

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

June 2021

“The nicest

thing

about

the rain is

that it always stops.

Eventually.”

A.A. Milne



KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

As at the time of publishing, the Parish Council has returned to face-to-face meetings, which are held at Kempsford Village Hall.

Please note, any changes to this will be displayed on the Parish Council website.

Scheduled meetings: Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7.45pm

Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.45pm

JULY/AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2021 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our virtual Annual Parish Meeting in May. Hopefully, if the Covid situation allows, we would like to arrange a further face to face meeting later this year to discuss relevant issues within the Parish.

New Parish Council Chairman

After 20 years of being Chair of the Parish Council, Tony Williams asked to stand down **from this role at this year's Annual Parish Council Meeting**. Mark Strange has been elected as Chair for the ensuing year and Tony Williams elected as Vice-Chair.

The Council would like to thank Tony for his amazing service as Chair and look forward to working with Mark in the future.

Parish Council website

A new Planning Tracker facility has recently been added to the website. All current Cotswold District Council planning applications for the Parish are displayed on a map, **and users can click on specific applications to link direct to CDC's planning portal** for more detail. We hope you will find this facility useful.

Richard Caswell's monthly walks published in the Parish Newsletter are proving very popular. The walks have been added to the Parish Council website under 'Local Attractions' so they can be viewed in colour.

Dog Waste Bins

We have received further requests from residents for more dog waste bins within the Parish. These are being looked in to, but in the meantime if you notice existing bins are full please report it to CDC through their website - www.cotswold.gov.uk/report-it/

Problems with drains/waste water

In February residents of Holford Crescent, Tuckwell Road, Lancaster Road and Ham Lane experienced problems with waste water. Thames Water advised that the pumping station had blockages due to incompatible items being flushed down toilets. We are now aware that the system capacity appears to be unable to cope with the volume during heavy rainfall when storm water enters the system.

If you experience any problems please can you report it direct to Thames Water even if you are aware that someone else has already done so. The more calls they receive will help to prioritise the issue. Thank you

VACANCY

PARISH MAINTENANCE POSITION

Our current Maintenance Contractor is retiring at the end of June and we are looking to find a replacement available to start as soon as possible.

The position can be self-employed or through HMRC Payroll and involves undertaking various maintenance of parish assets as determined by the Parish Council which will include –

- The Phone boxes at Whelford and Dunfield
- Benches
- All Parish Council noticeboards
- Play areas
- Open spaces
- Erection of signs and bins on behalf of the Council
- Changing of mobile speed sign battery and relocating in turn to agreed locations
- Delivery of monthly newsletters to Parish Distributors

No set hours will be determined and services will be called upon when required.

If you interested and would like further information, please contact the Clerk

Smaller authority name: **Kempsford Parish Council**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION
OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY
RETURN (EXEMPT AUTHORITY)**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)**

NOTICE	NOTES
<p>1. Date of announcement Friday 11th June 2021(a)</p> <p>2. Each year the smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR has been published with this notice. It will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor, since the smaller authority has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor's review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, the accounting records for the financial year to which it 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 2021, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:</p> <p>(b) Mrs Teresa Griffin (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) Winterwood, Whelford, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4EB Telephone: 0781 8626158 Email: Clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net</p> <p>commencing on (c) <u>Monday 14 June 2021</u></p> <p>and ending on (d) <u>Friday 23 July 2021</u></p> <p>3. Local government electors and their representatives also have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and• 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. <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 only subject to review by the appointed auditor if questions or objections raised under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 lead to the involvement of the auditor. The appointed auditor is:</p> <p>PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 15 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD sba@pkf-l.com</p> <p>5. This announcement is made by (e) Mrs Teresa Griffin (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)</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 include the first 10 working days of July.</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>

**PLEASE SEE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ACCOUNTS
AND SUMMARY OF RIGHTS**

FLOOD DEFENCE

We have all become aware of climate change and the impact it can have on our lives in the future. One of the increased risks is flooding and the Environment Agency Website has some useful tips on how to protect your property and is well worth a read.

It is obviously important to try and keep water from entering your home and as an alternative to heavy sandbags there are products that can help. One of **these is 'FloodSax' which** are stored flat then self-inflate when coming into contact with water. They are reasonably inexpensive, easy to store and can be obtained at floodsax.co.uk or locally at Travis Perkins (part no 868499)



There are many other similar products available and Wickes list one on their website so it is worth shopping around.

