

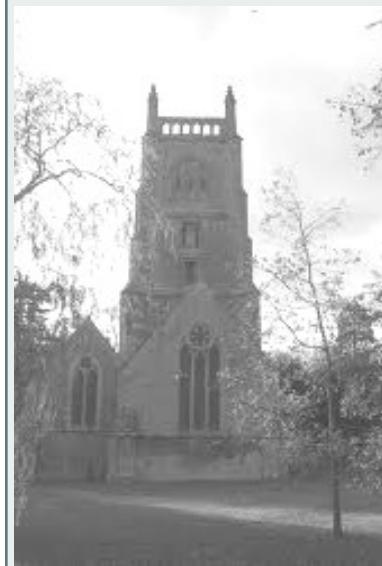
Kempsford

(with Whelford,
Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish News

Water, Water, Everywhere!

The recent wet weather has completely filled the Kempsford Quarry extraction site.



February
2014

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Choir	Miss E Scott		810577
Church Bells	Mrs Julie Stockwin		712109
Kempsford School	Mrs Pam Smart	(Acting Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Mr Andrew Doherty		711552
Chairman of School Friends	Mrs Philippa Griffin		810754
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Village Hall—Chair	Mrs I Lewis		810770
Village Hall—Booking	Mrs Mollie Price	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810534
Kempsford Preschool	Amy Allen	Kempsford.pre.school@o2.co.uk	811000
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Whelford Village Hall—Booking	Mrs Sue Griffin		712979
Dance Classes at Kempsford V.Hall	Ms Gillian Shearing		01793 875934
Kempsford Brownies	Mrs Ceri Pawson	www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved	
Cricket	Richard Caswell		810270
Church Office			712611
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			0845 9200 800
Non-emergency Police Contact			101
Thursday Club	Mrs P Crew/Mrs B Ockwell		810338/713261
NHS Direct			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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February 2014

Dear Friends,

I do hope that 2014 has begun well for you. January always seems a rather long month (For financial reasons, if no others) and the suddenly we find ourselves in February that passes with almost the blink of an eye. Time is a strange thing. Although it has an absolute quality about it, the reality is that it feels different depending on what is going on. An hour spent waiting for someone to arrive can feel like an eternity, whilst one brief hour with someone we love and yearn to be with can fly by in moments. The Psalmist expresses this from God's point of view when he writes:

'A thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by' Psalm 90: 4

What he means is that God's timing is not ours, so sometimes (Often?!) we need to be patient and recognise that we are not in control, but it also reminds us that time is a very human event. As Augustine put it:

Time is a feature of the universe that God has created

Hence God is outside time, and He can thus know past, present and future all at the same time, which means that because we know Him to be love, we can trust the future to Him, recognising that His timings, whilst not the same as ours are always right and good

Looking ahead over the next few weeks I would like to draw your attention to four things that may be of interest to you

- 1) On Sunday 2nd February at 3:00pm there will be tea and cake at Kempsford school for children and their families as we hold a very informal discussion on the possibility of a special family focussed event on occasional Sunday afternoons. A chance for parents to talk about 'faith and things' and for children to have a time of fun, activities and spiritual discovery.
- 2) On Thursday 13th March our Lent series 'The Problem of Pain' begins at St Mary's, Fairford. Please have a look at the programme in this parish newsletter. The speakers are all well known to me and will be both thought provoking and, I hope, helpful.
- 3) On the weekend of April 25th-27th, although there is no Literary Festival this year, we will be hosting a few fascinating writers including Lord Hurd, Lord Hattersley, Jonathan Aitken, Barry Norman, Chris Skidmore MP, and the Countess of Harrowby. More details next month
- 4) I am planning to direct a play to celebrate harvest this year on Sunday 14th September. It will be Thornton Wilder's beautiful celebration of life, 'Our Town'. Eager actors and actresses of all ages are invited to be involved. Do let me know if you are interested.

