

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter



Harvest time

September 2020

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Since the Covid 19 outbreak, Parish Council meetings have been held remotely using video conferencing software.

We are now hoping to commence face to face meetings again with the September meeting to be held at Whelford Village Hall.

If there is any change in circumstances which prevent this details will be provided on the Parish Council Website.

Forthcoming Meeting Dates -

Tuesday 15th September 2020	Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm, Whelford Village Hall
Tuesday 20th October 2020	Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm, venue to be confirmed

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By 23rd September 2020, the UK government has mandated that all local parish, town and district councils must have websites that comply with the international Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) standard.

We are in the process of creating a new website that will comply with these regulations and also offer more useful information including weather forecasts and maps.

There is an opportunity to include photographs and images of the Parish.

If anyone has any nice photographs of Kempston, Whelford, Dunfield or Dudgrove that they would be willing to share with the community, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

Thank you



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



It is with regret that the trustees are unable to re-open the Village Hall in September as planned, but with the current Covid-19 situation we feel that it is important to prioritise the safety of our hirers and users. We are working within Government guidelines and Gloucestershire County Council advice to ensure that when we re-open there will be measures in place to do this.

The Post Office will continue to be open as usual on Thursdays 12 - 2 pm.

Our provisional re-opening date is the beginning of October. See our Facebook page for the latest information. So, if you would like to hire our hall for a one-off event or a regular booking please contact us via email: villagehallbookings@kempsford.net.

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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|-------------------------|--|----------------|
| * Hannah Dickens, Chair | * Mark Britt, Vice-chair | * Kate Collins |
| * Joy Cross, Secretary | * Pete Robinson, Fundraising Coordinator | Amy Durban |
| * Caroline Gooch | Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding | |
| * Jo Colson, Treasurer | Mark Strange, Parish Council Rep. | |

** Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email
infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome

Volunteer Opportunity

Kempsford Village Hall – Booking Secretary.

This is a great way to get to know more people in your village and provide a service to enable the community to come together and to get the most out of our hall. The time commitment is approximately 1-2 hours per week.

The duties are varied, especially in recent times but the main responsibilities are

- First point of contact for regular hirers and one-off bookings
- Arranging bookings by e-mail and telephone
 - booking forms and guidelines
 - evaluation of booking requests and giving advice
 - setting the appropriate deposit and hire fee
 - working with the treasurer to make sure payments are made and deposits returned
 - provision and return of keys (can be delegated to other committee members as needed)
- Maintenance of an on-line calendar (currently Google) which can be viewed from the web site
- Committee member and Trustee

If you are interested, please contact any member of the Village Hall Committee including Kate Collins (current Booking Secretary) and Hannah Dickens (Chair).

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net



Neighbourhood Watch Survey

The National Neighbourhood Watch Network has launched the first ever Neighbourhood Watch Impact Survey.

This is a survey open to all members of the public including Neighbourhood Watch supporters and members. The survey results will enable us to look at how Neighbourhood Watch impacts in our communities and identify the concerns surrounding crime, fear of crime and the increase in neighbourliness and community spirit.

We would like to ask you to take part in this short survey, if you haven't done so already, and also that you share it with friends, neighbours, colleagues and your partners, to ensure that we get a good mix of responses nationally and for Gloucestershire. The survey can be found here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWimpact>

To learn more about the background to the survey please click on the following link <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/support/support-associations/measure-your-impact>

Thank you

Message Sent By

Bob Lloyd (Police, Neighbourhood Watch Officer, Gloucestershire)



**The countryside charity
Gloucestershire**

Gloucestershire Stone Stiles Project

Can you help?

For centuries stone stiles have allowed pedestrian access across the countryside and as such indicated ancient pathways which predate land enclosure. Now they are threatened and rapidly disappearing.



They understandably are seen by some as impeding walkers rather than protecting ancient rights of way. Their whereabouts are important historical landmarks, and can point to where farmsteads, barns, and villages, long since vanished, existed.

