

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter



November 2015

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
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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
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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, Kempstord with St Anne's Whelford

John Swanton, Team Rector 01285 – 851309

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November 2015

Dear Friends and Neighbours

"I've remembered what I'd forgotten!" said the elderly gentleman - with a mixture of delight and relief - to the manager of the sheltered housing scheme whom I was visiting a few years ago. He then told her what he had meant to tell her a little time before.

I know that I can be forgetful but I was upbraided in the summer by being reminded of something that I had forgotten.

I happened to be visiting London and between engagements had some 'time to kill' and thought I would visit the Guard's Museum, which was nearby. As I idly wandered around, a wear-torn wooden cross caught my eye. It had the name 'Sean Birchall' written on it. And I remembered something that I'd forgotten...

Sean had been the son of that sheltered housing manager – Maureen. He had been killed on duty in Afghanistan in June 2009, leaving a lovely wife and little boy. His family were devastated, yet so proud of this brave and handsome man in the prime of his life with good prospects ahead of him.

It's not possible to carry all of our memories at the forefront of our minds all the time – thankfully. But there are people whom we knew and loved and who touched our lives; and it's good to remember them from time to time.

This unexpected event helped me to appreciate the fact that we have earmarked a day for Remembrance – when we are reminded of those whose lives have been lost for our freedom and our country. In the church calendar All Soul's Day is another day when we remember departed loved ones; and at the Last Supper Jesus understood that doing something helps us to remember - *'Do this in remembrance of me'*.

I hope you too will remember someone whom you had forgotten; or something you had forgotten about a loved one.

John Swanton – Team Rector

"There will be a special Service of Thanksgiving for those who have died to be held at St Mary's Church in Kempstord on Sunday 1st November at 3.00 led by Rev John Swanton followed by tea and biscuits to which all are invited"

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

John Swanton 01285 851309

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November 2015

Services for November/December 2015

Sunday 1 st November	9.00am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 1 st November	10.00am Kempstford	Holy Communion led by Lynn Hayler
Sunday 1st November	3.00pm Kempstford	Service to Remember those who have died led by John Swanton
Sunday 8 th November	10.45am Kempstford	Remembrance Service led by Paul Springate
Sunday 15 th November	10.00am Kempstford	Family Service led by Lay Team
Sunday 22 nd November	10.00am Kempstford	Holy Communion led by Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 29 th November	10.00am Whelford	Holy Communion led by John Swanton
Saturday 5th December	7.00pm? Kempstford	Christmas Soiree Led by Sharon Elliott
Sunday 6 th December	9.00am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 6 th December	10.00am Kempstford	Holy Communion led by Lynn Hayler
Sunday 13 th December	10.00am Kempstford	Holy Communion led by Paul Springate
Sunday 13 th December	5.00pm Kempstford	Nativity Service led by Ruth Clarke
Monday 14th December	10.00am Kempstford	Pre-school Christmas Service
Tuesday 15th December	6.30pm Whelford	Whelford Women Carols Led by Lynn Hayler

13 October 2015

The Revd J Swanton
Team Rector
The Rectory
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Dear John

With the departure of the Reverend Tim Hastie-Smith to take up a new post as Team Vicar at Bibury, Barnsley and Winson, a vacancy came about at Kempsford and Whelford.

It is normal practice in the Church of England for a period of time to elapse between the former vicar leaving and a new one being appointed and starting in post.

It is our clear expectation that we will in due course be appointing a replacement Team Vicar (House for Duty) who will occupy the Parsonage at Kempsford.

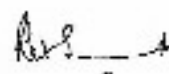
The appointment of a new priest will take some time, as we need to review the whole of the clergy staffing levels across the South Cotswolds Team Ministry and how we allocated responsibilities.

This review is now underway and as part of it we will be consulting of course with your wardens. I would expect the review to be reporting to the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Group on 28 January 2016.

In the meantime, Sunday services are being covered by a team of clergy who are leading services on a regular basis – so that they are well known by the congregation. The Team Curate – the Revd Lynn Hayler – has been appointed as a Foundation Governor at the School and is taking part in school assemblies and activities. The Team Rector, who has overall responsibility for the leadership of the parish is working with the PCC to ensure the day-to-day needs of the parish are being addressed.

I hope you will support your Churchwardens and PCC during this time of transition.


