

GOLDEN TRIANGLE – A SPRING CELEBRATION OF WILD DAFFODILS



Press release

KEMPLEY DAFFODIL WEEKEND 17-18TH MARCH 2018
AWNELLS FARM OPEN DAY FRIDAY 23RD MARCH 2018
OXENHALL DAFFODIL WEEKEND 24 – 25TH MARCH 2018
DYMOCK WEEKEND 31ST MARCH – 1ST APRIL 2018

Kempley – <https://www.kempleytardis.org.uk/daffodil-walks/>
Awnells Farm - <http://www.countryside restoration trust.com/properties/awnells-farm/>
Oxenhall – www.stanneschurch-oxenhall.org.uk
Dymock <http://dymockparishhall.co.uk> - See events or news

The villages of Kempley, Oxenhall & Dymock within the “Golden Triangle” will once again celebrate the birth of spring when carpets of wild daffodils burst forth for visitors to see. Visitors can expect a wide range of activities across the three villages. The programme includes weekend events at each village with organised walks, luscious Daffodil lunches, teas, exhibitions in the local churches and at Kempley trips on the Daff & ride bus.

This year, Awnells Farm, Countryside Restoration Trust will also offer a farm open day.

Free parking is available at all the venues and full programmes are shown below and online.

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Kempley Village Hall 17-18th MARCH 2018 10.00 – 17.00
Food from 10.30am – 4.30 pm (Postcode GL18 2BP.)

- ***Village Hall - Homemade food, Soup, Ploughman's Lunches, rolls & cakes 10.30 -4.30pm***
 - ***Home produce, Plant stall & Raffle 10.30 - 5pm***
 - ***Free Guided walks, bring good walking shoes: -***
 - ***10-00am Daffodil Meadows, St Mary's Church, Cider Tasting & Farm Visits (5 miles)***
 - ***10.30am Daffodil Woodland Meadows, Dymock Woods & Kempley Village (5 miles)***
 - ***10.45 Secret Valley walk with Daffodil Woodland Glades (5 miles + option for 3 miles)***
 - ***2-00pm Local History Walk (1 mile)***
- ***Free Daff & Ride bus to see the sites at roughly 45 mins intervals***
- ***St Edwards Church – Exhibition – The Great War***
<https://historicensland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/visit/st-edward-the-confessor-kempley-gl18-2bp/>
- ***St Mary's Church - Historical Exhibition & 12th Century Frescoes & Wall Paintings***
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/st-marys-church-kempley/>

COME AND ENJOY A FREE DAY OUT & CONTRIBUTE WHAT YOU CAN

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***Awnells Farm Open Day Friday 23rd MARCH 2018
11.00 AM – 3.00 PM (Post Code HR8 2NW)***

Awnells Farm is a 220-acre grassland farm found in some of Herefordshire's most beautiful countryside. Come and learn about the work of the Countryside Restoration Trust. You can:

- *meet Jock the Gentle Giant; a prize winning Hereford steer;*
- *see traditional Hereford cattle with a 170 year ancestry;*
- *walk around traditional ancient cider orchards with 300 year old trees ;*
- *admire the garden with its magnificent flowering bulbs including native daffodils; and*
- *take some tea and home- made cake which will be available for a small donation to the Countryside Restoration Trust.'*

Directions to the farm can be found on the CRT website: www.countrysiderestorationtrust.com'

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***Oxenhall - 24-25th MARCH 2018 10.00 AM – 5.00 PM
Postcode (GL18 1RH)***

St Annes Church 10.30 – 12.00 am & Village Hall from 12am – 5 pm

- ***Oxenhall - St Anne's Church*** – Free coffee & biscuits available in the church from **10.30 to 12.00 noon both days.**
- ***St Annes Church*** - Free Exhibition in the church by the History Society;
- ***Village Hall*** -Homemade refreshments, Ploughman's Lunches & Pasties **until 4.30pm;**
 - ***Home produce, Plant & White Elephant Stalls & Bottle Raffle until 5pm;***
- ***Free Guided Walks, both days*** - Bring good walking shoes:
 - **10 am** From the Village Hall -See the remnants of the Victorian History of Oxenhall, its Daffodil Meadow & Woods and glorious views over Gloucestershire (5 miles)
 - **2 pm** From Betty Daws Wood - Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Open Day Walks (1.5 miles)

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Dymock – 31st MARCH & 1st APRIL 2018 10.00 – 17.00
(Post Code - GL18 2AG)

- ***Parish Hall*** - Light refreshments available including bacon baps and the popular cream scones.
- ***Parish Hall*** - Trading tables in the hall each day. £5 per table.
Please call Jenny Thick on 01531 890453 or email jenniferthick@aol.com to book.
- ***Parish Hall*** - 2.30pm each day guided walk lasting approximately one hour to see the wild daffodils.
- ***St Mary's Church*** – Opportunity to visit the church and see the Exhibition to the Dymock Poets
Lascelles Abercrombie, Rupert Brooke, John Drinkwater, Robert FGrost, Wilfrid Gibson & Edward Thomas
<http://www.dymockchurch.net/Poets.html>

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1. All proceeds at Kempley go to St Edwards Church Fabric Fund & Kempley Village Hall Restoration Fund whilst at Oxenhall they go to the upkeep of St Anne's Church. For Dymock proceeds go to Dymock Parish Hall funds.
2. Parking, entry to all events & trips on the Daff and ride bus are all-free but donations are welcome.
3. Daffodil teas started in 1975 when four local ladies organised teas on a specific weekend to raise money for the local churches to coincide with the native daffodils that bloom in the local area.
4. The event is organised by local Committees in Kempley Oxenhall & Dymock and by the Countryside Restoration Trust with local people helping in various roles to provide a welcome to our visitors.
5. **Native Wild Daffodils** - The small wild daffodils grow freely in many fields and the surrounding woods and can be enjoyed on the circular 'Daffodil way' footpath covering approximately eight miles. The daffodils may be seen from the roads between Newent, Oxenhall, Kempley and Dymock.
6. Local maps will be available from the village halls showing the sites of specific interest where daffodil fields can be seen. Several of the fields around Kempley are carpeted with daffodils and are designated areas of special scientific interest.
7. Further details on the events can be found on the websites listed above.

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