

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

March 2023

Kempsford Beer Festival

18th March 2023

Watch the Six Nations Rugby Live

Scotland v Italy 12:30
France v Wales 2:45
Ireland v England 5:00
Doors Open at 12:00

A selection of
Real Ales,
Cider, wines and bottled lagers
New this year - Gin Bar!



Hot & Cold Food
Available All Day

At the

Village Hall

Please Note - Card payments accepted!



KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 21st March at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Tuesday 18th April at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 4th April
7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

ID to vote at local elections on 4 May

Individuals who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic ID to prove their identity before they will be issued with a ballot paper.

This is a national change implemented by the Government as part of the Elections Act 2022. For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2023 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Flood Defence

Over the last month or so we have seen huge amounts of rainfall and whilst our local fields were saturated and completely covered in water we narrowly escaped intrusion into any homes. That said the Thames at Castle Eaton was as high as many can remember so we must remain vigilant.

On average the UK has an average rainfall of about 46 inches and the Met Office advise this should remain consistent. However, climate change could see extended dry periods followed by huge amounts of rain in a very short time. We could see little rain for extended periods then 2 months worth in a week so the flood risk increases as lots of water falls on hard ground. We have all just witnessed it!

Our villages are surrounded by the River Coln on one side and the River Thames on the other, in the middle are a huge airbase and numerous quarries that have to be drained. The Parish Council works hard with all stakeholders, including Thames Water & the Environment Agency, to ensure adequate drainage is in place. That said we all have a responsibility to do our bit and avoid excess surface water which eventually penetrates and becomes groundwater.

If not managed the groundwater will rise with the potential to cause serious flooding to you and your neighbours. The advice from the Environment Agency is prevention as the consequence of a flooded home is awful for anybody. Roofs can discharge 600 gallons of water an hour and to put this into context for the 500 or so homes around our villages this could be 300,000 gallons an hour! We would again urge everybody to ensure gutters and drains are free of any blockage so water is free to drain properly, otherwise this impacts everybody. Also, we would remind everybody that Costswold District Council do not provide sandbags but **easy to store 'Floodsax' are available** online and from several local stockists including Screwfix and Wickes. Be prepared!

Kempsford Village Hall booking for the month

	Sunday	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
AM		10:00 - 11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754	9:00 - 10:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna				
PM		15:30 - 16:30 Rainbows Caroline Gooch		17:30 - 18:30 Youth Club (Term time only)	12:00 - 14:00 Post Office Monthly Café (Café 2nd Thurs of the month)		
Evening			20:00 - 21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2nd Tuesday)				
			19:45 - 21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)				

CAN YOU HELP?

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL urgently needs new committee members due to the 'retirement' of some long-standing members. Can you spare a few hours a month? Do you have ideas for new village events or fundraising? If so please contact one of us - email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net.

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Hannah Dickens, Chair
*Kathy Woodward, Secretary
Rev Kim Brown
Ali Leather

Luke Fry, Joint Bookings Secretary
Molly Pekarik Fry, Joint Bookings Secretary
Karen Saunders, Parish Council Rep
Cassie Vickery-Cummings

*Jo Colson, Treasurer
Charlie Leather
Beryl Gray
Chloe Amey

** Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome!



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ

Thursday 9th March 12 – 2pm

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

Chat with old friends and make new.
Enjoy the friendly atmosphere and keep the village
and its hall alive!

A COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR KEMPSFORD

The Kempfsford Village Hall Committee are starting a project to revitalise the green space behind the Village Hall back into a community area - a Community Garden for Kempfsford!

We need your help to get this off the ground (pun intended).

Join us **Monday, 20th March at 17:30 at the Kempfsford Village Hall** to meet the project team, and make a plan to grow our space into something special for all to enjoy.

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or revkimbrown10a@gmail.com

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson dizzylizzie@sky.com

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 churchwarden@kempsford.net

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

Spring is in the air and so much new life is beginning to emerge in the hedgerows and fields at last. **Catkins always lift my spirits, swaying in time with the breeze. It's a time for spring cleaning; I remember helping my grandmother beat the 'carpets' – rugs, really – on the washing line in the back garden, and turn out cupboards to get the house ready for Easter.**

This instinct to cleanliness and new life chimes with the arrival of Lent, when we clean out **our internal 'cupboards' and throw out behaviours** and habits that are not helpful to us, making room for new perspectives and priorities in our lives. This prepares our hearts for Eastertide, when Jesus died on the cross, taking all our old bad habits down into the grave with him. At the Resurrection when he rose again to new life, he forgave us and opened a new and living way for us to walk with him, set free of our old baggage and mistakes.

