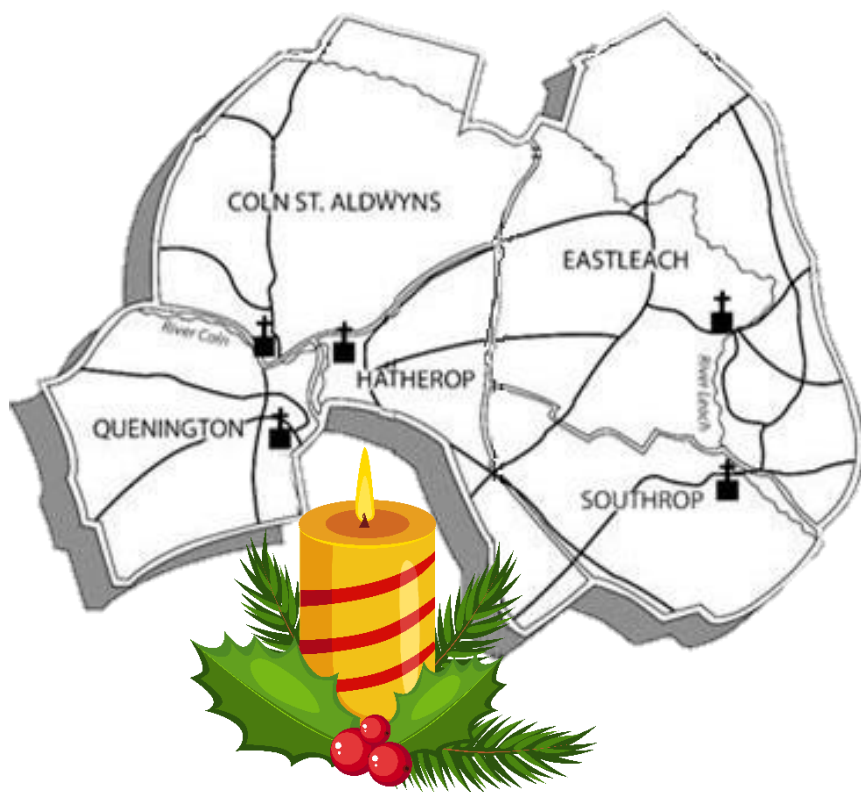


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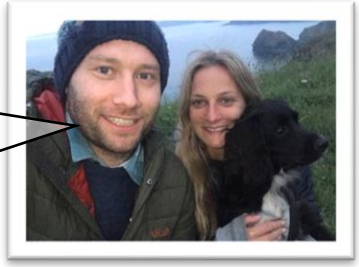
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by the 15th of the previous month.

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*Hello from...
Abby Hookey &
Luke de Marco*



Locals may have spotted some different sheep appearing on the glebe land and paddocks in Coln St Aldwyns. These are our flock of native Hebridean sheep, chosen for their conservation grazing skills. Luke was brought up on a small farm and currently balances aviation consultancy with contract farming. I'm not from a farming background, but food and animals have always been a great love of mine and resulted in me completing a master's degree at the Royal Agricultural University, whilst also working as an NHS dietitian. When we came to the area, we lived for a short while in Coln, and then moved to Quenington, where we were for over two years. It was while we were there that we put in a bid for the land. It was 18 months before we heard! We had assumed we hadn't got it, and moved to a smallholding in Miserden. However, as we don't have enough room for sheep there, we jumped at the opportunity to rent the land in Coln when it was offered to us. We're aware that people aren't used to animals being on this land, so please be careful to: a) keep the gates shut - Hebridean sheep are a very shy breed and their Houdini skills are quite something, so we don't want them popping up in people's gardens! b) keep dogs on a lead and c) clean up after them, as dog mess is very toxic to livestock. Thanks!

Luke and I are passionate about regenerative farming: protecting land from overgrazing, promoting biodiversity, and using organic principles. We use electric fencing to adopt the 'mob grazing' or 'strip grazing' principle, which aims to mimic natural grazing instinct. We move the stock regularly around the fields, so they fertilise it naturally, and it allows the land to regenerate - with the added bonus of low worm counts, so no need to worm the sheep! The flock are 100% pasture fed, resulting in quality meat with higher nutritional value, as well as being environmentally beneficial compared to their grain-fed counterparts. Having our own flock based on these values is really important to us and we're very excited to have been given this opportunity. We're hoping to grow our flock during lambing in March/April - the ram has recently gone in, so fingers crossed...!

Hebridean wool is known to make a great pair of socks, so if there are any spinners out there, please get in touch. And if you see us in the fields, do come and say hello!

