

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter



Kempsford High Street, with Shop on the left and the end of the Reading Room on the right.

April 2018

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Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 10th April 2018	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 24th April 2018	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 15th May 2018	Annual Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on the **10th April 2018**. 8pm at Kempsford Village Hall.

If you are new to the Parish, this is a great way to find out about clubs and organisations within the community and to hear what they have been up to and their plans for the forthcoming year. The Parish Council provide an update on what work they have been involved in on behalf of our residents.

Everyone is welcome, and as always, we appreciate club/organisation members taking the time to come and update us on their activities. Hope to see you there!

Pye Homes Planning Application

At the time of publication, we believe it is likely that the above will be heard at the Cotswold District Council Planning Committee Meeting on the 11th April 2018. Please check on the website www.cotswold.gov.uk nearer the time for confirmation.

Kempsford Village Hall



Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00-11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754			12:00-14:00 Café (monthly, 2 nd Thursday)	
PM	16:00-17:00 Rainbows Karen Cornish 07837 785666		16:00-17:30 Dance Classes Ms Gillian Shearing 01793 875934	12:00-14:00 Post Office	
Evening	18:00-19:00 Zumba Donna 07891 660089			15:30 to 17:00 Brownies Ms Philippa Griffin 01285 810754/ 0779 3562704	
		19:45-21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, usually 3 rd Tuesday)	20:00-21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, usually 2nd Wednesday)		

See <http://kempsford.net/villagehall/calendar.php> for the up to date Events Calendar.

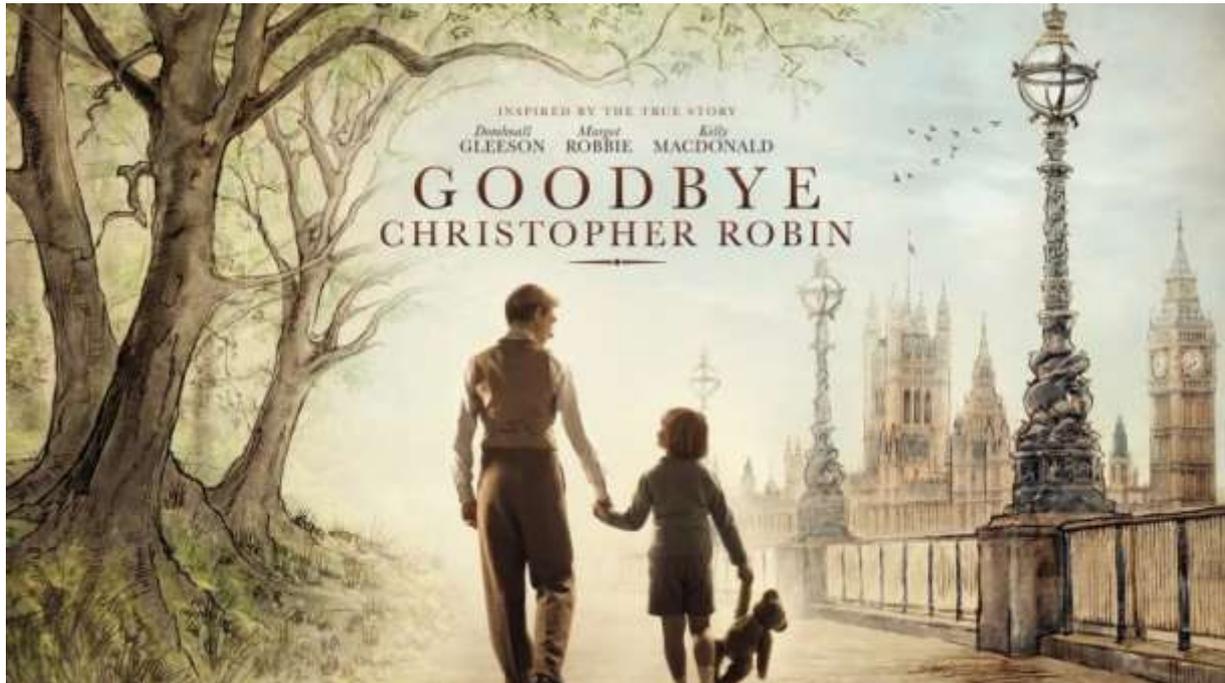
**For Bookings, contact Kate Collins on 01285 810478 or email:
villagehallbookings@kempsford.net**

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New members are always welcome!

