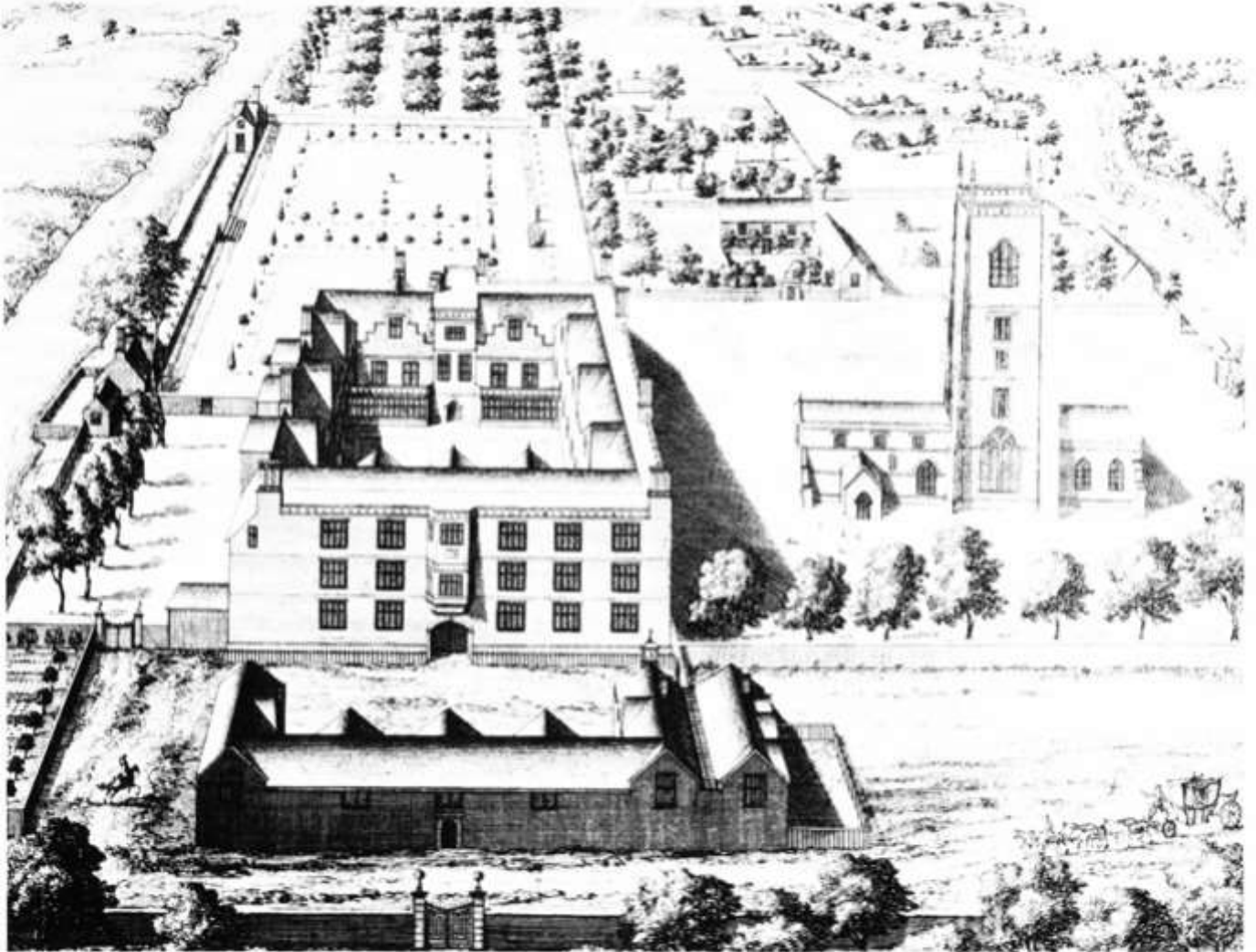


# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter



Kempsford: The manor-house and church in the early 18th century with the river Thames on the left— see inside for more information

**March 2018**

# KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 20th March 2018	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 10th April 2018	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 24th April 2018	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on the **10th April 2018**. 8pm at Kempsford Village Hall.

If you are new to the Parish, this is a great way to find out about clubs and organisations within the community and to hear what they have been up to and their plans for the forthcoming year.

The Parish Council provide an update on what work they have been involved in on behalf of our residents.

Everyone is welcome, and as always, we appreciate club/organisation members taking the time to come and update us on their activities.

Hope to see you there!