With every blessing

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Services for February 2014

Sunday 2 nd February <i>Candlemas</i>	10:00am 3:00pm 6:00pm	Holy Communion with Revd Curwen Rawlinson Tea and Cake at Kempsford School to explore 'Church in School', a new initiative for children and their families ALL welcome Choral Evensong at Kempsford with the Choir of St Lawrence, Lechlade
Thursday 6 th February	7:00pm	PCC Meeting at The Parsonage
Sunday 9 th February <i>4th Sunday before Lent</i>	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th February <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford Family Service
Thursday 20 th February	7:15pm	Youth Group Leaders meet at The George
Sunday 23 rd February <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford Holy Communion and Baptism of Archie Arnett
Tuesday 25 th February	7:00pm	Supper and Prayer at The Parsonage

Weddings: 18th May: Laura Caddy and Ian Freyne

2nd August: Sarah Browne and Paul Crooke(Whelford)

9th August: Lisa Chapman and Toby Heycock

The Problem of Pain

South Cotswolds Team Lenten Series

Thursdays at 7:00pm in St Mary's, Fairford

Christians searching for God in the midst of suffering

March 13th:

James Shoan: **Struck down by a brain tumor at 40**

March 20th:

David Blair: **Finding meaning in the dementia and death of a beloved wife**

March 27th:

David and Joanna Whittaker: **The Illness and Death of a 5 year old daughter**

April 3rd:

Revd Dr Trystan Owain Hughes: '**Finding Meaning and Hope in Suffering'**

April 10th:

Anne Atkins: **When Life seems against you**

All talks are absolutely free and coffee will be served afterwards to give an opportunity to meet the speakers.

Dr Hughes and Anne Atkins will bring copies of their books to sell to anyone who is interested in reading more

Kempsford Village Hall



Village Hall Café

Thursday 13th February

11.30 am - 2 pm

On offer Fresh Coffee, Homemade Soup and Bread, Speciality Teas and Homemade Cakes. What could be better?

All welcome!

Ladies and Gents

Why not fight those extra Christmas pounds at

Zumba

An exercise class on your own doorstep!

High or Low Impact – choose your own level

Kempsford Village Hall

Monday 6.00 – 7.00pm

£4.50 per session

Just turn up or contact Donna on 0789 1660089 for further information

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL NEEDS

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the village hall's AGM in May we will be seeking new committee members as some of the current committee have announced their intention to stand down from the committee, either at the forthcoming AGM or subsequent ones.

In order to keep the hall functioning as an important facility in the village, new committee members are needed.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in finding out more, please ask any committee member or contact Dawn on 810 419 or Iris on 810 770.

HANK WANGFORD & BRAD BREATH

"Nine out of ten committee members have never heard of Hank."

NO HALL 2 SMALL

No Hall 2 Small just got even better
as Hank saddles up with his
multi talented compadre Brad Breath.

Laughter. Tears. A Glimpse of Gloom as Hank & Brad
trawl the dark underbelly of Country music



Kempsford Village Hall

Friday 7th February

£7.50 performance; £5 food.

Call Dawn on 810 419 to book

Bar available

Doors open 7.00pm: Food served 7.30pm. Performance 8.00pm

Kempsford Village Hall



Regular bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00–11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett			Café 2nd Thurs in month 11:30–14:00	
PM		Dance Classes 15:30–17:00 Ms Gillian Shearing	15:30–17:30 Private Dance Classes Ms Gillian Shearing	12:15–14:15 Post Office	
Eve	18:00–19:00 Zumba Donna	18:00–19:30 Brownies Ceri Pawson		19:00–21:00 Youth Group	
		19:45–21:45 Parish Council Meeting (once a month, usually 3rd Tues in month)			

Contact details: Rona Bennett—01865 820754, Donna — 07891660089, Gillian Shearing —01793875934

Brownies—Mrs Ceri Pawson, www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved

Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Iris Lewis (Chair)	Tel: 01285 810770	Jacky Stagg (Treasurer)	Tel: 01285 239287
Meike Doherty	Tel: 01285 711552	Joy Cross	Tel: 01285 810439
Mollie Price (Booking Secretary)	Tel: 01285 810534	Dawn Penman (Secretary)	Tel: 01285 810419
Pete Wolfenden	Tel: 01285 810477		

New members always welcome

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 18th February 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 18th March 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Parish Council News

Recent Flooding

Following the recent flooding of properties in Whelford, the Parish Council has met with various agencies to look at the cause and how to prevent it happening again. Further meetings have been arranged for early February and we will update you in the March Newsletter.

Thank you to all residents who have provided evidence of the flooding, it is very helpful.

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by
Monday 17th February 2014 please

Cotswold District Council Planning

Planning applications lodged or new details received:

Ref: 13/05181/FUL – Outline application for residential development and associated works at Land Parcel To The South West Of Saxon Way, Fairford

The following decisions have been made:

13/04426/FUL - Erection of two storey side and front extension and single storey front extension front and side extensions at 6 Holford Crescent, Kempsford –**Application Permit.**

13/04654/FUL - Substitution of approved unit type from the Yoo 4 solarium to the standard Yoo 4 with re-orientate and additional land creation at Plot 2.03, Coln Park –**Application Permit.**

13/04707/FUL - Re-orientation of unit 2.16 with associated amendments to the plot layout requiring additional land creation at unit 2.16, Coln Park –**Application Permit.**

13/04017/FUL - Substitution of unit type and revised external layout on Plot 4.37, Coln Park –**Application Permit.**

13/04854/LBC - Replace modern french doors, with double glazed units. Replace mixed modern and Victorian window (not original) with double glazed units at Paradise Farm, High Street, Kempsford –**Application Permit.**

For further information, please visit www.cotswold.gov.uk

Whelford Village Hall

AGM

Wednesday 29th January 2014

7.15pm at the Hall

All Welcome



POLICE CIRCULARS

This message comes to you from the Gloucestershire Constabulary. Our telephone number for non-emergencies is 101 and calls cost 15p each. Visit the Constabulary website at www.gloucestershire.police.uk

This is a message from your Local Policing Team.

Please be aware that we have reports of a Ford Tipper van driving around the area trying to sell gravel to householders. Be aware that this is a scam and they will try and charge you more than the gravel is worth. Please report any suspicious vehicles to the Police on 101 and if you are approached unsolicited to buy some gravel please report this to the Police.

Thank You

What's on at
Whelford Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

Sat 22nd February — Live Music

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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



community**speed**watch

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW)

CSW empowers local residents to play an active part alongside the police and Gloucestershire Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problem of speeding in our neighbourhood.

- Recent speed survey in Kempsford recorded speeds of nearly 60mph in a 30mph zone
- Pedestrians, especially children, and other road users vulnerable to accidents caused by reckless and dangerous drivers
- Residents are experiencing negative impact on their quality of life

CSW aims to raise awareness amongst drivers of a local involvement and presence of a scheme. Volunteering would involve:

- As part of a team, regular road-side monitoring of vehicles involving measuring speed and logging details of speeding vehicles
- Training on use of speed measuring equipment
- As much or as little commitment as you like

Police will be notified of speeding drivers and warning letters will be issued. Those who persistently offend will be notified to the Road Policing Unit and the Local Policing Team, for enforcement action.

To register your interest in becoming a volunteer please email:
csw@kempsfordparishcouncil.net or telephone 0781 8626158

Further information on CSW schemes can be found on the Parish Council website Speed Watch page - http://www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net/html/speed_watch.html

Get behind ‘missing link’ solution

People across Gloucestershire are being urged to support a campaign to secure funding to sort out the A417 ‘missing link’.

The government will set out its future road schemes at the end of March this year and Gloucestershire County Council is today launching a campaign to see the missing link solution – the A417 loop - added to the list.