FILM NIGHT: GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (PG)



NEW DATE for Goodbye Christopher Robin (PG)

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to show Goodbye Christopher Robin at the next Kempsford Village Hall film night.

Goodbye Christopher Robin gives a rare glimpse into the relationship between beloved children's author **A.A. Milne** and his son **Christopher Robin**, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh.

Date: Friday 20 April 2018

Time: doors open at 7pm

Tickets: £5 adults, £3.50 children

Drinks, ice-cream and popcorn available.

For tickets please contact Caroline on 07826 939718/ treasurerkempsford@gmail.com, or Joy on 01285 810439/ j.c.cross@btinternet.com



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ
Thursday 12th 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!
It's the holidays - so children bring mum and dad
and your grandparents too!

Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

What's on -

Saturday 21st April—Live Music

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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

OAK & FURROWS WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTRE

Following on from the article in a recent Newsletter, I wanted to provide an update.



Due to the outstanding generosity of the public, sufficient funds and donations were received to enable the Centre to continue its wonderful efforts to look after, and return to the wild, very many of our much loved wildlife creatures. Some of you will have seen us at the recent Kempsford Café, and once again your kindness and generosity has been overwhelming. In total, £223 was raised on that day, and a number of people expressed an interest in helping, either as a volunteer, or with donations of cat/dog food, blankets, towels and newspapers (all of which continue to be desperately needed). This was an amazing result, especially over just two hours! Our thanks and appreciation go to the Village Hall Committee, without whose support it would not have been possible. We hope that it will be possible to return at a future Café, and look forward to meeting some of you again, or chatting to those of you who were not there on the 8th.

If anyone has donations of items mentioned above, please call the Wildlife Centre on 01793 751412, or ring me on 01285810679. Oak & Furrows have their own website - www.oandf.co.uk. They also have a fundraising event, to be held on 21st April. It is a Murder Mystery Night, and further details can be found on their website, or by calling the centre.

Eric Butler

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Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 23rd APRIL PLEASE

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Whelford Village Hall



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

Kempsford Stay and Play at the Ark

Come along and join us for a cup of tea and a chance for the little ones to play, at the Kempsford Stay and Play. All pre-schoolers welcome with mums, dads, grandparents or carers!

When: Thursday 22nd March 2018

Time: 10am - 12noon

Where: The Ark (Kempsford Primary School)

£1 donation. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided, please bring your own snacks (for children). We hope to see you there!

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 23rd April at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

The Great Severn Estuary Flood 1607.

Rose Hewlett will describe this great natural disaster which affected communities along the Bristol Channel and the Severn Estuary and consider its possible causes.

Guests very welcome £4.

Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit
www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

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

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell (01285 712821)

Churchwarden – Elizabeth Emberson (dizzylizzie@sky.com)

Dear friends

Last month we said goodbye to Lynn Hayler as she left for a new job in Derbyshire: she and Steve will be much missed.

Although she will leave a big gap in the life of our parish, there's no actual 'vacancy'. Kempsford & Whelford are two of the churches in a twenty-two church team, the 'South Cotswolds Team Ministry'. That team currently has eight licensed clergy – four full-time and four part-time – and between us (with the help of several retired-but-active vicars) we lead worship and provide pastoral care across the different village communities.

What Kempsford & Whelford don't have at the moment is a *resident* vicar .. which we've been without since Tim Hastie-Smith moved to Bibury. That's something we want to put right as soon as we can. A vicar living in the village would be more easily able to be involved in the life of the community. Christian ministry isn't something we 'do' to one another – it's the natural outworking of loving relationship, and a minister living in the village is one of the best ways of developing that.

We're actively engaged in trying to recruit a resident vicar (another advertisement is being placed this month); and we'll keep you posted about our progress.

Meanwhile I'm personally delighted to be providing church leadership and support ... from a slight distance. The other half of my job is to be vicar of Coln St Aldwyns (where I live), with Quenington and Hatherop – and I combine my work in Kempsford & Whelford with being Vicar also of Castle Eaton.