Yours sincerely



The Venerable Robert Springett
Archdeacon of Cheltenham

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 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Kempsford Walkers - next walk will be Sunday 22nd November at
11:00 am -
meet at Whelford Club.
All welcome to join us.

Kempsford Youth Group and Football Club

Open to all 7 to 14 year olds

Thursday 6pm to 7.30 pm

Kempsford Village Hall

Open to all

Come and enjoy darts, table tennis, soft ball games, table football, snooker and
various competitions.

For more details contact Club Leader Chris Bint 07834 737825

Kempsford Village Hall



Village Hall Café

Thursday 12th November

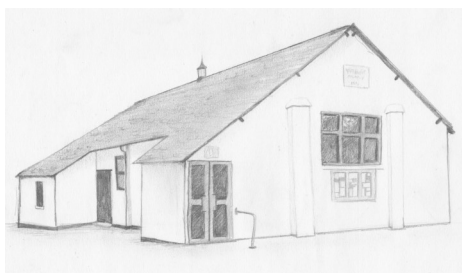
12 noon - 2 pm

On offer Homemade Soup and Bread, Speciality Teas, Fresh Coffee
and Homemade Cakes.

All welcome! If you haven't been before, why not give it a try!

Jams will be available to buy, the proceeds in aid of
Macmillan Cancer Support

Kempsford Village Hall



Regular bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00—11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett			Café 2nd Thurs in month 11:30—14:00	
PM	16:00—17:00 Rainbows Karen Cornish	Dance Classes 15:30—17:00 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		19:00—21:00 Youth Group	
	19:00—20:30 Karate www.greywolfkarate.org	19:45—21:45 Parish Council Meeting (once a month, usually 3rd Tues in month)			

Contact details: Rona Bennett—01865 820754, Donna — 07891660089, Gillian Shearing —01793875934
Brownies—Donna Kent, www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved, Rainbows—Karen Cornish 07837785666

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

Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Janet Fitzgibbon (Chair)	Tel: 01285 810329	Trudy Lines	Tel: 01285 711019
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 always welcome

Whelford Village Hall



For Bookings—

**contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or email—
374croft@gmail.com**

Police Circulars



Darker Nights - Operation Switch

The police will be launching their Darker Nights Operation Switch campaign on 23rd October to remind communities of the importance of leaving a light on to make their home look occupied. The police, in conjunction with Crimestoppers, will be delivering free light switches to the more vulnerable locations across the county. Please remind your streets to use timer switches to turn on lights and generally make their properties look occupied especially when coming home from work to a dark home.

There will be more information to follow and dates when the Neighbourhood Engagement Vehicle is visiting your location. Please ask your members to consider coming along and joining in.

Fuel Theft

Many rural and heritage home owners use oil tanks to heat their homes, makes this an attractive proportion for thieves. Thefts vary from small amounts being stolen, to the whole tank being drained. Methods used by the thieves can be very basic, including drilling holes in the side of the tank through to extractor pumps and the use of large holding tanks on articulated lorries. The most effective ways to deter criminals from targeting an external oil tank are to:

- Locate the tank in a position where it can be seen from the property, but not from the road.
- Install movement activated security lighting. But if there is no increased chance of criminal activity being seen, do not install new lights as these may assist the thief
- Make sure your boundary walls and fences are suitable and lock driveway access gates at night and when the premises are unattended
- Site the tank within a locked, well ventilated and detached out building.
- Conceal the location of the tank – use hedging, fencing or walling.
- Defensive planting is nature's way of helping to reduce crime. Thieves will be reluctant to force their way through or over prickly vegetation. Defensive planting around the tank could provide an effective and decorative barrier.
- Consider buying an electronic tank gauge, which you can read from inside your property, this will also set off an alarm should there be a sudden drop in oil level caused by a leak or theft.
- Larger properties should consider installing monitored CCTV.

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Mr Mark Strange	markstrange@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810635
Mr Philip Nickson	philnickson@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810466

Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 17th November 2015	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 15th December 2015	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Parish Council News

The children's play area behind the village hall is being thoughtlessly abused by some older children/young adults. Recent incidents have included bottles being smashed leaving broken glass, experiments with burning various items, the inevitable high jinks with wrapping swings around their chains, spent fireworks (including the wire sparklers), cigarette detritus (some looking curiously drug related) and a significant increase in litter generally.

