Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter NOVEMBER 2022

Gifts & More Craft Fair



Raising funds to support the church in the community and to improve facilities at our churches for services, community events and celebrations.

A Year in the Country 2023 Calendar

consisting of 24 prize winning photos by local amateur photographers will be available to purchase at the Craft Fair

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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PARSIH COUNCIL & OTHER MEETING DATES

Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall Tuesday 20th December at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Vandalism

There have been episodes of graffiti recently on signs and play equipment in Kempsford and Castle Eaton.

If you see anything untoward please report it to the Police using the non-emergency number 101. Thank you.

COMBINED DEC 2022/JAN 2023 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2022 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ Thursday 10th November 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!

Kempsford Village Hall Bingo and Supper evening

Saturday 19th November 2022 in the Village Hall doors open 6.30pm for eyes down 7pm. Cash prizes — Raffle

Join us for a fun evening in a warm space.



Kempsford Craft Club

Thursday 17th November

1-3pm at Kempsford Village Hall

Come along and make a Cross Stitch Christmas Card
£3.00 to include refreshments

Christmas Soirée Friday 9th December 6:30pm at Kempsford Church.

Come along and enjoy a free evening of musical entertainment provided by my beautiful children's choir, soloists and pianists.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the interval.

All are welcome.

Sharon Elliott

Fairford & District Choral Society Christmas Concert

We will be performing Handel's Messiah at St Mary's Church, Fairford on

Saturday 3 December at 19.30.

Tickets are £15 and available from Fairford Optician 11 High Street Fairford 01285 713313.

Conductor: Katrine Reimers, Organist: Robin Baggs, Soprano: Charlotte Newstead, Alto: Olivia Gomez, Tenor: John Bacon, Bass: Matthew Welch, Trumpet: Stephen Cutting

Kempsford Village Hall booking for the month

	Sunday	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
AM		10:00 - 11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754					
PM		15:30 - 16:30 Rainbows Caroline Gooch		17:30 - 18:30 Youth Club (Term time only)	12:00 - 14:00 Post Office Monthly Café (Café 2nd Thurs of the month)		
			20:00 - 21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2nd Tuesday)		15:30 - 17:00 Brownies Philippa Griffin 01285 810754/ 0779 3562704		
Evening	20:00 - 21:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna		19:45 - 21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)				

CAN YOU HELP?

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL urgently needs new committee members due to the 'retirement' of some long-standing members. Can you spare a few hours a month? Do you have ideas for new village events or fundraising? If so please contact one of us - email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net.

KEMPSEORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Luke Fry, Bookings Secretary *Kathy Woodward, Secretary *Amy Durban, Health & Safety Karen Saunders, Parish Council Rep *Jo Colson, Treasurer Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding Louise Edwards

* Denotes Trustee

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome!

^{*}Hannah Dickens, Chair

Rev Kim Brown



Important information regarding the future of Kempsford Brownies

Kempsford Brownies urgently needs a volunteer to take over and run the unit as it is with regret that I am unable to continue running Kempsford brownies after the end of the term in December 2022.

This has been a really difficult decision for me to make, but my role at Kempsford was only supposed to be an interim one and I have found myself still running it nearly 5 years later. I also run Quenington Brownies and am the local Division Commissioner and on top of a full-time job, I have found that I'm spreading myself too thin.

I'm actively looking for a replacement to take over, but if no one can be found, regrettably the unit will have to close.

Full training would be given for this fulfilling role and Girlguiding is a wonderful organisation to be involved with, offering friendships and so many opportunities to develop your personal and professional skills. Girlguiding offers a vast array of Elearning and face-to-face training from Safe Space and First Aid to writing Risk Assessments and learning new games.

I've been involved with Girlguiding since I was 18 which is quite a number of years now, and I've enjoyed every minute of it. It has given me confidence with so many things and to see the girls enjoying themselves and coming every week to my meetings is enough accolade.

Please do get in touch if you would like you would like more information on running a brownie unit.

Many thanks
Philippa Griffin
kempsfordbrownieunit@gmail.com
0779 3562704

KEMPSFORD SPEEDWATCH GROUP

Kempsford Speedwatch Group seeks additional new members. We set up speed awareness monitoring stations at numerous spots: along Top Rd, Whelford Rd entrance to Kempsford, High Street and the Reevey. Can you spare a couple of hours twice a month or 4 one hour sessions??? We are desperate to make our village safe; we don't want children, dog walkers, pensioners or anyone for that matter, knocked over in our village. A small band of volunteers can make a difference as we strive for a permanent speed camera - Together we can make a difference! If interested, please contact Andy Lee on alee32@btinternet.com THANK YOU.