I shall be round and about quite often in Kempsford etc, sometimes with my wife Liz – often on Sundays in church, sometimes on weekdays in the pub or elsewhere. Do introduce yourself to me, or invite me to drop in for a cup of tea – my contact details are at the top of this page. I look forward to getting to know you.

This is a great parish, with really friendly church congregations. Whether you come often or rarely, you will be most welcome at our services and other activities.

Every blessing



CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

Sunday 1 *Easter Day*

8.30 am Holy Communion Whelford *RS*
9.30 am Holy Communion Kempsford *RS*
9.30 am Holy Communion Castle Eaton *MB*

Sunday 8

9.30 am Morning Worship Kempsford *RM*
9.30 am Morning Worship Castle Eaton *RS*

Sunday 15

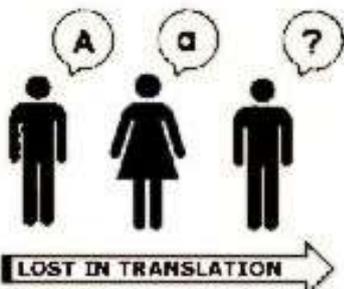
9.30 am Holy Communion Whelford *MB*
9.30 am Morning Worship Castle Eaton *JP*
4.00 pm All-Age Service Kempsford *JP*

Sunday 22

9.30 am Holy Communion Kempsford *RS*
9.30 am Morning Worship Castle Eaton *DA*

Sunday 29

9.30 am Holy Communion Kempsford *JP & RM*



Have you ever wondered what you're missing ...

*... by not reading the Bible in the language it was
written in?*

Over the next year or two John Partington (a classical scholar who's been studying Greek for fifty years) is leading a session each month looking at John's Gospel and picking out the key words and concepts in each chapter that are in danger of being *lost in translation*.

The course continues this month, looking at Jesus' resurrection and its aftermath, as described in chapters 20 & 21. Come and join us:

Tuesday 24 April, 7.30 pm at Dunnvegan, Whelford



Fairford and District Choral Society Concert Saturday 21 April 2018 at 7.30pm

Fairford and District Choral Society's spring concert is on Saturday 21 April 2018 at St Mary's Church, Fairford. Along with professional soprano and baritone soloists, they are performing **A German Requiem** by **Johannes Brahms**, which will be sung in English.

The Society are performing the version that Brahms wrote to be sung with a piano duet. They are hiring a beautiful grand piano for the concert, which will be played by Alison Howell and Jo Scullin. The concert will be conducted by the society's music director, Marysia Gorska-Saj.

Brahms started writing this requiem in 1865, following the death of his mother. A German requiem differs from a traditional Catholic requiem in that its main focus is on calming and comforting the living. Under Marysia's guidance, the choir sings the beautifully emotional music that suggests hope and reassurance.



The society enjoys coming together to learn, perform and share beautiful choral music. They will start rehearsals for their December concert in September, and new members are very welcome.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and each ticket can be exchanged for a complimentary drink. Wine and soft drinks will be available.

Tickets are £15 for adults, £5 for under 18s. They are available:

- from Fairford Opticians - 11 High Street, Fairford GL7 4AD - 01285 713313
- from choir members
- by calling 01285 713681

More details about the society, tickets, concerts and how to join are on their website:

www.fairford.org/choralsociety

Kempsford Brownies meet every Thursday during term time
3.30 - 5pm Kempford Village Hall.

First meeting back after Easter - 19th April

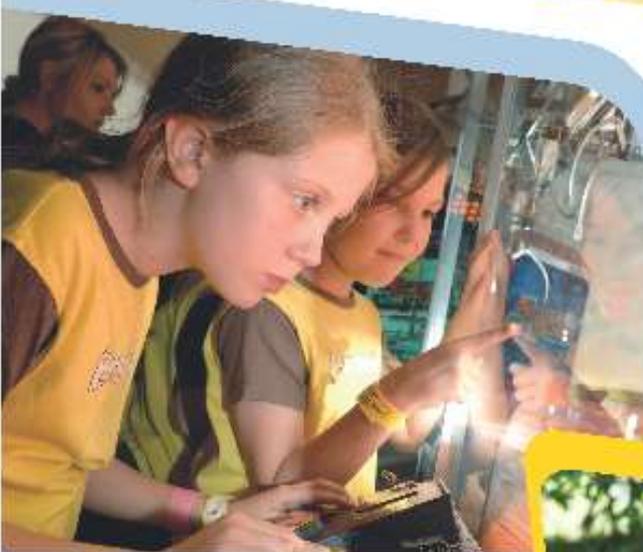
To register your daughter, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk

For girls aged seven to ten

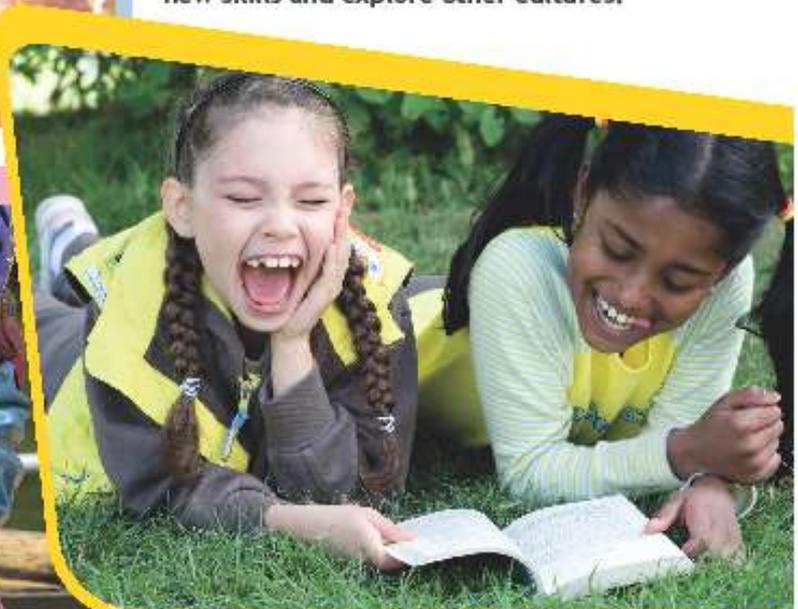
Brownies

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself.'

(Poonam, 10)



Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities to take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them. They follow the Brownie Adventure programme in their unit meetings - they get adventurous, go to special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays. Brownies get the opportunity to make their own decisions, learn new hobbies, develop new skills and explore other cultures.



Find out more about Brownies at www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies.
Register your daughter at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus,
or call 0800 169 5901.



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

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LECHLADE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB AT FORTY

Did you know that this year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of Lechlade & District Lions Club ?

In 1978, 22 members of the communities in Fairford, Lechlade and surrounding villages chartered the Club in Lechlade as part of Lions Clubs International, an organisation that exists in all corners of the globe, coming **together under the motto “We Serve”**.

Since that initial foundation the Club estimates that:-

1. It has raised over £300,000 for good causes:-

The members of the Club have taken part in fund raising activities such as the Annual Auction of second hand goods, bed races, duck races, car boot sales, book sales, Bric a Brac sales, Christmas Santa Sleigh collections, raffles, race nights and many other fund raising activities.

2. Has donated over £300,000 Locally, Nationally and Internationally:-

Many local organisations such as cubs, scouts, girl guides, bell ringers, primary schools, secondary schools, nurseries, playgroups, the Memorial Hall, the Palmer Hall, Kelmscott village hall, Whelford village hall, Senior Citizens groups, youth groups and many more in the area have benefitted from a donation from the Lions. Also many local individuals have been sponsored on Youth Exchange visits and other international visits through youth and church connections.

Nationally, we have donated to many local and national charities such as hospices, hospitals, flood relief and forces charities.

Internationally, we have sponsored eye camps, dental equipment and dental camps, collected thousands of used spectacles and hearing aids for re-use in the third world. We have donated funds to help in International disasters including, tsunamis, hurricanes, floods and earthquakes.

3. We have bought and run seven minibuses:-

One of the first major purchases made by the Club was a minibus that is free to use by any local group or charity. Over the years the minibus has been replaced and upgraded several times, but the terms of use have remained the same. All we ask is that you pay for the fuel you use and a small sum to cover depreciation. The Lions have always been responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle which today is in use every single weekday with local groups, such as the Tuesday Club in Lechlade, the League of Friends in Fairford and the Methodist Homestead in Carterton.

