

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

December 2021 & January 2022

Kempsford Advent Windows and School festive themed jog/toddle around the village

Following the success of last year, we have decided to do it all again!

We have 26 Advent window houses ready to go. Each house will display a number and post on the village Facebook page.

It has been arranged as a nice walk around the village, starting with the School on the 1st and finishing at the Church on the 24th.

On Sunday 12th December the children of Kempsford Primary School will be participating in a festive themed jog/toddle around the village. Please do come out and give them a cheer and wave if you see them on their travels.



KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday 21st December 2021 at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 2022 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

DOG FOULING

Dog fouling is a serious issue. It is unpleasant for other members of the public and can cause serious illness.

There has been an increase in complaints to the Parish Council recently regarding the pavements in Kempford. The photo below was an example at Hazel View.

Instances can be reported to Cotswold District Council and complaints will be investigated, offenders will be prosecuted. It is helpful if you can tell us the time, date and place it happened and the name and address of the person.



Fixed penalties

The Cotswold District Council Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), makes it an offence if you do not remove any poo deposited by your dog. This removal must be done without delay. The order, made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, applies to all public, open, land in the District whether or not warning signs are displayed. The PSPO also requires dog walkers to carry the means to pick up dog poo whilst on a walk.

Any breach of the Order could result in a £100 fixed penalty notice or being taken to court and receiving a fine on conviction of up to £1000.

Interest in Basketball Club?

You may be aware of the Multi Use Games Area opposite the school in the village.

I have had the idea of starting a basketball club on this area.

If we can interest enough people (above eight preferably) we can begin playing in the Spring.

No previous experience is necessary, and as a qualified basketball coach, I can provide coaching/ refereeing.

Please contact Roger West (rogerwest2019@icloud.com) for more information and to register an interest.

Kempsford Village Hall booking for the month

	Sunday	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
AM		10:00 - 11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754		12:00 - 13:00 Pilates Janice Koo			9:00 - 11:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna
PM		15:30 - 16:30 Rainbows Caroline Gooch			12:00 - 14:00 Post Office		
Evening			20:00 - 21:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna (Except 3rd Tuesday of month)	19:00 - 20:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 07885 991673	15:30 - 17:00 Brownies Philippa Griffin 01285 810754/ 0779 3562704		
	20:00 - 21:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna		19:45 - 21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)	20:00 - 21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2nd Wednesday)	20:00 - 21:00 Meditation Shilpa		

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 villagehallbookingskempsford@gmail.com

*Hannah Dickens, Chair

*Joy Cross, Secretary

*Amy Durban, Health & Safety
Rev Kim Brown

*Mark Britt, Vice-chair

*Mel Denny, Bookings
Secretary

Louise Edwards
Karen Saunders, Parish
Council Rep.

** Denotes Trustee*

*Jo Colson, Treasurer

*Kate Collins

Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding

IF YOU WISH FOR YOUR VILLAGE HALL TO CONTINUE TO
SERVE THE COMMUNITY PLEASE DO CONSIDER JOINING US.

Advent Market

AT KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL

Saturday

27th Nov

12-3PM





KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ
Thursday 9th December 12 – 2pm

Please join us for our Christmas Café
and start your celebrations here!

Come and try our Homemade Soups and Bread,
Delicious Cakes and Mince Pies,
Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.

The following café will be on the 13th January

***Christmas Soirée Saturday 4th December at 6pm in
Kempfsford Church***

I am delighted to return to Kempfsford Church this year, to showcase the wonderful talent amongst the children from the Parish. Everyone welcome to enjoy an evening of song and seasonal refreshments.

Sharon Elliott

THE LAKES BY YOO IS EXTENDING THE LAKES CONCEPT INTO 110 ACRES OF NEIGHBOURING FAIRFORD LAND CURRENTLY KNOWN AS LAKES 103 & 104



19th November: The Lakes by Yoo is partnering with local land owner Cygnet Investments to create a Holiday Home development on a neighbouring 110 acre site.

