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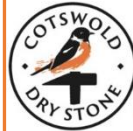
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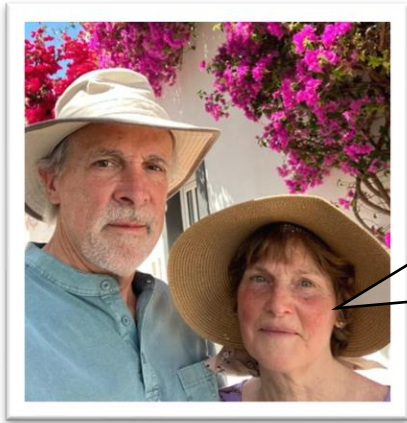
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*Hello from...
Marc Courtney
& Annabelle
Barton*

Although we now live in Quenington, we are Americans – and childhood sweethearts!

Both our families had moved to Memphis, Tennessee in 1968, where we met in high school. By the age of 21, we were married and seven years later we arrived in London. We started married life in Memphis, then St Louis, and finally Boston – but once in Europe, you could say we've been around the block with spells in Naunton, London, Hertfordshire, Surrey, and Germany. But now, after raising three charming sons, and welcoming daughters-in-law and grandchildren into our family, we've been here in Quenington House since June 2021.

Marc and I are now retired. Marc worked for many years at Dr Scholl and then, after being made redundant, started a new company called Activa Healthcare. I worked in IT (that quaint and simple concept of computing as an efficiency tool) for a bank and two software companies, and have been an English Language teacher for the last 25 years. Marc is now our fulltime gardener, carpenter and general maintenance man.

Back in September, we held the Quenington Fete in our back garden. Taking on the annual (until Covid intervened) fete was daunting. However, a sunny day, many smiling faces, and **eighty** volunteers later resulted in, I quote, “something out of *Midsomer Murders*, a quintessential English village fete”. Thankfully, no-one came to a gruesome end! James Sweeting, in his role as St Swithin's churchwarden, was very pleased to add £3,300 to the church coffers. Other proceeds went to the Bulldogs' charity fund, Macaroni Wood, Hatherop Primary School PTA, and the Quenington Brownies. The fete included all the popular favourites: raffle, tombola, BBQ, Pimm's, refreshments and cakes, the extravagant vintage stall, crafts, books, and an ice cream van. And there was a host of children's activities, including our own field maze.

In just over two years, we've met and made friends with many kind and interesting neighbours... and are still looking for casual bridge partners. We look forward to many more pleasant encounters, and opportunities to be a part of the CHEQS community.

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.

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FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

November events (all at Fairford Community Centre):



Thursday, 2nd November at 2.30pm - Exploring Composition, with Sallie Seymour
Tuesday, 7th & Thursday, 23rd Nov, 1.30pm to 4pm - get-together painting sessions.

From November through to March, the regular monthly demonstration meeting will be in the afternoons. Visitors are welcomed to all events, at £4 per session. For more information, contact Sallie Seymour 01367 850385.

EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, 2nd November at 3pm, Southrop Village Hall



This month's meeting will be a short film. Contact Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 or Caroline Simmons 01367 850171 – also if you're interested in coming to the Christmas Lunch next month (booking and payment needs to be made this month).

Annual membership £5, plus £2 per meeting – new members always welcome.

COLN CINEMA – THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY

Friday, 3rd November at 7 for 7.30pm, Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns

Nick Brett writes: Jim Broadbent stars in Coln Cinema's November screening. Based on Rachel Joyce's best-selling novel, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* [Cert 12A, 1h 47m] is the moving story of a troubled pensioner who unexpectedly sets out to walk the length of England to Berwick-upon-Tweed to say goodbye to a dying friend. Join us for a drink beforehand - doors open at 7pm. We ask for a £5 donation per person on the door, with proceeds going to our parish church. Our thanks to Angie Bray and Nigel Hugh-Smith for letting us use their home cinema. Entry is via St John the Baptist churchyard, Coln St Aldwyns, so please bring a torch. If you need one of the limited disabled parking spaces, email me at nrjbrett@gmail.com.

