

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

July & August 2025

Kempsford Village Hall



SOCIAL EVENING



Saturday
26 July 2025



Time
18:30 - 22:00



Come along to a social evening at the Village Hall. You can find out all the activities we put on in the hall and maybe give ideas for new things we can try.

As a thank you to all the village, the soft drinks and nibbles will be free, as will the first Alcoholic drink.

**Free nibbles
and first drink**

Come and help us celebrate the Village Hall.

Parish Diary

JULY

Sun	6th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion 'All churches together'
Wed	9th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Thurs	10th	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Community Café
Sat	12th	5.30pm for 6pm	Kempford Village Hall	Family Bingo
Sun	13th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Service of the Word
Mon	14th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Mon	21st	7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	23rd	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sat	26th	6.30pm - 10.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Social Evening
Sun	27th	10.00am	Marston Meysey	Holy Communion 'All churches together'
Sun	27th	4.00pm - TBC	Kempford Village Hall	Women's Euro Final
Mon	28th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Wed	30th	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Drop in kids activities

AUGUST

Sun	3rd	10.00am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion 'All churches together'
Wed	6th	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Drop in kids activities
Sun	10th	10.00am	Marston Meysey	Holy Communion 'All churches together'
Sun	17th	10.00am	Castle Eaton	Holy Communion & Patronal Festival
Mon	18th	7.00pm	WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	24th	10.00am	St Anne's Whelford	Holy Communion 'All churches together'
Mon	25th	SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE		
Wed	27th	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Drop in kids activities
Sun	31st	10.00am	Meysey Hampton	Holy Communion 'All churches together'

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	10am - 11am	Kempford Village Hall	Rosie's Pilates Plus
Mondays & Wednesdays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713 607106
Tuesdays	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls (treasurerkempford@gmail.com)
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempford VH Garden	Community Garden open (weather permitting)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Post Office
Fridays	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Zumba

Kempsford Village Hall – July Events

Regular Events

Mon	Pilates rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com Pizza Van 14 th & 28 th solelunapizza3@gmail.com	10:00am – 11:00am 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Tue	Short Mat Bowls treasurerkempsford@gmail.com	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wed	Youth Club Chippy Van 9 th & 23 rd info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk	5:00pm – 7:00pm 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thur	Post Office Darts 10 th & 24 th davis.william68@yahoo.com Community Café 10 th	12:00pm – 2:00pm 7:00pm – 10:00pm 12:00 – 2:00pm
Fri	Zumba bellaannie1@hotmail.com	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Sat	12 th Family Bingo	5:30pm for eyes down at 6:00pm

Other Upcoming Events

26 th July	Social Evening	6:30pm -10:00pm
27 th July	Women's Euro Final	4:00pm - TBC
30 th July 6 th & 27 th August	Drop in kids activities.	1:00pm – 3:00pm
27 th Sept	Village Fete	12:00pm – 3:00pm

Most events carry on throughout August but specific dates can be checked here:-

<https://kempsford.net/villagehall/calendar.php>



KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Thursday 10th June 12 – 2pm

Try our Ploughmans lunches, Homemade Soup, Bread and Delicious Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas. **There will not be a café in August, the next one will be on 11th September.**



Boogie Bounce

Tuesdays

*9am - Boogie Bounce
10am - Clubbercise*

Jen - 07749 014192

Starting September 2nd

Kempsford Village Hall



CHURCH SERVICES JULY & AUGUST

JULY

6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion 'All churches together'	Kempsford
13 th	9.30am	Service of the Word	Kempsford
20 th		NO SERVICES DUE TO RIAT	
27 th	10am	Holy Communion 'All churches together' for Patronal Festival,	Marston Meysey

AUGUST

Due to holidays there is just one 'All churches together' service each Sunday

3 rd	10am	Holy Communion, Kempsford
10 th	10am	Holy Communion, Marston Meysey
17 th	10am	Holy Communion and Patronal Festival, Castle Eaton
24 th	10am	Holy Communion, Whelford
31 st	10am	Holy Communion. Meysey Hampton

Kempsford with Whelford PCC are also looking for a volunteer to help with the church accounts since the present Treasurer would like to step down at the end of the year.