## Cotswold District Council Planning

### *Planning applications lodged or new details received:*

Reference	Development	Location
17/02224/FUL	Full planning for the erection of 62 dwellings (50% affordable), formation of emergency access, landscaping & ancillary works	Land Parcel north of The Knoll, Kempsford
<b>NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE</b>		
17/05047/FUL	Full application for construction of a temporary Country Park Visitor Centre & permanent Visitor Centre	Coln Country Park, Claydon Pike, Lechlade
17/03638/REM	Approval of Reserved Matters (Phase 1) pursuant to outline permission 16/01818/OUT consisting of 3 apartment blocks, infrastructure hub, associated roads & car parking, access paths, ancillary structures & landscaping	Lakes by Yoo, Claydon Pike, Lechlade

### *The following decisions have been made:*

Reference	Development	Location	Decision
17/05144/FUL	Full application for erection of rear extension	5 Tuckwell Road, Kempsford	Application permit

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## Whelford Village Hall



**FREE** fast broadband available to all Hirers

For bookings, contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or  
email—[374croft@gmail.com](mailto:374croft@gmail.com)

# Kempsford Village Hall



## Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00-11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754			12:00-14:00 Café (monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	
PM	16:00-17:00 Rainbows Karen Cornish 07837 785666		16:00-17:30 Dance Classes Ms Gillian Shearing 01793 875934	12:00-14:00 Post Office	
Evening	18:00-19:00 Zumba Donna 07891 660089			18:00-19:30 Football & Youth Club Rosemary 07765 258839	
		19:45-21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)	20:00-21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, usually 2nd Wednesday)		

See <http://kempsford.net/villagehall/calendar.php> for the up to date Events Calendar.

**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	Pete Robinson *	Tel: 01285 810356
Caroline Jacobs (Treasurer) *	Tel: 07921 725402	Mark Strange (PC Rep)	Tel: 01285 810635
Joy Cross (Secretary) *	Tel: 01285 810439	Ruth Gray	Tel: 01285 810747
Kate Collins (Booking Sec.) *	Tel: 01285 810478	Hannah Dickens *	Tel: 07597 625284
Mark Britt *	Tel: 07771 506527	* Denotes Trustee Member	

*New members are always welcome!*



**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FOOTPATHS BKD/34 AND BKD/28 KEMPSFORD  
COTSWOLD DISTRICT**

NOTICE is hereby given that Gloucestershire County Council intend to make an Order to close temporarily under Sections 14, 15 and 16 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 (as amended) part of Public Footpaths BKD/34 and BKD/28 as described in the Schedule below.

The closure is necessary to allow for construction works.

The Order will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and it is anticipated that the public right of way will close on that day until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. After this date if the closure is still required it will be necessary to apply to the Secretary of State for an extension of time.

The alternative route runs from Whelford Road to Footpath number BKD/27 and is shown by a black dashed line on the plan (Points A-E).

Pedestrian access to properties and emergency access will be maintained for the duration of the works.

**The Schedule**

**Public Footpath BKD/34** in the Parish of Kempsford is to be temporarily closed from its junction with Whelford Road at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) SU 1668 / 9849 (Point A on the plan) and running in a generally southerly direction for approximately 621 metres to a point where it meets the RAF Fairford Boundary Fence at OSGR SU 1678 / 9791 (Point B on the plan) and shown by a solid black line on the plan.

**Public Footpath BKD/28** in the Parish of Kempsford is to be temporarily closed from its junction with Footpath BKD/34 at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) SU 1678 / 9818 (Point C on the plan) and running in a generally east north easterly direction for approximately 602 metres to its junction with Footpath BKD/27 at OSGR SU 1736 / 9838 (Point D on the plan) and shown by a solid black line on the plan.