Abby, Luke and Sprocker Spaniel (sheepdog-in-training) Indy

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB - NOVEMBER WINNERS

1st Prize (£15) no. 47 - Irene Smith 2nd Prize (£10) no. 36 - Graeme Holton

The prizes for December will be bigger than usual - a Christmas bonus! 1st Prize £45, 2nd Prize £25, 3rd Prize £15. If you'd like to join the 100 Club for 2022 (or to renew your membership) please contact Antonia Faulkner on 07581 294139 or email queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com as there are still some places available. You can pay for as many numbers as you like, to increase your chances of winning! The 100 Club is open to all CHEQS residents, and the profits from it go towards the work of the hall. At least 50% of the takings goes out in prizes each year.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

There will be NO coffee morning in December, due to the winter Covid risk, and the recent low numbers attending. The committee will be reviewing the coffee mornings for next year. They would love to keep this village event going, but it is only worthwhile if people want to support it. Do let them know if you have any thoughts about this: queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com or call Val Trafford on 01285 750504.



FAIRFORD AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday, 4th December at 7.30pm,
St Mary's Church, Fairford

The Choral Society's concert will include Haydn's St Nicholas Mass, and a collection of carols. Tickets £15 from Fairford Opticians.

COVID CAUTION

Please continue to be cautious, and considerate of others. Events may continue to be cancelled at short notice, so please check local publicity.



A VILLAGE WASSAIL

Friday, 3rd December at 7pm, Moors Farm Barn, Coln St Aldwyns



All CHEQS residents and friends are welcome to join in with a festive village get-together. Music will be provided by the Coln Choir and folksters, plus Kate Hicks Beach, Seth Bye (of Giffords Circus fame!), and CHQs very own recorder quartet, **No Fret!** Lindsay Sharpe will be creating a delicious supper, and you can partake of hot spiced apple and soft drinks. Bring Your Own Bottle - and bowls and cutlery! Finally, there will be some carolling for all to join in with.

Tickets £10 for adults, children FREE

Reserve tickets with Kate and David Hicks Beach (see above) and bring payment on the night. There will also be a raffle, so please bring plenty of cash or a large IOU! The proceeds will go to the Village Fund, The Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities, and Young Lives v Cancer.

EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Wednesday, 8th December at the Victoria Inn

This month is the Christmas Lunch for **current members**.

Call Sally 01367 850321 or Jane 01367 850393 for time &

further details, and to book your place, if you have not yet done so.



SOUTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER



MAKE YOUR OWN
Christmas Wreath

With Jane Kent from 

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10th
SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm

- Create your own beautiful Christmas door wreath during a fun and festive workshop.
- £45 ticket includes expert tuition from professional florist Jane, a wreath base, an array of seasonal foliage such as eucalyptus and fir, cinnamon sticks, orange slices, a glass of prosecco* and a mince pie!
- Bar available serving alcohol and soft drinks.
- To book, please email: pta@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk
Spaces are limited so don't miss out!

*or soft drink **All proceeds to Southrop C of E School PTA**

Learn how to make your own Christmas wreath and give your front door that festive feel! During this 2-hour workshop, professional florist Jane Kent, from The Floral Nest, will show you how to create a gorgeous wreath using seasonal foliage and traditional adornments. Everything you'll need is included in the £45 ticket price, including a glass of prosecco and a mince pie. The bar will also be open, so bring your friends and enjoy a few drinks while you create your show-stoppers.

Places are limited, so make sure you email pta@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk to book your spot today!

SOUTHROP COMMUNITY SHOP CELEBRATIONS

Margaret Davey writes: Anyone living in this area during the winter of 1981/1982 will remember that there was a great deal of snow, villages were cut off and the usual delivery people were unable to get through. As Southrop's original shop and Post Office had been closed for some time, local residents Judith Hubber and Angela



Scalés, had the idea for a Community Shop in Southrop Village Hall, to stock basic goods. This shop opened on 6th January 1982 and 5 years later, the original cupboard for storing goods was replaced by an extension to the village hall, to provide an

L to R: Mary Medley, Veronica Hinton, Daisy Ebsworth, Charlie Taylor, Fred Cox and Joan Collett, with Judith Hubber in front.



● Shop pioneers Judith Hubber, right, cutting the cake at the anniversary party with Angela Scales

extra room for the shop and Post Office. These are still open each Wednesday from 8.45 until 11.30am. Trade has gone up and down over the years, but the Coronavirus pandemic has made people appreciate the facility more than ever - especially during the lockdowns. Fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered each week and the Coffee, Cake and Chat is very popular!

