Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

RIAT Residents' Newsletters and car stickers will be attached to next months edition –Please see inside for further information



Parish News



June 2014

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

	0 0		
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
Kempsford Village Hall	Mr Pete Wolfenden		810477
Kempsford Village Hall—Booking	Mrs Joy Cross	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810439
Kempsford Preschool	Amy Allen	staff@kempsfordpreschool.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	Donna Kent	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
Cotswold District Councillors	Sue Coakley MBA	sue@suecoakley.plus.com	01367 253306
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Cotswold District Council			623000
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Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Raymond Theodoulou	rtheo525@aol.com	752000
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Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Teresa Griffin	teresagriffin@kempsfordparish	713691
(see Parish Council page for Councillors)		Council.net	
Newsletter items	Mrs Teresa Griffin	As above	713691
Kempsford Website		www.kempsford.net	
Kempsford Parish Council Website		www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net	
			amended June 2014

June 2014

You are invited

on Sunday 8th June to join Bishop Michael at St Anne's Whelford for a brief service of Holy Communion at 2:00pm before embarking on the next stage of his Diocesan pilgrimage

on Sunday 15th June to a Celebration of the Thames for all the family Starts at 10:00am at St Mary's Kempsford (Football Match, Barbecue, St Christopher's River Crossing challenge and Family Games) See notice for more details

On Saturday 5th July to The Grand Cricket Club Fete

On Saturday 13th September to The Harvest Fair (as Established by charter by Henry III on 10th April 1243 in Bordeaux as Kempsford Feast Sunday)



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Kempsford Literary Festival so enthusiastically.

Once again the response from the speakers has been tremendous! They loved being here.

Thank you too, to Chris and all those involved in setting up the new Junior Football Club. See the separate notice for more details

Services for June 2014

Sunday 1 st June	9:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford
Sunday after	10:00am	Holy Communion
Ascension		
Sunday 8 th June	10:00am	Holy Communion: Revd Curwen Rawlinson
Pentecost		Bishop Michael leads an informal Holy
	2:00pm	Communion at Whelford before embarking on
		the next leg of his diocesan pilgrimage.
		Companions welcome!
Sunday 15 th June	9:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford
Trinity Sunday	10:00am	Service of Celebration for the Thames
		followed by football match and family games
		in and by the river and a barbecue
Thursday 19 th June	7:00pm	Youth Group and Football Club Barbecue and
		Gunge Quiz at the Church
Sunday 22 nd June	10:00am	Morning Prayer (Adrian Lines)
1 st Sunday after		
Trinity		
Sunday 29 th June	9:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford
2 nd Sunday after	10:00am	Holy Communion and Baptism of Harry
Trinity		Pearce
Saturday 5 th July	2:00pm	Cricket Club Fete at Kempsford Manor

Weddings: 2nd August: Sarah Browne and Paul Crooke (Whelford) 9th August: Lisa Chapman and Toby Heycock 16th August: Olivia Bennett and Michael Ogbomo

LOST PROPERTY

St Mary's Church Kempsford is holding a number of items that have been left in the church during the past six months. If these are not reunited with their owners in the next few weeks, they will be given to charity.

A Celebration of The Thames

Sunday 15th June 2014



10:00am Family Celebration in the Church

11:00am Kempsford Junior Football Club v Parents: The Thames Trophy at Manor Farm

12:00noon Barbecue (Please bring your own drink)

12:45pm Family Games

1:30pm The Great St Christopher Race across the Thames



Kempsford Village Hall



Regular bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
	10:00-11:00			Café	
AM	Pilates			2nd Thurs in month	
	Rona Bennett			11:30-14:00	
		Dance Classes	15:30-17:30	12:15—14:15	
PM		15:30-17:00	Private	Post Office	
		Ms Gillian Shearing	Dance		
			Classes		
			Ms Gillian Shearing		
Eve	18:00-19:00	18:00-19:30		19:00-21:00	
	Zumba	Brownies		Youth Group	
	Donna	Donna Kent			
		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—Donna Kent, www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved

Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Pete Wolfenden (Vice Chair)	Tel: 01285 810477	Jacky Stagg (Treasurer)	Tel: 01285 239287
Dawn Penman (Secretary)	Tel: 01285 810419	Meike Doherty	Tel: 01285 711552
Joy Cross (Booking Secretary)	Tel: 01285 810439	Mrs Trudy Lines	Tel: 01285 711019

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Teresa Griffin, Winterwood, Whelford, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4EB Tel: 01285 713691 Email: teresagriffin@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net

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Mrs Christine Nugent	christinenugent@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810306
Ms Alison Ward	alisonward@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810273
Mrs Sue Griffin	suegriffin@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 712979
Mr Eric Hiscock	erichiscock@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810031
Mr Stuart Lindsell	stuartlindsell@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 713051

Parish Council and other	Meeting dates	
Tuesday 17th June 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 22nd July 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

Parish Council News

Dog Waste Bin

Following requests from residents, a new dog waste bin has been purchased and will be installed shortly along the top Dunfield Road, by the Mere footpath.