Coln Cinema presents



The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

**Come and join us on
Friday 3 November**

Based on Rachel Joyce's novel, this British film is the moving story of a troubled pensioner who sets out to walk the length of England to Berwick-upon-Tweed to say goodbye to a dying friend. Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. [Cert 12A, 1h 47m]

Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns

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

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, St John the Baptist

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

QUENINGTON FIREWORKS

Join us for the 2023 Quenington Fireworks, the most spectacular display in the area run by the Quenington Bulldogs, a local organization involved in numerous projects to help local people in need. Soup, hotdogs and glow sticks all available too. CASH ONLY.



ENTRANCE BY CASH DONATIONS (PLEASE BE GENEROUS!) Over the past few years, we have paid medical costs for a diabetic teenager, transport costs for cancer treatment, replaced central heating boilers for elderly residents, and much, much more. With the continuing cost of living crisis, we're expecting to play an ever bigger role over the next few months.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 4TH**

**GODWIN'S FIELD
QUENINGTON, GL7**

18.30: Doors Open

18.45: Bonfire Lit

19.15: Fireworks!

PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY AND RESPECT THE LOCALS

CHQ MESSY CHURCH

Sunday, 5th November, 4 – 5.30pm, Quenington Village Hall

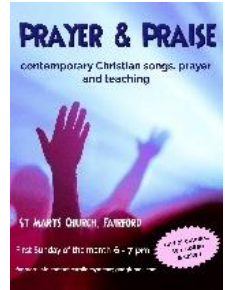


A hot meal is included. It is a very happy time, with families getting together to enjoy worshipping, learning and doing activities. For more information about Messy Church, contact Heather: heatherwalker39@hotmail.co.uk

PRAYER & PRAISE

Sunday, 5th November, 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. Contact carolinesymcox@googlemail.com for more information.



QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - OCTOBER PRIZES

1st prize £15: No. 31 Caroline McShane

2nd prize £10: No. 59 Jean Sayer

CLERK NEEDED FOR EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Eastleach Parish Council is seeking a Parish Clerk - this is a paid position.

Job specification

Working from home:

- Hours vary between 4 – 6 hours per week approximately, with extra hours for evening meetings every other month, plus Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish meetings in May
- Working from home allowance of £26 per month
- Salary based on NALC scales
- Training will be given

Requirements

- Good computer and numeracy skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Willingness to achieve CILCA qualification or greater

If you are interested in applying for the position please contact clerk@eastleachparishcouncil.org or call 07876 252398 for more information.

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning at Southrop Village Shop on Weds 8th November. Please come along and enjoy delicious home made cakes with a cuppa and chat for this very worthy cause. Cake donations which are appreciated ☺



Macmillan's Coffee Morning

It's time for Coffee Morning and you're invited. Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Southrop Village Hall
Date: Wednesday 8th November
Time: 9.45 - 11.30
Contact: Helen Mills 01367 850194
alchcm@gmail.com

To donate, volunteer, raise money or campaign with us, call 0300 1000 200 or visit macmillan.org.uk



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT SOUTHROP VILLAGE SHOP

Wednesday, 8th November from 8.45 to 11.30am

If you don't normally come to the coffee morning at the village hall on Wednesday mornings, you might like to make a special effort to support this one, for a great cause. Macmillan Cancer Support can be a life-line for those suffering from cancer, and also for their family members.

If you can bring a cake to donate, so much the better.

It's a great opportunity to meet friends and neighbours, while supporting a worthwhile charity. Come and enjoy the fun!

HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL FIREWORKS AND BONFIRE NIGHT

We will be hosting our annual Fireworks and Bonfire Night for parents and children of the school on Friday, 10th November with gates opening at 4pm. The fireworks display will be held at 5:30pm.



Please be aware we expect increased traffic at the school for this event and it may also be busy on the road outside the school gates with over-flow parking.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING



The usual monthly coffee morning is cancelled for November, but will return for a Christmas celebration coffee morning on 9th December.

