

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter



New Play Area for Whelford



Tesco has teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help initiative across England and Wales. The scheme will see three community groups and projects awarded grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p bag charge.

Bags of Help offers community groups and projects in each of Tesco's 390 regions across the UK a share of revenue generated from the five pence charge levied on single-use carrier bags.

The public will now vote in store from 27 February until 6 March on who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards.

The Parish Council is delighted to be awarded funding for play equipment at Whelford Village Hall.

Please help us increase our chance of receiving the maximum grant by voting at every opportunity in local Tesco stores

and spreading the word to friends and neighbours.

www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp



March 2016

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Mr Andrew Doherty		711552
Chairman of School Friends	Mrs Philippa Griffin		810754
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 Preschool	Lisa Nichols	staff@kempsfordpreschool.co.uk	811000
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Whelford Village Hall—Booking	Mrs Sue Griffin		712979
Dance Classes at Kempsford V.Hall	Ms Gillian Shearing		01793 875934
Kempsford Brownies	Donna Kent	www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved	
Cricket	Richard Caswell		810270
Church Office		Alines.t21@btinternet.com	07599 625240
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
Thursday Club	Mrs P Crew/Mrs B Ockwell		810338/713261
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			08000 514 514
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Sue Coakley MBA	sue@suecoakley.plus.com	01367 253306
	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	rtheo525@aol.com	752000
Constituency MP	Mr G Clifton Brown	cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk	01242 514551
Parish Council Clerk (see Parish Council page for Councillors)	Mrs Teresa Griffin	teresagriffin@kempsfordparish Council.net	713691
Newsletter items	Mrs Teresa Griffin	As above	713691
Kempsford Website		www.kempsford.net	
Kempsford Parish Council Website		www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net	

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

John Swanton, Team Rector 01285 – 851309

email: john@swanton.plus.com

March 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbours

Easter is a 'moveable feast', because the date is set as the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox – so decided the Council of Nicaea in 325AD.

Easter can fall anywhere between March 22nd and April 25th. The date of other feast days fall so many days after Easter – like Ascension Day (40 days after Easter) Pentecost (50 days); and Trinity Sunday, which is the week following Pentecost. Apparently, the church has considered having a fixed date for Easter – just like Christmas – some 15 times over the centuries. I am not sure it would make a lot of difference to me; even though I know Christmas Day is the 25th December each year, somehow, it still creeps up on me and takes me by surprise!

That first Easter, events crept up on the disciples and took them by surprise! Whilst Jesus had tried to prepare his friends for what would happen to him, they didn't really grasp the significance of the events of that first Easter. Peter, who had claimed that Jesus was indeed God, denied his friend three times; an innocent man was handed over for crucifixion to appease the crowds and keep the peace; and on the third day, women were the first to see that the stone set at the mouth of the tomb had been moved and the body gone. And the response of the disciples was disbelief, perplexion and fear. They had to see the risen Jesus before they could make sense of what had happened; Thomas wanted proof, which he received. Fearful, disbelieving people were turned into people whose lives were changed forever by the events of Easter Day.

2000 years later people are still moved by the story of Jesus and that first Easter, still perplexed, still wondering, and still trying to be faithful to the God who was prepared to take on human form to share our sorrows and joys in order to show us how much we are loved.

Rev'd John Swanton, Rector

St Mary's, Kempford with St Anne's, Whelford
John Swanton 01285 851309
Email: john@swanton.plus.com

Services for March

Sunday 28 th February	10 am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 6 th March	9.00 am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 6 th March	10 am Kempford	Mothering Sunday Family Service led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler
Sunday 13 th March	10.00am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Paul Springate
Sunday 20 th March	10.00am Kempford	Palm Sunday Holy Communion led by Rev'd John Swanton
Sunday 27 th March	10.00am Kempford	Easter Day Holy Communion led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson with Egg Hunt

Thursday 17 March at 1 pm Wedding of Martin Richards and
Christine Wiggins

Lenten Lunches take place on:

