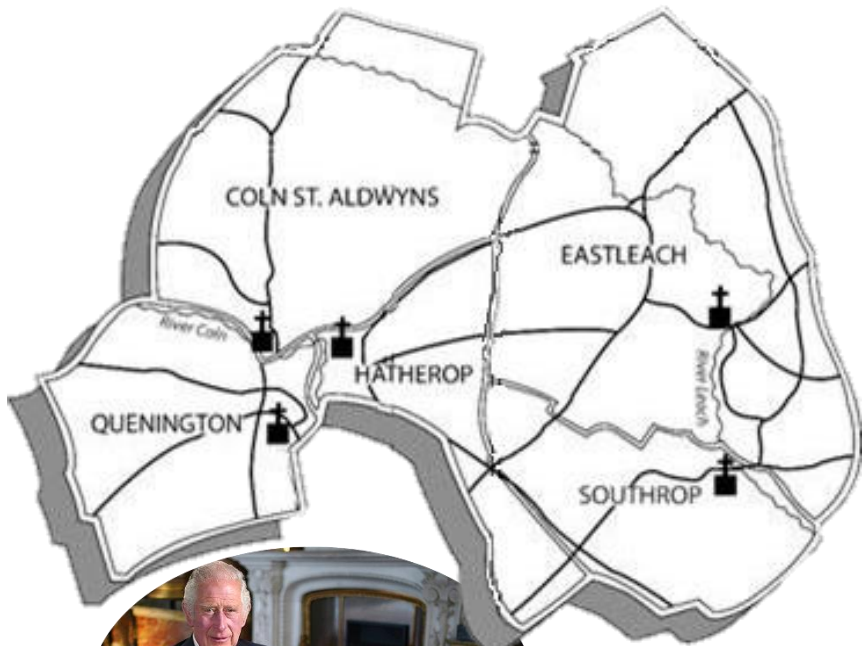


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Editor: This month's Hello From... is written by a Lechlade resident, rather than someone who lives in one of the CHEQS villages. However, Iain may have contact with people throughout our area, and has an interesting story to tell of his involvement with the Community Friends.

*Hello from...
Iain Manchée*



My wife and I live in Lechlade, having moved here as a result of her job back in 2011. We've been together for 32 years (married for 28) since we met on the Isle of Wight at a country music festival, just after I'd left the Royal Navy following ten years of service. My wife says that volunteering is my full-time job as, for the last 12 years, I've been supporting Wiltshire Search & Rescue and South West Ambulance Trust, as a Community First Responder. Latterly, I've been supporting the Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (which used to be called the Fairford Hospital League of Friends, and is now shortened to Community Friends!). This year, I was awarded the Platinum Jubilee Medal for Voluntary Service, and consider it a privilege to be able to help where I can.

I'm not the most gregarious of people and, having moved around so much with my wife's career and being a forces veteran, I was finding it hard to settle down and had become withdrawn. This was exacerbated when, in early 2015, our dog Max, passed away leaving a big hole in my life. Just after this event, I saw the League of Friends' advert seeking drivers and, as I enjoy driving and wanted to get involved with the local community, I felt that this could be an ideal match. Driving for the charity has enabled me to make new friends, and stopped me from becoming isolated and further withdrawn from society. Over the years, I've met many wonderful people and enjoyed many a diverse conversation, particularly on the longer drives. I have come to realise that I am helping others in the same way that the Community Friends has helped me, as I am one of the few visitors some of my clients have on a regular basis.

On average I spend around 20 hours a week volunteering for the Community Friends, having completed well over 1000 drives in the seven years that I have been doing the role. I've also supported door-to-door-collections, sold cards, and have taken on the role of driver coordinator when required.

When not volunteering, I enjoy walking our rescue dog, Ellie, as well as decorating, gardening, woodworking, cross stitch, listening to a variety of music and making novelty cakes for friends & family.



QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday, 2nd October, from 9am to midday

Sellers should arrive NOT BEFORE 8.30am - no need to book - just turn up and pay £5. The last one of the year.

EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, 6th October at 3pm, Eastleach Village Hall

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



QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

Thursday, 6th October at 7.30pm, at the hall

All local residents are invited to the AGM to hear about what the management committee have been doing over the past year, and for plans for the future.