The Parish Council is currently working with our County Councillor and other stakeholders to seek advice on how to best prevent floods and therefore protect our villages. Should the worse happen we would like to have plan in place and be in a position to help. We will keep you updated as to our progress but meanwhile stay safe and please make use of the Flood Defence information available online.



News from RAF Fairford

Following the news that the RC-135 Rivet Joint is no longer coming to RAF Fairford, the base held a virtual briefing for civic leaders, to discuss the future of the base. Although the level of growth is much smaller than originally anticipated, there will still be some growth at RAF Fairford over the coming years.

The mission of RAF Fairford, as a Forward Operating Location for USAF aircraft, has been constant since 1990, but the intensity of the mission has ebbed and flowed. There are plans for new hangar facilities at RAF Fairford, which will involve some construction projects over the next few years, and new permanent military posts from 2023 onwards. This is a significant investment in the base, which will come with around 300 new posts, mostly military with some new jobs available for local residents. Growth in military personnel will lead to an increase in demand for housing and schooling off base, and we are working with the relevant authorities to facilitate this.



The role of RAF Fairford as a Forward Operating Location was put into practice in March, when KC-135 Air Refuelling Tankers from RAF Mildenhall operated from Fairford for a week to take part in Exercise Baltic Trident. The goal of the exercise was to strengthen Agile Combat Employment (ACE) which enables US forces to operate from locations with varying levels of capacity and support.

Capt Leo Ricotti from the 100th Air Refuelling Wing at RAF Mildenhall said **"We're** trying to operate in a forward location to make our movements more unpredictable for any adversary. This exercise has all our aircraft scattered all across Europe. We have a couple in the Baltics and we have some here. **It's** cool to be part of something new and on the leading edge of combat **employment."**



The commander at RAF Fairford, Lt Col Joseph **"Chaps"** Knothe, will be leaving in May for pastures new, after making his home here for the past three years. Lt Col **Knothe's** next posting will be based in Maine, and he and his family are excited to be moving to another beautiful part of the world, from their current home in Cirencester. Lt Col Knothe will be replaced by Lt Col Jeremy Stover, who will arrive in late April with his family. Following a period of quarantine, Lt Col Stover will take over as 420 Air Base Squadron Commander in mid-May. We will report on the Change of Command in the next issue of this Newsletter!

Kempsford Village Hall booking for the month

	Sunday	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
AM		10:00 - 11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754		12:00 - 13:00 Pilates Janice Koo			9:00 - 11:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna
PM		15:30 - 16:30 Rainbows Caroline Gooch			12:00 - 14:00 Post Office		
Evening			20:00 - 21:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna (Except 3rd Tues- day of month)	19:00 - 20:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 07885 991673	15:30 - 17:00 Brownies Philippa Griffin 01285 810754/ 0779 3562704		
	20:00 - 21:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna		19:45 - 21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)	20:00 - 21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2nd Wednesday)	20:00 - 21:00 Meditation Shilpa		

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * Hannah Dickens (Chair) | * Mark Britt (Vice-Chair) |
| * Jo Colson (Treasurer) | * Joy Cross (Secretary) |
| * Mel Denny (Bookings Secretary) | * Amy Durban (Health & Safety) |
| * Kate Collins | Louise Jeffrey (Safeguarding) |
| Karen Saunders (Parish Council Rep.) | |

** Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome!

Kempsford School Viscount Weymouth Educational Trust.

The Weymouth Trust is looking for a new Clerk. Could you help us?

The role is not time consuming or difficult and can be undertaken by a parent or indeed anyone interested in helping the school.

The Trust was founded in 1709 and among the first trustees were John Faulkner, **William Battersby and William Arkell (hence the names of the school's houses).**

Time involved: we have 3 meetings a year which last approximately 45 minutes.

Tasks –

- Preparing the agenda for meetings and distributing by email.
- Taking the Minutes of the meeting followed by distributing by email.
- Collecting the quarterly bank statements from the school office.
- Preparing simple annual accounts.
- Completing the annual Charities Commission return online.
- Arranging purchase of the gift for the Year 6 Leavers (often this is a bible) and annual awards vouchers.

For more information please contact Mark Strange (01285810635) or Richard Caswell (01285810270)

Kempsford Angling Club

Last season ended on the 14th of March, the final few months of which were quite wet and rather cold. Some fish were caught; however, my best was a chub of four and a half pounds.

In fact, chub seem to be the predominant species available, although there is a fair mix of general coarse fish plus the odd trout.