Providing there are no Covid restrictions, on

Wednesday, 5th January from 10am we shall be celebrating the 40th anniversary, and anyone who uses or has used the shop at any time is welcome to come for refreshments - especially Coffee, Cake and Chat! It is hoped that the two ladies who had the original idea will both be present even though neither live in Southrop any longer. They are pictured here, celebrating the 21st anniversary of the opening!

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Hatherop Church of England Primary School *Caring, Believing, Achieving*



Headteacher, Taryn Hancock, writes: This term the Christian value we'll be considering is Trust. We'll be exploring trust in our relationships with our friends, as well as how Christians place their trust in God. Of course, we'll also be preparing for Christmas, with our youngest children, Skylark class, getting ready to perform their own nativity play. The other classes will enjoy a carol service at the church.

We are proud of how our children and their families support the wider community. In November, a school council cake sale raised money for Children in Need, and this month children are choosing Christmas gifts to donate to the Salvation Army.

If you would like to see more of our school, please give us a call on 01285 750318 or email the office on admin@hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange a visit.

Southrop Church of England Primary School *Together we can fly*



The beginning of December is always the start of a very busy time at Southrop C of E Primary School and rehearsals for the nativity play, *A King is Born*, are about to begin. We will soon be sending out the Posada too. This is a Mexican Advent tradition, where figures of Mary and Joseph travel around families within the community and arrive at church on Christmas Eve. Our *Open the Book* team are helping us organise 'Experience Christmas' activities in St Peter's Church, exploring the true meaning of Christmas. The displays and activities will be in place on 8th December, if you are able to drop into the church to take a look. The Cygnets will be off to perform a nativity in the woods, and the whole school will be enjoying the usual Christmas jumper and craft days, plus Christmas parties - where a certain FC usually makes an appearance too!

This term the Cygnets' topic is Fire! Fire! learning about the Great Fire of London, light and dark, and shadows. The Swans are studying The Romans, considering why they invaded Britain and what we have inherited from them today. Learning about Roman society, the children have been very taken with the word "plebeians"!

Watch out for our Year 5 & 6s who will be out on the roads soon, carrying out their Bikeability training.

Chess Master required! Some children in the Swans class have expressed an interest in starting a chess club. We wondered if there were any adults in the school community who might be interested in coming in, either on a regular or occasional basis, to oversee the games and give a little instruction. Please contact Mrs Simmons if you are able to help - admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk 01367 850246.

The PTA will be running a Christmas raffle, with prizes of 5 Christmas hampers. If you would like more information, please have a look at the schools website or the Southrop Facebook page <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/index.html>

If your child is due to start school in September 2022, the deadline for applications is 15th January. We have one more open morning session, on Wednesday, 8th December from 9.30 to 10.30am. To find out more about our small, nurturing school, call or email to make an appointment: admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk 01367 850246. There is lots of information and slideshows about the school on our website <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/> and also on our Facebook page.

The end of term will be marked with a Carol Service in St Peter's Church at 1pm on Friday, 17th December. We welcome anyone from the CHEQS villages to join us for this celebration, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas from the whole community of Southrop C of E Primary School.



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Southrop C/E Primary School 01367 850246

Heads, Megan Davies & Julia McLellan

Hatherop Castle School 01285 750206

Head, Nigel Reed

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S & E Friendship Circle

Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 & Sally Parris 01367 850321

Quenington Baby & Toddler Group (CHEQS+) Term time on Mondays - please book weekly, in the preceding week
margaret.stranks@gmail.com 07729 129578 (WhatsApp preferred)

COLN COMMUNITY STORES

Normal hours:	Shop	Café	Post Office
Monday - Friday	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 3.30pm	9am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 4pm
Saturday	8am - 2pm	8am - 1pm	9am - 11.30am
Sunday	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	CLOSED
01285 750294		www.colnstores.co.uk	

Christmas & New Year hours:		Shop	Café	Post Office
Fri 24th Dec	Christmas Eve	8am - 2pm	8am - 1pm	9 - 11am
Sat 25th Dec	Christmas Day	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sun 26th Dec	Boxing Day	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon 27th Dec	Bank Holiday	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	Closed
Tue 28th Dec	Bank Holiday	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	Closed
Wed 29th Dec	short hours	8am - 2pm	8am - 1pm	9 - 11am
Thu 30th Dec	short hours	8am - 2pm	8am - 1pm	9 - 11am
Fri 31st Dec	New Year's Eve	8am - 2pm	8am - 1pm	9 - 11am
Sat 1st Jan	New Year's Day	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sun 2nd Jan	Sunday hours	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	Closed
Mon 3rd Jan	Bank Holiday	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	Closed
Tues 4th Jan	return to normal hours			



