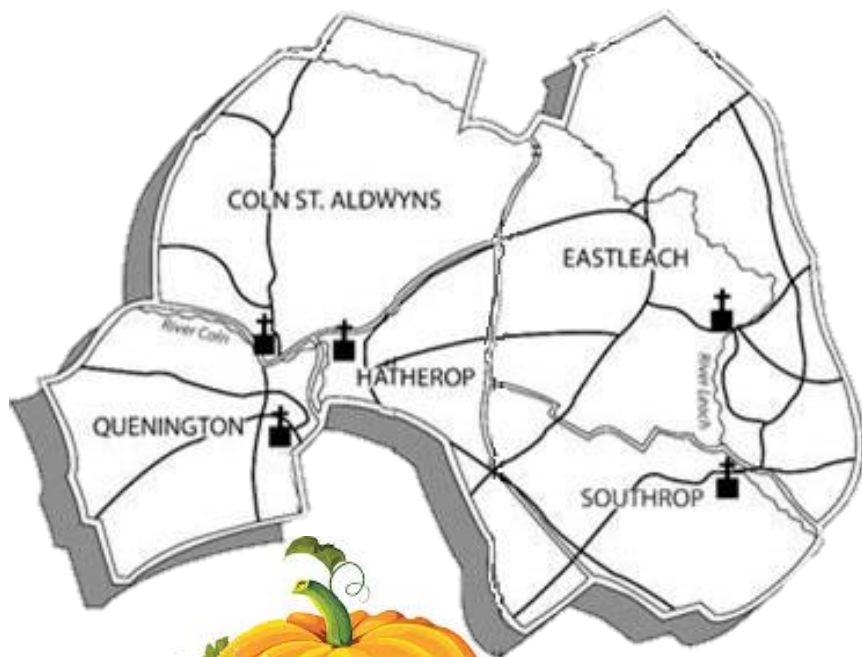


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Local & Trusted



*Hello from...
Nick Brett*

“What are those flowers?” I asked the lady with the cottage garden blazing with colour on the Donkeywell Road. “Dahlias,” she replied. And so began what’s become an obsession. I’ve got the allotment opposite the double garages on Main Street, Coln St Aldwyns, with now probably over 150 gaudy dahlias. Competitive or what? In fact, I used to enter them in Coln Fete but retired from showing after I was beaten for best in show by a jar of lemon curd. I realised then that I didn’t like what competitiveness does to me - particularly, as dahlia growing was supposed to be my stress reliever from working for the BBC.

I grew up in the Windrush valley, so I haven’t gone far. Judith (Miller), my wife, and I bought our cottage in 1990, originally for weekends, but we live here pretty much fulltime now - except for far too frequent forays back to north London to care for our four granddaughters (aged 5, 5, 9 and 10!). One of our daughters is a single-parent obstetrician, who works many night shifts, while the other is editor of *Grazia* magazine. So, they both need plenty of our support.

We bought the cottage partly so our daughters would enjoy the same country childhood I had, and partly because I was editor of *Radio Times* at the time and hanging on by my fingertips. And it worked. I went on to help launch scores of BBC magazines including *Good Food*, *Top Gear*, and *Gardeners’ World* and still do some consultancy for the Beeb – and the girls loved their weekends... until they became teenagers. That’s what this picture (with two of our granddaughters) is all about. When our daughters were young, they used to say, “We’re bored!” and I used to offer to take them on Saturday night to Fairford bus shelter to meet some boys... “Oh, Dad!” However, they fell in love with the village again as young women, and Harriet was married at Coln church ten years ago. One of the best days of my life.

I love this village and our friends, and I’m one of the team who run Coln Cinema which, by the way, returns this month (**Friday, 6th October**) for a new season!

CHEQS Magazine is a free monthly community publication, funded by its advertisers, and delivered by volunteers to about 800 homes in Coln St Aldwyns, Hatherop, Eastleach, Quenington & Southrop.



