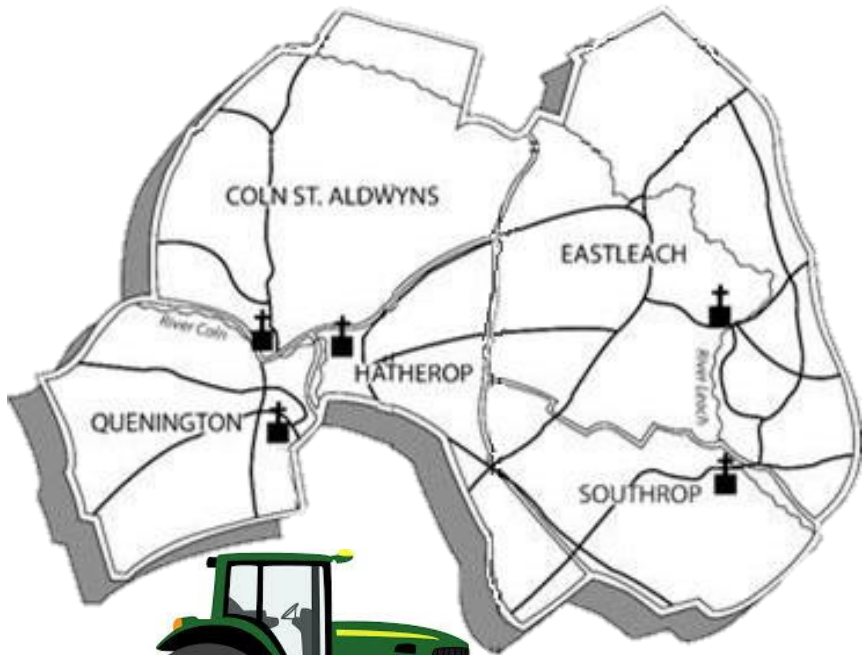


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*Hello from...
Kim Harvey*



JRR Tolkien wrote, “All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.” Whilst I face the same challenges as most people - not enough time in the day, not enough days in the week, not enough weeks in the year - I endeavour to find at least one moment each day to make me smile. Not too tricky when I live in Southrop, surrounded by the beauty of the countryside, the chatter of the fields and rivers, and a home packed full of the comings and goings of family life: my three children, three dogs, one cat, and a unicorn named Frank! I also love walking in the fells of my home area, and wild swimming in remote pools. This year, I discovered I love gardening, but do it badly, and I have an addiction to buying house plants! I do like pina colodas and getting caught in the rain - I really do try to get into yoga and I have a whole brain! (A reference for any Rupert Holmes fans!) I also think I am really, really funny - but there might be those in my household who disagree!

I started my career in publishing, working for Blackwells of Oxford, and have worked in Burford for the last five years or so. I'm not sure starting a business in the midst of a pandemic was part of the plan, but books were *always* the plan. 122 High Street, Burford, has been an independent book shop for over 20 years and I'm very excited that it has been passed into my hands. Owning a bookshop presents its own time challenges, sometimes working seven days a week, days and nights, but bookshops are magical places: time machines, spaceships, travel portals, and safe places to be still and relax. Every day I put the key in the door, I am reminded of that.



Bookshops are not only a local business; they are a much-needed community space – not to be replaced by screens and clicks. September sees our second Literary Festival so, with authors from Pam Ayres and Alison Weir to our Secret Garden Party and Poetry in the Priory, life is even more hectic than usual - but there is always time for books, be it a rushed few pages over breakfast, or a chapter before sleep. I do hope you'll find time to come and sit a while in the Madhatter Bookshop, join us at Burford Literary Festival, or raise a glass or two of 'shelf medication' at our regular BookBar evenings - we look forward to welcoming you.

www.madhatterbookshop.co.uk and www.burfordlitfest.co.uk

EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, 1st September at 3pm, Southrop Village Hall

For more information, or if you would like to join the Friendship Circle meetings, please contact Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393.



FAIRFORD JUMBLE TRAIL

Saturday, 3rd September from 10am to 2pm

The first Fairford Jumble Trail was held in September 2020. This year's event will be raising funds for Fairford United Church, and although all the stalls will be in **Fairford's** front gardens and driveways, people from all around are welcome to buy! There will be refreshments at the chapel in Milton Street, and a map of all the stall locations available to purchase on the day (£1) at the chapel or from a seller at the top of the High Street, by Maurice the Hare!

