

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter



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February 2021

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Teresa Griffin, Winterwood, Whelford, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4EB

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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 16th February 2021 at 7.45pm

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.45pm

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2021 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

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Tenders are invited to supply the following service to Kempsford Parish Council for the grass-growing season of 2021.

The amount of cuts required is weather dependent and can vary from year to year. As an example, for 2020 the churchyards were cut 14 times, and open spaces 13 times.

Tenders can be submitted as a price per cut, or an annual cost.

KEMPSFORD:

Section 1: Both churchyards

- Mowing to a height of 1.5” and removal of grass cuttings from site.
- Strimming around graves and head stones.
- Treating of all paths for weeds.
- Tidying of leaves at end of season.

Section 2: Other open spaces

- Mowing of Cross Tree Village green.
- Mowing of Wakefield Close green, end of St Mary’s Close, Grass area at Tuckwell Road, Grass at end of Holford Crescent onto Ham Lane, End of Broadway Close, Areas at High St/Mount Pleasant by post box (2 pieces), Dunfield junction with Top Road Triangle, Grass from Mount Pleasant to Reevey, Reevey Corner, verges by School (2 pieces).
- Grass to be kept at a maximum height of 2” for all areas except the village green, which needs to be kept at 1.5”, and the Middle Farm Path which will only require cutting once a month.
- All grass cutting are to be collected and disposed of in appropriate compost heaps.
- Occasional trimming of hedge adjacent to Reevey Footpath may be required to prevent vegetation obstructing footpath. An hourly rate can be submitted for this if easier.

Please supply a tender to include the following information:

- *Name, address and telephone number*
- *Confirmation that appropriate insurance is held*
- *Intended frequency of mowing*
- *Proposed cost*

Please supply tenders in writing or email to the above address by Friday 12th February 2021.

The successful bidder(s) will be informed in writing by 28th February 2021.

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 Jvkhoo@aol.com 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 rd Tuesday)	20:00-21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2 nd Wednesday)			19:00 – 20:15 Yoga Charlie McKenna 07885759879 yoga@atwest cottage.com
		20.00 to 21.00 Yoga Charlie McKenna yoga@atwest cottage.com (except 3 rd 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

*Joy Cross, Secretary

*Amy Durban, Health & Safety

*Mark Britt, Vice-chair

*Mel Denny, Bookings Secretary

Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding

*Jo Colson, Treasurer

*Kate Collins

Mark Strange, Parish Council Rep.

** Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome

LET'S BE READY TOGETHER



At Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), we work hard all year round to keep the power flowing to millions of homes and businesses across northern Scotland and central southern England.

However, sometimes the weather has other ideas. Extreme winter conditions can cause power disruption, so here's our advice on how you can prepare.

Let's be ready together, whatever the weather.



**Scottish & Southern
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You can join our Priority Services Register if you:

- Are deaf or hard of hearing
- Have a disability
- Live with children under five
- Are blind or partially sighted
- Have a chronic illness
- Use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity
- Are over 60

If you're unsure whether or not you qualify, contact us to discuss your circumstances.



To find out more and to join our Priority Services Register, visit:

[ssen.co.uk/priorityservices](https://www.ssen.co.uk/priorityservices)



Or call us on
0800 294 3259



If you use a text phone,
you can reach us on
0800 316 5457

READY WITH PRIORITY HELP

If you, or someone you know, needs extra support in a power cut, you can join our Priority Services Register.

This free service ensures that our most vulnerable customers benefit from a dedicated service and receive priority assistance in the event of power disruption.

TIPS TO HELP YOU BE **READY**

If you know that adverse weather is on the way, or we've told you that we need to turn off your power to carry out planned maintenance, here are some tips for how you can prepare for a power cut:

- Keep a torch and batteries within easy reach
- Keep an analogue phone you can plug in handy (these can work without electricity but a lot of modern digital phones won't)
- Make sure your mobile phone is charged
- Keep a note of important numbers – including the 105 power cut number

Let's be ready together, whatever the weather.