Tuesday 1st March, 12.30 at Ipek Williamson's
Tuesday 8th March, 12. 30 at Fiona Mirrington's
Tuesday 15 March, 12.30 at Margaret Wolfenden's

Good Friday 25 March from 10 am till 12 noon at Kempford church
Making an Easter Garden and other Easter craft activities.
All children welcome

Kempsford Football Group

Meets every Wednesday from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm in the Village Hall during winter and on the School Field during the summer months. It is open to all 7 – 14 year olds

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 15 March
Easter Party at Bibury**

**Tuesday 29 March
Football Match against Bibury at
Bibury Court**

**Wednesday 20 April
Fun and Games and BBQ with Bibury**



For more information contact either Chris on 07834 737825
Or Rosemary on 07765 258835

Youth Group

Last month we advertised the relaunch of a youth group for those aged 14 – 18 taking place on Thursday evenings.

Unfortunately there seems to be few takers for such a club, so it is with regret that like Fairford Youth Group we will no longer operate.

Whelford Village Hall



For bookings, contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or email—
374croft@gmail.com

Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

Live Music—Saturday 5th March

Live Music—Saturday 26th March

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

Wed, Fri & Sat: 8pm—12am, Sun 12pm—6pm & 8pm—11pm

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

Monday 21st March 2016 please

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Kempsford Village Hall



Village Hall Café

Thursday 10th March

12 noon - 2pm

Come and try our Homemade Soups and Bread,
Delicious Homemade Cakes, Fresh Coffee and
Speciality Teas

All Welcome - If you haven't been before
you've been missing a treat!

Lechlade library hits new heights!

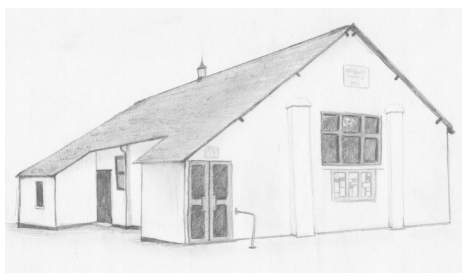
In January 2016 we lent out over 1100 books, a significant increase from the 800 lent in January 2013. There is no secret to our success as the steady arrival of new books each week is such a regular part of our offer that we have a whole bookcase dedicated to new stock!

We are delighted to have recruited 3 new volunteers in recent weeks so look out for the new faces behind the counter. If anyone else is interested in joining this friendly team we still have an opening on a Friday afternoon (1-4) or Friday evening 4-6).

We will be closed for Easter from 1 pm on Thursday 24th March reopening at 10 am on Tuesday 29th March. Any DVDs borrowed on Thursday and returned on Tuesday will only be charged for one day so you actually get 4 days for the price of 1!

May we wish all our customers a Happy Easter.

Kempsford Village Hall



Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00-11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett			12:00-14:00 Café (monthly, 2 nd Thursday)	
PM	16:00-17:00 Rainbows Karen Cornish	15:30-17:00 Dance Classes Ms Gillian Shearing	15:30-17:30 Private Dance Classes Ms Gillian Shearing	12:00-14:00 Post Office	
Eve	18:00-19:00 Zumba Donna	18:00-19:30 Brownies Donna Kent	18:00-19:00 Football	20:00-21:00 Youth Group	
	19:00-20:30 Karate www.greywolfkarate.org	19:45-21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, usually 3 rd Tuesday)			

Contact details: Rona Bennett-01865820754, Donna-07891660089, Gillian Shearing-01793875934, Brownies (Donna Kent)-www.girlguiding.org.uk, Rainbows (Karen Cornish)-07837785666

**For Bookings, contact Kate Collins on 01285 810478 or email:
villagehallbookings@kempsford.net**

Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Pete Wolfenden (Vice Chair)	Tel: 01285 810477	Kate Collins	Tel: 01285 810478
Jacky Stagg (Treasurer)	Tel: 01285 239287	Pete Robinson	Tel: 01285 810356
Joy Cross (Secretary)	Tel: 01285 810439	Mark Strange (PC Rep)	Tel: 01285 810635

New members are always welcome!

