

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

# Kempsford Advent Trail

December 1st - 24th

One window in Kempsford will be  
revealed each day and remain lit  
until Christmas day

Maps of the trail will be available  
from 28th November at  
1 Swynford (daily) and  
St Mary's Church (Weds & Sats)

Merry Christmas  
From Friends of Kempsford, Kempsford  
Village Hall and  
St Mary's Church

**December 2020 & January 2021**

# *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 15th December 2020 at 7.45pm

Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.45pm

## **FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2021 PLEASE**

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



## KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ FESTIVE CAKE STALL

Regretfully the Cake Sale planned for  
10<sup>th</sup> December has been cancelled.

With the uncertainty around the end of the lockdown  
and the Covid-19 situation we feel that it is important to  
prioritise the safety of our customers and postpone this  
event for the time being.

Also due to the current situation we regret that we are  
still not able to re-open the monthly café, but we'll be  
back as soon as it is safe to do so.

## 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@atwestcottage.com
		20.00 to 21.00 Yoga Charlie McKenna yoga@atwestcottage.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
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

## **Kempsford Church of England Primary School is in need of a School Governor.**

The role of the governing board is fundamental to the effectiveness of a school. We set the aims and objectives for the school, then monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making - we also act as a source of challenge and support to the head teacher. Although a very important role it is not a time consuming role and involves a minimum requirement to attend 3 FGB and 3 Sub-committee meetings a year. Alongside this, every Governor should be involved in a minimum of 1 Curriculum subject lead involving 3 school monitoring visit a year.

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role and will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people and give something back to our community. For more information, please contact [chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2020**

The Poppy Appeal faced a number of challenges this year, particularly as at one stage the Remembrance Services had to be cancelled due to restrictions imposed because of the Covid Virus. However, I am pleased to say that this situation was reversed and our local churches had very successful outdoor services that were well attended.

Our local Poppy Appeal lacked the tremendous support of the House to House collectors this year. That said, many thanks to all of you who managed to support The Appeal as best you could.

Particular thanks goes to **the Parish Council, St Mary's Churches in Kempsford and Castle Eaton, RAFCTE Fairford, Kempsford Primary School, staff and pupils, The George Kempsford, The Red Lion Castle Eaton and the Shell Garage.**

With all of your kind and generous support we managed to raise £1181.08 for the 2020 Poppy Appeal. In the circumstances this is an excellent result.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Alvin M Hill  
Squadron **Leader RAF (Ret'd)**  
Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

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# 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

December 2020

As I write, we are still in lockdown 2, straining to hear announcements from the **Government about when we will see our loved ones. We don't know anything yet** about what Christmas services will be permitted. Waiting is hard!

In the church calendar, Advent is a season of waiting. As we wait for Jesus born æ an **infant at Christmas, we await the arrival of God's love, come down in human form.** In all the interactions Jesus had with people here on earth, he showed what the love of God looks like – bringing welcome to those who were excluded, friendship to those who were lonely and nourishment to those who were in need, hope to those in despair.

A poem by RS Thomas called The Coming says:

**"And God held in his hand a small globe. Look, he said. The son looked. Far off, as through water, he saw a scorched land of fierce colour. The light burned there...Many people held out their arms...as though waiting. The son watched them. Let me go there, he said."**

It has been an indescribably hard year; perhaps one of the outcomes is to focus our minds on our priorities, what really matters to us. Being with our loved ones at Christmas is probably the thing we most hope and yearn for, sharing love around the table, wearing a paper hat and sharing a dodgy joke from the cracker. Love is what **Christmas is really about. Let's look around and notice people who don't have family** to be with or food to celebrate with. If we can, donate to the Foodbank, write a card, offer a welcome, and join in with the love that Jesus came to share at Christmas. Rev Kim

(PS We will advertise Christmas services via the Kempsford Facebook page and The 5 Villages Facebook page once we have guidelines from govt.)

Best wishes, Rev Kim

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## CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Until the Government publishes its guidance regarding restrictions and following that, the Church of England lets us know what will be allowed, we cannot give you any information about our planned services and Christmas events at this time.

Please keep an eye on:

The 5 Villages Facebook page

Kempsford Village Facebook page

The website: [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com)

And posters displayed around the villages

**St Mary's, Kempsford** remains open on Wednesdays and Saturdays for private prayer and reflection

**St Anne's, Whelford** is open on Fridays from 10 am till 4 pm

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



## AUTUMN FESTIVAL TRAIL

Thank you to all those who took part in this event last month.

There were some great scarecrows and witches and pumpkin displays

The winning scarecrow was number 15 - Waterford House, High Street So well done Dylan and Charlotte Jones. Forty five pounds was raised so thank you too to all those who donated.



## FOOD BANK

This is a difficult time for many families. There is a box for collections for the **Foodbank inside St Mary's Church, Kempford.**

But with the onset of winter, there will also be boxes in the porch at both **St Mary's Kempford and at St Anne's, Whelford, 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.

The Food bank already has plenty of beans, pasta and tinned spaghetti.





## Have your say on Cotswold District Council services

Residents and businesses in the Cotswolds are being urged to give their views on the District Council's spending plans as it prepares its budget for the next financial year.

The aim is to gather as much feedback as possible on key areas such as housing, **climate change and changes to the district's local plan. The budget consultation** is being held over five weeks from Wednesday 4 November to midnight on Tuesday 8th December.