FAIRFORD MARKET

Just a reminder that Fairford has a market each Wednesday in the Market Square, with various food stalls, and often cards, plants, flowers, etc. Do support it if you are able to.

REPAIR CAFÉS

Saturday, 11th November

Lechlade: Lechlade Pavilion Hall, Oak Street
9.30am – 12.30pm

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



Margaret Stranks writes: I went along to last month's Cirencester Repair Café to take my daughter's Henry vacuum cleaner which had suddenly stopped working.



The Repair Café was a delightful place to visit – a light, airy room, busy with the buzz of activity: a seamstress mending some coats and a bag, someone fixing old battery-operated and soft toys, a chap working on bikes, a lady making a battered book more secure, and someone else working on a broken statuette... With tea and coffee on offer, some comfy seats to sit on while waiting, and some interesting books to look at – what could be better?



You sign a waiver to start with (no guaranteed fixes etc), and make a donation at the end. If you don't want to wait, the group will call you on the phone when the job is completed. A very pleasant way to try to get a broken item back in use again. Why not give it a go next time you have a broken small appliance or treasured item?

And how did Henry get on? Well, the issue was with the circuit board, so it couldn't be done there and then, although they would have sent off for the part and completed the job another day. Instead, I took it home and, with the help of a YouTube video, by-passed the circuit board and got it going again.





CERTIFICATE 15

MOVIE NIGHT

ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2023

SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL

7:00PM DOORS & BAR OPEN

7:30PM FILM STARTS

POPCORN & SWEETS



A DONATION FROM TICKET SALES WILL BE MADE TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

HATHEROP TRAVELLING SUPPER

Saturday, 11th November

£10 per head to include food and drinks! If you are late-decider, please contact Tristan to see if there's still time to get involved!
tristanw68@icloud.com



FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday, 16th November at 7.30pm, Fairford Community Centre

Dr Samantha Harper will be speaking about 'How to read a Medieval Church: Church and community in Medieval England'. All are welcome – annual membership fee £5.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



SOUTHROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we can fly

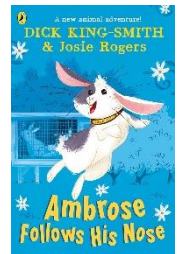
Website: www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/

Facebook page [Southrop C of E Primary School](#)

Our pupils and staff have a great love of reading, so the beginning of Autumn is a great treat for us, as we are lucky enough to take a tour of local literature festivals. We started with Burford, invited by Kim Harvey who runs Madhatter Bookshop and

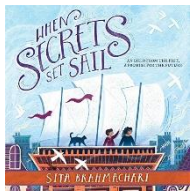


organises the event. The Cygnets saw Lisa Read who illustrated Frederick the Fox by Kim Ansell. Lisa talked about the process she goes through creating the beautiful illustrations using water colours and the antics of Frederick the Fox who can be a 'grumpy old fellow'! There were also some foxy activities. Year 3 and 4 saw Giles King-Smith, the son of gifted writer Dick King-Smith. He talked about their latest book, Ambrose the Rabbit, which was an unfinished text, started by Dick and finished by his grand-daughter, Josie Rogers. The children



came back very enthused. Last of all, Year 5 and 6 saw Lizzie Pepper who was talking about her book, The Last Year of The Wild, a story about the survival of our planet and its inhabitants.

Next we were off to Cheltenham, where the Cygnets saw Nathan Bryan and Depo Adeola talking about their book Speak Up! about a young activist on a mission to save her local library. Year 3 & 4 saw the hilarious Pamela Butchart, who was talking about her latest book, There's a Beast in the Basement. Finally Year 5 & 6 saw Phil Earle whose latest book, Until the Road Ends, tells a story set in World War II through the eyes of a stray dog. Each child had the opportunity to buy a book by the author, queue up to talk to them and get the book signed - such an inspiring experience.



