

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

APRIL 2024



A FAREWELL TO REV KIM

Featuring live music from...

PRESTO

Friday 5th April
Kempsford Village Hall
From 6.30pm



Please join us to say goodbye to Rev Kim.
ALL in the village are welcome.
Children invited until 8pm.
Pay bar and refreshments available.



Parish Diary

APRIL

Tues	2nd	6pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Fri	5th	From 6.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Rev Kim's Farewell Party - All Welcome
Sat	6th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Kempsford VH Garden	Community Garden Working Party
Sun	7th	10.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion (Rev Kim's last Service)
Sun	7th	From 12 Noon	Kempsford Village Hall	Rev Kim's Farewell Bring n Share Lunch
Tues	9th	6pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Thurs	11th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Sat	13th	Doors 5.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Family BINGO - Eyes down 6pm
Sun	14th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Service of the Word
Mon	15th	7.00 for 7.30pm	Memorial Hall, Lechlade	Lechlade History Society Evening
Tues	16th	7.45pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	20th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Kempsford VH Garden	Community Garden Seed Sowing Event
Sun	21st	9.30am	St Anne's Whelford	Service of the Word
Sun	21st	4.00pm	St Mary's Kempford	Family Service
Mon	22nd		MAY NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE	
Tues	23rd	6pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Sat	27th	7.00pm	Fairford Community Centre	Friends of Fairford Wine Tasting Evening
Sun	28th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Service of the Word
Tues	30th	8.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Annual Parish Meeting

MAY

Thurs	2nd		Kempsford Village Hall	Police and Crime Commissioner Election
Thurs	9th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Tues	14th	8.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Annual General Meeting
Fri	17th	7.00pm	The George, Kempford	Quiz night fundraiser for PCC
Tues	21st	7.45pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Annual Parish Council Meeting

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays & Wednesdays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713607106
Tuesdays	9.30am - 10.00am	St. Mary's Kempford	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 6.15pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Wednesdays	6.15pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford VH Garden	Community Garden open (weather permitting)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Post Office



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ Thursday 11th April 12 – 2pm

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

Rev'd Kim will be leaving the five villages in April to take up a part time role in the Worcester Diocese, after four packed years as our Vicar.

Her last service is on Sunday 7 April at St Mary's Kempsford at 10:30am.

There will be an opportunity to say farewell afterwards at a Bring n Share Lunch at Kempsford Village Hall from 12am.

For more details please contact Jacqui Howlett, Church Treasurer by email at churchtreasurer@kempsford.net or by phone on 01285 712268.



KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community gardening group will be restarting work in the garden behind the village hall, the dates of the working parties are Saturday 6th April and 20th April from 2pm till 4pm.

It would be lovely to have more volunteers come along to grow vegetables and improve the flower borders.

Special family event – Seed Sowing Saturday on 20th April.

Look out for the posters and on Kempsford facebook for more information.

We will be opening the garden on Thursday lunchtimes from 12 till 2 pm weather permitting from 4th April. So come along with a picnic and see what we have been doing. We only ask that if you visit - you respect the site and leave it as you found it – or better! Please no dogs.

For more details contact either Kathy Woodward on 0782154008 or Jacqui Howlett on 01285 712268

Kempsford Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee would like to give a huge 'thank you' to all the volunteers who pulled out all the stops to make the 'Beer Festival' a huge success. As well as providing a brilliant social occasion for the village it raised a very timely £1022 for the village hall. This will go towards the cost of several unexpected repair bills.

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

At the APCM on 24 March the following were elected to serve on the PCC

Robert Nicholls and Keith Howlett Church Wardens

Jacqui Howlett Church Treasurer

Rosemary Andrews Secretary

James Arkell Deanery Synod Representative and

Ann O'Hara, Myra Sheppard, Elizabeth Emberson as members.

Rev Catie Watson is our Curate but all enquiries should be directed via Canon Rev John Swanton during the vacancy.

Cans!!

Thank you to Jolan & Ferdi Flach for collecting over 250 littered cans from Ham Lane over one weekend.

Similar cans have also been left in a hedge outside properties at Whelford.

Whoever is doing this,

PLEASE STOP!



Lechlade History Society

On Monday April 15th at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Lechlade

Speaker David Aldred will present 'Lost Railway Journeys in Gloucestershire'

The talk follows a round trip from Cheltenham to Lechlade along the Cotswold railway of the early 1960's and returning following a different route

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELDFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or revkimbrown10a@gmail.com

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

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

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

So long, farewell! This is sadly my last newsletter in the parish of Kempsford with Whelford, and as I look out of the window, as well as into my heart, I can see that the season has begun to change.

