

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter



**November 2020**

# *KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL*

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## **Parish Council Meeting Dates**

Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom video conferencing software until further notice.

If any member of the public wishes to participate, please contact the Clerk for further information. It would also be helpful if the topic of any questions to be asked could be provided in advance.

Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.45pm

Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 7.45pm

## **Bonfires**

At this time of year many people are tidying up their gardens.

Please be considerate to your neighbours in respect of bonfires.

## **Overhanging Vegetation**

If your property borders a public footpath please can you ensure that any overhanging vegetation is cut back. Thank you

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND RESTRICTION OF VARIOUS ROADS COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Gloucestershire County Council intend to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to temporarily close and restrict part of the roads as detailed in the Schedule extract below.

### SCHEDULE EXTRACT

Road Name	Closure Extent (From)	Closure Extent (To)	Parish/Town	Approx. Length	Type of Restriction
3/171 High Street Kempford	3/175 road from High Street to District Boundary	4/07259 Swynford Close, Kempford	Kempford	690 metres	Restricted Days (09:30 to 15:30)
3/172 Chapel Road, Kempford	3/171 High Street, Kempford	3/172 Whelford Road	Kempford	160 metres	Restricted Days (09:30 to 15:30)

The reason for the closure is for carriageway resurfacing. The roads are expected to be closed and restricted on a rolling programme commencing 17th November 2020 where the presence of approved signage will indicate whether the closures and restrictions are in force. Further advance warnings of dates/times will be displayed on site prior to the closure taking effect. This order can permit the closure and restriction of the roads in any order, or simultaneously as required and it is anticipated all works will be completed by 31st December 2020.

There will be no parking or waiting permitted throughout the duration of the works.

Pedestrian access to premises on or next to the road and emergency access will be maintained.

For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514 514 or visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk).



COTSWOLD  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# New fly-tipping reporting service goes live



**Residents will be able to report fly-tips more easily thanks to an improved service from Cotswold District Council.**

A new online form will allow the user to pinpoint the fly-tip on an interactive map so they don't have to spend time trying to describe the location or looking up a postcode.

That makes it is easier for the Council team to locate and with previously reported cases visible, it also means less duplication, allowing a quicker investigation and clean-up.

If a resident calls for more information about their report, the customer services team can give more detailed case information on the spot.

Cllr Andrew Doherty, Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and the Environment, said: "Fly-tipping is a crime as well as blight on the environment which we take very seriously.

"These improvements make it easier for residents to report fly-tipping, ensuring it is possible to clean-up fly-tips more effectively and pursue offenders more quickly."

To report a fly-tip see: <https://community.cotswold.gov.uk/s/fly-tip>

## 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 <a href="mailto:Jvkhoo@aol.com">Jvkhoo@aol.com</a> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)	20:00-21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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	*Mark Britt, Vice-chair	*Jo Colson, Treasurer
Joy Cross, Secretary	*Mel Denny, Bookings Secretary	*Kate Collins
Caroline Gooch	Amy Durban	Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding
	Mark Strange, Parish Council Rep.	
	* Denotes Trustee	

To contact any Committee Member email [infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net](mailto:infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net)

New members are always welcome



ADVANCE NOTICE!

FESTIVE CAKE STALL ORGANISED BY  
KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Unfortunately due to the current Covid-19 situation we regret that we are not able to re-open the monthly café for the time being.

However we are planning to hold a table sale of seasonally festive cakes for Christmas on

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11 am - 2 pm.**

We are also planning a pre-ordering and home delivery service on this date, please contact Dawn on 01285 810419 after 1<sup>st</sup> December for more details.

**DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021  
NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2020 PLEASE**



**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*



## **COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Community Friends' Covid-19 Support Fund established to provide financial support to local organisations, charities, volunteer groups, families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid-19 remains open for applications. To date from 41 applications grants of approximately £46,300 have been made providing financial support to 33 different charities, organisations, families and individuals within our area of benefit.

Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications ([www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)).

### **Fairford WI – Donation**

Many thanks to Fairford WI for their donation of £502 which was raised by their members by making and selling face masks within the community. The cheque is being handed to Graham Hewitt by Jean Moulden, Beth Dennis and Judith Butler (Guess who's who)!



If you want to make a donation you can do so online through our website [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or by sending cheques 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

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

**Graham Hewitt, Chairman**  
**Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)**  
**[www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)**

# ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

## Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or [revkimbrown10a@gmail.com](mailto:revkimbrown10a@gmail.com)

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson [dizzylizzie@sky.com](mailto:dizzylizzie@sky.com)

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 [keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com](mailto:keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com)

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

**It's half term as I write and I hope all our amazing teachers and staff** from Kempsford primary school, along with the children and their families, are managing to take a well-earned breather. I hope the fun of the Scarecrow Festival will lift all our spirits.

