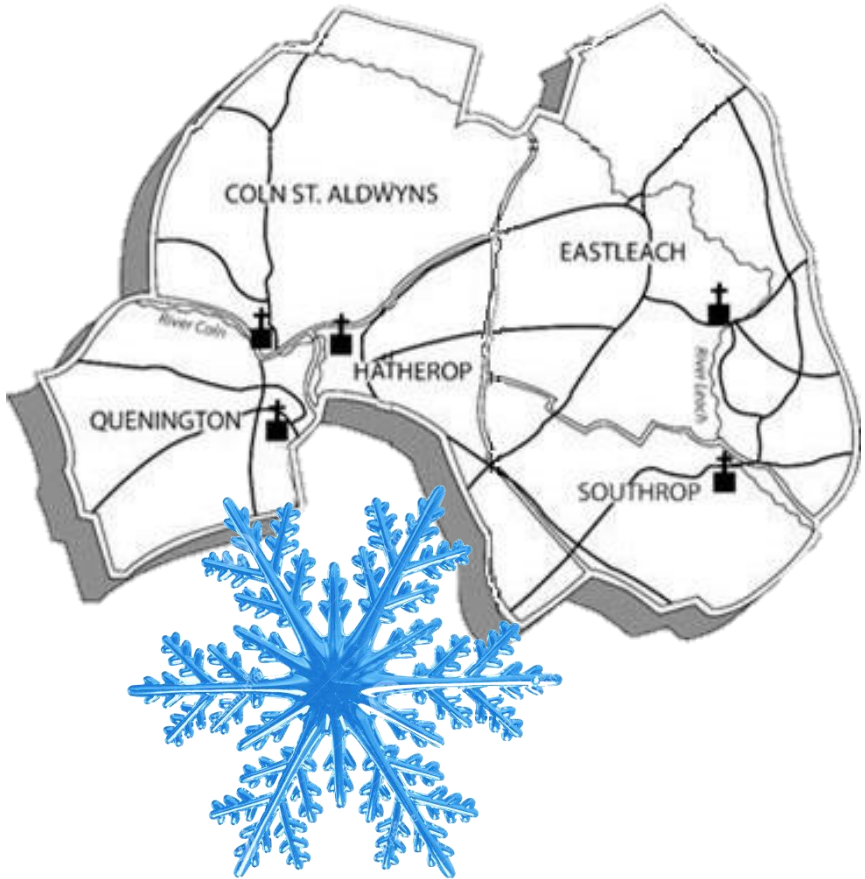


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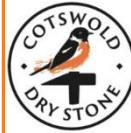
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*Hello from...
Neal Cotton*



I'm one of the worship leaders from St Lawrence Church, Lechlade, who help out at Eastleach & Southrop churches. I've been helping Gordon Land with the Morning Prayer services at Eastleach, normally for one Sunday each month.

I was born in Surrey, and studied in Manchester where I met Sue. We celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary earlier this year. We've moved around the country as I've changed jobs. I've always worked in the food industry in a technical role: with dairy products including ice cream, and wheat flour and all its products – finishing with 30 years in the biscuit industry. I had 12 years with Jacob's Cream Crackers in Liverpool, a couple of years in Genoa, 3 years back in Liverpool and, finally, 12 years based in the company's technical centre to the south west of Paris. Latterly, my role was to develop new biscuit varieties produced in factories across Europe. This has all meant lots of time spent in airports, hotels and factories, from Portugal to Moscow.

When I retired, seven years ago, we wanted to move back to the UK because we have four daughters and ten grandchildren, who are spread between Cheshire, Surrey and Kent. We wanted somewhere which was accessible to all, but not TOO close! Thus, the Cotswolds seemed a perfect choice. After a lot of searching and numerous visits, we settled on Lechlade. It has shops, doctors, dentist and vets – the latter being important as we have had golden retrievers for the past 47 years. We currently have a seven-year-old and an 18-month delinquent!

I had no involvement with the church growing up, and it was only when our first daughter was born that I joined my wife as she went to church on a Sunday morning. I was confirmed a couple of years later, just before our second daughter was born. Since that time, I have been actively involved in a number of churches, as church warden, worship leader and what seems like countless years on PCCs.

In my retirement, I am now chair of the Lechlade Gardening Club, a trustee of the Lechlade Memorial Hall, and active with Faringdon U3A, as well as the church in Lechlade. Combining these activities with our two dogs and a motorhome, plus visiting (or being visited by) our daughters and families keeps us pretty busy.