We're recruiting Volunteer Advisers

Do you have 8-10 hours to spare per week and are interested in gaining new skills in a friendly environment? Would you like to do a volunteering role that is both challenging and rewarding?

Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswold Districts is looking for volunteers to help us deliver our service giving information and advice to clients. No prior experience necessary. Our next training programme starts early 2023.

To find out more about the role and what is involved, please head to our website: www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk

Information sessions will take place: Wednesday, 9 November, 2 - 3.30 pm at Cirencester Monday 14 November, 10.30 am - 12 noon at Stroud

To register your interest in one of the above sessions, or to have a chat about volunteering with us, please contact

Britta Lippiatt Learning & Development Officer britta.lippiatt@ca-scd.org.uk 01285 425543

Parkinson's UK - Cricklade Cafe

Hello to everyone who has helped the Parkinson's UK - Cricklade Cafe to survive and provide support and friendship to those recently diagnosed or further along with their Parkinson's journey.

The latest sad news for the UK is confirmed that "Two people are diagnosed with Parkinson's each hour of each day, every day."

The Parkinson's UK (PUK) - Cricklade cafe meets on the third Wednesday of each month, at The Cricklade Club, High Street SN66AY - 10:30 - 12:00 and all with Parkinson's (wherever you live) and their carers are always welcome to attend if they wish.

We are a friendly social group, providing support, answers and more questions. Great drinks and cakes are availabe to purchase. We are extremely grateful that The Cricklade Club have provided us with such a great venue and happy staff to make us feel more than welcome. At our September Cricklade cafe, thirty six people attended, including four new visitors.

We are now regularly hosting expert visitors who come and talk to the visitors by mingling amongst us and helping further with those endless questions?

October 19th PUK Cricklade Cafe, we welcome Rachel Gardner, Lead Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist from GWH Swindon.

December 21st PUK Cricklade Cafe, we will once again be visited by Ashley Harris, Community Connector from Carer Support Wiltshire.

Other regular key visitors do appear unannounced and they are always welcomed too including PUK Head Office or Branch and / or PUK committee members and Volunteers from Malmesbury, Cirencester, Shrivenham and Swindon.

We look forward to seeing our visitors, both regulars or new faces at a future PUK - Cricklade Cafe. No need to book, just turn up when it suits you to get there and you will receive a warm welcome.

If you do have any questions regarding the above, please contact:

parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com or call Vincent on 07951 944760

PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR A SKATE PARK FOR FAIRFORD

To make this happen, we need to raise £99,423*. We are nearly halfway there – which is fantastic! But we need your help.

Every pledge will help to make this project a success. It's not just the amount raised, but the number of backers that will influence whether Cotswold District Council and other grant awarding bodies will consider contributing to the fundraising.

Please show your support by making a pledge. Thank you.

You can make your pledge by following the link below or scan the QR code:

www.spacehive.com/skateparkfairford



If you are interested in helping to fundraise for this project or would like to donate towards it, we would love to hear from you. Please contact clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk.

*The £99,423 is made up of £75,000 to build the skate park, £14,500 to install lighting, £5,500 to connect an electricity supply, £4,423 Spacehive admin fee. How crowdfunding works: you make your pledge, the funds are taken from your account and held by Spacehive – if the project gets full backing the money is transferred to the Town Council. If the project does not reach full backing and cannot go ahead, all pledges are refunded in full.

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 churchwarden@kempsford.net
or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

I've just returned from a few days away on retreat in Northumberland. Time to slow down and rest, pray and ponder. It has done me good, restoring my optimism and hope despite the madness of the markets, the policies and the politicians ever changing around us. I spent time at a retreat house that takes inspiration from nature and the Celtic saints; they lived a life grounded in the ebb and flow of the seasons and a rhythm of prayer three times a day, stopping to hand over the worries of the day to God and breathe in much needed peace.