Current & back-copies of the magazine are available online at:

<https://cheqs.weebly.com/cheqs-magazine.html>

Contributions are welcomed **by the 15th of the previous month.**

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

Contact details for the editor, Margaret Stranks, are: cheqsmagazine@gmail.com

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BRIDGE IN THE CHEQS AREA

(from beginners to improvers to experts!)

Steve Love writes: Bridge is a socially interactive past-time – or passion to many – and playing has gone from strength to strength in the CHEQS area. Our local club, Fairford Bridge Club, was one of the first to institute on-line tournaments, using rapidly expanding online Bridge platforms, which run every Tuesday and Friday. There are regularly 8-12 tables of Duplicate Bridge. Details can be found by searching for Fairford Bridge Club on the internet – new, experienced players are always welcome.



We also run twice weekly face-to-face Improvers Groups, which meet in Fairford Community Centre each Monday afternoon and Wednesday evenings. These sessions are aimed at those with some Bridge experience, looking for tips to improve and to play some social face-to-face Bridge.

Starting in October we will run another course for absolute beginners who are keen to enter the magical world of Tricks and Trumps! It's great socially, and to keep the little grey cells active. These lessons are extremely friendly and aimed at complete beginners. No prior experience is needed and all equipment is provided. If you are tempted to give it a try, or for further details of the other sessions, please contact me at mallards.quenington@gmail.com or on 01285 750359.



QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday, 1st October, Quenington Village Green, 8.30 - 11.30am

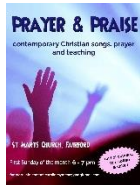
Sellers from 8.30am. £5 per pitch, fee collected on the day – no need to book, just turn up. It's always weather permitting, so please check the Facebook page on the morning if in doubt. This is our last sale

of the year, so tell your family and friends about it, and come along to sell, or for a browse and buy, at this friendly local car boot sale.

CHQ MESSY CHURCH

Sunday, 1st October, 4 – 5.30pm, Quenington Village Hall

A hot meal is included. For more information about Messy Church in general, contact Heather: heatherwalker39@hotmail.co.uk



PRAYER & PRAISE

Sunday, 1st October, from 6 – 7pm, St Mary's Church, Fairford

Contemporary Christian songs, prayer and teaching. Everyone is welcome, young or old, from Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages. carolinesymcox@googlemail.com for more information.

EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

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

This month's meeting will involve a quiz. Come along to find out more! Contact Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 or Caroline Simmons 01367 850171. Annual membership £5, plus £2 per meeting – new members welcome.



QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

Thursday, 5th October at 7pm at the village hall

Once more, the committee is looking for new committee members, so if you have some time to spare, and useful skills such as administration, organisation, fundraising... and a sense of fun, email queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com and arrange to speak to a committee member to find out more.



FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

Thursday, 5th October, 7.30pm at Fairford Community Centre

Sallie Seymour writes: October sees the return of the very talented Clive Eastland and his wonderful pastel paintings.

Sunday, 29th October is the follow up workshop with Kevin Skully.

Get-together sessions are Tuesday, 3rd October and Thursday, 26th October at 1.30pm in the Farmor Room, Fairford Community Centre.

As always, new members and visitors are welcome. Contact me on 01367 850385 or <https://fairfordartsociety.weekly.com>

And finally... I would like to thank the generous farmers and property owners who so kindly let us on to their land this summer for our outdoor painting sessions - we enjoyed visiting you and hopefully you will allow us to return next summer.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - SEPTEMBER PRIZES

1st prize £15: No. 26 Jackie Daly 2nd prize £10: No.42 Heather Paterson

BIKE & CAR SECURITY



Bikes: There will hopefully be an event in October at Coln Stores, for cyclists to get their bikes marked and registered with the police. Contact mazcrawford@hotmail.com for more info.

