

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter



The old Canal Bridge at Kempsford  
(looking towards the Church)

**July & August 2020**

**Kempsford Parish Council**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION**  
**OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE &**  
**ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27**

**The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)**

**The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/404)**

NOTICE	NOTES
<p>1. Date of announcement <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b></p> <p>2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.</p> <p>Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:</p> <p>Mrs Teresa Griffin  Clerk &amp; RFO  Kempsford Parish Council  Winterwood  Whelford  Fairford  Glos. GL7 4EB  Tel: 0781 8626158  Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net">clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net</a></p> <p>commencing on (c) <b>Wednesday 17 June 2020</b> _____</p> <p>and ending on (d) <b>Tuesday 28 July 2020</b> _____</p> <p>3. Local government electors and their representatives also have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and</li> <li>• The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority.</li> </ul> <p>The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.</p> <p>4. The smaller authority's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:</p> <p>PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team)  15 Westferry Circus  Canary Wharf  London E14 4HD  (<a href="mailto:sba@pkf-littlejohn.com">sba@pkf-littlejohn.com</a>)</p> <p>5. This announcement is made by <b>Mrs Teresa Griffin</b>  <b>(Responsible Financial Officer)</b></p>	<p>(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 1 day before the date in (c) below</p> <p>(b) Insert name, position and address/telephone number/ email address, as appropriate, of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts</p> <p>(c) Insert date, which must be at least 1 day after the date of announcement in (a) above and at least 30 working days before the date appointed in (d) below</p> <p>(d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 working days inclusive and must start on or before 1 September 2020.</p> <p>(e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority</p>

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# KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Council Meeting Dates

*Due to the current Covid 19 situation meetings are being held remotely through Zoom video conferencing software. If any member of the public wishes to participate, please contact the Clerk for further information. It would also be helpful if the topic of any questions to be asked could be provided in advance.*

Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 7.45pm

Tuesday 18th August 2020 at 7.45pm



# Kempsford Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Further to the recent notice about the vacancy arising from the retirement of Sue Griffin from Whelford, the time has passed for an election to be called so the Parish Council now wish to co-opt a new parish councillor.

Could this be you? Are you interested in serving your local community?

Kempsford Parish covers the villages of Kempsford and Whelford, and the hamlets of Dunfield and Dudgrove.

The Council meets monthly, usually the third Tuesday in the month, and meetings are generally held at Kempsford Village Hall, with Whelford Village Hall as a reserve option.

Parish Councillors volunteer their time to work on behalf of their local community. If you have lived in the Parish, or within 3 miles of it, for at least a year and are over 18, you are probably eligible (please check with the clerk for further eligibility criteria). Training will be given by the Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils, and funded by the Parish Council, if desired.

For a copy of the Application and Eligibility Form, or any further information, please contact the Clerk or visit the **'News' page of our website** – [www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net](http://www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net)