Before they are lost Peter Wilson, an active member and volunteer of CPRE Gloucestershire, with the support of Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club (CNFC), is seeking to create a record of all surviving Gloucestershire stiles. What he would welcome is that members, when out walking, take photos of stone stiles, record their locations, and send him the photos and location details.

There are three main types of stile; The Step, The Slit, and the Slab. It is the latter which is most endangered because for the less fit walker they are not easy to clamber over. Below are two local examples of how they are being discarded. In the first the slab remains to be overgrown and eventually lost as a way around it has been made and replaced with a less durable gate. In the second the slab has been removed and dumped.



Please visit our website <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/creating-a-record-of-gloucestershire-stone-stiles/> to download a stone stile recording form.

All forms with photos should be sent to: peter.wilson@woodchestervalleyvillage.co.uk

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or revkimbrown10a@gmail.com

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson dizzylizzie@sky.com

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

We've all had a strange summer this year - probably a slower summer than most years, even if it may have been tinged with sadness about holidays missed or cancelled.

As we prepare ourselves for the onslaught of the new term, bringing with it the relentlessness of lunchboxes and washing uniforms, I want to make an appeal to us to consciously try and hang on to the slower pace of life we've found.

There's an old phrase that says "you are a human being, not a human doing" which speaks to our identity as not dependent upon what we achieve or do. In recent months when our focus has been on staying alive and caring for our loved ones, we've shifted our identity away from striving for the usual targets and deadlines.

I'm writing this from a few days away in Cornwall, where so far all I've achieved is walking my dog on the beach for miles and miles each day, and drinking lots of tea. It's been a good re-set, time to stop, breathe, recover - let all the usual clutter in my brain fall away.

The Bible tells us that each person is made in God's image and needs a day off a week to rest. It says we were not made to be slaves, and that our creativity flows when we are rested, when we have time to notice beauty around us. This has been a horribly stressful year and so the need for rest and recovery is more important than ever.

Luckily as the summer draws to a close, we have one more opportunity to do this on the August bank holiday. Instituted by Sir John Lubbock in 1871, it was a last chance for workers to take a break and enjoy the last of summer. I wish everyone going to school a happy start to the term, and hope all the PE kit not seen since March turns up in time!

Best wishes, Rev Kim

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CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday September 6th

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Kempsford
9:30 am	Service of The Word	Castle Eaton

Sunday September 13th HARVEST SUNDAY

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Whelford
9.30 am	Service of The Word	Kempsford
9.30 am	Service of The Word	Castle Eaton

Sunday September 20th

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Whelford
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Castle Eaton
4.00 pm	Family Service	Kempsford

Sunday September 27th

9:30 am	Service of The Word	Castle Eaton
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Kempsford

St Mary's, Kempsford is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays for private prayer and reflection

Morning Prayer is said Mondays to Fridays on the Facebook page The 5 Villages

Pension Credit – are you missing out?

The recent government announcement that over 75s will only be entitled to a free television licence if they are in receipt of Pension Credit has raised awareness of this under claimed benefit. Government statistics published in February showed that only 6 out of 10 of those entitled to Pension Credit claimed it.

Pension credit is made up of 2 parts, and is designed to help pensioners on low incomes. You can still be eligible if you own your own home.

Guarantee Credit is intended to top up the weekly income of a single person in receipt of State Retirement Pension, whose income is below £173.75, or a couple who have both reached state pension age, and whose joint income is below £265.20. There are slightly different rules for couples where one is below state retirement age.

Savings Credit is an extra payment for people who have additional pensions or savings. To be entitled to Savings Credit the claimant must have reached State Retirement Pension age before 6th April 2016.

All Pension Credit claims are means-tested, however income from Attendance Allowance and Personal Independence Payments are disregarded and may allow an increase in Pension Credit payment.

If you get Guarantee Credit you may also qualify for other benefits such as Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction and Cold Weather Payments. You will also get help with the costs of NHS services eg free NHS dental treatment, and you can claim help towards the cost of glasses and travel to hospital.