It would be nice if parents could allow their toddlers in without having to carry out a safety check beforehand and make the swings useable.

Although the play area is not really intended for older children it is perfectly understandable, and acceptable, for them to use it as a "hang out". Individually the children are invariably quite sensible but unfortunately when they gather together they adopt this thoughtlessness. Could we therefore ask the parents of older children to just enquire that their golden eyed darlings are not acting in this thoughtless manner.

DOG FOULING

Dog fouling continues to be a big problem in Kempsford. Please find below the content of a note sent to the Parish Council from a Kempsford resident -

HELP— I am sending a desperate plea to the dog owners(s) who allow their dog(s) to continually foul on my lawn. Dogs should be on a lead controlled by their owner. I try and work very hard to keep my garden clean and tidy. I am partially disabled, live alone and find it very difficult.

We encourage people to report instances to Cotswold District Council. Complaints will be investigated and offenders will be prosecuted. An example of this was published in a recent edition of the 'Ripples' Magazine—

'A Fairford person has been issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for allowing their dog to foul the public highway and not clearing it up. Evidence was provided by public-spirited members of the community, who have been guaranteed anonymity. Hopefully, more people will now stand up and be counted to combat this anti-social behaviour and more dog owners will realise that people in Fairford do not want to see dog mess on public areas.

Dog Waste Bins

There is a number of dog waste bins in Kempsford. The Parish Council will be producing a map showing the location of these for publication in a future newsletter.

The waste bins are emptied weekly, but if you do notice an overflowing bin it can be reported through the Cotswold District Council website, and it will be emptied within 24hrs —

<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/environment/street-cleansing/>

Or by calling 01285 623000



DECEMBER AND JANUARY NEWSLETTER

**Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by
Monday 23rd November 2015 please**

Manor Farm Quarry



At the recent Parish Liaison meeting with Aggregate Industries it was reported that there had been no further incidents of quarry safety signs disappearing, although there is concern that people may be accessing the site from the northern boundary and walking through the quarry. A reminder that the quarry is a dangerous place and for their own safety people should not enter it.

There had been a recent diesel theft at the quarry. It seems that a local resident has spotted the incident (out of hours) and reported it through to Ray Winter at the quarry. The matter has been reported to the Police and they are investigating. The Company would appreciate being contacted should any local residents witness activity at the quarry outside working hours, these being 0700 to 1900 hours Mondays to Thursdays, 0700 to 1630 hours on Fridays and 0700 to 1300 hours on Saturdays. Ray Winters can be contacted on – 07738 134601.



Geoffrey Clifton-Brown

Conservative Member of Parliament for the Cotswolds

CIRENCESTER FLOOD RESILIENCE

An opportunity for residents of South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington, Cirencester, Fairford and Lechlade to hear and ask questions of the continued flood resilience work taking place and to speak with officials from the County and District Councils, Parish Council, Thames Water and the Environment Agency about ongoing issues.

PUBLIC MEETING

Friday 27 November 2015: 1030-1230

**Council Chamber, Cotswold District Council, Trinity
Road, Cirencester GL7 1PX**

Consultation on emerging Cotswold District Local Plan Policies

**Friday 6th November until noon on
Monday 21st December 2015**

**To view the document and comment visit:
www.cotswold.gov.uk**

Hard copies can be viewed at:

- CDC Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester;
- the Moreton Area Centre, Moreton-in-Marsh; and
- local libraries.

Public 'drop-in events':

- Tuesday 17th November from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cirencester
- Wednesday 18th November from 2:00pm to 6:30 pm at Moreton Area Centre



Press Release

Jobcentre Plus to be co-located with Council at Trinity Road

Release date: 7 October 2015

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has given the go-ahead for Cirencester's Jobcentre Plus services to be co-located with Cotswold District Council at the latter's Trinity Road headquarters.

The co-location – which is expected to take place early in 2016 - will allow both organisations to provide a more joined up face-to-face service for customers. By working more closely together as key partners, they will also save on overheads and reduce costs to the taxpayer.

The move fits very well with the Government's programme of welfare reform and service transformation and will further support the delivery of Universal Credit which went live in Cotswold district from May 2015.

It is anticipated that all the staff who currently work at the Cirencester Jobcentre will relocate to Trinity Road and will continue to deliver the same range of services. When the move is completed, the existing Jobcentre in Southway, Cirencester will close.

