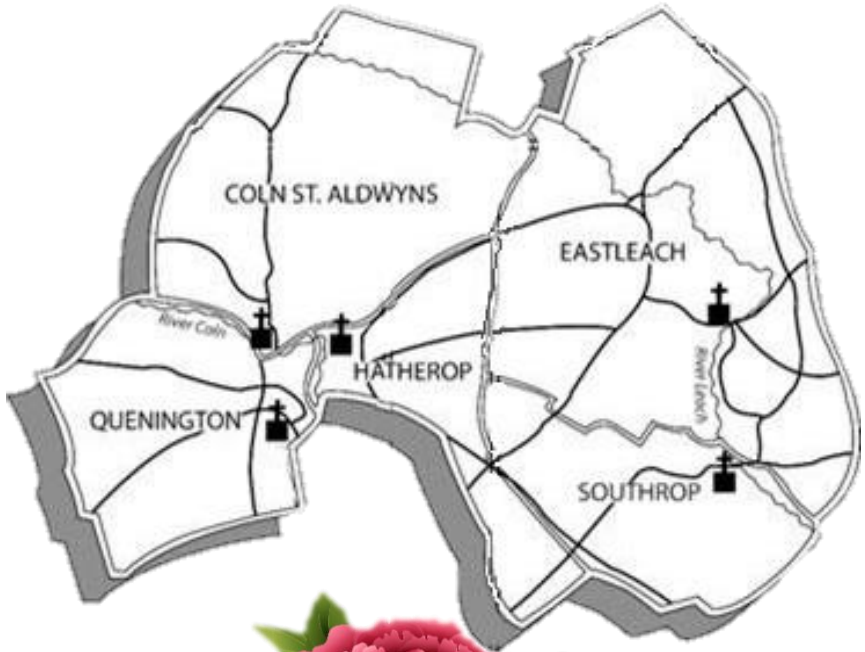


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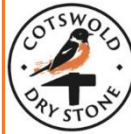
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When I first moved to Southrop as a young boy in 1971, I was very lucky to live here at a time when village life was centred around agriculture, and life moved with the seasons. A stream, two working farms, and an agricultural merchants made for an amazing playground. There were numerous barns to play in, we made bale dens, caught crayfish and bullheads in the stream with our hands, and went apple scrumping. At the village fete, I remember winning a fresh turkey so large I couldn't carry it! Work eventually took me away from Southrop, but in 2013 I seized the opportunity to move back with my partner and our, then, two young boys.

For the past 7 years I have been part of a small team who organise Southrop Village Fete. It's always a brilliant day with a wonderful atmosphere, and really highlights the amazing community spirit we have here in Southrop. This year's Southrop fete will be held on **Saturday 10th June at 1pm** and, as always, we'll be closing the main road through the village and decking it out with bunting. Fete favourites (such as the Crockery Smash, Bottle Tombola and Splat the Rat) will line the street, while freshly-polished classic and vintage cars will be on display in the village hall car park. By the way, if you've got a car you'd like to show off, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact h.ockendon276@btinternet.com)

This year we're delighted to announce that, weather permitting, we will have the **RAF Falcons Parachute Display** team dropping into the fete. They're in huge demand all over the UK and Europe, so it's a huge coup for us. Our fun Dog Show will also be back by popular demand, so feel free to bring your four-legged friends too! Not only that, but there will be a BBQ, Pimm's and Ale tent, teas and cake and some fantastic prizes and experiences up for grabs in our Silent Auction.

All profits from the fete are split between Southrop Village Hall, Southrop C of E Primary School, the Jubilee Field and St. Peter's Church.

[*editor*: Yes, I know it's a blatant plug for the Southrop Fete, but if other villages want to follow suit, and get someone to share a bit about themselves, while advertising a village event they're involved in, please get in touch!]

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

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COLN ST ALDWYNS, HATHEROP & QUENINGTON

no Messy Church in May...



... but come and join in with some Messy Church crafts at the Quenington Coronation Picnic on 7th May! For more information:

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HIKE FOR HOME-START COTSWOLDS!

Wednesday, 3rd May at 9.30am



The circular walk starts and finishes at Cripps Barn, near Bibury (GL7 5BA) and takes in the pretty village of Winson. There are no steep hills and, with the kind permission of local landowners, the walk includes land not usually accessible to the public.