You will also not have to pay for your TV Licence if you are aged 75 or over.

If you would like any more information and help with this or any other matters, please contact us on our Confidential Freephone: 0808 800 0511 Mon to Fri 10 am to 4 pm.

You can also check your entitlement by contacting The Pension Credit Claim line: freephone 0800 99 1234 – a friend or relative can also call for you.

If you know anyone who might need our help, and particularly those who do not have access to the internet, please pass on our details - we are just a phone call away.

Supporting Older Customers During COVID-19

At Age UK Gloucestershire, we want to make sure that those over 50 are safely able to stay as active, independent and connected to their communities as possible. One of the things that can make people anxious is how they will do their shopping, especially as those who had been shielding will no longer receive food parcels and may start to venture out to shops again in August. Here are some actions that older people have said would help them shop with confidence and reduce their risk.

Make queuing as safe and as easy as possible

Queuing for long periods can be challenging, especially in severe weather, and can be daunting if people do not know what measures you have in place. Consider providing shelter and seating, and make sure there are bright distance indicators on the ground and signs that clearly convey what to expect once inside.



Provide customer toilets

Fear of being 'caught short' can make it almost impossible for many people to do shopping or run errands. If you have toilets, make sure they are clearly signposted, have stringent hygiene measures in place, and access is prioritised for those who need them most. If your toilets are temporarily closed, make sure there are signs visible to those in the queue to warn them.



Clear communication

Customers who are deaf or hard of hearing may be unable to understand what a staff member is saying if they are wearing a mask, as they cannot lip read. If masks must be worn because there is no screen between the customer and staff, put up signs that people can point to if they may struggle to understand what staff are saying to them. All signage should be black-on-white or yellow-on-black and at least 48 point to support partially sighted customers.



Keep two-metre distancing

The government has announced a change to the two-metre rule, but many people who have been told they are at high risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus are concerned by this easing as it may double the risk of transmission.* If your business has been able to operate well with a two-metre rule, keep this in place.



*The Lancet Journal 1 June 2020

Allow customers to use cash if they have no other way of paying

One in ten people have been refused payment by cash since the start of lockdown, and for the significant number of older people without access to a bank account or who rely on cash, this has made purchasing essentials incredibly difficult. Consider ways in which you can make the exchange of notes and coins as hygienic as possible.



Space for people to stop and rest

As well as having some seating available in the queue, if at all possible consider having a safe and hygienic area indoors where people can have a sit down.



Offer priority hours

Allocate time for customers who consider themselves vulnerable to COVID-19 to visit your premises, when it will be quieter and staff will be able to offer more help with things such as reaching items on high or low shelves.



Keep face-to-face services open

Recent research shows that only 7% of over 70s are likely to be able to shop and manage their money online*, and being able to visit a physical shop or branch is vital to stop them from being cut off from essential services. Many of the most vulnerable older people, including those recently widowed or without family able to shop for them, will be most affected by services such as banking moving online completely.



*Lloyds Bank UK Consumer Digital Index 2020

Be available on the phone

If you offer a delivery service, make sure people can phone to place an order and either pay over the phone or in person once it arrives. Make sure there are staff available to answer the phone so that people can call ahead and find out what measures you are adhering to.



Telephone scams – how you can protect yourself and others

As lockdown measures around the world ease, National Trading Standards are predicting a sharp rise in scam telephone calls in the coming weeks. Fraudsters are likely to exploit coronavirus fears and prey on vulnerable and older people self-isolating at home.

Stroud and Cotswold Citizens Advice has the following advice to help you protect yourself and people that you care for – we know that many people are concerned about relatives and friends who are not seeing people in person on a regular basis.