Nick Browning, the Jobcentre Plus District Manager, comments:

"The relocation of our Jobcentre to the Cotswold District Council offices in Cirencester presents us with an exciting opportunity to work alongside a key local partner in delivering improved services to people in the area, and will support the future delivery of Universal Credit to Cotswold customers."

CDC Leader Cllr Lynden Stowe, adds:

"We have been in discussions with the DWP about this co-location for some time and I am grateful to everyone who has been involved in making this possible. As well as enabling co-located service delivery in Cirencester for the first time, all taxpayers should be pleased to hear that we will be making best use of excess office accommodation at Trinity Road and reducing both our running costs."

ENDS



cotswold water park trust

events calendar

winter 2015

Weds Oct 28th
10am – 12.30pm
Gateway Centre

Cost £5
(suitable for ages 5-13)

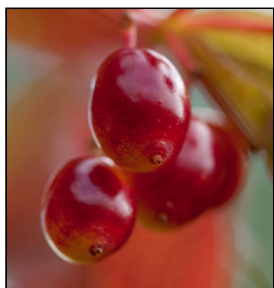


Let's Go Batty!

Come with the family and have a fun filled morning, with crafts, activities, games and talks all about the amazing world of *BATS*, and possibly the odd spider and ghost. A chance to see live bats and learn all about these fascinating creatures. Bat talks take place at **10.30am** and **11.30am** – **limited space so best to book in advance**. You will see bats in a whole new light!

Sun 01 Nov
9.30am – 1pm
Meet at the
Gateway Centre,

Cost: £25
Booking essential



Autumn Photography Workshop

Join us on this workshop led by award winning photographer and patience personified **Barney Wilczak, author of 'The Meadow'**. Barney will give a short talk about some simple techniques of lighting, and composition, then we will head off to a beautiful location within the Water Park to take photos. As the group size is small, there will be plenty of one to one advice and feedback on your images. Come dressed for the outdoors, bring your camera, your enthusiasm and something to lie on. This workshop is suitable for all levels of ability.

Tues 03 Nov
7.30pm
Gateway Centre

Cost: £6
(CWPT members £5)
Booking essential



'Fossils and Mud (illustrated talk) – a Jurassic Adventure in the Water Park'

Having spent over 25 years wallowing around in mud, Dr Neville Hollingworth will introduce some of the finer aspects of the Middle Jurassic of North Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire. The outcrops of Oxford Clay which occur in this area are abundantly fossiliferous providing an opportunity to discover fossils some of which are not found on equivalent coastal exposures. Neville will take us on an entertaining and informative pictorial tour of some unusual sites, digging techniques, notable characters and chance discoveries that have made the national news.

Sat 21 Nov
10am – 12.30pm
Meet Neigh Bridge
car park,
near Somerford Keynes

Cost: £2
(CWPT members free)
No need to book



Winter Water Birds – a guided walk

If you are keen to learn more about birdwatching, and in particular the wildlife of the Water Park then why not come on this guided winter walk around some of the lakes of the Cotswold Water Park. Local birder Nick Adams will point out the winter arrivals, such as gadwall, pochard, teal, tufted duck and more, and describe the best places for birdwatching around the lakes. A 2-3 hour walk will give you fresh air, local wildlife and fascinating information, a recipe for a great morning out! All welcome. Bring binoculars if possible, and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

.....more events overleaf

24 Nov
- 12.30pm
or
- 4.30pm
Gateway Centre

:: £25
coffee/tea.
essential



Christmas Willow Wreaths, Stars and Angels

A willow weaving workshop led by **Norah Kennedy**.

Come and learn the art of willow weaving and make your own simple but stunning Christmas decorations. Norah is an expert willow weaver and teacher – she will demonstrate techniques clearly which will have you getting creative with willow in no time. All equipment and willow supplied, no previous experience necessary. We guarantee you will be delighted with what you take home!

07 Dec
- 12.30pm
Gateway Centre,
High Road,
Cherney

:: £25
coffee/tea.
essential



(Felt) Christmas Decorations workshop

Come and make your very own fabulous felt decorations at this creative workshop, suitable for all levels – during the morning you will make adorable snowmen, robins and trees, under the expert tuition of textile artist Helen Shields. Needle felting is an accessible craft for all, creating solid 3D objects from beautiful merino wool. All instruction, materials are provided, and we can guarantee you will be delighted with what you make!

