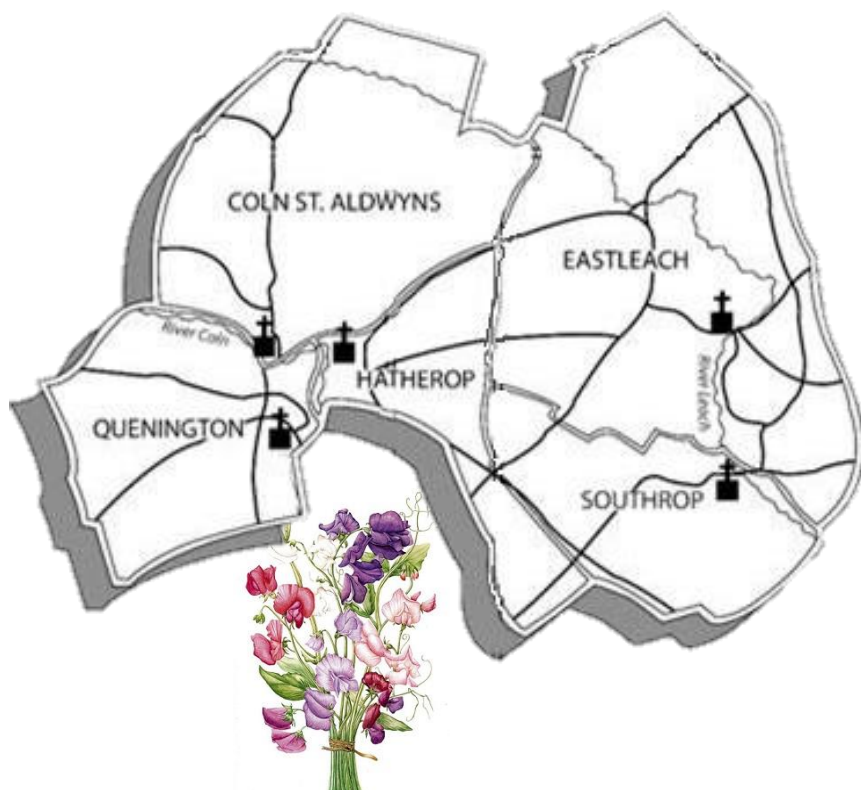


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*Hello from...
Kelly Smith*



I feel very privileged to have been asked to write this piece. Having moved to Southrop only a few years ago with my husband and two small children (our youngest, Rupert, is in the photo), we've become highly involved with life in the village and met some wonderful and interesting people. I'm the current Chair of Southrop School PTA as well as more recently becoming the General Manager of Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities.

In my 'spare' time I have created a small business aptly named 'Kelly in the Cotswolds'. Just after having our first child, I felt like I needed to find some 'me' time and an outlet for my creativity was born! I love making things from fabric: quilts from baby clothes, personalised bunting, birthday badges and sashes, plus lots more! You can see more at www.FollyViewSouthrop.com

Since being at university, I have always found volunteering to be an important part of my life - whether fundraising, promoting a campaign, or simply helping a friend. I thoroughly believe in the power of the volunteer and the positive impact that giving your time can have. It can make a huge difference to the lives of others, no matter how big or small your contribution.

Throughout the CHEQS villages there are pockets of activity that can only happen due to local support and the volunteers holding them together. Although Covid has stopped many planned events, there are so many people still putting time and effort in behind the scenes to ensure that all organisations can and WILL come back successfully - to anyone and everyone doing this, we thank you. You are maintaining the foundations of village life and creating a community in which we can support each other, while enjoying the beautiful place in which we live.

I love the idea of empowering people to believe in themselves, and helping them reach their full potential. Volunteering can be a great way to achieve this, revealing new skills and increasing confidence, benefitting both individuals and the wider community, so it's a win-win! So, if you have the time and energy, I encourage you to use your power, and volunteer. It's a great way to meet people and it's good for the soul.

QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday, 4th July, Quenington Village Green, 9am - 12pm

The organiser, Don Downes, will be pleased to welcome everyone back after the enforced break due to Covid. Please note the new start time - **no set up before 8.45am**. You do not need to book a space - just arrive with your £5 if selling, and lots of cash if you are buying. There are always some great bargains to be had!