If places are still available, you can stay on for a delicious two-course lunch cooked by the chefs at Cripps Barn – please check availability and book as soon as possible. For more information, and to book, call 01285 885391 or go to <https://home-start-cotswolds.org.uk/hike-for-home-start-is-back/>

Tickets are £15 for the walk only (including refreshments), and £30 for the walk with lunch. All proceeds will go towards supporting families in the Cotswolds with young children, who are going through difficult times. Everyone is welcome, including dogs on leads, and there is free parking.



EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, 4th May at 3pm, Eastleach Village Hall

This month's activity is **Music, with Donna Chalcraft.** Contact Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 or Caroline Simmons 01367 850171 for more information. Annual membership is £5, plus £2 per meeting.

FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

Thursday, 4th May at 7.30pm, at Fairford Community Centre

This will be an informal Critique Session prior to our Annual Exhibition as part of the Fairford Festival on the 10th and 11th June.

Visitors are always welcome (£5 for the evening, members £2). Coffee is included, and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Sallie Seymour on 01367 850385.

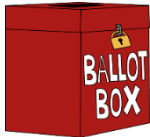


PHOTO ID NEEDED FOR VOTING

A reminder that to vote in the 4th May elections, and most other elections from now on, photo identification is needed. To find out which forms of photo ID are acceptable, go to the **electoral commission** website to check the list. If you do not have suitable photo ID, the website tells you how to apply for a free voter ID document (Voter Authority Certificate).

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - APRIL PRIZES

1st prize £15: No. 58 – Heather Leslie 2nd prize £10: No. 10 – Steve & Sandy Norris

ROYAL INTERNATIONAL AIR TATTOO

Local Residents Half-Price Ticket Offer (two half-price tickets per residential household for Friday 14th and/or Sunday 16th July 2023)



Half-price tickets are still on offer for local residents (including Quenington), for the Friday and Sunday shows. Up to **two tickets per residential household** may be purchased, subject to availability.

Friday, 14th July £20 instead of £40
Sunday, 16th July £34.50 instead of £69

Once tickets have sold out, the offer will no longer be available.

- Applicants must be 18 and over (under 18s are free, with a ticket holding adult)
- Tickets are subject to availability, and are non-refundable and non-returnable

Discounted tickets can be purchased only in person, with a household bill or document with name and address and photo ID: **Air Tattoo HQ**, Douglas Bader House, Horcott Hill, Fairford 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday (closed Bank Holidays).

THE CORONATION OF THE KING AND THE QUEEN CONSORT

Saturday, 6th May at Westminster Abbey



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS: SUNDAY, 7TH MAY

Southrop and Quenington are both organising celebratory village lunches, to which all the residents are invited, and Hatherop are celebrating with a picnic tea.

Southrop: see local publicity or contact Margaret Davey kmdavey@btinternet.com - a Street Party in the area of the village hall, with entertainment.

Quenington: 12.30 – 3pm bring a picnic to the village green, along with rugs, chairs etc. and chat not only to neighbours, but to villagers you may not yet have met! The village hall will be open, for free hot drinks and squash, and home-made cakes.

Hatherop Village Coronation Celebration

Gather from 3.45pm to 5.30pm at Hatherop Playground and Playing fields (inside the church should the weather be inclement).

All Hatherop residents, of all ages, are warmly invited to come together over tea, sandwiches and cake to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Please bring picnic rugs/chairs/any food contributions and contact Doug Withington (doug7799@hotmail.com) or Jessica Dean-Smith (jessicadeansmith@yahoo.co.uk) for any further information.



Celebrate



the Coronation!

Quenington Community Picnic

Sunday 7 May

12.30 - 3pm

on the Village Green

Bring your own food, drink, chairs etc

FREE HOT DRINKS, SQUASH AND CAKES

Raffle

with draw at 2pm



FURTHER CELEBRATIONS – MONDAY, 8TH MAY

MODEL TRAIN FUN, SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL

Monday, 8th May from 10.30am onwards



Alec Atchison writes:
Following the well-received layout for the Platinum Jubilee last year, there will be another display in Southrop Village Hall. There will be a Hornby-Dublo 3 rail layout, but we hope also to show a Hornby 0-gauge layout, both electric and clockwork. In particular,

there will be French Hornby, both pre-war and post-war. If anyone has any trains they would like to run, please bring them along.

