

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

Thank you to all who supported the  
Kempsford Church Fete



October 2016

## Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(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
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Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Preschool	Lisa Nichols	staff@kempsfordpreschool.co.uk	811000
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
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
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
Thursday Club	Mrs P Crew/Mrs B Ockwell		810338/713261
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			08000 514 514
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
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# St Mary's, Kempsford with St Anne's Whelford

John Swanton, Team Rector 01285 – 851309

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October 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbours

At the start of October the harvest is all but over. Haymaking was a bit later this year and our local farmers were bringing in their hay bales at the end of July; and then combine harvesters were in the fields in August and September doing their work, whilst dodging the showers.

Whilst I don't always appreciate being held-up behind large agricultural vehicles when driving on narrow lanes, I do remind myself that if it were not for our farmers, here and abroad, we would not have food on our tables – it doesn't simply appear in supermarkets by magic! And learning a little patience is not necessarily a bad thing...

Farmers and gardeners do need to be patient – waiting from the time the seeds are sown to germination; waiting for the crops to mature and survive pests, diseases and the weather; waiting for the crops to ripen ready for harvest – all takes time and patience.

The Bible has much to say about farming, the harvest and patience. St James wrote: 'Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the autumn and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen' (James 5:7). St Paul tells us that love is – amongst other things – patient (1 Corinthians 13). Patience, we are told, is a virtue.

I am not always virtuous, and not always very patient. I am at the risk of making that prayer: *'God, make me patient – NOW!'*

In recent weeks many people needed to wait - farmers for the right weather; students for exam results; parents for the start of a new term! Whatever it is that we are waiting for – may we learn to be more patient, with ourselves and with each other.

*Rev'd John Swanton, Team Rector*

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

During the vacancy please contact the Team Rector

Rev'd John Swanton 01285 851309

Email: [john@swanton.plus.com](mailto:john@swanton.plus.com)

Or Robert Mitchell (Lay Reader for Kempford) on 07971 982857

### Services for October

Sunday 2 October	9.00am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 2 October	10.00am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Jonathan Clark
Sunday 9 October	10 am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Paul Springate.
Sunday 16 October	10 00am Kempford	Family Service led by the Lay Team
Sunday 23 October	10 00am Kempford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 30 October	10 am Whelford	Holy Communion led by Rev'd Curwen Rawlinson
Sunday 30 October	6 pm Kempford	All Souls Service led by Rev'd Lynn Hayler

### Dates for your diary:

**30th October at 6 pm:** a service in memory of those who have died

**Saturday 5th November 10am to 12 am:** Get together with refreshments at St Mary's Kempford for Operation Christmas Child. Come along and help to fill a box. Donations for boxes will be very welcome.

**Sunday 13th November at 10.45 am:** annual Service of Remembrance at the war memorial

A big thank you to all those who supported the fete and the harvest services

# What is Operation Christmas Child?

This annual project enables caring individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and other organisations to fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for needy children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990 the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 47 million boys and girls throughout the world. Last year they sent 1.24 million shoe boxes from the UK to children in hospitals, orphanages, Internally Displaced Persons camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods. With your help they want to reach even more children in the poorest parts of the world in 2016

## Your gift is powerful

Your shoe box will make a child feel special and valued, and let them know that you care about them. Choosing gifts and then wrapping and filling a shoe box is a fun and rewarding activity for all the family – especially when you know these gifts are going to be used and treasured.

## From you to a child in need

Your shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. Operation Christmas Child empowers local overseas partners to ensure that your shoe boxes are delivered with the highest levels of integrity and respect.

## Packing your shoe box is simple

All you need to do is follow the instructions in the leaflet and give your boxes to the group leader who is organising your collection. Your box will then be processed by volunteers and sent to its destination to be distributed through local overseas churches and charities.

## Local Collection :

### **St Mary's Church, Kempford on Saturday 5th November, 10 till 12.**

Join us for coffee and cake and help us to pack shoeboxes. Please bring any items along or a completed shoebox. Spare shoeboxes and leaflets will be available from the Church.

**Can you knit?** Hand knitted hats and scarves welcomed.

Contact details: Jacqui 01285 712268

## **Kempsford Youth and Football Group**

Every Wednesday at 6 pm

Open to all boys and girls aged 6 – 14

living in Whelford, Dunfield, Dudgrove and Kempford and at RAF  
Fairford

while there is daylight and fine weather we meet on the school field

for more information contact Chris on 07568 445012 or Rosemary on  
07765 258839



We are still collecting donations for the food bank. The following items are always needed: Soup, Rice Pudding, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Tea, Coffee and Sugar.

Donations can always be left in the box at St Mary's Kempford.

Many thanks.



## **Health and Care Survey: Your local Healthwatch in Gloucestershire**

We would like to make you aware of a survey we are running about the county's local Healthwatch which we commission.

For more information visit - [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-care-survey](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-care-survey) - open until 9th October.