4. Given Help in the Community

We estimate that we have contributed over 60,000 hours to the community over the years, helping with marshalling and car parking at local events, clearing footpaths, clearing drainage ditches, picking litter, putting up flags and Christmas Trees.

We aim to continue our work in the future and we could not do this without your generosity when we are fundraising, for which we thank you. We would also like to think that there are some of you out there who would like to contribute more to your community and what better way than becoming a member of the Club. We welcome men and women of any age to our meetings, why not come along and get a taste of what we do. We meet at the New Inn, Lechlade at 8:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month. Just get in touch via our Facebook page, contact us on Twitter @lechladelions, e-mail membership@lechladelions.org.uk or telephone David Benson –Membership Officer 01367-252645.

Kempsford Parish History

Whelford hamlet takes its name from the crossing of the river Coln by the road from Lechlade to Kempsford. A mill had been built beside the ford by the beginning of the 12th century and a bridge had probably been built by 1283. A new two-arch bridge was built in 1851. The hamlet, which comprised 20 houses by the early 18th century, forms a loose collection of farm-houses and cottages lying west of the crossing. Whelford Little Farm and College Farm and a few cottages date from the 17th century and a greater number of houses were added in the early 19th. A chapel of ease and a school were built in the mid 19th century.

Horcott in the north of the parish takes its name from a dwelling in a muddy place and the first record of it also concerns a mill on the Coln in the early 12th century, perhaps standing by another minor crossing. The hamlet contained 7 houses c. 1710 and comprised a small compact group of farm-houses close to the river at the place that was called Horcott Street in 1801. A 17th-century cottage survives there together with Horcott Farm and Horcott House, small farm-houses of the 18th century; both farm-houses were given new Tudorstyle windows in the 19th century and Horcott House was enlarged by extensions to the rear. There was some later development to the northwest on the Whelford–Fairford road. A row of labourers' cottages was built on the north-east side close to the parish boundary in the early 19th century and in the middle of that century the Catholic church, presbytery, and school, forming a Gothic group further south, were built. In the mid 20th century Horcott was much enlarged by council and private housing built at various dates on the south-west side of the road.

There are two outlying farmsteads. Dudgrove Farm was built in 1692 in the meadows in the south-east part of the parish and the south range of the house survives from that period, though the windows have been renewed. Later additions at the rear included a long cheese-barn, which was converted and taken into the house in the mid 20th century. (fn. 38) Furzey Hill Farm in the north-west corner of the parish, a substantial farm-house with mullioned and transomed windows, was built in the early 18th century, probably c. 1708.

In 1086 62 inhabitants of Kempsford were recorded. Seventy-four people were assessed for the subsidy in 1327 and 157 for the poll-tax in 1381. There were said to be c. 240 communicants in 1551 and 24 households in 1563; the latter figure looks too small to be accurate. The population was estimated at 60 families in 1650 and c. 340 inhabitants in 66 houses c. 1710, and the early part of the 18th century apparently saw a considerable expansion, with a figure of 100 houses given in 1743. There were said to be 493 inhabitants in 104 houses c. 1775 and 656 people were enumerated in 1801. The population then rose steadily to 1,007 in 1861 but fell during the later 19th century to 711 in 1901 and fluctuated in the early 20th century. In 1951 there were 860 in private households, and new building had raised that figure to 1,333 by 1971.

Two innholders were recorded in the parish in 1755. In 1856 the George on the south side of the street was apparently the only inn in Kempsford village but by 1891 there were also the Axe and Compasses at the west end and the Cross Tree near the green; the last closed in the 1940s but the other two remained in 1976. The Queen's Head inn opened at the south end of Whelford in the earlier 19th century, before 1844, and was demolished during the extensions to the airfield in 1950. The Carrier's Arms at Horcott had opened by 1891. A friendly society met at the George in Kempsford in 1866 and reading-rooms had been opened in the village by 1879. (fn. 57) A village hall was built on the south side of the street in 1932. (fn. 58)

¶ Edward I made at least four visits to Kempsford in the course of his reign, the last in 1305 (fn. 59) when his nephew Henry of Lancaster held the manor. The ownership of Kempsford by the earls of Lancaster in the early 14th century has given rise to a number of local legends, including some fanciful attempts to connect Kempsford with John of Gaunt and his family, (fn. 60) though Gaunt himself never owned the manor. A more tangible connexion with a great family was that with the Thynnes of Longleat, who had a residence at Kempsford in the 17th century.