In addition, the 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.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - SEPTEMBER PRIZES

1st prize (£15) No. 15 – Ann Vetch

2nd prize (£10) No. 3 – Joan Sewell

REPAIR CAFES

Saturday, 8th October

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

<p>CIRENCESTER</p> <h1>REPAIR CAFE</h1> <p>We can try to mend toys, clothes, small electricals, household items and bikes</p> <p>10TH SEPT, 8TH OCT, 12TH NOV, 10TH DEC, 10AM – 1:30PM</p> <p>CIRENCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH, CHESTERTON LANE, CIRENCESTER, GL7 1YE</p> <p>0752 667 6822 or facebook.com/cirenrepaircafe for further information</p>	<p>WELCOME TO</p> <h1>LECHLADE Repair Cafe</h1> <p>Throw it Away? No Way!!</p> <p>We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month</p> <p>13th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December 2022 9.30 to 12.30</p> <p>at Lechlade Memorial Hall, Oak Street GL7 3AY</p> <p>Our volunteer repairers will try to repair your portable household appliances and items</p> <p>Kettles, toasters, hairdryers, vacuum and carpet cleaners, TV's, radios, laptops, PC's, Sewing/textile repairs, Toys to bicycles</p> <p>We will give it a go!</p> <p>For further information contact: email lechlade.repaircafe@gmail.com or call: 07554 230223</p>
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FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD AND
LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

QUIZ & CHILLI NIGHT

Round up a team for
an evening of fun!

Friday
14th Oct

Fairford Community
Centre
Doors open at 7:30pm
Quiz starts 8:00pm

£10
per person
(includes
Chilli)

Teams of
6 - 8

To register or for further information
admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk
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QUIZ AND CHILLI NIGHT

Friday, 14th October 7.30 for 8pm start, Fairford Community Centre

Open to teams of 6 – 8 people, £10 per person (includes chilli meal)

To book, contact Kerry on: 01285 707300 or admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

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. Please bring your apples (or pears) for pressing - don't forget containers for juice - or just come for a chat, a coffee, and to make an early start on Christmas shopping. You'll be supporting local producers including: Cirencester and District Beekeepers (info & honey products); Don's Woodturning (turned wood products, from bowls, pens and gonks to snowmen); Anthea's seed swap (please bring along your own seeds to swap); Debbie's Patchwork Products (bags, quilts & children's toys); Working for Wellbeing (info & items from local charities); Eco-Church (info); Jewellery (by local jeweller, Zoe).



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Marion Crawford writes: I live in Coln and am the current Neighbourhood Watch rep for the villages. If you have any questions or concerns regarding NW issues, you are very welcome to contact me on mazcrawford@hotmail.com

There is an email list for interested villagers to receive NW alert messages regarding safety, property security, recent scam warnings etc – please get in touch if you'd like to be added! Our local police force would also like to encourage residents to get in touch with them directly if required. Please check out the chart on page 8.

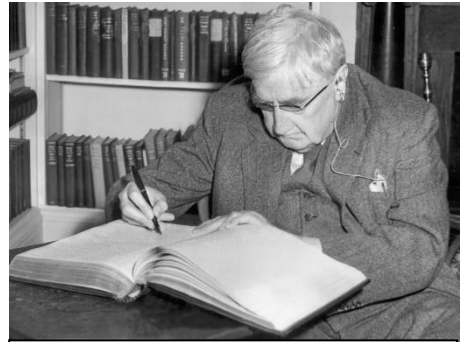
REMEMBERING RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Ray Michael writes: This month marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams. The son of a Welsh clergyman, he was born in Down Ampney, and went on to become one of Britain's greatest composers. His father died when he was 3 years old, and his family went to live at Leith Hill in Surrey.

The music of Vaughan Williams embodies the quintessential qualities of the English countryside. He wrote nine great symphonies, and is also well-known for pieces such as *The Lark Ascending*, the *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, and the *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*.

He became a dedicated collector of English folk music, and his later works were heavily influenced by those tunes, including *Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus*, and the *English Folk Song Suite*. He also edited the English Hymnal for two years between 1904 and 1906 and wrote much church music.

Coln Choir is helping to celebrate the life of RVW by singing at a special commemorative service in **Quenington Church on 16th October at 10.30am**. The hymns and anthems will feature his music, and we would be pleased to welcome everyone to join us for this very special musical occasion for lovers of English music!



Vaughan Williams signing the guest book at Yale University in 1954, four years before his death.

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE - LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE BY CHRISTMAS!

Mondays from 17th October, 6.30 – 8.30pm, Fairford Community Centre



Steve Love writes: We are running 10 sessions to teach people how to play bridge, in Fairford, starting on **Monday, 17th October**.

This course will teach the **basic rules** and **scoring principles**, to launch you on a lifetime of enjoyment of this universally popular and social card game.

The lessons are for beginners, so no experience or equipment needed. Come with a partner, or on your own and we will pair you up.

