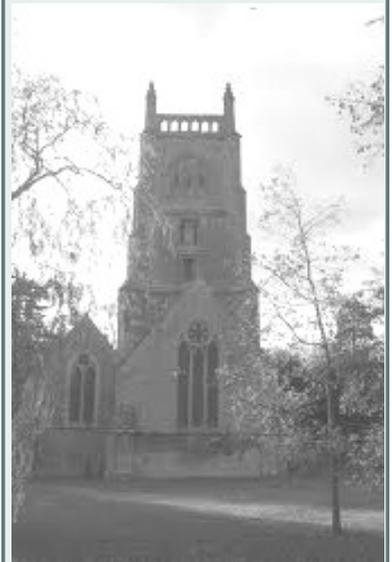


# Kempsford

(with Whelford,  
Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish News



March  
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
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Newsletter items	Mrs Teresa Griffin	As above	713691
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Kempsford Parish Council Website		www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net	

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February 2014

Dear Friends,

Lent begins this month, a season traditionally associated with prayer, penance, alms giving and self-sacrifice (According to the dictionary) None of these are words that are either used that commonly these days, and or if understood are unlikely to be looked upon with enormous enthusiasm by most unless you feel in need of an excuse for a diet. So why does the Church insist on clinging on to concepts that seem so obviously unfashionable?

I guess it is something to do with the fact that all four are good for us, and like a number of things that are good for us they take a bit of effort! So here's an easy way to start off Lent

- 1) Spend a minute each day during Lent saying thank you to God. The simple act of gratitude will help us to focus on the great blessings that we all enjoy.
- 2) Say sorry to anyone you have hurt either intentionally or inadvertently. Either recently or long, long ago. Free yourself from the burden of unresolved conflict and bitterness
- 3) Give generously. Not just to the Church (although we will be running a stewardship campaign soon!) Give, because God gives so generously to us, and it is in giving that we learn to free ourselves from the tyranny of possessions and money and discover the joy of sharing.
- 4) Give up something that hurts either you, or others and do something positive instead. Self-discipline is so fundamental to our ability to do well in almost anything, and that includes being able to live well!

Easy? Of course not. But give it a try. You may be surprised to discover how concerned God is for our well-being.

With every blessing

*Tim*

PS: On the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 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

PPS: I am planning to direct a play to celebrate harvest this year on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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. There are parts for all.

PPS Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March is **Mothering Sunday**. There will be a very special service at Whelford at 10:00am with the Bishop of Gloucester who joins us to celebrate the Church's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. For all the family, with daffodils for everyone, it will be followed by coffee, cake and lunch at Whelford Mill

PPPS: The Lenten Series, The Problem of Pain, begins on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March in Fairford

## Services for March 2014

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00pm	Holy Communion and 'ashing' at Fairford
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Kempsford Annual Parochial Church Meeting All Welcome
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm	Lent Talk at Fairford: David Blair: <i>Finding meaning in the dementia and death of a beloved wife</i>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford Family Service
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00am  7:00pm	Cotswolds Women's Fellowship Service at Kempsford Lent Talk at Fairford: David and Joanna Whittaker: <i>The Illness and Death of a 5 year old daughter</i>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10:00am	St Anne's 150 <sup>th</sup> Birthday with the Right Revd Michael Perham, the Bishop of Gloucester followed by coffee, cake and lunch at The Mill

Weddings: 18<sup>th</sup> May: Laura Caddy and Ian Freyne  
 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Sarah Browne and Paul Crooke (Whelford)  
 9<sup>th</sup> August: Lisa Chapman and Toby Heycock

My family and I would like to say a very heart felt thank you to everyone for their support, cards, letters and phone messages received after the recent death of Arthur.

It has been very much appreciated. Many thanks to everyone who helped at and came to his Memorial Service in Kempsford Church for making it such a joyful occasion.

With very best wishes Margaret Lawson

# **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 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 10<sup>th</sup>:

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**

## **KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

### **NEEDS**

### **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

At the village hall's AGM on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm we will be seeking new committee members. Some of the current committee will be standing down, either at this AGM or subsequent ones.

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

To find out more, contact Dawn on 810 419 or Iris on 810 770.