A PROMENADE OF MAWLEY ROAD, VICTORIA ROAD, AND CHURCH ROAD, QUENINGTON

Monday, 8th May from 5.30 – 6.30pm



Residents of the above triangle of roads are encouraged to decorate their houses with bunting and flags – join on to your neighbour's house if possible! Bring your own nibbles and drinks to celebrate together near your homes, and enjoy a promenade around the area to chat to neighbours and friends along the way. Coronation cocktails are being created, and wine, beer and soft drinks can all be raised in celebration. We hope other Quenington residents will enjoy the decorations.

LECHLADE GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday, 10th May, Lechlade Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Lechlade Gardening Club is open to all residents in the town and the surrounding area. The membership fee is £5. The monthly meeting fee is £2 for members and £3 for visitors.



This month's topic is **Wild Orchids and Conservation in Your Garden**, with Wilson Wall, of Bewdley Orchids. There is also a planned visit to Aquaponics Farm, at Loncot near Faringdon on Wednesday, 24th May.

For more information, or to book a place for the visit, contact either: Neal Cotton (Chair) 01367 252495 or Barbara McNaught (Secretary) 01367 252286.

REPAIR CAFÉS

Saturday, 13th May and 10th June

Lechlade Repair Café:

Lechlade Pavilion Hall,
9.30am – 12.30pm

Cirencester Repair Café:

Cirencester Baptist Church,
10am – 1.30pm

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CHOIR CONCERT AT FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH

Saturday, 13th May at 7pm, Fairford United Church,
Milton Street, Fairford

Swindon Male voice choir will be singing a range of songs from their repertoire. The concert profits will go to support this small local church, which is a partnership between the Congregational Church and the Methodist Church. Tickets are £7.50 - contact brianroutledge1@btinternet.com for more information.

THE HILL & VALLEY SINGERS CONCERT

Saturday, 13th May at 7.30pm, Cirencester Baptist Church

Raising funds for the Cirencester & Stroud branch of Parkinson's UK, the choir will perform in celebration of the King's Coronation. Tickets cost £12 (children free), including drinks and canapés, and are available from Neil Irving 01285 720403, or from choir members, or on the door.

The Hill & Valley Singers
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in Celebration of
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Saturday
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Cirencester Baptist Church
in support of
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of Parkinson's UK

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Neil Irving 01285 720403 or any of the Singers & on the door.
Drinks & Canapés included

QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALES

Sunday, 14th May, Quenington Village Green



No need to book – you can set up from 8.30am (not before, please) and it's only £5 to sell.

Other dates: 18th June, 9th July, (**not** in August), 3rd September, 1st October.

QUENINGTON CRAFT FAIRS

Sunday, 14th May, from 8.30am to 12.30pm, Quenington Village Hall



Free entry. Everyone is welcome to come and support local craft people: paintings, knitted toys, bags, cushions, doorstops, cards, paper crafts and wooden turned items, plus lots more so please come along and give your support.

Future dates: 18th June, 9th July, (**not** in August), and 3rd September.



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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



Hatherop Church of England Primary School

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

News from last term:

Kingfisher Class went on a trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester. They learnt a lot about what Roman citizens' and gladiators' lives were like. The first workshop they attended involved activities such as dressing up, food sorting, mosaics, games and re-building pottery. They then went to the gladiator workshop, where they got to wear the helmets and hold the fake weapons. They even participated in some pretend Roman battles against each other! They had a great day at the museum and ended it off by looking around the Roman gallery.



Two artists came to the school to help everyone make some amazing art in a really unique way - they assisted everyone to make some spin art. This involved using a tile, which gets spun very quickly, whilst paint is added in layers. The

results were amazing, and everyone had their own unique tile to display at the art exhibition after school. Parents and the local community were all invited to attend.



Harley writes: A Science Dome came into our school. It was a big black dome which took up more than half of the hall! We had to take our shoes off and crawl into a tunnel which led to the entrance. It was very funny watching the teachers' heads pop up out of the tunnel! When we got into the dome there were two men who were teaching us and said that the sound travelled differently in there so we could hear everything. It was so cool! They taught us all about forces, friction and gravity and we made our own pop-rockets, which were bits

of liquid nitrogen (which was -90 degrees!) and we trapped it in a container until it expanded and popped up into the air - it made us all jump! They also made a light show which had stars and it looked amazing on the side of the black dome! It was really fun and a great experience, I learnt a lot!





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: We had a great end to our Spring Term with a residential visit for the Year 4s, 5s and 6s at Skern Lodge in Appledore, North Devon, along with pupils from Bibury and North Cerney schools. Activities included rafting, body boarding, night walks, a climbing wall and an assault course. The weather was very rainy but our children didn't let it stop them embracing every opportunity – we had our wet suits on and we were going to get wet anyway! A highlight of the trip was a surprise dip in the heated swimming pool on our return from body boarding; at a heady 28° it certainly warmed us up. While the older children were away, the rest of the school was getting Creatively Curious on an enrichment project, which included include maths through art, architecture and poetry.