The budget is being prepared against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic, which has had a significant impact on the District as a whole, as well as the Council's **finances. The Council's Cabinet is keen to ensure that key services are maintained and, where possible enhanced while ensuring that the Council's finances are sustainable and resilient.**

Plans include developing better and greener ways to travel around the District, reviewing open spaces on new developments and providing help for individuals with complex needs who are facing homelessness.

**The Council's survey will also gather views on the Council's plan to raise additional income from a new 'Recovery Investment Strategy' and a proposed Council Tax rise of £5 a year for a Band D household.**

**Cllr Mike Evemy, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, said: "I would encourage as many people as possible to take part in the consultation. Your views and your feedback will be key to ensuring we are delivering what our communities want and need at this most challenging of times. "**

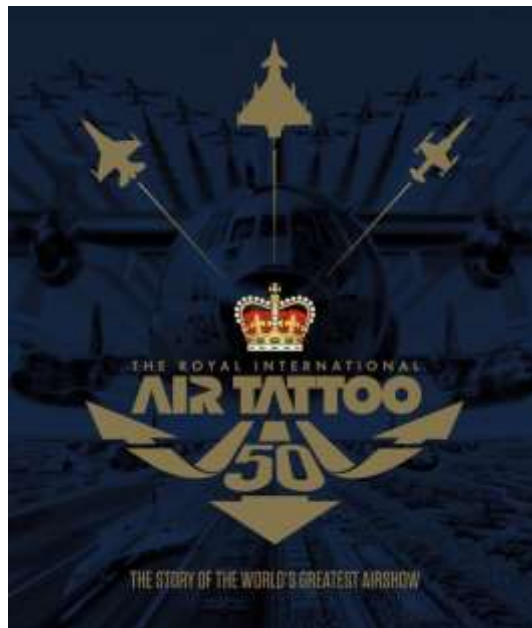
For more information on the budget consultation, and to fill out the survey, go to [www.cotswold.gov.uk/budget](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/budget)



# AIRSHOW '50th' BOOK SET TO FLY OFF SHELVES

Over the past 50 years, millions of people from across the globe have marvelled at the incredible aviation spectacles that have seen the Royal International Air Tattoo grow to become the **world's** greatest airshow.

For the first time ever, the complete history of the Air Tattoo, from its birth in 1971 to the present day, has been captured in a beautifully illustrated book written by renowned aviation journalist Ben Dunnell and features hundreds of dramatic photos, many **taken by some of the world's leading aircraft** photographers.



Charting the growth of the Air Tattoo from its modest beginnings at North Weald airfield, the book describes how a small band of volunteers with a shared passion for aviation - and encouraged by legendary aviators including Battle of Britain ace Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader and Concorde test pilot Brian Trubshaw - went on to create one of the most loved and respected airshows in the world.

Split into decades, the book describes how special links forged in the 1970s with the Royal Air Force, NATO and the US Air Force (USAF) paid dividends and helped attract a mouth-watering array of international military aircraft to the airshow's second home, RAF Greenham Common in Berkshire. The fall of the Iron Curtain in the late 1980s further cemented the Air Tattoo's reputation as it enabled a number of special 'debuts' by Eastern Bloc aircraft rarely, if ever, seen in the West.

By then, hundreds of volunteers were helping stage the event, a number which grew to around 1,500 following the switch to a new home at RAF Fairford in 1985. This move, combined with the enduring support of the RAF and USAF, helped open the door to a wealth of exciting aircraft including the stealthy B-2 Spirit and F-117 Nighthawk, F-14 Tomcat carrier-borne fighters, B-52 and B-1 bombers, V-22 Osprey tilt-rotors and the latest Typhoon, F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II combat fast jets – among many others.

Author Ben Dunnell said: "The Air Tattoo has always been the place to be — and that goes right back to its earliest days. As a meeting-place for the world's air arms, united in friendship, this show is unrivalled. What's more, it has actively helped foster new alliances . . . as well as being a very exciting event, of course. In writing this book, that side of the Air Tattoo's history has been as important as all the great personal memories."

Insightful, fascinating and at times humorous, *Air Tattoo 50 – The Story of the World's Greatest Airshow* (RRP £30+p&p), is being published to mark the airshow's 50th anniversary in 2021 and is available from [www.airtattoo50book.com](http://www.airtattoo50book.com). As well as extensive coverage of the dazzling array of international aircraft that have taken part in the airshow, the book charts some of the challenges it has had to overcome, such as losing its home at RAF Greenham Common in 1983, the death of co-founder and creative driving force Paul Bowen in 2004, establishing a new parent charity, the RAF Charitable Trust in 2005, and the airshow cancellations in 2008 and 2020.

Air Tattoo founder member and former airshow director Tim Prince said: “So many people from across the globe have been involved in the building of this of this remarkable gathering of international aviators and their aircraft into a highly respected and valued annual event. This wonderful book gives an insight into this impressive Royal International Air Tattoo ‘family’ which, over some 50 years, has worked tirelessly to uphold its reputation as the best, whilst at times, with its motto of ‘it can be done’, overcoming some pretty daunting challenges.”

*Join the conversation online with*

*#AirTattoo50 #RIAT50*



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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
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'Kempsford Mums & Dads'