

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter



Please see inside for details of the 18<sup>th</sup> century  
**print, donated to raise funds for St Mary's Church**  
Kempsford.

## March 2019

# KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Council and other Meeting dates

Tuesday 19th March 2019	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 9th April 2019	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm, Kempsford Village Hall
Tuesday 23rd April 2019	Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm, Kempsford Village Hall

## Parish Council News

Pye Homes Appeal Inquiry (Application Ref: 17/02224.FUL, Appeal Ref: APP/F1610/W/18/3217581)

The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that the inquiry into the appeal will open at 10.00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019. It will be held at Cotswold District Council Offices, Cirencester and the venue has been reserved for 4 days.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April 2019, 8pm at Kempsford Village Hall.

If you are new to the Parish, this is a great way to find out about clubs and organisations within the community and to hear what they have been up to and their plans for the forthcoming year. The Parish Council provide an update on what work they have been involved in on behalf of our residents.

Everyone is welcome, and as always, we appreciate club/organisation members taking the time to come and update us on their activities.

Hope to see you there!

## Please can you help Kempstford Village Hall?

The rear of the hall has just undergone a major refurbishment and it is hoped that this will result in the local community making more use of it and its facilities.

The management committee of the Village Hall needs new members to ensure that the hall is used to its best advantage and help take the refurbishment through to its next phase.

If you wish for your Village Hall to continue to serve the community please do consider joining us.

We usually meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the hall and will be very pleased to welcome you to a meeting where we can answer any questions you may have. For more information please contact Hannah Dickens 07597 625284.



KEMPSFORD CAFÉ is ready to re-open!  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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!

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

### Kempstford Village Hall Committee Members

Hannah Dickens (Chair) *	Tel: 07597 625284	Pete Wolfenden (Vice Chair) *	Tel: 01285 810477
Caroline Gooch (Treasurer) *	Tel: 07826 939718	Pete Robinson (Fundraising) *	Tel: 01285 810356
Joy Cross (Secretary) *	Tel: 01285 810439	Mark Strange (PC Rep)	Tel: 01285 810635
Kate Collins (Booking Sec.) *	Tel: 01285 810478	Ruth Gray	Tel: 01285 810747
Mark Britt *	Tel: 07771 506527	* Denotes Trustee Member	

*New members are always welcome!*

# Spring Film Night At Kempford Village Hall

Following out refurbishment we are excited to ask you to join us in our first Film Night of this year showing 'Stan and Ollie PG'

The untold story of the  
world's greatest comedy act.

## 29th March 2019

STEVE  
COOGAN

JOHN C.  
REILLY

# STAN & OLLIE

'Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain.'

Please see our Facebook page and website for full details of times, prices and booking details.



# Whelford Village Hall

**FREE** fast broadband available to all Hirers  
For bookings, contact Sue Griffin on  
01285 712979 or  
email—374croft@gmail.com



## Whelford Social Club

A small, friendly club, welcomes new members and guests

What's on -

**Saturday 9th March —Live Music**

**Saturday 30th March—Live Music**

Plus regular Bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays

Opening Hours:

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

## **APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER**

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

**MONDAY 25TH MARCH PLEASE**

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

# PRESS RELEASE



## **Chief Constable: "Council tax increase will help us deliver the service the public deserves"**

Gloucestershire Constabulary's Chief Constable Rod Hansen says the maximum increase in the police share of the council tax - £2 a month for band D taxpayers - is the most realistic way the Constabulary can deliver the County's Police and Crime Plan and the service the public deserves.

In a direct appeal to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Martin Surl, Chief Constable Rod Hansen said earlier this week (Tuesday 29 January) that the Constabulary's proposed increase of 74 officers and staff will help ensure the Force remains visible on the streets, ready to respond to emergencies, combat serious and organised crime and protect the most vulnerable in our society.

Next week PCC Martin Surl will make his recommendations to the County's Police and Crime Panel over the level of police precept taken as part of local council tax.

It follows a public consultation exercise promoted on the Constabulary and PCC social media pages that has sought the views of Gloucestershire residents.

Amongst the measures proposed for extra funding are:

Chief Constable Hansen said: "Similar to other forces, the Constabulary has been under severe financial pressure in recent years and there has been a significant reduction in officers and staff.

"Thanks to public support, good financial management and the tremendous efforts of our workforce, the Constabulary has been rated by the HMICFRS as good when it comes to how efficient we are at keeping people safe and reducing crime. However the scope of what policing is expected to deliver has increased hugely in recent years to combat the ever evolving nature of the crimes we are dealing with so it's crucial that, having stabilised, we now grow accordingly to be able to fulfil our mission of keeping people safe from harm.

"Only then will we be able to deliver the service the public deserves and the service we are committed to as part of the Police and Crime Plan.

