

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

**FEBRUARY 2024**

**KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

# *Live Music* **NIGHT**

*Feb 10th 24*

**WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM LOCAL BANDS:**

**COMFORT BREAK  
AND  
PRESTO**

**FOLLOWED BY A DISCO**

**7.30PM - 11PM**

**FREE ENTRY  
BEER £3.50**

**COCKTAIL BAR AND  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**PROCEEDS IN AID OF KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL FUNDS**

# Parish Diary

## FEBRUARY

Fri	2nd	7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Choral Concert
Sun	4th	9.30am	St Mary's, Kempsford	Holy Communion
Thurs	8th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Sat	10th	7.30pm - 11.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Live Music Night
Sun	11th	9.30am	St Mary's, Kempsford	Service of the Word
Sun	18th	9.30am	St Anne's, Whelford	Holy Communion
Sun	18th	4.00pm	St Mary's, Kempsford	Family Service
Mon	19th	7pm for 7.30pm start	Memorial Hall, Lechlade	Lechlade History Society - Bill King telling us the fascinating story of the Bicycle
Mon	19th		COPY DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER	
Tues	20th	7.45pm	Whelford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	25th	9.30am	St Mary's, Kempsford	Holy Communion

## MARCH

Sat	2nd	1.00 - 2.30pm	Southrop Village Hall	Jumble Sale
Thurs	14th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Sat	16th		Kempsford Village Hall	Beer Festival
Tues	19th	7.45pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	25TH		COPY DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER	

## REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays & Wednesdays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713607106
Tuesdays	9.30am - 10.00am	St. Mary's Kempsford	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 6.15pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Wednesdays	6.15pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Post Office



## KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 12 – 2pm

Beat the winter blues and come and try our  
Homemade Soups and Breads,  
Delicious Cakes,  
Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.

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I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, contributed and helped at my Christmas Soirée. We raised £140 for the church and £80 for the village hall which is fantastic. The children and adults performed brilliantly.

Sharon

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**LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY** Monday February 19th at 7pm for tea /coffee, 7.30pm start The Memorial Hall, Lechade. Our speaker for will be Bill King telling us the fascinating story of the Bicycle : titled " On Two Wheels "

The bicycle can be considered as one of the greatest inventions providing mobility to millions of people across the world and providing the basis for the development of motorcycle and the motorcar Bill's broad non technical talk outlines its development over the last 180 years and considers its sociological impact.. these days being the ecologically friendly green alternative for urban travel

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The **Kempford Village Hall** Committee would like to announce that £1500 was raised for the Village Hall from the Darts event held just before Christmas. Thank you to all who attended and staffed this event. Also they would like to thank Sharon Elliot for her donation from the proceeds from her annual Soiree concert held in December.

Finally a quick reminder that there is a choral concert on the 2nd Feb (7.30) and live bands playing on the 10th February (7.30) both at the Village Hall

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For advice on dealing with debts, as well as support for energy and living costs, and possible benefit entitlement please see the Citizens Advice website – [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

There is also emergency support that you may be able to access, such as a food bank or fuel vouchers.

If you cannot access the website or need further help you can contact **Citizens Advice** Stroud and Cotswold Districts on 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 Monday to Thursday

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Southrop School PTA - **JUMBLE SALE** - Saturday 2nd March 2024 - 1.00—2.30pm

Southrop Village Hall. Clothing, books, toys, bric a brac. Entrance £1. Cash only

Donation times: Wed 28th Feb 9-11.30am, Fri 1st Mar 1-2.45pm, Sat 10-11.30am

For more information contact [PTA@Southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@Southrop.gloucs.sch.uk)

# ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or [revkimbrown10a@gmail.com](mailto:revkimbrown10a@gmail.com)

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Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson [dizzylizzie@sky.com](mailto:dizzylizzie@sky.com)

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 [churchwarden@kempsford.net](mailto:churchwarden@kempsford.net)

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

It was announced in our churches recently that I will be leaving my role here after Easter. I have not been in good health of late and am making some changes to **recover more fully and hopefully find a healthy work life balance. I'm moving to a** new part time post in the Diocese of Worcester, helping churches reach out and connect to their communities.