Applications close on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

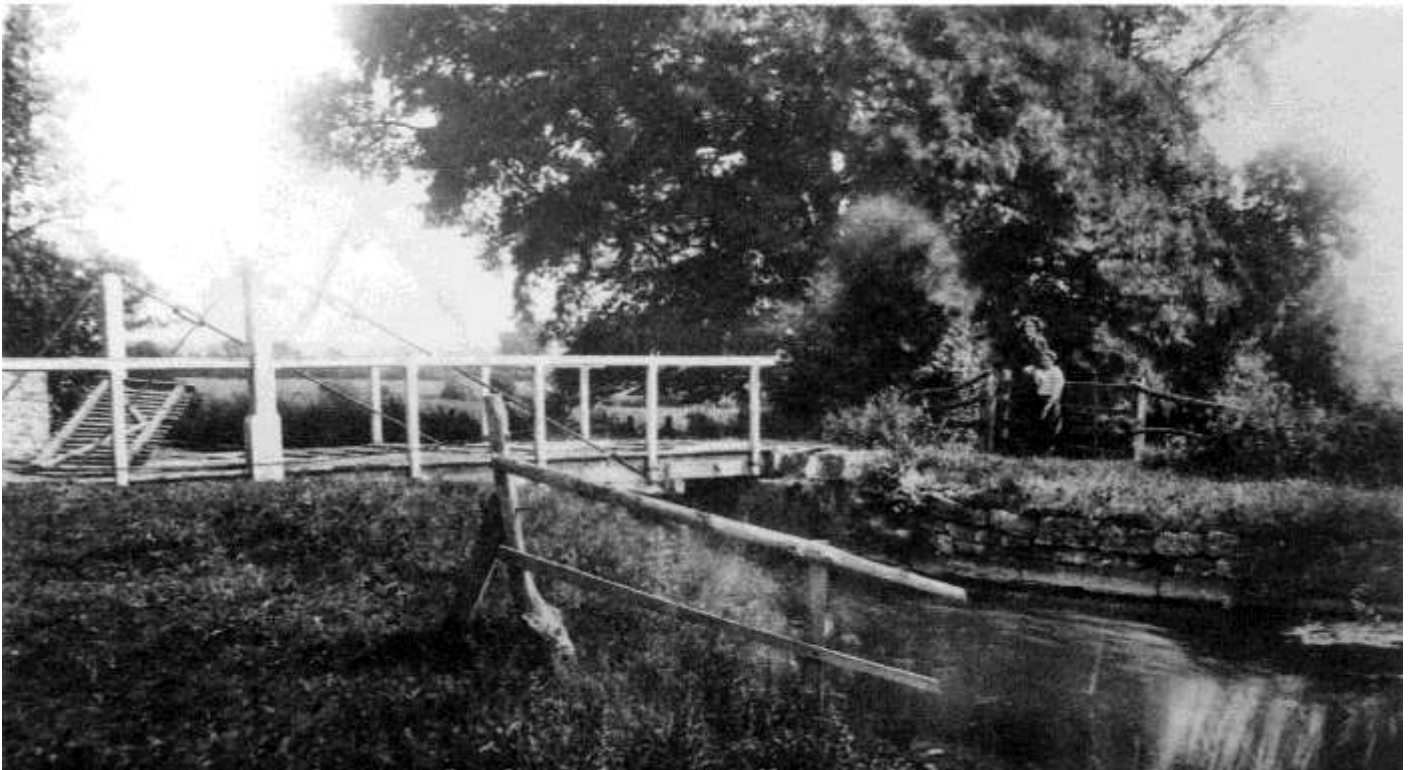
A decision to co-opt an applicant will be made at the next meeting of the Parish Council which will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Mrs Teresa Griffin, Clerk to Kempsford Parish Council, Winterwood, Whelford, Glos. GL7 4EB Email: [clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net](mailto:clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net) Tel: 0781 8626158



## Cotswold Canal Trust - Thames & Severn Canal Restoration

The Cotswold Canal Trust has restarted its work on restoring the Thames & Severn Canal after the Covid-19 lock down. If anybody would like more information on volunteering on this project or just more information about the canal restoration then please contact me - Mark Strange ([mark.strange@cotswoldcanals.org](mailto:mark.strange@cotswoldcanals.org)).



The old Swing Bridge at Kempsford



**FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE  
COMMUNITIES  
COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT**



The events of March of this year have undoubtedly created a very challenging time for many people. As a result of the Coronavirus, we have all become familiar with new phrases like social distancing, being furloughed and the R rate. It will no doubt put 2020 in the history books and memories of many people for a long time to come.

As your local charity, we have managed to establish a fund due to the enormous generosity of The Lakes by Yoo company and the residents of The Lakes by Yoo development. We are providing financial support and assistance to individuals and families in need, local organisations, volunteer groups and other charities within our area of operations at this unprecedented time.