Whelford Telephone Box

Thank you to the residents who have offered to repaint the telephone box.

Cotswold District Council Repair and Renew Flood Protection Scheme

CDC have announced a grant scheme for householders whose properties were damaged internally by recent flooding. The Parish Council have notified CDC of properties in Whelford that we are aware of, and these residents should have had details sent to them. If anyone else within the Parish was affected and have not received details of the scheme, please contact the Clerk. More details on the next page.

Repair and Renew flood protection scheme launched

Release date: 11 April 2014

Cotswold District Council is delighted to inform residents that the Government has now launched its <u>Repair and Renew Grant</u> for properties damaged internally by recent flooding.

The grant scheme - which will be administered by CDC - offers up to £5,000 for householders and businesses to install property protection measures that will reduce or minimise the risk of future flooding. However, it does not provide funding for general repairs and insurance excesses.

Cllr David Fowles, Cabinet Member for the Environment at Cotswold District Council, said,

"We welcome this support from the government and we will be doing all we can to alert those affected by flooding in the district and will encourage them to apply for the grant scheme."

Additional notes about the Repair and Renew Scheme

Where two or more properties in the same area have been flooded, it is possible to pool funding (based on up to £5,000 per property) to establish a community-level flood protection scheme. This requires the agreement of all property owners but may have a greater impact than smaller measures in individual properties.

Other flood relief schemes

Council tax discounts and business rate relief are also available to help householders and businesses with recovery.

Small and medium sized businesses can also get financial support to develop and implement flood recovery plans. This could include money towards clean-up costs, materials and the need for temporary accommodation to enable them to continue trading - the deadline for applications for this support is 18 April 2014.

How to apply

All the above financial support schemes apply to residential or business properties affected by flooding between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2014.

Businesses and householders that consider they may qualify for one or more of the above schemes can register their interest online at <u>www.cotswold.gov.uk</u>, telephone 01285 623000 or email <u>floodgrant@cotswold.gov.uk</u>.

Anyone interested in implementing a community-level scheme (pooling grants between several properties), should also contact <u>floodgrant@cotswold.gov.uk</u> or telephone 01285 62300 to discuss their proposal in more detail.

Applications for the Repair and Renew scheme can be made at any time up to 31 December 2014. The deadline for the Business Support Scheme is 18April 2014.

Cotswold District Council Planning

Planning applications lodged or new details received:

14/01719/FUL	Change of use from B1/Sui Generis to Restaurant (Use Class A3) at
	Certas Energy UK, The Fuel Depot, London Road, Fairford, GL7 4DS

14/01499/FUL Installation of new sewage treatment plant to serve 1-4 Lane End (4 properties), erection of fencing and formation of new access at 1 Lane End, Whelford

Decisions Made:

12/01469/FUL	Provision of sports ground with car park, the erection of eleven affordable dwellings and eighteen family homes together with associated highway, parking, ac- cess, garaging, screening and landscaping at Land Be- tween The High Street And Top Road, Kempsford	Application Permit
14/01113/FUL	Two storey side extension at Mauley House, Top Road, Kempsford	Application Permit
14/01082/LBC	Internal repairs at Paradise Farm, High Street, Kempsford	Application Permit
14/00622/FUL	First floor extension to west elevation at Manor Lodge, High Street, Kempsford	Application Withdrawn

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



A residents' Newsletter and 2 Car Stickers will be included with next months (July/August) edition.

As per previous years, there will be a further opportunity to obtain additional sticker, and this will take place on Thursday 3rd July 2014 between 7pm and 8pm at Kempsford Village Hall Car Park.

Anyone requiring more than 10 car stickers should apply in writing or by email to the Clerk before the 30th June 2014.

A reminder to all livestock owners that the nature of the Royal International Air Tattoo means that it is sometimes noisy. If there is anyone in the area who has recently opened new stables or who keeps livestock that you suspect we are not already aware of please contact Chris Murray on

01285 713300 ext 5398 or email chris.murray@rafcte.com

Polite Reminder

Now we are in the main growing season, a reminder to residents to ensure hedges and vegetation are not allowed to overhang and cause obstruction or nuisance to footpath/highway users.