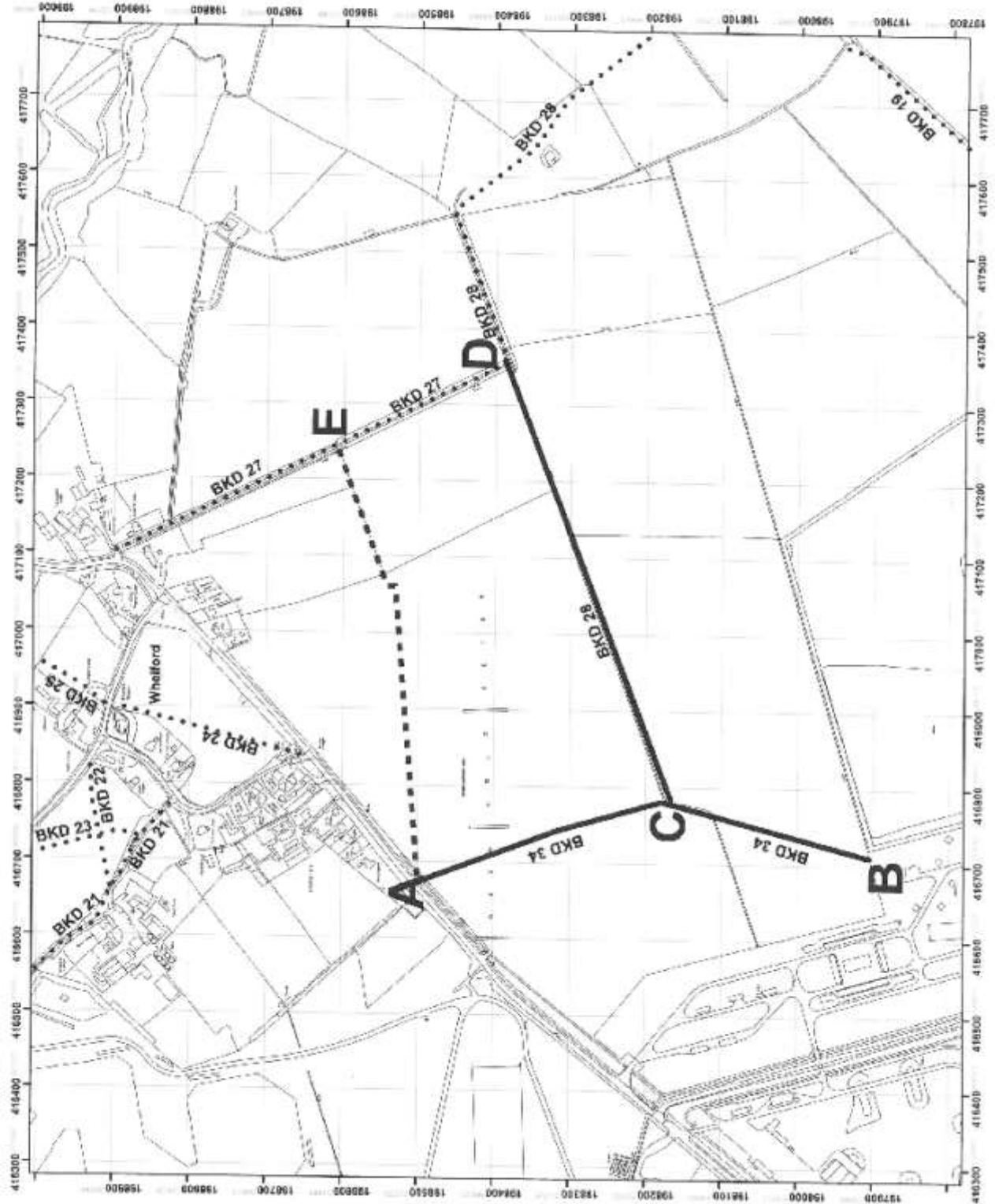
*J. Smith*

*Jos* Head of Legal Services

HBL/65097  
Legal Services  
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Gloucester  
GL1 2TG

Please contact:  
08000 514 514  
Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<p>TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS BKD 26 &amp; 34 IN THE PARISH OF KEMPSFORD</p>	<p><b>KEY</b></p> <p>PUBLIC FOOTPATH CLOSED BY TEMPORARY ORDER</p> <p>UNAFECTED PUBLIC FOOTPATH</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE ROUTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑</p> <p>This Map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office © Crown Copyright          Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or other proceedings          Gloucestershire County Council 15/03/2018</p>	<p>AMEY          GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL          SHIRE HALL          BEAR LAND          GLOUCESTER          GL1 2TH</p> <p>Drawn by: FHDW          Scale: 1:5,000          Date: 05/02/2018          Drawing no: BKD/28/FHDW</p>
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KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

What's on -

**Saturday 10th March—Live Music**

**Saturday 31st March—Live Music**

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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



# ENTER OUR COMPETITION TO HELP KEEP THE COTSWOLDS BEAUTIFUL



Cotswold District Council is inviting community groups to clean up their neighbourhoods and possibly share in a £1,000 prize fund.

From Saturday 3 March until Sunday 29 April, the Council will run the Great Cotswolds Clean Up competition. Schools, community groups and other volunteers are being encouraged to carry out a litter pick in their neighbourhoods. We can provide equipment and can also arrange for filled bags to be collected by Ubico Ltd.

There will be three prizes on offer in the competition (£500 for first, £300 for second and £200 for third) and applying to enter couldn't be simpler! Just email [cdc@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:cdc@cotswold.gov.uk) or call 01285 623123 and provide the location scheduled for a litter pick, together with the name of a community representative.



Brain tumours are indiscriminate; they can affect anyone at **any age and they tear families apart. What's more, they kill** more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer... yet just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease.