Christmas at Coln Stores, by Roger Roberts, Hatherop

SHOP & POST OFFICE - SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning, shop & Post Office:
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CHEQS DIARY 2021/2022

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Sat 4 th Dec	7.30pm	Fairford Choral Society Concert, St Mary's Church	p2
Wed 8 th Dec		E&S Friendship Circle Christmas lunch	p3
Fri 10 th Dec	7.30pm	Christmas Wreath workshop, Southrop Village Hall	p4
Fri 17 th Dec	1pm	Southrop School Carol Service, St Peter's Church	p6
Fri 17 th Dec	6.30 for 7pm	Singing for Syrians, Bibury Church	p11
Wed 5 th Jan	10am	40 th anniversary celebration, Southrop Village Hall	p4&5

CHURCH SERVICES



Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

Sun 5 th Dec	10.30am	St Swithin's, Quenington, Holy Communion
Sun 12 th Dec	10.30am	St John the Baptist, Coln, Holy Communion
	4pm	St Nicholas, Hatherop, Christingle Service
Sun 19 th Dec	10.30am	St Swithin's Quenington, Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St John the Baptist, Coln, Carol Service
Fri 24 th Dec	4pm	St Nicholas, Hatherop, Crib Service
	11.15pm	St Nicholas, Hatherop, Midnight Mass
Sat 25 th Dec	10.30am	St Nicholas, Hatherop, Christmas Holy Communion
Sun 26 th Dec	NO SERVICE	

Eastleach

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

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

Sun 5 th Dec	11am	Morning Prayer
Sun 12 th Dec	11am	Holy Communion
Sat 18 th Dec	6pm	Candlelit Carol Service in St Andrew's Church, followed by mulled wine at The Victoria Inn
Sun 19 th Dec	11am	Morning Prayer
Sat 25 th Dec	11am	a short Family Service
Sun 26 th Dec	NO SERVICE	

Southrop

Sun 5 th Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 12 th Dec	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sun 19 th Dec	6pm	Carol Service
Sat 25 th Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 26 th Dec	NO SERVICE	

Williamstrip Chapel

Mass is usually celebrated on Sundays at 9.30am

Fairford & Lechlade Churches

Please check notice boards and websites, or phone the church contact person.



CHURCH CONTACTS

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GCC COMMUNITY WELL-BEING SERVICE 01452 528491

PHARMACIES Boots, Fairford 01285 712350, Lechlade Pharmacy 01367 252285

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.

Singing for Syrians

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6.30 wine & canapés

7.00 - 8.15 concert



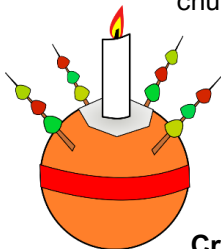
HANDS UP
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Tickets £12.50 from: Bibury Post Office, Coln Community Stores,
jackiecolburn@me.com or on the door on the night!

The **Hands Up Foundation** was set up by four British friends. Inspired by their time in Damascus, they wanted to remind their friends in Syria that they had not been forgotten. The idea behind everything Hands Up does is simple and positive: gather people together, remind them of Syria's rich culture, and do something good.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES FOR LITTLE ONES

There is no Messy Church this month, but there are some services in the CHEQS churches which may be particularly suitable for younger children - although all are welcome!



Christingle Service at St Nicholas' Church, Hatherop on
Sunday, 12th December at 4pm.

Crib Service at St Nicholas' Church, Hatherop on Christmas Eve,
Friday 24th December at 4pm.



A **short Family Service** at St
Andrew's Church, Eastleach on
Christmas morning at 11am.

WORKING FOR WELLBEING



Mary Ann Dibbs, W4W Coordinator writes: on behalf of Working For Wellbeing, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! A huge 'thank you' to everyone involved in the W4W success so far - the creators of the organisation, the funders, our

fabulous volunteers, and the service users. We know Christmas can be a difficult time for a lot of people and W4W is here to signpost and support, so call our helpline if you are in need: 07555 738138. Don't forget we are at the Talking Café every Wednesday 10.30am-12pm come rain, snow, or shine!



W4W would not be here without the funding which we have been so fortunate to receive, from: Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Community Foundation, and the National Lottery's Community Fund.



I'm excited to tell you that our W4W workshops in partnership with The Community Lotto Fund were amazing. We had felting, art classes, photography, woodwork, walking, and lots more. We had smiles, laughter, reflection but most of all we came out into the community and made new connections.

We had our first 'volunteer drive', and are proud that our community came together to help Hyperion House clear the weeds for their new wildflower garden. Thank you to Fairford Youth football team, as well as Brize Norton representation, for coming out to lend a hand.