It should be noted, that access to the river is strictly limited to members of the Angling Club, and there is no public right of way.

Next season begins on the 16th of June, when annual subscriptions are due.

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

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 dizlizzie@sky.com

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

June 2021

Hello! I hope this finds you well and beginning to stretch out from enforced hibernation and re-enter society again. It's quite a strange time as we transition. I find myself looking forward to going out and enjoying life more on one hand, but then I feel tired quite quickly and find it a little awkward – are we hugging yet, are we still wearing masks?! Maybe we have to give ourselves and one another a bit of time to adjust, and to figure out what feels comfortable as we ease into the new normal.

It would be easy to continue our lockdown habits because they're what we've got used to, but we would be missing out on so much that lifts our spirits and enriches our life. Music, entertainment, theatre, eating amazing food, sharing laughter and tears with friends and family we've missed – these are all things that add colour and texture to our lives and fill us with joy. They are worth making the effort of getting out of our sweatpants and enduring the slight awkwardness!

The Bible is full of stories of Jesus eating, drinking and partying with his friends. He showed us that life is for living, and said that he had come so that everyone would live life to the full! Sometimes people portray God as a big old party pooper but when we look at how his Son lived here on earth, we see a different story - a good one that encourages us to be joyful and happy, to squeeze the most out of the opportunities that life offers us, and to be full of love and joy towards others.

We hope to create a few opportunities to celebrate and enjoy life in the next few months and the first of these will be at an evening event in the garden of James and Cally Arkell on Friday 6th August from 7-10pm. There'll be live music, a BBQ, welcome drinks and a beautiful riverside setting to gather with neighbours and friends and enjoy our freedom. This is a fundraising event in aid of church funds and tickets will be on sale soon. We also plan to hold a church fete on Saturday 25th September in the churchyard with lots to enjoy so please save these dates and come and enjoy

As some of you will recall, we used to run a youth club in the village hall in days gone by and we are hoping to re-start this soon. The youth club will serve school years 4-8 and we will hold some taster sessions for children in this age bracket on Wednesdays 5.30pm – 6.30pm on June 23rd, June 30th, July 7th and July 14th. There will be sports, games, art and crafts and snacks. Chris, our youth worker, and I will be at all the sessions, and we are looking for one or more additional volunteer helpers to go on a rota no more than once a month when we launch in September, if you are able and willing to help out please contact me on 01285 810954 or on revkimbrown10a@gmail.com and please do bring your children along to join in the fun at the free taster sessions.

Love Rev Kim

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

Sunday 6 June	9.30 am Kempford Followed by APCM at 10.45 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 June	8.30 am Whelford 9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion Service of the Word
Sunday 20 June	9.30 am Whelford 4pm Kempford	Holy Communion Family Service (outdoors)
Sunday 27 June	9.30 Kempford	Holy Communion

Dates for your diary

Sunday 6 June after the church service: Annual Parochial Church Meeting to choose PCC members and confirm church wardens and deanery synod representatives and to hear reports and accounts for last year.

This will be followed by coffee and cake in the church yard to thank Mrs Diana Lee-Browne for her long years of service on the PCC since she is stepping down from her role on this body.

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

St Mary's is open every Wednesday and Saturday and St Anne's is open on Fridays for prayer and reflection. However, on Saturday 12 June there is a wedding at Kempford so the church will not be open to the public on this day in line with covid precautions.

Thank you for your continued generous donations to the Food bank. Collection boxes **are placed in the porches at both St Mary's and St Anne's and are** emptied regularly. Items that are particularly in short supply at the moment are: sugar, fruit juices, toilet paper and tinned fruit

Advance notice of cycle events passing through Kempford

For the following events cyclists will be entering Kempford from the Latton direction, turning around on the Dunfield triangle at Top Road (where a Marshal will be situated)and heading back out towards Latton.

- **Sunday June 6th** - Cotswold113 Middle Distance Tri
- **Sunday July 11th** - Cotswold Classic Middle Distance Tri

Cotswold Cogfest Bike ride is taking place again this year on -

- **Sunday 27th June**

Riders will be coming through Kempford again in small groups probably between 10—11:30am. A feed station table will be set up near the Church. They will be coming from Hannington Wick and heading towards Whelford.