### **Village Hall Café**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**11.30 am - 2 pm**

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

All welcome

### **Village Hall AGM**

Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in Village Hall

All welcome

# Kempsford Village Hall



## Regular bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00—11:00 <b>Pilates</b> Rona Bennett			<b>Café</b> 2nd Thurs in month 11:30—14:00	
PM		<b>Dance Classes</b> 15:30—17:00 Ms Gillian Shearing	15:30—17:30 <b>Private Dance Classes</b> Ms Gillian Shearing	12:15—14:15 <b>Post Office</b>	
Eve	18:00—19:00 <b>Zumba</b> Donna	18:00—19:30 <b>Brownies</b> Ceri Pawson		19:00—21:00 <b>Youth Group</b>	
		19:45—21:45 <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> (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](http://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

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

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**[www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net](http://www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net)**

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Mr Stuart Lindsell	<a href="mailto:stuartlindsell@kempsfordparishcouncil.net">stuartlindsell@kempsfordparishcouncil.net</a>	01285 713051

## Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 18th March 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 8th April 2014	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 22nd April 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

## Parish Council News

### **Flooding issues at Whelford**

Gloucestershire Highways have inspected and jetted culverts/drains in the village. Further surveying/inspection work is planned for the Horcott Road area.

It is proposed that permission be sought from the Environment Agency to clear and de-silt the Washpool/Dudgrove drain. This will be a joint project by landowners, RAF Fairford and Aggregate Industries, supported by the Parish, District and County Council.

### **Dog Fouling in Kempsford**

Following complaints from residents of dog fouling bags being left on their grass verges around the Chapel Road and Top Road areas, a reminder that a special bin is provided at the entrance to Middle Farm Footpath on Top Road.

### **Removal of event posters from telegraph poles**

If you put up posters advertising events within the Parish, please can you remove them after the event to prevent them littering the streets. Thank you.

## Cotswold District Council Planning

The following decisions have been made:

**13/05215/FUL** - Erection of all purpose building (storage, office, workshop, amenity) for use in relation to fishery at Land Parcel At Bramble Mere, Whelford Road –  
**Application Permit.**

**13/05398/FUL** - Erection of single storey side and front extension at The Farm House, Totterdown Lane, Fairford –**Application Permit.**

*For further information, please visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)*

## Gloucestershire County Council Planning

The following decisions have been made:

**13/0068/CWMAJM**—Vary condition of 1 of consent CT.6788/M to extend the period of restoration of the site to 30 September 2014, condition 2 to restore the site as approved and condition 7 to remove all plant no later than September 2014 at Kempsford Quarry, Washpool Lane, Kempsford—**Application Permit.**

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## **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](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

**At approximately 2320hrs on Tuesday 11 February 2014 a trailer was stolen from a local residents drive way in Kempsford. The trailer was displaying the following number plate, GY 06 LVC. Any information concerning this theft or sighting of this trailer please contact Gloucestershire police on 101 quoting incident 87 12/02/14. Thank you**

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF COTSWOLD: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Following the earlier consultation regarding the ward boundaries for Cotswold District Council, the LGBCE have announced the publication of their draft recommendations for Cotswold District Council. To read a copy of the letter sent to the Chief Executive of Cotswold District Council and a summary of the Commission's report, outlining its draft recommendations please visit <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/gloucestershire/cotswold-fer>. The report and an interactive map of the draft recommendations are available in the LGBCE consultation area, [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk).

Your views on any aspect of the review would be very welcome. Any representations should be made to the Commission by **28 April 2014**. Representations should be made through [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk), by email to [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or in writing to this address:

Review Officer (Cotswold)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
76-86 Turnmill Street  
London  
EC1M 5LG

### ***Summary***

The aim of the electoral review is to deliver electoral equality for voters in local elections, by recommending ward boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of electors. At present, some councillors represent many more, or fewer, electors than other elected members elsewhere in the district which means the value of your vote varies depending on where you live in Cotswold.

The review is being carried out following a request from Cotswold District Council for the Commission to consider the number of councillors elected to the council and to deliver a pattern of wards that means each ward is represented by one councillor—a 'single-member ward review'.

Cotswold District Council currently has 44 councillors. It is proposed that the council should have 34 councillors in future. The Commission believes that a council size of 34 members will ensure the council can discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively and provides for a warding pattern that meets our statutory criteria.