If it is added to the list, there’s a much higher chance of securing the funding needed when the government is allocating cash in spring 2015.

Over the next two months, the council needs people to get behind the campaign and support the A417 loop in order to convince the government to stump up the £250million needed.

Once this window of opportunity closes, it’s unlikely the chance will come up again for many years to come.

Now people across Gloucestershire are being asked to show their support for the A417 loop by signing up and pledging their backing on www.a417missinglink.co.uk.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, said: “This is our one chance to show the government how important this scheme is to our county.

“For more than 20 years people have talked about a possible solution but it’s only ever been talk up to this point, without the money to see it through.

“We know the government will announce its list of schemes at the end of March and this is our opportunity to put our case forward and get the cash we need.”

The missing link is a 5km stretch of single carriageway on the A417 trunk road with the remaining route between the M4 at Swindon and M5 at Gloucester being dual carriageway.

It is a significant bottleneck and has the worst average vehicle delay of all strategic routes in the South West.

The Air Balloon roundabout, which is a key part of the missing link section, is forecasted to be running 30% over capacity by 2026.

The route already sees more than 34,000 vehicles a day and in the past 15 years there has been more than 340 casualties following accidents on that stretch of road.

The impact on the local economy is also significant with many local businesses affected by unreliable deliveries and lack of confidence in the road network preventing investment.

The Highways Agency, which owns the road, has investigated possible solutions and significant work has been done on this over the past 20 years.

Following this work, the A417 loop, formerly known as the Brown Route, has been highlighted as the best solution.

The A417 loop is a new road made up of a short bypass of Nettleton Bottom, widening of Birdlip Bypass, a new junction at Birdlip, a new junction replacing the Air Balloon roundabout and construction of an additional two lane carriageway down Crickley Hill.

The result will be an uninterrupted dual carriageway all the way from the M5 at Gloucester to the M4 at Swindon.

The A417 loop follows the existing path as much as possible and has been judged as the most environmentally friendly by the Environment Agency.

Other solutions, including a tunnel which would cost £1billion, have been ruled out on cost and environmental grounds.

Cllr Hawthorne added: “Now is the time for us to make our case heard.

“We firmly believe the A417 loop is the way forward and we have to make sure the government hears that message loud and clear.

“The window of opportunity for securing the cash for the A417 loop is short and we need to show the government that Gloucestershire really is behind this scheme.

“Please visit our website, www.a417missinglink.co.uk and pledge your support today.”

You can also email us at info@a417missinglink.co.uk and follow us on Twitter @A417loop



Community First Responder

Community First Responders (CFR) are volunteers who support their local community by attending emergency calls ahead of an Ambulance.

CFRs are trained to attend medical emergencies where it might be essential for the patient to receive immediate life-saving care. No previous medical training is needed to become a CFR. The Ambulance Service currently has a whole host of people as CFRs in their local community, including nurses, engineers, postal workers, accountants, consultants, drivers and teachers. CFRs do need:

- a full driving licence;
- good interpersonal and communication skills;
- the ability to observe and accurately record details; and,
- the ability to take the lead and remain calm in pressured situations.

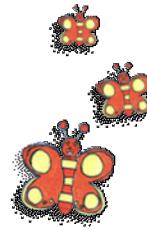
CFRs are an integral part of the local Ambulance Service. Before appointment and issue of equipment, volunteers will be expected to have completed an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and will have received training over a three day course.

The local group, which covers an area from Lechlade through Fairford to Kempsford, meets monthly. Local CFRs are encouraged to attend these as part of their continuation training.

Interested? Then find out more from Stephen Andrews – at present the only CFR in Kempsford/Whelford, by contacting him at andrews@btinternet.com or on 07769-552138.

Kempsford Pre-School

Registered charity No. 1023770



Topics and Activities since the New Year

As we all continue to endure an incredibly soggy start to the new year, we have been looking at the changing seasons and the affects seasonal changes have on the environment. Focussing on winter, the activities linked to this are ice play, winter play dough, shaving foam and winter animals, ice pictures using shapes and winter colours. We are also enjoying walks in the afternoon to see the floods and splash in puddles.