To register your interest, or for further information, get in touch with me on mallards.quenington@gmail.com or 01285 750359.

THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

Jo Smyth writes: If you're out and about in the CHEQS countryside, then you may have come across Steve Jones. He's the Estate Ranger for The Ernest Cook Trust's 'Fairford and home estates', covering around 9,000 acres.

Steve moved to Fairford in 1975 when his dad, David, began working for the Iles family, first at Park Farm and then at Leafield Farm. Other than some years spent farming near Thornbury, Steve has lived and worked in the area ever since.

"I'd had an interest in wildlife and the countryside from an early age, and when I left school, I trained as a gamekeeper through a YTS scheme, on land owned by The Ernest Cook Trust, with gamekeeper Reg Allen," says Steve.

Steve went on to work for David Phillips, at Farhill Farm (the farm is now run by his son, John). Steve then studied at agricultural college before going into farming himself. On returning to Fairford, Steve again worked for David, as gamekeeper, before joining The Ernest Cook Trust in 2018.

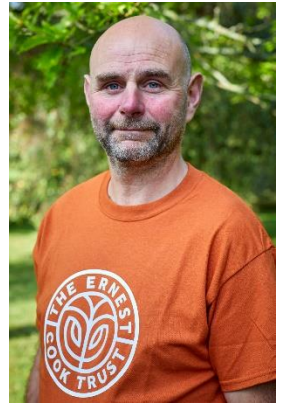
"Coming back to Fairford gave me an opportunity to put my love of conservation into practice," said Steve. "Seeing the difference in the land from when I had was brought up in Fairford to how it was when I returned was noticeable. We'd lost so much of the habitat and wildlife population."

As Estate Ranger, Steve's tasks are many and varied, but at the heart is conservation, and educating people about the countryside. On a daily basis, Steve will be managing habitats, putting up birdboxes, or trying to improve the diversity of 250 acres of woodland. "Some of what we do involves taking trees out, because that gives two or three trees the chance to grow where one stood. Sadly, we also have to remove trees due to ash dieback - but we are also replanting, where appropriate."

Deer and vermin management falls to Steve, as well as repairing fencing, clearing litter and dumped rubbish, and keeping an eye out for poachers. Feeding the wild bird population over winter and spring helps keep a healthy population. This year, a



highlight for Steve has been to see lapwings successfully fledge. The team will soon be starting a new programme of conservation work across the Trust's three-mile catchment of the River Coln (from Fairford to North Quenington). Working with other local groups, this will be a significant investment in the environmental potential of this wonderful natural resource.





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 <p>Browse gloucestershire.police.uk</p>	<p>To report a non-emergency incident, get crime prevention advice and support at your own convenience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Report a non-injury road traffic collision ➤ Report a crime or incident that is not an emergency ➤ Safety information and advice ➤ Provide/seek updates on your crime

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: Taking every opportunity to share a range of books, and to build a love of reading, is key at Southrop School. Thank you to those of you who took note of our last article and generously offered your services as buddy readers.

As you receive your CHEQS magazines, we'll be preparing for our first big visit of the year, as the whole school joins together for a trip to the Cheltenham Literature Festival. Not only do the children have the opportunity to hear the authors, Joseph Coelho and Struan Murray, give talks, but many of them will also get to meet the authors and have their books signed. Additionally, this year the Swans are making a trip to the Burford Literary Festival to hear authors Lucy Hope and Christopher Edge. We're grateful to Kim Harvey of Madhatter Bookshop, Burford for arranging this for us. We are all going to be great bookworms!

We are also all in great voice, practising for our Harvest festival performance, *Harvest Hope*, which will take place at St Peter's Church on Monday, 3rd October at 9am. We invite any members of the community who can, to join us.

If you have a child who will be starting in Reception in September 2023, please come along to one of our open morning sessions to find out more about our nurturing, small Christian school:

9.30 – 10.30am on 5th & 13th October, 2nd & 16th November or 7th December. Call or email to reserve an appointment. admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk 01367 850246.