"The increases we are proposing are necessary to develop and optimise our response to emergencies, how we tackle organised crime and how we protect the public. They won't all directly result in officers being more visible but we are very aware, from our consultation work, that accessibility is important to the public and I can reassure people that the measures will also help free up front line officers on to the streets.

"Increasing the precept by £2 a month, I would argue, is therefore crucial to delivering a service that can address our competing demands and those of the public."

Information on the county's Police and Crime Plan, which was produced by the Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl and based on views expressed by members of the public can be found here: [www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/what-is-the-police-and-crime-plan/](http://www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/your-pcc/what-is-the-police-and-crime-plan/)

## **Caring for God's Acre**

Churchyards are special places where friends and relatives are buried in consecrated ground and people come to pay their respects and remember those whom they love but see no more.

The upkeep and maintenance of the two open churchyards at **St Anne's Whelford** and **St Mary's, Kempford** is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) – which is made up of a group of volunteers who oversee the ministry of the church and its property.

A churchyard is not a private place in which anything is acceptable, but rather a place where many people have an interest in its appearance. The Church of England therefore has regulations about what is and is not permissible in a churchyard. These regulations are designed to help ensure that churchyards have a pleasing appearance, to allow the wild life to flourish, for the maintenance of the grounds and safety of those who look after them.

A copy of the Churchyard Regulations can be found in the church and are also available at [www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/church-buildings-and-churchyards](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/church-buildings-and-churchyards)

We recognise that churchyards should not be absolutely uniform, but standards have got to be acceptable to the wide variety of people who come to mourn their own relatives. For this reason there are general principles which have to be applied and in Gloucestershire many of our churches are of national importance and their surrounding churchyards deserve special care.

In English law, no one has the right to be buried in a churchyard, but there are eligibility criteria – ie people who live or die in the parish are eligible to be buried in a churchyard. When the Vicar or PCC agrees to a burial, the grave remains in the ownership of the church – unlike in local authority or private graveyards where a (usually 75 year) lease is entered into. In Gloucestershire there are rules about what type of unpolished stone can be used for a headstone or memorial plaque.

There are other regulations to do with flowers and ornaments, which we shall cover in next month's edition of the village magazine.

These regulations are not to prevent people from mourning and remembering their loved ones, but rather to help maintain order and a seemly appearance to our churchyards for everyone who visits.

# Invitation for Sealed Bids



**This is a close up of one section of a full sized 18<sup>th</sup> century print donated to raise funds for St Mary's Church Kempston.**

- ▶ The print is from *The Ancient and Present State of Gloucestershire*, by Sir Robert Atkyns, first published in London in 1712.
- ▶ The artist and engraver of the plates was Johannes Kip (1653-1722). Kip was particularly noted for his bird's eye views, of which this image of Kempston is considered a good example.
- ▶ As issued, the engravings were not coloured. This view of Kempston was hand coloured at a later date.

**Auctioneers have estimated the value of the print to be £600- £1,000.**

Respecting the donor's wish for the print to remain in the local area, the Parochial Church Council for Kempston & Whelford are offering it for sale by sealed bids.

- ▶ For full details and to have a viewing arranged for you before placing a bid, contact [annohara23@hotmail.com](mailto:annohara23@hotmail.com)
- ▶ Sealed bids to be received **by 12 noon on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**
- ▶ Bids will be opened at 1.00pm and the successful bidder notified by 5.00pm.

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

Contact Details: Nick Scott – [revnickscott@gmail.com](mailto:revnickscott@gmail.com)

John Partington – 01285 750332; [john.p@sctm.church](mailto:john.p@sctm.church)

Robert Mitchell (Lay Reader for Kempsford) on 01285 712821

Church Warden, Elizabeth Emberson on [dizzylizzie@sky.com](mailto:dizzylizzie@sky.com).

### Services for March

Sunday 3 March	8.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion	NS
	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion	NS
	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Holy Communion	AJ
Sunday 10 March	9.30 am Kempsford	Morning Worship	RM
	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Holy Communion	RS
Sunday 17 March	9.30 am Whelford	Holy Communion	RS
	9.30 am Castle Eaton	Morning Worship	JP
	4 pm Kempsford	All Age Service	NS
Sunday 24 March	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion	JP
	10.00 am Castle Eaton	Family Service	MS
Sunday 31 March (Mothering Sunday)	10.00 am Kempsford	Morning Worship	NS

Lent starts on Wednesday **6 March with a service at 6pm at St Anne's Whelford**

We also hold Morning Prayer in Kempsford church at 9.30 am every Wednesday.

During Lent there will be a series of lectures at various locations within the SCTM. Please see the notice boards for more details.

Do you know someone who is unwell or in need and would appreciate a pastoral visit? Please contact Rev'd Nick Scott

More information about all services can be found at [www.sctm.church](http://www.sctm.church)

## NOTICES

Polite notice to dog walkers in Kempford, it seems to have been highlighted on our Facebook page how much dog poo there is in high foot areas such as by the school, along the high street and other areas across the village, not to mention on peoples private gardens. We would be grateful if you can please clean up after your pooch. There is nothing worse for a young child than stepping in some dog poo on the way to school and a poor parent who is trying to console an upset child whilst getting poo off their shoe and socks! Please be mindful when you walk your pooch to have some poo bags and use the bins that are around. Thank you.