January's focus story this month was Julia Donaldson's The Gruffalo which was extremely popular.

The children attended the Village Hall Café again on 9 January. This is always a big hit with the children on and has become a regular monthly event. Not only is this fun, it enables the children to be involved in and support our village community. Do please come and have a chat to us at this month's café.

New faces

We have welcomed 2 new children to pre-school this term, Thomas and Cody.

Our Play leader, Amy Allen, is now on maternity leave having recently given birth to a bouncing baby boy, Alfie. Congratulations Amy! Lisa Nichols is now the Pre-school play leader during Amy's leave. We welcome Naomi Bushell, who joins us on for the Monday session since our numbers are growing. Naomi (or Nae as she likes to be called), has a wealth of experience in child care.

Rag Bag and fundraising

If you are undertaking a New Year clear-out, please also consider donating any unwanted clothing, shoes, towels, bedding, curtains etc. to the Pre-school "Rag Bag" bin. This is sited within the preschool playground but we will happily place bagged items left inside the gate in the bin if the gates are closed. There is no obligation to use the official bags although these can be provided to you if you wish to have some.

Finally, we wish to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising events at the end of last year, whether as a helper out or by coming along and spending your money. Both events were a great success and hugely enjoyable. Even better, with your help we have raised a fantastic sum of money which will be spent on making our pre-school an even better place for the children. THANK YOU.

Kempsford Church of England Primary School

"Quality Education founded on Christian Values"

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The History of Kempsford

Kempsford used to be called Kynemereforde (meaning, The Great Marsh) back in the 13th Century. Kempsford first found historical fame in 1297, when a man named Henry Plantagenet, Duke of Lancaster, married Maud de Chaworth. Maud inherited Kempsford Manor from her wealthy father. With this, many links to royalty began to spread. Maud's sister Blanche de Chaworth was in a marriage to John of Gaunt, together they had a son, who grew up to become Henry IV, in 1399! John of Gaunt was the fourth son of Edward III and Queen Phillipa. Gaunt meaning Ghent, is a place in Belgium.

Royalty links are long gone, but St Mary's (Kempsford Church) still stands in all its glory. On the tower's ceiling, the most dazzling feature is The Lancastrian Roses, representing the birth of the first Duke of Lancaster. Henry died, in 1361, at Leister Castle, without a male heir because his son, Henry drowned in the river, which runs through Kempsford. After the Duke's death, John of Gaunt, took Henry's place, and became the Duke of Lancaster in 1362. In the same year Maud de Chaworth mysteriously died, leaving her portion of inheritance to her sister Blanche. Many people believe that John of Gaunt killed Maud, just to get her money. John of Gaunt's son was crowned Henry IV on 13th October 1399.



On the left is our creation of Henry IV. On the right is the real Henry IV.



by Anna and Caitlin (Year 6)

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations at the annual Christmas Soirée this year. On behalf of the church, Tim Hastie-Smith donated the £125 collection to partners working in Tajikistan with deprived children. It's great to know that Kempsford's talented children have helped contribute to such a worthy cause.

*Thank you,
Sharon.*

Thank you Lions

The Lion's Club held their 37th annual party on 11th January in Fairford, so on behalf of the members of Kempsford Thursday Club who attended I would like to thank them for the good time they gave us. The organisation and entertainment were superb, the Lion's ladies tea was most enjoyable and the gifts were much appreciated.

Thanks also to the driver and his escort who saw us safely there and back home again.

E.M.Walker

Thursday Club

Thursday Club restarts in Castle Eaton Village Hall on 13th February at 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing all our current members again and welcoming any one else who would like to join us.

For any details please contact one of the following:- Pat Crew 810338, Barbara Ockwell 713261, Anne Caddick 810359 or Anne Kilminster 810424.