# Kempsford Village Hall



## Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
AM	10:00-11:00 <b>Pilates</b> Rona Bennett			12:00-14:00 <b>Café</b> (monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	
PM	16:00-17:00 <b>Rainbows</b> Karen Cornish	15:30-17:00 <b>Dance Classes</b> Ms Gillian Shearing	15:30-17:30 <b>Private Dance Classes</b> Ms Gillian Shearing	12:00-14:00 <b>Post Office</b>	
Eve	18:00-19:00 <b>Zumba</b> Donna	18:00-19:30 <b>Brownies</b> Donna Kent	18:00-19:30 <b>Football</b>		
	19:00-20:30 <b>Karate</b> www.greywolfkarate.org	19:45-21:45 <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> (monthly, usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)			

**Contact details:** Rona Bennett-01865820754, Donna-07891660089, Gillian Shearing-01793875934, Brownies (Donna Kent)-www.girlguiding.org.uk, Rainbows (Karen Cornish)-07837785666

**For Bookings, contact Kate Collins on 01285 810478 or email:  
villagehallbookings@kempsford.net**

## Kempsford Village Hall Committee Members

Pete Wolfenden (Vice Chair)	Tel: 01285 810477	Kate Collins	Tel: 01285 810478
Jacky Stagg (Treasurer)	Tel: 01285 239287	Pete Robinson	Tel: 01285 810356
Joy Cross (Secretary)	Tel: 01285 810439	Mark Strange (PC Rep)	Tel: 01285 810635

*New members are always welcome!*



## **KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ** **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 12 – 2pm**

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

Chat with old friends and make new.  
Enjoy the friendly atmosphere and keep the village  
and its hall alive!

**Barbara Harrison's family** would like to thank everyone for their kind letters and cards of condolences after the death of Barbara on July 20, 2016. The genuine out pouring of warmth helped the family get through a difficult time. Barbara was loved by many and will be missed.

Heartfelt thanks to both Reverend Lynn Hayler, for taking such a beautiful funeral service both at St Mary's and the Crematorium on August 12 and to Dianne Shorten and her staff at the Co-Operative Funeralcare in Highworth. They took care of each detail for us with the utmost of

Many thanks to Gail and her crew at the George for creating a lovely space for us to give Barbara a wonderful send off.

Thank you for your donations to both the Cancer Research and Dementia Services of UK. It was gratefully received.

# Whelford Village Hall



For bookings, contact Sue Griffin on 01285 712979 or email—  
[374croft@gmail.com](mailto:374croft@gmail.com)

## News

- Work has began on the Kitchen extension and toilet improvements
- The Village Hall Committee is planning further fund-raising ideas— watch this space!
- Gigaclear are currently installing fast broadband facilities to Whelford. In exchange for siting their equipment box within the Village Hall grounds they will be providing free broadband to the hall. This will enable hall users in the future to take advantage of the fast broadband facility.

## Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

***Live Music— Saturday 15th October***

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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

# KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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## Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 18th October 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempford Village Hall
Tuesday 15th November 2016	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempford Village Hall

## Wheelie Bin Stickers

*Helping to make roads safer in our community*

A reminder that additional/replacement wheelie bin stickers can be collected from Kempford Village Hall

10 minutes before the start of the above Parish Council Meetings.



## Parish Council News

### **Temporary car park closure at Whelford Pools Nature Reserve**

The car park at Whelford Pools Nature Reserve will be closed for the first 2 weeks in October while the car park and path to the first bird hide is resurfaced.

### **Consultation on draft Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire (2018 -2032)**

The draft plan is due to undergo public consultation for a period of 8 weeks, starting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016. This will finish at 5pm on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The plan includes further sites within our Parish that have been put forward for further gravel extraction.

Many of you feel very strongly about gravel extraction and the impact it has on the Parish ie. Lorry traffic.

This is **YOUR** opportunity to provide feedback and comments.

Further details on how to participate in the consultation will be included in next month's Newsletter, or visit the County Council website after the 29th September—  
[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### **New permanent speed activated sign for Reevey**

The Parish Council applied to the Police Commissioner's Fund for a grant to obtain a fixed speed-activated sign at Reevey and have been informed that our application was successful.

### **Removal of safety signs at Manor Farm Quarry, Kempsford**

Aggregate Industries have reported that safety signs are being removed from fences alongside the public footpaths.

If anyone has any information on this please can they report it to the Quarry Manager—Karl Friston on 01285 810926

## Youth Report

Youth Worker, Chris Saunders, and an eight-strong team of teenagers from the area have served alongside SU Romania again this summer. Having encountered last-minute changes to their planned programme they ended up running a holiday club at a church in a small town called Biled. In sharing with the children and youth through craft, games and bible stories they trust that there has been a great deal of encouragement for the local church as well as a lot of fun for the young people. Further, the lives of our young people have been immeasurably enriched and we are making a pledge to continue to support the work of a faithful few in Romania. We also want to say a big thank you to all who prayed for us and helped raise the funds to go.... to such an extent that we were able to give a financial gift to the hugely appreciative local workers! For details of their adventures, please contact Chris on [saundersc2014@gmail.com](mailto:saundersc2014@gmail.com) or phone (01452) 301042 and he will be delighted to send you their team report.