Looking to the future, W4W has plans for more workshops, talks, and youth provision, as well as Digital Inclusion. We would like to help everyone to be confident using computers and smart phones - so if you know anyone who would benefit from W4W support in this area please get in touch.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, so please get in touch if you would like to be involved in W4W - just give me a ring on 07555 738138.



FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

CHARITY CRAFT FAIR LECHLADE

This very successful event was held last month in the Memorial Hall, Lechlade. The Annual Prize Draw was very successful and, overall, £1,672.02 was raised for the Charity. Thank you to all the volunteers who provided the refreshments and all those who baked cakes. We would also like to thank the stall holders, and hope they had a successful afternoon.

100 CLUB – 2022

As we are only just starting to fund-raise after Covid-19 we are keen to increase membership of our 100 Club. If you are already a member and pay annually by cheque, please send your cheque for £12 to Jeff Dawson, Glen Lea, High Street, Meysey Hampton, GL7 5JW. If you are not yet a member and wish to join, please see our website (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or contact Kelly Smith, General Manager gm@friendsoffairford.org.uk for further information. Half of all the money raised each year is distributed in cash prizes, the remaining half is added to our charitable funds.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE 2022

We are looking to bring back our House-to-House event next year. In order to do this, we would need to ensure we have enough volunteers to make it a success. If you are interested in being a volunteer, or a co-ordinator for your area, please get in touch and let us know: gm@friendsoffairford.org.uk. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the Trustees, we wish everyone well through the festive season and beyond. Please remember to look out for friends and neighbours, and we hope everyone keeps safe. Thank you for your continuing support.

A MESSAGE FROM ALAN & MANDY MAYNARD

It seems only yesterday that we moved to the beautiful village of Hatherop. Now we are the move again! We have loved living in Hatherop and will miss our walks, the Coln village post office and the helpful volunteer staff, but most of all will miss the many friendly people we met and chatted to on our daily walks around the villages of Coln, Quenington and Hatherop. But now... Shrewsbury awaits us!

COLN CINEMA

There will be no Coln Cinema in December, but watch out for information about the January film in next month's magazine.

EASTLEACH NEWS

Sue Souter sent two items from Eastleach:

St Andrew's Church

Our 5th Sunday special service on 31st October took the form of Songs of Praise, with the hymns and music all having a Gloucestershire connection, including two by John Keble. It was a splendid service, led by and researched by Gordon Land. We hope to repeat this format on another occasion.

Our Christmas services start with the Candlelit Carol Service in St Andrew's Church at 6pm on Saturday 18th December, followed by Mulled Wine at The Victoria Inn.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Donations from our village collection, combined with our Remembrance Sunday Service on 14th November, totalled just over £1,500 - a terrific effort from a small village - many thanks to all who gave so generously.

Our Poppy Appeal coordinator, Jackie Arkell, is retiring after 20 years' stalwart service to our village and the Royal British Legion. Not only has Jackie found willing collectors to help her cover the whole village, including the large outlying areas, but she has also looked after the War Memorial Wreath and made sure it is ready for our Service of Thanksgiving each year. Thank you, Jackie, and all your helpers - and welcome to George Hodgkinson, who is taking over the role for 2022.

TOGETHER, LET'S PLANT BRITAIN... AND HATHEROP!

Judy Francis writes: I'm sure everyone is aware of BBC Countryfile's 'Plant Britain' project (which has a two-year goal of planting 750,000 trees - one for every child who started primary school in 2020), and The Woodland Trust's 'Big Climate Fightback' which plans to plant 50 million trees across the UK. Well, Hatherop has made its own contribution to this, by planting 8 fruit trees at the allotments.

Tree planting is a climate change solution that is available here and now, is the cheapest and easiest one possible, and one that every one of us can get involved in. On a Sunday afternoon in November, a band of 20 villagers armed with spades, forks and pick-axes,



descended on the allotments, cheered on by a band of well-wishers. They started digging holes to create our own Community Orchard.



The trees were sourced from Batsford Arboretum Garden Centre, where the staff couldn't have been more helpful. We are very grateful to both Hatherop Parish Council and the Ernest Cook Trust for their support and funding, including ECT giving permission to use one of the allotments for the Orchard.

So, it may be a drop in the ocean, but an ocean is made up of drops - and Hatherop has now done its own little bit in the battle against climate change. We also hope to be enjoying harvesting the apples, pears, cherries, and plums for many years to come.

Thanks to everyone who turned up for what was a very enjoyable afternoon in glorious autumn sunshine. If you are passing nearby, do stop and admire the Community Orchard - it looks wonderful!



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