Cotswold Cogfest bike ride is happening again this year on Sunday 12th May. The riders will be coming through Kempford again in small groups probably between 10 – 11:30am, travelling from the Hannington Wick direction towards Whelford. A feed station table will be set up near Kempford Church and the area will be left litter free and tidy.

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**The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital**  
(Reg. Charity No: 1006416)



***ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY***  
*Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.*

### ***News and information from The League***

#### ***HOUSE-to-HOUSE 2019 FUND RAISING EVENT***

**The League of Friends House-to-House fund raising event will take place from the 1st to the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2019. Our thanks to all our existing volunteer co-ordinators, and collectors.**

**With the new housing in Fairford and Lechlade we urgently need more volunteer collectors to deliver and collect the envelopes in your local area.**

***Do you think you can help?***

***If you can spare sometime to deliver and collect the envelopes for the House-to-House fund raising event please get in touch with the League Administrator, Christine Barker, contact details below.***

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If you need further information about The League of Friends please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: [fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk).

Your continued support is very much appreciated

Graham Hewitt, Chairman

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

# MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

## **WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?**

Your local council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

## **BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make a real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

## **GETTING ELECTED**

To stand for election to a local council you must:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

# District and Parish Elections

Thursday 2 May 2019

Elections to Cotswold District Council will take place on Thursday 2 May. All 34 councillors are to be elected across 32 wards.

Elections to all Parish and Town Councils will also take place on 2 May, with 606 seats to be decided.

## How to be candidate

The election process begins with the publication of Notices of Election on 18 March for the District, Parish and Town Councils.

To be a candidate at any of these elections, you must deliver completed nomination papers and supporting documents by hand to the Returning Officer at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX by 4 pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019. However, your nomination can be submitted at any time from 19 March.

To ensure your nomination is valid, the Elections Team can check the details informally for you. If you would like to make an appointment to do this, please contact the [Elections Team](#).

Nomination paper packs are now available for download from [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)

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## LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday March 18th 2019

7.00 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

The Role of the Thames in Times of War

Guests welcome £4; Contact Marian Winkles 01367 252851 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk)



LECHLADE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

SENIOR CITIZENS' EASTER PARTY

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> April 2019

Palmer Hall, Fairford

1.30pm for 2.00pm start

Please ring or sign up now **for your “Free Afternoon Tea”!!!**

Sign up forms are available at the Fairford Post Office  
and the Community Centre

**Further Information:-**

**Brian Ellis**

**01285 712516**

**Peter Egerton**

**01285 712734**



# **Kempford Beer Festival**

*16th March 2019*

*Watch the Six Nations Rugby Live*

**Italy v France 12:30**

**Wales v Ireland 2:45**

**England v Scotland 5:00**

**Doors Open at Midday**

A selection of

**Real Ales,**

**Cider, wines and  
bottled lagers**



**Hot Food  
Available All Day**



**At the  
Village Hall**

Sponsored by Philip Nickson & Co, The Outside Inn Co,

## Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Warden	Elizabeth Emberson	Email:dizyzlizzy@sky.com	
Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Darren Jeffrey	1 Holford Crescent, Kempsford	810875
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall Bookings	Kate Collins	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	810478
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Dance Classes at Kempsford V.Hall	Ms Gillian Shearing		01793 875934
Kempsford Brownies	Philippa Griffin	<a href="https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/">https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/</a>	
Cricket	Anthony Axel-Berg		07766222951
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
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
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Sue Coakley MBA Stephen Andrews	susan.coakley@cotswold.gov.uk Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	01367 253306 01285 810663
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
		Out of hours <u>Social Care issues only</u>	01452 614194
Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Raymond Theodoulou	rtheo525@aol.com	752000
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Parish Council Clerk (see Parish Council page for Councillors)	Mrs Teresa Griffin	teresagriffin@kempsfordparish Council.net	713691
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Kempsford Parish Council Website		www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net	

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**Online**



'Kempsford Village'  
'Kempsford Mums & Dads'

# WAYSIDE TALES

IN CONCERT

KATE GRIFFIN AND BAND



*An evening of local stories  
told through folk song with live band*

"Kate's a very talented banjo player, the instrument virtually an extension of her!"  
-David O Hara, Cambridge Folk Festival

**KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL  
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 7.30PM**

Doors open 6.45pm for Bar & Jacket Potato Supper

**Tickets £10 & Supper £6**

To book phone Joy 01285 810439 or email  
j.c.cross@btinternet.com or visit  
[www.kategriffincreative.com/wayside-tales](http://www.kategriffincreative.com/wayside-tales)