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The draft recommendations propose that Cotswold's 34 councillors should represent 32 single-member wards and one two-member ward across the district.

## ***What does this mean for Kempford Parish?***

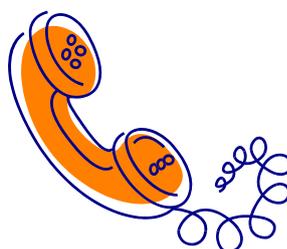
We would change from the present two-member ward comprising Lechlade and Kempford to a single-member Fairford South & Kempford Ward.

It would include the Fairford area south of the A417 with Kempford Parish. Also included is an area of housing on the A417 on the edge of Lechlade as well as the streets of Moorgate and The Wern. The boundary would run north along Bryworth Lane to Hambridge Lane following it to the parish boundary between Lechlade and Southrop.

For more detailed information please visit <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/gloucestershire/cotswold-fer>. The report and an interactive map of the draft recommendations are available in the LG BCE consultation area, [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk).

### **No electricity – will the land-line phone still work?**

Modern land-line phones need a separate connection to the electricity. If the power is out so is the phone. Older people do not always use a mobile, and in any event if you live in Kempford the signal is unreliable at best. If you have elderly relatives make sure that they have at least one “old fashioned” corded phone. BT sell quite a wide choice of phones that do not need a power connection. If you go onto the Amazon website and put in “corded phones” you can easily see what is available. It is a good safety measure to ensure that you always have a means of contacting the outside world!





**Geoffrey Clifton-Brown**

Conservative Member of Parliament for the Cotswolds

# FAIRFORD and LECHLADE AREA

# FLOOD RESILIENCE PUBLIC MEETING

*An opportunity for residents to hear and ask questions of the continued flood resilience work taking place and to speak with officials from the County and District and Town Councils, Thames Water and the Environment Agency about ongoing issues.*

**Friday 4 April: 1400-1515**

**Fairford Community Centre** (Keble Room),

**High Street, Fairford GL7 4AF**

# Kempsford Church of England Primary School

*"Quality Education founded on Christian Values"*

Kempsford, Gloucestershire, GL7 4EY  
[admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk)

Tel: 01285 810367  
[www.kempsfordschool.com](http://www.kempsfordschool.com)



## The Forest School Experience

Miss Heavisides and the children from Ant Class (Early Years Foundation Stage) go to Horseshoe Wood, near Fairford every Monday afternoon. We are very lucky to have such supportive parents who help with transporting the children each week. The children, so far, have loved:

- making mud slides and then using them!
- den building with sticks, twigs and anything else they can find in the wood;
- talking about animals which hibernate and which are nocturnal;
- reading the story of 'The Gruffalo';
- playing a hide and seek game called 'One, Two, Three. Where are you?'
- looking at plants and in particular snowdrops (showing new growth)
- cooking and eating marshmallows.



Everything that the children learn is linked to the curriculum by using a very creative 'hands-on' approach. They learn life skills too like sharing, taking turns and how to deal with real life situations.



We would very much like to develop the school's EYFS Outside Learning Environment, with your help if possible please. Therefore we are asking for any donations of the following items: wellies, old saucepans, old cutlery, an old microware, milk crates, garden forks, small buckets, a dustpan & brush, a small garden rake, bulbs, grass seed, a pop up tent, some fabric for weaving, wind chimes, bird feeders, logs, carpet squares, plastic tubing, guttering, wooden bricks, farm yard and animals and containers to make mud pies!

If you would like to donate any of these items please see Mrs Smart or Miss Heavisides. Thank you.