Life has been enriched by the involvement with the community in Eastleach and it has been a real pleasure to lead the worship there.



EASTLEACH & SOUTHROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, 5th January at 3pm, Eastleach Village Hall

This month's activity is a Beetle Drive, so do come and join in the fun!

The group would love to have some new members, so if you, or someone you know, would like to come along to the monthly meetings for afternoon tea and entertainment, 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.

COLN ST ALDWYNS, HATHEROP & QUENINGTON

Sunday, 8th January, Quenington Village Hall from 4 to 5.30pm



A fun-filled time for all ages, with supper provided. We'll be exploring **Journeys** through songs, craft, and time together.

Everyone is welcome!



For more information: heatherwalker39@hotmail.co.uk

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

There will be **NO** QVH coffee morning in January, but it will return next month, on Saturday, 11th February.

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QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - DECEMBER PRIZES

A special end-of-year prize giveaway for the 100 Club!

1st Prize £50 – No. 61 Chris Huckle 2nd Prize £30 – No. 60 David Smethurst
3rd Prize £10 – No. 26 Jackie Daly

Joan Freeman writes: It's time to renew your 100 Club subscription. The 100 Club is a lottery to raise funds for the hall. The subscription is £12 per year and is drawn monthly. The 1st prize winner each month receives £15 and the 2nd prize winner £10, with a special Christmas draw. Winners are announced in the CHEQS Magazine. To join, or renew your membership, you can ask any of the committee members at one of our coffee mornings, or contact us by email: queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com

For bank transfer by BACS, or for cheques, the details are:

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Subscribe now so as not to miss your chance of being entered into the January draw.

ST PETER'S NEW YEAR PARTY, SOUTHROP

Friday, 13th January from 6.30 – 8.30pm, at Southrop Village Hall



The much-missed New Year Party returns! There will be a raffle with excellent prizes, so please bring cash if you wish to join in. Tickets for the party cost £5 (including the usual delicious canapes and a glass of wine or soft drink) and are available from the village shop on Wednesday mornings or from Margaret Davey: 01367 850347.

SWAP YOUR OLD STAMPS FOR NEW, BEFORE 31ST JANUARY



Royal Mail are adding barcodes to their regular stamps. After 31st January, regular stamps without a barcode will no longer be valid (although special stamps with pictures on and Christmas stamps without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped). The stamps that are changing are those (pictured left) that feature the profile of Her Late Majesty the Queen on a plain

coloured background. You can either use up old stamps before the deadline, or swap them for the new barcoded ones. Find out more on the Royal Mail website, or get a form from Delivery Offices, or Post Offices, or call 03457 740740.

REPAIR CAFÉS

Both on the same days – second Saturday of each month

Take your beloved - or just plain useful - broken items for repair at either of our local Repair Cafés, in return for a donation. A great way to save items from being thrown away, and to prolong their useful life. It cuts down on the use of new resources too.

Saturday, 14th January

Lechlade Repair Café: Lechlade Pavillion Hall, Oak Street, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Cirencester Repair Café: Cirencester Baptist Church, 10am – 1.30pm

WELCOME TO
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Repair Café

Throw It Away ? No Way !!

We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month
9:30 to 12:30pm
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2023 dates
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8th April, 13th May, 10th June

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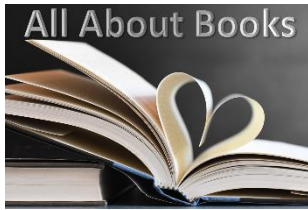
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for further information

VILLAGE HALLS WEEK – END OF JANUARY



Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) designate a week in January as Village Halls Week – an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful spaces which can bring our communities together, and to appreciate the hard work done by village hall committee members and caretakers/cleaners. This year, the focus is on providing warm spaces in village halls – to see how Quenington Village Hall has taken on the challenge, see page 13.

Village Halls Week
2023

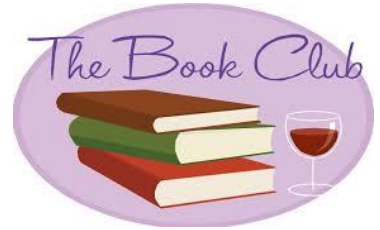


BOOK CLUBS

There are various book clubs (sometimes known as 'reading groups') running in our villages, but you may not know about them, because, by and large, local book clubs tend to be membership by invitation only. The groups often meet in the homes of members, and

numbers have to be limited to enable everyone to participate fully.