Have Your Say...
Gloucestershire Youth Travel Survey

10-25 year olds

Win Prize Vouchers up to £50

Cost of Travel

Customer Service

Safety & Environment

Journey Experiences

Travel during Covid-19

Please Scan The QR Code To Complete The Short Survey

GCRP Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership

Stroud District Youth Council

Lechlade and District Lions

Lions By Numbers

Most people have heard of Lechlade & District Lions, we raise funds to help our local community (about 80%) and to help Lions international causes. Most people don't know that we are part of the largest group of volunteers in the world! Have you seen the Lions logo in other towns or when you have been overseas on holiday! The following numbers will give you an idea of our broader team.

1,400,000 volunteer Lions World Wide

48,000 Lions Clubs World Wide

200 Countries in which we operate

104 The number of years Lions organisation has been providing service

43 Years Lechlade and District Lions have provided service

25 Members in our local Team,

15 Friends of Lions who help us from time to time, for example litter picking or car parking at events!

1 Team

0 is what our Lions Club International President Dr Jung-Yul Choi is paid

If you want to put something back into our community, then contact us on lechladelions@googlegroups.com

Lechlade and District Lions are proud to award a Certificate of Appreciation to Heather Kent, Fairford's inspirational "Litter Picker". She sets an example to us all. We have followed her progress with keen interest as she picked up over 100 bags of litter during Lent. Lions have also donated to Heathers chosen charity, Major Tom Moore's fund. Her goal was to pick one bag for every year of his life, she exceeded that goal!

The picture shows Tony Brown (Lions President) donating the cheque and Tim Yeoman (Lions Community / Litter Organiser) presenting the certificate.

Lions pick litter every Monday (Tuesday on Bank Holidays) along the Thames bank, you are welcome to join us!



Lechlade and District Lions are delighted to recognise Philippa Hunter with a Lions Certificate of Appreciation. Her services to our community are outstanding, she has raised substantial funds for Lions by selling plants in our Sow and Reap project. We also recognise her longstanding selling of jams and marmalade to raise funds for the McMillan Cancer Charity.

Photo shows Phillipa receiving her Certificate from Tony Brown (Lions President) and Tim Yeoman, the inspiration behind the Sow and Reap project.



KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP
ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

Please contact Andy Lee on alee32@btinternet.com

For further information



Where Smooth Waters Glide

An exhibition marking 250 years of caring for the River Thames

www.thames250exhibition.com

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The Berkshire Record Office
The Archive of the County

Berkshire Record Office
9 Coley Avenue, Reading RG1 6AF
www.berkshirerecordoffice.org.uk

Protect Your Pooch Campaign

Gloucestershire Police are supporting the campaign called Protect Your Pooch.

It is a Neighbourhood watch Initiative to raise the awareness of dog thefts and to lobby the Government to make dog theft a specific offence.

Remember to follow the three simple steps:
SECURE - Keep pets secure and never leave them unattended.

IN SIGHT - When out keep your pet close and make sure they have a good recall to be put back on a lead.

SEARCHABLE - To make recovery quicker make sure your pet is microchipped or tagged and keep up to date photographs to help with lost posters or social media posts.

We are supporting making dog theft a specific offence.

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349



PROTECT YOUR POOCH

Dog theft is on the rise and we are urging the public to keep their dogs **SECURE, IN SIGHT** and **SEARCHABLE**, and to help make pet theft a **SPECIFIC OFFENCE**.

Keep them:

- 1. SECURE** (pets are easily stolen from unsecured gardens if left unattended)
- 2. IN SIGHT** (when out and about keep them close and practice good recall)
- 3. SEARCHABLE** (to support quicker recovery if they go missing keep them microchipped, tagged and up to date photos)

AND HELP MAKE PET THEFT A SPECIFIC OFFENCE

Find out more on all of the above and more at ourwatch.org.uk/ProtectYourPooch



Countryside Code Update May 2021

There is a new version of the Countryside code just released - search for countryside-code on the Government website.

This has been issued by Natural England and the picture attached shows what vehicles and pedestrian powered vehicles are allowed on footpaths, Bridleways, Restricted Byways and Byways open to all traffic. Check the coloured arrows to indicate what is allowed.

We have recently had a number of complaints of motorbikes using Bridleways and Restricted Byways which is a traffic offence. We have written to organised trails groups to make sure they know which Byways open to all can be used.

Advice on Dog Attacks

We are aware of an increase number of dog on dog and dog on person attacks within Fairford and Lechlade and surrounding areas. Please take some time to read and share the attached information.