For further information on criteria and application forms see our website [www.friendsoffairford.org](http://www.friendsoffairford.org) or email [chair@friendsoffairford.org](mailto:chair@friendsoffairford.org)

**Examples of short-term needs:**

- Costs/expenses incurred in assisting vulnerable people and families obtaining essential supplies.
- Expenses for volunteer groups, community organisations, local charities who are providing help to the community.
- Funding to assist families/individuals who have suffered a sudden loss of income creating financial hardship due to Covid-19

**Examples of medium-term support:**

- Support to local organisations and charities who have lost their income streams because of Covid-19 and need some funding to maintain or re-establish their services within the community.

We are urging anyone who is struggling at this time to please get in touch so we can see if we can help.

**Normal activities**

Although our normal activities are suspended during the crisis a big thank you to our Nursing Team who are still providing home hospice care to patients and to our volunteers who are helping in the local community with deliveries and support where they can.



**gloucestershire**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE C/168 ROAD FROM HORCOT ROAD TO  
WHELFORD ROAD  
(KEMPSFORD PARISH) COTSWOLD DISTRICT**

Gloucestershire County Council intend to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to temporarily close part of the C/168 Road from Horcot Road to Whelford Road from opposite the covered reservoir to outside the property known as College Cottage for a distance of approximately 130 metres.

The reason for the closure is for the installation of a new water service.

The road is expected to be closed from 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 until 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 only or until the works have been completed. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514 514 or visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk).

**Alternative Route – as signed on site**

Pedestrian and emergency access to premises on or next to the road will be maintained.

DATED: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

for Assistant Director of Legal Services

SJD/70517

Legal Services, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TG

# 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

It has been a happy few weeks for us as we begin to settle into the village. The blessings have been many: the fish and chip van; Fi the wonderful florist leaving bouquets around the village to surprise people; the pub serving **delicious takeaway food for the days when there hasn't been time to dash to the shops**; people offering kindness and welcome.

Although when I first arrived I wondered how it would be to enter a new place during lockdown, in fact it has meant that people have more time for a [socially distanced] chat while out walking the dog or on their daily walk, and many seem to feel life has slowed down a little for the better.

**That's not to say this period hasn't been incredibly difficult, particularly for** those who have been shielding or who may have lost a loved one. It has, and we will need to acknowledge that and go forward out of lockdown very gently. Sometimes when all the busyness of life is stripped away, it can show up things in our life that we need to face and that can be hard. My prayers are with everyone who has experienced that and I pray you find the help and support you need.

**But it's also helpful to reflect on what we have gained, and what we might** try and hang onto from this strange time. As many of you know, I have a large blackboard outside my house and sometimes write up a question on it, usually something someone has said to me on a walk in the village. I asked **about what positives we'd discovered during lockdown and would like to** hang onto, and people wrote all kinds of things:

- Less commuting means more time for exercise each day
- Hearing birdsong
- Less traffic and less trucks and lorries thundering through
- More time with family and more exercise together
- Realising we can work productively from home
- Less strain on the environment
- Living life more slowly



- Consuming/buying less
- Living more locally
- Stronger sense of community and care for neighbours

It was fascinating that despite the struggles and privations of this time, there were so many gains and positives. We are resourceful and imaginative under pressure and I think we can be uplifted by the fantastic response during this time, nationally and locally. Sometimes it takes a catastrophe for us to see clearly what matters. I hope we can carry on living more locally and communally, being more connected to the earth and environmentally conscious being together as families, and not let stress and busyness drive us back into our individualistic lives as we build a new normal. Of course there are so many **things we have missed that we'll slowly be able to regain and that will bring us joy too!**

Thank you so much for your welcome and all the messages on the board **outside. We're loving being here in the village and are glad that our church is** now open again for private prayer on Saturdays and Tuesdays and is also able to hold funerals again too. Please contact me if I can support you in any way. Rev Kim, 01285 810954 / [revkimbrown10a@gmail.com](mailto:revkimbrown10a@gmail.com)

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#### Kempsford Church of England Primary School is in need of a School Governor.