We also have some spaces available in other year groups.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCILS

Coln St Aldwyns (website www.colnstaldwyns.com/council.html)

Chair: David Hicks Beach 01285 750482

Clerk: Clare Brignall 01285 752662 colnsaparishclerk@gmail.com

Hatherop (website www.hatheroppc.com/)

Chair: James Hart

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Clerk: Jacky Sykes

as above

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Southrop (website www.southrop.org.uk)

Chair: Tim Guest 01367 850189

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southropvillagehall@gmail.com

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Hatherop Castle School (Nigel Reed)

admissions@hatheropcastle.co.uk 01285 750206

OTHER VILLAGE COMMUNITY GROUPS

S & E Friendship Circle

Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393

Quenington Baby & Toddler Group (CHEQS+) Term time on Mondays – please book weekly, in the preceding week

margaret.stranks@gmail.com 07729 129578 (WhatsApp preferred)

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Saturday	8am – 2pm	8am – 1pm	9am – 11.30am
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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Wednesdays 8.45am to 11.45am

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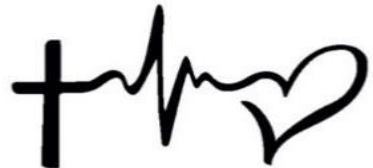
The mobile bank is due to outside the Community Centre, High Street, Fairford on: Wednesday, **12th October** and Wednesday, **26th October**, from **10am to 12.15pm**. To check on the day, call the mobile branch hotline on 0345 601 6943 before you travel.

CHEQS DIARY 2022

Wednesdays	10.30am -12pm	Talking Café, Fairford Community Centre	
Thursdays	10.30am -12pm	Talking Café, Jó Szerencsét Café, Lechlade	
Sun 2 nd Oct	9am - midday	Quenington Car Boot Sale	p2
Thur 6 th Oct	3pm	Friendship Circle, Eastleach Village Hall	p2
Thur 6 th Oct	7.30pm	Quenington Village Hall AGM, at QVH	p2
Sat 8 th Oct	9.30am – midday	Lechlade Repair Café, Lechlade Memorial Hall	p2
Sat 8 th Oct	10am – 1.30pm	Cirencester Repair Café, Ciren Baptist Church	p2
Fri 14 th Oct	7.30 for 8pm	Quiz & Chilli Night, Fairford Community Centre	p3
Sat 15 th Oct	10.30am – 3pm	Quenington Apple Day, coffee morning and stalls	p4
Mon 17 th Oct	6.30 – 8.30pm	Beginners Bridge sessions start, weekly (book)	p5
Thur 27 th Oct	7 for 7.30pm	Coln Cinema: The Duke	p14
Sun 30th Oct		Clocks go back 1 hour	
Sat 5 th Nov	6.30pm	Quenington Fireworks: bonfire 6.45, fireworks 7.15	p16
Sun 27 th Nov	?	FoF&LC Festive Craft Fair - ? location	

CHURCH SERVICES

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



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Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

2 nd October	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Quenington
	4pm	Messy Church	Quenington Village Hall
9 th October	10.30am	H C & Baptism	St John the Baptist, Coln
16 th October	10.30am	Vaughan Williams celebration	St Swithin's
23 rd October	10.30am	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Coln
30 th October	9am	Family Pet Service	St Nicholas, Hatherop
	6pm	Evensong	St John the Baptist, Coln

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

2 nd October	11am	Matins, with Gordon Land
9 th October	11am	Holy Communion, with Rev'd Gareth Griffith
16 th October	11am	Matins, with Gordon Land
23 rd October	11am	Matins, with Gordon Land
30 th October	11am	All Saints special, with Gordon Land

St Peter's Church, Southrop

2 nd October	9.30am	Holy Communion, with Gareth Griffith
9 th October	9.30am	Morning Prayer, with Roger Scoones
16 th October	9.30am	Morning Prayer, with Charles Llewellyn
23 rd October	9.30am	Holy Communion, with Roger Scoones
30 th October	6pm	Evensong for All Souls, with Denver Keegan

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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OTHER INFORMATION

HOSPITALS Fairford: out-patients only 0300 421 6470 Cirencester 0300 421 6200

SURGERIES Hilary Cottage, Fairford 01285 712377 Lechlade Medical Centre 01367 252264

PHARMACIES Boots, Fairford 01285 712350, Lechlade Pharmacy 01367 252285

GCC COMMUNITY WELL-BEING SERVICE 01452 528491

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-tips for this month are: alternatives to car use, and water saving.

...following on from the Ride + Stride event last month (and thanks to all who participated in that, whether by being sponsored for going from church to church, or by sponsoring someone), the reminder this month is to keep using self-powered means of travel where possible! Walking, cycling, running... all are good for our bodies, and better for the environment than using our cars. So, for those short trips, try to plan ahead to allow yourself more time, and enjoy the journey on foot or bike. You get more opportunities to look around you at the beauty of our locality, and may end up have a good chat with a friend or neighbour on the way!



After the exceptionally dry summer, the autumn started with a lot more rain. Now is a great time to fit water butts to your downpipes, if possible, and save rain water for your garden. It will help your plants survive in times of dry weather, or can be used to top up a pond or water feature – the rainwater will result in less limescale, as an added bonus.