There have been a number of complaints regarding paths around the estate in Kempsford.

Please can you also refrain from parking cars on footpaths. It presents a danger to mobility scooter and pushchair users who are forced out in the road to navigate the obstruction

Thank you

PRESS RELEASE Cotswold District Council strikes blow against speculative developers



Planning Minister welcomes news about land supply figures on visit to Cotswolds

Cotswold District Council has calculated that it now has a housing land supply well in excess of five years, which means that it is in a much better position to resist inappropriate proposals for residential development. The latest housing land supply calculation shows that CDC now has a 359 unit surplus over-and-above the five year plus 20% buffer requirement.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires all districts to have at least a five year supply of housing land and this has caused problems across the country, especially in rural locations where developers have often delayed building houses on sites that have been granted planning permission. As a result, many districts – including Cotswold – have experienced shortfalls in land supply, meaning that a significant proportion of applications for housing developments, which were turned down by planning committees, have been allowed on appeal. This situation has been made even more onerous in Cotswold district by the Secretary of State's decision to impose an additional buffer of 20% on the five year land supply requirement.

The good news about the Cotswold land supply figures coincided with the visit of Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning, Nick Boles MP, to the Council's Trinity Road headquarters where he discussed local development concerns with the Leader and Deputy Leader, several officers, and local MP, Geoffrey Clifton-Brown.

NOTES

The supply of housing land is measured against the District's annual housing requirement, taking account of various delivery assumptions, to produce the five year housing land supply position. This is important to all local planning authorities because, if there is less than five years' worth of housing supply, they are vulnerable to speculative planning applications anywhere, including sites that do not accord with local planning policies. This can even happen if an authority has an up-to-date local plan. The Government has made it increasingly clear that house building is a top national priority, and the Planning Inspectorate has been taking a tough line with many councils who have fallen short of five year housing supply requirements.

Ambulance services in the Cotswolds -



update from the Leader of Cotswold District Council

Dear All

I'm afraid to say that ambulance response times in the Cotswolds remain totally unsatisfactory.

Fewer than half (45%) of 999 response vehicles called out in the Cotswolds reach their destination within target times. In the North Cotswolds the figure is even lower -38%.

Frankly, I think even those official statistics mask the truth and distort the real picture in our Cotswold communities. Potentially these dire response times could impact on any one of us.

"It simply isn't good enough".

It's clear that the Cotswolds is completely under-resourced. We know that the people on the ground are first class people – but there are not enough ambulances or crews.

That's why I want to see 3 more ambulances and crews located in the Cotswolds. 3MoreNow!

Please support my campaign at:

www.3MoreNow.org.uk

The more names and addresses that register the better.

Kind regards

Lynden Stowe Leader Cotswold District Council

Gloucestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - have your say about local pharmacy services.

Gloucestershire County Council is currently re-assessing the availability of pharmaceutical services across Gloucestershire.

As part of this work, we are keen to hear the views of Gloucestershire residents and have developed a short questionnaire to help gather feedback from anyone who uses community pharmacies or GP dispensaries in the county. The questionnaire is open via the link below until Monday 29 September. Responses to the survey will inform the Gloucestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, which is used to plan and commission future pharmaceutical services.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/yourpharmacy

Help is available to assist with the completion of the questionnaire if needed. The help-line number is 01452 426260 which is available between 8:30 am and 5pm Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays.

Airfield Activity at RAF Fairford June 2014

RAF Fairford is home to the USAF 420th Air Base Squadron, which is part of the 501st Combat Support Wing at RAF Alconbury in Cambridgeshire. The base is maintained in a ready, "warm status" by a civilian workforce who are responsible for all daily tasks and contingency preparations. The main mission at RAF Fairford is to be ready to receive a deployment of aircraft and personnel with 48 hours' notice, both for real-world scenarios and for training.

The mission at RAF Fairford will be put into action over the next few weeks! There will be aircraft activity on the airfield throughout the month of June, with several aircraft operations, and up to 500 additional personnel. Aircraft will arrive from Monday 2nd June and exercise from RAF Fairford for up to three weeks, expecting to depart by Saturday 21st June. The main flying operations will take place during the weeks of 9th and 16th June, although RAF Fairford will only be used for take-off and landing, and flying exercises will take place elsewhere. This exercise is not based on any current or real-world events

Contingency personnel will adhere to the posted quiet hours whenever possible (Monday to Thursday 23:00 each evening to 06:00 the following morning, and weekends from 18:00 Friday evening until 06:00 Monday morning). However there may be some occasions where operational necessity may require them to operate outside of these published hours.

