

We are back to our regular slot on the second Tuesday of the month. Thank you to all the residents who came along and shared their worries and enquiries with us.

Big Celebrations are afoot this year with the 80th anniversary of VE day and VJ day. VE day will be celebrated in the grounds of Kemble School on Thursday 8th May. Posters will go up around the village with more details. There will be a beacon as part of the national celebration. The Parish Council has been asked to support this event.

VJ day will be on 15th August at the Tavern Pub and the Council have been asked to support this event.

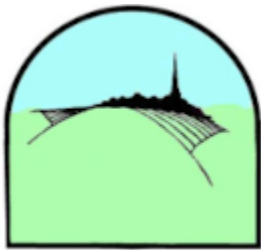
Kemble at Play will launch their Space-Hive fundraising appeal shortly to get us over the hurdle of monies required for the new playground equipment at Windmill Hill playpark. The more people who donate (even a small sum) the more CDC will put in. It's not how much, it is how many.

New residents at Saxon Fields are asking about the speed limit on the main road through the village. The PC are aware that this is an issue. We have liaised with Highways about it on and off over recent years. Speed data has been collected by Highways fairly recently and it is not currently an area under consideration for speed reduction. However, if you disagree with this and would like to take part in a Speedwatch data gathering exercise then do get in touch with the PC as we can support you with this.

There is a third solar farm planned by Aura Power in Ewen which will impact 11 properties directly. There is opposition to this from those residents.

Please note that Aura Power are holding an information evening on Thursday 27th March at 6pm in the Village Hall regarding the solar farm currently under construction in Kemble Wick.

There are various residents who are keen **Kemble and Ewen history buffs**. We can introduce you to others via the PC. The exhibition at Kemble Station can be visited when the station is manned, Monday to Friday from 9am to 12 noon.



The PC gave funding to Little Fishes for new storage boxes which have been purchased and are in use. This group for new parents/carers and pre-schoolers runs term time from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall in Kemble.

There is a new street-light in West Lane which remains unconnected to the grid. We have asked yet again that this be actioned as it is on the junction.

Kemble Community Gardens have recently worked with Juliet Jago from the church eco-group to develop a sensory area in the community garden. They have built a large, raised bed near the Abbots Way entrance to the gardens which Juliet will be stocking with sensory plants. A bench has been placed nearby for visitors to sit. Please come and admire this new area and visit the rest of the gardens which continue to thrive. If you wish to visit the pond, you can get closer. The code for the padlocked gate is found on the notice board. This is for safety. Please remember to lock up once you have finished.

Neighbourhood Watch. The Parish is in the national scheme. We have stickers for your front/back door (available from the Village Stores) and you can buy large stickers for your bins directly from the NW website. David Russell is our Parish Councillor co-Ordinator. Please pass information on to David or alternatively call the police on 101. If it is an emergency, then dial 999. Take care of yourself and others.

We mentioned potholes last week – a reminder that to report them you need to go to: www.fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH IS ON 6TH MAY 2025 AT THE VILLAGE HALL. This is your opportunity to chat to each other and your Parish Councillors about life here in the Parish. Many of the actions the PC take are as a result of this meeting because you are our Parish.

PC meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month – date of next meeting 8th April. Please let the Clerk know if you wish to attend and raise an issue. Thank you.