Gloucester Choral Society presents



## MISSA SOLEMNIS

Soloists:

Anna Patalong – soprano

Emma Carrington – mezzo-soprano

Nick Pritchard – tenor

Jonathan Best – bass

**Saturday 19th November at 7pm**

**Gloucester Cathedral**

Beethoven's glorious masterpiece will fill Gloucester Cathedral's fabulous acoustic with awe-inspiring sound. Under the direction of **Adrian Partington**, GCS will be accompanied by the excellent **Bristol Ensemble** and an array of superb soloists.

Tickets from £10 to £27 available from <http://www.3choirs.org/event/beethoven-missa-solemnis> or 01452-768928

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Pre-Concert Talk • Friday 4th November • 7.30pm The King's School, Gloucester • Let's Talk Beethoven's Missa Solemnis  
Professor Nicholas Marston, Vice-Provost, Praelector and Director of Studies in Music Kings College, Cambridge

Tickets £10 from the Box Office or on the door



# Kempsford Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5th October in the George - 8pm start.

All are welcome to attend.

## NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**Monday 24th October please**

Email: [clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net](mailto:clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net)

# Lakes by Yoo donate to local charities

On 11<sup>th</sup> August, Lakes by Yoo donated £4,000 to two local charities; the Newfoundland Friends and the Lechlade and District Lions. The charities each received £2,000 and already have exciting plans for the donations.

The Lechlade and District Lions, a member of Lions Clubs International, will put the money towards a new community bus with disabled access. The club, which was chartered in 1978 to help in the local community and further afield where possible, runs a number of activities in the local area helping young people and senior citizens.

John Sheffield, Chair of Lechlade and District Lions' Fundraising Committee said:

*"Lechlade and District Lions is delighted to have received the donation from the Lakes by Yoo. It will help considerably with the charity work we support and will particularly help with the commissioning of a new community bus, which is expected in the next few months."*

Newfound Friends was formed in the Cotswolds 26 years ago in 1989, with the objective of using the skills of the Newfoundland Dog to raise money for children's charities. The group is now focused on training Newfoundland dogs and people in lifesaving skills and enhancing the lives of disabled adults and children through interaction with the dogs.

In recent months the Newfoundland dogs have plunged into harbours to demonstrate their rescuing skills in water, provided companionship at children's hospices and hospitals, and helped with fundraising for other charities.

Talking about the two charities, John Hitchcox Lakes by Yoo Founder said:

*"I am delighted that the Lakes by yoo is able to support these two fantastic charities. Both charities, in their own way, make a significant difference to the lives of people living locally. It was pleasure to learn more about each of their work and their plans for the future."*

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Monday 17th October**, 7.00 for 7.15pm in the Function Room at the rear of the New Inn, Market Place, Lechlade. Please note early start time.

AGM followed by **Cirencester Town Hall: Conservation and Repairs 2008-12**. Malcolm James looks at the work and issues involved in the conservation and repairs to Cirencester Town Hall that were completed in 2012.

Guests welcome £4. Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).



Let's Talk

## Free courses

to help with stress, anxiety, low self-esteem, sleep problems and other similar issues are all available through the NHS.

The courses are being provided by the county's Let's Talk service and are based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT).

Alex Burrage, of Let's Talk, said: "One in four of us will be experiencing a mental health condition at any given time. Our courses are all held in community venues, and some are held during the day time while others are held in the evenings, so there is usually a course to suit everyone's needs.

"They are educational in nature and there's no need to share personal information or even speak in front of other people on the course, unless you want to.

"We've helped thousands of people overcome the most common mental health problems we can all experience from time to time, and the feedback we get from people who complete our courses is fantastic. Many people say they have changed their lives."

Let's Talk is an Improving Access to Psychological Therapies service provided by <sup>2</sup>gether NHS Foundation Trust.

As well as courses, Let's Talk also provides therapy over the phone as well as face-to-face. There are also guided self-help books you can access.

**To find out more about courses in your area, ring 0800 073 2200 or visit [www.talk2gether.nhs.uk](http://www.talk2gether.nhs.uk)**



*Respect Improve Succeed Excel*

Kempsford Church of England Primary School  
Open Morning  
9:30am Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

We would like to invite current and prospective parents to join us for an introduction to the school by the Headmaster and an opportunity to meet with the Governors and children. Prospective children welcome to attend. Please register your interest at [admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk)

*"The school's RISE values are embedded throughout all aspects of school life and give my child an aspiring start and strong foundation to their educational journey"*  
- Y3 parent

*"Before starting at Kempford we were told about the school's values and how the older children are encouraged to support the younger ones. All the school children have been brilliant; exceeding my expectations, and have reassured us that we made the right choice for our daughter's education." - Reception parent*

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