There will undoubtedly be people in your local community affected by a brain tumour. You might already know who they are. They deserve our help. Becky Vines (from Shropshire) was one such person. She was diagnosed with a brain tumour at the young age of 23 years old. She was given just a year to live but, against the odds, gave birth to a daughter and survived for a further nine years. Sadly, she lost her fight against the disease and died at the age of 31. Christmas 2017 was her daughter **Phoebe's first without her Mum and the seven-year-old's biggest hope is to raise as much** money as possible to help scientists find a cure.



[Brain Tumour Research](#) is a national charity striving to fund a network of dedicated research centres. We support the UK's largest group of laboratory-based scientists progressing world-class research into brain tumours, to improve treatments, survival rates and quality of life for patients, and ultimately find a cure. We are the only national charity dedicated to research into brain tumours and campaigning to increase the national investment in brain tumour research. We rely solely on local communities like yours and the generosity of the general public.

Here are a few simple and easy things the people you represent can do to help us fund the fight

1. Take part in our [Wear a Hat Day](#) in March – the UK's premier brain tumour research fundraising event. The event is being supported by businesswoman, model, actress, and television personality, Caprice, alongside actor and author, Sheila Hancock CBE. Since it started in 2010, Wear a Hat Day has raised well over £1 million.
2. Visit our [website](#), find out what's happening and take part in some of the fundraising events that are taking place in your region.
3. Spread the word by distributing some of our leaflets locally.

Wendy O'Brien  
Communications Officer  
[wendy@braintumourresearch.org](mailto:wendy@braintumourresearch.org)  
Brain Tumour Research

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## **Fairford Market**

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*Weekly from 31st January 2018*

Fairford, Horcott, RAF Fairford (main gate),  
Whelford, Kempford, Meysey Hampton,  
Greenacres

A pre-bookable bus service - just £1 each way  
(supported by Fairford Town Council)

**Call to book or find out more:**

**0345 680 5029**

[www.communityconnexions.org.uk](http://www.communityconnexions.org.uk)

Registered Offices: Sandford Park Offices, College Road,  
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 7HX

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# Coffee Morning for Mums and Babies

Every Wednesday 1030 - 1130am at Kempsford Church

Term time only

(Dads/Grandparents and other carers just as welcome...  
older pre-school children too!)

Make new friends L and catch up with old ones

For further information contact Rev Lynn (01285) 711698

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## LENT LUNCHESES 2018

This is a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese for which guests make a donation which will go to charity, normally local Foodbank or homeless charity

The following ladies have kindly offered to host these this year. Lunch is provided from 12 .30pm

We would love to see you there!

Tuesday 6 March Gill Northen Longel House, Dunfield

Thursday 15 March Margaret Wolfenden of Bridge Cottage

Saturday 24 March Elizabeth Emberson of 3 Lancaster Road

Thursday 29 March Jacqui Howlett at Dunvegan, Whelford

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## All Age Service

March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am  
Kempsford Church

Come and celebrate Mothering Sunday with us.

An informal, all age service where all will be very welcome  
**(and it's Rev'd Lynn's last service with us!)**

Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch

## **St Mary's, Kempford with St Anne's, Whelford**

During the vacancy please contact the Team Curate Rev'd Lynn Hayler

Telephone: 01285 711698

Email: [lynnhayler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lynnhayler@hotmail.co.uk)

Or Robert Mitchell (Lay Reader for Kempford) on 01285 712821

March 2018

Dear Friends and neighbours

As I come to the end of my time as Curate within the South Cotswolds Team there is much to look back on and to give thanks for. Most importantly, thanks must go to all of you – it has been such a joy and privilege to work among the Kempford and Whelford communities. Everyone, without exception, has been warmly welcoming and accepting of my brief time with you, and more importantly, my lack of experience and often knowledge!

It has been great to get involved with village groups and events. I have loved being involved in our wonderful church but also our school and the amazing team who do such a fabulous **job with our children. Getting to know the children has been great fun and it's been a real** joy of late to start welcoming so many families to our new All Age Service (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 4pm). These are times when we gather together as family, enjoying fun, **laughter, food and faith and generally getting to know one another. If you haven't joined us yet, please do!** We are very welcoming!

**Most of all I have God to thank, without whose grace and mercy I couldn't do any of this. I have been constantly reminded in the words of St Paul that "I can (*only*) do all things through Christ who gives me strength" (*italics – my insertion!*)** It is only with the strength, love and equipping of my Saviour Jesus Christ that I can serve others. I pray that in your own lives you might also trust a Saviour who loves us and only wants the best for us.