**We are now entering what's known as the Season of Remembrance**, which will begin with our All Saints service at church on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm, remembering all we love who are no longer with us and reading out their names as a perpetual memory. We think especially of all who have lost loved ones during this time of Covid, perhaps unable to gather family and friends together to mourn and support one another. We will pray for comfort and peace for them all.

Then we will celebrate Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10:50am – our short service this year will take place wholly outside at the war memorial in the graveyard, and we ask everyone who can to wear a mask and observe social distancing to show care for one another.

**It's an important time for us all, as we reflect on the enormous sacrifice that so many made for the lives of others they didn't know. We are currently living** through a time of national suffering, with privations to our freedom and movement, but these are small in comparison to those who served in the two Great Wars and many conflicts since then. I pray we will take these opportunities to come together, to give thanks for all those who laid down their **lives for us, and in their honour consider how we can live out Jesus' words to love our neighbour as ourselves in these strange days.**

Best wishes, Rev Kim



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## CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

### Sunday November 1st **All Saints' Day**

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Kempsford
9:30 am	Service of The Word	Castle Eaton

### Sunday November 8 th Remembrance Sunday

10.45 am	Service of Remembrance	Kempsford**
10.50 am	Service of Remembrance	Castle Eaton

### Sunday November 15 th

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Whelford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Castle Eaton
4.00 pm	Family Service	Kempsford

### Sunday November 22 nd

9:30 am	Service of The Word	Castle Eaton
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Kempsford

### Sunday November 29 th First Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	Celebration Service for all 5 churches	Kempsford
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**St Mary's, Kempsford is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays for private prayer and reflection**

Morning Prayer is said Mondays to Fridays on the Facebook page The 5 Villages

\*\*The whole service at Kempsford will take place outside at the War Memorial. Please observe social distancing.

# FOOD BANK

**There is a box for collections for the Foodbank inside St Mary's Church, Kempford.**

With the onset of winter there will also be a box in the porch to accept donations. Please ensure the lid is put back firmly to discourage animals or birds.

Items always needed are:

Chocolate Treats for children

Long Life Juice

Tea Bags (40s/80s)

Jars of Instant Coffee

Toiletries

Instant Mash/Tinned Potatoes



## RAINBOWS – 1st Kempford Rainbows

We are looking for new girls to join our dynamic and enthusiastic group, if your daughter is between 5-7 and you want to know a little bit more about it then please get in contact we will only be too happy to see you there.

Rhubarb (Caroline Gooch)

1st Kempford Rainbows 07826939718/email

1stkempfordrainbows@gmail.com

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

## **NATO EXERCISE LOYAL LEDA 2020 (LOLE20)**

You may have noticed some activity on Site 16 at RAF Fairford, which is a small site across the road from the main base along the Whelford to Kempsford road. This activity involves preparations for a forthcoming NATO exercise, led by personnel from the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) based at Imjin Barracks in Gloucester.

The exercise was originally planned to take place in Germany and Poland, but due to Covid-19, is now largely UK based. The main exercise is split between the airfield at the Duke of Gloucester Barracks (South Cerney) and RAF Fairford. The exercise will be controlled and assessed by NATO's Joint Force Training Centre in Poland.

The exercise's main training audience is HQ ARRC, which is comprised of staff from 21 of NATO's 30 member countries and is the UK's main contribution to NATO. Other national elements supporting the exercise include Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Romania and USA.

Preparations for the exercise on Site 16 are already under way, and you may have seen the training site under construction. The main exercise will take place between 1 and 20 November, and there are likely to be in the region of 1,500 personnel involved across the two sites (South Cerney and Fairford). You are unlikely to see many people outside the exercise area as personnel will be living and working on site, operating in small teams. The site should be cleared again by early to mid-December. Please note that the ARRC exercise is not part of the USAF activity at RAF Fairford and will not include aircraft participation.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, the decision could still be taken to significantly change the exercise or scale of deployment from their home base at Imjin Barracks.

### **CONCEPT AND SCALE OF EXERCISE.**

Following agreement on NATO's new long-term commitments plan, HQ ARRC completed a period of corps recalibration in 2019, prior to two years (2020-2021) on stand-by as NATO's first warfighting corps headquarters since the cold war. Planning and preparation for LOLE20 started in early-2019, but was changed significantly due to the Covid-19 crisis.

The aim of the LOLE20 exercise is for HQ ARRC to complete their NATO combat readiness evaluation and be certified at full operating capability as NATO's warfighting corps at readiness. This means HQ ARRC is ready to be deployed at short-notice by NATO on large scale operations up to and including high intensity warfare. This would see the headquarters command and control up to 120,000 multinational troops across the full spectrum of military operations.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION.**

More information on the ARRC may be found on their website (<https://arrc.nato.int>) and social media pages (@AlliedRapidReactionCorps and @HQARRC).

Any Press Queries can be directed to HQ ARRC [contact@arrc.nato.int](mailto:contact@arrc.nato.int).