WILLIAMSTRIP CRICKET CLUB

Do come and support Williamstrip cricketers in their last games of the season!

Saturday, 3rd September at 1pm (home):
Williamstrip CC-1st XI versus Bibury CC-1st XI

Saturday, 10th September at 1pm (away):
North Cerney CC- 1st XI versus Williamstrip CC- 1st XI



Quenington
Sculpture
Trust



THANK YOU

The Trustees of the Quenington Sculpture Trust write: We thank all local residents for their support in visiting the exhibition, or giving their valuable time as volunteers. Our visitor numbers were down on immediate past years, but our sales were

up. As a result, we are delighted to say that we are making donations to Quenington Parish Council and Hatherop Primary School. As the RAF cadets and TS Raleigh did an invaluable job with the parking, and also meeting and greeting, they will also receive donations. We are also delighted to say that the book sale in the church, which we organised with John Partington, raised £560 for St Swithin's Church. Many thanks to everyone for all their hard work - or for just putting up with Fresh Air.

The success of the exhibition means that we have decided to go ahead with another Fresh Air in 2024. Dates for the diary: 16th June to 7th July 2024.



RIDE + STRIDE Saturday, 10th September

You can support your historic local churches by riding or striding around the Cotswold countryside, on foot, bike or even horseback. You can discover and support the many beautiful churches and chapels in the area, fundraising for your nominated church, as well as the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust. Money raised will be used for repair and maintenance. Sponsorship forms are available to download from the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust website, where you can also donate. <https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

CHQ: If you could like act as host for an hour or two at one of the CHQ churches please email the vicar, Simon Brignall: Chqvicar@gmail.com

Local organisers:

Hatherop - Brian Say briansay@gmail.com or you can donate via Just Giving: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-nicholas-hatherop-2022

Quenington - Anthea Palmer anthea.palmer@gmail.com donate via Just Giving: <http://www.justgiving.com/StSwithins>

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Southrop: Charles Llewellyn cllewellyn1000@gmail.com 07860 793171

ST SWITHIN'S CHURCHYARD SPONSORED CLEAN-UP Saturday, 10th September from 10.30am to 12.30pm

St Swithin's Church Quenington: We will combine a church tidy up session with raising money for Ride and Stride - please join us, and collect sponsors if possible. We will provide all equipment, unless you prefer to use your own.

This annual session is a good chance to chat to friends and neighbours, while undertaking a useful activity in the fresh air.

REPAIR CAFES

Saturday, 10th September

If you have broken items which you would like repaired, take them to either of the local Repair Cafés on the second Saturday of the month. They are based at:

- Lechlade Memorial Hall
9.30am – midday
- Cirencester Baptist Church
10am – 1.30pm

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For further information contact:
email: lechlade.repaircafe@gmail.com
or call: 07554 230323



QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 17th September from 10.30 – 11.45am

Come and join friends and neighbours for the coffee morning. There is no charge for refreshments, but you could make a small donation to the charity being supported this month, which is the eye charity, **Orbis**.



Orbis is an international charity working to make eye care available everywhere, for everyone, so that no-one has to suffer the consequences of avoidable blindness. The charity, which works in some of the world's poorest countries, is the result of an unusual alliance between some

leaders of the medical and aviation industries in the 1970s. Project Orbis was launched in 1973 to deliver training in eye treatment and care to doctors and nurses all over the world. The name *Orbis* derived from the word's meanings in two different languages: in Latin "of the eye" and in Greek "around the world." The work grew to include a flying eye hospital and hospital-based training programmes and video teaching. In 2021, Orbis trained almost 17,000 eye health professionals from 184 countries and regions, and the videos in their library received over four million views. That translates into a lot of blindness prevented, giving the ability not only to earn a living, but also to enjoy a better quality of life, to many people around the world.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

Quenington Village Hall trustees are looking for two volunteers to join the small, friendly team of seven who manage the hall for the community. This involves about six committee meetings a year, helping at coffee mornings and the annual Apple Day in October, and with other ad-hoc events. They would particularly welcome enquiries from younger people. If you are interested, email queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com or chat to a trustee at a coffee morning or the AGM - Thursday, 6th October at 7.30pm.