We were sad to say farewell to our amazing SENDCo, Carol Williams, who has retired. By way of a send-off, we had a tea dance at the village hall, with surprise guest dancers Kim and Simon Paul. One of our existing teachers, Katy Dawson, has been trained up by Carol to take over the role and is currently studying for the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination Postgraduate Certificate.

We are looking forward to the prospect of getting out onto the field twice a week, hopefully in the sunshine, for more outdoor sports opportunities. In addition, we are keen for our pupils to experience some alternative sports, so Year 5&6 will be doing orienteering through the summer term.

In the Swan classroom the topic this term is the Tudors. We will be thinking about Henry VIII and Elizabeth and whether they were good monarchs. This topic involves lots of role-play and debate, which should be good preparation for the Year 5&6s, who are competing in the Mock Trial competition in Cheltenham in June. We will also be preparing and hosting a Tudor Banquet and entertainment.



The Cygnets are in for a treat with the topic Turrets and Tiaras which includes a study of castles and a visit to Sudeley Castle.

We would like to thank David Chapman and Kathy Newton for the time they have spent with the Southrop School team, preparing for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz.

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Sunday	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED
Monday, 1st May	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED
Monday, 8th May	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday, 29th May	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 - 11.30am – check out Facebook for updated information.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The CHEQS representative: Marion Crawford mazcrawford@hotmail.com

CHEQS DIARY 2022

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CHURCH SERVICES

CHEQS CHURCHES:



Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

7 th May	10.30am	A service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, at St Swithin's
14 th May	10.30am	Holy Communion St John the Baptist
21 st May	10.30am	Holy Communion BCP St Swithin's, Quenington
28 th May	10.30am	Pentecost - Holy Communion St Nicholas, Hatherop
	3pm	Pentecost walk from St Mary's, Fairford
	5.30pm	Pentecost Taizé St Swithin's, Quenington

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

7 th May	11am	Matins with Shirley Bell
14 th May	11am	Holy Communion with Gordon Land
21 st May	11am	Matins with Andrew Cinnamon
28 th May	11am	Matins with Gordon Land



St Peter's Church, Southrop

7 th May	9.30am	A Coronation Communion
14 th May	6pm	Evensong
21 st May	9.30am	Morning Prayer
28 th May	9.30am	Morning Prayer

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

FAIRFORD & LECHLADE CHURCHES:

Check out the church websites for more information.

[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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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



Eco tip: why not consider doing away with disposable kitchen wiping cloths, and use washable ones instead? There are plenty of really absorbent cotton or cotton/bamboo mixed cloths available. Some are advertised as washable baby wipes, but they work just as well on your kitchen surfaces! The initial cost may be more, but they will last for years and years.



AN APOLOGY

Rev. Simon Brignall writes: Apologies for any misunderstanding over the nature of the Passover meal celebrated on the Jewish day of 'Pesach' at the Vicarage cottage barn. The celebration was an education for all who attended and there was no intention to appropriate it for other purposes.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, ST PETER'S CHURCH Monday, 15th May at 7pm, Southrop Village Hall



Margaret Davey writes: All villagers, whether church attenders or not, are invited to this yearly meeting. It's an opportunity to hear a report from our vicar, Andrew Cinnamond, and reports on the church building, churchyard and Garden of Remembrance, finances, and events to raise income. It is also the meeting at which people on the Electoral Roll vote for PCC members. Please do try to attend.

FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday, 18th May, at 7.30pm, Farmor Room at Fairford Community Centre

This month's meeting is entitled, 'The Home Front in World War Two' and will be led by Bill King.

Have a look at the History Society's informative website for more items of local interest: <https://www.fairfordhistory.org.uk/meetings/>

GARDEN PARTY IN SOUTHROP

Friday, 19th May from 5 – 8pm, Southrop Farm (in the village)

Paul and Kirsty Rosenfeld are kindly opening their garden at Southrop Farm. The entrance is the first on the right in the road to Lechlade.



This delightful garden has many different aspects and features which have been developed over some 20 years and organic methods are used.

There will be wine and soft drinks, including Southrop Farm Apple Juice, and a variety of cheeses. The first glass is included in the ticket price which is £10. There will also be a raffle.