Praying at the start of the day, at midday and again at the end of the day gives structure and space to say thank you for all that was good, learn from what was not so good, and let go of the things I can't control back into God's hands. I hope you can find some space and peace to re-set when the stress all around us punctures our peace of mind.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our recent Long Table meals, and all who came along to eat with neighbours and friends. There was a lovely atmosphere at the long tables as everyone relaxed together. The next meals will take place on Monday 7th November and Monday 5th December, at 3.30pm and 5.30pm (closing at 4.30pm to set up for the next meal). **It's hugely helpful if we** have an idea of how many to cater for so please book in by emailing revkimbrown10a@gmail.com or calling 01285 810954.

We really could do with a few more volunteers to go on a rota to help: prep the food at 11am/ cook the food at 1pm / wash up 4.30pm & 6.30pm / put away tables etc at the end 7pm, please let me know if you can help.

There will be a Taize service, quiet and meditative by candle and firelight, at Jenners Barn, Whelford on Sunday 13th November at 4pm, all are welcome.

I'll leave you with a blessing from the Celtic saints:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

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

Church Services

Sunday 6 November	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 November	10.50 am At the War Memorial, Kempsford	Service of Remembrance
	4pm Jenner's Barn, Whelford	Taize
Sunday 20 November	9.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion
	4 pm Kempsford	Family Service
Sunday 27 November	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion

Morning Prayer continues to take place, via The 5 Villages Facebook page, every weekday at 8 am.

St Mary's is now open every day for prayer and reflection from 10 am till 4 pm St **Anne's** is open on Fridays for prayer and reflection.

Thank you for your continued generous donations to the Food bank. Collection boxes are in place in the porches at both St Mary's and St Anne's and are emptied regularly. Items that are particularly in short supply at the moment are: Sweets & chocolate, Jam, peanut butter, marmite spreads, breakfast bars, sponge puddings, custard, and longlife large juice cartons.

Forward date your diaries:

Saturday 5 November 10 am till midday in Kempsford church: Filling of Christmas Boxes for Teams4U. Donations welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Monday 7 November 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm in the Village School Hall: The Long Table Community Meals. All are welcome but let Rev Kim know so about dietary requirement and numbers

Friday 11 November at 10.50 am: Kempsford Primary School comes to the War Memorial for an Act of Remembrance.

Kempsford Church of England Primary School School News

November 2022

TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS

Term 1 Value: Respect

Term 1 Learning Skill: Tommy Teamwork

There were a few changes at school over the summer and a number of new members of staff joined us in September.

"Welcome to Team Kempsford Mrs Hamlet, Mrs Hindle-Cooper, Mr Dickens, Mrs Vickery-Cummings, Mrs Hester and Mrs Wyborn"

Our reception children have had a fantastic start to the new academic year and have settled in well. They enjoyed visiting the Village Cafe!

All the children took part in a fun Fitness Afternoon earlier in the term and have finished this term with a House Sports Morning.

We would like to thank Rev Kim for her support this term with church services and Forest School! Thanks also to the wonderful Open The Book Team - the children love the interaction and bible stories.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 1st November.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Fletcher H. William G. Mrs Miller





CLUBS TERM 2

Monday

KS1 Yoga with At West Cottage

Tuesday

- Reception and KS1 Multisports
- KS2 Nature Inspired Art

Wednesday

- KS2 Football
- * Y1-Y6 Maths Club

Thursday

- * KS2 Multisports
- KS2 Science Club
- Y1-Y6 Polish Club

Friday

* KS2 Yoga with At West Cottage

UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER

IN SCHOOL

Remembrance Service in Church

Children in Need Day - wearing spotty or odd socks or both to school to raise awareness.

Reception and KS1 visit to see The Demon Dentist at the Wyvern Theatre, Swindon

KS2 visit to see Robin Hood at the Barn Theatre, Cirencester

COMMUNITY WIDE

Monday 7th November - The Long Table

Tuesday 29th November - The Big 'Friends of Kempsford' Quiz. Please contact the school for further details

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 5th December - The Long Table

Friday 9th December - Christmas Fun Day with Mini Christmas Fair at 3:15pm - ALL WELCOME! Stall holders welcome to take a table for a small fee - please ask the school office for details

Telephone: 01285 810367 Email: admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk



CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

Each pack has 10 cards and envelopes with a beautiful fesive design

£3.50 PER PACK



Cards can be bought from various supporting organisations and at our Craft Fair at Lechlade Memorial Hall, Sunday 27th November 2022, 11-3pm

www.friendsoffairford.org.uk





FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages. (Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)



News and Information from your Community Friends

FESTIVE CRAFT FAIR

27th November, Lechlade Pavilion and Memorial Hall 11am – 3pm: Come along to our annual Craft Fair and Raffle, with a host of small local business stalls offering festive delights, light refreshments and homemade cakes.

