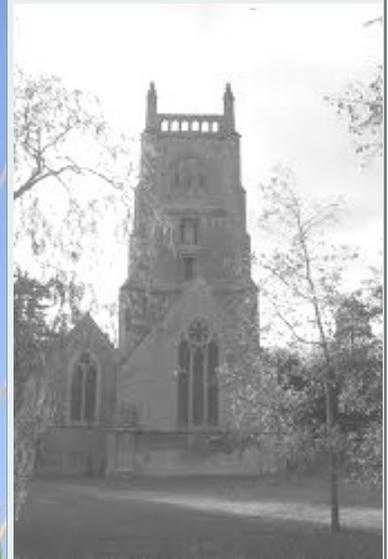


# Kempsford

(with Whelford,  
Dunfield and Dudgrove)

# Parish News



September  
2014

## Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Mrs Julie Stockwin		712109
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
Kempsford Village Hall	Mr Pete Wolfenden		810477
Kempsford Village Hall—Booking	Mrs Mollie Price	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810534
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
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(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	

September 2014

Dear Friends,

I do hope that you have had a good summer. As we enter September it's odd but it seems to me that there is always a sense of a fresh start. Regardless of whether we have family members at school, college or university or we ourselves are involved with schools, colleges or universities as pupils, students, teachers or support workers there is something about September that cries out time to start that new project! As a Headmaster I was always aware that any new initiative for the new academic year needed to begin in September since by October we would be overwhelmed with just keeping everything else going! Maybe it is just me!

Nevertheless I would like to outline three new initiatives. One this month, and one starting next month The first is the new style village fete. Building on the tradition of the **autumn fayre** established by statute by Henry III in 1215 it aims to take all that's best about the village fete and remix it in a new format that will suit both young and old alike. Taking place at the Church there will be the usual silver band and cream teas, and the lavish cakes stall, book stall and produce stall. But there will be a chance to climb the Church tower and to bid for the some of the special seasonal produce that will be available after the Harvest Festival the following day, when there will be a bring and share harvest lunch after the service.

The second initiative involves the **football club and youth Group**. Building on the popularity of the football club and recognising that the current youth group is getting older and not attracting new members, with those aged 12-15 notably absent, we have decided to make the following changes. Throughout September and October there will be no Youth Group but football club will continue to meet as normal until it becomes too dark to do so. At this point Chris and Alix, supported by the existing youth group leaders, and those members of the existing youth group who wish to be junior leaders, will start running an indoor club with table tennis, snooker and darts competitions for the 'old' football club. This will become the new Youth Group and will run from 6-8:30 and be open to anyone aged 8-14

The third new initiative I can not yet describe, because no decisions have yet been made, but it will involve the complete rethinking of how the South Cotswolds team operates in the future. At the inauguration of John Swanton, Vicar of The Ampneys as Team Rector in July, the Bishop made it clear that once the newly appointed Vicar of Fairford arrives, and a new Vicar is appointed to the CHEQS parishes, we will need to think very carefully about how we work together as a team and how we deploy our human resources, both lay and ordained. This is likely to have particular implications for those parishes deemed strong enough and vibrant enough to flourish with less ordained support. Kempford is likely to be effected in some way!

Finally I want to pay tribute to two wonderful village ladies who died in August, Anne Arkell and Liz Scott. Both will be greatly missed as pillars of the church, stalwarts of the community, and as shining lovely people who were kind, generous hearted and full of the Holy Spirit. There is a service of Thanksgiving for the life of Anne at 2:30pm on Tuesday 2nd a September

With every blessing

Tim



## Services for September 2014

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	2:30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Anne Arkell followed by tea at the Old Mill. All welcome!
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Trinity 12</i>	9:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion at Whelford Holy Communion
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	2:00pm	Harvest Fair at the Church
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Holy Cross</i>	11:00am	Harvest Festival and Lunch
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September <i>St Matthew</i>	10:00am	Holy Communion (Revd Curwen Rawlinson)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Trinity 15</i>	10:00am	Holy Communion

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November: 12:30pm: Baptism of Grace Whitlam

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015: Wedding of Lee Pearce and Sophie

### **St Mary's Kempsford Harvest Festival**

Following the Fair on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Harvest Family Service at 11.00am (note later time) followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at the church.