Pat Crew

"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury"

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May 2014



Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 17th February: Stroud's Other Industries – More Than Just Cloth! The valleys around Stroud are renowned for their woollen mills and in particular for the production of the red cloth used for military uniforms. This talk by Dr Ray Wilson looks at the wide range of other industries that grew up in the area and are often overlooked. 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Guests welcome £4.

Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

Lechlade Community Library

Our volunteers are looking forward to welcoming customers old and new to Lechlade Community Library in 2014. Remember that we are now open for at least 3 hours every weekday as well as Saturday morning – so come in and see the newly published books that we have already purchased for 2014!

Our opening hours are:

Monday	10 – 4	Thursday	10 – 1
Tuesday	1 – 4	Friday	1 – 6
Wednesday	10 – 1	Saturday	10 – 1

We have a new sign to put outside the library when we are open (thanks to PG Events) so come in when you see the sign.

Are you interested in joining a **Book Club** and enjoying friendly discussion in an informal group? Please let us know if you would like this and whether you would prefer afternoon or evening sessions.

Wi-Fi is available in the library so you can use your own tablet, phone and other devices and get faster access to the internet for a small fee.

Our usual Children's activities continue on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings. We can also offer help if you would like to improve your Computer skills or if you are interested in researching your Family History. Support is also available for Job Seekers.

We would like to thank Lechlade Baptist Church for lending us their lovely crib as the centrepiece of our Christmas window display and all those who provided the wonderful knitted figures – the sheep were particularly popular! Thanks as well to our volunteer Tad for his paper sculptures.

Many thanks also to the volunteers who came in after Christmas and helped with more painting and refurbishment. We are constantly delighted by the support shown by the community for the library and the willingness of so many people to help.

If you would like any more information about the library and the services we offer, please visit our website www.lechladelibrary.co.uk or phone 01367 252631.



Are you concerned about the alcohol or drug use of a family member or friend?

a series of free sessions can help you to help them

You will:

- meet with others who have similar concerns
- receive help with specific issues
- gain information and support

in a confidential environment.

Start date : Thursday 27th February
(weekly for 6 weeks)

from: 10.30—1.00 pm

**at: Family Focus,
1 Brunswick Square,
Gloucester GL1 1UG**



Please call 01452 500885 to find out more or book a place, or email positivecaring@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Fairford Library

Tel: 0845 230 5420 www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

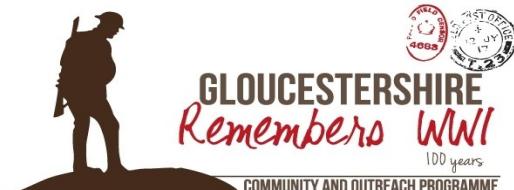
Thursday 6th February 2014 6 – 6.30pm Bedtime Stories at Fairford Library

Is your teddy ready? Come in your pyjamas and bring him or her along for some bedtime stories at the Library ! For pre-school and primary school age children. No need to book.

Monday 3rd February 2014 2 – 4 p.m. at Fairford Library

Who were the soldiers who fought for Fairford?

How did the war affect Fairford and the surrounding area?



- **FREE workshop** to introduce WW1 resources relating to Gloucestershire and how to make the most of them. **Drop-in, no need to book!**

Gloucestershire Remembers WW1 can help you learn more and share what you find with your community and others.

Download our free research toolkits and resources at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/ww1

For more information, please call into the library or **telephone. 0845 230 5420** or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/ww1



Thursday 20th February 2014 10 – 11 a.m.

Free half term event : “Zoo! ”

Booktime and craft at Fairford Library

for pre-school children – 11 years.

Listen to the stories, then have a go at some “Zoo” themed crafts.

Places must be booked as numbers are limited.



“Coffee, biscuits and the chance to meet ”

Family Focus - Drop in to Fairford Library on

Thursday 20th February 2014 10.30 – 12 noon,

for free refreshments (donations welcome) and meet representatives of a variety of organisations with a family focus – young and old.