The role of the governing board is fundamental to the effectiveness of a school. We set the aims and objectives for the school, then monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making - we also act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher. Although a very important role it is not a time consuming role and involves a minimum requirement to attend 3 FGB and 3 Sub-committee meetings a year. Alongside this, every Governor should be involved in a minimum of 1 school monitoring visit a year.

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role and will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people and give something back to our community. For more information, please contact [chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk)



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Survey seeks favourite ways to exercise in the Cotswolds

**Cotswold District Council is asking its residents about exercise, activity and their local leisure centres and facilities.**

Perhaps you're a cyclist, a swimmer or a climber? Maybe you enjoy walks in the countryside with your family or walking to work? Do you take part in online fitness classes? Perhaps you're keen to do all these things but you struggle to find the time?



To understand local attitudes towards health and fitness the council has created a short online survey.

The survey asks some questions about the activities you have been doing before and during the COVID-19 lockdown, and how you think this might change in the future.

Responses to the survey will help the council to understand more about the different barriers that can prevent people from being active and using their local leisure centres, and what the council can do to support and encourage people to lead more active and healthy lives.

Cllr Jenny Forde, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing said, "Whether you take part in regular physical activities or not, we'd like to hear from everyone about their routines, and attitudes towards exercise and fitness.

"This is a perfect opportunity for residents to help shape the future of exercise and fitness where they live. Your feedback will help us to understand local trends and needs, and assist us with our forward planning. It only takes about five minutes to complete the survey online so please take part today."

You can find the survey and take part at: [www.tinyurl.com/activecotswold2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/activecotswold2020)

The closing date is 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



The Cotswold Community Wellbeing Service is open to anyone over 16 years old and living in Gloucestershire, or registered with a Gloucestershire GP. The service is open to referrals and offers support to people in improving their health and wellbeing, from housing and finance, to mental health and emotional wellbeing. We are also offering support during the coronavirus outbreak and the lockdown.

For more information, please visit the website <https://www.grcc.org.uk/individuals-and-families/community-wellbeing-service> and for queries and referrals, please call 07738 106384.

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## Kempford Parish COVID-19 Community Support Groups

We have 2 Support Groups in the Parish helping those that are self isolating, high risk or having difficulty getting out of the house. Volunteers are assisting with picking up prescriptions, shopping and getting supplies etc.

For Kempford residents, please contact Hannah Dickens on 07597625284 or see the

[Kempford COVID-19 Community Support Group](#) facebook page.

For Whelford residents, please contact Lindsey Knott on 07775 698265 or email [whelfordwelfaregroup@gmail.com](mailto:whelfordwelfaregroup@gmail.com)

There is help and support available, and we may all need it at some point.

## NEWS FROM LECHLADE AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The C19 lockdown restrictions continue and we all look forward to a time when we can go out for a meal or to a social event with friends again. For the Lions, the crisis has been something of a mixed bag. Firstly, some of our annual fund-raising opportunities were lost with the cancellation of the local Collectors Fair, RIAT and others, such as our annual Open Water Swim looking doubtful. However, we had enough funds in the pot to continue our support to local charities and volunteer organisations who have also been hard hit. Luckily, the Lions have again benefitted from very kind local support by **individuals donating through our “Virgin Money Giving” page advertised on the local Facebook sites and from the matching of some of our spending by a fund set up by some generous people at “Lakes by Yoo”**. **A local artist, Al Gilmore, also painted a Lechlade scene, with the Lions minibus as a central feature, for auction to benefit Lion’s funds.**

Although, like everyone else, our normal routine has been disrupted, there have been other avenues where we have found we can still serve the local community. When all this first started, one of our more technically minded members help start a **“WhatsApp” group which enabled locals** to register as volunteers to assist their neighbours. It has been great to see the people of Lechlade stepping up to help those who have been isolating, by doing shopping and other routine tasks which are essential for day to day living, but which we normally take for granted. The site was also a **means for those with sewing skills to come together and make “Scrubs”, laundry bags** and face-masks for local medical practices which were hit by the shortage of PPE. We have a popular phone help-line, manned by Lions, which is mainly used for ordering prescriptions. Our minibus has become a regular sight around the town, driven by the small group of Lions who are not themselves in lockdown, delivering essentials of life for those in need.

