

Kempsford
(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)
Parish Newsletter
February 2023

Kempsford Village Hall



Friday 17th February 2023

in the Village Hall

doors open 5.30pm for eyes down 6.00pm

Refreshments available

Cash prizes – Raffle

Join us for a fun evening in a warm space.

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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PARSIH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 21st February at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Tuesday 21st March at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 4th April
7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2023 PLEASE

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Tenders are invited for grass-cutting services at
Kempsford, for the growing season of 2023.

Closing date Friday 17th February 2023

Further information (including a map of the cut areas) is available to view
by visiting the 'News' page of the Parish Council website –
www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net

For any other information, please contact the Parish Clerk (details above)

BUSES AND KEMPSFORD AND WHELFORD

A number of people have said that there are no buses out of the village and were surprised when I said that there was a bus.

The Stagecoach Company run a bus every weekday from Fairford near the Market Place which leaves at 9.45 am. It arrives by Popes Court in Whelford at about 9.54 and then stops by the Primary School in Kempsford at 9.58.

From there it travels through Marston Meysey, Down Ampney, Poulton and Ampney Crucis to arrive in Cirencester opposite the Forum at 10 25 am

The return journey starts in Cirencester at 12.40 and goes via Ampney Crucis, Poulton, Down Ampney, Marston Meysey to arrive back in Kempsford at 13.13 pm and in Whelford at 13.18pm.

Once it has left Whelford it travels to Fairford and from there to Quenington, Hatherop, Eastleach Turville and Southrop

On Saturdays the bus leaves Kempsford at the later time of 10.28 am, arriving in Cirencester for 10.55 am. It leaves Cirencester at 14.20 for the return journey.

All this information and more details about the 76 and 77 service can be found at
www.stagecoachbus.com/regional-help-and-contact/west

Kempsford Village Hall booking for the month

	Sunday	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
AM		10:00 - 11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754	9:00 - 10:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna				
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)		
Evening			20:00 - 21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2nd Tuesday)				
			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, Joint Bookings Secretary
Molly Pekarik Fry, Joint Bookings Secretary
Karen Saunders, Parish Council Rep
Cassie Vickery-Cummings

*Jo Colson, Treasurer
Charlie Leather
Beryl Gray
Chloe Amey

** Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome!



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ
Thursday 9th 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!

The Village Hall Committee on behalf of the village would like to thank Sharon Elliot for her kind donation of £65.00 to the Village Hall funds. This was raised by donation from her "Soiree" event held in December.



The WRSE draft Best Value Plan consultation runs until 20th February 2023 and the Thames Water Draft Water Management Plan until 21st March 2023

Please comment before the deadlines pass

Recent webinar on the Cotswold Canals Water Transfer Project.

For those who could not attend or wish to watch again, the **recording can be viewed by searching for 'Cotswold Canals Water Transfer Project Webinar 19th January 2023' in YouTube.**

An alliance of the six water companies that supply drinking water across London and the South East England, have submitted draft proposals for addressing the region's vulnerability to serious water shortages. But the sustainable Cotswold Canals Severn-Thames Transfer is not included.

Our proposal, could see up to 300 million litres of water per day being transferred from the **River Severn to the River Thames via the canal. The scheme has huge advantages over more** traditional solutions like reservoirs and pipelines. With a restored canal, there is no loss of countryside and less need to keep taking water from the ground in the South East. It is the most promising way of restoring the whole 36 miles of the Thames – Severn link.

The Trust believes the Severn Thames Transfer is also the best value option - one that considers a range of factors alongside economic cost and seeks to achieve an outcome that increases the overall benefit to customers, the wider environment and society.

The time to act is now and you can have your say on the sustainable Cotswold Canals Severn Thames water transfer in the following ways.

Email Water Resources South East (WRSE) contact@wrse.org.uk by 20th February 2023.

Or Thames Water consultation@thames-wrmp.co.uk by 21st March 2023 and copy in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) at water.resources@defra.gov.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Cotswold Canals Trust Trustees



How to boost your State Pension and access the Household Support Fund in the Cotswolds

Do you know someone on a state pension who struggles to make ends meet? Or perhaps a couple? What if they could get a boost to their income? Too good to be true? A lot of other state pensioners certainly think so: a third of those who are **eligible miss out. That's a million older people scrimping and saving and going cold when they don't need to.**

This pension boost is called 'Pension Credit'. It **not only** provides extra pension income: it can also cover or reduce a host of other costs – rent, mortgage payments, council tax, energy and utilities, TV licence, dentists and opticians and more. Overall, the effects really can be transformative to pensioners who are struggling.

