Rev'd Lynn Hayler

Telephone: 01285 711698

Email: lynnhayler@hotmail.co.uk

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

December 2017

Dear Friends and neighbours

As the dark nights draw in we're waking up in the dark, getting out to do our daily activities in the cold and damp and then coming home in the dark. My dog-walking regime has been severely curtailed - I'm definitely not a fan of walking dogs by torchlight!

Many of us don't mind too much the shortening days; it's a great excuse for 'staying in evenings' with open fires and mugs of hot chocolate (or is that just in the films?!). For some, however, darkness is a real problem with a lack of sunlight causing low mood and, for a few, more serious depression.

And yet we're approaching Christmas with its twinkling lights all round us. I write this in mid-November and my husband has already seen the first Christmas tree decorated in someone's home! For some though, it doesn't matter how many lights the village is festooned with, it's still dark; perhaps it is for you.

You may be facing the first Christmas on your own without someone you love, or maybe either you or a family member are facing illness or a personal crisis. Perhaps you are lonely or simply worn out with life.

If this is you, then the Christmas message is very much yours this year. I don't mean the Hollywood 'everything is perfect' sentimental one we see in Christmas adverts, (though some are very endearing) but the real message: Jesus being born in into a dark world of political upheaval and uncertainty, a world of pain and loss. Jesus being born as a human being to experience everything that we do so that He can truly understand the darkness that we face in our own lives and journey with us. But the greatest part of the message is that Jesus comes to us as the true light of the world; to shine hope where we feel despair, to reveal joy in the darkest of situations.

The light is coming. Come the 21st December the days will start getting longer and we will start to see the return of the sun. This Christmas and New Year I pray that you will know the light of Christ in each of your lives.

With every blessing,

Lynn,

Assistant Curate

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

Please contact the Team Curate Rev'd Lynn Hayler

Telephone: 01285 711698 or Email: lynnhayler@hotmail.co.uk

Or Robert Mitchell (Lay Reader for Kempstford) on 01285 712821 or Church Warden, Elizabeth Emberson on dizzylizzie@sky.com.

Services for December and January

(since it is now a joint parish with Castle Eaton their services are included)

Sunday 3 December	8.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
	9.30 am Kempstford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Family Service led by A Jones
Sunday 10 December	9.30 am Kempstford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler and Rob Mitchell
	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Roger Scoones
Sunday 17 December	9.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd John Partington
	4 pm Kempstford	All Age Nativity Service
	5 pm Castle Eaton	Carol Service led by Rev'd John Partington
	7 pm Kempstford	Carol Service led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve	4 pm Castle Eaton	Crib Service led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
	11.15 pm Kempstford	Midnight Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Christmas Day	9 am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Family Communion
	10 am Kempstford	Family Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 31 December	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Holy Communion led by Rev'd John Partington

Sunday 7 January 2018	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Morning Worship led by A Jones
	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 14 January	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
	9.30 am Kempsford	Morning Worship led by Rob Mitchell
Sunday 21 January	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Morning Worship led by Rev'd John Partington
	9.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
	4 pm Kempsford	All Age Family Service led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 28 January	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Morning Worship led by Rev'd Roger Scoones
	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler and Rob Mitchell

Every Tuesday evening at 7.45 pm: Together on Tuesdays: a friendly bible study group. Please contact Rev'd Lynn Hayler for more details.

Every Wednesday morning at 9.30 am in Kempsford, a short service of Morning Prayer and Readings. All welcome including pre school children.

Christmas Cards with views of St **Anne's** and St **Mary's** are on sale all this month from the churches or the village cafe.

Copies of the Recipe Book "Tasty Treats and Family Favourites" can be ordered. A deposit of £3.50 secures the second print run. More details from annohara23@hotmail.com or from ruthclarke123@hotmail.com

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

More information about all services can be found at www.sctm.church and with the enclosed Christmas card. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas

CHURCH NEWS

Efforts are still continuing to find a new vicar for the SCTM, resident in Kempsford. We have just heard the following news.