Cars: Beware of key hacking - thieves use electronic car key relay boxes, putting one near your home to receive signals coming from your car key fob through the walls or windows. This box then boosts the signal to a second device near the car, to trick it into registering the key as nearby and unlocking the doors. **You can prevent this by:** a) making sure all software has been updated on your vehicle b) using steering locks that will put thieves off attempting to drive off with your car, c) storing keys in protective Faraday cases so the signal can't be cloned, d) avoiding storing your keys by the front door.

If you spot anything suspicious, call 101 (or 999 in an emergency / if a crime is in progress) and you can also report online at gloucestershire.police.uk

COLN CINEMA

Friday, 6th October at 7 for 7.30pm, Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns

Nick Brett writes: Coln Cinema is back for its 23rd season with one of the big hits of last year, Steven Spielberg's wonderful seven-times Oscar nominated ***The Fabelmans*** [*Cert 12A, 2h 31m*], loosely based on his own adolescence and first years as a filmmaker. Spielberg had the idea over 20 years ago and even wrote a screenplay, but shelved it for fear of hurting his loving but dysfunctional parents during their lifetime.

Once again, Angie Bray and Nigel Hugh-Smith are kindly hosting Coln Cinema at Vicarage Cottage Barn. Entry is via St John the Baptist churchyard - please make sure you bring a torch. There are a few disabled parking spaces, so if you need one then email me nrjbrett@gmail.com and we will try to arrange it.

Why not join us for a drink beforehand? Doors open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. We ask for a £5 donation per person on the door and all proceeds go to our parish church. Last season raised nearly £1,700. Coln Cinema has a monthly screening until the end of April next year.

Coln Cinema runs until the end of April next year and we would welcome your suggestions of films to show - we've been thinking of interspersing our usual choice of newish films with some movie classics – please email me with your thoughts: nrjbrett@gmail.com

Coln Cinema presents



We're back!

The Fabelmans

**Come and join us on
Friday 6 October**

Our new season starts with one of the big hits of last year, Steven Spielberg's wonderful seven-times Oscar nominated *The Fabelmans*, loosely based on his adolescence and first years as a filmmaker. [Cert PG-13, 2h 31m]

Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwys

Enter via the churchyard and follow signs. Bring a torch.

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**We ask for a £5 donation per person on the door and all
proceeds go to our parish church, St John the Baptist**

**Check the What's Happening website for the latest updates
www.cheqs.weebly.com**



Eastleach Village Fete

A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported the fete. It was another great success raising over £7,000 for the Village Hall/Playground and St Andrew's Church. Huge thanks to everyone who helped in any way. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Saturday, 24th August 2024.**

Quenington Old Rectory

Last month, Quenington Old Rectory opened for the National Garden Day Scheme, which has been hosted by the Old Rectory since 1936! We are pleased to say that £843 was raised for the NGS, towards MacMillian nurses and hospices, whilst another £320 was raised for St Swithin's Church in Quenington. A big thank you to all those who helped make the event such a success: Sarah, Mandy, Robert, Clare, Tim, Susie, Ashley and Katie. The garden won't be opening for the National Garden Scheme Open Day next year, as we will be hosting our **Fresh Air Sculpture Show: 16th June - 7th July 2024.**

Coln Fete and Produce Show

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the wonderful Coln Fun Day. The produce show had a whopping 301 entries, and there were lots of very happy children! It was a fantastic collective effort and the total raised was a massive £9,500! We'll be having a donations meeting in November so if you know of any local children's groups or charities who you think would benefit from a donation, please do ask them to apply: <https://colnfunday.com/donations/> and if anyone was encouraged by what they saw this year and would like to get involved in the organising committee, please drop Helen a line at helenandrobforbes@me.com

As you can imagine the Fun Day takes a huge amount of time and effort to organise so we have decided to make it a **biennial event, coming back in 2025.** We will however, be holding a party at the shop next year.

Quenington Fete



We hope everyone who attended the Quenington Fete enjoyed themselves: many thanks to the army of volunteers who made it happen. The fete was a great financial success with donations going to St Swithin's Church and five local groups or charities.