We continue to pray for God to send the right person to be our resident Team Vicar. In the **meantime, the Rev'd John Partington will continue as Team Vicar and you will see much** more of him in the coming weeks.

**It's been a real privilege to serve you over recent months and I pray that God will continue** to bless this wonderful community. Thank you so much to the many individuals who have supported me and encouraged me throughout. I am truly grateful.

With every blessing,

Lynn,

Assistant Curate



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

Contact Details: Team Vicar **Rev'd** John Partington

Telephone: 01285 750332or Email: vicar@cheqs.church

Robert Mitchell (Lay Reader for Kempsford) on 01285 712821

Church Warden, Elizabeth Emberson on dizzylizzie@sky.com.

### Services for March

(since we are now a joint group with Castle Eaton their services are included)

Sunday 4 March	8.30 am Whelford 9.30 am Kempsford 9.30 am Castle Eaton	Holy Communion led by <b>Rev'd</b> Lynn Hayler Holy Communion led by <b>Rev'd Lynn Hayler</b> <b>Morning Worship led by Rev'd John Partington</b>
Sunday 11 March	11.00 am Kempsford	Family <b>Communion led by Rev'd</b> Lynn Hayler
Sunday 18 March	9.30 am Whelford 9.30 am Castle Eaton 4 pm Kempsford	<b>Holy Communion led by Rev'd</b> Roger Scoones Morning Worship led by Robert Mitchell <b>All Age Service led by Rev'd John Partington</b>
Sunday 25 March	9.30 am Kempsford  9.30 am Castle Eaton	<b>Holy Communion led by Rev'd John Partington</b> and Robert Mitchell Morning Worship led by Dennis Archard and Antonia Jones
Sunday 1 April <b>Easter Day</b>	8.30 am Whelford 9.30 am Kempsford 9.30 am Castle Eaton	Holy Communion led by <b>Rev'd</b> Roger Scoones <b>Holy Communion led by Rev'd</b> Roger Scoones <b>Holy Communion led by Rev'd</b> Margaret Bettis

Every Tuesday evening at 7.45 pm: Together on Tuesdays: Lent Group. Please contact **Rev'd** John for more details

Every Wednesday morning:

9.30 am in Kempsford, a short service of Morning Prayer

10.30 am Mums and Babies Coffee Morning

Do you know someone who is unwell or in need and would appreciate a pastoral visit? Please contact **Rev'd** John Partington

More information about all services can be found at [www.sctm.church](http://www.sctm.church)

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### Farewell to Revd Lynn Hayler

The Revd Lynn Hayler is taking up a position of Vicar in the North Wingfield Team Ministry, with special responsibility for Pilsley, Diocese of Derby.

Her last service at Kempsford is on Mothering Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

We will be saying farewell and thanking her for all her efforts as acting Team Vicar for Kempsford and Whelford, with celebration cake and drinks.

All ages are welcome at this service, especially Mothers.





In January schools, churches, the WI and other groups donated an incredible 2.6 tonnes of food to help families in crisis in Cirencester, Fairford and Tetbury and the surrounding villages to put food on the table. Thank you for all your ongoing support. At the moment we are in need of tinned meat, long-life milk, tinned vegetables and tomatoes, instant mash, rice pudding, sponge pudding and long-life juice.

Cirencester Repair café meets once a month. People are invited to bring in their broken electrical items and textiles for repairing.

If you have got a few hours to spare on a weekend, just once a month. Able to fiddle with gadgets and get them working again or got nimble fingers to mend tears or sew on buttons? Just generally like to fix things? You will be welcome. Email [repaircafeciren@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafeciren@gmail.com). For more details.

The next Repair Centre meeting is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30 at the Bothy (opposite Ashcroft church), 12 Ashcroft Rd, Cirencester.

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## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Monday 19th March at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Pavilion.**

Hailes Abbey and the Mystery of the Holy Blood. David Aldred will consider the founding of the Cistercian abbey, life within the monastery and the impact of the Holy Blood, which led to the abbey becoming a major centre of pilgrimage in the later Middle Ages.

Guests very welcome £4. Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).

### **APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**MONDAY 19TH MARCH PLEASE**



## The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

(Reg. Charity No: 1006416)

President, Earl St Aldwyn



### ***ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY***

*Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.*

## ***News and information from The League***

### ***Change of Trustees***

Treasurer, Paul O'Shaughnessy has now retired from The League of Friends and we thank Paul for his dedication and commitment over the last 7 years. His contribution has been invaluable and it has helped the League develop into a stronger organisation within the community. We are delighted to welcome Andrena Miles as a new member of the Trustees, and in addition to becoming a Trustee, Andrena will take over the role as Treasurer. Andrena lives in Fairford, runs a local business and has been a Community First Responder for many years. She will be known by many of our supporters and we are pleased to welcome her as a Trustee. We are also very pleased to welcome Ros Godden as a Trustee; Ros has served on the Fund Raising Events Committee for a number of years and is also a House-to-House volunteer.

