

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter



**October 2018**

# KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 16th October 2018	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Whelford Village Hall
Tuesday 20th November 2018	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Whelford Village Hall

## Cotswold District Council Planning

### *Decisions made:*

Reference	Development	Location	Decision
18/01751/FUL	Formation of vehicular access	2 Popes Court, Whelford	Application Permitted

***Please visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) for further information***

## NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER PLEASE**

Email: [clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net](mailto:clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net)

# Kempsford Village Hall



## KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT

The refurbishment of the rear of the Village Hall is underway and the work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The improvements include levelling the floor throughout the rear of the building, provision of disabled toilet facilities and new unisex toilets, a small meeting room, a changing room with shower, a new kitchen area and improved storage.

The work is being undertaken by A & L Builders of Fairford.

**For Bookings, contact Kate Collins on 01285 810478 or email:  
[villagehallbookings@kempsford.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@kempsford.net)**

### Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Hannah Dickens (Chair) *	Tel: 07597 625284	Pete Wolfenden (Vice Chair) *	Tel: 01285 810477
Caroline Jacobs (Treasurer) *	Tel: 07921 725402	Pete Robinson *	Tel: 01285 810356
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Kate Collins (Booking Sec.) *	Tel: 01285 810478	Ruth Gray	Tel: 01285 810747
Mark Britt *	Tel: 07771 506527	* Denotes Trustee Member	

*New members are always welcome!*

# Kempsford **Online**

Kempsford now has its own Facebook page -  
**'Kempsford Village'**



[https://www.facebook.com/groups/193043111328394/?fb\\_dtsg\\_ag=Adw9eon8lsr1UwaOzaEdufohdzz4ojfgoHpfMJ8TAF0nnQ%3AAdxjEeF8nt4VEtw5HttEKeAlmliGvAIHIV7BFwK11s\\_Rmg](https://www.facebook.com/groups/193043111328394/?fb_dtsg_ag=Adw9eon8lsr1UwaOzaEdufohdzz4ojfgoHpfMJ8TAF0nnQ%3AAdxjEeF8nt4VEtw5HttEKeAlmliGvAIHIV7BFwK11s_Rmg)

Available for use for the Kempford Village residents to discuss village matters, Events, Buy & sell **within the village & advertise business's** based here.

Please do pop along & join us!

We also have a sister group - **'Kempsford Mums & Dads'**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/193043111328394/?fb\\_dtsg\\_ag=Adw9eon8lsr1UwaOzaEdufohdzz4ojfgoHpfMJ8TAF0nnQ%3AAdxjEeF8nt4VEtw5HttEKeAlmliGvAIHIV7BFwK11s\\_Rmg](https://www.facebook.com/groups/193043111328394/?fb_dtsg_ag=Adw9eon8lsr1UwaOzaEdufohdzz4ojfgoHpfMJ8TAF0nnQ%3AAdxjEeF8nt4VEtw5HttEKeAlmliGvAIHIV7BFwK11s_Rmg)

This group is for any parents living in Kempford, Whelford or Dunfield, Whether you have a newborn baby or a older child if you would like to get to know Mums & Dads within the village to arrange coffee meet ups, Walks or Playdates then please do come & join us.

Were even planning 'Parents night outs' at the village pub.

# Whelford Village Hall



**FREE** fast broadband available to all Hirers

For bookings, contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or  
email—374croft@gmail.com

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Whelford Village Party  
Saturday 13th October

**6.30pm at Jenner's Barn**

This year will be a sit-down harvest type supper with meat carvery and everyone to bring a pudding if your surname begins with A — M, or a salad if your surname begins with N — Z.

No need to bring chairs, plates or cutlery.

BAR AVAILABLE

£7.50 per person, children under 16 free.

Ring Lindsey on 712012 or Sue on 712979  
for tickets.



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Have your say on our Council Tax support scheme

Each year the Council has to decide whether to make changes to the administration of its council tax support scheme for working age people on a low income in the Cotswolds. This year we are consulting on possible changes to the scheme from 1 April 2019 which would completely exempt our poorest residents from Council Tax payments. In other words, the maximum amount of Council Tax discount will now be 100%.

