

Welcome to our second newsletter for local residents. Copies can be found on our website <https://kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk> or the village Facebook page.

NEWS

Great progress has been made by Kemble Community Gardens committee in securing the long term future of the gardens and allotments. The Parish Council Chair is meeting with Joe Harris, leader of CDC and representatives of KCG to discuss options. The PC is keen for ownership to be handed over in full, although a 100 year lease with peppercorn rent is also an option.

Ward Councillor Tony Berry reports that the A435 connecting Cheltenham and Cirencester will close for the majority of 2023 (March to October) while work is carried out due to subsidence between Charlton Kings and the Seven Springs roundabout.

Tony will meet with Bathurst Estates before the end of this year concerning the lease on Kemble playing field/playground as it is due for renewal in early Spring 2023. A long lease is required to apply for funding, something the Parish Council is keen to crack on with.

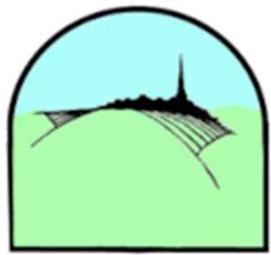
INFORMATION

The National Grid have a Priority Service Register – if you are a vulnerable person you can register with the Grid for special consideration during electrical failures. Please contact them on <https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/priority-services>.

The A417 Missing Link Scheme will be one of Gloucestershire's biggest road projects for decades. Preparatory work on the project will start in early 2023. There should be very little disruption during most of the work as it is a new road. We will keep you up-to-date as it progresses.

Resurfacing work in the early spring is planned around the lower end of Church Street and also near Kemble Wick. Dates for this will follow.

The Light Railway project is looking for additional funding for Phase 2 of its initial proposals. As many of you know, the idea is to reinstate the old line from Cirencester to Kemble with an electric light railway. Surveys of rail passengers have been undertaken and the results should be available soon.



INFORMATION

There will be elections to the CDC and every Town/Parish Council within the district on Thursday 4th May. Kemble and Ewen PC are keen for new candidates to put themselves forward for election. Please see the timetable on the CDC website: <https://www.Cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/current-and-future-elections/>. The deadline for nomination papers to be received by the Returning Officer is 4pm, Tuesday 4th April 2023.

Please note that from this election forward, photo ID will be required to vote in person or as a proxy. If you do not have photo ID then you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate which is free of charge and more details will be published in the New Year. You do not need ID to cast a postal vote.

CRIME

Unfortunately more scams are being reported locally. Please talk about these with friends and family so that no-one is caught out.

“Fraudsters are calling purporting to be Police, they are targeting land-lines and have identified themselves, including their Police registration number – ‘DC Lewis of Paddington Station (BG6315)’ is one such fraudster. They want bank details and use pressure to move money to “safe accounts” or ask victims to physically withdraw money so they can collect it from their home addresses. The fraudsters follow up their scam calls with more elaborate lies weeks later to put even more pressure on their victims.”

Remember the Police will never ask you for your PIN or bank details, or ask you to move money out of your account or ask you to withdraw money. They will never send someone to your home to collect cash, cards or PIN numbers.

FINALLY

Thank you to those residents who came to our last meeting. We hope you found it useful to share your news and concerns with the Parish Council. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7pm. Do contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to come along: clerk@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all.