Everyone is invited. You will need to bring a plate and bowl and cutlery and for those whose surname is A to M please bring a savoury dish, ie; quiche or cold meats or pate etc.

and for those whose surname is N to Z please bring a pudding or cheese and biscuits.

Soft drinks will be available or bring your own drinks and glasses.

No need to book, just turn up with the above and enjoy. Any queries contact Adrian Lines on 07811690535

We look forward to seeing you all.

# Kempsford Junior Football Club

**(Anyone aged 7-12 is welcome)**

**Restarts Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September on the School Field  
6:00pm-7:30pm      Absolutely Free**

**Keep Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September free to man stalls at the fete (Beat  
the Goalie, stocks and darts)**

**For more details text Chris on 07834 737825**



# Kempsford Village Hall



## Village Hall Café

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**12 noon - 2 pm**

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

All welcome!

**VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE** We still need more committee members, and we are currently without a chair. Anyone who would like to do something really positive for the village please get in touch, we would be very pleased to hear from you. You can contact Pete Wolfenden on 810477, Dawn Penman on 810419, or any committee member.

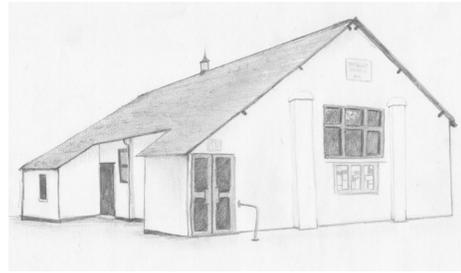
**Forthcoming Event**

**THE CARRIVICK SISTERS**

**Bluegrass and Folk Act**

**Friday Evening 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Village Hall**

# 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> Donna Kent		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—Donna Kent, [www.girlguiding.org.net/get\\_involved](http://www.girlguiding.org.net/get_involved)

**For Bookings, contact Mollie Price on 01285 810534 or [villagehallbookings@kempsford.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@kempsford.net)**

### 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	Tel: 01285 810439	Mrs Trudy Lines	Tel: 01285 711019

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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Mrs Christine Nugent	<a href="mailto:christinenugent@kempsfordparishcouncil.net">christinenugent@kempsfordparishcouncil.net</a>	01285 810306
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Mr Mark Strange	<a href="mailto:markstrange@kempsfordparishcouncil.net">markstrange@kempsfordparishcouncil.net</a>	01285 810635

## Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 16th September 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 21st October 2014	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

## Cotswold District Council Planning

### Planning applications lodged or new details received:

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<b>14/02702/FUL</b>	Construction of Country Park Visitor Centre including restaurant, toilet facilities, parking and self-catering. short-let accommodation and a new entrance from A417 at Claydon Pike, London Road, Lechlade
<b>14/03163/FUL</b>	Erection of single storey rear extension at Whelford Village Hall
<b>14/02750/FUL</b>	Erection of first floor rear extension at 5 & 6 Maidencroft Cottages, High Street, Kempsford
<b>14/02721/FUL</b>	Formation of agricultural access at Tuckwells Farm, Kempsford

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### Decisions Made:

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<b>14/02940/FUL</b>	Erection of two storey side extension and front porch exten-	<i>Application Permit</i>
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For further information, please visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)

## Parish Council News

### Co-option of Parish Councillor

Thank you to the three members of the community who volunteered for the parish councillor vacancy. The skills, experience and interest was very impressive.

Mark Strange has been co-opted to fill the position.

### Allotments

Parishioners have again expressed an Interest in the provision of allotments. Unfortunately the Parish Council do not have or know of any land available for this purpose. If any landowners, or even residents with an unused area of their garden, would like to offer space for this purpose please contact the Parish Clerk.

### Church Harvest Fair

The Parish Council will be present at the Church Harvest Fair and will be happy to receive feedback on any issues within the Parish. We will be looking to update the Parish Plan shortly and information from the community is key to ensuring we focus our work on issues that are important to you.

