

**Welcome** to Edition 6 of the Parish Newsletter. As you are aware local elections are coming up on 4<sup>th</sup> May (identification required if voting at the polling station). The Parish Council seats are uncontested so there will NOT be a PC vote although not all Councillors have stood for re-election which means there could be a vacancy. Let the Clerk know if you are interested.

### **Coronation Weekend**

Get ready with the bunting! Lots of wonderful community activities are happening over the Coronation weekend with the Church and the Tavern playing a major part.

Are you participating in the photography of the Parish? If you are interested in this project, then do please email Michael Binks – Parish Council Representative at: [michael.binks@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:michael.binks@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk)

### **Parking Scheme Up-Date**

We appreciate that this is dragging on. However there is light on the horizon. The Traffic Regulation Order was signed off on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the paper-work is now with the contractor to time-line the work. No date yet.

### **A Near Miss on the Pedestrian Crossing**

There was a near miss on the pedestrian crossing recently. This was reported and has been taken up by our local representative of CDC. It fuels the need for the speed cameras (on their way) and for the legal speed limit to be reduced to 30mph in-line with other villages along the A429. Please let us know your thoughts on this.

### **Village “Gates” for Ewen**

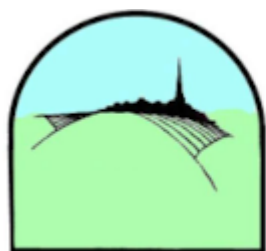
As with the traffic cameras and the speed reduction survey, we are looking at putting white “Gates” at the two main entrances into Ewen. Again we would like to hear your views on this.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

This is always a disappointment – please report every incident, however small either to your local CDC representative, or the Police (111). Or mention it to a Parish Councillor, we have already been in touch with our contact in the local Police force.

### **Private Hire Jet Planes**

If you notice more of these than usual – again please let us know. Dates and times are a great help for our conversation with the local Airport.



### **Lorries**

We have agreed to be part of a project to tackle commercial vehicle issues on Gloucestershire roads. The Gloucestershire Commercial Vehicle Watch Pilot Project is run by TJA Associates on behalf of the Director of Specialist Operations Gloucestershire Constabulary.

The HGV violation issue appears to arise from HGVs loading up with aggregates at Shorncote Quarry (GL7 6DA) and then turning left at the Spratsgate Lane / Ewen Lane junction in order to 'rat run' through the villages of Ewen and Kemble before joining the A429. The junction itself has clear HGV 17t 'Weight limit at Ewen' signs either side of the road. Similarly, the slip road and main junction off the A429 into Kemble village also have clear HGV 17t 'Except for Access' signs.

### **Anyone for Cricket?**

The Parish does not currently have a cricket team. However, Oaksey Cricket Club will soon be taking to the field and after a successful 2022 season which saw the club promoted to Division Six of the Gloucestershire County Cricket League, they are on the lookout for new players. They are a very friendly and sociable club who play the game in a great spirit, highlighted by the team being voted 7th out of 70 teams for team spirit and fair play in 2022. All abilities are welcome and whether you wish to play regularly or only a handful of games a season, they are keen to hear from you. If you have even the slightest urge to grab the cricket bag from the attic and pull on those whites again, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Tom Cook (Captain) on 07581 672773 or Kenny Lane on 07810820229.

### **Youth Football**

South Cerney Tigers U12/13 youth football team have enquired about using the playing field from September 2023 and are keen to attract new players. There may be up to 12 home games between September and May. Find more information on their Facebook page.

**Change of Date** – the Annual Parish Meeting will now be held on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May** in the Village Hall – everyone from the Parish is encouraged to come along. This is an opportunity to tell your PC what you would like from us in the coming year. We will advertise this event separately on the notice boards and on the PC web-site.

Our next monthly meeting is on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** starting at 7pm in the Village Hall. Please e.mail [clerk@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk) with anything you would like to discuss.