**For any more information, or for making a booking and payment
please contact the
Cotswold Water Park Trust office on 01793 752413
during normal office hours
or email events@waterpark.org**

Interested in becoming a member of the Cotswold Water Park Trust?

For less than £2 a month you can:

- Park for free all year at Riverside Park Lechlade and Neigh Bridge Country Park
- Get 15% discount off all food and drink at the Gateway Centre cafe
- Get 10% off purchases at Cotswold Outdoor (terms and conditions apply)
- Get priority booking on events and Fossil Hunts
- Vote at the AGM
- Receive regular newsletters about the work of the Trust

**Join today online at www.waterpark.org
and help us improve the Cotswold Water Park
for wildlife, for people, and for the future.**

Christmas and New Year Waste collection arrangements



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Collections on all days are unchanged until Friday 25 December

Normal collection day

Friday 25 Dec
Mon 28 Dec
Tues 29 Dec
Weds 30 Dec
Thurs 31 Dec
Friday 1 Jan 2016
Mon 4 Jan
Tues 5 Jan
Weds 6 Jan
Thurs 7 Jan
Friday 8 Jan

New revised collection day

Mon 28 Dec
Tues 29 Dec
Weds 30 Dec
Thurs 31 Dec
Sat 2 Jan
Mon 4 Jan
Tues 5 Jan
Weds 6 Jan
Thurs 7 Jan
Friday 8 Jan
Saturday 9 Jan

Collections will return to normal on Monday 11 January 2016

Wishing you a Happy Christmas & New Year!

News from RAF Fairford – October 2015

There will be an increase in airfield activity at RAF Fairford over the coming weeks, starting on Thursday 22 October.

A small number of aircraft from RAF Brize Norton will be using the airfield at RAF Fairford, due to a fuel storage tank being temporarily out of action at RAF Brize Norton. Aircraft operations will take place only during normal operating hours at RAF Fairford.

An MoD Spokesperson said:

“RAF Brize Norton is very grateful to the US Air Force at RAF Fairford for allowing some operations on a short term basis, whilst the Brize Norton fuels system is undergoing essential maintenance.”

RAF Fairford is home to the USAF 420th Air Base Squadron, which is part of the 501st Combat Support Wing at RAF Alconbury in Cambridgeshire. The base is maintained in a ready, "lean status" by a civilian workforce who are responsible for all daily tasks and contingency preparations. The main mission at RAF Fairford is to be ready to receive a deployment of aircraft and personnel with 48 hours' notice, both for real-world scenarios and for training.

If you have any queries about activities at RAF Fairford, please contact Jenny Collyer, the base Community Relations Adviser, on 07764 166079 or jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil



Kempsford Church of England Primary School

"Quality Education founded on Christian Values"

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W: www.kempsfordschool.com

Open Day—Wednesday November 4th 2015 9.30am-11.30am

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive, friendly school, with strong community connections.

Ofsted described the School as 'happy and purposeful'. Come and join us for our Open Morning to meet our Head Teacher (Mr Mendum), staff, pupils and Governors.

Along with the Headteacher, our Year 5 & 6 children will be delighted to show you around, and share with you the exciting learning that takes place at Kempsford C of E School.

Coffee and cake will be served. We look forward to seeing you.

Fairford Library:



OPENING TIMES

MONDAY 9.30 A.M. – 5.00 P.M. **THURSDAY** 9.30 A.M. – 7.00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY 9.30 A.M. – 5.00 P.M. **SATURDAY** 9.30 A.M. - 1.00 P.M.

- **Apply for your concessionary bus pass for free:** no need to buy a passport photo.
- **Weekly Baby Bounce and Rhyme time – every Wednesday** 10.30 – 11.00 (Songs and Rhymes for babies up to 2 years). **Toddler Time** every **Monday** in term time **10 – 10.30am** (approx 2 years – pre-school),
- **DVD: latest releases to loan for only £1.50 until our next opening time**
- **Want to learn how to use a computer?** Free computer help to get you started with our “Computer buddy” volunteer – Monday afternoons
- **Library Club every month (3rd Thurs):** Books, coffee and a chat for those unable to get out and about. Free transport with disabled facilities.
- **Latest publications:** 1,000's of books to choose from, you can reserve a book for free online and collect it from a library of your choice. Do come in and browse our shelves or read the papers on our comfy sofas. Download the **Library App** to manage your account on the move.
- **New text and email renewal reminder service:** no need to worry about when to return your books or forgetting and incurring fines
- **E-books and e-audio books** available to loan – ask us for more details

