

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

May 2021

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 4th May 2021

8pm

This year's meeting will be held via Zoom Video Software.

Everyone welcome, particularly Parish Clubs,
Societies and organisations

Please contact the Clerk for joining instructions.

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Parish Council Meeting Dates

Current government legislation that allows for meetings to be held remotely will end on the 6th May 2021, and at present there is no plans to extend it.

Annual Parish Meetings have to be held between the 1st March and 1st June. Accepting that some people feel uncomfortable about returning to face-to-face meetings the Parish Council has decided to hold this year's meeting remotely via Zoom video conferencing software. Please contact the Clerk for joining instructions.

Meetings after the 6th May will return to being held at Kempsford Village Hall (unless there is any change in government legislation). Please check our website for confirmation.

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 8pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.45pm

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7.45pm

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 in mid-June for an appropriate hand-over.

The self-employed position 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

The deadline for applications is 31st May 2021 and a decision will be made at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 15th June 2021.

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 24TH MAY 2021 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Sunday
AM	10:00-11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 07885 991673					
PM	15:30-16.30 Rainbows Caroline Gooch	11.15 – 12.00 Fit Steps Adriana Mattos acsmattos@gmail.com 07975 648194	12.00 to 13.00 Pilates Janice Koo Jvkhoo@aol.com 01285810249	12:00-14:00 Post Office		
Evening			19.00 – 20.00 Pilates Rona Bennett 07885 991673	15:30 to 17:00 Brownies Ms Philippa Griffin 01285 810754 / 0779 3562704		
		19:45-21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, 3 rd Tuesday)	20:00-21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2 nd Wednesday)			19:00 – 20:15 Yoga Charlie McKenna 07885759879 yoga@atwest cottage.com
		20.00 to 21.00 Yoga Charlie McKenna yoga@atwest cottage.com (except 3 rd Tuesday of month)		20:00-21:00 Meditation and Gong – Shilpa Vadlamudi 07809548174		

See <http://kempsford.net/villagehall/calendar.php> for the up to date Events Calendar which will vary week by week.

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Hannah Dickens, Chair

*Joy Cross, Secretary

*Amy Durban, Health & Safety

*Mark Britt, Vice-chair

*Mel Denny, Bookings Secretary

Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding

*Jo Colson, Treasurer

*Kate Collins

Mark Strange, 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)

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 keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

May 2021

Thank you to everyone who came to the Easter morning service at St. Mary's outside in the bright sunshine, and to Dennis Gray who made our 3 crosses as **a focal point to help us remember Jesus' resurrection. We thought about what** it means to be offered new life, and how to live new lives full of celebration and blessing. After so long being separated, it was wonderful to celebrate holy communion with a large number of people outside, and to see the children enjoying themselves too – all in a Covid-safe manner of course.

Easter is the most important of the Christian festivals and it offers us all cause **for celebration. Everyone who believes in Jesus, God's Son, is offered new life** in him, a chance to let go of all our baggage and pain and begin again, and the knowledge that at the end of this earthly life we will join him and our departed loved ones in heaven.

There may be periods in our lives when we take this offer for granted, but there are other times when we could not be more grateful for it. When life is going well and we are all happy and healthy, it may not appear too interesting or necessary. But when we are sick, perhaps waiting for test results, suffering a break up or bereavement, we may begin to pray and ponder what life is all about. We may turn to God in hard times to ask him to help us or our loved ones. Research published by Google recently showed that a large number of people sought God and searched for prayers on the search engine, to pray for their loved ones and our nation during the pandemic.

The good news is that God isn't only for shiny, happy people, but for all of us. We don't have to be perfect, or 'religious,' to turn to him and ask for help. God knows and loves each of us and Jesus already walks alongside each of us. This love is deep and dependable, and those of us who have leaned on him hard will tell you God has pulled us through many grim times. Whatever we are experiencing right now, God looks upon us with love and is waiting to listen and to bless us.

Rev Kim xx

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

Sunday 2 May	9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 May	8.30 am Whelford 9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion Service of the Word
Sunday 16 May	9.30 am Whelford 4pm Kempford	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 23 May	9.30 Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 May	9.30 am Kempford	5 Villages joint service

Dates for your diary

Friday 14 May 10 am till 11 am Thy Kingdom Come prayers at Whelford

Thursday 20 May 4 pm till 5 pm Thy Kingdom Come prayers at Kempford

Sunday 23 May 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.

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



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Safe and social roads

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@GlosSSDriving



OPCC
Oxford, Peterborough &
Cambridgeshire
Roadwatch



Working together for safer roads





Driving is one of the most mentally demanding things you can do. That's a fact. But your mobile phone also demands your attention too.

The temptation to use your mobile phone while driving is huge but every time you do so you are taking your eyes off the road. And that could have devastating consequences for yourself and other road users.