This cycle of letting go of our old ways and making room in our homes and hearts for newness is a part of the natural circle of life upon which the church year is based.

Everything dies, and although that can cause us pain, new life always follows – we see it in nature and in ourselves. At church, we travel this journey into new life together, by gathering for Lent lunches and a time of reflection and sharing some readings. This year these will take place as follows:

1st March 12pm St Mary's church Meysey Hampton

8th March 12pm Dunvegan, off the service road in Whelford (home of the Howlett family)

15th March 12pm Whelford Mill, (home of Cally and James Arkell)

Everyone is welcome – please book in via revkimbrown10a@gmail.com / 07714 998247 so we know how many to cater for.

Our Long Table meals will draw to a close for now, with the last one on Mon 13th March 5:15pm in the school hall, as we hope we can all turn off the heating and spend more time outdoors in spring and summer! We hope that everyone who has volunteered since **September can come in March and eat at a special 'thank you' meal. We will return in autumn if there is a desire for the meals to re-start then.**

You may now have heard the tragic news that Mr. Richard Mendum, our Headteacher at Kempsford Primary School, sadly died following a heart attack while out cycling at the end of January. Our school community is heartbroken at the loss of such a loved and respected Head, teacher and friend and we are thinking of ways of commemorating Richard and all he meant to us. Following the funeral, there will be a memorial service for the school community held in the church, and another in an evening for the village to pay our respects. Dates will be confirmed after half term and advertised in the villages.

I hope your hearts are filled with the joys of spring!

Love Rev Kim

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

Church Services

Sunday 5 March	9.30 am Kempsford Come and meet our new Curate!	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 March	9.30 am Kempsford	Service of the Word
Sunday 19 March Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Whelford 4 pm Kempsford	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 26 March	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion

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

Lent Groups Meetings take place on Weds 1st, 8th and 15th of March at 12pm for a lunch of soup/roll with a time of study and reflection on a Lenten theme afterwards.

All are welcome. They will be at:

Wed 1st **March 12pm St Mary's church Meysey Hampton**

Wed 8th 12pm Dunvegan, Whelford (Howlett family home)

Wed 15th 12pm Whelford Mill (the Arkells home)

St Mary's Kempsford is open every day for prayer and reflection 9.30am-4.30pm: there is a chapel of Remembrance and Book of Condolence for Mr. Richard Mendum towards the rear which will remain until mid March.

St Anne's is open on Fridays for prayer and reflection.

Food Bank

Thank you to all those who gave so generously over the Christmas period. The boxes **are still in place outside both St Mary's and St Anne's in the porches. Donations** are always needed, especially during these cold months.

Particularly needed at the moment are lunch box snack bars, tinned veg, tinned fruit, long life milk, tinned sponge puddings and custard. (Bleach, baby formula, medicines and dietary supplements are not accepted.)

Fairford & District Choral Society Concert

Fairford & District Choral Society will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion and Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in B flat on Saturday 1 April at 19.30 in St Mary's Church, Fairford.

The conductor is Marysia Gorska-Saj. The organist is Robin Baggs. The soloists are David McKee (tenor) and Nicholas Drew (bass).

Tickets cost £15 and on sale at Fairford Opticians.



Term 4 Value: Forgiveness

Term 4 Learning Skill: Karly Can Do

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

February was a very sad month for our school community: the children and the staff. In early February, the children visited the Book of Condolences in St Mary's Church, Kempford. We are thankful for the support from the local community, Rev Kim, the Diocese and the Local Authority .

Class 3 took their trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and visit some of the famous sights of Embankment. It coincided with President Zelensky's visit to London, which caused a lot of excitement!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sienna D'A

Joshua S

Freddie R

Evie H

Darcie S

Seren S

Matthew B

Luca D-L

Scarlett M

Mrs Hamlet

Mrs Richens



The Hive

CLUBS TERM 4

Monday

- * KS1 Yoga with At West Cottage
- * KS2 Cooking

Tuesday

- * Reception and KS1 Multisports

Wednesday

- * KS2 Football

Thursday

- * KS2 Multisports
- * Y1-Y6 STEM
- * Y1-Y6 Polish Club

Friday

- * KS2 Yoga with At West Cottage

UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH

IN SCHOOL

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Tuesday 7th March

Poet visiting School

Tuesday 21st March

AIM High Writing Day (The Pride)

Monday 27th March

PGL all week (The Pride)

Friday 31st March

End of Term 4

COMMUNITY WIDE

Monday 13th March

The Long Table

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 17th April

Term 5 begins



FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.
(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)



News and Information from your Community Friends

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 3rd March - Quiz and Curry Night 7pm for a 7:30pm start: Round up a group of friends for a night of trivia and fun! £10 per head (includes meal), teams of 6. There will be a bar on the evening. Contact Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk or 01285 707300 to book.