We hope that activities at RAF Fairford are not too intrusive to local residents, and ask that residents are not alarmed by the military operations at RAF Fairford during this time.

If you have any queries about activities at RAF Fairford, please contact the Community Relations Adviser, Jenny Collyer, on 01285 714822 / 07764 166079 or e-mail jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil

Whelford Village Hall Trust







Breakfast Café

Following on from the success of last years fundraising RIAT Café event, we will repeating it again this year.

We will be serving breakfast from 7am onwards on Fri 11th, Sat 12th & Sun 13th outside Wayside Poultry Farm, Whelford.

Volunteers needed to cook and serve.

All proceeds to Whelford Village Hall Trust

Over £1000 was raised last year, and together with the grant from Gloucestershire County Council, we have now had plans drawn up for the addition of a kitchen and small meeting room to the hall. More funding is required to enable the project to be carried out.

For further information please contact -

Sue Griffin (01285) 712979 or

Lindsey Knott (01285) 712012

If you have friends and family staying why not take advantage

of this facility. Seating available.









League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

(Registered Charity No: 1006416)

PRESS RELEASE

The Hospital Friends in the Fairford and Lechlade area are providing a service of care in the community which is held up as a shining example throughout Gloucestershire. Members of the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital were told at their annual meeting that its vision of providing healthcare as close to home as possible had been embraced by the new Health Trust formed to provide care services in the county.

And the accolade came from none other than the Chair of Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust, Ingrid Barker, who stressed the League's work was playing a key role in the delivery of health and caring in the community.

The meeting was told by treasurer Paul O'Shaughnessy that the house-to-house collection at the end of March had raised around $\pounds 17,350$, which was slightly more than the sum collected last year. The chairman, Graham Hewitt, said a number of other fund-raising events were planned.

Gardens in Meysey Hampton will be open on June 8 in aid of the League in conjunction with the Village Festival there on June 8 and 9; a Big Band Picnic is being scheduled for July 12; and Eastleach House gardens will be opened in support of the League on July 16. The year will be rounded off on November 22 as usual with the League's annual Christmas Market and Draw.

Contributed by Martin Harwood, 17 Churchill Place, Fairford. Phone 01285712597. Email <u>martinharwood560@btinternet.com</u>

What's on at

Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

Sat 21st June–Live Music

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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



Kempsford Junior Football Club (ages 7-11) Meets every Thursday on the School Field 6:00pm-7:30pm

Special Events this Month

Sunday 15th June: 11:00am KJFC V parents at Manor Farm followed by a barbecue, and a chance to walk across the Thames

Thursday 19th June: 7:00pm: Fundraising Gunge Quiz at the Church with Coach Chris and Coach Cal (Transport provided: Finished by 8:30pm)

For more details text Chris on 07834 737825



Kempsford Cricket Club



Kempsford Cricket Club. Located behind the 'George' public house, High Street, Kempsford

www.cricket.kempsford.net

MENS FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Status	Time
JUNE				
Sun 1st	South Hill	Home	Confirmed	2.00 start
Sun 8th	Cricklade	Away	Confirmed	2.00 start
Sat 14th	Mechanicals	Home	Confirmed	2.00 start
Sat 21st	Fleet Street Strollers	Home	Confirmed	1.30 start
Sun 29th	Fairford	Home	Confirmed	2.00 start
JULY				
Wed 2nd	South Hill	Home	Confirmed	6.30 start
Sun 6th	Cold Ash	Home	Confirmed	2.30 start
Sun 20th	Swindon United Churches	Home	Confirmed	2.00 start
Sun 27th	Tortworth Musketeers	Home	Confirmed	2.00 start

LADIES FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Status	Time
JUNE				
Sun 15th	Fairford	Home		2.30pm
Fri 20th	Poulton	Away		6.30pm
Sat 28th	Cirencester	Home		2.30pm
JULY				
Sun 6th	Slaughters	Away		10.30am
Mon 7th	Bourton Vale	Away		6.30pm

Lechlade Community Library and Visitor Information Centre

Summer is here and we shall be welcoming more visitors to our town!

We now have an improved **Visitor Information Centre** in the Community Library offering a brand new leaflet about Lechlade – huge thanks to Margaret Hing for producing the leaflet and to Lechlade Town Council for funding it. We also have a selection of walks around the town and along the river.

We shall be holding a **Book Sale** on Saturday 7th June from 10am to 12 noon at Church Cottage in the Market Square – so come along and fill a bag with some holiday reading.