25% people admit to talking on a mobile phone while driving

40% people admit that they check texts or social media while they are in traffic

Ask yourself

-  What can't wait until you have parked or got out of your vehicle?
-  What are the chances of missing something genuinely important while you are driving?
-  What are the potential consequences of using a handheld phone at the wheel?
-  How would you feel if you were responsible for causing a crash because you were distracted by your phone?

If you are tempted to use your phone while driving, put it away out of sight and on silent.

Walk 4: Pentylands Lane and Hannington

Distance: 4.29 mi

Elevation: 132 ft

Time: 1:11:47



Sadly this month's walk also starts outside the parish - at the same place as Walk 2, about 200m or so after the Hannington Bridge by the right-hand bend. As compensation perhaps, there is some "serious" altitude gain (132ft according to Strava) and there are fields with cattle and sheep so it won't suit all. Again I would guess a lot of Kempfordians (?) have not walked here. However when RIAT is on, we get a lot of people cycling from High-worth using the Pentylands Lane.

Pic 1 shows the start by the green box and the runner. He was going very slowly but there was soon a speedier (and younger) athlete coming the other way. Other than one person accessing Hannington Hall, these were the only people I saw. So not much of a welcoming party from our Wiltshire Friends! After about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile you may be able to see a Solar Farm on the left (Pic 2) – just after this turn right and walk along a fence line. The entrance is now baked mud, and at present there is no gate or sign but I think this is the only field you can enter on the right hand side. At the end of the field take a 10 o'clock bearing (almost due south if you have a compass) and walk along a wide grassy track noting Hannington ahead. Last time I went down here the farmer was "butchering" the hedge, but as per normal it has recovered, the birds are singing and the blackthorn is now blossoming (Pic 3).



This track will end at a 4-way track/path junction. We want the straight on path through the metal gate (you could do a shorter walk by turning left here – it will cut out the animal fields and Hannington - perhaps 1 mile less)

This is our first animal field which had some cattle (and calves) who seemed happy munching pasture and ignoring me. Go through the next metal gate – you are now very near Nell Farm. In this field you need to go off at a 10 o'clock bearing, having first stopped to watch the lambs enjoying some milk – Pic 4, this is family No 23 if I remember correctly. In this field all the ewes had 2 lambs (bar one family). In the next field things were a little more jumbled up, perhaps the lambs were a bit older and going further afield. More noise as they summoned their mothers! You should just go straight up this field and eventually you will see the way out on your left.

Now you can walk up the track which is at the back of Hannington Hall. Pic 5 shows the view from the track back to our patch and well beyond. I wonder how far you can see. At the top of the track you come out on the road just up from the Jolly Tar and by the entrance to the Hall. This is the turnaround point so back down Parson's Lane and stay on the track until you come to a T-junction where you turn right (left is where the "short cutters" emerge from). Not enough room to use all the track names here but you can find them on the OS map. This track will turn left and after perhaps a mile you will be back on Pentylands Lane, at which point the sign says Hannington Wick 1¼ miles. Shortly after re-joining Pentylands Lane you will hear a stream and see a house (Pic6). The lane will be a bit a straight and laborious for some but you will be home soon!

Some of the walks are now on the KPC website (Local Attractions tab) so you can look at the pictures on a computer and in colour!

Richard Caswell





FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

**(Reg. Charity No: 1180059)
YOUR LOCAL CHARITY**



*Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages
(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)
News and Information from your Community Friends*

GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT

The Trustees are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and self-motivated General Manager to lead the Charity, taking on the responsibility for delivering operational activities and fundraising.

This is a new role within the organisation and is an exciting opportunity for a professional to lead the Charity organisation into its next phase of development. The General Manager will be working closely with the Trustees to maintain its health and wellbeing services within the local community and to expand its capacity and fundraising activities. We welcome applicants who are self-motivated, skilled and have the ability to build strong working relationships with trustees, staff and volunteers. Excellent communication skills are essential as is experience of successful fundraising. Please see our website for an Application Pack and remuneration details, www.friendsoffairford.org.uk

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, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

ARRANGING VOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSPORT

You can now book voluntary patient transport directly through Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities. You no longer need to request a driver through either Hilary Cottage or Lechlade Medical Centre receptionists.

If you require transport to and from your hospital/doctor/dental appointments please contact Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities direct through the following methods:

Telephone: Between 10.00-13.00hrs Monday-Friday: 07540 798226

If the line is busy you will be able to leave a message and a member of the patient team will call you back

Email: voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com

With thanks for all your support.

Graham Hewitt, Chairman

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Wardens	Elizabeth Emberson	Email:dizzylizzy@sky.com	
	Keith Howlett		01285 712268
Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Darren Jeffrey	chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	810875
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall Bookings	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
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'Kempsford Mums & Dads'