### Volunteer needed to distribute Parish Newsletter

If anyone is interested in delivering copies of the Parish Newsletter between Pound Cottage (Ham Lane corner) and Corner House (High Street/Chapel Road junction), approximately 32 copies, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### Highworth Triathlon

Please note the Highworth Triathlon will take place on Sunday 14th September, the same day as the Harvest Festival. Organisers will arrange for a Marshall to be situated around the Church area.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the Triathlon please visit—

<http://www.activesportsevents.co.uk/> for further information.

## An update from Earthline Ltd on restoration progress at the old Kempford Quarry site

### **1 Progress to date, working from north to south of the site:**

- Beginning of the year - the farmer sowed a crop on the restored field to the east of the haul road – but could not spray the weeds at the correct time of year because of the wet ground conditions
- Some scrub clearance has been carried out on the west side of the small lake to gain access around the wet hole left by the removal of the below ground level top soil store
- Now begun filling the wet hole next to the lake from south to north using appropriate inert stockpiled rubble and overburden stored immediately adjacent to the south
- Remaining part of field east of haul route being restored with soils, some from on site, some imported. A little over half of this remaining northern area has now been top soiled

### **2 Next stages for the period to end of September 2014:**

- Remaining part of eastern field to be soiled
- Farmer wants to follow this in September with a crop of winter wheat
- Intention is to retain haul route as a farm access
- Land south east of the haul route to be restored to pasture
- Stockpiles of soils and rubble and overburden will be removed which will involve use both of a soil screen and a crusher as necessary. Crushed material will be used on site, anything unusable will be removed
- Restoration is on course for completion by the end of September

### **3 Improvements to the unclassified highway**

There have been discussions with Gloucestershire Highway officers, and it has been agreed that Earthline Ltd will raise the level of the track at the far 'wet' end close by the present haul road from the quarry into the lake area. This will be done over the coming weeks using suitable material from the stockpiles referred to above, soils will then be replaced over the top to ensure that the character of the track is kept.

### **4 Future extraction and lake restoration**

We are continuing to develop a scheme that is likely to involve some more gravel extraction adjacent the unclassified highway, and some infilling of the large lake in order to reduce its scale.

This is a slow process, but when we are sufficiently advanced we will carry out local consultation before an application is submitted.

## Petition to re-open Public Footpath BLE44 at Bowmoor Lake, Lechlade

The Parish Council has created a petition which our County Councillor Ray Theodoulou will be presenting at the September meeting of the County Council.

Please see below for petition details. The deadline is 06/09/14. Paper copies are available to sign at:

\* The George, Kempsford \* Wayside Poultry Farm, Whelford \* Lechlade Community Library \*

Or electronically at - <http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=32> or follow the link from the 'News' page of the Parish Council website [www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net](http://www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net)



**Petition summary and background** - In 2007 footpath users successfully proved that they had walked around this lake for over 20 years, and the Planning Inspectorate granted it be added to the definitive map. In January 2008, a week after the footpath was added to the definitive map, sections of it were closed under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the construction of Lakes by Yoo holiday lodges. 6.5yrs later after many meetings and attempts to negotiate with the developer, no sections of the path have been reopened, despite development in some areas being complete. The developer has openly admitted they do not want the path reopened on its definitive line.

**Action petitioned for** - To request Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) to take all steps possible to reopen public footpath BLE44 at Bowmoor Lake, Lechlade which has been closed for more than 6 years. GCC should ensure that the developer Coln Park is fully aware of the serious concerns expressed by local residents and request that the Planning Inspectorate, who are responsible for granting extensions to footpath closures, visit the site.



## **Kempford Church Harvest Fair and Festival 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saturday 13th September at 2.0pm**

In 1243 Henry III granted the village permission for an annual fair to be held in mid-September. This year the fair will once again take place with:

- traditional stalls
  - Produce and cakes,
  - Bric-a-brac,
  - Toys, etc.
- Games
- a BBQ, Silver Band and Cream Teas,
- Tower Visits,
- an Art Exhibition in the Church; and,
- much, much more.



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 11 am.**

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving service followed by;  
a bring-and-share-lunch.

# 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)



I feel privileged to have been appointed as the new Head Teacher at Kempford Church of England primary school and I am very much looking forward to starting the new school year and meeting as many people as possible.

I came into teaching after, at first, embarking on a career in Civil Engineering. After graduation from the University of Teesside in 1991, I decided to pursue work in Outdoor Education to further my interest in working with children. This was a fantastic opportunity as I have always had a life in outdoor pursuits, so to be able to work in this field was such a joy.