Future dates for the diary:

- Sunday, 1st August
- Sunday, 5th September
- Sunday, 3rd October

WILLIAMSTRIP CRICKET CLUB



A triumphant 90 was scored by team captain, Jon Gardiner, last month in a match against Langford CC. Williamstrip would welcome anyone who might wish to play, especially as they now have to fill two team sheets a week. Hopefully the midweek evening Twenty20 matches might provide more of an opportunity to those who can't make the Saturday games. If anyone would like to play in either match, or for any general enquiries, please email club secretary James White: jpwhite79@gmail.com

Weds 7th July, 6.15pm: Williamstrip CC Twenty20 v Tarbarrow CC Midweek XI

Sat 10th July, 1.30pm: Williamstrip CC 1st XI v Poulton CC 3rd XI

Weds 14th July, 6.15pm: Barnsley Beeches CC Twenty20 v Williamstrip CC Twenty20

Sat 17th July, 1.30pm: Fairford CCF 2nd XI v Williamstrip CC 1st XI

Sat 24th July, 1.30pm: Williamstrip CC 1st XI v Cricklade CC 2nd XI

Sat 31st July, 1.30pm: Cirencester CC 4th XI v Williamstrip CC- 1st XI

All are welcome to watch, within Covid rules - home matches in bold.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 10th July from 10.30 to 11.45am

After a quiet start to the coffee mornings in June, there is another opportunity to catch up with people you haven't seen for a while, and enjoy home-made cakes and a drink. Any Covid rules which are applicable at the time will be followed. Do come along and meet new people or just have a natter with the 'old' ones!



CONTACT THE EDITOR

Contact details are inside the front cover



I was wondering if there has ever been a Scarecrow Trail or similar event in the CHEQS villages. Does anyone know? I'd love to see one around here - does anyone fancy organising it? A fund-raising opportunity for some group, perhaps, and certainly lots of fun. The Hatherop flower-pot person could do with some company!

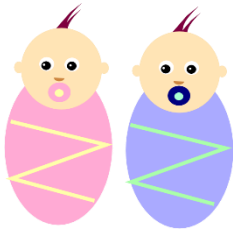


QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB - JUNE WINNERS

1st Prize (£15) no. 63 - Jackie Cullum 2nd Prize (£10) no. 46 - Allen Lees

The eagle-eyed may have spotted that these numbers have both won before during this year - but that's how random number generating can sometimes work, and we cannot interfere with it. Congratulations, Jackie & Allen! If anyone else would like to join the 100 Club, there are plenty of numbers left, and you can join at any time. Just contact Antonia Faulkner on 07581 294139 or antonia.faulkner@outlook.com

CHEQS LITTLE BUNDLES



Heather Walker of Quenington writes: A group of local mums are hoping to support other new mums by offering to provide meals during the first few weeks after a new baby arrives in the family. We can be as flexible as you need and we are very happy to accommodate any dietary issues. We have all had babies, and know how much someone dropping a meal off can help, as the family adjusts to the new routine!

We are equally happy to cook for people who are struggling from a significant event which does not involve a new arrival.

If you would like to receive some food parcels, or wish to join the supply team, please contact me at cheqslittlebundles@outlook.com.

LAUNCH OF CHILDREN'S CHURCH IN CHQ

Sunday, 11th July from 4 - 5.30pm in Hatherop Playground

To mark the launch of Children's Church in the CHQ parish, there will be a Big Family Picnic including Children's Church activities. Please note that this will take place in Hatherop Playground with permission from the Parish Council. All are welcome!

COTSWOLD ARCADIANs - THE TEMPEST

Hatherop Castle grounds, Monday 19th - Saturday 24th July

A little over 30 years ago, a group of about 70 people, mostly from local amateur dramatic societies, agreed that by joining forces and pooling their talents they could produce a performance that would be more than the sum of its parts. It was also hoped that the participants would accumulate expertise as well as enjoying the experience. They decided to stage an outdoor production in the Cotswolds of one of Shakespeare's plays... and so the Cotswold Arcadians was born.

By the autumn of 1990, a venue - the Old Rectory at Quenington - had been found, and three local societies, together with the Gloucestershire Drama Association, agreed to lend a total of £600 by way of seed-money. The following June, the Cotswold Arcadians presented its first production - *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.



Since then, productions have been staged *almost* every July. The beauty of the Old Rectory was swapped for the splendours of Williamstrip Park in 2002, but since then a new home has been established in the magnificent grounds of Hatherop Castle School, with the buildings making a wonderful backdrop.

Of Shakespeare's 37 plays, the Cotswold Arcadians have so far presented 21. For their first production since the Covid pandemic, the Cotswold Arcadians are delighted to be presenting *The Tempest* under the direction of Jonathan Vickers. This year, a Saturday matinee with a special price for families will hopefully introduce more children to the fun and magic of Shakespeare.