Changes being proposed include:

Introducing a banded scheme which would see a simple flat rate percentage **discount awarded, depending on a person's total weekly 'net' income**. For the purposes of calculating weekly income, the Council would ignore all child maintenance payments.

Changes proposed will have no impact for those in vulnerable groups or those in receipt of a state pension.

[Comment now on changes to our Council Tax payments - see https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XX32B2P](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XX32B2P)

The deadline for comments is midnight on Friday 9 November.

Since 2013/14 the funding received from central government to support the local working age scheme has continued to reduce in line with other central funding cuts and is expected to continue to reduce over the coming year.

The Council Tax Reduction Scheme was introduced in April 2013, replacing **Council Tax benefits and is part of the Government's major overhaul of the welfare system.**

Following this round of consultation, CDC councillors will consider a report before deciding on any changes to the current scheme.

# Volunteering Opportunities in Kempford Parish

If you have time to spare why not consider helping with these worthy causes?

## Rainbows (for all girls aged five to seven)

Rainbows learn by doing – they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts and play games. Being a Rainbow is all about having the space to try new things. Through taking part in a range of different activities with girls their own age, Rainbows develop self-confidence and make lots of new friends. We're looking for volunteers to assist with the running and planning of weekly meetings (Wednesday 4pm - 5pm) during term time.

## Brownies (for all girls aged between seven to 10)

The Brownie programme deserves to be called an adventure. The name reflects the world of new opportunities, challenges and fun that girls become part of when they join. Girls go along to camps, holidays, day trips and sleepovers. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, play music, explore other cultures and have outdoor adventures.

As well as following the Brownie Adventure programme, girls choose from interest badges related to things they want to know more about.

We're looking for volunteers to assist with the running and planning of weekly meetings (Thursday 3.30pm - 5pm) during term time.

For more information contact Philippa Griffin ([kempfordbrownieunit@gmail.com](mailto:kempfordbrownieunit@gmail.com)) or visit <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk> to register an interest.

If any other organisations are looking for volunteers and would like to advertise here please contact Mark Strange ([mark.a.strange@gmail.com](mailto:mark.a.strange@gmail.com))

## Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

What's on -

**Saturday 13th October —Live Music**

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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

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

Team Vicar – John Partington  
01285 750332; john.p@sctm.church

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell (01285 712821)

Churchwarden – Elizabeth Emberson (dizlizzie@sky.com)

Remember, remember ..

We're approaching a time of year when the church, and the wider community, pays more attention to remembrance. This year of course sees the centenary of the end of the First World War – sadly not the “war to end all wars” that was hoped at the time. **Remembrance Sunday** in fact falls on Armistice Day, November 11th, and we shall mark the occasion in our villages with extra solemnity. More details in next month's newsletter!

We also remember more generally those who have died – those whose funerals we have taken in our churches in recent months, and all who are dear to our church – members and other village residents. We've an **In Memoriam** service at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 30th, part of our All Saintside celebrations, at which we shall remember loved ones by name . Please let me or other church –members know if you'd like someone special to you to be commemorated in this way.

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Good news at last about the staffing of our parish – in the shorter and longer term.

In the short term we've secured funding to employ a clergyperson to work in Kempsford & Whelford for two –and-a-half days a week, starting this coming month. I shall continue with some of my involvement, but – to a degree that I don't have time to – he'll be able to be part of village life during the week. More details will be given shortly, and with the work that he and I do our villages will soon have more clergy input than for a while.

In the longer term it's been agreed to explore enlarging the vicar job here so as to make it a full -time paid post. The main reason we've been so long without a resident vicar is the difficulty that we, like all churches, find in recruiting part-time clergy. I have no doubt at all that when the job becomes 'stipendiary' (as the church calls it) at some point next year, we shall have no difficulty in finding an excellent vicar to live in the village.