QUENINGTON APPLE DAY

Saturday, 15th October from 10.30am at Quenington Village Hall

Apple pressing (until 3pm), seed swap, apple cakes, coffee, teas, apple juice and local craft stalls. More details next month.



QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - AUGUST WINNERS

1st prize (£15) No. 05 – Val Trafford

2nd prize (£10) No. 39 – Rosie Sweeting



QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday, 18th September, from 9am to midday

Sellers should arrive NOT BEFORE 8.30am - no need to book - just turn up and pay £5. Last date for the diary: 2nd October.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



Southrop Church of England Primary School

Together we can fly

Website: www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/

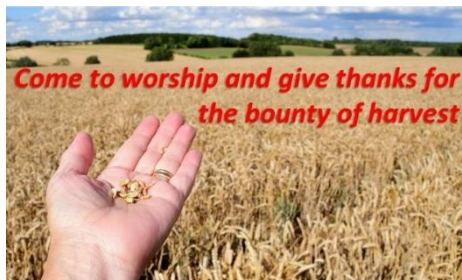
Facebook page [Southrop C of E Primary School](#)

Julia McLellan writes: As usual, the summer has flown by and though it's sad to see the end of the holidays, it's always great to be back together in school, looking forward to an exciting and busy year. This year, we are welcoming eight new reception children, who will be settling in with our Early Years Foundation Stage teacher, Mrs Blackburn.

We'll soon be getting back to Cricklade Pool for swimming, Macaroni Woods for Forest School, and up to the field for our PE lessons and after school sports clubs.

We're continuing our free breakfast club, and pupils can arrive at school from 8am, for a piece of toast, a play with friends in the playground, or some quiet indoor activities if the weather is bad.

The Cygnets will be exploring the topic *Under the Sea*, with the excitement of a visit to Bristol Aquarium. Meanwhile, the Swans will be looking at *Rivers and Coasts* and are planning to visit the National Trust parkland to investigate the river at Coleshill.



We'll be holding our Harvest Celebration in St Peter's Church on Monday, 26th September at 9am - we invite any members of the community who can to join us.

If your child will be starting in Reception next year (Sept 2023), do come to one of our **open morning sessions** to find out more about our small, nurturing school. From 9.30 to 10.30am on the following dates:

28th September

5th October

13th October

2nd November

16th November

7th December

Make an appointment admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk or call 01367 850246.

We also have some spaces in other year groups. Check out our website and Facebook page for lots of additional information and slideshows about the school!

FAIRFORD & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED



In many parts of the country, there are places where men can meet, to engage in practical work, and the development or sharing of skills – and, at the same time, support each other in whatever way they might need.

The Men's Sheds Association's website explains the need:

“Research has shown the negative impact of loneliness and isolation on a person's health and wellbeing. Recently, we have seen more evidence come to light that shows loneliness and isolation can be as hazardous to our health as obesity and excessive smoking. Surveys from mental health charities are finding that millions of people report feeling lonely on a daily basis.

“Men typically find it more difficult to build social connections than women, and unlike women of a similar age, fewer older men have networks of friends, and rarely share personal concerns about health and personal worries.”

The Association says that groups can, “...reduce isolation and feelings of loneliness, they allow men to deal with mental health challenges more easily and remain independent, they rebuild communities and, in many cases, they save men's lives.”

Fairford now has its own Men's Shed, which was officially opened last month by Victoria Edwards, Chief Executive of The Ernest Cook Trust, with more than 40 people in attendance.



During the early days of Working for Wellbeing, the need for a men's meeting place in the area was recognised. Conversations took place between Mary Ann Dibbs, W4W Coordinator, and various local people - including Malcolm Cutler,

now chairman of the Fairford & District Men's Shed.



The Ernest Cook Trust was approached to see if there was a suitable property which could be made available. The dovecote and annexe, which is being let to the Men's Shed group at a concessionary rent, is thought to date back to the 16th century. Fairford History Society is piecing together the history of the building. Originally, the annexe next to the dovecote was a carpenter's workshop, but it has also been used over the years as a barn, a studio and, more recently, as a storage area for various organisations... There was a lot of hard work to do before the space could be used!