Thought to be his last play, *The Tempest* is considered by many people to be Shakespeare's finest achievement. Alive with music, bursting with action, peppered with comedy, and suffused with mystery and magic, it brings together themes of love, revenge, forgiveness and redemption. The play is uniquely suited to the Arcadians - set entirely outdoors, and playing for under two hours, it has some of the bard's most enthralling characters and most beautiful language: the perfect entertainment for a summer's evening at Hatherop Castle - but do take something warm, just in case!

For more information, including answers to FAQs, visit www.arcadians.org or tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/cotswold-arcadians (no additional booking fee) or by phone on 0333 666 3366 (charge of £1.80 per booking).

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



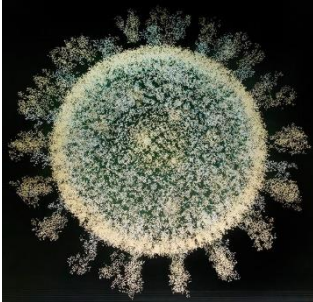
Southrop Church of England Primary School

Together we can fly

The whole school is very happy to be able to get out and about again, taking part in trips and activities. We have been using our minibus regularly to take younger children to the field for sports and to Forest School. It is also been used twice a week to take the children to swimming lessons at the newly refurbished Cricklade pool.

Sudeley Castle was the destination for the Cygnets first trip out, consolidating their work last term on castles. They all enjoyed seeing a castle up close, but inevitably the wonderful castle themed play area was also a big draw! They were lucky enough to see the imposing life-sized elephant sculptures which were just about to move on from the site.

There was huge excitement in anticipation of the Swans' trip to Oxford, to the Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museums. We took part in a workshop handling and examining Mayan artefacts, explored the eclectic display cabinets to identify some additional artefacts and used these as inspiration for designs for Mayan headdresses. In the Natural History Museum, the bugs and dinosaurs were a great draw but the beautiful artwork by Angela Palmer *2020: the Sphere that Changed the World*, a 3D



model of the virus with an eerie and ethereal quality, had a great impact too. I think many of our pupils are keen to go back to explore the displays in both museums further. However, a definite highlight of the trip was lunchtime picnicking on the lawns, where we attracted the attention of a pair of mallard ducks, named by the children as Sneaker and Beaker, who were very keen to share our lunch. They were truly Southrop School ducks - showing resilience and determination and causing

great hilarity, they managed to outpace Mr Jones and get a crust or two!

We definitely have the travel bug now and are looking forward to further trips this term, to Hill End, outside Oxford and Pittville Park, Cheltenham.

CHEQS CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMME CANCELLED

Claire Morris, one of the organisers, writes: Unfortunately, due to Covid, and the preparation and organising involved, the CHEQS Summer Programme for children has been cancelled again this year. All being well, it will be back in 2022!

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Head, Nigel Reed

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Saturday	8am - 2pm	8am - 1pm	CLOSED or 9am - 12pm (alt. weeks)
Sunday	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	CLOSED

SOUTHROP SHOP & POST OFFICE - SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL



The Coffee Morning, shop & Post Office: Wednesdays 8.45am to 11.45am

- tinned and dried provisions, household supplies, fresh fruit and veg
- order fresh sourdough bread: call Helen 01367 850047 by 12 midday on Sunday

CHEQS DIARY

Sun 4 th July	9am-12	Quenington Car Boot Sale	p.2
Sat 10 th July	10.30 - 10.45am	Quenington Coffee Morning	p.2
Sun 11 th July	4 - 5.30pm	Children's Church Big Family Picnic	p.3
19 th - 24 th July	7.30pm	Cotswold Arcadians - The Tempest	p.4
Fri 23 rd July	6 - 8pm	Garden Party, Oxleaze Farm	p.13
TBA		Southrop Village Picnic	p.11
Thu 5 th Aug	afternoon	E & S Friendship Circle	p.13
Sat 28 th Aug	6.30pm	The Breakout Party - Coln Stores' garden	p.14

Possible road closure between Coln St Aldwyns and Hatherop

From 12th July to 4th August (but they are prone to change at short notice!).



CHURCH SERVICES

Government guidelines and regulations may change. It is still a government requirement that people at indoor church services must wear a face covering, in addition to having coronavirus prevention measures in place (social distancing, hand sanitising, no congregational singing indoors). Please be aware that you may need to book a place to allow distancing.

Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

When social restrictions are lifted, a new pattern may be put in place, but until then services will be as follows:

Sun 4 th July	11am	Coln Vicarage Garden	Holy Communion
Sun 11 th July	11am	Quenington churchyard	Holy Communion
	4pm	Hatherop Playground	Big Family Picnic
Sun 18 th July	11am	Coln Vicarage Garden	Holy Communion
Sun 25 th July	11am	Quenington churchyard	Holy Communion

Eastleach

St Andrew's Church will hold services every Sunday at 11am:

Matins on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays, and Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday.

