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*Hello from...
the editor*



As we start this winter season with the final CHEQS Magazine of the year, our world continues to be ravaged by war, uncertainty, inequality, severe weather patterns, heartache and sadness. But alongside all that, we also see some blessings – people showing their concern for one another, the beauty of our countryside, charities and campaigners working to improve life for those who suffer most, and many ‘ordinary’ people trying to work out how they can make a positive difference to life in the place in which they live.

In our CHEQS villages, we’ve seen great generosity during this past year, with time, finances and other resources being given to Ukrainian refugees, to local, national and worldwide charities, and to friends and neighbours on our doorsteps.

I’m very grateful to all those who support the work of the CHEQS Magazine: the advertisers, whose payments enable the magazine to be printed each month; my husband, who proofreads the magazine, and helps me take boxes of them to each of the village co-ordinators (on our bikes, when the weather is suitable!); the various village co-ordinators, who sort out the magazines into smaller bundles; and the many distributors, who take the magazines to each home in the five villages. I’d also like to thank all those who send me information, those who are willing to write the Hello From... feature each month (volunteers welcome!), and - this year - our local farmers who have shared a snapshot of their busy lives with us. I know people have enjoyed reading the Focus on Farms feature, which I hope to continue in the New Year.

Before Covid, the CHEQS Magazine Support Group (a representative from each village) met occasionally to give feedback and support to me as editor. If you would be interested in joining this group, do let me know, as people’s available time changes from year to year and new members would be welcomed. In addition, it would be good to have a deputy editor, who could take a turn at editing the magazine for a month or two. If you have good organisational and communication skills, are competent in using various forms of IT, and would be interested in finding out what is involved in producing the magazine, do get in touch (contact details on p20).

As Christmas approaches, it can be a stressful and lonely time for many, as well as joyful and exciting for others. I hope that everyone, of any faith or none, will find comfort and support in our communities, whenever they need it.

SOUTHROP ROAD CLOSURE FOR RESURFACING

Gloucestershire County Council Highways have a Temporary Traffic Order to close the road for carriageway resurfacing in Southrop, for approximately six days (not counting weekends) between the hours of 9.30am and 3pm.



The PLANNED start and end dates are currently Monday, 28th November to Monday, 5th December. However, keep an eye on the web page detailed below, or the signs on site, for any short notice changes. The resurfacing programme can be affected by things like heavy rain, changes in temperatures and other weather events, as well as unforeseen technical issues that arise once work has begun, so scheme dates and details can change at short notice. Check out

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resurfacing or Facebook (Gloucestershire Roads) or Twitter (@GlosRoads). If you do not have access to the internet or social media, you may wish to ask friends or neighbours for up-to-date information.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: BOOK NOW!

**Sunday, 25th December from 12.30pm,
Community Centre, Fairford**

Any individuals or couples who would otherwise be on their own are invited to join with others on **Christmas Day** at the Community Centre, Fairford, for lunch, celebration and company.

Lifts to and from the Centre may be able to be arranged.

A £5 donation per person is requested, to help cover the costs.

If you would like to join in, call Amanda or Mervyn Cully as soon as possible, to see if there are spaces left and to book your lunch: 01285 712700.



ROSIE'S POSIES CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, 3rd December 2 – 5.30pm at Swyre Barton Farm, Coln St Aldwyns

Rosie's Posies are hosting their first Christmas Market at their HQ on Swyre Barton Farm, on the road from Coln to Aldsworth. There will be stalls selling items from Christmas trees and door wreaths, to art work, honey and local hand-crafted goods, as well as plenty of warming refreshments. Everyone is welcome – you are advised to bring plenty of cash and a warm coat!



FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Christmas Concert – Handel's Messiah

Saturday, 3rd December, St Mary's Church, Fairford at 7.30pm



Tickets £15 from Fairford Optician, 11 High Street or call 01285 713313.

EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Wednesday, 7th December at the Victoria Inn, Eastleach

This month's meeting is the Christmas Lunch/Party, for current members.



New members welcomed

The Friendship Circle usually meets on the first Thursday of each month, from 3 – 5pm, alternating between the village halls of Eastleach & Southrop, and is for any older residents of Fairford, Lechlade, and the CHEQS villages.

The group would love to have some new members in the New Year, so if you, or someone you know, would like to come along to the monthly meetings for afternoon tea and entertainment - and not forgetting the raffle! - please contact Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 or Caroline Simmons 01367 850171. Transport can be provided, and the annual membership is £5, and the monthly subscription is just £2 per meeting.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - NOVEMBER PRIZES

1st (£15) No. 17 – Christine Mace

2nd (£10) No. 65 Sue Bayliss

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 10th December from 10.30 – 11.45am



All are welcome to come to the coffee morning, to enjoy chat, and FREE home-made cakes and a hot drink. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the work of **CHYP (Cirencester Housing for Young People)**.



Established in 1986, CHYP provides 24-hour supported accommodation for young, homeless people between the ages of 16 and 25 in the Cotswold District area. They aim not only to offer these young people a roof over their heads, but also the practical and emotional support they need. The young people are taught how to look after themselves, and helped to gain confidence and live a more fulfilling, independent life.

Residents come from a variety of backgrounds. Most have been made homeless as a result of family break up, abuse or leaving local authority care. Many have additional problems such as learning difficulties or mental health issues. Each resident has a dedicated key worker who works closely with them to identify their support needs. With support available 24-7, the main house provides a high level of help.

During their stay, residents will start preparing for life in their own home. Help is given with life skills from self-care, cooking and laundry, to literacy, numeracy and budgeting. Their key worker is also there to provide crucial emotional support.

As residents become more confident and their skills grow, they are moved to the 'moving-on' house, which accommodates four people. Here, the level of support is lower, as the residents are encouraged to learn to become more independent. The key workers work with residents to locate appropriate further education, work experience, or training placements – hopefully all leading to employment and eventually independent living. At this point CHYP continues to support residents and will go on being there for them whenever they need help.

All of CHYP's residents are economically, emotionally or educationally disadvantaged and have suffered from complicated challenges in their lives. No young person is homeless without something going seriously wrong in their life at some point. Each young person has their own unique set of problems requiring individual attention. Most importantly, they need somebody they can trust and rely on, often for the first time in their lives, which is where CHYP comes in. Every young person deserves a chance.

Beccy's Story (not real name)

At the age of 23, Beccy was forced to move back to her parents' home following a relationship breakdown. She suffered from bipolar disorder and her relationship with her family became very strained as she found it impossible to fit back in. She was accepted by CHYP and immediately started meeting with her key worker. Initially, she was unable to work or attend college, partly due to her illness, but with guidance and support, she started to grow in confidence and made steps towards her personal goals. Beccy says, "Before CHYP, my life was going nowhere". But now, three years later, she is moving forward in life, working, and living independently in her own flat.

For more inspiring stories of the young people who have been helped, and to discover more ways in which you could help, including supporting the charity shop, visit the website: <https://cirencesterhousingforyoungpeople.com/residents-stories/>

Quenington Cares

Ray Sheldon, QVH Treasurer, writes: When Quenington Village Hall reopened after lockdown, the hall trustees decided that their regular coffee mornings should be used to raise money for charitable causes. At the AGM, the trustees were delighted to report that some **£1,520** had been raised in this manner, supporting the Ukraine DEC Appeal, Afghanaid, the Trussell Trust, WaterAid and ORBIS. Last month, donations of £126 were given to the Royal British Legion.