So, what do they get up to? Usually, meetings are monthly, so that people have time to read the book being discussed. It could be a daytime or an evening group, meeting for about two hours or so. They usually involve drinks and snacks of some sort – wine or tea/coffee, depending on the time of day and the people involved!



Discussion may revolve around the plot, the style of writing, the characterisation, any particularly stand-out sections or plot twists, what was liked or disliked...



A good book club will be welcoming and friendly, with lots of listening as well as talking, and having a variety of styles of book to read and talk about. If you are interested in belonging to a group, but don't know of any near you, perhaps consider asking a few friends if they would like to create one with you.

There are also online book clubs, and some TV and radio presenters run something similar. You may find that our local libraries have a book club – pop in and find out.

Whichever sort of book club/reading group you join, you will probably meet new people, have your type of reading broadened, be able to share your favourite books, experience new ideas and thoughts, and above all, gain more pleasure from reading.

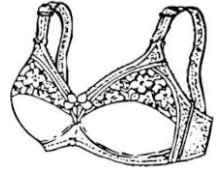
Some useful websites:

- <https://readinggroups.org/> run by the book-loving team at the national charity The Reading Agency
- <https://www.goodreads.com/about/us> which describes itself as “...the world’s largest site for readers and book recommendations.”
- <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/21875-uk-book-club> the UK Book Club of GoodReads
- <https://www.lovereadings.co.uk/> LoveReading describes itself as “the UK’s leading book recommendation website”
- <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/library-services/reading-groups-and-reading-ideas/>

Of course, you may just want to curl up with a good book and read. If you'd like to share any recommendations or write a book review for inclusion in the CHEQS Magazine, do get in touch with the editor (p16).

BRA BLITZ!

You never know where you are going to find out about things. In this case, a notice was seen on the back of the door in the ladies' toilets at The Sherborne Arms, Aldsworth!



Unwanted bras are being collected by Aldsworth resident, Jayne Costley, to support the Abingdon-based charity, *Against Breast Cancer*. Once she has collected 200, Jayne takes the bras to Abingdon. The charity's bra recycling scheme raises vital funds for pioneering breast cancer research. The bras also help small businesses in developing countries in Africa and around the world – they are given a new lease of life in countries such as Togo, Ghana and Kenya, where bras remain expensive to produce locally. Successful ventures like this provide an income for families in developing countries whilst also providing some employment for people living in the UK. Any bras that are genuinely beyond redemption are dismantled and disposed of properly. For every tonne of bras collected, Against Breast Cancer receives £700 to fund their research. To find out more about the charity, visit the website: www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk

You can leave your unwanted bras in a labelled bag in the box for post, on the gate of Tallet Cottage in Aldsworth. Contact Jayne if you have trouble finding it: Jayne@encompass-training.co.uk 01451 844122.

Coln Cinema

**Come and join us on
Thursday 26 January
King Richard**

The extraordinary story of Venus and Serena Williams and their father who strove to make them the greatest women tennis players in the world. Serena said: "I think it was a great opportunity to see how amazing African-American fathers are. A lot of black men aren't seen in that light. And a lot of people think that my dad was a different character. He wanted us to have fun first over anything. That's the thing that I loved most." An Oscar-winning performance from Will Smith. [Cert 12, 144 minutes]

Please note this is not our usual last Friday monthly slot.

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

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

Thursday, 26th January, 7 for 7.30pm
Vicarage Cottage Barn

NB: Thursday, not Friday!

The extraordinary story of Venus and Serena Williams, and their father, who strove to make them the greatest women tennis players in the world. Serena said: "I think it was a great opportunity to see how amazing African-American fathers are. A lot of black men aren't seen in that light. And a lot of people think that my dad was a different character. He wanted us to have fun first over anything. That's the thing that I loved most." An Oscar-winning performance from Will Smith. Cert 12, 144 minutes.

Come for a drink from 7pm.