*John Partington*



# CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

## **Sunday 7**

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Whelford	<i>JP</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Kempsford	<i>JP</i>
9.30 am	Harvest Festival	Castle Eaton	<i>JP</i>

## **Sunday 14**

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Castle Eaton	<i>PP</i>
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Kempsford	<i>RM</i>

## **Sunday 21**

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Castle Eaton	<i>JP</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Whelford	<i>RS</i>
4.00 pm	Family Service	Kempsford	<i>NS</i>

## **Sunday 28**

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Kempsford	<i>MB</i>
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Castle Eaton	<i>RS</i>

## **Tuesday 30**

6.00 pm	In Memoriam Service	Kempsford	<i>NS</i>
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*We also hold Morning Prayer in church at 9.30 am every Wednesday*

## **Sunday 4**

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Whelford	<i>NS</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Kempsford	<i>NS</i>
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Castle Eaton	<i>AJ</i>

MERRY OPERA, a professional opera touring company, is bringing its **staged production of Handel's *Messiah* to St Mary's Parish Church, Fairford** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm. The performance lasts 2 hours 20 minutes, including a 20 minute interval

*From the moment when twelve apparently unconnected characters are seen entering the church it becomes clear that this production of Handel's Messiah is like no other. There is no staging, nor any special lighting, just the church as it stands. Instantly recognisable as everyday characters, the singers move throughout the building, sometimes sitting with the audience, or leaning against a pillar. Arriving damaged by the doubts and worries they have brought with them, they enact the piece together and begin to form an understanding of each other's predicaments. By the end of the performance each of them reaches some form of resolution and can face the future with a degree of hope.*

Tickets £15.00 from [www.merryopera.com](http://www.merryopera.com) 03336 664 466 (booking fee applies) or at the door.

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY.**

Monday 15th October at 7.00 for 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall. AGM followed by a dip into the society's photographic archives. **Please note early start time.**

Guests welcome £4. Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).



CITIZENS ADVICE COTSWOLD DISTRICT

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, IMPARTIAL AND INDEPENDENT ADVICE

## Make A Difference with Citizens Advice Cotswold District By Becoming a Volunteer Receptionist

Local charity, Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswold Districts is calling for new recruits to join its reception team in Cirencester to help make a difference in their local community.

Last year the local charity which relies on volunteers helped over 2,300 Cotswold households resolve over 6,000 problems. The most common enquiries are about money, benefits and tax credits, housing, relationship breakdown and employment.

**Chief Officer, Sarah Telford said: 'Our advice service in the Cotswolds simply couldn't function without the time and dedication** of our volunteers. Our volunteers are our most valuable asset, and they get a lot out of working with us too.

Volunteer receptionists in Cirencester need to be able to spare 5 hours a week.

If you would like more information about volunteering for our team, contact Mandy by email [mandy.lafford@ca-scd.org.uk](mailto:mandy.lafford@ca-scd.org.uk)

## Lechlade and District Lions Club

The Lechlade and District Lions Club helps many causes with financial and practical assistance.

One of the national projects we support is the collection and redistribution of redundant spectacles and hearing aids.

We **have local collection points in the Fairford Doctor's Surgery, Fairford Opticians, Lechlade Medical Centre and Lechlade Pharmacy.**

If you have any redundant items take them along to your nearest drop of point and we will collect them and send them to a central distribution point. Once they have been checked they are sent to eye and ear clinics all over the world. Every year Lions Clubs send 300,000 spectacles to eye clinics and have been doing so for more than 35 years.

We also fund raise throughout the year and help local and national causes, if you are involved with a recognised club or group and need support we might be able to help.

In the first instance contact Lion Steve Jones at [redwoodjones@hotmail.com](mailto:redwoodjones@hotmail.com) with a brief outline and we will consider your request.

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## Training Special Constables



**Gloucestershire**  
Constabulary

PC Westmacott has been helping train 16 new special constables that will soon be deployed around Gloucestershire.

Special constables are volunteers who give up their free time to assist regular police officers. Specials do not get paid.

Special constables hold all the same powers a full time police officer has and can arrest suspects.



We are grateful for these members of the public giving up their time to help in the community they live in.

Anyone considering becoming a special or police volunteer worker please visit Gloucestershire police website for more information. [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)



**The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital**  
(Reg. Charity No: 1006416)  
President, Earl St Aldwyn



***ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY***  
*Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.*

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***The League of Friends needs your help!***

***We need more volunteers to help us deliver our services within the community. If you think you can help in any of the following rewarding roles please do get in touch.***

**LECHLADE CHARITY SHOP**

Can you spare three hours a week to help out as a volunteer in our Lechlade Charity Shop? We have a committed team of cheerful and enthusiastic volunteers that are great to work with but we do need more help.