Coln Cinema



**Come and join us on
Thursday 27 October**

The Duke

Dame Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent star in this super British comedy/drama gem, based on a true story. In 1961, a 60-year-old taxi driver steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sends ransom notes saying that he will return the painting if the government invests more in care for the elderly! **Please note this is not our usual last Friday monthly slot.** [Cert R, 96 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.whlchq.net



CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR

Sunday, 30th October

Don't forget to put your clocks back (if they don't do it themselves!). An hour extra sleep – unless you are a parent of young children!

FAMILY PET SERVICE AT HATHEROP

Sunday, 30th October at 9am,

Simon Brignall writes: We're celebrating all things bright and beautiful and all animals great and small at our family Pet service. Starting with a croissant and coffee/tea breakfast at 9am, we'll move on to our Family Pet service with a blessing of our pets and stories from the life of St Francis who taught us so much about loving the natural world. The child-friendly service will last 30 minutes, with lots of opportunities to get involved with games and crafts with the help of your pets!

FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD AND LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

FESTIVE CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, 27th November - The annual Craft Fair and Raffle returns!

A host of small local business stalls offering festive delights, light refreshments and homemade cakes. Some stalls are available:

to book a table, contact Val 07540 798226 or transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk



BURFORD SINGERS CELEBRATE THE MUSIC OF JOHN RUTTER

Sunday, 27th November at 7.30pm, Church of St John the Baptist,

Church Green, Burford OX18 4RY



Burford Singers, with the
Cotswold Chamber Orchestra

Leader: Kate Bailey

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Conductor: Brian Kay

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THE SECRET OF FIELD NAMES – MILTON FARM

Heather Paterson, of Quenington, writes: When I was ten years old, we moved to Milton Farm, in Fairford, and I remember being fascinated by the large map that hung on the wall in my father's office, showing the outline of

every field on the farm. Each year it would be overlaid with his plan for crop rotation with different cross-hatching indicating what would be cultivated; wheat, barley, potatoes, maize, oil seed rape or permanent pasture.

But that was not what fascinated me; it was that every field was named. It made sense of course - why try to explain to the tractor man, "Go and drill the first field on the left up the Bibury track" when you could simply say, "Pete, this morning you're in *Shamingo*."



The names ranged from the descriptive, *Cherry Copse*, *Windmill* and *Badger's Bank*, to the more prosaic, *Near Common* and *Pitham North*, and the downright unimaginative, *Forty Acres*. Some seemed to hark back to long-forgotten previous ownership, *Leonard's Bush*, *Price's*, *Arnold's Field* and *Gassons* for instance, but there were some which demanded further investigation. Why, in the midst of the rolling Cotswold countryside, was there an area bounded by hedges known as *Iris Lands*? Were acres of cut flowers once grown there? It seemed unlikely. The answer, it turned out, lay in the archives left by the previous tenants of Milton Farm, Ted Geach and his father, Nick. The map on Dad's wall had earlier iterations which

There are still mysteries to be solved to trace the etymology of field names like *Pincham Piece*, *Shamingo*, *Hangmans*, *Big Vernal*, *Hemplands*, *Picket Piece* and *Pennyfield*, so if anyone has any ideas, please let me know.

The map was also scattered with clues to previous guardians of the land; *Mustoe's Plantation* is named after Mr Mustoe, who farmed Court Farm in Quenington in the 1950s and 60s; *Paton's Copse*, planted some years later, refers to my father, tenant at Milton Farm from 1969 to 2002, and *Tom's Copse* remembers the irascible Tom Rymer, who farmed at Waiten Hill Farm for many years, before his son, Richard, took over in the 1970's.



A version of the map can still be seen on the wall of the office at Milton Farm, and now my brother Tom is leaving traces of his own family's tenure of the land, with three fields named after his children, *Callum's*, *Jessie's* - and *Megan's* (shown here).

Added to these, the small field closest to Quenington (previously, the somewhat workaday *Quenington 12*) is now *Fiona's*, named after my sister who, bored and frustrated by lockdown, was set the task of walking the perimeter of all sixty fields on the farm (over 40 miles in all) to mark her approaching 60th birthday. Ever keen to rise to a challenge, she completed the somewhat muddy undertaking in

November 2020, finishing in her favourite place, the river meadow, where her admiring nephews and nieces walked the final field with her, and enjoyed a socially distanced glass of bubbly on Moss Bridge to celebrate her achievement!

I love how that old map still has a story to tell.

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