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tel: 01285 713691 Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Parish Councillors	Email	Tel.
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Ms Alison Ward	alisonward@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810273
Mrs Sue Griffin	suegriffin@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 712979
Mr Mark Strange	markstrange@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810635
Mr Philip Nickson	philnickson@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810466

Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 15th March 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 5th April 2016	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm at Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 19th April 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Kempsford Village Litter Pick, Saturday 26th March

As many of you will have noticed the highways and byways around our village are a bit of an eyesore as a result of littering.

For those of us who take pride in our village we only have one option: Self help.

To this end volunteers are needed for a couple of hours to pick up litter. Depending on numbers the roads we intend to clear will be Top Road, Whelford Road and Hannington Road.

Meet: Village Hall Car Park at 10:00 am Saturday 26th March.

Plastic bags and litter pickers will be provided. Although not essential a small number of “hi-viz” vests will be available but if you can please bring your own.

If you have any questions please call Philip Nickson on 810466.



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN AND WIN £1,000!

**KEEP BRITAIN TIDY IS CALLING FOR PEOPLE ACROSS THE UK
TO CLEAN UP THEIR COMMUNITIES IN THE RUN UP TO THE
QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY ON 21 APRIL.**

From now until the end of April, Cotswold District Council is running a competition to reward the tidiest community within its boundaries. The winner will be awarded £1,000 – thanks to our waste service provider Ubico Ltd - to spend on further local environmental improvements.

To enter, please contact cdc@cotswold.gov.uk or call 01285 623123. You must nominate a representative who is willing to take 'before' and 'after' photographs and also host a visit by a Cotswold DC judging panel.

The Council can help litter picking groups by supplying free refuse sacks, collecting bagged up litter after a clean-up, and loaning litter picking equipment (grabbers, gloves, high visibility bibs) but please note that stocks are limited.

Please call 01285 623123 if you require this assistance.



**COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL**



**CLEAN FOR
THE QUEEN**



Forthcoming Events in the Cotswold Water Park



Gloucestershire

Sunday 1st May - Whelford Pools

04:30 – 06:30

Dawn Chorus + Heronry

Walk around reserve and adjacent lakes listening to dawn chorus learning bird calls/songs
+ look at Heronry

Saturday 22nd May - Roundhouse Lake

11:00 – 13:00

Roundhouse Lake Walk

Normally closed to the public, a chance to have a guided walk around the reserve looking
at different habitats/wildlife present and also management undertaken

Thursday 18th August - Whelford Pools

20:30 – 22:30

Nocturnal Wildlife

See what wildlife comes out at night. Walk around reserve with bat detectors and also setting Moth traps

For further information about any of the events, please contact:

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Conservation Centre, Robinswood Hill Country Park,

Reservoir Road, Gloucester, GL4 6SX

Main Switchboard: 01452 383333

www.gloucestershiREWILDLIFETRUST.CO.UK

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH BKD 27
KEMPSFORD PARISH COTSWOLD DISTRICT**

Gloucestershire County Council has by this emergency notice temporarily closed under Sections 14, 15 and 16 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, part of Public Footpath BKD 27 (Kempsford) at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference SU 1724/9860 west-south-west of Jenners Farm and extends in a generally south-south-easterly direction for approximately 265 metres to its junction with Public Footpath BKD 28 at OSGR SU 1735/9838 south-west of Jenners Farm and extends in a generally east-north-easterly direction as Public Footpath BKD 28 approximately 230 metres to OSGR SU 1755/9845 south of Jenners Farm.

The Footpath falls within the Parish of Kempsford in the Cotswold District Gloucestershire.

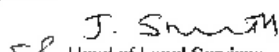
Alternative Route
As signed on site

The closure is necessary due to the on-going monitoring of potentially unstable poplar trees adjacent to the Footpath.

This Notice came into force on the 11th February 2016 and will continue for up to 21 days. However, if the works to remedy the problem have not been completed during this time scale it will be necessary to extend the closure by Notice for a further 21 days, after which if the problem has still not been remedied, it will be necessary to make an Order.