1. **You can register your landline with the Telephone Preference Service. It's free to register and doing so will reduce the amount of unwanted sales and marketing calls you receive. It won't block all unwanted calls (it won't work on calls from abroad or companies you have already given your number to) so you will need to remain vigilant, but it'll certainly lessen the number of them.** You can register another person's number if they give you permission.
2. Talk to your phone provider to see what privacy services and call-blocking services are available. **These services aren't always free but are useful in ensuring any call coming through is from a trusted or known source.** You could suggest that people you look after do the same.
3. Make sure you know how to spot the marks of scam and let others know about them too. At Citizens Advice we always advise the following:
 - ? **Be suspicious if you're contacted out of the blue, even if it's from a name you recognise**
 - ? If it sounds too good to be true it probably is
 - ? Never give out your bank details unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you
 - ? **Don't be rushed** – you never need to make a decision straight away and if you feel pressured say **"no"**, **hang up the phone, or close the door.**

If someone you know receives care from the local authority and you think they might be **being scammed, it's worth reporting your concerns to** the Adult Safeguarding team.

If you have access to the internet you can also check if something might be a scam at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/.

If you don't have access to the internet we can help you check if something is a scam. Please call us on 0808 800 0511 Monday to Friday 10am-4pm –one of our friendly advisers will be able to help you.



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News and Information from your Community Friends

COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Community Friends' Covid-19 Support Fund established to provide financial support to local organisations, charities, volunteer groups, families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid-19 remains open for applications.

To date from 27 applications grants of approximately £36,000 have been made that have provided financial support to 23 different charities, organisations, families and individuals within our area of benefit.

Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk).

NEW TRUSTEES REQUIRED

Are you keen to make a difference to the quality of life to many in our community? Do you want to improve the health and social care to those in need? Do you want to get satisfaction from seeing the impact our services have within the local community?

The future is uncertain but it is clear that the health and social care needs of people in our community will continue to grow.

We wish to broaden our existing team of Trustees. We are looking for ‘new faces’ who will help to strengthen the leadership, assist with defining the future structure of the charity and provide continuity to ensure our continued success in supporting the care and wellbeing of people who live in Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

Our existing Chairman plans to retire in May 2022, after 10 years at the helm and the recruitment of new trustees is an important part of our succession planning to achieve continuity and success.

If you are interested please contact Graham Hewitt for an initial informal chat on 07504 955 358 or email chair@friendsoffairford.org.uk

Information on what we do can be found on our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk and the names of our existing team of trustees are listed on the Charity Commission's website.

Graham Hewitt, Chairman
Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)
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CHARITY SHOP – LECHLADE

The Community Friends' Charity Shop in Lechlade re-opened on Wednesday 29 July. Due to Covid-19 we will be operating different opening hours and will also be taking donations by appointment only, as noted below. These changes will help us to operate in a Covid safe environment and we thank you for your patience and understanding in working with us on this.

Opening hours:

Wednesdays to Fridays	10.00 am to 03.45 pm
Saturdays	09.00 am to 01.30 pm

Donations:

On Mondays we will be closed to customers but will be taking in donations. This will be strictly by appointment only. To make an appointment please telephone the Manager during opening hours on **01367 252189**.

We will be closed on Tuesdays when we will be sorting and cleaning.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Respect Improve Succeed Excel
Kempsford Pre-School



Kempsford Pre-School is part of **The Hive**, our Early Years Foundation Unit, and is run as an integrated part of Kempford Church of England Primary School.

Age: 3 – 4 year olds
Term Time
8:45am – 3:15pm

We accept 15 & 30 hour funding

Places Available for the 2020/2021 academic year

For further information or admissions & registration
please email admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk



Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Church Wardens	Elizabeth Emberson	Email:dizzylizzy@sky.com	
	Keith Howlett		01285 712268
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	chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	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	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/	
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		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
Fairford Sports Centre			713786
Cotswold District Councillors	Steve Trotter	Steve.trotter@cotswold.gov.uk	07710 405323
	Stephen Andrews	Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	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	raymond.theodoulou@gloucestershire.gov.uk	01285 752000
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Kempsford Website		www.kempsford.net	
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'Kempsford Mums & Dads'