### ***House-to-House 2018 Dates***

The League of Friends House-to-House fund raising event will take place from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. Our thanks to all our existing volunteer co-ordinators, and collectors.

**With the new housing in Fairford and Lechlade we urgently need more volunteer collectors to deliver and collect the envelopes in your local area.**

### ***Volunteer Drivers Required***

**We need more Volunteer Drivers, particularly in the Lechlade area and surrounding villages.**

We do over 750 drives a year helping people get to their medical appointments at their GP surgery or hospital. Running costs for the trips are paid.

### **Do you think you can help?**

***If you can spare sometime to deliver and collect the envelopes for the House to House fund raising event or become one of our volunteer drivers please get in touch with the League Administrator, Christine Barker, contact details below.***

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If you need further information about The League of Friends please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: [fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk).

Your continued support is very much appreciated

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

## A417 Missing Link public consultation

### Have your say

Highways England has been investigating possible route options to improve the A417 Missing Link, a three-mile stretch of single lane carriageway between the Brockworth bypass and Cowley roundabout in Gloucestershire that causes many problems for local people and road users.

We would like to hear your views on our proposals and are holding a public consultation between 15 February 2018 and 29 March 2018. As part of this, we will be holding a number of drop-in public exhibitions.

<b>Saturday 17 February 2018</b>	11am - 6pm	National Star College, Ullenwood, GL53 9QU
<b>Thursday 22 February 2018</b>	12pm - 8pm	Elkstone Village Hall, Hill View, Elkstone, GL53 9PB*
<b>Friday 23 February 2018</b>	11am - 6pm	Witcombe and Bentham Village Hall, Pillcroft Road, Witcombe, GL3 4TB
<b>Saturday 24 February 2018</b>	11am - 6pm	St Andrews Church Hall, Montpellier Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1SP
<b>Sunday 4 March 2018</b>	11am - 6pm	GL1 Leisure Centre, Bruton Way, Gloucester, GL1 1DT
<b>Thursday 8 March 2018</b>	12pm - 8pm	Henley Bank High School (formerly known as Millbrook Academy), Mill Lane, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4QF

\* denotes venue with limited or no parking facilities

From 15 February, consultation materials will be available online and at these public information points around Gloucestershire:

#### Public information points

- Crickley Hill Visitor Centre, Crickley Hill, Birdlip, Gloucester GL4 8JY
- Gloucester Library, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1HT
- Cheltenham Library, Clarence Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3JT
- Cirencester Library, The Waterloo, Cirencester, GL7 2PZ
- Stroud Library, Landsdown, Stroud, GL5 1BB
- Hucclecote Library, Hucclecote Road, Gloucester, GL3 3RT
- Brockworth Community Library, Moorfield Road, Brockworth, GL3 4ET

#### Contact us

Website [www.highways.gov.uk/A417-missing-link](http://www.highways.gov.uk/A417-missing-link)  
Email [A417MissingLink@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A417MissingLink@highwaysengland.co.uk)  
Telephone 0300 123 5000





## News from Lechlade & District Lions

Lechlade and District Lions were thrilled to be able to present a cheque to the 'The Brighter Futures Radiotherapy Appeal at The Great Western Hospital in Swindon. The £500 donation was a result of the raffle at the Senior Citizens Christmas Parties held in Lechlade and Fairford, a total of £373 was raised with the Lions making up the total amount to £1000, this being split equally between the Radiotherapy Unit and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The presentation was made on behalf of the Lions by President Simon Winckles and Welfare Chairman Keith Musson to Brighter Futures Head of fundraising, Catherine Newman and events manager Chloe Thomas.



**At February's meeting the Lions also made donations to the following Local, National and International Appeals:-**

**£500 to Severn Freewheelers** – these are a group of volunteer motorcyclists who offer a free out of hours delivery of blood, human tissue and other essential medical items between NHS facilities in Hereford and Worcester, Gloucestershire and North Wiltshire.

**£250 to Cirencester Foodbank Van** – Seeded by The Trussell Trust helping local people in crisis.

**£240 to Toilet Twinning** – In conjunction with St Lawrence School Lechlade. Bringing safety, dignity and hope to some of the World's most vulnerable people

**£500 to Lions Clubs International Eye Centre in Ghana**

**£500 Unicef Winter Appeal** – Supplying blankets for child refugees

**£500 The Lions Sightsavers Trust** - to aid global efforts to help combat blindness

The Lechlade and District Lions Club minibus has been sponsored for several years by Moore, Allen and Innocent, Estate Agents, Lechlade who have paid for the road fund tax. President Simon Winckles received the cheque from Jenny Bowyer and Sarah Whittingham representing Moore Allen and Innocent.