This legal process will authorise the closure of the Footpath for up to six months from the date of this Notice. However, if the problem continues after this time then it will be necessary to make an application to the Secretary of State for an extension to the closure.

DATED: 11th February 2016


J. Smith
Head of Legal Services

IB/61182

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

The Cotswold Swallows present



**ANYTHING
GOES**

TUESDAY 17 TO SATURDAY 21 MAY 2016
EVES 7.30 PM AND MATINEE SAT AT 2 PM

Music and Lyrics by COLE PORTER
Book by Guy Seaton, R. G. Wedgwood, Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse
By arrangement with MusicScope & Stage Musicale Limited of New York

EVERYMAN
THEATRE

WWW.EVERYMANTHEATRE.ORG.UK
BOX OFFICE: 01242 572573

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at Kempsford Village Hall.

Everyone welcome, particularly society and club representatives.

It is a great opportunity to find out what has been happening in the Parish and hear future plans.

Kempsford Cricket Club – 2016

The new season starts with the pre-season meeting at The George on Wed 2nd March at 8:00pm.

Everybody is welcome, young or old, present or new players or indeed anyone else who wants to get involved.

Fixtures start on Sunday 17th April with a home match against Barnsley Beeches. The full fixture list can be found on our website

<http://cricket.kempsford.net/>

Outdoor Net Practice starts at the Manor Ground (Behind the pub) on Monday 4th April at 6:00pm

This is an open invitation to anyone and everyone to come along and either get involved directly with the club or just spend a pleasant afternoon watching others enjoying the sound of willow on leather.

Look forward to seeing you all this summer!



Community First Responder

Community First Responders (CFR) are volunteers who support their local community by attending emergency calls ahead of an Ambulance.

CFRs are trained to attend medical emergencies where it might be essential for the patient to receive immediate life-saving care. No previous medical training is needed to become a CFR.

CFRs are an integral part of the local Ambulance Service. Before appointment and issue of equipment, volunteers will be expected to have completed an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and will receive training, including a day “on-shift” with a crew.

The next course is being arranged for 11th - 12th and 18th - 19th June with applications having to be made in April, interviews 24th to 26th May and an aim that those attending the course will “go live” in August.

The local group, which covers an area from Lechlade through Fairford to Kempsford, meets monthly. Local CFRs are encouraged to attend these as part of their continuation training.

Interested? Then find out more from either:

Stephen Andrews at andrews@btinternet.com or call 07795-915902; or, David Chapman at davidcchapman999@gmail.com or call 01367-850454

Kidney Disease Awareness Event

16th March 1.30pm –
2.30pm, Fairford Community
Centre



The Patient Participation Group, Hilary Cottage Surgery
invite you to come along to this **FREE** event

...Your kidneys are amazing! Did you know...

The blood flow in your
kidneys is **HIGHER**
than in your heart,
liver and brain !

Half of one single kidney
is capable of doing the
job that is performed by
2 kidneys working
together!

High blood pressure and
diabetes can lead to failure of
the kidneys...**BUT** there are
simple ways we can reduce
this risk !

Our speakers:



- ▶ Geoff and Lily Gidley, volunteers working with the charity **Kidney Research UK**. They have personal experience of kidney disease and now work to raise awareness of the disease, sharing :

- ✓ ways to keep our kidneys healthy;
- ✓ how to manage life with kidney disease; and
- ✓ important facts about kidney donation.



- ▶ Sophie Ayre, from **Healthwatch Gloucestershire**, which is part of a national network. Sophie's work involves:





Kempsford Pre-School

Registered charity No. 1023770

Will your child be starting Primary school in September 2016?

Why not bring them along to our Pre-School 'Rising 5 session', every Friday during term time, and help get them ready for school.

Our structured Rising 5 session is dedicated to children who will start school in September, no younger children are at the session, and if your child will be attending Kempfsford Primary school it is a great way for them to get to know their future classmates!