Our activities are only possible because of the kindness and generosity of local people. Over the past few months, the funds you have donated to us have been used to help, among others: Cirencester Food Bank (which covers Fairford and Lechlade), Help for Tomorrow, the Madina Project, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Severn Freewheelers, Sightsavers and WaterAid. We hope to continue our support to these and other charities in the future.

When things eventually get back to normal, the Lions will once again be able to have meetings at the New Inn and discuss community and charitable projects



over a nice pint of ale or glass of wine. The C19 crisis has shown that there is a considerable appetite locally for individuals to help others need. The Lions would welcome anyone, male or female, who is interested in joining us. If that is you, then why not ask a friendly local Lion or check out our web site for further details.

Once again, a big “Thank You” to all those who have supported us in various ways over this recent period. Your generosity is most appreciated and we do the best we can to make sure your money is well spent.

Lion President -Tony Brown

To donate please go to :-

[https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1018920&stop\\_mobi=yes](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1018920&stop_mobi=yes)

## LECHLADE AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Registered Charity 1179767



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OM 9-00 AM SATURDAY  
AT BOWMOOR SAILING  
CLUB GL7 3DT

5k, 1k, 2k, and 3k Challenge  
and Race for John Sheffield Trophy



## **Your local Citizens Advice is still here for Cotswold residents.**

When the lockdown began on 23rd March, Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts quickly mobilised staff and volunteers away from face to face interviews to give one to one advice over the phone and via email.

Since then the charity has helped over 1,200 households, with Coronavirus and non-Coronavirus related problems.

Martin, a volunteer adviser said "This service is vital more now than ever. There continues to be so much anxiety around the virus and what it means for people's health, wellbeing, jobs and finances. As a volunteer, it feels good to be able to help and it's a privilege to work with such an experienced team of staff and volunteers."

Help can be given with applying for benefits, employment issues, managing finances, relationship breakdown, housing and many other issues.

Sarah Telford, CEO, said "If you are in need of help, whether your problems are due to Coronavirus or not, don't hesitate to get in touch. Come to us as soon as you're aware there's a small issue and we can help."

The Helpline number is 0808 800 0511 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm. Calls are free from landlines and most mobiles.

For email enquiries, visit our online email page: <https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/stroud-cab-email-advice.php> and complete a short online with a few sentences about your problem.

We may not be able to meet you face to face at the moment, we are all here to help you and are waiting to help you.

## **Kempsford Angling Club.**

Last season ended on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. However, since October, with the continuous rain and the resultant floods, very little fishing was possible. Of course, the fish are still there, waiting to be caught.

Quite a few different types of fish are present in the river, these can be listed, as follows:

chub, roach, dace, bream, perch, barbel, pike and the odd brown trout.

Next season begins on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, when subscriptions are due.

For further information and advice, please call Jim Hussey on 01285 810446.

### **SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**MONDAY 24TH AUGUST 2020 PLEASE**

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



The Post Office operates from  
Kempsford Village Hall every  
Thursday between midday and  
2pm

## Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Wardens	Elizabeth Emberson	Email:dizzylizzy@sky.com	
	Keith Howlett		01285 712268
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	Kate Collins	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810478
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Dance Classes at Kempsford V.Hall	Ms Gillian Shearing		01793 875934
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			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
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Steve Trotter	Steve.trotter@cotswold.gov.uk	07710 405323
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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	raymond.theodoulou@gloucestershire.gov.uk	01285 752000
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**Online**



'Kempsford Village'  
'Kempsford Mums & Dads'