# Consultation on Local Plan Main Modifications begins on 19 February



The Cotswold District Local Plan was examined in public towards the end of 2017. The **District Council will now be consulting the public on 'Main Modifications' to the Plan over a six week period beginning on 19 February 2018.**

The Modifications are considered necessary to ensure that the Local **Plan is a 'sound' and legally-compliant document.** They propose changes to the wording of certain policies and supporting text, as well as adjustments to the policies map and some of the insets.

Cabinet Member for Forward Planning Cllr Nicholas Parsons explains:



**“The consultation will invite the public to submit representations solely on these Modifications and not on any other parts of the Plan, which have been independently and exhaustively examined over the past seven months or so.”**

When the consultation begins, the public will be able to download copies of the Modifications, associated papers and representation forms - as well as make representations online - on the District Council website [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk). **Documents can be also inspected at CDC's offices in Cirencester and Moreton-in-Marsh, or at libraries across Cotswold District.** Registering online is the easiest way of making representation(s) to a specific Main Modification. If you would like to do this please register and submit your comments at: <http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk>

Representations must be made on a standard form and should focus on whether the **Modifications meet 'tests of soundness' which will be explained in the consultation document.** Representations must be submitted to CDC by no later than 5 pm on Wednesday 4 April 2018.



## A Quiz from your local Stroud and Cotswold Citizens Advice



- 1) If your place of work is closed on bank holidays, your employer can make you take them as part of your annual leave entitlement. *True/ False*
- 2) **If you haven't received a gas or electricity bill for a certain length of time, you might not have to pay for all the energy you've used.** For this to apply you must have already contacted your supplier and asked for a bill to be sent and co-operated with any requests from your supplier, eg letting them visit your home to read your meter. *Under the 'back billing code', your supplier can only charge you for a maximum of 12 months of energy use if they haven't sent you a bill for over a) a year b) 18 months c) 2 years.*
- 3) Payday loans are short-term loans for small amounts of money. Usually you'll be given up to a month to pay back the money you borrowed, plus interest. *What is the interest cap on pay day loans? a) 1% per day b) .8% per day c) 2% per day.*
- 4) Ordinary Statutory Paternity Pay (OSPP) is paid by an employer to an employee who meets the qualifying conditions, to cover a period of leave for a birth or an adoption. *An employee can choose to have OSPP paid for a) 1 or 2 weeks b) 4 weeks c) 2 days*
- 5) If you buy a puppy from a private seller, you have less consumer rights than if you buy it from a shop or organisation. *If you buy a puppy privately you can request a puppy contract. This requires the seller to disclose to the buyer information about the puppy with information about the puppy and the puppy's parents. True or false.*

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Answers: 1) True 2) a) 1 year 3) b).8% 4) a) 1 or 2 weeks 5) True

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The operational tempo of RAF Fairford has increased in recent months, and this will likely continue throughout 2018 with periods of activity followed by quieter periods. The operational tempo of the base is dictated by world events and the need for allied nations to be trained and prepared to work alongside each other. While at RAF Fairford, deployed personnel will conduct flight operations to improve interoperability and train alongside allied nations and joint partners. For reasons of operational security it is not possible to give specific dates when airfield activity will start and end.

No nation can confront today's challenges alone. The US and NATO allies are committed to defending the territorial integrity of the alliance and preserving peace and security in Europe and around the world. To do this, operational planning is carried out at various headquarter locations and the timings of airfield activity are determined by exercises and the involvement of participating nations. Therefore, flight times are not decided by personnel at RAF Fairford but determined by external operational requirements, which sometimes means there may be aircraft noise during the published quiet hours.

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If you have any specific queries about activities at RAF Fairford, please contact Jenny Collyer, Community Relations Adviser, on 07764 166079 or [jennifer.collyer.2.qb@us.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.collyer.2.qb@us.af.mil).

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**Many of you will know some of the history of Kempford. For those that don't or are new to the Parish, we hope you find the following extract interesting, and we will share more information over the coming months.**

### Kempford

Kempford, which includes the hamlets of Whelford, Horcott, and Dunfield, occupies a tract of low-lying land by the river Thames 15 km. ESE. of Cirencester. The parish includes 2,009 ha. (4,963 a.) and has its boundaries for the most part on watercourses. The river Coln provides parts of the north-east boundary, though a greater length of the river is within that boundary. The south boundary with Wiltshire is on the Thames and the west boundary, also the county boundary, is marked by the watercourse formerly called the county ditch.