01285 712599

Free parking at the rear of the library.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

The Library

Please come and do all your Christmas shopping at this year's

HOME FARM TRUST BIGGEST EVER CHRISTMAS FAIR

THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER

10 am to 4pm

At THE CORN HALL, CIRENCESTER

Kempsford School Jumble Sale

21st November 2015

10am – noon

At the School Hall
Tea & coffee available

Donations welcome – please leave in the back of the hall

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 16th November, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Up on Nob Hill – A look back at Swindon Old Town with Andy Binks. To become famous as the workshop home of the Great Western Railway, Swindon began as a small market town on the southern edge of the present conurbation. Photographs and documents from the archives of the Swindon Society.

Guests welcome £4.

Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

Christmas Soirée Sat 5th December 7pm

I hope you will come and enjoy our annual children's soirée at Kempsford Church and kick start the festive season with choral and solo favourites. It will be a memorable occasion and a wonderful start to the Christmas celebrations.

Sharon Elliott

Christmas cards with winter scenes of Kempsford church and /or Whelford church are available for sale , 10 cards with envelopes for £3.50.

All profits are for Church Funds to be used towards the costs of the Youth Group.

Cards will be available at the Village Café in November or after Church Services.

For more details contact: Jacqui Howlett 01285 712268

Saturday 31st October 10.00am to 12.0am - Operation Christmas Child Coffee morning in Kempsford Church.

Come along with small gifts and help pack Christmas shoe boxes for needy children around the World.

Enjoy coffee and cake – Pre-printed shoe boxes will be available.

If you miss the date (or are on the Kempsford Footpath Walk) – filled shoe boxes can be taken to school or left in Church until the 5th November.

Further details on gift suggestions can be found in leaflets in Church.

Fairford & District Choral Society – Autumn Concert

Saturday 28 November 2015 at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church, Fairford

Rossini : Petite Messe Solennelle A wonderfully tuneful, lyrical piece for choir and an excellent line-up of soloists. This will be a special evening as it is John Read's final concert as conductor after 10 years. Tickets £10 (£5 for under 18's) From Blenheim Antiques (01285 712094) or call 01285 713681 or visit

www.fairford.org/choralsociety

At New Memorial Hall, Lechlade, on **27 /28 November 2015** at 7.30pm, Lechlade Players present 'An Evening of Firsts – Three One-Act plays':

'The Proposal ' Anton Chekov - first play from a new director. ' House Lights ' Lisa Stone - first play by a new playwright. ' Last Tango at Little Grimley ' David Tristram - first prize, Harold Jolliffe Festival.

Tickets from 26 October at Africa Children's Fund Charity Shop - £8.50 to include glass of wine.

Doors & Bar open 7.00pm.

Details: Jennie Thompson 01367 252040;

JennieTamSum@hotmail.co.uk

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Alan Sumnall – Cotswold Water Park Reserves Manager



Autumn is fast approaching and for many animals, that means making provisions for the coming winter months as food supplies will diminish.

There are various strategies for different animals; one method which some mammals use is hibernation. This refers to extended periods of 'sleep' characterised with a reduced heart rate, slow breathing, and lower body temperature which reduces metabolism. This means that a mammal does not need to eat as often and reduces the need to forage for food in times when supplies are low and weather is detrimental.

One of our most famous animals to do so in the UK is the Hedgehog. Autumn is a vitally important time as individuals will be stocking up on food to put on fat reserves; if an individual does not attain enough reserves, unfortunately, they might not survive through hibernation. This is a common fatality in juvenile hedgehogs, especially those born late in the year. Hedgehogs that don't gather enough food may wake from hibernation and start foraging, particularly during warmer periods.

Hedgehogs used to be a familiar site in many gardens, but have drastically declined by 95% since the 1950's. It is a very realistic thought that Hedgehogs may not be around by 2050. There are many reasons for this decline in both the wider countryside and our gardens including intensive agriculture, loss of hedgerows, use of pesticides (reducing the amount of prey), smaller and tidier gardens with fencing that prevents hedgehogs moving between suitable gardens and habitats. Furthermore, an ever increasing number of new developments and roads cause already small populations to become isolated, and many are killed by road traffic.