How to qualify? State pensioner households may be eligible if income is less than £182.60 per week for single people and £278.80 for couples. Pensioner households with higher income may be eligible in some circumstances – for instance if there is a carer in the household or a disability.

So, have a think: do you know someone who may qualify? If in doubt, search for Pension Credit online, ring the Pension Helpline - 0800 99 1234 (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday), or get in touch with us at Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswolds, 0808 800 0510 (10-4 Monday to Friday, 10-1 Friday) where we can check you are claiming all the **benefits you are entitled to. Don't hesitate** – Pension Credit can make a big difference.

Pension Credit may also help you to access the Household Support Fund for help with food, energy costs and wider essentials such as warm clothes, bedding, boiler repairs and the purchase of white goods. Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts currently have funding from Cotswold District Council to help pensioners on Pension Credit or who are on a low income and struggling to make ends meet. Please do contact us if you are interested in accessing the fund.



CLUBS TERM 3

Term 3 Value: Perseverance

Term 3 Learning Skill: Ed Evaluator

DECEMBER and JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

December was a very busy month for the school with all the children taking part in fabulous Christmas performances. We held a very successful Mini Christmas Fair and would like to thank Mrs Newson for all her hard work as well as the staff, children and parents for supporting this event.

January was a little quieter but no less productive. The Pod went on a fantastic trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester and now know all about the Romans!

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
- + KS1 Science Club
- + Y1-Y6 Polish Club

Friday

- + KS2 Yoga with At West Cottage

**JANUARY and FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

Hanna-Faye C

Raife A

Daisy C

Alfie A

Viola N

Ben B

Archie H

Christian D'A

Zachary S

Mrs Hindle-Cooper

Miss Baker

Mrs Wyborn



**UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY
IN SCHOOL**

Friday 3rd February - Bingo Night organised by Friends of Kempford

Wednesday 8th February - The Pride trip to the Houses of Parliament in London

Friday 17th February - last day of term 3 and a Children's Valentine Disco in school

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 27th February - Term 4 begins

In aid of

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

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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.

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

The weather has turned wintry, and it's easy to see why much of the natural world hibernates at this time of year! But even through the heavy frost and frozen earth, there are signs of spring peeping through. Snowdrops are out, and even a crocus or two.

These are signs of hope that the hard winter will pass and spring will come, as it does every year. When we are in the midst of struggles, this is worth remembering. On a personal level for each us, nationally with our economy, and internationally with the war in Ukraine showing no sign of ending – we need to know that things do change and **move and get better, even when we can't see how or when they will.**

There is a pattern and a rhythm to life, set in motion by God and built into the fabric of nature. There is a circle of life – endings are always followed by new beginnings, and so we hope and pray that, even through the ground is cold and hard now, soon we will feel the warmth of the sun, see the daffodils dancing in the softened earth and we can **lift our hearts and look forward to spring, which is definitely on its' way.**

It has been good to gather together through winter in the school hall to eat together at **The Long Table meal, and I would like to thank all of the 20+ volunteers who've helped** us get the idea off the ground, prep and cook the food, lay the tables, and the many people from both our villages who have helped us wash up. It has been a big team effort and appreciated by many. And we have recently won an award from The Long Table Stroud, winning the **'Hosts with the Most' at Christmas! Our prizes were all kinds** of equipment and food items that can help us with the meals, plus a hamper full of goodies that we shared out among the volunteers at a reception on Friday evening (see photos below).

Our final meals are on:

Monday 20 Feb at 5.15pm

Monday 13 March at 5.15pm

After this we will take a break over spring and summer, before checking if the village wants us to resume in autumn and winter.

Love Rev'd Kim

Long Table Christmas Meal



Volunteers enjoy their prizes for winning an award



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

Church Services

Sunday 5 February	9.30 am	Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 February	9.30 am	Kempford	Service of the Word
Sunday 19 February	9.30 am	Whelford	Holy Communion
	4 pm	Kempford	Family Service
Sunday 26 February	9.30 am	Kempford	Holy Communion

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

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.**

Particularly needed at the moment are lunch box snack bars, tinned veg, tinned fruit, long life milk, tinned sponge puddings and custard. Bleach, baby formula, medicines and dietary supplements cannot be accepted.