The land is formed mainly by Oxford Clay with tracts of alluvium bordering the Thames and Coln and deposits of gravel, extensively worked in the mid 20th century, near Horcott and east of Whelford. Most of the parish lies very flat at around 80 m., so that even the small hillock called Brazen Church hill (possibly from land once owned by Bradenstoke Priory) (fn. 4) forms a landmark. Towards the north there is a gentle rise to c. 90 m. at Furzey hill and Horcott hill. Woodland is limited to a few small copses, though an ancient wood once existed at Dudgrove in the south-east part of the parish. The dominant feature of the landscape for many centuries was the large area of common meadow land lying by the Thames and Coln. The meadows and the open fields, which occupied the centre of the parish, were inclosed in 1801. The parish was drained by a network of ditches and 'carries', some part of which was probably in existence in 1133 when the black dyke was mentioned. In later centuries the system, which was employed each winter to direct floodwater onto the meadows, centred on the Grand Drain, running the width of the parish from Furzey hill across to the Coln. Some additions to the system were made in 1802 following the inclosure. The Thames and Severn canal, crossing the south part of the parish, was opened in 1789 and closed in 1927; there was an agent's house and warehouse where it met the main village street.

In 1976 Kempford was dominated by the airfield of R.A.F. Fairford with its main runway extending for some 3.7 km. across the centre of the parish. The original airfield was opened in 1944 for use by transport aircraft, which took troops to the D-day and Arnhem operations. After the war it was used intermittently by the R.A.F. until 1950 when it was taken over by the United States Air Force and much enlarged for use as a bomber base; a large staff operated the base during its tenure by the U.S.A.F., accounting presumably for all of the 790 people not in private households enumerated in the 1961 census. Handed back to the R.A.F. in 1964, the base then served a variety of functions but in the early 1970s was for defence purposes maintained only as a reserve airfield; it became widely known at that period, however,

from its use by the British Aircraft Corporation for testing the Concorde supersonic airliner. In 1976 B.A.C. employed c. 300 people at the airfield and there was a smaller number of R.A.F. personnel and employees.

Kempsford village is named from a ford across the Thames, entered at the point where the moated manor-house was built and left further upstream opposite the church. In the year 800 the earldorman of the Hwicce and his men crossed there and fought a battle with the men of Wiltshire and it was presumably anciently a recognized crossingpoint on a route from Fairford and Lechlade towards the Roman road near Cricklade. The ford does not figure to any extent in the later records of Kempsford and all traces of a track connecting with it on the Castle Eaton bank have disappeared. It was apparently a difficult ford to negotiate and flooding of the surrounding land may also have limited its use. The shape of Kempsford village shows that the Cirencester–Highworth road was a more significant factor in its development. That road, which in the west part of the parish has been severed by the airfield, crossed the Thames at Hannington bridge c. 1.5 km. downstream of the village. A bridge had been built there by 1439, Kempsford and Hannington being responsible for repairing their respective halves. The bridge was rebuilt in 1647 after being destroyed during the fighting in the Civil War, and it was again rebuilt, as three stone arches, in 1841.

From the manor-house and church at the ford Kempsford village developed along the Cirencester road to form a long street of loosely grouped dwellings, a small green on the south side of the street apparently providing a focal point. The stocks stood at the green until c. 1880 and in the early 18th century a stone cross stood in the road there; the cross, from which only the base and part of the shaft survive, was later moved to the corner near Reevey Farm and in 1890 was moved again to the new churchyard opposite the church. Opposite the green stood the church house, which was rebuilt after a fire in 1791. In the early 17th century the houses at Kempsford were said to be mostly built of mud walling and thatch. Most were rebuilt of stone in the course of the 18th century, and there is some evidence of building on new sites in the village in the early part of that century. Tuckwell's Farm and Middle Farm are small stone farm-houses of the 18th century and most of the older cottages that survive are from that period. Council houses were built on the street in the 1920s and later, and in the 1960s and early 1970s its appearance was much altered by the removal of some of the old cottages and the addition of new houses for people working in Swindon. Reevey Farm, west of the village, was named from a late-17th-century tenant; the original small house survives, standing on what was possibly the old course of the Cirencester road, but it was replaced as the farm-house by a larger house built east of it in the mid 19th century. To the north-west is the small hamlet called Dunfield, which comprised 8 houses c. 1710. Dunfield House there dates from the late 17th century as does the older part of Poplar House, which was enlarged and remodelled in 1817.



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