READY AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON

If bad weather – or anything else – interrupts your power supply, let us know so that we can help you as soon as possible. Contacting us is easy:



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Call 105

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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

February 2021

Last year ended in a blur of changed plans and the start of lockdown 3. At St. Mary's and St. Anne's, we moved services outdoors in a bid to keep everyone as safe as possible. Despite the bitter cold, many people attended outdoor crib and carol services in both villages, and an improvised Christmas morning service around a 'stable' in the churchyard. In lieu of our family service there is an Epiphany trail in the churchyard where families can follow along with the wise men and receive a gift at the end – this will remain up until the end of January if you'd like some fresh air in the peace of the churchyard.

One of the things that helps us in times of great stress and change is developing resilience. I read a study recently that said: "Having people to reach out to for support is one of the most fundamental cornerstones of resilience." We Brits don't always find it easy to ask others for support, but strengthening our ability to ask for help when we need it and offering to help others will enable us to weather this together, and make our community stronger for the future.

I'm thankful to everyone who helped me when I had shingles recently – I'm rubbish at asking for help and it taught me again that we are all connected to one another. We are all loved and valued by God and all have a valuable contribution to make. One of our Epiphany Bible readings says: "Arise, shine! Although the earth is in darkness, God will shine upon you." Let's shine the best we can in these dark days of winter to share warmth and light with one another. Thank you to all our school staff and all who work as medics, carers and key workers at this time, and with prayers for all who are sick and all who have lost a loved one.

Love Rev Kim

CHURCH SERVICES IN KEMPSFORD AND WHELFD

For the remainder of January we will continue to conduct services on Sundays via Zoom starting at 9.30 am. When in-person services resume, we will post on the Kempsford Village Facebook page and The 5 Villages Facebook page and by email.

Contact Rev Kim Brown on revkimbrown10a@gmail.com or Rosemary Andrews (PCC Secretary) on rosemary.andrews@btintinernet.com if you would like further details.

As an alternative, the South Cotswold Team Ministry are streaming a service every Sunday on

www.worship-at-home.weebly.com

Morning Prayer takes place every weekday from 8.30 am on the Facebook page The 5 Villages.

St Mary's, Kempsford is open on a Wednesday and a Saturday for private prayer

St Anne's, Whelford is open on a Friday.

Any updates to this information will be published on the Facebook pages of Kempsford Village and The 5 Villages and in the next newsletter.

And also on the website www.achurchnearyou.com

FOOD BANK

Cirencester Food bank, which delivers food to Tetbury, Fairford and Cirencester residents, is very grateful for the food and toiletries collected in the lead up to Christmas. We gave a total of 32.9 kg of foodstuffs.

With the lockdown, now more than ever there has been an increase in their activities. Boxes are situated outside in the porches **of St Anne's, Whelford and St Mary's, Kempsford** for your donations or you can give financially to allow them to buy products in at <https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

Items needed regularly are: long life milk, jars of instant coffee, teabags, instant mash, long life sponge puddings and particularly at this time of covid bottles of washing up liquid, and surface detergent and bleach.

Many thanks for your continued generosity



**FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE
COMMUNITIES**

(Reg. Charity No: 1180059)

YOUR LOCAL CHARITY

*Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.
(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)*

News and Information from your Community Friends



CHANGES TO ARRANGING VOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSPORT

The process for requesting a driver for transport to and from appointments is changing. Going forward this will be done directly through Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities. You will no longer need to request a driver through either Hilary Cottage or Lechlade Medical Centre receptionists.

If you require transport to and from your hospital/doctor/dental appointments please contact Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities direct through the following methods:

Telephone: Between 10.00-13.00hrs Monday-Friday: 07540 798226

If the line is busy you will be able to leave a message and a member of the patient transport team will call you back

Email: voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com

100 CLUB – 2021

We are especially keen this year to increase membership of our 100 Club as we have been unable to raise funding through other means due to Covid-19. 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 Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: Fairford.lof@hotmail.co.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.

NEW OPENING TIMES FOR CHARITY SHOP

Opening times continue to be subject to Government regulations

Monday 10.00 am to 1.00 pm for donations by appointment only – ring Nicola on 01367 252189 to make an appointment.