Activities include;

- Mini-PE lessons in the Primary School Hall
- Letters and number work
- French lessons
- Forest School visits

The session runs from 8:45am to 2:55pm. If you would like to know more please give us a call on 01285 811000.

*The session is open to all Rising 5's, even if they will not be attending Kempfsford Primary School.

Kempsford Beer Festival

19th March 2016

***Watch the Six Nations Rugby Live
and take part in the Rugby Challenge!***

**Wales v Italy 2:30
Ireland v Scotland 5:00
France v England 8:00**

A selection of
Real Ales,
Cider, wines and
bottled lagers



**Hot Food
Available All Day**



**At the
Village Hall**

All Profits to Kempsford Cricket Club and Kempsford Village Hall

**Lechlade & District
Lions Club**



CHARITY AUCTION

& BOOK SALE

SATURDAY

16th APRIL 2016

MEMORIAL HALL

LECHLADE

DOORS OPEN - Noon

AUCTION COMMENCES - 1.00pm

Book Sale Admission- 50p; Auction Registration £1

FURTHER DETAILS – Tel. 01367-252023/252458

WWW.LECHLADELIONS.ORG.UK

**Auction sponsored by :-
Row Electrical, The Old Dairy,
Back Lane , Fairford, Glos.**

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 21st March, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The University of Oxford Botanic Garden, founded in 1621, is the oldest in Britain. It has evolved from a collection of medicinal plants into the most compact and diverse collection of plants in the world. Timothy Walker worked at the garden from 1986 to 2014 and was Director from 2002. He will describe where the garden has come from and what it has achieved in the last 394 years.

Guests welcome £4. Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

Kempsford Footpath Walkers

After a break over the winter period the Kempsford Footpath Walkers will be organising a few more walks over the coming months.

Our next walk will be:

Sunday 3rd April at 11.00am in Whelford. Meet at Whelford Village Hall car park

The walks are open to all, so please come along and join us. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day.

We aim to start the walks promptly so please be at Whelford Village Hall 5 minutes beforehand.

For further information, speak to any of the following residents;

- Dawn Penman – 810 419
- Mark Strange – 810 635
- Mollie Price – 810534

Iris Lewis – 810 770 or email iris.lewis@btinternet.com

Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

March/April 2016

Cirencester: Thursdays departing Fairford 08.30am(1) & 08.45(2) returning 11.15am & 11.45 cost 3.80

March 2016	Destination	Depart Fairford AM	Return PM	Fare
Tuesday 1 st	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.90
Wednesday 2 nd	Fairford Market- Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Tuesday 8 th	Central Swindon (Limited Seats)	08.30	Flexible	5.90
Thursday 10 th	Carterton Market (Replaces Cirencester 1)	08.30	12.00	5.30
Friday 11 th	Witney	08.30	1.00	7.20
Wednesday 16 th	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Friday 18 th	Cheltenham	08.30	1.00	8.60
Friday 18 th	Dobbies Garden Centre	09.00	12.30	3.80
	Easter period 25-28 March			
Tuesday 29 th	Central Swindon	08.30	12.15	5.90
April 2016	Destination	Depart Fairford AM	Return PM	Fare
Tuesday 5 th	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.90
Wednesday 6 th	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Friday 8 th	Witney	08.30	1.00	7.20
Tuesday 12 th	Milletts Farm	09.00	2.00	7.50
Thursday 14 th	Carterton (Replaces Cirencester 1)	08.30	12.00	5.30
Tuesday 19 th	Cheltenham (Limited Seats)	08.30	1.00	8.60
Wednesday 20 th	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Monday 25 th	Central Swindon	08.30	Flexible	5.90
Friday 29 th	Cheltenham	08.30	1.00	8.60
Friday 29 th	Lechlade Garden Centre	09.30	12.30	3.70
	Fair weather destinations from May onwards			

All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station All departure times are from the Fire Station and NOT arrival at your home.
 To book seats please ring 01285 713852 or pop into the Community Centre Office Mon-Fri 0800-1200