Tues 21st March from 7pm – AGM: Please do come along as we share our achievements for the last year and our plans for the next over a glass of wine / hot drink. Our speaker will be Stephen Andrews who will give a short talk and demonstration on defibrillators. Fairford Community Centre in the Farmor Room.

Fri 31st March – Coach trip to Windsor: £20 per person, coach leaves Fairford at 10:00 and returns approximately 19:00, **during your time in Windsor you'll be free to do as you please** (no activities arranged – transport only). **Places limited so don't hesitate to book:** admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk. All proceeds will go to the charity.

17th to 30th April - House to House Collection: we plan to bring back our biggest fundraiser again this year. Our volunteer collectors will drop an envelope through your door at the beginning of this period and return by the 30th April to collect your donation. Thank you in advance for your support. If you can volunteer to help us, please do get in touch with us: admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

Summer 2023 – Open Gardens: coming up in Lechlade, Quenington and Langford Downs – details to be confirmed.

EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB

We have now reopened our much-loved Edna Dawes Lunch Club. This currently runs on Wednesdays to provide a hot meal, activities and social interaction for isolated elderly people. Transport can be provided. Please do get in touch for more information: admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300. We are also in need of volunteers so please do get in touch if you can help.

BEREAVEMENT CAFE

We continue to run our Bereavement Café on the first Friday of every month, for people who have suffered a loss and would like to talk. Our nursing team will be present to welcome you with a hot drink and some refreshments. Please do drop in, between 10:00 and 12:00 at The Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

VOLUNTEER WITH US

There are many ways to help us, such as becoming a volunteer driver, Charity Shop volunteer, helping to arrange and run fundraising events, becoming a Trustee, volunteering at our Edna Dawes Lunch Clubs and many more. See our website or get in touch with Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300 for information.

CAN YOU FUNDRAISE FOR US?

Anyone can support us by running a fundraising event and donating the proceeds to us. Please do get in touch if you decide to fundraise for us so that we can raise awareness and support you – admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300.

YOU CAN SUPPORT US FOR FREE

Did you know that you can support us for free, helping us in our work for no extra cost to you?

1. Register an account with easyfundraising.org.uk and select us as your charity. When shopping on an eligible website, **click the button saying 'click to get donation' if a pop up appears**. Or you can search eligible websites via the easyfundraising.org.uk website.
2. Register for Gift Aid with us so we can claim an additional 25% on any donation you make to us (monetary or Charity Shop donations) from HMRC.

Check our website for more information about any of these.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Charity Shop: Linda	shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01367 252189
Website	www.friendsoffairford.org.uk	

HOW TO DONATE

If you would like to make a donation you can do so online through our website

www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Charity Shop, Lloyds Chambers, High Street, Lechlade, Glos GL7 3AE. **If you are able, we'd really appreciate it if you could complete a Gift Aid Declaration** so we can claim an additional 25% of your donation from HMRC. Forms can be found on our website.

Information on what we do can be found on our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk and the names of our existing team of trustees are listed on the Charity Commission's website.

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

LOCAL BANDS

NIGHTJAR

&

PRESTO

IN CONCERT

Friday 12th May

Tickets: £10 per person

St Mary's Church

Kempsford

6.30pm doors open- 7.00pm start

Event Bar

**Raising money for a
toilet, with disabled
access, for all**



Tickets on sale from:

Anna: 07910 876374

Ann: 07760 272224

Cassie: 07845 826321

churchfundraising@kempsford.net

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Vicar	Rev Kim Brown	revkimbrown10a@gmail.com	01285 810954
Church Wardens	Keith Howlett	churchwarden@kempsford.net	01285 712268
	Elizabeth Emberson	dizzylizzy@sky.com	
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	Luke Fry	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Brownies	Now closed	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/	
Cricket	Anthony Axel-Berg		07766222951
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		810035
Scottish & Southern Electricity		Reporting of power cuts	105 0800 072 7282
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
Non-emergency Police Contact			101
NHS 111 Service		(when less urgent than 999)	111
Environment Agency	Floodline—0845 9881188	General Enquiries -	03708 506 506
Bulk Refuse	(phone to book)		01285 623000
Highway Matters & Street Light Faults	GLOUCESTERSHIRE	highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
	WILTSHIRE	northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk	0300 456 0105
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Online



'Kempsford Village'
'Kempsford Mums & Dads'