Back at school Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying their book group sessions with Mrs Smith, and started with the book “When Secrets Set Sail” by Sita Brahmachari, and are now on to a graphic novel, for a bit of variety. We are looking for extra buddy readers to come in to school, if anyone might be able to spare an hour or so most weeks, and an adult to help run the Year 5 and 6 book group.

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: 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

Caring, Believing, Achieving

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



Congratulations to our recently elected school council. We look forward to working together with them on some exciting new projects. They started off by encouraging the staff and their friends to reduce, reuse and recycle during Recycling Week and have some brilliant idea for how we can become more sustainable.



Last month, we celebrated the harvest with a Harvest service at church. where parents were treated to some lovely songs and meaningful readings by our older pupils. We were very grateful for food contributions which were all sent on to the Cirencester Food Bank.

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

VILLAGE CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCILS

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

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Hatherop (website www.hatheroppc.com/)

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Clerk: Jacky Sykes

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Southrop (website www.southrop.org.uk)

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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)

COLN COMMUNITY STORES

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or 01285 750294



	Shop	Café	Post Office*
Monday – Friday	8am – 4.30pm	8am – 3.30pm	9 – 12.30pm & 1.30 – 4pm
Saturday	8am – 2pm	8am – 1pm	9 – 11.30am
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

Thurs 2 nd Nov	3pm	Eastleach & Southrop Friendship Circle	p3
Fri 3 rd Nov	7 for 7.30pm	Coln Cinema – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of...	p2&3
Sat 4 th Nov	6.30pm onwards	Quenington Bulldogs' Fireworks	p4
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Sat 25 th Nov	7.30pm	FoF&LC Wine-tasting Evening	p20

CHURCH SERVICES – ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

CHEQS CHURCHES:



Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

5 th Nov	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Quenington
	4pm	Messy Church	Quenington Village Hall
	6pm	Evensong	St John the Baptist, Coln
12 th Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Service	St Nicholas, Hatherop
19 th Nov	10.30am	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Coln
26 th Nov	6pm	Advent Carol Service	St Swithin's, Quenington

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

5 th Nov	11am	Matins with Gordon Land	
12 th Nov	10.50am	Remembrance Service with Gordon Land (N.B. time change)	
19 th Nov	11am	Holy Communion with Gordon Land	
26 th Nov	11am	Matins with Gareth Griffith	

St Peter's Church, Southrop

5 th Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion	
12 th Nov	10.45am	Remembrance Service	
19 th Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
26 th Nov	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.



CHURCH CONTACTS

COLN ST ALDWYNS, HATHEROP & QUENINGTON CLERGY

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Southrop Lesley Uzzell (as above)

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FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH

Rev Wendy Tucker 01285 653655 Secretary: Rachel Emmerson 01451 844532

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

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.

SOUTHROP SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS



UV PARTY

WITH SILENT DISCO

FRIDAY | 17 NOV 2023

SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL

GLOW STICKS, FINGER LIGHTS

BAR AND SNACKS

7.30 - 10.30 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

£5 PER PERSON

JOIN THE PARTY BY EMAILING
PTA@SOUTHROP.GLOUCS.SCH.UK

NOVEMBER'S ECO TIP



Clare Brignall writes: Have yourself a Greener Christmas. What ways can you make sure your Christmas is both a celebration and better for creation? Check out A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas:

<https://arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas/>

One way might be to use brown paper for wrapping presents, tied with string or pretty re-usable ribbon, and decorated with natural greenery - simple, 'green' and beautiful.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CASTLE

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

10AM - 4PM

HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL, GL7 3NB

ADMISSION £5

COME & ENJOY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING, SUPPORTING LOCAL & INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES

FEATURING POP-UP LYNWOOD & CO CAFE!

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HATHEROP CASTLE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

Supporting: 4116 CCN1 Nature Solutions

The poster features a red and white color scheme with a decorative border of red snowflakes. It includes a silhouette of a castle at the top and bottom. The text is centered and uses various fonts and sizes. There are logos for Jackson-Stops and 4116 CCN1 Nature Solutions.