Ride + Stride

Kate and David Hicks Beach, Kevin and Jane Lynch, Helen Cuthbertson and Christine McLaren enthusiastically bicycled for 22 miles in the extreme heat of early September. They visited nine churches to raise money for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, which supports the fabric of all local churches and all denominations. Thanks to all who supported and donated.

REPAIR CAFÉS

Saturday, 14th October

<p>WELCOME TO LECHLADE Repair Café</p> <p>Throw It Away ? No Way !!</p> <p>We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month. 9:30 to 12:30pm. in the Lechlade Pavillion Hall Oak Street. GL7 3AY</p> <p>10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November 2023</p> <p>Our volunteer repairers will try to repair your portable household appliances & items. Kettles, toasters, hairdryers, vacuum cleaners, TV's, radios, laptops, PC's. Sewing/textile repairs. Toys to bicycles.</p> <p>We will give it a go.</p> <p>If you would like to volunteer please contact us on the number below, or email.</p> <p>Your generous donations help keep us running.</p> <p>For further information: email: lechlade.repaircafe@gmail.com or call: 07554 230323</p> 	<p>CIRENCESTER REPAIR CAFÉ</p> <p>We can try to mend toys, clothes, small electricals, household items and bikes</p>  <p>9TH SEPT, 14TH OCT, 11TH NOV, 9TH 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> 
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Lechlade: Lechlade Pavilion Hall, Oak Street 9.30am – 12.30pm

Cirencester: Cirencester Baptist Church, Chesterton Lane 10am – 1.30pm



LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday, 16th October at 7 for 7.30pm,
Lechlade Memorial Hall

Rosamund Godden writes: The speaker for October's meeting is Ian Boskett, who will be telling us about The Great Train Robbery of 1963. Ian will be presenting an illustrated talk, including police files and family members' stories, and with a 1960 signal showing how the robbers stopped the train whilst it was travelling at 95 mph. We will hear about the train driver, the police, and various general odds and ends!

Annual membership £8 plus £2 per meeting,
guests £4 per meeting.



Quenington Apple Day & Coffee Morning

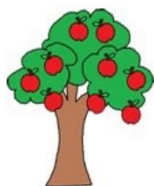


SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER
10.30 – 15:30
 (Crafts and Refreshments until 13:00 last pressing 15:00)

Apple Pressing:
 Please bring your own
 containers

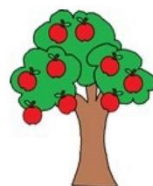
Plant & Seed Swap:
 please bring labelled
 plants and seeds

Quenington Village Hall



Craft Stalls

- Cirencester District Beekeepers
- Don's Woodturning
- Debbie's Patchwork Products
- Sallie Seymour crafts and cards
- Zoe Harrison handmade textiles
- Judy Higgins paintings and crafts



There will be refreshments and stalls from 10.30am until 1pm, and apple pressing from 10.30am, with the last pressing at 3pm. It will be an opportunity for the committee to showcase the new kitchen, and there will be stalls from local crafters, with a range of items to buy. Please bring any labelled seeds or plants.

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP AT ST SWITHIN'S, QUENINGTON

Sunday, 22nd October from 3 – 5pm



Churchwarden, James Sweeting writes:
 The annual tidy-the-churchyard at St Swithin's will be taking place from 3pm. You can stay as long as you like, or until about 5pm. Refreshments and tools will be provided. Robert Wyatt does a great job with the mowing and some tidying, but stuff keeps on growing, so any help is much appreciated.

CLOCKS GO BACK AN HOUR...

...on the night of 28th / 29th October, at 2am if you want to be precise!



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](https://www.facebook.com/SouthropCEPrimarySchool)

If you have a child who will be starting in Reception in **September 2024** please come along to one of our Open Morning sessions to find out more about our nurturing and aspirational small school. There are also some spaces in other year groups. Our average class size is 18. All sessions are on Wednesdays, from 9.30 – 11am: October 4th & 18th; November 1st & 15th; December 6th; January 10th. Call or email to reserve an appointment: admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk or 01367 850246.

HATHEROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



This term we welcomed our new Reception Class. They have quickly settled into their new routines and school life!



The Year 6 class have begun to take on new responsibilities and are proving to be good role models for our younger children.



Thank you to the Ernest Cook Trust, who have kindly given us some log rounds, which have enabled us to make better use of the outdoor classroom, providing seating for a whole class.

We're also grateful to the Coln Choir who donated money to our school this term, which we have used to buy earphones for the children to use during music lessons.

Open Morning will be held on Wednesday, 22nd November at 9:30am. Please contact admin@hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk to book a place, and take a look at our website for more information about our school.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCILS

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

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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)

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Sunday	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED

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



SOUTHROP SHOP, POST OFFICE & COFFEE MORNING



Wednesdays 8.45 - 11.30am – check out Facebook for updated information.

DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS (ALWAYS RING 999 FIRST)

Coln – in stone telephone box opposite Coln Stores; **Hatherop** – shelter by school T-junction; **Eastleach** – outside back door of Victoria Inn; **Quenington** – outside front of village hall; **Southrop** – in covered area at back of village hall.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The CHEQS representative: Marion Crawford mazcrawford@hotmail.com

CHEQS DIARY 2023

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CHURCH SERVICES – ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

CHEQS CHURCHES:



Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

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

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

1 st October	11am	Matins with Neal Cotton
8 th October	11am	Holy Communion with Gordon Land
15 th October	11am	Matins with Gareth Griffith
22 nd October	11am	Matins with Andrew Cinnamon
29 th October	11am	Family Service with Gordon Land (Bible Sunday)

St Peter's Church, Southrop

1 st October	9.30am	Holy Communion
8 th October	9.30am	Morning Prayer
15 th October	9.30am	Morning Prayer
22 nd October	9.30am	Holy Communion
29 th October	6pm	All Souls Evensong

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.



CHURCH CONTACTS

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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

CHEQS Defibrillators see middle pages for locations - 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 Shopper Bus book in advance on 03456 805029 for the door-to-door service on Thursdays to Cirencester; free with a bus pass or £10 return.

QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 21ST OCT
SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL**

DOORS OPEN

7:00

QUIZ STARTS

7:30

**TICKETS £3
PLOUGHMAN'S £5**

**In advance
from the village hall shop
on Wednesday mornings or via email
southropvillagehall@gmail.com**

PRIZES OPEN BAR

TEAMS OF UP TO 6

**if you don't have a team,
please come along and join one**



ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TRUST?

Did you know that there is a local supporter group, Upper Thames and Ridgeway National Trust Association (UTRNNTA)?



The National Trust has over five million members in England, Wales and N. Ireland, and membership entitles you to visit hundreds of historic houses and areas of beautiful landscape.

Support groups such as UTRNNTA offer social activities including outings, coffee mornings, talks and an annual holiday. The Association also raises money which it donates to properties and projects of the National Trust. If you are a member of the National Trust we would welcome you to enjoy our next talk as a guest. On Wednesday, 4th October we have a talk with slide show by textile artist Kate Findlay to be held at Memorial Hall, Oak Street, Lechlade GL7 3AY.



Joan Grosscurth of Quenington adds: Although I've been a National Trust member for many years it was only during the last couple of years that I got to know about this local group. Consequently, I've visited historic properties that I wouldn't have gone to if it hadn't been organised for me. During 2023, the group has co-ordinated visits to Hinton Ampner, Sulgrave Manor & Hook Norton Brewery, Blenheim Palace, Tyntesfield, Great Chalfield Manor and the Courts Garden, and also a holiday in

Derbyshire. To find out more, contact Gillian Miller 01793 762559 or millerwrde@homecall.co.uk



THE RETURN OF THE ECO TIPS

Clare Brignall writes: Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year. Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of the breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on any particularly cold winter evenings.

FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday, 19th October at 7.30pm, Fairford Community Centre

Nick Humphris will be speaking about 'The early development of Concorde at Filton'. All are welcome – annual membership fee £5.





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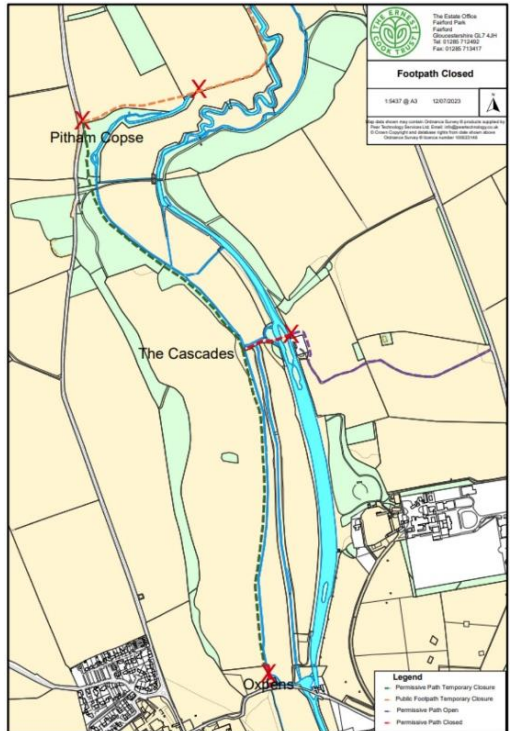
NEWS FROM THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

Work has started on The Ernest Cook Trust's new headquarters, at Court Farmhouse in Quenington. Peter Tutty has been appointed as the Trust's Site Manager to coordinate the redevelopment, which will take around 12 months to complete, and there are plans to use local sub-contractors to carry out some of the work where possible. Peter has a great deal of experience in site management, and has a background in carpentry and joinery. He will be on site day-to-day, Monday to Friday throughout the project. Fencing has been erected around the site, and the first phase will involve clearing the building of existing fixtures and fittings. Most of the work being undertaken is internal, and won't be visible from the path or entrance. However, some trees and hedges will be removed from the entrance drive and car park area, as per our approved plans.

When complete, Court Farmhouse - which was bequeathed to The Ernest Cook Trust by The Frank Gollins Charitable Trust - will provide open-plan offices, meeting rooms, a boardroom, and staff facilities. The aim is to create a location conducive to collaborative working. Please contact the Trust at estates@ernestcooktrust.org.uk with any queries on the redevelopment of Court Farmhouse.

In other news, final planning permission has been granted by Cotswold District Council to Vodafone for a mast to be sited on land owned by The Ernest Cook Trust at Donkeywell Farm, Quenington. It will be located on a hardstanding yard area, and will greatly improve mobile phone network coverage for the local area. We're also in discussions with a fibre broadband provider to enable fast fibre infrastructure to be installed across Trust land to enable greater broadband speeds. It is early days, so watch this space for a further update in due course. There will be more news on this in future editions of the CHEQS magazine and via Quenington village website.

Finally, as part of our ongoing tree safety and bridge maintenance programme we have temporarily closed the permissive footpath near the Cascades in Fairford. Access across the Cascades bridges will be closed until 6th October, including weekends.



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Our next Quiz and Chilli Night will be **on Friday, 20th October (doors 7pm, quiz starts 7:30pm)**, £10 per head, includes meal. Tables of 6 – 8. Please book by email to admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

STAFF VACANCY: ADMINISTRATOR

We are advertising for an Administrator. This is a paid role, 5-7 hours a week. For more information, please see the details on our website or get in touch with Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk. Application deadline 1st October.

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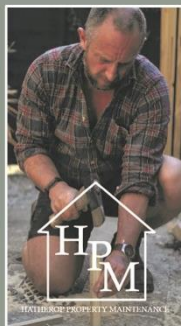
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