

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

July & August 2023



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NEWSLETTER & CAR STICKERS

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The Parish Council meets monthly at Kempsford Village Hall. Meetings are usually the third Tuesday in the month and start at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and a period of time is designated for public participation.

The next meeting dates are -

Tuesday 18th July

Tuesday 15th August

Tuesday 19th September

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 21ST AUGUST 2023 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Parish Councillor Update

Parish Councillor Vacancy

At the recent elections, Tony Williams and Phil Nickson decided not to stand again as Parish Councillors.

Tony has served the Parish Council for approximately 30 years, including being Chair for nearly 20 years, and would now like to spend more time with the family (and probably playing golf!). To say he has '**done his share**' is an understatement, and the Parish Council on behalf of the community, would like to thank him for all his hard work over the years.

Phil is planning to move shortly, and with this in mind he did not feel it appropriate to stand again. We would like to thank Phil for his work on the Parish Council and wish him and his family well for the future.

In May we advertised for 2 new councillors, with the positions to be filled by co-option. We were delighted that Stephen Andrews applied and has since been co-opted. Stephen brings a wealth of knowledge from his time as a District Councillor and is also very involved in all aspects of Kempston Parish life.

We now have one vacant position to fill. Unbelievably Tony has offered to assist in a reduced capacity should nobody else come forward, and we are extremely grateful. However, we do think he deserves a break and are therefore advertising again for a volunteer.

As Clerk to the Council, I can say that we have a great friendly team of councillors, who all support each other and most importantly me! We work hard to form good relationships with our neighbouring parishes, district and county partners and other organisations to improve life for our community.

There are many issues that we would like to resolve, for example, filling every pot hole, reducing quarry lorries, ensure appropriate development and stop speeding to name a few. Unfortunately we do not have the powers to do this ourselves, BUT our continuing work to voice the concerns of the Parish can only help to make those that do have the ability to change things understand the views of the community.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council team and working on behalf of the community, please get in touch.

Teresa Griffin
(Parish Clerk)



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ

Due to the RIAT weekend there will not be a café on Thursday 13th July.

The next café will be on
Thursday 14th September 12 – 2pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the autumn!

Kempsford Bells

Kempsford bell ringers are looking for some new recruits to keep our lovely bells sounding out over the village as they have done since 1678.

We practise on Thursday evenings and you are very welcome to join us for a taster session, or just to meet us and find out more. You will find us a friendly bunch of people.

For further information contact Iris (Tower Captain) on 07787 068828 or email iris.lewis@btinternet.com.

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)				

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Ian Housley, Chair

*Kathy Woodward, Secretary

*Jo Colson, Treasurer

Jacquie Howlett

Luke Fry, Joint Bookings Secretary

Molly Pekarik Fry, Joint Bookings Secretary

Karen Saunders, Parish Council Rep

Cassie Vickery-Cummings

Hannah Dickens

Beryl Gray

Ali Leather

** Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome!



KEMPSFORD *Village Fete!*

SAVE
THE DATE!



9TH SEPT, 2023 : 12 - 3 PM

Village Hall & Multi-Use Games Area

**Car Boot Sale - Kids Games - Raffles - Dog Show - Welly
Wanging - Ice Cream - Refreshments
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**



Kempsford Community Garden

The next three working parties are to be held on Saturday 24th June
Saturday 29th July and Saturday 26th August in the garden behind the
village hall between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

The next planning meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday
13th July at 7.00pm.

All welcome either to help or see what we are doing.

If you have any of the following which you no longer need and are
willing to donate please contact Kathy Woodward on 07821540088.

Wheelbarrow, waterbutt, compost, wood for edging beds, garden
tools, plants, hose.

Whelford Village Hall

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**For bookings, contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or
email: 374croft@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

As I write, we've had many hot days followed by a few welcome deluges of rain! I'm a northerner and this hot weather has me melting and hiding in the shade, so the rain has been very welcome and refreshing.