A new venture for us is hosting a **Job Club** every Tuesday morning from 10.00am to 12 noon. A community project worker gives advice on searching for work online, writing CVs and job applications and preparing for interviews.

The management team are arranging a **Summer Soirée** in June for all our volunteers and Friends to thank them for their fantastic contributions to the success of the library. As we never tire of repeating, we could not run the library without them! We shall invite them to bring along a guest who they think might also be interested in supporting the library by becoming a volunteer or Friend.

Wi-Fi is available so you can use your own tablet, phone and other devices and get faster access to the internet for a small fee. Free access to the internet is still available via the six People's Computers.

Our usual **Children's Activities** continue on Wednesday and Saturday mornings and we shall once again be taking part in the **Summer Reading Challenge** during the summer holidays.

Family History: We can help if you would like some guidance on researching your family history.

Computer Skills: We can offer help if you have never used a computer before or if you would like to improve your skills. We can also offer personal tutorials to help you make better use of your laptop or iPad.

Opening hours: Monday: 10 - 4, Tuesday: 1 - 4, Wednesday: 10 - 1, Thursday: 10 - 1, Friday: 1 - 6, Saturday: 10 - 1.

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.



An Invitation to Parents, Pupils, Staff and Local Residents Please join us at Kempsford School, you can Run, Walk, Skip, or come in Fancy dress...

FRIENDS OF KEMPSFORD SCHOOL

Saturday 28th June 2014 3Pm Start, Run 3.30Pm

Approx 4k/2.5 miles

Followed by BBQ, Bar, Stalls and Fun back at Kempsford School

£100 Raffle Prize kindly sponsored by



CHILD £1 ~ ADULT £2 ~ FAMILY OF FOUR £5

For entry form please contact

Philippa Griffin 01285 810754

Or

www.kempsfordschool.com

Entry form must be completed before taking part in the Fun Run PLEASECOME ALONG ANDENJOY THE AFTERNOON'S FUN EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TORUN!

	Entry Form
	Declaration: Please accept this entry for the
	Kempstord Fun Run. I am medically fit to run. I accept that I enter at my own risk and accept
	that the organisers will in no way be held responsible for any injury or illness to my
	person during or after the event or for any property damaged or lost on the course.
	N
	Name
	Address
At Kempstord Primary School (Registration from 3pm;	
Run starts at 3.30pm)	Post Code
	Telephone
Entry fees: £2 /adult £1 /child	Email
£5/family of 4+	Date of birth
- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Age on race day
(Please return this form and the correct money (cheques payable to Friends of	Male/Female
Kempsford School) to Kempsford Primary	I have read and understood the safety information availant
School Ollice of a member of the Filends	
of Kempsford School committee labelled "FUN RUN".)	Signed



FRIENDS OF KEMPSFORD SCHOOL



SAFETY INFORMATION FOR RUNNERS

- RUN ON THE LEFT SIDE OF
 THE ROAD AT ALL TIMES
- OBSERVE THE MARSHAL'S DIRECTIONS AND SIGNAGE AT ALL TIMES
- PLEASE CHECK THE ROUTE MAP
- BEAWAREOFTRAFFIC
- BE AWARE OF OTHER RUNNERS
- IF YOU ARE IN TROUBLE, STOP! A FIRST AIDER WILL BE WITH YOU SOON
- AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY SMALL CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES ALONG THE ROUTE

BE SAFE! HAVE FUN



KEMPSFORD CC 300 CLUB 2014 TICKETS NOW ON SALE

THE VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB IS RUNNING ITS ANNUAL FUND RAISING 300 CLUB.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT £5.00 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GEORGE OR ANY CRICKET CLUB MEMBER.

THE FIRST DRAW IS ON SUNDAY 15 JUNE AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY 12 MORE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON WITH A TOTAL PRIZE FUND OF £500.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE CLUB. FURTHER DETAILS FROM CHRIS SHEPPARD ON 810809.

HENNESSY GOLD CUP RACE MEETING 29th NOVEMBER 2014 NEWBURY RACE COURSE

COST: £60.00 per person. This includes: breakfast baps at The George, executive coach travel to and from the racecourse – entry into the grandstand and a hot buffet supper back at The George in the evening.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY 31st OCTOBER 2014

If you are interested in joining us on our sixth trip to the races, or would like more information about it, please contact Myra Sheppard on 01285 810449.

Please note: This event is becoming very popular and early booking is advisable.

WILD Project Newsletter

Spring 2014

Welcome to our first Newsletter



Photo: Siddington Meadows What is the WILD Project?

