

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter



Bowmoor Sailing Lake and Coln Country Park

**June 2020**

# Kempsford 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 Kempsford residents, please contact Hannah Dickens on 07597625284 or see the

[Kempsford 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.

## POLITE REMINDER

A polite reminder that **DOGS** are **NOT ALLOWED** on the sports pitch at Hazel View.

Some resident's have argued that they clear up after their dogs. However, sometimes it is impossible to clear up completely and for this reason dogs **MUST NOT** be exercised on the pitch.

Thank you

# 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 16th June 2020 at 7.45pm

Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 7.45pm

## Parish Councillor Vacancy

As you can see from the advert, there is now a vacancy on the Parish Council. This is due to the retirement of Sue Griffin. Sue has been a Kempford Parish Councillor for over 30 years and now feels that she has "done her share" of council work and that now is the right time to "call it a day" to allow someone new to bring new ideas to the Council.

Sue has been a much valued member of the Council. With her local knowledge, having been brought up and lived within the Parish all her life, she has been able to express her views both from the historical aspect and with the future benefits to the community in mind. She has been particularly supportive of issues regarding Whelford (where she lives), Whelford Pools Nature Reserve and the Coln Park area, footpaths and has been the Tree Warden for the Council.

The Parish Council would therefore like to thank her very much for her work on the Council and wish her well in the future.



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# **NOTICE OF VACANCY**

## **in the office of Councillor**

### **Kempsford Parish Council**

**NOTICE is given that**, due to the resignation of Susan Griffin, a vacancy has arisen for a Councillor for the Parish Council.

The vacancy will be filled by election if a request from 10 local government electors for the Parish is received within 14 days of the date of this notice. The request must be received by 10 June 2020.

Requests should include each electors' name and address and should be sent to the Returning Officer at the address below or by email to [elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cotswold.gov.uk)

If no requests are received by the date given, the Parish Council may fill the vacancy by co-option.

If an election is called, the Coronavirus Act 2020 and The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus)(Postponement of Elections and Referendums)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020 regulations state that the by-election will not take place, and the vacancy will be held open.

The 2020 regulations provide for the by election to take place on Thursday 6 May 2021. However, this date may be brought forward or deferred by the Government depending upon the circumstances. Any election that is called will be duly publicised as required by law.

Dated 20 May 2020

Nigel Adams  
Returning Officer  
Council Offices  
Trinity Road  
Cirencester  
Glos  
GL7 1PX

# Becoming a Parish Councillor

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support – a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

For further details, please contact your parish clerk or the [Electoral Services Team](#).

Alternatively, you can [visit the Electoral Commissions website](#). This webpage contains all the guidance and resources that you need if you are a candidate at a parish or community election in England.

## Training

Training is not necessary, but is available for anyone interested

## Eligibility

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- be a UK or Commonwealth citizen
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union
- be at least 18 years old

To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:

- be an elector of the parish for the whole of the previous 12 months
- have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish during the previous 12 months
- have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work) for the whole of the previous 12 months
- lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary

If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

## Meetings

Councils usually meet once a month for the council meeting, to which members of the public **are also invited**. Meetings may last two or three hours, depending on what's on the list of items to discuss. Some councils may also have sub-committees to deal with specific subjects, such as planning matters.

## Length of service

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

**It doesn't mean that you have to stay for four years, if you find it's not for you or you can no longer meet the commitment you can stand down.**

## **Don't take our word for it**

**The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now.** Participate at a parish council meeting, speak to one of the councillors and find out what they think of the job.



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

**Are you, or is someone you  
know, experiencing financial  
hardship as a result of the  
recent Coronavirus  
outbreak?**

**Your local charity has been given funding to help  
individuals and organisations at this difficult time.  
For more information on criteria and how to apply  
see our website:**

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

**or email - [chair@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:chair@friendsoffairford.org.uk)**

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

## 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

**Hello! I'm Kim, new Vicar of Kempsford with Whelford, Castle Eaton, Marston Meysey and Meysey Hampton and I just moved into the village this week. I'm here with my daughter Charlie and our black labrador Teddy. We are still trying to unpack things from within the mountain of boxes, but we have found the kettle and a bottle opener so at least the basic necessities are covered!**

We are loving the beauty of the countryside around us and discovering lots of new walks with Teddy. We have also been blessed by the fish and chip van and by takeaways from The George until we figure out how to work our new oven.

It is a very strange time to move house to a new place, and to begin a new role that is usually mostly about face to face relationships – in church as we worship together, in school as a Governor supporting our teachers and support staff, in visiting people who are unwell at home or in hospital, in celebrations of love in marriages or christenings and in gathering to mourn at the end of a life well loved. The ways in which we share the love of God with one another now may have had to change, but what is amazing is to witness the resilience of love that simply morphs and adapts to find other ways round the difficulties of these days.