Five years quickly passed and I ended my time in Outdoor Education managing a large Residential Outdoor Centre. The time was right to move on as I wanted to progress my work with children and the facilitation of their learning. Hence, I completed a Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary teaching at the University of Gloucestershire and graduated in 2001.

I have been teaching for thirteen years at Chesterton Primary School in Cirencester, fulfilling many roles including Acting Head teacher.

When I initially applied for the position here at Kempford, I was given the opportunity meet teaching staff, governors, parents and volunteers. I took many things from the visit, but the overwhelming impression I formed was one of passion; passion for doing the very best for all the children who come to the school. It was clear that every child was equally valued, every child was being developed and that every child had a right to the very best development. This excited me and it this that we will build upon as we begin the new academic year.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing the activities that we will be doing at Kempford. If you would like to come and see me or the school at work, please just ring the school and we can arrange a time for a visit.

Richard Mendum

Headteacher

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## Looking for a small regular paid job?



We are looking for an adult 18+ to deliver Ripples Community Magazine in Kempford, Whelford and Dunfield.

We are also looking for someone in Fairford.

Please phone Teresa 07733 093765 or

email [distribution@ripplesmag.co.uk](mailto:distribution@ripplesmag.co.uk).

### Lechlade Community Library

The library will be hosting a display on the First World War by the Lechlade History Society in September. Panels will include photographs, maps and historical data and will be accessible during library opening hours. All are welcome to come and enjoy this excellent presentation.

New books are added to stock on a weekly basis – these include the full set of the Game of Thrones series and latest novels by authors such as Neil Bartlett (The disappearance boy) and Jessie Burton (The miniaturist). We welcome suggestions for new books from our customers so don't hesitate to put forward your ideas.

The Job Club has moved to Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm. Free access to Job Search websites and coaching in all aspects of applying for work including interview skills practice. Why not come along and meet other people who are looking for work and share their experiences and ideas about finding the right job for you?

Children's activities continue each week on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 am with stories, singing and rhymes.

We have full access to all of the County's extensive stock of books so if by chance we don't have what you are looking for readily available in our own library we can easily order a copy in for you.

We were delighted to welcome local MP Geoffrey Clifton-Brown to the library. Geoffrey popped in during a visit to the town to open the new Post Office in Lechlade. Geoffrey was especially appreciative of the commitment of the library volunteers to providing such a fabulous service to both residents and visitors to the town.

# Kempsford Pre-School



A warm welcome is what you and your children can expect from all of the staff, children and parents at Kempford Pre-School!

We provide a happy, nurturing environment where children from 2½ to 4 years old can make friends and learn through play.

We run sessions every day from 8:45am to 2:55pm and with Breakfast Club from 8am and After School Club we can offer quality childcare from 8am until 6pm.

We are based in the grounds of Kempford Primary School with whom we have close links, working together to manage the transition from Pre-School to 'Big School'. We have our own large outdoor play area, as well as being able to share the grounds of the school.

Come and visit us at Kempford Pre-School, High Street, Kempford, GL7 4EY. We would love to show you around our setting and answer your questions. Or check out our website <http://www.kempsfordpreschool.co.uk/>. Spaces now available.

Get in touch! Tel: 01285 811000. Email: [staff@kempsfordpreschool.co.uk](mailto:staff@kempsfordpreschool.co.uk).  
Web: [www.kempsfordpreschool.co.uk](http://www.kempsfordpreschool.co.uk). Registered charity number: 1023770

*What's on at*

## **Whelford Social Club**

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

**Sat 6th September —Live Music**

**Sat 4th October —Live Music**

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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

## 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.

- **Free family history research** help with our "Ancestry buddy" volunteer
- **Apply for your concessionary bus pass for free:** no need to buy a passport photo.
- **Weekly Baby Bounce and Rhyme time – every Wednesday 10.30 – 11.00** (Songs and Rhymes for babies up to 2 years). **Toddler Time every Monday in term time 10 – 10.30am** (approx 2 years – pre-school),
- **DVD: latest releases to loan for only £1.50 until our next opening time**
- **Want to learn how to use a computer?** Free computer help to get you started with our "Computer buddy" volunteer – Monday afternoons
- **Library Club every month (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs):** Books, coffee and a chat for those unable to get out and about. Free transport with disabled facilities.
- **Next Library Club will be Thur 18<sup>th</sup> September – 11am : Mears** will also be present at this Library Club – do drop in to hear about how Mears can provide " Safe At Home" services to enable independent living in Gloucestershire.
- **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
- **Occasional free talks and activities** for both adults and children

**0845 230 5420**

Free parking at the rear of the library.