Many local people and groups have been involved in clearing out the space, cleaning and preparing it, and then equipping it with the necessary tools. In addition to The Ernest Cook Trust, groups such as the Lechlade & District Lions Club and the Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities have given time, energy and money - in addition to the many local people who have also helped in very practical ways.



The Fairford & District Men's Shed is a community space for members - who are welcomed not only from Fairford, but also Lechlade and the surrounding villages - where they can meet up, pursue practical interests and hobbies, or just chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Any men who would like to see what goes on in the Fairford Men's Shed can go along on a Wednesday,

between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The dovecote is rather tucked away, but the entrance to the lane is found opposite the gates of Fairford Cricket Club, in Park Street.

You can find out more on the Fairford Men's Shed website: www.fairfordmensshed.co.uk or email them: info@fairfordmensshed.co.uk or check out their Facebook page (search for Fairford & District Men's Shed).

FFF&B PLOUGHING MATCH

Saturday, 24th September from 8am to 5pm,
Shifford Manor Farm, Standlake, Oxfordshire OX29 7QS

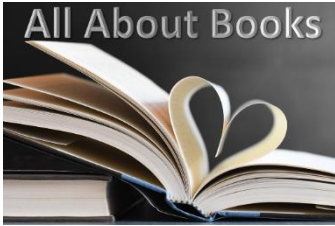


Tickets **must** be bought in advance:
£13 for ages 17 - 64, £10 for ages 65+,
£7 for ages 5-16, ages 0-4 free!

<http://www.ploughingmatch.co.uk/>

A keenly anticipated event in the rural calendar, the Fairford, Faringdon, Filkins and Burford Ploughing Championship and Country Show is a great day out for all.





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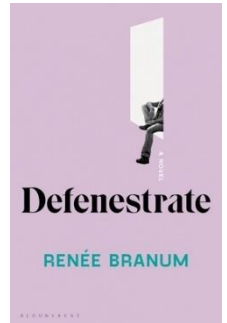
Libby Roberts, of Southrop, is starting off the new CHEQS Magazine occasional feature with three examples of what could be included in this slot:

General Book Review/Recommendation

Defenestrate by Renée Branum

You know how we're always told to not judge books by their covers? Well, I find myself judging books by their titles and I must admit that I bought this one solely because 'defenestrate' is one of my favourite words. However, having made my way beyond the title, I am pleased to report that I can absolutely recommend this short (fewer than 250 pages) read!

Twins Marta and Nick are haunted by a family curse surrounding windows, or rather the act of falling out of them... So, when Nick falls prey to this 'curse', Marta finds herself on a quest to prevent herself from falling from a window, and to make sure her family doesn't fall apart.



"*Defenestrate* is a novel about belonging, and finding one's place in a world in which you are, quite literally, plummeting."



Children's/Teen Recommendation

The School for Good and Evil – Soman Chainani

Imagine a world where there are two schools, one for good and one for evil. What happens when you have waited your whole life to go to one, and you find yourself at the other? When this happens to Sophie and Agatha, they are convinced they won't have their 'happily ever after' but maybe that's not quite what they wanted after all...

Suitable for readers aged 9+ (Netflix adaptation out in October).

Book-Related Media

A decade in the making, the small screen adaptation of Neil Gaiman's beloved comic series, *The Sandman*, is finally here! Featuring a star-studded cast, including Gemma Coleman, Gwendoline Christie, Mark Hamill and Stephen Fry, this stunning series pays homage to what has been hailed as one of the greatest comic series of all time. Available on Netflix.

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Sunday	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	CLOSED

*NB the collection from the post box outside the Stores is at **4pm Monday - Friday**

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Coffee Morning, Shop & Post Office

Wednesdays 8.45am to 11.45am

LLOYDS BANK MOBILE UNIT



The mobile bank is due to outside the Community Centre, High Street, Fairford on: **Wednesday, 14th September** and **Wednesday, 28th September**, from **10am to 12.15pm**. To check on the day, call the mobile branch hotline on [0345 601 6943](tel:03456016943) before you travel.