People do seem to be caring for their neighbours in many new and creative ways. I heard of a funeral being held in a cul de sac of sheltered accommodation so that a widow could be **present at her husband's funeral, and all the residents stood outside to honour him.**

**Similarly, a friend of mine who couldn't attend her Father's funeral was undone when** the people in her close played his favourite piece of music and baked a cake left outside for her as she isolated indoors.

People may wonder where God is in these dark days; the answer is to always look for the carers. God is at work in the hands and feet of those who bring comfort, who bring food for sustenance and medicines for healing. God is in the pen of those who write a card of encouragement, in the service of those who cook and care for the needs of those who feel frail or unwell. God is love and is present wherever love is expressed. He promises never to leave us or forsake us and will bring us comfort, strength and peace if we ask Him for it.

So I look forward to when I can meet and get to know the people living in this beautiful **village, to when we can meet in church to lament and mourn for those we've lost, and to** celebrate together once this is behind us. Until then, I will put a blackboard outside my home The Parsonage with some jokes and riddles for children and also some bags for children containing craft activities etc. every Sunday morning for some fun while we are all **indoors and can't meet.**

My contact details are T: 01285 810954 E: [revkimbrown10a@gmail.com](mailto:revkimbrown10a@gmail.com) Please contact me if I can support you in any way. Blessings, Rev Kim Brown xx



The Age UK Gloucestershire team is just a phone call away and we're keen to support all older people in the county during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are providing support in the following ways:

## Over the phone

Call our Help Team if you have an immediate problem. The Team provide information and guidance about a range of issues including shopping, community support local to you, prescriptions, benefits and finances and accessing health and social care. The Team will advise on how you can access support if you have recently left hospital.

Call 01452 422660. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm

Call our Friendship Line FREE if you would like a friendly chat. We know that social distancing is really difficult and lots of you are missing having someone to talk to regularly. Our staff and volunteers are on hand, with a listening ear and time to chat and **we'd** love to hear from you.

Call 0800 2980579. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm

## Helping you connect with others

Greet Your Street is a chance for neighbours to pop outside for a few minutes together whilst still maintaining social distancing. Many areas are already **involved with one commenting: "People are talking more to each other, it's brought them together. It was like they needed permission to talk."**

To find out how easy it is to get your street involved, visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/gloucestershire](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/gloucestershire)

Gloucestershire Springboard is a Facebook Group where you can meet friends, join in activities and have fun. Members are sharing gardening tips, recipes ideas, photographic challenges, taking part in online quizzes and more. If **you're** online and would like to join, search: [facebook.com/groups/gloucestershirespringboard](https://facebook.com/groups/gloucestershirespringboard)

For accurate and up to date details for individuals and community groups about all the information and support we are providing, visit our website: [www.ageuk.org.uk/gloucestershire](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/gloucestershire)



## Volunteer Newsletter Distributor Needed

The monthly Parish Newsletters are distributed by a team of Volunteers. Around 500 newsletters are printed every monthly. Mollie Price who has delivered the newsletters for many years, and for which the Parish Council is extremely grateful, has given up her round.

If you are interested in taking over this round, which covers Middle Farm Court, High Street, Kempsford to Holly Bush at the corner with Chapel Road, please contact the Parish Clerk on 0781 8626158 or email: [clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net](mailto:clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net)

Newsletters are generally delivered to the distributors just before the last weekend in the month.



Your local Citizens Advice is still here for you. Our Advisers continue to work, just from home and are waiting to help you by phone and email.

Please call us on 0808 500 0511 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm (free from landlines and most mobiles) or visit

<https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/stroud-cab-email-advice.php> to email your enquiry to us.

# Local Take-Away Meals

## **The George, Kempford**

Main meals, Snacks, Puddings, a range of drinks and pizzas.

Open for take aways Tuesday-Saturday 12-2 & 6-9 and Sundays serving a good selection of roast dinners 12-3

We do get very busy so please pre order 01285 810236

Menu and further information available on their facebook page or website [www.thegeorgekempford.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgekempford.co.uk)

## **The Red Lion, Castle Eaton**

Takeaways available on Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays 5-8pm, with a different theme each Saturday (please pre-order by Friday).

Shop open 10am - 12pm Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Telephone 07884 557028 or visit their facebook page '***The Red Lion Castle Eaton***' for more information

## **The Cotswold Chippy**

The mobile traditional fish and chip van visits Kempford Village Hall Car Park fortnightly on Wednesdays between 6pm and 8pm. June dates are -

Wednesday 3rd June, Wednesday 17th June and Wednesday 1st July

Visit their facebook page '***The Cotswold Chippy***' for further information

## 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.

### **JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2020 PLEASE**

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



The Post Office operates from Kempford 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
	Stephen Andrews	Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	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	raymond.theodoulou@gloucestershire.gov.uk	01285 752000
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'Kempsford Village'  
'Kempsford Mums & Dads'