

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

December 2023 & January 2024

A vibrant poster for a darts tournament. The background is black with blue and green diagonal stripes. In the center is a dartboard with several darts. The text is arranged in a hierarchy of colored banners and blocks.

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER
KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL
1PM TIL LATE

Christmas Eve Eve

**Darts
Tournament**

£5 entry - kick off @ 2pm

BAR • CASH & SPECIAL PRIZES • BAR SNACKS
CLASSIC BAR GAMES
(skittles, shove ha'penny, cribbage plus more)

TRADITIONAL GAMES, TRADITIONAL ATMOSPHERE
TRADITIONAL PRICES

Children welcome!

Parish Diary

DECEMBER

Sat	2nd	7.30pm	St. Mary's Church, Fairford	Fairford & District Choral Society Concert
Sun	3rd	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion
Mon	4th	5.15pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford School Hall	The Long Table Meal
Tues	5th	2.00pm	The Mason's Arms Meyseley Hampton	Advent House Group with coffee and cakes
Sat	9th	6.00pm	St. Mary's Kempsford	Christmas Soirée - Everyone welcome
Sun	10th	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempsford	Service of the Word
Mon	11th	2.00pm	Dunvegan, Whelford	Advent House Group at the Howletts
Tues	12th	from 7.00pm	The George, Kempsford	Carols with the Salvation Army
Tues	12th	7.45pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs	14th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Thurs	14th	6.00pm	St. Anne's Whelford	Whelford Carol Service
Sun	17th	5.00pm	St. Mary's Kempsford	Carol Service
Mon	18th	2.00pm	The Mill, Whelford	Advent House Group at the Arkells
Mon	18th	2.00pm	Kempsford School	KS2 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
Sat	23rd	1.00pm til late	Kempsford Village Hall	Darts Tournament - Bar * cash & special
Sun	24th	2.00pm	St. Mary's Kempsford	Christingle for all the family
Mon	25th	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempsford	Christmas Morning Holy Communion
Sun	31st	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempsford	5 Villages Church Service

JANUARY

Sun	7th	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion
Mon	8th	5.15pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford School Hall	The Long Table Meal
Thurs	11th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Sun	14th	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempsford	Service of the Word
Tues	16th	7.45pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	21st	9.30am	St. Anne's Whelford	Holy Communion
Sun	21st	4.00pm	St. Mary's Kempsford	Family Service
Mon	22nd		COPY DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER	
Sat	27th	5.30 for 6pm start	Kempsford Village Hall	BINGO Refreshments * Cash prizes * Raffle
Sun	28th	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays & Wednesdays	(from 15th January)	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



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Thursday 14th December 2023

Statement as to Persons Nominated

Election of a District Councillor Lechlade, Kempford & Fairford South Ward

The following people have been or stand nominated for election to this Ward.
Those who no longer stand nominated have a comment in the right hand column.

Name of Candidate (surname first)	Home Address*	Description (if any)
Andrews Stephen Ian	1 Swynford Close, Kempford, GL7 4HN	The Conservative Party Candidate
Mainwaring Anna	(address in Cotswold District)	Labour Party
Regan Marshall	26 Cuthwine Place, Gassons Rd, Lechlade, GL7 3EG	Independent
Wilkinson Tristan James	9 Hatherop, Fairford, Gloucestershire, GL7 3NA	Liberal Democrats

* In England, if a candidate has requested not to make their home address public, the relevant electoral area in which their home address is situated (or the country if their address is outside the UK) will be provided.

FLOODING

The recent wet weather has been a reminder of the flood risk some householders face.

The Parish Council website has recently been updated with links to Gloucestershire County Council and Cotswold District Council's website where there is lots of valuable information on how to prepare for, and what to do in the event of a flood.

The Parish does not currently have a Flood Warden. If anyone is interested in finding out more about what is involved, please see the Parish Council website for a copy of the Flood Warden Handbook.

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 churchwarden@kempsford.net

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

After a tough year for many, we look forward to gathering with our family and friends at Christmas. Being together can lift our hearts, and I must thank everyone who sent kind messages when I was unwell, it really was cheering. Please remember to pop in and see your neighbours or family members who live alone over the festive season. Jesus, whose birth we celebrate, came to make the love of God real to us on earth. It **is a message of light coming in a time of darkness, and we mustn't forget that for** some people, and nations, life is dark at present.

We look forward to coming together at the last Long Table meal of the year, on Monday 4th December from 5:15pm - and a huge thank you to everyone who helps set up, make desserts, wash up and clear away.

We have some Advent house groups coming up, to think about the message of Christmas together, all are welcome:

Tues 5th Dec 2pm at the Masons Arms, Meysey Hampton; Mon 11 Dec 2pm at the **Howlett's home, 'Dunvegan' in Whelford; Mon 18 Dec 2pm at the Arkell's home, The Mill in Whelford.**

We have lots of opportunities to gather this Christmas:

- **The Musical Soirée on Saturday 9th December at St Mary's**
- Carols at The George Tuesday 12th December at 7pm
- **Carols at St Anne's Thursday 14th December at 6pm**
- **Christingle for all the family at St Mary's on Christmas Eve at 2pm**
- **Christmas morning holy communion St Mary's at 9.30am**

We wish you and your loved ones a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Love Rev'd Kim and Rev'd Catie.

Sun 31 Dec 9.30 holy communion service St Mary's

Sun 7 Jan 9:30 holy communion St Mary's

Monday 8th Jan Long Table meal 5:15pm

Sun 14 Jan 9:30 service St Mary's

Sun 21 Jan 9:30 service at St Anne's & Family service at 4pm

Sun 28 Jan 9:30 holy communion St Mary's

St Mary's is open every day for prayer and contemplation. St Anne's is open on Fridays.