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

**The Library**



# Kempsford Cricket Club



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

[www.cricket.kempsford.net](http://www.cricket.kempsford.net)

## MENS FIXTURES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Time</i>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Sun 7th	North Cerney	Away	Confirmed	2.00 start
Sat 13th	Barnsley Beeches	Away	Confirmed	1.30 start
Sun 21st	Lower Swell	Away	Confirmed	1.30 start

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## YOUR CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

If you like singing why not join your local choral group? We don't hold auditions so just come along to our first rehearsal on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the United Reform Church, Milton Street, Fairford GL7 4BW. We rehearse from 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Our aim is for everyone to enjoy singing and listening to great music. We aim for high standards and hold training sessions and workshops with professionals which are great fun. You can find more details about us of on

[www.fairford.org/choralsociety](http://www.fairford.org/choralsociety).

Our next concert on 15<sup>th</sup> November in St Mary's Church, Fairford will commemorate the start of World War I. You can apply to join the choir or reserve tickets by phoning our conductor John Read on 01285 713681.

# Bin it, don't Block it



Leftover cooking fat and oil poured down the sink will set hard. This creates stinking, pipe-blocking fatbergs beneath your house or in your street.

Wet wipes are another big no-no because they are made of plastic. They don't break down like toilet tissue, clinging to fat and clogging up the system. If drains get blocked, what you flush can come back up through your toilet or even your sink.

At Thames Water, we clear around 55,000 blockages from our sewers each year at a cost of £12m and 7,000 customers suffer from sewer flooding in their homes and gardens – a truly miserable experience.

## To flush, or not to flush?

The drains connected to your home were not designed to cope with anything other than wastewater, toilet tissue and human waste.

Even the products labelled 'flushable' do not break down in the sewer. Flushing them could block your internal plumbing or the main sewer, causing sewage to back-up.

The message is simple, if it's not water, toilet tissue or poo, please... bin it - don't block it.

Thousands of unsuitable products are washed down the drain each year contributing to around 55,000 blockages across the Thames Water region.

This is made worse by confusing and misleading product labelling, which encourages customers to flush unsuitable items, particularly toddler wipes and sanitary items. Although these items disappear when you flush your loo, they can take a number of years to break down. There are currently no restrictions in place to prevent these products being sold as 'flushable'.

The only product to pass water industry 'flushability' tests so far is toilet paper. Manufacturers have their own tests, which are more lenient resulting in a greater number of products being labelled 'flushable'.

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Monday 15th September:** 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

**Kelmscott Manor and William Morris** – talk by Mike Breakell. Mike is a lecturer and tour guide with a particular interest in William Morris and the Pre-Raphaelites. Guests welcome £4. Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).

## **League of Friends of Fairford Hospital**

**(Registered Charity No: 1006416)**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Volunteers and supporters in the East Cotswold area have raised more than £2,000 at two successful summer fund-raisers.

The owner of Eastleach House, Stephanie Richards, opened up her spectacular gardens and helped the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital to raise over £920 towards its work in the community.

And Earl St Aldwyns enabled the Gloss Jazz Swing Band Picnic to take place at Mill House, Coln St Aldwyns, and helped the Friends to a profit of £1,250.

Said League chairman, Graham Hewitt: “We are tremendously grateful to everyone who helped us to this grand total at these two summer events”.

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## **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2014 please**





Kempsford and Whelford Branch

Email: [KandWCB@btinternet.com](mailto:KandWCB@btinternet.com)

### **Kempsford Conservative Branch 2014 Late Summer Drinks**

**Friday 5th September 2014 (at 6:30pm) Dudgrove Farm**

Following our successful Summer BBQ, our next event will be a late summer drinks party hosted by John Peel at Dudgrove Farm. This event is planned as an informal gathering in the gardens (weather permitting) allowing those who want to support, or perhaps just find out about our Branch to meet.