If you live in or around RAF Fairford, then you will have seen (and heard!) B-52 Stratofortress bomber aircraft in the skies around the base over the past few weeks. So what were they doing here?

Six U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress bomber aircraft from the 5th Bomb Wing, based at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota, arrived at RAF Fairford on 22 August for a long planned training mission. These training missions provide theater familiarisation for the members of the aircrew, as well as opportunities for USAF integration with NATO allies and partners. The bomber training missions enhance readiness and the ability to respond to any potential crisis or challenge across the globe.

The B-52's departed RAF Fairford at the end of September and returned to Minot Air Base and back to their families. **“During this past month we’ve flown over 50 sorties, alongside allies and partners from 30 countries, and integrated with 100 partner aircraft – and even the U.S.S. Roosevelt – as we’ve flown missions in the North Sea, Baltic, Barents, Black Sea, East Mediterranean and Adriatic Sea regions,”** said Gen Jeff Harrigian. **“And as awesome as that sounds, it’s still only a fraction of what we are capable of, and really highlights the ability of a combined force to deter and defend.”**

**Ongoing bomber missions from RAF Fairford show the U.S. Air Force’s ability to continue** executing flying missions, sustain readiness and support NATO allies and partners, regardless of any external challenge, including the current Covid-19 crisis.

These bomber missions represent the U.S. commitment to allies and enhance regional security. **“The opportunity for our bomber aircrews to deploy to Fairford and refine their skill set along with partner nations is an invaluable experience”** said Lt. Gen. Steven L. Basham, United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa deputy commander. **“Our sustained forward presence increases our operational capability and shows our solidarity with NATO.”**

If you would like to read more about activities at RAF Fairford:

Official imagery and video can be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/feature>

[/bombertaskforceeurope](https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/bombertaskforceeurope) (users can create a free account)

View official statements at: [https://www.usafe.af.mil/News/ Press-Releases/](https://www.usafe.af.mil/News/Press-Releases/)

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or  
the United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) [https://www.facebook.com/ HQUSAFE](https://www.facebook.com/HQUSAFE)

If you “like” these pages you will get all the updates.

## Recently reported Scams To Be Aware of -

- A local resident received a call from Mastercard stating that £600 was about to be taken from their account and sent to an account overseas. If they did not wish this to happen, they should Press 1 immediately to block the transaction. They rang Mastercard 50 minutes later, resisting the temptation to press 1 even though this appeared to be an emergency.

Mastercard informed them that no money had been taken from their account in the intervening period, and that this must be a scam, which would have been triggered by pressing 1.

- We have also had a call where a card has been put through a door warning of a home in Bourton-on-the-Water- Note reads:

Please note and pass to contacts - Xmas is fast approaching Royal Mail and Trading Standards are making people aware of a scam . If you receive a card through the door from PDS parcel delivery - (Premium rate call number) Do not ring this number as you will immediately be charged £345 for the call. Contact the Post Office Fraud Service ( Another premium rate phone number )

- Drivers are being warned to watch out for emails claiming to be from the DVLA asking them to verify their driving licence details. The email asks recipients to click on a link to verify their details with the DVLA, who is said to be upgrading their database.

Remember: the DVLA never sends texts or emails which ask you to confirm personal information or payment details via a link.

The scam involves drivers receiving an email that informs them that their latest **vehicle tax payment has failed. ... The DVLA says, "We never send emails that ask you to confirm your personal details or payment information. "If you get anything like this, do not open any links and delete the email immediately."**

We advise against falling for these new scams. Be aware of automated calls and if you receive a note through the door do not call the numbers as they could be premium rated numbers.



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**REINDEER ROMP**

**SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER**



Walk or run 5 or 10 miles for Longfield

[www.longfield.org.uk/longfield-reindeer-romp](http://www.longfield.org.uk/longfield-reindeer-romp)

Charity No. 298627

# The Age UK Gloucestershire Grapevine

The Autumn issue of our Grapevine activity pack and newsletter is now available for you to enjoy. It's full of activities, ideas and suggestions for things to do to fill those colder Autumn days when we will be forced indoors more often.

From indoor gardening tips and Autumn cooking ideas to armchair activities and gentle exercises, there's something for everyone. We invite you to tell us what you think, how you've been filling your time and what you've created over the past few months and your feedback could be featured in future issues.

Grapevine also has all the latest news from Age UK Gloucestershire about how we support older people and their families across the county.



To view online please visit -

<http://www.ageukgloucestershire.org.uk/>

Or for more information and to request a paper copy call 01452 422660 or email [Helpteam@ageukgloucestershire.org.uk](mailto:Helpteam@ageukgloucestershire.org.uk)

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	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	<a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/">https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/</a>	
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
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Steve Trotter	Steve.trotter@cotswold.gov.uk	07710 405323
	Stephen Andrews	Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	01285 810663
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
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Online



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'Kempsford Mums & Dads'