For more information, please visit our

website: <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

Walk 5: Castle Eaton towards Cricklade on the Thames Path

I was born in May and I'm sure childhood birthday parties were held outside with blue skies and fluffy cumulus clouds. But not today - it is chucking it down and windy. This walk would make a lovely "A to B". "A" would be the Red Lion at the bottom of Cricklade High St and "B" is the Red Lion Castle Eaton or visa-versa. Another time perhaps.

So start as if you are coming out of the pub and turn right crossing the road to Kempford and then go down Mill Lane (pic 1).

At the end of the lane there are a couple of cottages (in need of a bit of TLC) and go through the first gate ignoring the public footpath which goes off to the left. This walk is easy to follow as there are plenty of Thames Path signs and you are never more than 20m away from the river which is on your right hand side as we progress towards Cricklade. Pic 2 looks back to Castle Eaton and you can see the road bridge to Kempford.

Perhaps after 10-15mins you get your first view of the Second Chance campsite and soon you will be much closer when you go around the bend. No foot bridge here which would be nice for the campers to walk up to the Red Lion.



Plenty of caravans and the odd car but no action outside I suspect they are inside enjoying a warm cuppa. Shortly afterwards I met a couple going in the London direction, and after pleasantries the bloke attempted some joke about being good to meet someone in the middle of nowhere who spoke English, so I countered with "Dr Livingstone I presume?". Shortly after I met a couple of blokes - one of them had a Fulham football club coat on so I passed on my condolences about their recent relegation from the Premier League, and then admitted that I am a West Brom supporter. I didn't count the number of fields you will go through or the number of gates (15?) but just keep going! A pleasant surprise is a small wood that you will walk through - Pic 4. Also there is a long boardwalk/bridge which crosses some water running into the Thames (Pic 5).



My target was the first footbridge (Pic 6) which crosses the Thames over to Eysey (accessible from the C124). Surprisingly I couldn't see the Saxon church at Cricklade, but in my defense the visibility wasn't great today. So today this was the turning around point. On the way back you can walk around the final field a different way (which you may just be able to make out on the Strava).

Richard Caswell





FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

(Reg. Charity No: 1180059)

YOUR LOCAL CHARITY

Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding village.

(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)

News and Information from your Community Friends



Appointment of Vice Chair

We are pleased to announce that Shelley Welsh has been appointed Vice Chair of Community Friends and will be taking over as Chair in September when Graham, the current Chair, retires. Shelley who lives in Fairford, has been a Trustee for over 2 years and has a keen interest in supporting the local community. She owns and runs the Fairford Therapy Centre which was opened in 2007 and is an osteopath, massage and pilates instructor.

Retirement of Celia Kennedy – Clinical Nurse Manager

Celia Kennedy our Clinical Nurse Manager has decided to retire after more than 20 years. Celia established and developed the Home Nursing Team in 2020 and the benefits that the Home Hospice service and nursing support that has been provided within our community during this time are immeasurable. To have a Home Hospice service within our local community is because of Celia's skills, compassion, commitment, and contribution over the last 20 years. She has established a well-respected, much needed, invaluable service for those who wish to spend their last days at home with their family and carers. An outstanding achievement. We wish Celia every happiness in her retirement.

We have recruited Graham Blackburn as the new Clinical Nurse Manager and he takes on the role from the 1 May. Graham is an experienced Registered Nurse having worked at University Hospital Southampton and The Oxford University Hospitals. Graham is currently a Staff Nurse at the National Star College, Ullenwood, a role he will retain. We welcome Graham to the team and wish him every success.

House-To-House Fund Raising Event 2021

This is the second year this important fund raiser for Community Friends has been cancelled due to Covid-19. The event normally raises between £17,000 and £20,000 p.a. If you would like to donate please do so via our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or by sending a cheque made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, GL7 4AD.

We thank you in anticipation of your support

Charity Shop

Community Friends' Charity Shop in Lechlade has reopened.

Monday 10.00am to 1.00pm for donations by appointment only.

Please ring Nicola on 01367 252189 to make an appointment.

Tuesday through to Friday 10.00 am to 3.45pm

Saturday 10.00am to 12.45pm

With thanks for all your support. Please refer to our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk for more information about the Community Friend

Graham Hewitt, Chair

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

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Wardens	Elizabeth Emberson	Email:dizlylizzy@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	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	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/	
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
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
		Out of hours <u>Social Care issues only</u>	01452 614194
Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Dom Morris	Dominic.morris@gloucestershire.gov.uk	07500894702
Constituency MP	Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown	cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk	01242 514551
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