CHEQS DIARY 2022

Wednesdays	10.30am -12pm	Talking Café, Fairford Community Centre	
Thursdays	10.30am -12pm	Talking Café, Jó Szerencsét Café, Lechlade	
Thu 1 st Sept	3pm	Friendship Circle, Southrop Village Hall	p2
Sat 3 rd Sept	10am – 2pm	Fairford Jumble Trail	p2
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Fri 30 th Sept	7.30pm	Southrop Barn Dance & Ceilidh	p15
? September		Scarrott's Fun Fair in Quenington?	
Sat 15 th Oct	10.30am – 3pm	Quenington Apple Day	p4

CHURCH SERVICES

Check out the church websites, where available, for more information!



CHEQS CHURCHES:

[Coln, Hatherop & Quenington](#)

4 th September	10.30am	St Swithin's, Quenington, Holy Communion
	4pm	Quenington Village Hall, Messy Church
11 th September	10.30am	St John the Baptist, Coln Holy Communion
18 th September	10.30am	St Nicholas, Hatherop, Harvest Festival
25 th September	10.30am	St John the Baptist, Freedom Sunday
	6pm	St Swithin's, Quenington, Taizé

[St Andrew's Church, Eastleach](#)

4 th September	11am	Matins - Neal Cotton
11 th September	11am	Holy Communion - Andrew Cinnamon
18 th September	11am	Matins - Gordon Land (Battle of Britain Sunday)
25 th September	11am	Harvest Festival - Gordon Land, Bouthrop Church

Dates for your diaries in Eastleach (at 11am unless otherwise stated)

30 th October	Informal Family Service
13 th November	Remembrance Sunday - 10.45am (Church & War Memorial)
17 th December	Carol Service in Bouthrop Church (this is a Saturday at 5pm)
Christmas Day	Family Service

[St Peter's Church, Southrop](#)

4 th September	9.30am	Holy Communion
11 th September	9.30am	Morning Prayer
18 th September	6pm	Evensong
25 th September	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Harvest Festival)

Williamstrip Chapel: Mass is usually celebrated on Sundays at 9.30am

FAIRFORD & LECHLADE CHURCHES:

[RC Church of St Thomas of Canterbury](#), Horcott Road, Fairford

Mass is usually held on Saturday 10am & 6pm, Sunday 11am, Wednesday 6.30pm, and Thursday 10am, but please check [the latest Newsletter](#) online before setting out.

[Fairford United Church](#) Milton Street, Fairford

Sunday service is at 10.30am.

[St Lawrence Church](#), Market Place, Lechlade

Sunday services at 8am, 10am & 5pm, and Thursdays at 10am.



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SURGERIES Hilary Cottage, Fairford 01285 712377 Lechlade Medical Centre 01367 252264
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WORKING for WELLBEING 07555 738138 contact the coordinator for groups, info & help
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



Eco-tip for this month is: Composting!

If you can fit a compost bin in your garden, you can use it for your kitchen fruit and veg waste, grass cuttings etc. Not only will you end up with some soil-improving compost, but you'll also be reducing your need for kerbside food waste collections. This will cut down on the number of trips for the collection lorries, saving costs for the council, and producing fewer greenhouse gases, a cause of global warming. A great way to celebrate Great Big Green Week – 24th September to 2nd October!



Gloucestershire County Council recommends looking at getcomposting.com for some reasonably-priced bins.

Where to put your bin: The micro-organisms that convert the waste to compost don't like extremes of temperature, so put it in the shade or partial shade. An earth base allows drainage and access to soil organisms. A cover or lid should keep the rain out, but also allow air to circulate.

What to put in your compost bin: A good mix of 'green' and 'brown' material. **Green:** teabags (with no plastic content), grass cuttings, vegetable peelings, salad leaves, fruit scraps, coffee grounds, old flowers, nettles and old

bedding plants. **Brown:** crushed egg shells, cardboard egg boxes, toilet and kitchen roll tubes, thin garden prunings and hedge clippings, straw and hay, bedding from *vegetarian* pets, ashes from wood, sawdust, wood chippings, wool, tissues. Don't have too much of one thing, especially grass clippings - they can become slimy.

