

Another fantastic turnout of Parishonars at the October meeting. Thank you all for coming along and sharing your thoughts and ideas.

We understand that the noise from the bikers' evenings at the pub has divided some of our residents. Come the Spring we will join forces with the Pub, the biker's representative, CDC and yourselves to see what solutions we can arrive at so that as many people as possible are happy.

If the inconsiderate but not illegal parking along Station Road is upsetting you as a resident, then Mike McKeown of CDC supports your right to place a polite note on the windscreen suggesting the driver use one of the two large station car parks. Not everyone is a railway user of course. If the parking is illegal, then please inform the police.

Wonderful news about a new Youth Club coming in January to the Village Hall. Keep your eyes on our newsletter, the website and notice boards for more details.

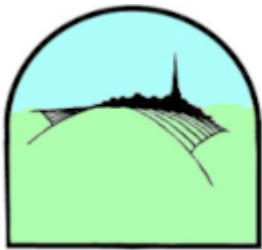
Do you fancy participating in a Board Games Evening as suggested by a resident? We are looking at venues and evenings. Please get in touch by e.mail if you would like to help organise or simply wish to know more.

Overgrown boundaries along Station Road. A local Councillor will be knocking on doors along Station Road asking residents to cut back boundary hedging/trees – now is the time of year to get that task sorted. We feel this is a more friendly approach than a formal letter. Hope you agree.

Kemble School have requested a grant towards their celebration of 150 years. The Council are delighted to support our wonderful village school.

Village appearance is one of our major responsibilities and we are reviewing the mowing contract which is up for renewal. If you or anyone you know would like to apply for this contract, please get in touch.

On the matter of village appearance, Highways are aware that the bollards are down on the junction of the A429 and Windmill Hill.



Boundary Review – the consultation on the proposals runs until 11th December 2023 – if you wish to comment then go to: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/gloucestershire

CDC's telephone hours will change from 18th October as phone call numbers have reduced and web-site activity increased. Phone lines open from **9am – 2pm, Monday to Friday.**

Wild Duck Pub news – pending full planning decision with CDC.

Kemble at Play – The Parish Council is delighted to support an initiative to look at revitalising the playground off Windmill Road. As an early part of planning, a village group “Kemble at Play” has been formed by residents. Some members of the steering group were involved in the creation of the playground 20 years ago.

Posters will be put in key locations around the parish and printed surveys are available from the shop in Windmill Road for anyone unable to complete it on-line. Kemble shop have kindly agreed to be a drop off point for completed surveys. The posters will carry a QR code to assist in locating the online survey.

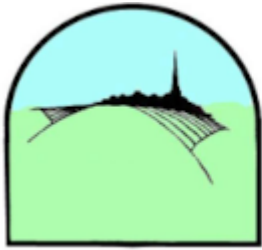
We are keen for the survey to reach as many users and potential users as possible and we recognise that users may come from nearby villages too. Please spread the word.

The survey will be open until 1st December <https://s.surveyplanet.com/fjb6t63v>

Next Litter Pick Event is second Saturday in November – 11th. Meet at The Tavern Pub. Please check ahead that it is on – or just go for a cuppa and a chat anyway.

Next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday November 14th starting at 7pm. Please let the clerk know you will be attending with a brief outline of what you would like to discuss. Thank you.

To contact us by e.mail please write to clerk@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk or call us on 01285 770650.



The police have asked us to make you aware that:

ROGUE TRADERS ARE OPERATING IN OUR AREA

These villains will kindly offer to clean driveways, roofs and other areas, and/or trim hedges and even cut down trees. **THEY WILL CHARGE EXHORBITANT PRICES AND THE WORK WILL BE SUB-STANDARD, OR NOT CARRIED OUT AT ALL.** They sometimes demand more money half-way through, up front.

Beware, these people are often charming and skilled salespeople, stating that the work will improve your house, a real “investment”, not to be missed, that they are only in the area briefly.

This time of the year can be rich pickings for these people as leaves fall and the garden needs preparing for the winter months.

Please do not be taken in. Please ask a trusted friend or neighbour to recommend someone local or check at the Kemble Village Shop for local tradespeople.

The Rogue Traders target vulnerable and those who live alone.

Consider looking out for your neighbours. If you detect unusual activities or what you would consider unplanned work being carried out, have a friendly word with your neighbour and make sure they are happy with what is going on.

Please do not let a stranger into your house. Beware of “Cold Callers” and others randomly touting for business – and remember you can always ask for their details and get back to them.

Stay safe.