The Trustees wish to thank their volunteers, supporters and the local community for responding so magnifically to this initiative and for their generous support. Suggestions for charities to support at future coffee mornings would be most welcome: queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com

MJUK Music & Arts
in partnership with Cirencester Rotary
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A Christmas Extravaganza
with
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Cirencester Creative Dance Academy
Local Celebrity Singers
Saturday 10 Dec at 7pm
Sunday 11 Dec at 2.30pm
Bingham Hall, Cirencester
Doors open 1 hour before Show for complimentary mince pies, festive games, bar & Charity Raffle in aid of
Dementia UK and Rotary Local Causes
Tickets : Adult £15, senior £12, under 16 £6
To buy tickets, scan Eventbrite QR code
or visit coriniumrotary@gmail.com

A CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday, 10th December at 7pm and
Sunday, 11th December at 2.30pm
Bingham Hall, Cirencester**

A musical and dance show, organised by Corinium Rotary in aid of Dementia UK and Rotary local causes. Doors open an hour before for complimentary mince pies and festive games, as well as a bar and raffle.

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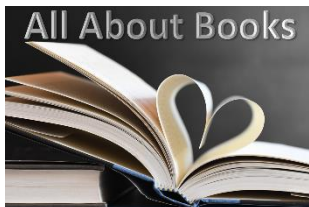
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IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Kim Harvey, of The Madhatter Bookshop, writes:

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can also provide Madhatter Book Tokens, and National Book Tokens... or why not treat your loved one to the gift of 'Tea at the Bookshop'? Details, and our full Christmas catalogue are here: www.madhatterbookshop.co.uk or pop in to the shop.

RUTHERFORD AND FRY'S COMPLETE GUIDE TO ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING (£9.99)

Adam Rutherford and Hannah Fry

Deeply addictive and wonderfully engaging.

MAUREEN FRY AND THE ANGEL OF THE NORTH (£12.99) Rachel Joyce

Picks up from The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry and its companion book, The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy.

BODY KINTSUGI (£12.99) by Senka Maric, translated by Celia Hawkesworth

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MARPLE (£20)

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BRILLIANT MAPS: AN ATLAS FOR CURIOUS MINDS (£14.99) Ian Wright

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FOOD FOR FREE (£22) Richard Mabey

His first book re-issued on its 50th anniversary, updated and with some colour plates.

BLISS ON TOAST: 75 SIMPLE RECIPES (£14.99) Prue Leith

If x=(a divinity in the kitchen) and y=(in a hurry), then (x+y)=this book.

THROUGH THE NORTH POLE SNOW (£12.99) Polly Faber, illustrated by Richard Jones

An Arctic fox digs a hole and falls into Father Christmas's house. Ages 3-6.

THE LITTLE BOOK OF JOY (£12.99) The Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu

illustrated by Rafael Lopez

How to find joy in tiny things: two exemplary spirits share the simple pleasures of their childhoods. Ages 3-5.

JIM'S SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS (£14.99) Emma Thompson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler

Charming story about Jim, the faithful and grubby dog of Sir Henry Cole, founder of the V&A and creator of the first Christmas card. Ages 5-8.

THE MINISTRY OF UNLADYLIKE ACTIVITY (£12.99) Robin Stevens

The first in a lively new series set in a school for spies in WW2. And, for those who might be missing Steven's earlier series, take heart: there IS a murder. Ages 8-11.

THE COLLECTORS (£7.99) Philip Pullman

A short story that adds a little something to the world of Lyra, Oxford and 'His Dark Materials'. Ages 9-14.

UNRAVELLER (£14.99) Frances Hardinge

*A boy has a strange and unique gift: he can undo curses, in a world where everyone can cast them. Hardinge has been writing for years but only reached a huge audience when *The Lie Tree* won the Costa Prize overall – the first author to do so since Philip Pullman. Excellent, imaginative writing for ages 11- 15.*

THE GRUMPUS AND HIS DASTARDLY, DREADFUL CHRISTMAS PLAN (£14.99)

Alex T Smith

The Grampus is a big, grumbly, huffy-puffy, grumpy grump of a creature who doesn't like anybody or anything AT ALL. Discover the Grampus's wicked plans, and how his adventure to the North Pole didn't turn out to be at all as he imagined.