The site of a hedgehog wandering around a garden or neighbourhood brings back fond memories for many of us; however can you remember when you last had the pleasure of seeing a hedgehog? The good news is there are many things we can do to help Hedgehogs. Here are a few suggestions: Provide food and water, particularly during the winter. If you have a hedgehog in your garden cat food is good but if you have a lot of cats in your area it might be best to put out meal worms. Make sure there is water available for all wildlife, and ensure to break any ice if it freezes

If you have a pond in your garden make sure it has shallow or stepped sides to ensure that any wildlife that falls in can climb out. Hedgehogs easily drown in ponds

Make a small hole in your garden fence to allow hedgehogs to move between suitable areas

Leave a section your garden 'wild'. This will allow for increased foraging for prey; you could also create a habitat pile with cut vegetation which will increase hibernation areas

If you burn cut vegetation in your garden during the autumn or winter, ensure you check for hedgehogs or other wildlife first. This can be done by moving the material to another site so that any wildlife will be disturbed and move off, and any animals hibernating will be found.

Reduce the speed in your car during nocturnal hours, especially in areas where you have seen Hedgehogs, or travelling through small country lanes

The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust has just launched a campaign asking members of the public to record any hedgehog sightings (dead or alive). This data will help us to identify remaining populations within the County and how we can help protect them. If you would like to report a Hedgehog sighting, please use the web address below:

www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/seenahedgehog



RAF Fairford British-American Committee

QUIZ NIGHT

Date: Friday 20th November 2015

Venue: Down Ampney Village Hall

Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Teams: Up to 6 people per team. Teams can be formed in advance or on the night

Tickets: FREE event!



Come and find out how trivial your general knowledge is, and test your wits against RAF Fairford's finest brains! There will be several rounds of themed questions, with a lot of fun

interspersed, and prizes for the winners!

Cash bar throughout the night.

There are no tickets for this event, but please sign up in advance with Jenny Collyer:

Email: jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil

Tel: 07764 166079

I Knew That !



Kempsford Primary School
Christmas Grotto


Join us for a fun-filled, festive event
Saturday 5th December
10am – 2:30pm,
Kempsford Primary School Hall!



Meet **Father Christmas** and
his Reindeer and enjoy
lots of exciting Christmas
craft activities, make your
own decorations and have
fun with some old
favourites including Teddy
Tombola, Lucky Dips and
the second hand toy stall.
Children of all ages welcome!

Our Christmas Café will be open as well
serving homemade soup, sandwiches, mince
pies, delicious cakes and lots of yummy
treats!

Book your slot to see Father Christmas with Ruth
Clarke at the school gates or call **07907571082**



Kempsford and Whelford

Thursday Club

Pre-Christmas Bingo

on

Saturday November 28th

in

Kempsford Village Hall

Doors open at 7:00pm

Eyes Down at 7:30pm

Proceeds in aid of

Thursday Club Funds

Children Welcome

Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable November 2015

*Cirencester: Thursdays departing Fairford 08.30am(1) & 09.00(2) returning 11.15am & 12.15
cost 3.80*

November 2015	Destination	Depart Fairford AM	Return PM	Fare
Tuesday 3rd	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.90
Wednesday 4 th	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Wednesday 11th	Milett's Farm – Christmas Fayre (£2 entry fee)	09.00	13.00	7.50
Thursday 12 th	Carterton Market (Replaces Cirencester 1)	08.30	12.00	5.30
Friday 13 th	Witney	09.00	1.00	7.20
Tuesday 17 th	Banbury (limited seats)	08.30	1.00	10.70
Wednesday 18 th	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	Variable
Friday 20 th	Gloucester & Quays	08.30	12.30	9.00
Monday 23rd	Central Swindon	08.30	12.15	5.90
Friday 27 th	Dobbies Garden Centre	09.00	2.00	3.80
Friday 27 th	Cheltenham	08.30	1.00	8.60

All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station All departure times are from the Fire Station and NOT arrival at your home.

{Please note from **Oct 1st** there are fare increases.} To book seats please ring 01285 713852 (Jill or Clive) or pop into the Community Centre Office Mon-Fri 0800-1200

What's on at **Whelford Social Club**

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

Saturday 21st November—Live Music

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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