If you think you can help please contact Debbie Ash (Shop Manager) on 01367 252189 or call in to the shop at Lloyds Bank House, Lechlade.

**PATIENT TRANSPORT SCHEME - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS REQUIRED**

We have a team of volunteer drivers who provide over 700 journeys a year for people in our community who have difficulty getting to their medical appointments at GP surgeries and local hospitals.

We urgently need more drivers to help with this vital community service. We do ask our drivers to complete a DBS check as this service provides much needed support and assistance to many vulnerable people in our community. Car running costs are paid for.

Do you think you can help? If so, please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email

[fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk)

**EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB – MINIBUS DRIVERS REQUIRED**

Can you spare 3 hours a month to help get our Lunch Club Members to Fairford Hospital on a Monday or Wednesday? We need additional minibus drivers to pick up and take home our members from the Lunch Club held at Fairford Hospital. We do ask our drivers to complete a DBS check.

If you are interested please contact Shirley Rice on 01367 253096.

## FOR YOUR DIARIES

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 17 November at Fairford Community Centre 10.00am - 12.00 noon.** Christmas cards, raffle tickets, cake sales, book and bottle stalls, Gifts, plants, refreshments, etc. will be available.

Raffle tickets can also be bought at our Charity Shop in Lechlade with a first prize of £100 cash and many more prizes from local businesses.

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**HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FINAL TOTAL, including Gift Aid.** This year's House-to-House event raised £19,506 for The League of Friends. Another tremendous result. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who make this happen and to all our supporters in the community for their generosity.

The League would also like to thank Coln Choir for donating the proceeds of their summer concert, £350.

If you need further information about The League of Friends please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: [fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk) or visit our website at [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)

**Graham Hewitt, Chairman**

[www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)

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Sadly, there have been several instances of flower pots and troughs going missing from Kempsford graveyard. This is very distressing to the relatives who visit their loved ones' graves every week.

Please could people be aware that this is happening, and if they see anything suspicious when visiting the graveyard, please could they report any instances to me via email [dizylizzie@sky.com](mailto:dizylizzie@sky.com).

Best wishes and thanks

Elizabeth.

## Heart of Kempford Fete

Thank you to all those that took part in the various competitions at the Heart of Kempford fete, it was lovely to see so many entries. The winners of each competition are listed below.

### Fruits and Flower Trail

- 1<sup>st</sup> The Hyetts, Mr Cool-Fun-Guy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Emberson, Autumn Days
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The George, The Hungry Caterpillar

### Art competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lucy Tann
- 2<sup>nd</sup> George Price
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Beth Hyett
- 4<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Bradley

### Cake Decorating competition

#### Adults

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mollie Price

#### Children

- 1<sup>st</sup> Freya Tyson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie Hyett
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Amelie Shipway
- 4<sup>th</sup> Beth Hyett

## LOGS FOR SALE

The Cotswold Canals Trust provides a delivery service of seasoned, mixed wood logs for wood burners and open fires.

Delivery is free within a 16 mile radius of Kempford.

The Trust is a charity and exists to progress the restoration of the Cotswold canals. If you support this ambition, or would just like some logs, please visit [www.cotswoldcanals.com/log-sales-delivery-service/](http://www.cotswoldcanals.com/log-sales-delivery-service/) or call 01453 752568 for details.

Your support will directly help the restoration of the Thames and Severn Canal and Stroudwater Navigation.



## Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Warden	Elizabeth Emberson	Email:dizlylizzy@sky.com	
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	1 Holford Crescent, Kempsford	810875
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall Bookings	Kate Collins	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810478
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Dance Classes at Kempsford V.Hall	Ms Gillian Shearing		01793 875934
Kempsford Brownies	Philippa Griffin	<a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/">https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/</a>	
Cricket	Richard Caswell		810270
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
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Sue Coakley MBA	sue@suecoakley.plus.com	01367 253306
	Stephen Andrews	Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	01285 810663
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
		Out of hours <u>Social Care issues only</u>	01452 614194
Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Raymond Theodoulou	rtheo525@aol.com	752000
Constituency MP	Mr G Clifton Brown	cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk	01242 514551
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	