THE MILL DIARIES: # 2 – THE COTTAGES

For those who missed our initial piece in the March CHEQS Magazine, we are the lucky owners of Coln Mill and are hoping to restore it to its former flour-grinding glory! Given interest in the building and its prominence at the bottom of Coln, we thought it best to provide progress updates along the way.

Over the summer we completed a heritage assessment and bat surveys and have now submitted an initial planning application to renovate the former **millers' cottages**, which form the northern section of the mill building. The renovation has been designed to provide two small properties, while retaining and embracing historical features and bat interests - including a dedicated suite to accommodate a rare lesser horseshoe bat roost. We plan to rent these properties to provide some income to assist with the costs of running the mill, once it's restored. As part of this application, we will be re-landscaping the existing off-street car parking to ensure there is no additional parking pressure added to Coln's Main Street.

Next, we are turning our attention to the more challenging **mill** planning application. It should be possible to restore milling operations, and we hope that we can work with the heritage restrictions to allow some public access for exhibition and education purposes, as well as for small events. Unfortunately, running the properties from hydro power is prohibitively expensive with an approximate 500-year pay-back time, but we're hoping to do all we can to make the project as green as possible, including using water- and air-source pumps to heat both the mill and cottages.

If anyone has any local expertise that may be of use, or ideas for the final use of the mill, do let us know.

Thanks, Rob and Helen (helenandrobforbes@me.com)

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PARISH COUNCILS

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Southrop C/E Primary School (Megan Davies & Julia McLellan)

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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 or Caroline Simmons 01367 850171

Quenington Baby & Toddler Group (CHEQS+) Term time Mondays – 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
Christmas and New Year opening times:			
24 th December	8am – 2pm	8am – 1pm	9am - 11:30am
25 th December	Closed	Closed	Closed
26 th December	Closed	Closed	Closed
27 th December	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED
28 th December	8am – 2pm	8am – 1pm	9am – 11.30am
29 th December	8am – 2pm	8am – 1pm	9am – 11.30am
30 th December	8am – 2pm	8am – 1pm	9am – 11.30am
31 st December	8am – 2pm	8am – 1pm	9am – 11.30am
1 st January 2023	Closed	Closed	Closed
2 nd January 2023	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED

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

SOUTHROP SHOP, COFFEE MORNING & POST OFFICE

Wednesdays 8.45 - 11.45am – check out Facebook for updated information.



LLOYDS BANK MOBILE UNIT

The mobile bank is due to be outside the Community Centre, High Street, Fairford on: **Wednesday, 7th December** and **Wednesday, 21st December**, from **10am to 12.15pm**. To check on the day, call the mobile branch hotline on 0345 601 6943 before you travel.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The CHEQS representative: Marion Crawford mazcrawford@hotmail.com

CHEQS DIARY 2022

Wednesdays	11am -12.30pm	Talking Café, Fairford Community Centre	p14
Thursdays	10.30am -12pm	Talking Café, Baptist Church, Lechlade	p14
Sat 3 rd Dec	2 – 5.30pm	Rosie Posies' Christmas Market, Swyre Barton Farm	p3
Sun 4 th Dec	4 – 5.30pm	Messy Church, Quenington Village Hall	p13
Thur 7 th Dec	Lunch & Party	Friendship Circle, Victoria Inn, Eastleach	p3
Sat 10 th Dec	9.30am – midday	Lechlade Repair Café, Lechlade Memorial Hall	p13
Sat 10 th Dec	10am – 1.30pm	Cirencester Repair Café, Ciren Baptist Church	p13
Sat 10 th Dec	10.30 – 11.45am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning	p4
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CHURCH SERVICES

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



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CHEQS CHURCHES:

Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

4 th December	10.30am	Holy Communion		St Swithin's, Quenington
	4pm	Messy Church		Quenington Village Hall
11 th December	10.30am	Christingle		St John the Baptist, Coln
18 th December	6pm	Carol Service		St Swithin's, Quenington
24 th December	4pm	Crib Service		St Nicholas, Hatherop
24 th December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Nicholas, Hatherop	
25 th December	10.30am	Christmas Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Coln	
1 st January 2023	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Quenington	

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

4 th December	11am	Matins with Gordon Land	
11 th December	11am	Holy Communion with Rev'd Jean Brown	
Saturday 17 th Dec	6pm	Carol Service, Bouthrop Church, with Gordon Land	
18 th December	11am	Matins with Neal Cotton	
Christmas Day	11am	Family Service with Gordon Land	
1 st January 2023	11am	Matins with Neal Cotton	

St Peter's Church, Southrop

4 th December	9.30am	Holy Communion
11 th December	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Saturday , 17 th Dec	5pm	Carols outside the Village Hall, with mulled wine etc
18 th December	9.30am	Morning Prayer
25 th December	9.30am	Christmas Morning Service
NB: we have no service on Sunday 1 st January 2023		

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.



Please check church websites for details of special services over Christmas time.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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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

COLN ST ALDWYNS, HATHEROP & QUENINGTON
Sunday 4th December, Quenington Village Hall from 4 to 5.30pm



A fun-filled time for all ages, with supper provided. We'll be exploring the birth of Jesus through songs, craft, and time together.

Everyone is welcome!

For more information: heatherwalker39@hotmail.co.uk



ECO CHURCH
 AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

Clare Brignall's Eco tip for December: When it comes to wrapping your Christmas presents you might like to think about what has already been recycled or paper that can be easily recycled - i.e. not shiny. You can buy lovely recycled Christmas paper on the Ethical Superstore website (ethicalsuperstore.com - many other wonderful ethically sourced items are available there too) or you could print your own festive paper on recycled brown paper.



WORLD CUP CHARITY SUPPORT – THANKS!

Clare Brignall writes: A very big thank you to the many people who gave so generously to the Justice United CHQ Fund to fight people-trafficking and modern-day slavery in the wake of the news of migrant abuse in the building of the stadiums for the Qatar World Cup. We raised over £400, which was brilliant. Thank you all so much.

REPAIR CAFES
Saturday, 10th December

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> <p>REPAIR CAFE</p> <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> friends of the earth see things differently</p>	<p>WELCOME TO</p> <p>LECHLADE</p> <p>Repair Café</p> <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 09:30 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 230323</p>
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COST OF LIVING CRISIS & WARM SPACES

For help and advice: Citizens Advice local website www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/ or call them on their freephone number 0808 800 0510.

If you don't have enough food to eat, call the Trussell Trust Helpline 08082 082138, or the Quenington Bulldogs may be able to help (contact the Bulldogs c/o The Keepers Arms).

LOCAL WARM SPACES:

FAIRFORD

Fairford Library

Monday: 9.30am – 5pm
Wednesday: 9.30am – 5pm
Thursday: 9.30am – 7pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 1pm



Fairford Community Centre



The Heritage Room (left) is open Monday to Friday, from 9am to 2pm, with free wi-fi, and the kitchen available for making hot drinks.

The Talking Café takes place in the Farmor Room (below) on Wednesdays from 11am to 12.30pm.



Fairford Town Council

Ask the council, if you have questions about local Warm Spaces: 01285 712344.

LECHLADE

Lechlade Community Library

Mondays and Fridays 1-4pm and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 10am – 1pm: Free wi-fi, access to computers, printing and books. You can bring your own refreshments to consume on the premises.

Tuesday Club, Memorial Hall

10am – 3pm For older members of the community - activities, refreshments and a 2-course lunch. A charge of £8, and transport can be provided.