## events calendar

- Sat March 01st Landscape Photography Workshop**  
9.00 am  
Meeting place  
TBA  
Join conservation photographer Barney Wilczak for an all day session to learn how to photograph landscapes that transcend the common place. Barney will guide you through technique, from the basic to advanced, giving you the confidence to realise the photographs that you want to take. Discussions will include timing, weather, composition and equipment. The day will include a large amount of time in a stunning and varied location where, with Barney's assistance and feedback, you will be able to put this new found experience into practice  
**Cost: £75 – includes refreshments**  
Booking essential – call CWPT office on 01793 752413 to book and make payment
- Tues March 11th Decorative clay pottery workshop**  
9.30 – 12.30  
or 1.30 – 4.30  
Gateway Centre  
South Cerney  
When we have run children's pottery workshops in the past all the adults wanted to have a go! So now is your chance. Renowned Stroud potter Bridget Williams will show you how to make a bowl and a figure such as a bird, using clay from the Cotswold Water Park, and introduce you to some lovely decorative techniques. Your finished items will be fired in Bridget's kilns and be ready for collection a few weeks later.  
**Cost: £25 - to include coffee / tea and a delicious Relish cake**  
Booking essential – call 01793 752413 to reserve your place for either am or pm session.
- Tues March 18th Willow Garden Structures Workshop**  
9.30 – 12.30  
or  
1.30 – 4.30  
Gateway Centre  
South Cerney  
Willow is one of the most common tree species of the Cotswold Water Park, hugging lake edges and shallows, with widespread and well known uses, particularly in the garden, where it can offer sturdy and vital support for flowers, fruit and vegetables. Why not come along to this wonderful workshop, 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 about three 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 – call 01793 752413 to book and make payment
- Wed March 26th Spirit of Place, a talk by Matthew Oates.**  
7.30pm  
Gateway Centre  
South Cerney  
We are delighted to welcome Matthew Oates back to the CWP, following his spellbinding talk on butterflies in 2012. Matthew will explore our relationships with places and the natural environment, looking at what makes somewhere special. Matthew is an ecologist with the National Trust who also covers the aesthetic appeal of Nature, he is also a regular blogger and has 3000 followers on Twitter. Spirit of Place thinking is an integral part of the National Trust's stewardship of the places in its care.  
Cost: £6 . Call 01793 752413 to book.

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**Country style victuals**

**Bar (opens at 7pm) jigging starts**

**8 pm grub up 9 pm**

**(MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> DOWN AMPNEY VILLAGE HALL—7<sup>PM</sup> *TILL LATE*)**

**Tickets £15 Adults, £7.50 Children are available from the village shop or book online**

[http://www.participant.co.uk/barn\\_dance\\_28032014](http://www.participant.co.uk/barn_dance_28032014)

**Booking fee applies if booking on line.**

**All proceeds go to the Arnhem 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund.**

*What's on at*

## **Whelford Social Club**

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

**Sat 22nd March —Live Music**

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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

# WEEKLY GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Bin today, gone tomorrow!



Call 01285 623123 or sign up and pay at  
[www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/gardenwaste](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/gardenwaste)

\* 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



for Cotswold District

# League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

(Registered Charity No: 1006416)

## Active in the local community

*Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.*

([www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk))

## PRESS RELEASE

### *HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION*

The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital is gearing up for its main fund-raising event of the year, the House-to-House collection. The League spent about £70,000 in supporting the health needs of people in the local community last year and this level of support is expected to continue.

At the end of his first year as chairman of the League, Graham Hewitt said: “Our services provide a lifeline to the ill, frail and elderly in our rural community and they continue to be in great demand. We expect the demand for our support to increase due to what appears to be endless change in the NHS. Please help us continue providing this level of support through your generous donations.”

The volunteer collectors are due to begin their work on March 31 and finish on April 13.

*Graham Hewitt can be contacted at [graham.hewitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:graham.hewitt@yahoo.co.uk).*

*Phone 01285 851022*

*Contributed by Martin Harwood, 17 Churchill Place, Fairford. Phone 01285712597. Email [martinharwood560@btinternet.com](mailto:martinharwood560@btinternet.com)*

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

Monday 24th March 2014 please

# **Kempsford School Friends**



**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**10am – 12 noon**

**Kempsford School Hall**



**Donations accepted in the school from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Please contact Philippa on 01285 810754 or Nina 01285 711516 for more information**

# Lechlade Community Library

## **Lechlade Community Library bucks trend for fewer visitors!**

The library is going from strength to strength with a steadily increasing trend of library users, great demand from local groups to utilise the window to promote events and very positive comments about the range and quality of books on offer. Thanks to the hard work of all our volunteers and the fabulous support from our community, Lechlade Community Library has seen a 4% increase in footfall when most libraries are seeing a reduction.

## **Opening hours:**

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

We shall soon have a brand new sign above the door, thanks to Aura Signs, so come in and see us.