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Catie - 01285 671490 or Rev.catie@gmail.com

Lay Preachers – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821 & Elizabeth Emberson dizzylizzie@sky.com

Church wardens: Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 churchwarden@kempsford.net

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

Curate Catie's Monthly Musings for July & August

Dear friends,

As we move into the summer months, there's a noticeable shift in pace across our villages. Schools are preparing for the end of term, with the excitement of sports days, performances, and all the joyful celebrations that mark the close of another academic year. For Year 6 children, this time is especially significant as they prepare to say **farewell to primary school and take their first steps into something new.** There's excitement and nerves in equal measure, and we hold you in our prayers.

For families, teachers, and all in education, July is both a finish line and a launchpad: a time to acknowledge the hard work of the past year and to look forward to a well-earned rest. And for everyone, whether you're staying at home or travelling away, I **hope you find time this summer for peace, play, and a little wonder.** Holidays aren't just luxuries, they are opportunities to reconnect - with ourselves, our loved ones, with nature, and with God.

In the Christian tradition, rest is not idleness but necessary restoration. Even God rested on the seventh day! Rest is important because it refreshes us not just physically, but spiritually too, giving space for reflection and renewal, especially when we find it hard to slow down in our usual routines.

And summer is also a season of joyful celebrations in our churches, with weddings and baptisms booked in - beautiful signs of love, hope, and new beginnings.

Our churches remain open throughout the summer with regular services and a warm welcome for everyone, whether you're a familiar face, visiting the area, or coming along **for the first time.** They're also lovely places to enjoy a moment of peace and are refreshingly cool when the heat sets in! Do check the church noticeboard for details of services, which may differ from normal.

Wishing you joy, rest, and every blessing this summer,

Rev. Catie

Rev.catie@gmail.com

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Providing Health and Social Care throughout
Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding Villages



Home Nursing



Patient
Transport



Lunch Club



Charity Shop



Fundraising



Events

www.friendsoffairford.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1180059

CONTACTS

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Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		01285 713033
Church & Hand Bell	Sally Strange		01285 810635
KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
Chair & Trustee	Ian Housley	To contact any Committee Member email - infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net	
Secretary & Trustee	Kathy Woodward		
Community Garden	Jacqui Howlett		01285 712268
WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL			
Bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	01285 712979
SCHOOLS			
Kempsford School	Helen Seward (Head)	admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810367
School Governors		chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810875
Farmors School	Matthew Evans (Head)		01285 712302
COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL		(including Bulk Refuse)	01285 623000
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL		Switchboard	01452 425000
		Adult Social Services	01452 426868
		Children's Social Services	01452 426565
GLOUCESTERSHIRE HIGHWAYS		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
WILTSHIRE HIGHWAYS		northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk	0300 456 0105
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		01285 810035
SSE		Reporting of power cuts	105 or
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			
Administrator	Kerry	admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01285 707300



COTSWOLD
District Council

NOTICE OF VACANCY

in the office of Councillor

Kempsford Parish Council

NOTICE is given that, due to the resignation of Neil Green, a vacancy has arisen for a Councillor for the Parish Council.

The vacancy will be filled by election if a request from 10 local government electors for the Parish is received within 14 working days of the date of this notice. The request must be received by 9 July 2025.

Requests should include each electors' name and address and should be sent to the Chief Executive at the address below or by email to elections@cotswold.gov.uk

If an election is called, it will take place not later than 11 September 2025.

If 10 signatures are not received by the date given, the Parish Council may fill the vacancy by co-option.

Dated 19 June 2025

Robert Weaver
Chief Executive
Cotswold District Council
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