Tuesday through to Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Saturday 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

**COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR
APPLICATIONS**

The Community Friends' Covid-19 Support Fund established to provide financial support to local organisations, charities, volunteer groups, families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid-19 remains open for applications. To date from 57 applications grants of approximately £55,424 have been made providing financial support to 39 different charities, organisations, families and individuals within our area of benefit. Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk).

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.

Graham Hewitt, Chairman

Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)

As we're in lockdown I've been online shopping. I'm a bit concerned about buying goods without seeing them first. What happens if something goes wrong, or if I change my mind after seeing something in reality? I don't have money to lose right now.



You're not alone being cautious about shopping online. Over the last year Citizens Advice Consumer Service has dealt with just under 123,000 cases in relation to online shopping.

Most of the time, when you buy something online you automatically get a 14-day 'cooling-off period' which starts the day after you receive your order. There doesn't need to be anything wrong with the item for you to get a refund. Many online sellers may offer more time, so make sure you check the terms and conditions before purchasing.

If you do decide to return your item, you need to tell the seller you don't want the item within 14 days of receiving it. Once you've told the seller, you've got 14 days to send it back. The seller has to pay you the refund within 14 days from when they receive the item.

If you buy something online and the product is faulty (i.e. it's broken, unusable or doesn't match what was advertised), you have 30 days to ask for a refund from when you receive it. However, you can choose to accept a replacement or repair. After 30 days (and before six months) the seller must offer you a repair within a reasonable timeframe. If this isn't possible, they must offer you a replacement or a refund. Ask the seller for the easiest way to send the item back. You shouldn't have to pay.

If you order something and it doesn't arrive, it's the seller's responsibility to make sure the item is delivered to you. If the seller used a courier, they should chase the courier to find out what's happened to your order - it's not your responsibility.

Check out <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/> for more information or contact the Citizens Advice Consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133

You can also get advice and information from your local Citizens Advice office, Stroud & Cotswold Districts by contacting our freephone number – 0808 800 0511

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Gloucestershire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Gloucestershire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for push-chairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos

email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk

A Reminder To All Dog Owners



This message is from your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

A reminder to all dog owners to please keep their dogs on a lead at all times.

If a dog worries sheep on agricultural land, the person in charge of the dog is guilty of an offence. This includes attacking sheep, chasing them in a way that may cause injury, suffering, abortion or loss of produce or being at large (not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field or enclosure in which there are sheep is guilty of an offence under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.

Sheep worrying often occurs as a result of stress caused by dogs. Worrying can be fatal to sheep and can cause ewes to miscarry their lambs, they can also become injured during their panic in which to flee from dogs.

To protect their livestock a farmer is well within their rights to shoot a dog under certain conditions on their land if they see dogs off their leads near livestock as this can cause them financial loss and is a welfare issue to their livestock. No farmer wishes to have to do this, however this is usually a last resort.

To avoid this situation from occurring, please ensure you keep your dog on a lead at all times when walking near livestock.

Many thanks

Walk 1: Marston Meysey and Dunfield

This is the first of what I hope will be more “walk of the month” – the idea being to do walks during lockdown (and afterwards!) that are approximately 5 miles and an hour or so. Ideally all walks would start at (and finish in!) the George, however some do require car or bike to get to the start unless you want a really long walk. The map and pics below are on Strava so please join the Kempford-WOTM club (number = 824683) – this if nothing else may be more readable than the printed version. Unfortunately none of the walks will be buggy or wheelchair friendly.

How many people have lived in Kempford for 10 years or more and have never walked across “the border” to Marston Meysey? This is a beautiful walk whether you are battling the winter mud or walking along leafy tracks in the summer.