This extension comprises of four lakes. The largest of the lakes, currently known as Lake 104 will continue to be accessible to the local community and will be renamed as Cotswold Waters.

The current planning consent will see 77 houses built on two existing lakes, 103 and 103A and 69 apartments built on a new lake called Milestone. In future, these lakes will be known as Lily, Malo and Milestone. The overall project will still be referred to as **“The Lakes”** and the extended estate will be managed by the current Lakes management team.

This extension to the Lakes estate is being developed with the same principles of ecology and conservation at its core. The focus will be on creating beautiful homes while at the same time investing in and improving the existing environment.

Works have already commenced and wherever possible services will be drawn from the immediate locality, namely Fairford and Kempsford.

The existing Lakes estate has historically delivered a significant positive economic contribution to local businesses and this new extension will do the same.

There is also provision for a new leisure facility to be constructed in the future for the benefit of both the residents and the local community, details and timings tbc.

Importantly, a pledge has been made to ensure the continuation of the community access to the land, lakes and footpaths currently enjoyed by local residents.

A responsible and respectful approach to the construction will be maintained at all times.

-ENDS-

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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

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson dizzylizzie@sky.com

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

The nights are definitely drawing in and the year is drawing to a close too. As the COP26 summit has focused us on the need for nations and people to reduce our consumption, perhaps we can approach Christmas this year in a spirit of simplicity.

Advent comes first, at the start of December; a time to assess our lives, hearts and hopes as we look forward to the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We will be holding some Advent workshops to help us strengthen the foundations of our lives and faith, steadying us for the difficult times we are living through:

1. Monday 29th November 1.30-2.30pm Castle Eaton Village Hall
Drawing on the wisdom of the Bible.
2. Monday 6th December 1.30-2.30pm **St Mary's Church Meysey Hampton**
New and old ways to pray.
3. Monday 13th December 1.30-2.30pm Whelford Village Hall
The gift of stillness & silence.

All are welcome to take an hour out to draw on ancient wisdom together.
(All our venues have heating and toilets).

Our Christmas services are advertised in the newsletter – it would be wonderful to see you to celebrate over the festive period. Jesus comes to us as an infant in a stable, entering the complexity of our world as an innocent child to bring us hope and salvation. **Perhaps there's never been a time when we've needed these more in our hearts and in our world.**

Wishing you a joyful Christmas, Rev Kim.

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

Christmas Dates

Sat 4 December	6pm Kempford	Musical Soiree
Sunday 5 December	9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 December	8.30am Whelford	Holy Communion
	9.30 am Kempford	Service of the Word
Monday 13 December	7pm Carols at The George	With Salvation Army band
Thursday 16 December	6 pm Whelford	Carols in church
Sunday 19 December	9.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion
Friday 24 December	2 pm Kempford	Crib service (outdoors if dry)
Saturday 25 December Christmas Day	10.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 December	NO SERVICES	NO SERVICES
Sunday 2 January	9.30 am Kempford	5 Villages service
Sunday 9 January	8.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion
	9.30 am Kempford	Service of the Word
Sunday 16 January	9.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion
	4 pm Kempford	Family Service
Sunday 23 January	9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 January	9.30am Meysey 5 th Sunday at St Mary's Hampton for the 5 Villages all together	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. **St Anne's** is open on Fridays for prayer and reflection.

We are looking for another Foundation Governor to represent the church and serve the school on its Governing Body If you are a committed Christian with experience in governance or education, we would love to hear from you. Contact either Rev Kim Brown or Rosemary Andrews, Secretary to the PCC.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Many thanks to all those who contributed. I was able to take 22 filled boxes to the Teams4U collection point in Witney. These will go to poor families in Eastern Europe

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2021

In October 1996 I was asked at very short notice to temporarily take over the local Poppy Appeal, because of the sudden and most unexpected death of Pam Archer, who had organised the Appeal for many years. I am sure that many people in the Parish will remember Pam with much fondness.