What NOT to include: Never put in meat or dairy products, diseased plants, perennial weeds or weeds with seed heads, dog poo or cat litter!

Turning the heap: Turning the heap adds air, which is necessary for composting to occur. If the heap is too wet or compacted, composting will be slower.

Compost can take from six months to two years to be ready for use. Mature compost will be dark brown, with a crumbly soil-like texture and a smell like damp woodland. If it has twigs and eggshells in it, just sift them out and return them to your compost bin. Your compost will be nutrient-rich and will help improve soil structure and maintain moisture levels... and your plants will love it!

UPDATE FROM THE CIRENCESTER DEANERY

The Cirencester Deanery has drafted a plan in response to its financial problems. Within the plan there is a proposal for Coln St Aldwyns, Hatherop and Quenington to lose its minister post and merge with the Bibury Benefice.

The consultation meeting for our churches - open to everyone - was on 31st August, but as we were only told about it on the 10th August, you may have missed it! We have fed back our frustration at this late notice, and been told that people can attend one of the other meetings for other benefices. If you are able to attend, and support our churches and have your say, that would be helpful:

- 7pm Thursday, 8th September at The Rectory, Duntisbourne Leer
- 7pm Wednesday, 14th September at All Hallows Church, South Cerney
- 7.30pm Tuesday, 4th October at Kemble Church

Christian Walker, CHQs Deanery Synod Representative
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CAN YOU HELP?

Rev Simon Brignall writes: The three village churches which make up the CHQ parish - Coln, Hatherop and Quenington - have been at the spiritual heart of our communities for 1,000 years. They are nonetheless very expensive to maintain: we need to find upwards of £1,500 a week to keep them open.

All of these costs are met from the generosity of our parishioners, to whom we are enormously grateful, as we receive no funds from the Church of England. But our financial position has been severely affected by two years of the pandemic, during which we often needed to close the churches, and we now need to restore our finances. We are instigating a fundraising campaign to ensure that our churches can continue to exist in our communities and, to this end, our Parish Treasurers and/ or I may well be in contact with you over the next few months.

If, however, you would like to make a contribution now, to help keep our churches open, please contact me: chqvicar@gmail.com. Thank you!



CHEQS HARVEST FESTIVALS

CHQ

Sunday, 18th September,
10.30am St Nicholas, Hatherop

Southrop

Sunday, 25th September,
9.30am St Peter's Church

Eastleach

Sunday, 25th September,
11am **Bouthrop Church**

COLN CINEMA

Friday, 23rd September, 7 for 7.30pm, Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns

Nick Brett writes: Coln Cinema is back for its 21st season with one of the smash hits of last year. Written and directed by Kenneth Branagh, *Belfast* is his semi-autobiographical account of growing up during The Troubles in the late Sixties. Voted Outstanding British Film by Bafta members, and scooping up seven Academy nominations, it's a wonderful comedy drama - despite the grim subject matter - and there are outstanding performances from child actor Jude Hill and veterans Judi Dench and Ciaran Hinds.

The film starts at 7.30pm, but why not join us for a drink from 7pm? We are, as always, extremely grateful to Angie Bray and Nigel Hugh-Smith for hosting Coln Cinema and once again all proceeds will be going to Coln St Aldwyns' parish church. Our 20th season raised £930 for the church.

Coln Cinema
We're back!

Come and join us on
Friday 23 September
Belfast

Written and directed by Kenneth Branagh and voted Outstanding British Film in last year's Baftas, this wonderful comedy drama is the story of nine-year-old Buddy and his family living through The Troubles of the late Sixties. [Cert PG-13, 98 minutes]

Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns

Join us for a drink beforehand. Doors open 7pm.
Film starts 7.30pm.

All proceeds go to our parish church, St John the Baptist.

Check the *What's Happening* website for the latest updates
www.whicq.net

Look out for more Coln Cinema news next month! nrbrett@gmail.com

BARN DANCE & CEILIDH

TAKE YOUR PARTNER BY THE HAND, AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE BLACK VELVET DUO WITH A CALLER

Friday 30th September
at 7.30pm in Southrop Village Hall.
Tickets are £10
for 2 hours of dancing, plus
an interval to recover!
Open bar

Tickets in advance from
the Southrop Village
Hall Community Shop
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SOUTHROP BARN DANCE & CEILIDH

Friday, 30th September at 7.30pm,
Southrop Village Hall

The Black Velvet duo will be providing the music, and a caller will guide you through the dances.