The Rev Lynn Hayler, team curate of the South Cotswolds Team Ministry, Diocese of Gloucester, has been appointed vicar in the North Wingfield Team Ministry with special responsibility for Pilsley, Diocese of Derby. Mrs Hayler hopes to take up her new appointment in April 2018

Until then she, together with Rev John Partington, will continue to look after us.

Messages

"I would like to thank everybody for their support after my fall in early October. Your visits, cards and kind messages have been very much appreciated and a welcome distraction from hospital routine. I am very much hoping to be home for Christmas. Then I will be awaiting an operation on my arm in the new year. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Anne Marsden"

Mollie would like to wish all her friends a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. No cards this year but a donation will be made to Parkinson's UK.

Christmas Soirée
Saturday 2nd Dec
St Mary's Church Kempstford at 7pm

CIRENCESTER FOODBANK

Extra Boxes for Christmas donations will be available at The George and the Village Cafes in Whelford and **Kempstford as well as by the font in St Mary's, Kempstford.** Last delivery to Cirencester will take place on Wednesday 21 December.



LOGS FOR SALE

The Cotswold Canals Trust (a registered charity) supplies seasoned mixed logs for wood burners & open fires.

Full load 80cu ft: £160
Half load 36cu ft: £80

FREE DELIVERY within 25 miles of Kempsford

To order logs please call 01453 752568

Or go to: www.cotswoldcanals.com/log-sales-delivery-service/
to order on-line.

By supporting the CotswoldCanals Trust you are helping to re-**vitalise & restore one of Britain's most important** waterways for future public use.



The Lechlade & District Lions will be accompanying Father Christmas in Kempsford on Tuesday 19th December between 6pm and 8pm



Christmas Greetings from Lechlade & District Lions Club

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY.

We do not meet in December. Our next meeting is on **Monday 15th January 2018** at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

Nick Shippobotham will speak to us about Edward Loveden, the founder of Buscot House.

Guests very welcome £4. Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

Possible closure of all unsurfaced roads – 2026

You may or may not know that as things stand under the Deregulation Bill, some unsurfaced roads could be extinguished in

2026. These are shown on ordnance survey as routes with green dots (not diamonds - diamonds are national trails and can have many statuses).

Unsurfaced roads/ORPAs (Other Routes with Public Access) have generally been regarded as having full multi-user access, as they are recorded in the county's book of roads, and are maintainable at county expense.

However, DEFRA has informed all local authorities that being historically maintainable by the county is not the same as actually having legal rights to use them. This means that rights for horse riders, cyclists and walkers/runners, disability scooters/trail riders/carriage drivers etc. will be extinguished from these roads unless these rights can be shown on the definitive map. This requires checking all routes against both records (Highways and PROWs) which we have started, and where they are not shown as having PROW status, applying for modification orders. This entails researching Enclosure Award, Finance and Tythe maps - for every unsurfaced road in the county!

The British Horse Society is running a day course at Bicester, Sunday Nov 19th for ANYONE interested in learning how to research the records. As chair of Mid Cotswold Tracks & Trails Group, I will be attending. It is free to attend, but you should take a packed lunch and a lap top. If anyone is interested please email hannah.marsh@bhs.org.uk for more details and to book in. Research will include finding mapping in the record office for Enclosure Award, Finance and Tythe Maps etc.

The task for us users in Gloucestershire is going to be huge, and we strongly believe that a cross-section group of riders, walkers, cyclists and historians is the only realistic way to approach this to try to get all areas covered without duplication. We already have some mapping with roads numbers added and hope to do a little more on this before the talk day and would be pleased to share this. (hard copy at the moment - I need help to get this digital in some way in the future. MCTTG has digital OS mapping license for sharing with group members etc.)

There is a possibility that the government will alter this decision before the deadline, as it appears to us that we will be presenting the county with masses of modification order applications, and that this will be replicated nationwide which will massively overload the system even more than it already is. We are preparing our own letter to MPs to ask for the bill to be amended to add Restricted Byway status to all unsurfaced roads, however, we do think that we should try to get a team together and make some preparations as they may persist with this.

We are trying to contact as many interested parties as we can - please pass this message to anyone who may be interested, or send us contact info for any other groups you know of.