From the George walk up the village past the village green and Paradise Farm (pic 1) – some may say when you’ve got to Paradise why carry on? Anyway the next challenge is south-east face, without oxygen, of Mount Pleasant. There go left down to the Reevey and cross the cattle grid (pic2). Just past the cottages you enter a field where Zulu the bull used to live – haven’t seen him for a bit so maybe no more. In the distance you will see Dunfield – perhaps the stockbroker belt of Kempford? Don’t go all the way, but fork left towards the end of the field and go through a gate onto the road that will take you down to the C124. Just before the C124 T-junction turn right into a field – the footpath sign is broken but see pic3 for help. Now just follow your nose through several fields and perhaps after nearly a mile you will come to the back of the Spotted Cow (pic4). Turn right here as you can’t go in the pub at present and walk down the track with houses on your left. There is at least one path off to the left to take you to “downtown” Marston Meysey but you should carry on to a T-junction where you take the muddy option to the right – pic 5. Now you are pointing towards home, but you have to follow the twist and turns of the path for ½ mile until another T-Junction where again you turn right (pic6). Now you are close to the airfield, the base fence is perhaps one field away on the left. Carry on for perhaps a mile until you get to a footbridge across a ditch (pic7) which will take you into a field with rugby posts in it. The stile at the end of this field is covered in brambles so it is over the gate. Then walk up to the telephone box in Dunfield and turn right into the “Zulu” field and back to Kempford.

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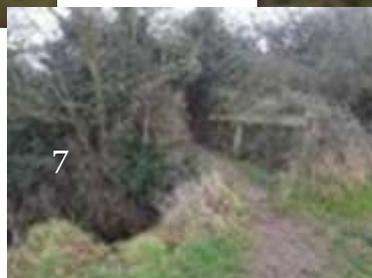
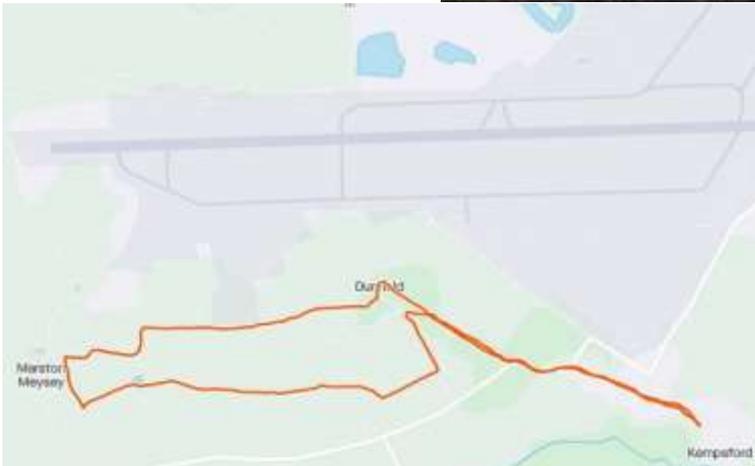
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Elevation:

35 ft

Time:

1:23:30



CLOTHING COLLECTION

March 2021

Kate Griffin & Hannah Sampson's are still raising funds for their World Challenge trip to Costa Rica in July.

If you have any of the following unwanted items then please bag them up and call **Nina 07788 710583** or **Philippa 0779 3562704** to arrange drop off or collection.

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We ***DO NOT*** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

Items needed by Thursday 11th March 2021 please.

Please visit <https://bag2school.com/> for more information.

or

<https://weareworldchallenge.com/uk/>

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Wardens	Elizabeth Emberson	Email:dizzylizzy@sky.com	
	Keith Howlett		01285 712268
Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Darren Jeffrey	chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	810875
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall Bookings	Mel Denny	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	0734 1901986
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Kempsford Brownies	Philippa Griffin	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/	
Cricket	Anthony Axel-Berg		07766222951
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
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		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Steve Trotter	Steve.trotter@cotswold.gov.uk	07710 405323
	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	raymond.theodoulou@gloucestershire.gov.uk	01285 752000
Constituency MP	Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown	cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk	01242 514551
Parish Council Clerk (see Parish Council page for Councillors)	Mrs Teresa Griffin	teresagriffin@kempsfordparish Council.net	0781 8626158
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Kempsford Website		www.kempsford.net	
Kempsford Parish Council Website		www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net	

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'Kempsford Mums & Dads'