Clearly the temporary aspect of my involvement with the Appeal has passed me by, because here I am still in post after 25 years, along with the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion. Therefore, I wish to sincerely thank everyone who has supported the Appeal over those years, because your support has meant that the Appeal has gone from strength to strength each year.

Today, with the help of the House to House Collectors and residents of Castle Eaton, Dudgrove, Dunfield, Kempsford, Whelford, the Parish Council, Kempsford Primary School, staff and pupils, St Mary's Churches at Castle Eaton and Kempsford, the RAF Charitable Trust (RAFCTE) Fairford, the George and the Red Lion Pubs and the Shell Garage on London Road, the collection has surpassed all others in 25 years. With your tremendous and most generous support we have raised an amazing £2860.90 this year.

As always, these funds will be used by The Royal British Legion to help members of our Armed Forces, past and present, and their families, in their time of need.

Thank you all very, very much.

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

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(Reg. Charity No: 1180059)

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Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)

News and Information from your Community Friends



CHARITY CRAFT FAIR LECHLADE

This very successful event was held on Saturday 13th of November in the Memorial Hall, Lechlade. The Annual Prize Draw was very successful and overall £1700.00 was raised for the Charity. Thank you to all the volunteers who provided the refreshments and all those who baked cakes. We would also like to thank the Stall Holders and hope they had a successful afternoon.

100 CLUB – 2022

As we are only just starting to fund raise after Covid-19 we are keen to increase membership of our 100 Club. If you are already a member and pay annually by cheque please forward your cheque for £12 to Jeff Dawson, Glen Lea, High Street, Meysey Hampton, GL7 5JW. If you are not yet a member and wish to join please see our website (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or contact Kelly Smith on: 07713 881167 or email: gm@friendsoffairford.org.uk for further information.

Half of all the money raised each year is distributed in cash prizes, the remaining half is added to our charitable funds.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE 2022

We are looking to bring back our House-to-House event next year. In order to do this, we would need to ensure we have enough volunteers to make it a success. If you are interested in being a volunteer or a co-ordinator for your area please get in touch and let us know. gm@friendsoffairford.org.uk. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS 2021

On behalf of the Trustees we wish everyone well through the festive season and beyond. Please remember to look out for friends and neighbours and we hope everyone keeps safe. Thank you for your continuing support.

If you want 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 Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD

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)

From the archives...

PANTO TIME at Kempford Village Hall

During the 1970's and 1980's the annual Pantomime performed at Kempford Village Hall was a popular community event and often a sell out!

There were 3 consecutive evening performances, and it often took until the last night before scripts could be remembered!

You may recognise some of the memorable characters in these photos.

Cinderella



*Jack & the
Beanstalk*



A laddin

*Sleeping
Beauty*

Walk 10: Lushill

Distance **5.34mi**

Moving Time **1:36:06**

Pace **17:59/mi**



This final walk starts in Castle Eaton and sets out down Mill Lane, as did the walk that went along the Thames Path towards Cricklade. In this case however our first turning is to the left, perhaps after only 30m along Mill Lane. There are fences on either side here as you walk behind the fairly new big houses and then come to a field which will take you behind the big barn conversion.

Pic 1 shows the view looking back towards Castle Eaton. I just walked around the edge of the field to the gate which will put you on the road to A419/Swindon. Cross this and walk down the road opposite, which takes you past some rural 'units', potentially useful places that make roof tiles, sell firewood, and controversially for Castle Eaton, a grass-to-gas plant (Pic 2). This has been closed for sometime, but I believe they are now increasing the size to make it economic. You may have noticed some posters on properties in CE protesting about the plant. And that opens a rat's nest of questions, e.g. how much CO₂ do the lorries emit bringing in the grass, how much CO₂ has the grass absorbed when growing, how much will be generated when the gas is burnt etc. One for the experts I fear (OFTEIF)!



Sorry but we have to walk on a tarmac road for perhaps 1km. This walk does have a strange post COP26 feel about it, because next we are going to see a solar farm across the fields to the right. And later the windmills over at Watchfield. With the solar panels I do wonder why they can't use some of the power (or the grid) to change the angle of the panels as the season's change or to rotate them as the day progresses. OFTEIF!