The WILD project (Water with Integrated Local Delivery) is a partnership of primarily four organisations working together to bring about environmental improvements to the rivers and other watercourses of the Cotswold Water Park. The partnership is led by Gloucestershire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) and includes Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC), Cotswold Water Park Trust (CWPT) and the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI) at the University of Gloucestershire. The partnership aims to improve the ecological status of the water bodies in the Cotswold Water Park.

What are we doing?

Project Officers are engaging with local communities and landowners to encourage them to get directly involved in understanding local water courses and their management. With local community input we are also devising and beginning to deliver plans of enhancements over the three year period of the project.

Initial work involves discussing and mapping water-related issues in parishes/towns with both communities and landowners. Walkover surveys of water bodies identified as failing for ecology are also being carried out. All of this

information is combined and potential projects and recommendations for improvements are discussed with all parties concerned and planned in more detail.



Photo: Chris Rumble, Siddington. WILD volunteer extraordinaire

Why get involved?

The nature and wildlife within your parish vary hugely, the WILD project aims to give you an insight of what you have on your doorstep and how you can be involved in managing and enhancing the wildlife that inhabits nearby water courses. We can provide you with specialist one to one support from:

- Cotswold Water Park Trust
- Gloucestershire FWAG
- Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

For more information on the WILD Project and to get involved please contact: Jenny Phelps (FWAG) – working with landowners/farmers 01285 700832 or 07876 687272 jenny.phelps@gloucestershirefwag.org.uk

Helen Richards (GRCC) – working with communities 01452 528491 <u>helenr@grcc.org.uk</u>

Petrina Brown (CWPT) – Biodiversity Officer 01793 752730 petrina.brown@waterpark.org

Projects in the Pipeline - Below are examples of work with communities and landowners already taking place.

Poulton

Poulton village has been developing their parish plan and, with the support from GRCC, a village survey was carried out to identify issues affecting the village, one of which is flooding. The Ashbrook flows through the village, which is also an important stream to restore for water quality. As a result of a CWPT survey carried out from the WILD Project, it is evident that fish populations are declining due to low summer flows and the need for some riparian management. Some farm land has also been affected by standing water from flooding, affecting both crop health and the potential for soil and nutrient loss. The NFU farmer champion for the village has also been working with FWAG and Catchment Sensitive Farming to look at water flows across farmland above the village, showing a great willingness to help the community where possible.



With the support of the WILD Project the Parish Council met with the landowner and set about mapping the village river, streams, ditches, road culverts and drains, as there did not appear to be an overview of the ditch network showing collectively how the water flowed across the village. The Parish Council discovered that much of the ditch infrastructure appears to not be well connected leading to the road focussing water to a central point in the village rather than following a natural path. Mapping work identified 40 issues in the village including the lack of suitable culverts installed on access routes over main ditches and some old ditch networks being filled in or disconnected.

The Parish Council now understand how water is currently flowing, land ownership and governance of rivers, ditches and streams and is able to start to create an opportunity for shared problem solving. Creating a list of actions through dialogue between landowners and the village will continue to find possible ways of joint working with the support of Highways, Cotswold District, Natural England and the Environment Agency. This will lead to better management of the water environment for both flooding and water quality.

Works on the Ground, WILD Biodiversity Officer, CWPT

Works on the ground started during the last 2 weeks of January on the Ampney Brook. This involved extensive tree works and scrub clearance to reduce shading on 700m of the watercourse. The river here is one of the few sections that still meanders as the river has been straightened extensively downstream of this section.



Before

After

Work was conducted in partnership with Co-operative farms and have made a massive difference to the amount of light now reaching the river. The hope is that in due course marginal and aquatic vegetation will establish along with associated fauna like wild Brown Trout. The CWPT will continue to work with the Co-op to reduce shading on the Ampney Brook at the end of 2014 once the arable crops have been removed and will potentially include up to another 1.5km of river enhancements.

"What's in my back yard?"

Find out about water quality issues affecting your area on the Environment Agency website. Search "What's in my back yard" at

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environm ent-agency

Getting WILD about Invasives

Himalayan Balsam (Impatiens glandulifera) is a large annual plant native to the Himalayas introduced to gardens back in 1839, the plant escaped and is now naturalised and widespread throughout the UK. It is



Photo: Dave Kilbey

highly invasive and causes major infestations outcompeting native species particularly on river banks. Because the plant is an annual, it dies back on mass in the autumn; this can leave a bare riverbank vulnerable to erosion thereby aiding sediment pollution washing into the watercourse.

As part of the WILD Project the CWPT are keen to enlist help from local people to tackle this problematic weed.