Manor and Other Estates

The estate later called the manor of *KEMPSFORD* was held by Osgod from Earl Harold before the Conquest. In 1086, assessed at 21 hides, it was held by Ernulf of Hesdin, who was succeeded before 1096 by Patrick de Chaworth, evidently his son-in-law. The manor, which was the head of a reputed barony comprising a group of manors mainly in Wiltshire, was retained by Patrick until at least 1133. It then apparently passed to his son Patrick and to Patrick's son Pain, also called Pain de Mundubleil, who had succeeded by 1155. Pain's brother Hugh may have had an interest in Kempsford manor but Pain's son Patrick de Chaworth (fl. 1199) later succeeded. Patrick was succeeded by Pain de Chaworth, who retained the manor in 1236 and was succeeded before 1243 by his son Patrick. In 1254 Patrick redeemed an annuity of £7 granted out of the manor by his father to Tironneau Abbey (Sarthe) in 1236. Patrick died c. 1258 and the manor passed to his son Pain (d. c. 1279) and then to Pain's brother Patrick (d. c. 1283), who left an infant daughter, Maud, as his heir. Rents in the manor were granted in dower to Isabel, widow of the last Patrick.

The manor passed to Henry of Lancaster, later earl of Lancaster, on his marriage to Maud de Chaworth before 1297. Henry (d. 1345) was succeeded by his son Henry, created duke of Lancaster in 1351. In 1355 the duke granted the manor, together with the neighbouring manors of Inglesham and Hannington (both Wilts.) to the hospital of the Annunciation at Leicester (called the Newark), which he elevated into a collegiate church. The college, which had grants of free warren and protection in the manor in 1356 and 1361 respectively, held the manor until its suppression in 1548.

In 1549 the manor was granted to Sir John Thynne (d. 1580) and it passed to his son John, whose son Sir Thomas was lord in 1608. Sir Thomas (d. 1639) was succeeded at Kempsford by his son by his second marriage, Henry Frederick Thynne, who was made a baronet in 1641 and suffered heavy sequestration fines after the Civil War. From Sir Henry (d. 1680) the manor passed to his son Sir Thomas, who was created Viscount Weymouth in 1682, in which year he succeeded to Longleat House and the main family estates. Viscount Weymouth (d. 1714) was succeeded in his estates and title by his great-nephew Thomas (d. 1751), who gave Kempsford to his second son, Henry Frederick Thynne. Henry sold it in 1767 to Gabriel Hanger, Lord Coleraine (d. 1773), whose widow Elizabeth apparently held it until her death in 1780. It passed in turn to his three sons and successors to the title, John (d. 1794), William (d. 1814), and George (d. 1824). George, Lord Coleraine, a former companion of the Prince Regent, used the manor in his dealings with his creditors, who included his nephew and successor at Kempsford, Arthur Vansittart of Shottesbrook (Berks.).

Arthur Vansittart sold part of the estate, comprising Manor and Dudgrove farms, to his brother Robert (d. 1838). The rest passed at his death in 1829 to his son Arthur. The younger Arthur sold it in 1841 to Sir Gilbert East, Bt., who bought in the other part of the estate in 1844. Sir Gilbert (d. 1866) was succeeded by his son Sir Gilbert Augustus Clayton East, who sold the estate, comprising 8 farms and 3,085 a., to William Carey Faulkner in 1871. William (d. 1883) left his estates to his three sons, John, James, and Thomas, who made a division of them in 1889 when John's share included the manor and most of the land and James's included Dudgrove farm. John Faulkner held his estate until his death in 1941 and his trustees offered it for sale in 1953, when it comprised 2,320 a. The estate was then split up, several of the tenants buying their farms.