**Free membership** of the library is available to everyone and all our books, including the very newest ones, are free to borrow. Not a member yet? Adults and accompanied children can come in, join the library and borrow items immediately.

**DVDs and Audio Books:** Why not try one of our many DVD titles at just £1.50 per night or £3 for a full week? Or pop in and borrow one of our many Audio Books at just £1.30 for a 3-week loan, giving you plenty of time to listen to the story. You can also download ebooks and eAudiobooks from [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries).

**Children's Activities** continue as usual on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. We shall be giving free gifts to children taking out books over the Easter holiday, so look out for details of our Easter Reading Challenge.

**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. Free access to the internet is still available via the six People's Computers.

**Computer Skills:** Throughout the spring we can offer help, either 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.

**World Book Night:** On Wednesday 23rd April we shall be handing out free books – look out for details nearer the time.

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

# **Kempsford Beer Festival**

***15th March 2014***

***Watch the Rugby Live  
and take part in the Rugby Challenge!***

**Italy V England 12:30  
Wales V Scotland 2:45  
France V Ireland 5:00**

**Live Music  
(evening only)**

**A selection of  
Real Ales,  
*wines, and  
bottled lagers***

**Hot Food Available  
From 7:00 PM**



**Entrance Fee £5:00  
(includes first drink)**

# **Village Hall**

All Profits to Kempsford Cricket Club and Kempsford Village Hall

# Fairford Library

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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 6 – 6.30pm

## World Book Day Bedtime Stories at Fairford Library

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



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> March** 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.**

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## Regular events:

**“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.

## SNOWDROPS AT THE MANOR

There will be a fine display of winter aconites and snowdrops in February and early March. Visitors are welcome (by appointment) and for groups of 4 or more we can provide light lunches and teas, served by the fire indoors. Please ring or email.

A sunny and secluded vegetable garden is offered to someone or several people who would like to grow their own vegetables. Help is offered. A vegetable garden needs looking after so this offer is for people who are keen. No rent or produce in exchange is required for our offer.

Cleaning help is needed at the Manor. There might also be some work with breakfasts at the weekends. Can anyone help?

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# LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

**Monday 17th March:** Votes for Women – How People Got the Vote. This talk by Muriel Pilkington, although focusing on women's right to vote, also looks at the wider aspects of suffrage. For example, men returning from fighting for their country in WW1 were still not entitled to vote unless they were property owners. 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Guests welcome £4.

Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).

## Fairford Dial a Ride

### Destination Suggestions

The Dial-a-Ride service is a door to door service booked by passengers to a variety of destinations.

We welcome suggestions from you as to where You may like to go.

The destination can be for shopping, an attraction such as a heritage building, gardens or anything that would be of interest to you and others.

To make a trip viable, we need a minimum of 5 passengers.

The cost of each trip varies depending on distance.

Please do call Jill or Clive at the office on 713852 with suggestions you may have.

# FAIRFORD DIAL A RIDE TIMETABLE

March/April 2014

**Cirencester every Thursday departing Fairford 8.30am returning 11.15am  
also departing 9.30 return 12.15 cost £3.40**

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>DEPART FAIRFORD</u>	<u>RETURN</u>	<u>COST</u>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00am	2.00pm	£5.00
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Blunsdon Market	10.00am	12.15pm	£4.50
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	9.00am	1.00pm	£6.00
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Marlborough	9.00am	2.00pm	£8.20
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	9.00am	11.15am	variable
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon/Outlet	9.00am	12.30pm	£5.00
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	9.00am	1.00pm	£6.00
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre (Food Fayre)	10.00am	12.30pm	£3.00
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>DEPART FAIRFORD</u>	<u>RETURN</u>	<u>COST</u>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00am	2.00pm	£5.00
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blunsdon Market	10.00am	12.15pm	£4.50
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	9.00am	1.00pm	£6.00
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Malmesbury / Abbey and Gardens	9.00am	12.30pm	£6.00
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	9.00am	11.15am	variable
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00am	12.30pm	£3.00
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	9.00am	1.00pm	£7.50
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon/Outlet	9.00am	12.30pm	£5.00

**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 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Community Centre Monday through to Friday 9.00 - 12.30**

**ALL DEPARTURE TIMES ARE THE TIME THE BUS LEAVES FAIRFORD FIRE STATION NOT THE TIME IT REACHES YOUR HOME**