Looking back, last summer there was much lament in the village when we didn't manage to put on an event to celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. But what a great year it has been for community building since then! The village hall committee recently hosted a fantastic event to gather us all to celebrate **King Charles' coronation**, and the village hall was packed with people of all ages enjoying the cakes and craft table as we watched the ceremony in style. There have been well attended regular bingo sessions, and the garden at the back of the hall has really begun to take shape – keep your eye on the village Facebook page for times when the garden is open to drop in and help.

There is a village fete planned for Saturday 9th September at the hall, school and on the field opposite – **please volunteer if you'd like to run a stall or can help out in any way**.

The church continues in its efforts to provide a toilet and a small kitchen so the building can be more widely used. We will hold a concert featuring classical music played on the organ and piano and singers, along with a bar, on Friday September 22nd at 7pm, tickets £5 **from me and Ann O'Hara**. Dan Strange, a well-known young and gifted musician, will feature in the programme. Please do come along for a wonderful evening.

In our outdoor family service, we built a hedgehog house in the churchyard and have some bug hotels to put up, as we seek to make the most of our outdoor space for wildlife. There will be no family service in July as it falls on RIAT weekend, and in August we will offer a churchyard trail and some outdoor play equipment, placed in the porch for families to enjoy the churchyard whenever they like in between holiday times.

Our Youth Club Taster Sessions begin soon for children coming into year 4 in September and take place on Wed 28th June, 5th & 12th July 5.15 to 6.30pm, do come and see what we get up to. Our next Fun Day in the Muga with World Jungle takes place on Thursday 3rd August from 10am-12pm followed by lunch.

Wishing you a happy and restful summer, Rev'd Kim x

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

Church Services

Sunday 2 July	9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 July	9.30 am Kempford	Service of the Word
Sunday 16 July	RIAT	No services
Sunday 23 July	9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 July	9.30 am Meysey Hampton	Joint service of 5 villages
Sunday 6 August	9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 July	9.30 am Kempford	Service of the Word
Sunday 20 August	9.30 am Whelford	Joint service of 5 villages
Sunday 27 August	9.03 am Kempford	Joint service of 5 villages

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

Food Bank

Thank you to all those who gave so generously last month. The boxes are still in place outside **both St Mary's and St Anne's in the porches** and are emptied regularly and the contents taken up to Cirencester to the warehouse.

Particularly needed at the moment are long life fruit juice, juice/squash cartons (for lunch boxes) vegetarian foodstuffs, tinned veg particularly tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, puddings such as pots of jelly or angel delight. and household cleaning products but not bleach and dry cat/dog food are also accepted.

Baby formula, medicines and dietary supplements cannot be accepted.

Becoming More Eco

We are hoping to become a much greener community and many people have already started to make it so. The Community Garden behind the village Hall is one project that everyone could benefit from. It is already bringing people together to develop a sustainable wildlife area with plants to attract wildlife and homes for hedgehogs. The vegetable gardens will be for people to enjoy working on together and sharing.



Become a Volunteer Community First Responder

Community First Responders are volunteers with the Ambulance Service who are trained and equipped to provide immediate support to patients in their local communities who have called 999 before the arrival of an Emergency Ambulance. There is an active Responder Group in the Fairford and Lechlade area. We are now looking for recruits in order to maintain and improve our service to our communities. Apply now at <https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/C9202-23-0152> or call me (07795-915902) or email me (andrews@btinternet.com) for more information.

Closing date for applications is the 23rd July 2023.

Stephen Andrews, Community First Responder, Fairford and Lechlade First Responder Group

Kempsford Primary School

After School Club Lead



Kempsford CoE Primary School are seeking someone to run our After School Club. The role is part-time, 8/10 hours per week as the club currently runs from 3:15pm-5:15pm, Monday – Thursday/Friday. If you are interested in joining our team, or know someone that would like to, please contact Hannah Brooks by email: admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk for further details.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday

22nd September

2023

Musical Celebration

All ages welcome



St Mary's Church Kempford

Doors open 6.30pm – 7.00pm start

Event bar

Tickets on sale 1st September

Adults £5; accompanied children free entry



Term 6 Value: Friendship

**Term Learning Skill: Suzie Speaking and
Listening**

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

The Pride took part in a workshop by STEM to create a wooden car carrying supplies. Dani K and Jayden L won as theirs travelled the furthest, and they will represent Kempsford at RIAT in the finals.

