

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

## February 2022

Reevey Floods 1968/69



**Please see inside  
on how you could  
assist the Parish  
Council in helping  
the community  
should we  
experience any  
future flooding**

# *KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL*

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## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

## **MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by  
**MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022 PLEASE**

Email: [clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net](mailto:clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net)

## Kempsford Parish Flood Plan

Parish Councillors recently attended a Flood Warden Launch Event at Cotswold District Council. The District Council is working in partnership with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) and town and parish councils to recruit local volunteer wardens to a new scheme helping to improve local flood preparation and responses.

The District Council will provide training, PPE, best practice guidance and other support to volunteer flood wardens, helping them in their role as **‘eyes and ears’ in their local communities. In this way, those with local knowledge** will be well placed to ensure early intervention and to help create sustainable responses to flooding.

At the event, Bledington Village presented their Flood Plan and we are keen to produce a similar plan for Kempsford Parish with the help of the community.

Many of you may remember the flooding we experienced in July 2007 and historically the flooding that has previously occurred at Reevey in Kempsford. In 2015 Gloucestershire County Council undertook some flood alleviation works at Whelford. However, with an ever changing climate we do not know what the future holds!

We would like to hear from anyone in the Parish that has experienced flooding, whether it is from watercourses, surface water or drainage, to obtain a better understanding of the areas at risk.

We would also welcome any volunteers to assist in preparing the plan and to become Local Volunteer Wardens. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

## Kempsford Village Hall booking for the month

	Sunday	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
AM		10:00 - 11:00 <b>Pilates</b> Rona Bennett 01865 820754					
PM		15:30 - 16:30 <b>Rainbows</b> Caroline Gooch		17:30 - 18:30 <b>Youth Club</b> (Term time only)	12:00 - 14:00 <b>Post Office</b> <b>Monthly Café</b> (Café 2nd Thurs of the month)		
Evening			20:00 - 21:30 <b>Village Hall Meeting</b> (monthly, 2nd Tuesday)		15:30 - 17:00 <b>Brownies</b> Philippa Griffin 01285 810754/ 0779 3562704		
	20:00 - 21:00 <b>Yoga</b> Charlie McKenna		19:45 - 21:45 <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> (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](mailto:infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net).**

### KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

\*Hannah Dickens, Chair  
\*Joy Cross, Secretary  
Kathy Woodward  
Rev Kim Brown

\*Mel Denny, Bookings Secretary  
\*Amy Durban, Health & Safety  
Louise Edwards  
Karen Saunders, Parish Council Rep

\*Jo Colson, Treasurer  
\*Kate Collins  
Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding

*\* Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email [infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net](mailto:infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net)

IF YOU WISH FOR YOUR VILLAGE HALL TO CONTINUE TO  
SERVE THE COMMUNITY PLEASE DO CONSIDER JOINING  
US.



## KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 12 – 2pm

Beat the winter blues and come and try our  
Homemade Soups and Bread, Delicious Cakes,  
Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.

If you haven't been before you've been missing a treat!

Covid-19: To keep you and our volunteers safe  
please sanitise your hands as you enter the hall  
and wear masks at all times inside,  
unless you are seated and eating.



BAE SYSTEMS

There's never been a better time to join the club!

At the Royal International Air Tattoo, we think it's important that our participating aircrew enjoy an unforgettable, first-class experience from touchdown to their final take-off!

The Crew Club is where aircrew are able to relax, socialise and enjoy the world's greatest airshow.

We're looking for four enthusiastic, friendly and confident people from Kempfsford or the surrounding area to join the team that ensures the smooth running of this exclusive club.

In return, you'll receive all your meals, two complimentary airshow tickets, up to six discounted tickets *and* you'll be part of our amazing 1,400-strong volunteer team who deliver this incredible event.

If this role sounds appealing, and you're able to commit to joining us from Tuesday, July 12 to Monday, July 18, then what are you waiting for? To find out more, or to apply, visit [www.airtattoo.com](http://www.airtattoo.com).



**FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD AND  
LECHLADE PRESENTS**



# **CHARITY CRAFT FAIR**

**A HUGE RANGE OF STALLS,  
TEAS & CAKE, RAFFLE AND  
FREE CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN**



**SUNDAY 10th April 2022  
2 - 5 PM**

**LECHLADE MEMORIAL HALL**

**£15 per stall. Set up from 1pm.  
Charity & Private sellers welcome.  
Please contact Val Harvey to book:  
voluntarycarserviceof@gmail.com  
or call 07540798226**

**[www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)**







**Friends of Fairford and Lechlade  
Communities**

Formerly The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

**Could you help people in our community  
get to their medical appointments?**

# **Drivers Needed**

**Running costs of trips are reimbursed**

**Please contact Val Harvey if you  
are interested 07540798226 or  
voluntarycarservice1of@gmail.com**



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# ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

## Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or [revkimbrown10a@gmail.com](mailto:revkimbrown10a@gmail.com)

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson [dizzylizzie@sky.com](mailto:dizzylizzie@sky.com)

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 [keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com](mailto:keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com)

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

As 2022 gets underway, life seems to be flying by the seat of the pants with upheavals and changes, in the same manner as we ended 2021. I confess to a naivety that keeps hoping that at some point stability and predictability will return, but even as I write this down it makes me smile at the unlikelihood of that for the foreseeable future!

Our government is in turmoil, our Royal family – the bedrock of tradition and stability for generations – is in uproar. It is hard to make decisions for more than a few days ahead without having to cancel or rearrange them.

So how can we live our lives?

**The poem 'The Gate of the Year' by Minnie Haskins was widely quoted at new year and I think it gives us a way forward:**

**"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:**

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

God is as old as time, and has seen all the ups and downs of human life. He is reliable, loving **and willing to guide us in all our steps. By asking for God's** guidance, we can keep on walking forwards, relying on him when we stumble or the lights flicker. His son Jesus is known as the Light of the World, for his ability to lighten our darkness, and strengthen and comfort us throughout **the journey of life. At the gate of the year, it's good to have the hope that** God will be our guide.

With love, Rev Kim



**St Mary's, Kempford with St Anne's, Whelford**  
Church Services

Sunday 6 February	9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 February	9.30 am Kempford	Service of the Word
Sunday 20 February	9.30 am Whelford 4 pm Kempford	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 27 February	9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion

Morning Prayer continues to take place, via The 5 Villages Facebook page, every weekday at 8 am.

**St Mary's is now open every** day for prayer and reflection. **St Anne's** is open on Fridays for prayer and reflection.

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We are still looking for another Foundation Governor to represent the church and serve the school on its Governing Body. If you are a committed Christian with experience in governance or education, we would love to hear from you. Contact either Rev Kim Brown or Rosemary Andrews, Secretary to the PCC.

### Food Bank

Thank you to all those who gave so generously over the Christmas period. The **boxes are still in place outside both St Mary's and St Anne's in the porches.** Donations are always needed, especially during these cold months.



## **FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES**

**(Reg. Charity No: 1180059)**

***YOUR LOCAL CHARITY***

***Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.  
(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)***



***News and Information from your Community Friends***

### **100 CLUB**

100 Club is running again this year to help our fundraising efforts. Half of all the money raised each year is distributed in cash prizes, the remaining half is added to our charitable funds. Thank you to everybody that has joined the 100 Club for 2022, draws take place on the last Saturdays of January, March, May, July, September and November.

### **AGM**

The AGM will be held at 19:30 on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at Fairford Community Centre. All welcome!

### **EVENTS FOR 2022**

We are currently planning several fundraising and community events for 2022.

Provisional dates for your diaries include:

10<sup>th</sup> April: Craft Fair, Lechlade Memorial Hall

29<sup>th</sup> June: Open Gardens, Langford Downs Southrop

27<sup>th</sup> November: Craft Fair and Annual Raffle, Lechlade Memorial Hall

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR**

We are pleased to have Kerry Simms join our team as our new administrator. After many years we are sad to see Christine Barker leaving our organisation. Christine has provided fantastic support for the Charity and has been a huge asset to us. We wish her all the best for the future. If you have any queries or questions, please note the new administrator's email is [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk).

### **BEREAVEMENT CAFE**

For people who have suffered a loss and would like to talk. One of our nursing team will be present to welcome you with a hot drink and some cake. Trained support will be available. No booking required. Donations welcome. 10:00-12:00 at The Heritage Room, Fairford Community Centre running on the first Friday of every month, starting Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our wonderful volunteers play a vital role in the support we can deliver to the communities. We are currently recruiting for volunteers to assist in our Lechlade shop and to join our team of drivers. If you can help or would like to learn more, please get in touch:

Patient Transport: Val Harvey 07540 798 226 or [voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com](mailto:voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com)  
Lechlade shop: 01367 252 189 or pop in and talk to Nicola.

## **COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Community Friends' Covid-19 Support Fund established to provide financial support to local organisations, charities, volunteer groups, families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid-19 remains open for applications. To date from 57 applications grants of approximately £55,424 have been made providing financial support to 39 different charities, organisations, families and individuals within our area of benefit.

Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications ([www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)).

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If you want to make a donation you can do so online through our website [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD

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

**Shelley Welsh, Chair**

**Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)**



Friends of Fairford and Lechlade  
Communities

Formerly The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

# BEREAVEMENT CAFE

Run by The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade  
Nursing Team

A drop in café for anyone that has suffered  
a loss and would like to talk

Trained support available

Fairford Community Centre 10-12pm

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH



**Starting  
4th February  
10-12pm**

[WWW.FRIENDSOFFAIRFORD.ORG.UK](http://WWW.FRIENDSOFFAIRFORD.ORG.UK)

# The Upper Thames Protection Society



## Who We Are.

We are a small group of interested people who meet periodically to share information about the health and wellbeing of the river Thames from its source to Inglesham.

## What We Do.

We keep a watching brief on anything that may affect the river and liaise with other groups such as local councils, conservation groups, farming advisory groups, fishermen and monitoring organisations. Looking at such issues as

- Floodplain Meadows Partnership
- River Restoration
- Thames Path
- River Thames Erosion Project
- Fish Populations

We produce an annual newsletter covering issues arising during the year and at our AGM, usually held in October / November, we invite a guest speaker to talk on a subject which concerns the river.

We have also made small donations to aid or facilitate initiatives to improve conditions or habitats along the river.

The UTPS is looking for new members to join the society so if you are keen to help protect the environs of the upper Thames, please visit our website to sign up and join. Membership is just £3.00 a year.

<https://upperthamesprotection.org.uk/>

Or if you would like to speak to someone or email, contact Richard Rumming on 01285 861253, email [waterhayfarm@googlemail.com](mailto:waterhayfarm@googlemail.com)



## **80 Years of Continuous Service to the Community.**

Life was very different 80 years ago when a local branch of the national Citizens Advice set up in the Dyer Street, Cirencester. It was 1941 and the height of the Second World War. Concerns of clients were understandably often related to the war, with many queries about food rationing, damaged clothes and property. As the war ended, questions about help with repatriation and food parcels became more common.

In current times, our top enquiry areas are benefit entitlements, debt, housing, energy, employment and family problems. We work closely with the North Cotswold and Cirencester foodbanks and enquiries about Food Vouchers continue to be high.

Advice given by well trained volunteers, backed up by a small number of staff was as key then as it is today,.

In 2013 we joined with Stroud Citizens Advice to become Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts. We are a small local charity who relies on support from our District Councils, town and parish councils and on donations from local organisations and individuals. We also receive grants for some of our project work. For many years our work in the Cotswolds has been supported by the Friends of Cotswold Citizens Advice (a separate registered charity). They raise funds, help with publicity and most recently they have provided help

with funding to support advice at the Food Bank, and with computer costs.

The Friends recently helped raise funds with a street collection in Cirencester Market Place, coinciding with the Christmas Market on 5th December. They also wanted to ensure that the local community were aware of the 80 years of continuous service. Thanks to the sterling efforts of the Friends, with help from volunteer receptionists and advisers, a total of £227.31 was collected which will be increased through Gift Aid.



If you would like to become involved in supporting Citizens Advice in our district, why not become a Friend? They can be contacted at FoCCAB@gmail.com, or by writing to:

Friends of Cotswold Citizens Advice, C/O 2/3  
The Mews, Cricklade Street, Cirencester,  
GL7 1HY.

# **Kempford Beer Festival**

*19th March 2022*

*Watch the Six Nations Rugby Live*

**Wales v Italy 2:15**

**Ireland v Scotland 4:45**

**France v England 8:00**

**Doors Open at 1:30**

A selection of

**Real Ales,**

**Cider, wines and  
bottled lagers**



**Hot & Cold Food  
Available All Day**



**At the  
Village Hall**

## Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

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Church Wardens	Keith Howlett	Keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com	01285 712268
	Elizabeth Emberson	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	Darren Jeffrey	chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	810875
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall Bookings	Mel Denny	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	0734 1901986
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Kempsford Brownies	Philippa Griffin	<a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/">https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/</a>	
Cricket	Anthony Axel-Berg		07766222951
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		810035
Soldiers, Sailors & Airman's Acc.(SSAFA)	Mr & Mrs 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		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
Cotswold District Councillors	Steve Trotter	Steve.trotter@cotswold.gov.uk	07710 405323
	Stephen Andrews	Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	01285 719924
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
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**Online**



'Kempsford Village'  
'Kempsford Mums & Dads'