Near the Droveaway kennels you will see a path starting off to the left (Pic 3).

Soon you are looking towards Lushill rather than Blunsdon. I ran into trouble once with a local calling it Lush - ill rather than Lush - Hill. I have had similar problems with a Lechlade local who put me right with Hambidge Lane, yep ain't no R in there. However I am happy directing people not to Southrop but to Sotherup, whilst giving them the "you ain't from these parts" look. This bit of the walk is easy, field, bridge, another field and then you will come out on the road in Lushill (Pic 4). Turn right and conquer, without oxygen, the West Face of Lushill to get the rewarding views to the west, north and east. Don't know how far you can see, and although it is a lovely sunny day today it is a bit misty in the distance. Look out for the windmills now beyond Highworth.



On your left you will find a gap in the fence (Pic 5) . This didn't have a waymarker (and the next few were not in tip-top condition). Anyway you descend and I think the official route is left hand-ish, and the eagle eyed will have spotted a double back on the Strava map. Having got back on the correct route it is right, left, right and then finally left along the set aside strip. You will go through 2 or 3 fields, all recently drilled and so far looking good. One of the fields goes behind the livery you may have noticed as you leave Hannington Wick in the Highworth direction, so lots of horses over the hedge. Kempford church is starting to look bigger! On Strava (not shown here) we are 10ft or so below the starting level so I suspect these fields could flood fairly easily. Eventually you will come to a 4-way footpath junction.



The Watery Lane walk came here (Pic 6) and we are going to turn left and go the way we went then - across the field. This time of the year the path has not been sprayed, but there are horse footprints and even a bike tyre mark to follow. At the end of the field, cross the bridge and go straight on. After a 200m or so the track goes right and after perhaps 300m you will come to a T-junction where we will turn left and leave the Watery Lane route. This is the start of the Blackford Lane, and where we re-join the Thames Path (sadly tarmac) for the last mile or so back to Castle Eaton. Unlike last month's walk, up until this point I had not seen any humans, having to settle for 2 cats and a few sheep and horses. The lane is obviously the CE's dog walking zone, and they were now out in force.



So that is it, 10 walks for 2021! Perhaps someone could do a "Cycle Route of the Month" next year?

Richard Caswell



ST NICHOLAS MASS

JOSEPH HAYDN

FOLLOWED BY

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

CONDUCTOR: MARYSIA GORSKA-SAJ

ORGANIST: ROBIN BAGGS

SOLOISTS:

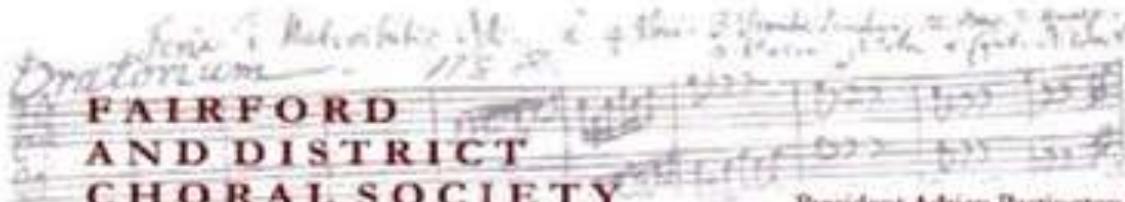
MATILDA WALE, NICOLE BOARDMAN,
WILLIAM PEARSON, NICHOLAS PERFECT

7.30PM, SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2021

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, FAIRFORD

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM FAIRFORD OPTICIANS,
11 HIGH STREET, FAIRFORD, 01285 713313 OR BY CALLING
01285 713681 OR ON THE DOOR.

£15, UNDER 18s £5



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AND DISTRICT
CHORAL SOCIETY**

President Adrian Partington

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Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		810035
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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
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'Kempsford Mums & Dads'