The belief that there was a castle at Kempsford, recorded in the late 18th century, probably derived merely from the existence of a large moated manorhouse and from Kempsford's status as the head of a reputed barony. In an extent of 1258 only a manorhouse, with a hall, kitchen, gatehouse, and other rooms, was recorded on the manor. It evidently stood close to the river south of the church where part of the moat, recorded in 1801, could still be seen in 1976. In the early 16th century the site of the manor included buildings in an inner and outer court, the

former presumably those within the moat. The buildings of the inner court were known as the provost's lodgings from their use by the official of Leicester college who administered the manor, and they were reserved to the college in a lease of 1532. In the late 16th century the manorhouse was the home of Francis Thynne, second son of Sir John Thynne. Part of it may have still been standing in 1705 when the buildings of the home farm included one called the porter's lodge.

Sir Thomas Thynne built a large new manorhouse at Kempford between the church and the river, apparently completing it only shortly before his death in 1639. Sir Henry Frederick Thynne was assessed on 44 hearths at Kempford in 1672. The house was ranged around a courtyard and had a walled garden, known as the provost's garden, on the north and a terrace walk beside the river. The terrace, which survived in 1976 together with the ruins of one of the summer-houses that stood at each end, acquired the name Lady Maud's Walk in the 19th century from a supposed connexion with the daughter of Henry, duke of Lancaster. Of the farm buildings which stood south of the house in the early 18th century two barns and a building which became the back range of Manor Farm still survived in 1976. Kempford was the chief residence of Sir Henry Frederick Thynne but the house was probably used only occasionally by the family after 1682. In the 1770s it stood uninhabited and ruinous and it was demolished before 1784, some of the materials supposedly going to build Buscot Park (Berks.). An 18th-century house south of the village street later became known as the Manor House but in 1846 Sir Gilbert East built Manor Farm as the new manor-house, adding to an older building a new front range in the revived 17th-century style. John Faulkner lived at Benbow House and later at Dunfield House.

Gloucester Abbey, which was granted Kempford church by Ernulf of Hesdin, also received various lands at Kempford by gift of the first Patrick de Chaworth and his wife Maud, including ½ hide, 1 yardland, and a mill at Horcott. At the Dissolution most of the land was administered with Coln St. Aldwyns manor and remained part of that manor after it was granted to the dean and chapter of Gloucester in 1541. In 1649 it was a part of the demesne of Coln St. Aldwyns manor, but later most of it formed a copyhold based on College Farm at Whelford. After the inclosure College farm comprised 99 a. while another 15 a. were leased separately with a cottage at Horcott. In 1857 the Ecclesiastical Commissioners sold College farm to Richard Iles, and Augustine Iles sold it in 1923 to the lord of the manor, John Faulkner.

¶The rectory estate, leased from Gloucester Abbey in the early 16th century, comprised the parsonage barn, the tithes of corn and hay, and 3 a. of land assigned in composition for the tithes of a meadow. It was granted in 1541 to the bishop of Gloucester. The bishop granted an 89-year lease to the Crown before 1585 but in 1646 the lessee was the lord of the manor, Sir Henry Frederick Thynne, who was required to grant the rectory as an augmentation of the living of Cirencester. Viscount Weymouth was the lessee c. 1710, when the rectory was said to be worth £100. In 1723 it was leased for lives to Algernon Seymour, Lord Percy, and William Greville, Lord Brooke. Their interest was acquired before 1743 by Viscount Weymouth, and his eldest son Thomas, later marquess of Bath (d. 1796), and Thomas's son and heir Thomas succeeded as lessees. At inclosure in 1801, when the rectory was valued at £236 net, the marquess was awarded 318 a. based on Furzey Hill Farm for it. He sold the lease the same year to John Hewer of Maiseyhampton. It was bought from the Hewer family in 1838 by Col. William Pearce of Cheltenham, who bought the freehold from the bishop in 1854 and sold the estate to Edward Fletcher Booker in 1860. Booker and his mortgagees sold it in 1868 to Richard Rickards, whose family owned and farmed Furzey Hill until the mid 20th century.

Bradenstoke Priory (Wilts.) in 1258 and Lacock Abbey (Wilts.) in 1315 owned lands in Kempford. Those lands were evidently the parcels of meadow which continued to descend with Hatherop after the Dissolution; they had presumably become attached to Hatherop in the late 11th and early 12th centuries when it was in the same ownership as Kempford.

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

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Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
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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	Donna Kent	www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved	
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
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	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
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Kempsford Website		www.kempsford.net	
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