Although we are a British Horse Society affiliated group, we have been working with several other parties on various multi-user track issues, and believe that all working together for self-help action and fundraising is the only real way of getting track improvements in the current financial situation. See our facebook page for more or email me to chat.

Pat Harris (MCTTG Chair) - 01453 823841 - patandcolin.harris@googlemail.com





Signing a new contract? Advice from Citizens Advice Cotswold District

How many of us have ‘signed on the dotted line’ or consented to the Terms and Conditions without *really* knowing what we have agreed to? Contracts can carry a great deal of risk for consumers, especially as they are often formed at a distance (i.e. when ordering a product online). This method of contract denies you - the consumer - an opportunity to ask the supplier questions **or have the ‘Terms and Conditions’** fully explained to you.

Many companies offer attractive sign-up deals, including generous discounts or a free gift; however this can disguise the true nature of the contract. For example, you might find that you have now consented to pay a monthly subscription fee to their website or signed up to a lengthy contract without understanding the cancellation terms. It is therefore very important to *read the ‘Terms and Conditions’*, and if you do not understand, do not sign-up. A client recently had major difficulties with a company over its terms and conditions and she stated that **the “situation made me extremely stressed”**.

Face-to-face consumer contracts also carry risks. Being present gives the supplier the advantage of persistence, and owing to politeness, it can often be difficult to say no. Therefore, if you feel that you are being pressured and you do not fully understand, ask for more time. Take their details, seek help if necessary, and contact them again if you still wish to proceed.

You can get further advice from Citizens Advice Cotswold District which is open Monday-Thursday, 10am-3pm for drop-in sessions, and 10am-4pm for phone calls. To contact Citizens Advice Cotswold District, call: 0808 800 0511. Alternatively, visit our website for information or to find your local office: <http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/stroud-cab-online-advice.php> The Citizens Advice Consumer Service is also available to give advice on: 03454 04 05 06 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm).



People For You

Your Volunteer Befriending Service in Fairford, Lechlade, Tetbury & Surrounding Villages

People are what make our communities vibrant and interesting, so every single person matters.

People for You understands the issues affecting local people - acknowledging that sometimes, through bereavement, ill-health, family moving away, or simply the times we live in; people can feel lonely, isolated and vulnerable, particularly in later life. We know how important social contact is in making us feel a valued and vibrant part of our community.

People For You has been providing a free volunteer befriending service for nearly ten years. We cover Fairford, Lechlade, Tetbury, and surrounding villages in the South Cotswolds.

Our volunteer visitors are local people you can rely on. They will visit you on a regular basis, offering companionship, a chance for a chat, or to share a laugh, and a listening ear - everything you need from a valued friend.

If you feel this service could be of interest to you or a family member or friend, please do give us a call.

And if you would like to find out more about how to volunteer, again please contact us.

Contact

Us

For more information email Sue Black sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk or call her on 07810 630167.

“Before I had my visitor, my only companion was the television.....The special quality of the service for me is that now I have something to look forward to every week, whereas before I never knew when I would next have someone to talk to”.

People For You is managed by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC)
<http://www.grcc.org.uk/>

The Kempsford Players

Some of you may recall the annual pantomimes by the 'Kempsford Players'.



We have recently discovered that there is some funds held in a building society account from the old pantomime days.

If anyone is interested in holding any future pantomimes/ productions, or has any other ideas on use of these funds, please contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or email: 374croft@gmail.com

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Warden	Elizabeth Emberson	Email:dizzylizzy@sky.com	
Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Mr Andrew Doherty		711552
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall Bookings	Kate Collins	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810478
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Preschool	Lisa Nichols	staff@kempsfordpreschool.co.uk	811000
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
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
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
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Sue Coakley MBA Stephen Andrews	sue@suecoakley.plus.com Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	01367 253306 01285 810663
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
		Out of hours <u>Social Care issues only</u>	01452 614194
Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Raymond Theodoulou	rtheo525@aol.com	752000
Constituency MP	Mr G Clifton Brown	cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk	01242 514551
Parish Council Clerk (see Parish Council page for Councillors)	Mrs Teresa Griffin	teresagriffin@kempsfordparish Council.net	713691
Newsletter items	Mrs Teresa Griffin	As above	713691
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