5th Sundays (also 11am) will be varied special services, following the success of the recorded Choral Morning Prayer in May. Details in next month's edition.

Details of set readings and Psalms, and those reading the lessons, will be available on the church notice board in the porch.

Southrop

Sun 4 th July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 18 th July	11am	Pet Blessing: 'Bring your Pet to Church'
Sun 25 th July	6pm	Evensong

Williamstrip Chapel

Mass is usually celebrated on Sundays at 9.30am

Fairford Churches

For details of services in Fairford, please check notices boards and websites, or phone the church contact person.



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POLICE non-emergency: phone 101 or email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk

Quenington Defibrillator outside Quenington Village Hall for use by anyone in emergency. Trained volunteers available on **01285 610210** but ALWAYS RING 999 FIRST!

PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW IF THE TIMETABLE NEEDS UPDATING (updated April 2021)

Bus Service 76 Mon, Tue, Thu: Southrop 09:16, Eastleach 09:24, Hatherop 09:30, Quenington 09:37 to Fairford & Cirencester. Return leaves Cirencester at 12:40 and Fairford at 13:28. Sat: **S** 09:47, **E** 09:54, **H** 10:00, **Q** 10:07, **F** 10:15 Return leaves Ciren 14:20 Fairford 15:05

Community Connexions Community Bus book in advance on 03456 805029 for the door-to-door service on Thursdays to Cirencester; free with a bus pass or £8 each way.



EASING FURTHER OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Please check [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for up-to-date information.

The government's **Roadmap out of Lockdown** has slowed down for this month in the light of the new Covid variants. It is expected that England will move to Step 4 on 19th July. The government will continue to monitor the data, and the move to Step 4 will be confirmed one week in advance. However, **at the start of July, Step 3 restrictions remain in place**, so please follow the guidance on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do) <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Step 3 rules on gathering:

- Outdoors, there should be no social gatherings of more than 30 people. There is greater emphasis on personal responsibility, but people are still advised to exercise caution in meeting with others outside their household or bubble, especially if they are vulnerable.
- Indoors, 'the Rule of 6' or 'two households' still applies. More may gather in a Covid-secure venue (within limits), but only with social distancing, ventilation, sanitising, and masks when required.

SOUTHROP VILLAGE PICNIC AT JUBILEE CLOSE

Once Covid restrictions have been lifted, it is planned to hold a fun family picnic on Jubilee Field. This will be free to attend and a cash bar will be provided. The original date had to be postponed due to the delay in the Covid restrictions being lifted, so look out for more publicity towards the middle or end of the month.

BAPTISM AT EASTLEACH

Last month, the members of St Andrew's were delighted to welcome through baptism Otilie Mabel Hough. Her parents, Eliza and Will, were married at St Andrew's in 2019.



ARRANGING VOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSPORT

To request a driver for transport to and from appointments contact the Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities direct:

Telephone: 07540 798226 on Monday-Friday between 10am and 1pm

If the line is busy, you will be able to leave a message and you will be called back. Or you can email voluntarycarserviceof@gmail.com



Friends of **Fairford** and **Lechlade** Communities
Formerly The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER

We are pleased to announce that Kelly Smith has been appointed General Manager of Community Friends with effect from 7th June. Kelly is really looking forward to meeting everybody involved with the Community Friends and to helping the local community.

CYCLE CHALLENGE

In June, July and August, David Nash from Fairford will be cycling around many of the surrounding villages to the Fairford and Lechlade area, to raise fund for Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Community Friends). Both David and his wife Alison have been regular volunteers for the house-to-house collections, but as this has not been able to take place for a second year, David has chosen to support Community Friends with his cycle ride. He has set himself the challenge and target of visiting over 50 local villages and hamlets. You can donate via David's Virgin Money Giving site: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidNash32/1>

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Our team of volunteer drivers provide a lifeline to many in our community who need to get to their medical appointments at the GPs and hospitals. With appointments opening up again we urgently need more drivers to help with this vital community service. We ask our volunteers to complete a DBS check as this service provides much needed support and assistance to many vulnerable people in the community. Car running costs are paid for.

If you can help, please contact Val Harvey 07540 798226 or valharvey56@gmail.com

COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT

The Community Friends' COVID-19 Support Fund was established to provide financial support to local organisations, charities, volunteer groups, families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid. It still remains open for applications. To date, the fund has provided grants exceeding £77,000 to local individuals, organisations and charities. Please refer to our website for details of how to apply, and the criteria we use to assess applications (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk).