All proceeds to St John the Baptist Church.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCILS

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

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Clerk: Jacky Sykes

as above

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Hatherop Castle School (Nigel Reed)

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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)

COLN COMMUNITY STORES

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or 01285 750294



	Shop	Café	Post Office*
Monday – Friday	8am – 4.30pm	8am – 3.30pm	9am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 4pm
Saturday	8am – 2pm	8am – 1pm	9am – 11.30am
Sunday	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED
New Year opening times:			
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, POST OFFICE & COFFEE MORNING



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

LLOYDS BANK MOBILE UNIT

The mobile bank may be outside the Community Centre, High Street, Fairford on: Wednesdays **4th and 18th January**, from **10am to 12.15pm**, but dates were not published at time of printing. 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

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CHURCH SERVICES

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



CHEQS CHURCHES:

Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

1 st January	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Quenington
8 th January	10.30am	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Coln
	4 – 5.30pm	Messy Church	Quenington Village Hall
15 th January	10.30am	Holy Communion BCP	St Swithin's Quenington
22 nd January	10.30am	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Coln
29 th January	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Hatherop
	6pm	Taizé	St Swithin's, Quenington

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

1 st January	11am	Matins with Gordon Land (a change from previous list)	
8 th January	11am	Holy Communion with Gordon Land and Ron Lloyd	
15 th January	11am	Matins with Gordon Land	
22 nd January	11am	Matins with Gordon Land	
29 th January	11am	Family Worship with Gordon Land	



St Peter's Church, Southrop

NB: we have no service on Sunday 1 st January			
8 th January	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
15 th January	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
22 nd January	9.30am	Morning prayer	
29 th January	5pm (not our usual 6pm)	Choral Evensong (with choir)	

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.



CHURCH CONTACTS

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FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH

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OTHER INFORMATION

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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 Located outside Quenington Village Hall - for use by anyone in emergency, 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

Claire Brignall writes: At this time of year, the themes of light and dark are often to the fore: putting away the Christmas lights, churches celebrating Epiphany, when we remember the visitors from the East coming to worship Jesus, and being led by a star. As an eco-tip, perhaps it's a good time to think about changing to LED light bulbs to save energy. It's good to be aware of the energy we're using in general, and to limit the use of decorative outside lights to avoid light pollution. This can prepare us for Earth Hour in March, which encourages us to turn all our lights off (where possible) for an hour. You can find out more about this at <https://www.earthhour.org/>

THE
HARBOUR
PROJECT

THANK YOU!

Marie-Claire Stone would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations of toiletries for the Harbour Project in Swindon. Harbour has 1000 refugees on the books and another 500 who have been given refugee status and are looking for jobs – Harbour supports people, if needed, for up to 6 months after they are granted refugee status. Please continue to bring toiletries and cleaning products every fourth Sunday to Coln (box in church porch) or Quenington (box at back of church).

BICYCLES NEEDED!



Cathy Forman (in Coln St Aldwyns) and Richard O'Brien (formerly in Eastleach, now Faringdon) are hoping for your help. With the increase in sales of electric bikes, there are potentially many unwanted push-bikes languishing in sheds and garages!

Cathy writes: Richard has been mowing my lawn for many years. One day, about seven years ago, whilst chatting about the needs of the asylum seekers at The Harbour Project, we decided it would be a good idea to collect unwanted bikes from the area – I'd learned that this was what was most needed. CHEQS residents were very generous, and offered many bikes. Richard would then repair and deliver them to the centre in Swindon. My contribution is placing the occasional notice, so that he can continue his good work. He's delivered about 260 bikes so far.

So, if you have a bicycle collecting dust, which is in a reasonable state, Richard would be happy to collect it from you, at your convenience. The asylum seekers who've already received bicycles have been incredibly grateful, but there are many more we'd like to help. The current need is for **men's bikes** only. Please ring Richard on 01367 850233 to arrange collection. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD AND LECHLADE COMMUNITIES



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



The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities' Nursing Team (above) provides palliative care to patients in their homes. The team of registered nurses and healthcare assistants supports patients who wish to remain at home at the end of their lives. The Home Nursing service is available to patients of Fairford and Lechlade GP Surgeries. Working alongside the patient's GP and the district nurses, they care for the patient and support their families. Patients can be referred through the district nurse, who will contact the Nursing Managers, Emma Kennedy and Jan Killingback. Together they will make all the necessary arrangements. Members of the team are often local people themselves and are familiar to many in the community. The care they provide brings them close to people at a very difficult time, and their kindness is always appreciated by patients and their loved ones. This year, the nursing team launched the Bereavement Café, where those experiencing a loss can seek trained support and meet other people in a similar situation. The nursing service is provided to patients at no cost to themselves or their families, and is funded by the charity through donations and fundraising events. The daughter of one patient said, "*It was like having family come to our house rather than strangers. They always checked my wellbeing too before they went to care for my mum. They were just amazing; they couldn't possibly have done any more.*" You can get in touch with the Nursing Team by calling 07938 244335 or emailing nursing@friendsoffairford.org.uk. More information about the charity can be found at www.friendsoffairford.org.uk.