Recent success stories have demonstrated that if enough people can rally together to remove the plant (before it seeds), starting from the most upstream point & working downstream, it is possible to virtually eradicate the plant. However this is reliant on effort being maintained for 2-3 years and subsequent monitoring to remove any stray plants.

How can you help?

- Submit records by downloading the free "Plant Tracker" App or upload records via their website: <u>http://planttracker.naturelocator.org/add</u>
- Attend a CWPT surveying briefing session starting in South Cerney on 6th & 10th May 2014.
- Join a plant pull event starting on 20th May 2014.

What to do next

If you would like to get involved please register your interest with: Paul Attaway, CWPT Volunteer Coordinator.

paul.attaway@waterpark.org or 01793 752730



Press Release

Wessex Male Choir Wows Ireland With World Premiere

Irish audiences were bowled over by Wessex Male Choir, led by new Musical Director Katrine Reimers. Katrine studied music at King's College, Cambridge and has conducted numerous vocal groups across the country, from community choirs to choral societies and professional choruses as well as working with English National Opera and the Royal Opera. Katrine says "It's a joy to lead this fantastic group of singers, whose commitment, talent and creative receptivity show again and again why they make up one of the best male choirs in the UK"

The choir toured the Republic of Ireland recently, receiving standing ovations in both Dublin and Waterford. In their concerts they premiered a Goff Richards arrangement of a Gershwin medley commissioned by former principal accompanist Mary New.

This is a young choir in comparison to other male choirs. The choir welcomes diversity and is interested in recruiting men over 18 years of age from any background. Prospective choristers do not need previous experience of singing in a choir. Many of the current choristers had never sung in a choir before they joined Wessex.

If you think you might enjoy singing, why not check out Wessex Male Choir? Find out more by coming along to one of the Choir's rehearsals at Abbey Meads church hall, Swindon (SN25 4YX) from 7.30pm on Tuesdays – or details are available from their website <u>www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk</u>. Come and join one of the best male choirs in the UK. The choir are also on Twitter and Facebook where you can check out their activities etc.

The choir will be performing at Steam, near the Outlet Centre, Swindon on 5th July 2014 at 7.30pm, with artists from MJ-UK Music and Arts. Why not come along and see what a wonderful choir you have in your area? Tickets are available from Swindon Information Office, Swindon Central Library or Derek Jones on 01793 825378 or <u>tickets@wessexmalechoir.co.uk</u>

Fairford Library:



 OPENING TIMES

 MONDAY
 9.30 A.M. – 5.00 P.M.

THURSDAY 9.30 A.M. - 7.00 P.M

WEDNESDAY 9.30 A.M. - 5.00 P.M. SATURDAY 9.30 A.M. - 1.00 P.M.

See what's on at Fairford Library:

- Apply for your concessionary bus pass for free: no need to buy a passport photo. Help given with the application form if you need it.
- DVD latest releases to loan for only £1.50 until our next opening time older titles (over 6 months old) for only £1
- Weekly Baby Bounce and Rhyme time every Wednesday 10.30 11 a.m. (Songs and Rhymes for babies up to 2 years)
- Toddler Time Mondays 10 10.30 a.m. (2 years pre-school),
- Bedtime Stories Thursday 5th June 6 6.30 p.m. For primary and pre-school children. Come in your pyjamas and don't forget your teddy!
- "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.
- Free family history research help with our "Ancestry buddy" volunteer
- Want to learn how to use a computer? Free computer help to get you started with our "Computer buddy" volunteer]
- Library Club every month: Next: Thursday 19th June 11 a.m. Books, coffee and a chat for those unable to get out and about. Free transport with disabled facilities.
- Latest publications: 1,000's of books to choose from and collect at Fairford library.
- New text and email renewal reminder service: no need to worry about when to return your books or forgetting and incurring fines
- E-books and e-audio books available to loan ask us for more details





The Library

Thursday 12th June 2014 5.30 – 6.30 p.m. :



Talk by historian and author Paul Cobb

"Fromelles 1916":



With the centenary commemorations of the outbreak of WW1, local author and historian Paul Cobb talks about his book : "Fromelles 1916" - the WW1 Battle, the discovery of the mass grave and researching and the preparation of the first new British military cemetery for over 50 years. Free event.

Wednesday 11th June 2014 and Wednesday 25th June 2014 1.30 – 3.30pm. At Fairford Library

Need help? Drop in to see P3 - Community based support

Free confidential service for adults to access help offering a wide range of support including: Maximising benefits, Staying independent, Dealing with debt, Accessing community groups, Getting back into education and training, Getting in touch with other agencies



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.