GARDEN PARTY IN AID OF ST PETER'S, SOUTHROP

Friday, 23rd July from 6 - 8pm at Oxleaze Farm



Charles Mann writes: Come and enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles, whilst wandering around the glorious garden at Oxleaze Farm (featured in *The English Garden* magazine). There is something for everyone from bountiful borders and a decorative vegetable potager, to a wildflower meadow and garden games to entertain the young.

Oxleaze Farm (GL7 3RB) is situated between Filkins, Eastleach and Southrop.

Tickets £8.50 in advance (closing Monday 19th July) or £10 on the day
Please apply to Charles Mann charles@oxleaze.co.uk or 07771 850216 or Margaret Davey 01367 850347

EASTLEACH & SOUTHROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Beryl Whiteley, a helper at the Friendship Circle writes: The past year's pandemic meant that the monthly Friendship Circle was unable to meet. The members might have had to isolate, but they were certainly not forgotten, and received a goodie bag of treats at Christmas and an Easter Egg at Easter. With the expected relaxation of rules in the summer, we are hoping to start meetings again. The first planned meeting will be a garden party on August 5th at the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs D Jenkinson.



The Friendship Circle started in 1958 to allow senior members of the local community to get together and socialise. We meet on the **first Thursday of the month**, alternating between Eastleach and Southrop village halls, and we welcome members from all the surrounding villages. We usually have a home-made afternoon tea (sandwiches, scones and cake) and entertainment.

Membership is £5 annually, plus £2 at each meeting, and transport is organised for the less mobile members.

If you or an elderly neighbour, would like to join the Friendship Circle, please contact Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 or Sally Parris 01367 850321.

More help for transport, arranging the halls and making the teas is always appreciated, so if you can spare a few hours each month, do contact Jane or Sally.

TIME TO BREAK OUT! SAVE THE DATE

Nick Brett, of the Coln St Aldwyns Children's Group, writes: Sadly, for a second year running, it didn't seem appropriate in these difficult times to hold the famous Coln St Aldwyns Children's Fete, but instead we've come up with a two-in-one village event that we hope will both raise tons of money for local children's charities and herald in some happier times. On **Bank Holiday Saturday (28th August)** the Fete team will be hosting **The Breakout Party** for the five villages in the gardens of Coln Community Stores. It'll start at 6.30pm and promises to be a super family event with food, a bar,



and dancing to the music of all-time Fete favourites, The Ukey Dukes. It's a free-entry event but we'll expect you to buy some raffle tickets and together with the profits from the food and drink stalls it should mean we'll once again raise a lot of money for local children's good causes. Your generosity at the 2019 Fete, which was sponsored by Cotswold Airport, meant we were able to provide £9,225 for 11 local projects.

And that's not all – at some point during the party we'll cheer home Coln resident Dave Farnhill, who'll be running three marathons, one after the other, in 24 hours or less! That's nearly 80 miles and we're calling it **The 3M Challenge**. He'll be setting off from Coln Stores on the Friday evening and plans to complete the Challenge by running just over 17 laps non-stop around Coln and Hatherop. Each lap is just under five miles long. He'll be running on behalf of four of our favourite local children's charities Noah's Ark, James Hopkins Trust, Paternoster School and Scrubditch Farm. The link to his JustGiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coln3m>.

We'll be updating you over the summer about both events, but in the meantime just save the date for what promises to be an amazing Bank Holiday weekend. And isn't it just what we need?

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE - CHQ CHURCHYARDS



Last month, the Churches Count on Nature project provided an amazing opportunity for people to explore our churchyards, and learn about their numerous wildflowers and fascinating history. Some at Coln learned how useful Google Lens can be: on more recent phones, go to Google and click on the camera icon by the side of the search box, frame the plant you want to identify, and press the button on the screen, then Google will suggest what your plant might be. Other people used books, or knowledgeable friends instead!

At Hatherop, the pupils from the primary school and some from the Castle school, all aged from 4 to 11, examined leaf shapes, identified trees, sketched headstones shapes, and investigated various symbols and inscriptions going back hundreds of years. Local experts Caroline Burton and Ros Hart were on hand to answer the many and varied (and often quite funny) questions from these inquisitive young minds. The photographs show what fun they had!



Not shown are the gorgeous cakes produced for the coffee mornings which accompanied the wildlife count at Coln and Quenington, raising money for the charity A Rocha UK - many thanks to all who donated either cakes or money.



Lists of the plants recorded were sent to the organisers of the national event.

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