The Year 6s travelled to Gloucester with children from St Lawrence to attend a Leavers' Service at the Cathedral. They took the school banner, did a reading and lit a candle along with year 6s from other Gloucestershire schools.

The whole of KS2 attended District Sports at Farmor's School on a rather warm Thursday in June. Everyone involved had a fantastic morning. ZooLab are visiting The Hive and Kaleidoscope on the final day of June

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Eli H

Connor H

Tobias G

Jesse S

Eivie M

Dasiy M

George R

Noah W

Izzy M

Amelia P

Jackson D

Mrs Grafel



Monday

- * The Kitchen Club
- * KS2 Animation Club

Tuesday

- * Reception and KS1 Multisports
- * KS2 Gardening Club

Wednesday

- * KS2 Football
- * Y1-Y6 Maths
- * Reception & KS1 Yoga with At West Cottage

Thursday

- * KS2 Netball
- * Y1-Y6 Polish Club

Friday

- * KS2 Yoga with At West Cottage

UPCOMING EVENTS JULY

IN SCHOOL

Tuesday 4th July

The Pride Performance

Friday 7th July

Sports Day followed by our Summer Fair

Tue 11th and Wed 12th July

Move-up Day (year 6 at Farmor's)

Friday 14th July

Y1-Y6 to RIAT and The Hive Parent Picnic

Thursday 20th July

Leavers Service

Friday 21st July

End of Term 6 at 13:30

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 4th September

Inset Day (no children in school)

Tuesday 5th September

Term 1 of 2023/2024 begins

Booked a package holiday?

Worried about what to do if something goes wrong?



Hopefully you'll have a lovely time but if something does go wrong with your package holiday, the Citizens Advice website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) has lots of information about what to do if something goes wrong with your holiday and what compensation you may be eligible for.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

It's worth noting that there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance – check if your policy covers this.

If you're still not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline **0808 223 1133** or talk to an adviser online through the Citizens Advice website.



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News and Information from your Community Friends

EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB

Our much-loved Edna Dawes Lunch Club provides a hot meal, activities and social interaction for isolated elderly people. Transport can be provided. We are hoping to reopen on Mondays so if you are interested or know someone that would like to attend, please do get in touch:

edlc@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 07713 607106.

PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE

Our volunteer car service vital service is a lifeline to many and our wonderful volunteer drivers provide a personal service for a very low cost. There is a small fee to cover the volunteer's fuel and running costs. **We would welcome more volunteers, especially over the summer months.**

To arrange a journey or if you think you can help people get to their medical appointments, please get in touch with Val on transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 07540 798226.

SEEKING 'PROMISES'

Can you help us raise money by offering a skill or "money can't buy" experience for our Auction of Promises being held on Friday 24th November? We're seeking generous people to volunteer their time and skills for the Charity that others could bid on in our fundraising auction in November. Please get in touch with Kerry to discuss:

admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707 300.

SATURDAY HELP NEEDED

Can you help us in the Charity Shop on a Saturday? We are busy on Saturdays and would appreciate volunteers to assist on a rotation. Please get in touch with Linda on

shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01367 252189.

CHARITY RECIPE BOOK

Want to see your name in print? We're creating a Community Recipe Book! We'd love submissions of your favourite personal and 'secret' family recipes (images welcome too!). Books will be available to purchase before the end of the year. Please send submissions to

Kerry at admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS' WHATSAPP GROUP

Can you offer to help us with small tasks on an ad-hoc basis? If so, please **join our volunteers' WhatsApp group** - you can sign up to the group by following the link in this QR code, or by emailing

admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk ...

You can also use this link to join our email list so you can receive charity news straight to your inbox (approx. 4 times a year.)



Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

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Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School		admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	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	Now closed	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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'Kempsford Mums & Dads'