Lechlade Baptist Church, Sherbourne Street

1st Monday of the month: Hobbies & Handicrafts 2 – 4pm
Thursdays: Talking Café 10.30am – midday
Saturdays: Beans Café 10am – midday

St Lawrence Church

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month: Little Lights baby & toddler group 9.30 – 11am

Jollytots, Pavilion (next to Memorial Hall)

Tuesdays term-time 9.15 – 10.45am baby & toddler group £1.50 per family

The Riverside Pub

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs: 10am – 10pm

Fri & Sat: 9am – 10pm

Sundays: 9am – 8pm

Free wi-fi, phone charging, seats next to the open fire and radiators.

Lechlade Little Learners Foodbank, Wharf Lane

If you would like to donate or to access supplies, please ask for Hazel at Little Learners, who will provide the combination lock code.

Lechlade Town Council

For more information about Lechlade Warm Spaces, contact the Town Council 01367 252338 or clerk@lechladeonthames.co.uk



Coln Cinema



**Come and join us on
Friday 30 December**

West Side Story

What better way to see out this year than Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning remake with Leonard Bernstein's wonderful music and Stephen Sondheim's lyrics. The film won three Oscars – best musical/comedy and awards for Rachel Zegler and Ariana DeBose. [Cert 12A, 131 minutes]

Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns
Enter via the churchyard and follow signs. Bring a torch.
Join us for a drink beforehand. Doors open 7pm.
Film starts 7.30pm with an intermission!

All proceeds go to our parish church, St John the Baptist
Check the *What's Happening* website for the latest updates
www.whichq.net

COLN CINEMA

Friday, 30th December

6.30 for 7pm (change from printed version)

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CHQ SOAPY SUNDAY

supporting The Harbour Project with toiletries every 4th Sunday



THE HARBOUR PROJECT

Based in Swindon, The Harbour Project gives aid to refugees and asylum seekers across the town, as well as giving friendship, advice and hope - delivered every day through three core areas of activity:

- English and other classes
- help and advice
- the Harbour Café

Harbour currently has 1,000 people registered with the project. When living on £39.63 per week, there is little to play around with. After the basics have been paid for, buying shower gel, shampoo and deodorant is not always an option. The Harbour Project has put together a shopping list of items that are always needed for the Visitors - as it calls the people it helps:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shower Gel
- Deodorant
- Washing Up Liquid
- Washing Powder
- Cleaning Products



There will be a box in the church porch at Coln St Aldwyns, before and after the 4th Sunday service each month, to receive your products. You are also welcome to leave a bag of your washing/cleaning product donations (labelled 'Harbour Project'), at the back of Hatherop, Quenington or Coln churches, at any time. A big thank you to all who gave so generously last month. The Harbour Project was very grateful.

Brief history of the Harbour Project

In May 2000, when Kosovar Albanian refugees fled the fighting in former Yugoslavia, the Harbour Project was founded in Swindon, with funds from the Baptist Church, and help from other churches and local groups. The Harbour's focus was on providing friendship, free refreshments and emergency help with food and clothing. It also gave basic advice and signposted people to appropriate agencies.

Over the years, the Project has grown and developed, and adapted to the needs of whatever groups of people are arriving at the time (including the recent Ukrainian refugees), and always kept the needs of the Visitors at its heart. Although supported by various faith and political groups, it remains an independent, non-political and non-religious organisation. For more information visit harbourproject.org.uk.

AUTOSPEEDWATCH



Driving into Quenington, you may have spotted the new signs alongside the “Welcome to Quenington” signposts. Erected by Gloucestershire Constabulary, the signs are located at the six entry points to the village, and alert drivers to the operation of **AutoSpeedWatch**, the new Community Speed Detecting Cameras within the village.