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Free parking at the rear of the library.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries





cotswold water park trust

events

Tues June 10th 10.00am Meeting place Ashton Keynes Village Hall	New A walk in the (Water) Park a gentle hour long stroll, every fortnight. For those who would love to do a bit more walking, but for one reason or another have not had the opportunity. This will be a slow and steady walk, and very level but you will need sturdy shoes in case the ground is wet underfoot. Free—no need to book
Saturday June 28th 10am—12.30pm Meet at Neigh Bridge Country Park	Summer Meadow Walk—Join us on a walk through Britain's finest lowland hay meadow (owned and managed by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust) discussing the spectacular species and qualities of these wonderful grasslands. Walk leader Barney Wilczak, a conservation photographer who spent three years documenting this one site is a knowledgeable and passionate speaker. This will be a treat for everyone with an interest in wildflowers and photography. Booking essential. Cost £5 per adult / £2.50 per child
Tuesday July 1st 9.30am—12.30pm and 1.30—4.30pm	Willow Garden Structures Workshop — Willow is one of the most common tree species of the Cotswold Water Park, with widespread and well known uses, particularly in the garden, where it can offer sturdy support for flowers, fruit and vegetables. Come along to this wonderful work- shop, led by inspirational willow artist from Stroud, Norah Kennedy, who will show you how to make a cone for your clematis or a shapely support for your sweet peas. Working in a stunning lakeside setting of the Gateway Centre, you will make some large structures to take home, so please make sure you can fit them in the car! Cost £25 per person to include all materials, plus coffee / tea and a delicious Relish cake. Booking essential.
Friday July 4th 6.30pm—late Meet Neigh Bridge car park	Evening photography workshop for keen photographers —Take advantage of the wonderful evening light at this time of the year on a creative photography workshop, all in a beautiful summer meadow setting. Award winning nature photographer Barney Wilczak will demonstrate different techniques and encourage you to take your camera off 'auto setting' to create beautiful atmospheric images. This workshop is aimed at those who are keen and interested amateur photographers using a DLSR camera. Places limited to 10. Booking essential—£25 per person

For any more information, booking and payment please contact the Cotswold Water Park Trust on 01793 752413 or email events@waterpark.org

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Due to summer holidays and a reduced number of events, the next edition will be a combined July & August publication. Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by Monday 23rd June 2014 please

DO YOU LIVE IN A NEIGHBOURHOOD THAT EMBRACES COMMUNITY SPIRIT?

DO YOU WANT A BIGGER BACK GARDEN?

DO YOU WANT TO CREATE THE OUTSIDE SPACE OF YOUR DREAMS?

We are looking to make the ultimate back garden for a group of neighbours who would be willing to transform their own back gardens into an amazing communal space.

It doesn't matter whether you are a seasoned gardener or a horticultural virgin – we have a team of experts who will advise and help you to create your very own Garden of Eden.

For more information call Victoria or Felicity on 0207 907 3470 or email: <u>communalgarden@silverriver.tv</u>



Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable June/July 2014

Cirencester every Thursday departing Fairford 08.30am & 09.30 returning 11.15am & 12.15 cost <u>£3.40</u>

June	Destination	Depart Fairford	<u>Return</u> <u>PM</u>	COST
		AM		
Tuesday 3 rd	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	£5.00
Wednesday4 th	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	£4.50
Friday 6 th	Witney	09.00	1.00	£6.00
Tuesday 10 th	Dobbies Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	£3.40
Friday 13 th	Oxford	09.00	2.30	£8.20
Wednesday 18 th	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	variable
Monday 23 rd	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	£5.00
Friday 27 th	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	£7.50
Friday 27 th	Lechlade Garden Centre (Food Fayre)	10.00	12.30	£3.00
<u>July</u>	Destination	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>COST</u>
		<u>Fairford</u>	<u>PM</u>	
		<u>AM</u>		
Tuesday 1 st	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	£5.00
Wednesday 2 nd	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	£4.50
Friday 4 th	Witney	09.00	1.00	£6.00
Tuesday 8 th	Gloucester(Centre/Quays)	09.00	2.00	£8.00
Friday 11 th	Stow- on-the- Wold	09.00	2.00	£7.50
Wednesday 16 th	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	variable
Friday 18 th	Fosseway Garden Centre	09.00	2.00	£8.20
Tuesday 22 nd	Marlborough	09.00	2.00	£8.20
Friday 25 th	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	£7.50
Friday 25 th	Lechlade Garden Centre (Food Fayre)	10.00	12.30	£3.00
Monday 28 th	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	£5.00
Wednesday 30 th	Broadway	09.00	1.00	£8.00

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