Tickets available from Margaret Davey kmdavey@btinternet.com or 01367 850347 and at the Wednesday shop in the village hall between 9am and 11.30am.

All proceeds will be for the Garden of Remembrance in St.Peter's Churchyard which is due to be started soon.

SOUTHROP SCHOOL PTA SILENT DISCO

Friday, 19th May (cost and time undecided at time of print)

“How can you have a silent disco?” you may ask. Well, quite simply these days – everyone wears wireless headphones, and listens to the music individually, so that the room itself is silent. Participants can dance to their heart’s content, and onlookers can enjoy the sight, without the sound! The concept came into being in the late 1990s/early 2000s, but this photo from the USA shows a very similar idea, way back in 1920: A "radiophone dance" held by an Atlanta social club in May 1920 in which



the participants danced wearing earphones to music transmitted from a band across town. [Thanks to Wikipedia for the information.]

To find out the cost and time of the Silent Disco, please contact the school to check (details p11).



QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 20th May from 10.30 – 11.45am

You can chat to neighbours, meet new people (perhaps!) and enjoy **free hot drinks and home-made cakes**.



This month's charity donations will go to **Macmillan Cancer Support**, a charity which strives to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can. They offer a range of support services, and also fund specialist nurses: **Clinical Nurse Specialists**, who are hospital-based and work as part of a multidisciplinary team (MDT). They are experts in certain types of cancer, and can give you information about the type of cancer you have, your treatment options and possible side effects. They can also give you and your family practical and emotional support. The other specialist nurses are **Palliative Care Nurses**, who are experts in managing symptoms such as pain, sickness or breathlessness. They can also give emotional support and practical advice to you and people close to you. They will help you live as well as possible. Palliative care nurses may be based in hospitals, or they may be based in the community and visit you at home. Macmillan nurses work with your GP and community team to give specialist advice on any medicines and other support you may need. Macmillan nurses do not usually give direct physical nursing care (hands-on nursing).

EASTLEACH FROLICS

Monday, 29th May from 11.30am onwards

The fun and frolics continue all afternoon, culminating in the regatta of home-made model boats (or water craft of a variety of descriptions!) followed by the tug-of-war in the River Leach. Get busy making your boats, and try to win the prizes – for race winners and for the best-looking boat. £1 entry fee, and it is open to all ages. For more information, see poster p.19 or contact Dylan (dylan-jones93@hotmail.com).





Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities

Formerly The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

King's Coronation Weekend - Children's Picnic Boxes

WHERE: Cricket Club Grounds, Fairford

WHEN: Sunday 7th May (children's snack boxes will be available from 3.30pm)

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Open Gardens

WHERE: The Old Rectory, Quenington

WHEN: Sunday, 21st May 2pm - 6pm

Tickets £7 available on the gate, no need to pre-book. Refreshments will be available

Open Gardens

WHERE: Langford Downs Farm

WHEN: Sunday 4th June 2pm - 6pm

Tickets £7 available on the gate, no need to pre-book. Refreshments will be available

Come and enjoy a day of frolics!!

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BIG SWING BAND PICNIC

Saturday, 1st July picnic from 5.30pm, The Mill House, Coln St Aldwyns

Rob Forbes writes: It's time to start dusting off your picnic hampers and honing your dancing moves - the jazz picnic is finally returning to the Mill House lawn. Coln St Aldwyns, on Saturday 1st July. With *GlosJazz* lined up to provide the usual swinging set in beautiful gardens on the banks of the Coln, and all gate and raffle admissions going to local charities, it's a fun family occasion not to be missed. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle, then please contact me robforbes@hotmail.com - all donations gratefully received!



EVENTS COMING UP DURING THE SUMMER...

- Open Garden at Langford Downs Farm: Sunday, 4th June
- Fairford Festival (including Book Fest): 9th to 11th June
- Southrop Fete: 10th June, 1 – 4pm
- Open Garden at Ryton House, Lechlade, Sunday 25th June
- Big Swing Band Picnic, The Mill House lawn, Coln St Aldwyns: 1st July
- Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT): 14th to 16th July
- Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza (South Cerney airfield): 4th - 6th August
- Fairford Steam, Classic & Retro Show: 19th & 20th August

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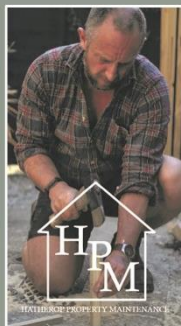


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