AutoSpeedWatch records the details of vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit, along with the date, time and speed of the vehicle. No personal data is involved. Recorded information about vehicles is passed to the constabulary, who then decide what action, if any, to take. This information cannot be used to pursue a prosecution. Quenington Parish Council aims to use AutoSpeedWatch to encourage behaviour change through increased awareness and education, and thereby increase road safety within the village.

Quenington’s AutoSpeedWatch cameras were initially installed in the village in September, and a 6-week validating period followed, during which vehicle speed data was gathered at each camera location. A summary of the findings from the three operational cameras, between 8th Sept – 14th Oct found that:

- 737 vehicles were recorded at or exceeding 36 mph, accounting for 1014 incidences of speeding
- Of the 737 vehicles, 73 accounted for the highest speeds, of 45-66mph!
- The most prolific offender was caught 13 times
- 28 illegal vehicles (those without tax or MOT) were identified

Quenington Parish Council is the first PC in Gloucestershire to be granted licences to install this system, which has now moved into the next phase. More details will be released on the village website and in CHEQS Magazine from time to time. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Clerk. (see page 9 of the magazine).

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



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GenerosiTEA

To live out our value of Generosity, as well as show our appreciation to those who are so generous with their time volunteering in school, we held GenerosiTEA. All classes chose something to bake in preparation and then enjoyed sharing tea and cake with our grandparents and volunteers.



Autumn Fair

The PTA organised an Autumn Fair for all the children to enjoy. There was an autumn themed obstacle course, which included hay bales to navigate, autumnal themed food and drink and plenty of

novel autumn games! The children all had a fabulous afternoon.



Bonfire Night

The Quenington Bulldogs kindly invited us to help at this year's bonfire night. Kingfisher class made the guy which proudly sat on top of the bonfire, the PTA had a very successful cake stall and two of our Year 6's lit the bonfire. We were very grateful to be able to take part in such a successful event.





Southrop Church of England Primary School

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

Facebook page [Southrop C of E Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/SouthropCofEPrimarySchool)

At Southrop, we believe that many great learning opportunities are to be gained by getting out of the classroom to learn in a hands-on way. To this end, the Reception and Year 1 children have been enjoying weekly trips to Macaroni Woods for forest school: immersing themselves in the beauty of the forest, bark rubbing, making art out of nature, learning about the creatures, plants and sounds of the forest, and how to keep safe there.

Each week Year 5 & 6 are pushing themselves to beat their own personal best at the Far Peaks climbing wall. They are now confidently fitting their harnesses, tying Trace-Eight tie-in knots and supporting a climbing partner with a belay.

Last term our topics were about all things watery. To support their learning, we welcomed local diver, Phil Bowley, into school to give a fascinating talk about the equipment he uses and creatures he has encountered. The Cygnets had a fabulous trip to Bristol Aquarium and were brimming with questions for Pirate Ben: Are sharks mammals? How many teeth do they have? And do they smell boys' or girls' blood more?! The Swans visited Coleshill, observing the path of the river, the erosion, deposition and meanders that have been created, measuring the depth and flow at different points of the river bed and using nets to find out what creatures make their habitat there. They also got to visit the mill.

This term, the whole school is studying space, and we are looking forward to a fantastic trip all together to Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium.

If you have a child who will be starting in Reception in September 2023, please come along to the last of our open morning sessions this year to find out more about our nurturing, small, Christian school: 9.30 – 10.30am on Wednesday, 7th December. You can also see a video, which will give a feel for the character of our school, on our website: <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/> Call or email to reserve an appointment. admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk or 01367 850246. We have some spaces available in other year groups. Additional information and slideshows can be found on the website and Facebook.



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We want say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported our Chilli and Quiz Night, which raised an amazing £1,267! Our charity shop in Lechlade stocks quality items at good prices, with warm winter clothes now available, and we have partnered with local businesses and organisations to create a cheeky, 'Calendar Girls' style calendar for 2023 - great for a gift! £15 each or £20 for two. Email to find out more: admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

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They may be edited, and will be included at the editor's discretion.

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