Find out what they do and how they might be able to help you.

This event is being held alongside our “Zoo” half term activity for children and our regular monthly Library club.

Regular events:



Fairford Library: Win a drink and famous

7a Coffee Shop Chocolate Brownie!

Enter our regular monthly competition

For primary, and secondary pupils (2 classes).

How to win: Borrow a book, audio book or DVD from Fairford Library. Write a short review on our entry sheet, bring it in or email it to us or come in to the library and tell our staff or a volunteer what you thought of it – they will write what you say down for you.

Prize winners will be announced at the end of each month and can collect their voucher from the Library to receive a free drink and Brownie at **7a Coffee shop in Fairford** who have kindly donated these prizes. Yum yum!

The winning entries will be sent for publication in the Gloucestershire Echo and Citizen newspapers.

Toddler Time: Every Monday 10 – 10.30am

Too old for Baby Bounce and Rhyme time?

Have fun with songs, rhymes and stories. For pre-school children aged approximately 2 years – school age and their grown ups.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time: Every Wednesday 10.30am – 11am Sing along, wiggle and jiggle. For babies up to 2 years and their grown ups.

Library Club: Every third Thursday 11am – 12 noon. Next on Thursday 20th February Are you unable to get to the library, but would like to come to borrow books and have a cuppa and a chat at the same time? Or do you know of someone who is unable to get out and about and would like this service? Transport with disabled facilities is provided. If so, please contact us at Fairford Library. **A few spaces still available.**

“Stay and Play” @ The Children’s Centre, Fairford Library: Every Tuesday in term time 1.30 – 3 p.m. Free event. Messy Play, Arts and Crafts, Singing and Music Group for toddlers, pre-school children parents and carers to come and play together. Tel: **0845 230 5420**

Free computer instruction Now available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday

Would you like to learn how to use a computer and the internet or to improve your skills? We offer free basic computer tuition with our “computer buddy” volunteers at Fairford Library. Contact us to book an appointment, tel: **0845 230 5420**

Family history/ancestry buddy: Have you always wanted to know more about your family history, but would like some help in how to go about the research? We can help with free basic tuition with our “ancestry buddy” volunteer at Fairford Library . Contact us to book an appointment, tel: **0845 230 5420**

Apply for your concessionary bus pass for free at Fairford Library: no need to buy a passport photo.

Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable
February/March 2014

Cirencester every Thursday departing Fairford 08.30am & 09.30 returning
 11.15am & 12.15 cost £3.40

<u>February</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart</u> <u>Fairford</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>Return</u> <u>PM</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Tuesday 4 th	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	£5.00
Friday 7 th	Witney	9.00	1.00	£6.00
Friday 14 th	Cheltenham	9.00	1.00	£7.50
Wednesday 19 th	Fairford Market - Villages (F1)	10.00	12.15	Variable
Wednesday 26 th	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	£3.00
Friday 28 th	Cheltenham	9.00	1.00	£7.50
<u>March</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart</u> <u>Fairford</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>Return</u> <u>PM</u>	<u>COST</u>
Tuesday 4 th	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	£5.00
Wednesday 5 th	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	£4.50
Friday 7 th	Witney	9.00	1.00	£6.00
Tuesday 11th	Marlborough	9.00	2.00	£8.20
Wednesday 19 th	Fairford Market - Villages (F1)	10.00	12.15	variable
Monday 24 th	Central Swindon/Orbital	9.00	12.30	£5.00
Friday 28 th	Cheltenham	9.00	1.00	£6.00
Friday 28 th	Lechlade Garden Centre (Food Fayre)	10.00	12.30	£3.00

All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station

All departure times are approximate and at the drivers discretion. To book a seat or for more information call on 01285 713852 Jill/Clive
 Or call in at the office 1st floor of the Community Centre Monday through to Friday 9.00 - 12.30