I will be sad to go, and have loved living here and being a rural Vicar for almost 4 **years, but sometimes a moment comes when its' time for change. The Bible contains** a wonderful passage in Ecclesiastes that helps us acknowledge the 'season' of life we are in – **it begins** "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." **I find myself, in middle age and with grown up children, entering a new** season. In it I hope to live a slower pace of life, have time to ramble in the countryside with my dog, and catch up with friends – as well as enjoying new work challenges with new colleagues.

Thank you for all your support and friendship in my time here. This has been a wonderful village to live in, to make friends and walk dogs together. I will miss so many people and friendships. Even though the village has grown bigger and changed over the years, there is still a community spirit here and many people work hard to make this village the community that it is: those who volunteer at the village hall, the parish council, the school, the bellringers, youth clubs and Long Table, and of course in the church. We are very blessed here, and I thank everyone who has worked with me in the last 4 years.

The life of our **churches will carry on; Rev'd Catie, our Curate, and Elizabeth, our lay minister in training, will both continue to lead services along with Rev'd Geoff Price, Rev'd Jean Brown and other colleagues. Our churchwardens, Keith and Elizabeth, and all our PCC members are here for you as ever. Please give them your support as a new Vicar is found. God already knows who they are, and a new season will begin.**

**With love, Rev'd Kim.**



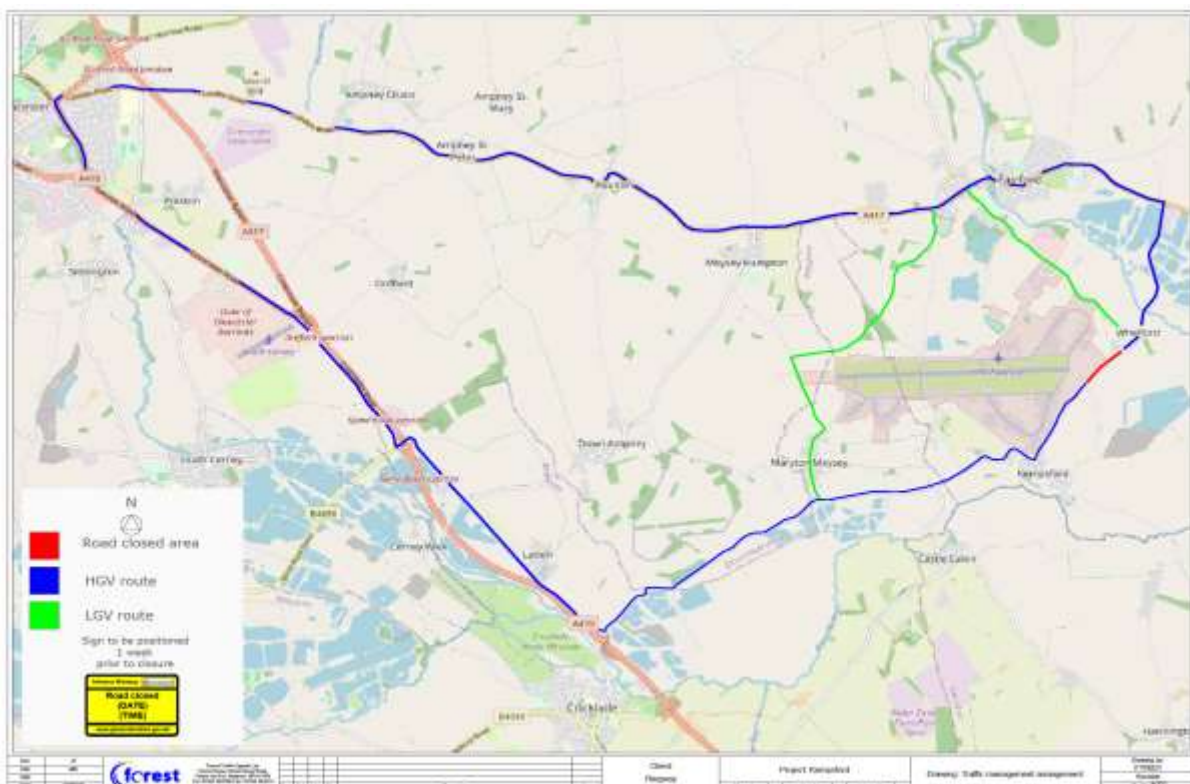
## ADVANCE NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING ROAD CLOSURE