LOCAL WARM SPACES:

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL

John Dooley, Chair of QVH Trustees, writes:

During January, we are trialling a new community social space in the warm and welcoming Quenington Village Hall. The plan is to open the hall to anyone in the CHEQS area on **Tuesdays** from 10th January to 31st January, between 10.30am and 4pm. Depending on interest we will look to extend these dates.



The hall will be open to anyone, so if you are planning a walk to burn off some Christmas excesses, or just want to get out of the house for a few hours, please feel free to drop in for a chat to catch-up with what's been happening in our community. We'll have free coffee, biscuits & may be even some cake - all courtesy of a donation from the Quenington Bulldogs.

If you could offer any skills (playing an instrument, juggling, performing magic tricks etc) we would be glad of a quick demonstration. We would also welcome any other ideas you may have which you think would help our community. If you'd be willing to help organise one of the sessions, we'd love to hear from you - email queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com or queningtonpc@gmail.com.

FAIRFORD (TOWN COUNCIL 01285 712344)

Fairford Library

Mon & Wed 9.30am – 5pm; Thurs 9.30am – 7pm; Sat 9.30am – 1pm

Fairford Community Centre

- The Heritage Room, Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm
- Talking Café in the Farmor Room, Wednesdays 11am to 12.30pm.

LECHLADE (TOWN COUNCIL 01367 252338)

Lechlade Community Library

Mondays and Fridays 1-4pm and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 10am – 1pm: Free wi-fi, access to computers, printing and books.

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

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



Hatherop Church of England Primary School

Caring, Believing, Achieving

website: <https://www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk/>

The children, staff and families at Hatherop all got in the festive spirit in the lead up to Christmas:

This year, Skylark class performed their Wiggly Nativity. Audiences were treated to amazing singing which made it impossible not to wiggle along with. It was impressive to see how the children remembered all their words and acted out their parts perfectly; some of them performing for the first time. We were very proud of them all.



Our school community gathered at St Nicholas Church for this year's carol service. It was a very special night, with children from years 2-6 singing, sharing readings and acting out the Christmas story. All the children performed beautifully and should be very proud of themselves. Many thanks to all family, friends and neighbours who came to the service to support our children.

Christmas in the playground was a chilly, festive afternoon filled with mulled wine, hot chocolate, fun games, a magical performance from the children and a visit from Father Christmas! Huge thanks to the very hardworking PTA - they really did a fantastic job bringing all the school community together, while raising money for the school at the same time.





Southrop Church of England Primary School

Together we can fly

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

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We were delighted to have all of our school community back in St Peter's Church at the end of term for our Christingle service. This marked the end of an exciting and busy term with craft afternoons, parties, the Cygnets' nativity performance at the village hall, a nativity in the woods, D&T days and a visit from Father Christmas.



A new addition this year was a fabulous Strictly Competition, which was coordinated by our creative and well-organised school council, to raise money towards the residential trip to Devon. In the preceding weeks, the playground was full of rehearsing dance troupes, with children from Reception through to Year 6 participating. The Strictly glitterball went to Rowan for her choreography and accomplished performance to Kate Bush's Babooshka. There was also a surprise Charleston from the "Strictly



Professionals" – who bore a striking resemblance to the school staff!

When we return in the New Year, we are looking forward to a whole school trip to the pantomime at Chipping Norton and will be busy preparing for the Swans participation in Young Voices at the Genting Arena in Birmingham, the largest school choir concert in the world.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023, the deadline for applications is 15th January. There is still time to contact us at the beginning of term if you want any additional information. Please come along to the last of our open morning sessions to find out more about our nurturing, small Christian school: Wednesday, 11th January from 9.30 – 10.30 am

There are videos on our website which will give a feel for the character of our school: <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/> and on our Facebook page. Call or email to reserve an appointment. admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk 01367 850246. We also have some spaces available in other year groups.

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