CHARITY CALENDAR 2023

Be the first in line to pre-order one of our cheeky charity calendars for 2023, featuring local businesses and organisations and with plenty of space for all your 2023 plans! £15 per calendar or £20 for two. Get in touch with Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk to secure your order — limited print run so don't delay. They will also be available to purchase at the Craft Fair and various Fairford businesses.

CHRISTMAS CARDS SALE

Charity Christmas Cards for sale, £3.50 for a pack of 10, with a beautiful festive design. 60% of each pack purchased will be donated to the Charity to support the services we provide in the local community. Cards for sale from various supporting organisations and available at our Festive Craft Fair (27th November).

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are seeking volunteers to help us in our Lechlade Charity Shop and as volunteer drivers for our Patient Transport Service. If you can spare a few hours a week, please do get in touch:

Charity Shop: call Linda on 01367 252189, email shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk or pop in to speak to a member of the team.

Patient Transport: Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

LUNCH CLUBS

We hope to bring back our lunch clubs for the elderly towards the end of the year, to provide a meal and social interaction for those at risk of loneliness or isolation. If you know somebody that would benefit from this, or would be able to volunteer to help, please get in touch to be added to our interest list: Contact Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300.



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PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities are offering a free prescription delivery service in our local area. If you, or anyone you know, is entitled to free prescriptions but is unable to collect them, please call or email our patient transport coordinator who can provide more information: Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

Run by the Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities Nursing Team. A drop in café for anyone that has suffered a loss and would like to talk. First Friday of every month in The Heritage Room, Fairford Community Centre, 10:00 to 12:00. No booking required. Donations welcome. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

If you would like to make a donation you can do so online through our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Charity Shop, Lloyds Chambers, High Street, Lechlade, Glos GL7 3AE.

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

Shelley Welsh, Chair Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)



SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022 11AM - 3PM Lechlade Memorial Hall and Pavilion

CHARITY CRAFT FAIR

A whole host of festive stalls for you to enjoy and our Annual Raffle

FREE ENTRY FREE PARKING AND FREE TATTOOS FOR CHILDREN

Light refreshments, homemade cakes and mince pies available to enjoy

For more information, please follow us on Facebook or Instagram, see our website or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

www.friendsoffairford.org.uk

COME AND BAG A BARGAIN AT THE SOUTHROP SCHOOL PTA



SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022

1 - 2.30PM

CLOTHING, BOOKS, TOYS, BRIC A BRAC

ENTRANCE £1

Donation Times: Wednesday 2nd November 8.45-11.45am Friday 4th 1-2.45pm, Saturday 5th 9.30-11.30am For more information contact PTA@Southrop.gloucs.sch.uk

REMEBRANCE DAY CONCERT

THE WILLSHIRE PIANO DUO A SPLASH OF RED CIRENCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH 7.30 PM FRIDAY, NOV 11, 2022



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.CIRENCESTERMVC.CO.UK AND AT CIRENCESTER VISITOR CENTRE AND BINGHAM HOUSE

TICKETS £10 - UNDER 16S FREE

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

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Church Wardens	Keith Howlett	churchwarden@kempsford.net	01285 712268
	Elizabeth Emberson	dizzylizzy@sky.com	
Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
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Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Brownies	Philippa Griffin	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/	
Cricket	Anthony Axel-Berg		07766222951
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		810035
Scottish & Southern Electricity		Reporting of power cuts	105
			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	GLOUCESTERSHIRE	highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
	WILTSHIRE	northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk	0300 456 0105
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			07500894702
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(see Parish Council page for Councillors)		Council.net	
Newsletter items	Mrs Teresa Griffin	As above	0781 8626158
Kempsford Website		www.kempsford.net	
Kempsford Parish Council Website		www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net	







A Year in the Country 2023 Calendar







24 prize winning photos by local amateur photographers

A4 landscape size, white wire bound, silk board with envelope for posting

On sale 12th November at Gifts & More Craft Fair 10.30am – 3.30pm Kempsford Village Hall

Email Ann at churchfundraising@kempsford.net