Tickets are £10 for two hours of dancing, plus an interval to recover! Open bar.

Tickets in advance, from Southrop Village Hall Community Shop (Wednesday mornings) or from southropvillagehall@gmail.com

FOCUS ON FARMS



THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

The Ernest Cook Trust was established, as an educational charity 70 years ago, and therefore shares a Platinum Jubilee with Her Majesty the Queen.

Who was Ernest Cook?

Ernest Edward Cook was the middle son of John Mason Cook and Emma (née Hodges). He also happened to be one of the grandsons of Thomas Cook, the travel entrepreneur.

Born in September 1865, in Camberwell, London, Ernest was educated at Mill Hill School, just outside London, as were his two brothers, Frank and Thomas. The school was set up in 1807 by merchants and ministers from Christian non-conformist backgrounds in order to provide a place of learning for the boys from their communities: most other public schools required their pupils to belong to the Church of England. As non-conformists, those shaping the original curriculum for the school sought to provide a more radical and modern approach to learning than was available at the time.



Ernest entered the family travel business and helped develop its banking operations. On his father's death in 1899, Ernest and his brothers were bequeathed the business. However, the youngest brother, Thomas, left the running of it to his older brothers, and went to Norfolk to develop his country house, Sennowe Park. Thomas died in 1914, and on Ernest's retirement in 1928, he and Frank sold the business.

After retiring to Bath, Ernest devoted himself to his art collection and the acquisition of country estates. He accumulated a large amount of fine and decorative art, which came to be the largest bequest ever left to the National Art Collections Fund. In 1931, Ernest acquired Montacute House in Somerset, and the Bath Assembly Rooms, for the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (founded by William Morris). Ernest Cook also became a major benefactor of the National Trust and encouraged the Trust to acquire historic country houses and estates: Montacute House and the Assembly Rooms were transferred to the National Trust. Ernest Cook went on to acquire a total of seventeen estates, and in 1952, he established the educational charitable trust which bears his name. Between 1952 and 1961, seven of his remaining country estates came into the ownership of the Trust: Boarstall and



Hartwell Estates, and Penn Woods in Buckinghamshire; Fairford Estate in Gloucestershire; Little Dalby Estate in Leicestershire (1952); Slimbridge Estate in Gloucestershire (1953); and Trent Estate in Dorset (1961). And in more recent years, Hatherop Estate 2002 and Filkins Estate in 2007, amongst others. Ernest Cook died just three years after setting up the Trust, but he left a legacy which lives on today.

What does The Ernest Cook Trust do?

It is one of the UK's foremost providers and funders of Outdoor Learning, providing for children, young people, their families and communities - both on its own land, and with partner estates. Every year, it also gives out thousands of pounds in grants to enable outdoor learning. The Ernest Cook Trust remains deeply rooted in its founder's love of the countryside, owning more than 23,000 acres of land across six English counties from Cumbria to Dorset.

There are various strands to the work of the Trust:



Everything Outdoors encourages schools and other communities to enable people to experience life on the land, and to learn skills appropriate to that environment.

Green Influencers Scheme enables people to be educated, encouraged and empowered to raise awareness of the risks to our planet and health - including climate change, over-use of resources, reduction of biodiversity, and pollution. Green influencers also help people take positive action in the fight against these dangers.

The OWL Collaboration is a 4-year programme, bringing together Outdoor Learning Centres, schools and funders to help 4,400 disadvantaged children to have an **Outdoor Week of Learning**.

The Learning Estate: In its role as landowners and influencers in the debate around the environment, farming and sustainability, the Trust is pursuing a bold, collaborative project on the Little Dalby estate in Leicestershire. It aims to develop lasting, sustainable outcomes for the landscape and its communities. Set against a backdrop of environmental, economic, social and health challenges, this 10-year project aims to become a beacon for the future of estate management.