Temporary Road Closure from Southwest of Bowmoor House to Washpool Lane Junction, Whelford from its junction with Washpool Lane to the junction of St Anne Church to Willow Bank House for a distance of approximately 640 metres.

This road will be closed (as per the attached plan) from 12/02/2024 to 16/02/2024 to allow for bridge work by Gloucestershire Highways.

Alternative Route – as signed on site.

Pedestrian access to adjacent properties will be maintained. Emergency access will NOT be maintained due to trial pits being in the middle of the narrow lane.



## CONTACTS

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### PARISH COUNCIL

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### CHURCH

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### KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair & Trustee	Ian Housley		
Secretary & Trustee	Kathy Woodward	To contact any Committee Member email -	
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Bookings Secretary	Luke Fry		
Bookings Secretary	Molly Pekarik Fry		
Member	Hannah Dickens		
Member	Cassie Vickery-Cummings		
Parish Council Rep	Karen Saunders		

Community Garden	Jacqui Howlett		01285 712268
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### WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bookings	Sue Griffin	<a href="mailto:374croft@gmail.com">374croft@gmail.com</a>	01285 712979
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### SCHOOLS

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Constituency MP	Sir G Clifton-Brown	<a href="mailto:cliftonbrown@parliament.uk">cliftonbrown@parliament.uk</a>	01242 514551

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	Switchboard		01452 425000
	Adult Social Services		01452 426868
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WILTSHIRE HIGHWAYS	<a href="mailto:northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk">northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>		0300 456 0105

Royal British Legion Mr A Hill			01285 810035
SSE	Reporting of power cuts		105 or 0800 072 7282
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
Environment Agency	Floodline - 0845 9881188		03708 506 506
Non-emergency Police			101
NHS 111 Service	(when less urgent than 999)		111
Hilary Cottage Surgery			01285 712377

### FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES - Serving Fairford, Lechlade & surrounding villages

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## SHORT MAT BOWLS

The Short Mat Bowls equipment funded by the Parish Council will arrive this month and it is expected we will start to use it in February. Anyone interested who has not already contacted me should email [agray311@btinternet.com](mailto:agray311@btinternet.com) with their interest.

Andy Gray



## Community Speed Watch and AutoSpeedWatch (ASW) Cameras

In December 2023 the second ASW camera was installed at Whelford, together with solar booster panels for both.

Community Speedwatch does not result in prosecution itself. However, if a persistent speeding driver is identified through the scheme, police can use this evidence to take action against them

Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit will be contacted - initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police, irrespective of where they live as Community Speedwatch is a national initiative.

**The Parish Council works alongside the Police looking at 'hot spots' of times when** more speeding occurs, to give information so as the Camera Enforcement Team can come out and do targeted enforcement.

Unfortunately, there is currently no Department of Transport approved signage available for the ASW cameras. As soon as it is available we will be installing it. The map below shows the location of the 2 cameras (one for each traffic direction).

From the data gathered to date, approximately 75% of traffic is speeding through the village. The Community Speedwatch Volunteers will resume sessions in other parts of the village as the weather improves.

Please help to reduce the speeding in our villages by driving with due care and consideration.