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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

You can still purchase our cheeky Charity 2023 Calendar – get in touch with Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk .

DO SOMETHING NEW IN 2023

If your **New Year's Resolution** was to VOLUNTEER or meet new people, please consider getting involved with us. We provide health care and social support to people in Lechlade, Fairford and the surrounding villages. There are many ways to help us, such as becoming a volunteer driver, Charity Shop volunteer, helping to arrange and run fundraising events, becoming a Trustee, volunteering at our Edna Dawes Lunch Clubs and many more. See our website or get in touch with Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300 for information.

PICK UP A BARGAIN

Our Lechlade Charity Shop will have **sale on men's shirts from 6th – 17th February**. Please email shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk or call 01367 252189 if you have any questions.

BEREAVEMENT CAFE

We continue to run our Bereavement Café on the first Friday of every month, for people who have suffered a loss and would like to talk. Our nursing team will be present to welcome you with a hot drink and some refreshments. Please do drop in, between 10:00 and 12:00 at The Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

GET UPDATES FROM US

We are planning another busy year of fundraising and social events for 2023 so please do join our mailing list to be the first to know about our plans –join by sending your email address to admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

YOU CAN SUPPORT US FOR FREE

Did you know that you can support us for free, helping us in our work for no extra cost to you?

1. Select us as your charity on Amazon Smile and remember to always use smile.amazon.co.uk when you shop. You can now turn on Amazon Smile in your phone app to donate when you shop in the app too!
2. Register an account with easyfundraising.org.uk and select us as your charity. When shopping on an eligible website, **click the button saying 'click to get donation' if a pop up appears**. Or you can search eligible websites via the easyfundraising.org.uk website.
3. Register for Gift Aid with us so we can claim an additional 25% on any donation you make to us (monetary or Charity Shop donations) from HMRC.

Check our website for more information about any of these.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Nursing Team	nursing@friendsoffairford.org.uk	07938 244335
Charity Shop	shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01367 252189
Website	www.friendsoffairford.org.uk	

HOW TO DONATE

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. **If you are able, we'd really appreciate it if you could complete a Gift Aid Declaration** so we can claim an additional 25% of your donation from HMRC. Forms can be found on our website.

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.

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

LOOKING FOR A FRESH HOBBY IN 2023?

Join us to make new friends, put your skills to good use or learn some new ones.



The Cotswold Canals Trust is a volunteer led charity working to restore the 36 miles of canals across the Cotswolds. Focus of activity has been in the Stroud area where restoration of the western-most 10 miles will be completed in the next few years.

We are now gearing up for restoring the eastern 10 miles across the Cotswold Water Park from Lechlade to South Cerney and have many volunteering opportunities. In addition to the more obvious hands-on physical canal restoration work, we urgently need volunteers to help with a range of supporting activities such as:

- Setting up our new restoration workshops near Driffield
- Working in our wood-working workshops to manufacture canal-side benches and components for locks
- Setting up and staffing our new visitor centre & bookshop near South Cerney
- Supporting our firewood log sales
- Working with the team planning the eastern restoration

Have a look at our website to find out more about what we have achieved, and see our A to Z of volunteering opportunities where you can be part of the largest canal restoration society in the UK, working together to leave a lasting legacy of a natural wildlife and leisure corridor across the Cotswolds.

Contact our friendly office team to find out more and come along for a taster session or two.

mail@cotswoldcanals.org

www.cotswoldcanals.org 01453 752568



Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Gloucestershire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said **'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Gloucestershire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'**.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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	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	Luke Fry	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Brownies	Philippa Griffin	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/	
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
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
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Cotswold District Council			623000
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Kempsford

Online



‘Kempsford Village’
‘Kempsford Mums & Dads’

Kempsford Beer Festival

18th March 2023

Watch the Six Nations Rugby Live

Scotland v Italy 12:30

France v Wales 2:45

Ireland v England 5:00

Doors Open at 12:00

A selection of

Real Ales,

Cider, wines and bottled lagers

New this year - Gin Bar!



**Hot & Cold Food
Available All Day**

At the

Village Hall

Please Note - Card payments accepted!