Spring is the time when we think of new life – our family service children made a beautiful spring collage after looking around the churchyard and listing all the signs of new life they could see. I have a tree in my back garden that looked very drab and dormant last week, and then overnight it burst forth full of blossom! Newness comes, whether we are ready for it or not, and sometimes the seasons of life take us by surprise too. I did not expect to be leaving the parish after only 4 years, and I will miss you all very much.

This has been a lovely place to live and work, starting during Covid when people were knitting small figures for the children to find in the trees, people leaving jokes and notes on the blackboard outside The Parsonage, collecting prescriptions and takeaways for one **another. What a lot we've gone through in these four years! In both our churches, we have** banners on display that were made to represent what gave us life and hope during Covid. Please do pop in and take a look; we have a lot to be thankful for, having made it through such a terrible time.

These are wonderful communities, and I must thank so many people: the staff, children, parents and governors at our wonderful school. The people who work hard to keep both our churches in good heart. So many who help out and join in at The Long Table meal. Our bellringers, those who practice and sing in the choir, the people who wind the clock. The volunteers who help run our two youth clubs. The parish council who take care of many things for us behind the scenes. I will never forget the goodness I have encountered here, and will pray for all of you.

The Village Hall committee are kindly hosting a leaving party for me, open to all, on Friday 5th April from 6.30pm. My leaving service is on Sun 7th April at 10:30am followed by a bring and share lunch in the village hall. Please do come along to either or both, and say goodbye!

With much love, Rev'd Kim

PARISH COUNCIL

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CHURCH

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	Robert Nicholls		
Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		01285 713033
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KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair & Trustee	Ian Housley		
Vice Chair	Jolan Flach		
Secretary & Trustee	Kathy Woodward	To contact any Committee Member email -	
Treasurer & Trustee	Andy Gray	infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net	
Member	Hannah Dickens		
Member	Cassie Vickery-Cummings		
Parish Council Rep	Karen Saunders		

Community Garden	Jacqui Howlett		01285 712268
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WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	01285 712979
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SCHOOLS

Kempsford School	Helen Seward (Head)	admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810367
School Governors		chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810875
Farmors School	Matthew Evans (Head)		01285 712302

CONTACTS

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor	Dom Morris	dominic.morris@gloucestershire.gov.uk	07500894702
District Councillor	Tristan Wilkinson	tristan.wilkinson@cotswold.gov.uk	
District Councillor	Helene Mansilla	helene.mansilla@cotswold.gov.uk	
Constituency MP	Sir G Clifton-Brown	cliftonbrown@parliament.uk	01242 514551

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL (including Bulk Refuse) 01285 623000

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Switchboard 01452 425000

Adult Social Services 01452 426868

Children's Social Services 01452 426565

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HIGHWAYS highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk 08000 514 514

WILTSHIRE HIGHWAYS northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk 0300 456 0105

Royal British Legion Mr A Hill 01285 810035

SSE Reporting of power cuts 105 or
0800 072 7282

Thames Water 0800 316 9800

Environment Agency Floodline - 0845 9881188 03708 506 506

Non-emergency Police 101

NHS 111 Service (when less urgent than 999) 111

Hilary Cottage Surgery 01285 712377

FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES - Serving Fairford, Lechlade & surrounding villages

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF C175 HIGH STREET KEMPSFORD

Gloucestershire County Council, as traffic authority, intends to make an Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to temporarily close part of the C175 High Street Road from the properties known as Cross Tree Flats to the property known as Number 2 High Street for a distance of approximately 100 metres. The reason for the closure is for works for the installation of a new service connection. The road is expected to be closed from the 22nd April 2024 until 26th April 2024 only or until the works have been completed, whichever is the later. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514 514 or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk. Alternative Route – as signed on site.

Pedestrian access to adjacent properties, and emergency access, will be maintained.

Annual Parish Meeting



Tuesday 30th April 2024

8pm

Kempsford Village Hall

Please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting and hear from village groups and organisations.

Find out what your Parish Council has been doing during the last 12 months.

Everyone welcome



When? Friday 17th May 2024

Where? The George Kempford

Start time? 7.00pm

Teams? Maximum 6 people per team

Entry fee? £2 pp payable in CASH on the night

Food Available? Pre- Order Only (Menu TBC)

To book your Team and pre-order your food, please contact The George 01285 810236

Organised by Kempford and Whelford PCC, supported by The George. Raising funds to improve facilities at St. Mary's Kempford for services, celebrations & events.