Emergency pandemic provision

In the early stages of the pandemic, from April to June 2020, the Trust redirected £117,500 of grant funds to schools to support their most disadvantaged pupils. The grant provided essential education material, tablets, laptops and broadband provision to 41 schools. In some circumstances, the funds were also used by schools to provide food parcels. Home-schooling proved extremely challenging for parents, especially when children were sharing devices or had no equipment at all, so in January to February 2021 and in response to this widening gap in remote learning access across the UK, a further £504,350 provided 211 schools nationwide with an estimated total of 2,780 devices.

A new venture

In September 2021 the Trust bought Low Becks Farm, Mungrisdale, Cumbria. This upland farm previously belonged to an agricultural college. The Trust acquired the farm with the intention of keeping land-based skills training within Cumbria. This is a milestone in the Trust's seventy year history – the Trust becoming farmers! The first step will be to conduct a study of the land-based learning needs of the area, and evaluate appropriate farming systems to improve the environmental quality of the farm. The work here will come under the Everything Outdoors programme area.

Local connections

CHEQS Farms

Many of the farms in and around our CHEQS communities are owned by The Ernest Cook Trust, and leased to tenant farmers – sometimes for several generations:

- Church Farm, Barnsley (Barnsley Estate)
- Leaffield Farm, just outside Quenington (Fairford Estate)
- Donkeywell Farm, Quenington (Fairford Estate)
- Milton Farm, Fairford (Fairford Estate)
- Far Hill & Hooks Farm, Fairford (Fairford Estate)
- Home Farm, Netherton (Hatherop Estate)
- Macaroni Farm, Eastleach (Hatherop Estate)
- Macaroni Downs Farm, Eastleach (Hatherop Estate)
- Eastleach Downs Farm, Eastleach (Hatherop Estate)
- Glebe Farm, Hatherop (Hatherop Estate)
- Homelease Farm, Hatherop Downs (Fairford Estate)

Fairford Park

The core of the Fairford Park Estate was purchased by Ernest Cook in 1945 from the Barker family. Fairford Park House had been used as an American field hospital during the war but the cost of restoring the house to its former condition was considered by Ernest Cook and his agent to be financially prohibitive. The house, along with some adjoining land, was sold to Gloucestershire County Council, and the house demolished in the mid-1950s, in preparation for the building of Farmor's School and Fairford C/E Primary School. During the post-war period, part of the park was occupied by displaced Polish people until the camp closed in 1959.

The Trust purchased further land: in 1966 (Court Farm); 1967 (Hooks Farm at Southrop Airfield); 1975 (Homeleaze Farm); and in 1982 (Donkeywell Farm). The town of Fairford is central to the main estates owned by the Trust in the area, and its Head Office is located in the former stable and coach house yard at Fairford Park.



Court Farm, Quenington

The Ernest Cook Trust acquired much of the land around Court Farm in 1966. In 2021, the Trust was given the significant gift of Court Farm in Quenington. Court Farm comprises a modern architect-designed house; the historic Grade 1 listed Knights Gate House; three modern detached cottages; a magnificent Cotswold Barn; and approximately 50 acres of pasture land (which is contiguous with other land owned by the Trust). Chairman, Andrew Christie-Miller, wrote, “We are enormously grateful to The Frank Gollins Charitable Trust, the late Beryl Gollins, David and Joanna Gollins for entrusting us with this wonderful property. In addition there is also a collection of paintings by Ormond Edwin Gollins. In accordance with their wishes these will be displayed and we will also be running a bi-annual art competition for local schools.”

Home Farm, Netherton

Last year, the Trust took back the responsibility for Home Farm, Quenington. The organic livestock and arable farm had been farmed by the Lander family for over a hundred years. Tim Lander made the difficult decision to hand the farm back to the Trust shortly before he passed away. The longterm intention is to use the pasture land as another learning enterprise. The Trust is aware that there is a lot of work to do to develop a suitable programme, but it is hoped that, in time, something very special will be created at Home Farm, which will do justice to the memory of Tim Lander.

Ukrainian families

The Ernest Cook Trust generously donated the rent-free lease of a large residential property in the heart of Fairford, for use by two Ukrainian families escaping the ravages of their war-torn country. Local residents and businesses donated items and help to equip the house, ready to welcome the families.

Fairford & District Men’s Shed: See pages 6 & 7.

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