

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

May 2025



Ideas for
events?

AGM

Annual General Meeting

What
would you
change?

You are invited to the Annual General meeting of
Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 13th May in the hall at 7:30pm

Come along and hear our report of what we achieved last year and what we hope to do in the following year.

It's an historic moment for the hall as we are changing from a constitution that was established in 1932 but sadly has become out of date and no longer fit for purpose.

Come and have your say or ask the management committee any questions you may have. Support our work, we need you and we need your views.

Want to be
involved?

Come and
have your say

Parish Diary

MAY

Thurs	1st	7.00am - 10.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Gloucestershire County Council Elections
Sun	4th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion
Mon	5th	to Sun 18th	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities House	to House Collections
Thus	8th	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Community Café
Sat	10th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Community Garden Club
Sun	11th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion
Sun	11th	4.00pm	St Mary's Kempsford	Family Service
Sun	11th	10.00am - 2.00pm	Fairford Comm. Centre	Craft Fair
Tues	13th	7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Village Hall AGM - Open to all.
Wed	14th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Wed	14th	10.00am - 2.00pm	Fairford Comm. Centre	Friends of Fairford Pop Up Charity Shop
Sat	17th	6.00pm	St Mary's Kempsford	Hymns & Pimms
Mon	19th	7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	19th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Memorial Hall, Lechlade	Lechlade History Society talk
Sun	25th	9.30am	St. Mary's Castle Eaton	5 Villages Holy Communion
Mon	26th		JUNE NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE	
Wed	28th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sat	31st	12.30pm - 4.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Community Garden - Family Gardening Fun

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	10am - 11am	Kempsford Village Hall	Rosie's Pilates Plus
Mondays & Wednesdays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713607106
Tuesdays	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls (treasurerkempsford@gmail.com)
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford VH Garden	Community Garden open (weather permitting)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Post Office
Fridays	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Zumba

Kempsford Village Hall – MAY Events

To book the village hall; villagehallbookings@kempsford.net

Regular Events

Mon	Pilates rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com (Thur 29 th instead of Mon 26 th) Pizza Van 5 th & 19 th solelunapizza3@gmail.com	10:00am – 11:00am 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Tue	Short Mat Bowls treasurerkempsford@gmail.com (Not on 13 th)	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wed	Youth Club Chippy Van 14 th & 28 th info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thur	Post Office Darts 8 th 22 nd & 29 th davis.william68@yahoo.com Community Café 8 th	12:00pm – 2:00pm 7:00pm – 10:00pm 12:00 – 2:00pm
Fri	Zumba bellaannie1@hotmail.com	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Sat	Garden Club 10 th Family Gardening Fun 31 st	2:00pm – 4:00pm 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Other Upcoming Events

1 st May	County Council Elections	7:00am – 10:00pm
13 th May	Village Hall AGM. Open to all.	7:30pm

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to all that attended the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Draft minutes are available to view on the Parish Council Website.

Hannington Road Closure

Wales & West Utilities have finally signed all the legal agreements to divert the gas main and scheduled the work to start this month.

Once the gas main has been diverted, Gloucestershire Highways can commence digging out the old culverts and replacing. This work is scheduled to commence on the 28th July 2025 and resurfacing will follow. Providing there are no surprises, works will complete around the 19th September 2025 and the road will re-open.

Whelford to Kempford Road resurfacing works

The new date for the works will be 15/05/2025 until 30/05/2025 (including Saturday 17th May 2025) and the works will be delivered at night. Night works typically commence at 7pm.

An information letter from Gloucestershire Highways will be sent out to residents with more information shortly.

Community Facilities at Hazel View

The Parish Council has been awaiting completion of the Highways agreements before accepting the land transfer from Persimmon Homes. We have now agreed to progress with the transfer to enable the community to begin using the facilities as intended.

A new Management Group is being created in conjunction with the School, to manage the facilities.

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

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Church wardens: Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 churchwarden@kempsford.net

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

Curate Catie's Monthly Musings for May

Dear friends,

May has arrived and I love it - longer days and the gentle return of warmth to the air.

With the start of a new school term, we hold in prayer our pupils, teachers, and support staff as they set out on a new term of learning, discovery, and friendship. On 8th May, we will be marking an important milestone: the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe) when peace was declared and the war in Europe came to an end in 1945. As we commemorate this anniversary, we honour the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of all those who lived through those dark and demanding years. We remember with gratitude those who served and suffered, and we pray for peace in our own time, especially in places across the world where conflict is tearing lives apart.

This month also gives us space to reflect on some special occasions in the life of the Church and our wider national community.

25th May is Rogation Sunday when we pray for the land that sustains us.

Traditionally, this has been a time to walk the fields, bless the crops, and give thanks for the gifts of the earth and it's a moment to reconnect with our responsibilities as stewards of creation and to offer our gratitude for farmers, growers, and all those who care for our countryside.

Then 29th May is Ascension Day when we remember Christ's ascension into heaven, and the commission he gave to his disciples to carry his message into the world. It's a day that reminds us that, though no longer physically present, Jesus remains with us in spirit, guiding and strengthening us in our daily lives. So, May invites us into thankfulness: for peace, for the land, for community, and for the love of God that holds us through every season of life.

With every blessing,

Rev. Catie

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Church services in May

Sunday 4 May	9.30am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Kempsford
Sunday 11 May	9.30am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Kempsford
Sunday 18 May	9.30am	Service of the Word, St Anne's Whelford
	also 4pm	Family service, St Mary's Kempsford
Sunday 25 May	9.30am	5 Villages Holy Communion, St Mary's Castle Eaton

In addition, we have a '**Hymns and Pimms**' celebration on Saturday 17th May.

Nominate your favourite hymn and come along and sing it (nomination slips in church).

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our Meeting on Monday May 19th is - The Commonwealth War Graves Commission : Its History and Legacy by Dick Richards

This talk highlights the role played by those far-sighted men and women who established an organisation , now known as The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, so that the remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice will be remembered in perpetuity

We will look at the architectural and physical characteristics of the cemeteries and memorials as well as the underlying principles that govern their design

Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Lechlade at 7pm for 7.30, refreshments served from 7



KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ Thursday 8th May 12 – 2pm

Ploughmans Lunches, made with locally produced ham and cheese, are back by popular demand!

Or try our Homemade Soups and Bread
Delicious Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.
If you haven't been before you're missing a treat!

CONTACTS

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WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL			
Bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	01285 712979
SCHOOLS			
Kempsford School	Helen Seward (Head)	admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810367
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Farmors School	Matthew Evans (Head)		01285 712302
COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL	(including Bulk Refuse)		01285 623000
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	Switchboard		01452 425000
	Adult Social Services		01452 426868
	Children's Social Services		01452 426565
GLOUCESTERSHIRE HIGHWAYS		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
WILTSHIRE HIGHWAYS		northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk	0300 456 0105
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		01285 810035
SSE		Reporting of power cuts	105 or
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
Environment Agency		Floodline - 0845 9881188	03708 506 506
Non-emergency	Police		101
NHS 111 Service		(when less urgent than 999)	111
Hilary Cottage Surgery			01285 712377
FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES - Serving Fairford, Lechlade & surrounding villages			
Administrator	Kerry	admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01285 707300



Summer Hymns & Pimms



Saturday 17th May

6.00pm **St Mary's Church**

Kempsford

Come and enjoy the
uplifting power of music
and song

**Get your FREE ticket, with FREE entry
into the Summer Hamper Draw**

Tickets available from:

Myra Sheppard: 07849 789161

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