If you would like to join us, and in order to get a rough idea of numbers, please email us ([KandWCB@btinternet.com](mailto:KandWCB@btinternet.com)) . However, you are welcome to "turn up".

## **News from RAF Fairford - September 2014**

RAF Fairford is home to the USAF 420<sup>th</sup> Air Base Squadron, which is part of the 501st Combat Support Wing based 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 Special Operations Group exercise planned for the end of July was postponed at the last minute, which means that the airfield was quiet after all RIAT aircraft had departed! However, RAF Fairford will be hosting an MoD emergency services training exercise, starting on Thursday 11th September. This exercise will involve around 350 additional personnel on the base, and civil emergency services vehicles (fire, police and ambulance) travelling to and from the base. Local residents may notice some additional activity around the base at this time, but should be aware that the exercise is not based on any current or real world events, and will be concluded by 15<sup>th</sup> September. Residents should not be alarmed by any increase in activity and emergency services vehicles during this time period.

The emergency services training exercise will not include any aircraft operations, although routine flight operations will take place as usual during the month.

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](mailto:jennifer.collyer.2.gb@us.af.mil)



GLOUCESTERSHIRE **PLAYING FIELDS** ASSOCIATION  
Saving Open Spaces

*President:* Dame Janet Trotter DBE    *Chairman:* Major T W Hancock DL    *Secretary:* Mr G S Ross

**GPFA**  
**Honourable Company of Gloucestershire**  
**Award**

**Are you talented at sport or know someone who is?**

The GPFA Honourable Company of Gloucestershire Award is administered by the GPFA on behalf of The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire

If you are talented at sport or know anyone who is then this award will be of interest to you. Successful applicants are given a grant from the scheme to help meet their training and equipment costs. The criteria to be considered for the award are:

- Age 15 to 19 years as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014
- Outstanding achievement in their sport and the potential to attain national and/or international standard
- Nominations must be supported by their coach, instructor or relevant sports governing body
- Resident in the Administrative County of Gloucestershire

Nominations should be sent to Graham Ross of the GPFA by the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The presentations will take place at the GPFA AGM which will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Past winners have come from a wide range of sports including floorball, skiing, snooker, squash, boxing, BMX biking, cricket, hockey to name but a few

**For an application form please contact the following person**

Graham Ross  
Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association  
33 Spinney Road, Barnwood , Gloucester. GL4 3YX

Tel: 01452 530931

Email: [glospfa@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:glospfa@blueyonder.co.uk)

## Fairford Dial-a-Ride Timetable

### September / October / November 2014

Cirencester every Thursday departing Fairford 08.30am (1) & 09.30 (2) returning 11.15am & 12.15 cost £3.40

	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart Fairford AM</u>	<u>Return PM</u>	<u>COST £</u>
<b><u>September</u></b>				
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.00
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	4.50
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	6.00
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Burford & Bourton on the Water	09.00	1.30	8.50
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	variable
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Milletts Farm (Craft & Gift Fair)	09.00	2.00	6.70
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	5.00
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	7.50
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	3.00
<b><u>October</u></b>				
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	4.50
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	6.00
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	8.00
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Banbury	09.00	2.00	10.20
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market - Villages	09.00	11.15	variable
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Carterton (**replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	4.50
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	5.00
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	7.50
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	3.00
<b><u>November</u></b>				
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Swindon Orbital	10.00	2.00	5.00
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Blunsdon Market	10.00	12.15	4.50
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Witney	09.00	1.00	6.00
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford	09.00	1.30	8.20
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fairford Market – Villages	09.00	11.15	variable
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carterton (**replaces Cirencester 1)	09.00	12.00	4.50
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Central Swindon	09.00	12.30	5.00
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham	09.00	1.00	7.50
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lechlade Garden Centre	10.00	12.30	3.00

#### **All Departure Times are from Fairford Fire Station**

All departure times are approximate and at the drivers discretion. To book a seat or for more information call on 01285 713852 Jill/Clive

Or call in at the office 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Community Centre Monday through to Friday 08.30 – 12.00