Thank you to all who donate to our foodbank boxes in the porches of the churches. They are grateful for Christmas goodies at present.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023

Once again, many, many thanks to the House to House Collectors, the residents of Castle Eaton, Dudgrove, Dunfield, Kempford, Whelford, the Parish Council, Kempford Primary School, **staff and pupils, St Mary's Churches in Castle Eaton and Kempford, the RAF Charitable Trust (RAFCTE) Fairford, the George in Kempford, the Red Lion in Castle Eaton and the Shell Garage on London Road.** With your generosity and tremendous support we have raised a record collection of £1962.94 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. This money goes towards helping the Legion to provide help and support to our servicemen/women, past and present, and their dependents, in a number of ways, including life changing circumstances.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Alvin M Hill

Squadron Leader (Ret'd)

Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

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Kempford Church of England Primary School

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SITE CARETAKER

Kempford Church of England Primary School is a small, friendly village school, with approximately 90 children on role from nursery to year 6.

The environment and maintenance of our site plays an important and very valued part of our school life. We are looking for an extraordinary, creative, resilient and committed individual who is skilled and passionate about their work, to join our small friendly team.

The role of site caretaker is for 10 hours a week and involves assisting in providing a safe and well-maintained environment for the organisation and children. Responding to a variety of caretaking roles at the school, including ensuring site safety, maintaining the grounds and buildings, setting up for the school day and responding to the needs of the school.

If you...

- have previous experience and skills that will support you in this role
- are enthusiastic, reliable and approachable
- caring and sensitive approach towards people
- want to make a difference to the lives of children

Then you could be the person we are looking for.

Please contact the school office for a copy of the job description and the application form.

School Office: 01285 810367

admin@kempford.gloucs.sch.uk

CONTACTS

NEWSLETTER COPY Teresa Griffin clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net 0781 8626158

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman	Mark Strange	markstrange@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810635
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Councillor	Karen Saunders	karensaunders@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 713155
Councillor	Neil Green	neilgreen@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	07745 193925
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Councillor	Debbie Watson	debbiewatson@kempsfordparishcouncil.net	01285 810664
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CHURCH

Vicar	Rev Kim Brown	revkimbrown10a@gmail.com	01285 810954
Lay Preacher	Rob Mitchell		01285 712821
Church Warden	Elizabeth Emberson	dizzylizzie@sky.com	
Church Warden	Keith Howlett	churchwarden@kempsford.net	01285 712268
Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		01285 713033
Church & Hand Bells	Iris Lewis		01285 810770

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair & Trustee	Ian Housley		
Secretary & Trustee	Kathy Woodward	To contact any Committee Member email -	
Treasurer & Trustee	Andy Gray	infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net	
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	374croft@gmail.com	01285 712979
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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

County Councillor	Dom Morris	dominic.morris@gloucestershire.gov.uk	07500894702
District Councillor	Clare Muir	clare.muir@cotswold.gov.uk	01285 711870
District Councillor	Helene Mansilla	helene.mansilla@cotswold.gov.uk	

Constituency MP	Sir G Clifton-Brown	cliftonbrown@parliament.uk	01242 514551
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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 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

Chair	Shelly	chair@friendsoffairford.org.uk	
General Manager	Kelly	gm@friendsoffairford.org.uk	
Administrator	Kerry	admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01285 707300
Patient Transport	Val	transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk	07540 798226
Nursing Team	Emma and Jan	nursing@friendsoffairford.org.uk	07938 244335
Charity Shop	Linda	shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01367 252189
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Kempsford Church of England Primary School

“Together, we will RISE”

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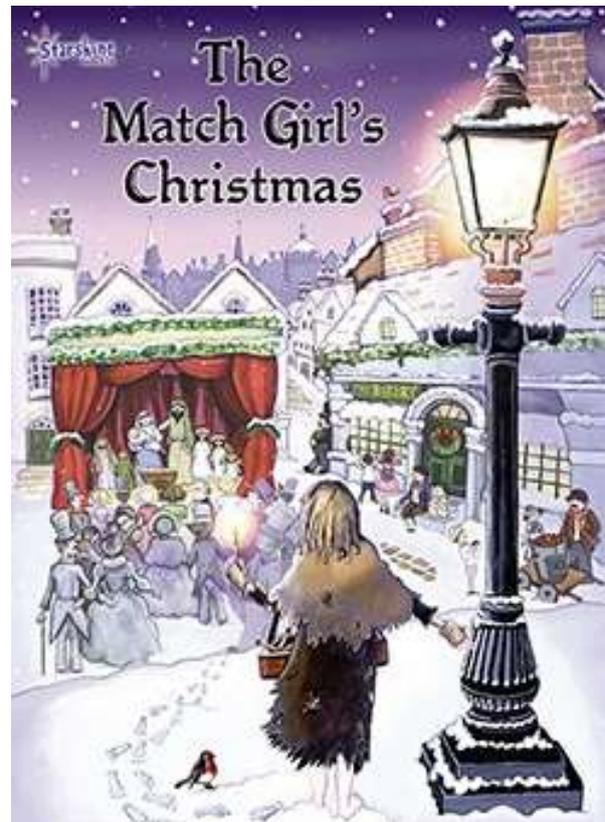
KEY STAGE TWO CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DRESS REHEARSAL

The Pride and The Pod would like to extend an invitation to Kempford Villagers to attend their Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal.

This will take place at 2:00pm on Monday 18th December 2023

This powerful short musical reminds us of the need to care for the poorest in our society, as well as pointing to the love and hope that Christmas brings.

Refreshments will be served.



CHRISTMAS SOIRÉE

Saturday 9th December 6pm



KEMPSFORD CHURCH

Mulled wine and mince pies