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY - AGM

Monday, 20th November at 7 for 7.30pm, Lechlade Memorial Hall

Rosamund Godden writes: All are welcome to the Annual General Meeting of Lechlade History Society. After the AGM, we will be offering refreshments with wine and soft drinks, followed by a talk on "The History of Recorded Sound" by Patrick Furley - a very entertaining gentleman, who will also have some old equipment to illustrate his talk.

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

FIRST STEPS
TODDLER GROUP AND
FAMILY SUPPORT HUB.
EVERY FRIDAY FROM 8TH
SEPTEMBER 930AM-11AM
Fairford United Church
79 Milton Street

Contact Mary Ann for more details
07555738138

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Fairford and Lechlade Area

W4W will be present to offer signposting and support as well as once a month specialist guest speakers toys, crafts, singing and snack £1 donation per family

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£10 per month
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Locally, our Learning Team continues to use the wonderful Lea Wood as a location for visits from schools, where pupils take part in a range of activities. We recently hosted a group of GCSE Food and Nutrition students from central Gloucester, who started their visit at Lea Wood, and then went on to meet some of our local tenant farmers to learn about food production. We're also pleased that at Lea Wood we now have a second composting toilet, to join the first, which was installed ten years ago. (photo above)



We are delighted to have launched a new national programme. The Blue Influencers Scheme is youth-led, and supports young people between the ages of 10 and 14 years - particularly those living in areas of deprivation in coastal, river and estuary locations - by empowering them to tackle environmental and climate issues.

The £2.25 million scheme is being co-funded by the Trust and the **#iwill Fund**. The #iwill Fund is made possible by a £66 million joint investment from The National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to enable young people to access high quality social action opportunities. The Ernest Cook Trust acts as a match funder, and awards grants on behalf of the #iwill Fund.

Youth Advisory Board of young people aged 14-20 years will take a lead on the decision-making process of selecting 22 charities to become Host Organisations,



Launch of the Blue Influencers Scheme

and each will receive funding to enable them to employ a Blue Mentor. It's then the Blue Mentors' task to enlist young people to become Blue Influencers, to help and encourage them to create projects that improve their environment. The aim is to engage more than 4,000 young people as 'Blue Influencers', as well as over 15,000 community volunteers across England.

If you would like to learn more about our work both locally and nationally, please get in touch. Email hello@ernestcooktrust.org.uk.



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WINE TASTING EVENING

Our festive event will be a Wine Tasting Evening and the annual raffle draw on Saturday, 25th November, 7.30pm at Fairford Community Centre. Discover new wines with our expert sommelier. £25 per person (18+ only). There will be a selection of wines to taste, paired with Christmas treats and cheese. Contact Kerry to book your place: admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES: TRUSTEES

Can you help us in the governance of the charity? We are seeking new Trustees to take on the Chair and Vice Chair roles, and for Trustees to take responsibility for various subcommittees. For more information or to discuss, please contact Shelley on chair@friendsoffairford.org.uk

CHARITY RECIPE BOOK

Want to see your name in print? We're creating a Community Recipe Book! We'd love submissions of your favourite personal and 'secret' family recipes (images welcome too!). Please send submissions to Kerry at admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets on Wednesday and provides a hot meal, activities and social interaction for isolated elderly people. Transport can be provided. We would appreciate more volunteers - please do get in touch with Katie our Lunch Club Team Leader if you can help: edlc@friendsoffairford.org.uk or 07713 607106.

PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE

Our volunteer car service vital service is a lifeline to many and our wonderful volunteer drivers provide a personal service for a very low cost. There is a small fee to cover the volunteer's fuel and running costs.

To arrange a journey, or if you think you can help people get to their medical appointments, please get in touch with Val on transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk or 07540 798226.

BEREAVEMENT CAFE

We continue to run our Bereavement Café on the first Friday of every month, for people who have suffered a loss and would like to talk. Our nursing team will be present to welcome you with a hot drink and some refreshments. Please do drop in, between 10am and midday at The Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

SOUTHROP THEATRE GROUP

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with a theatrical performance early next year.

If you have experience of acting, singing, dancing, directing, stage management, lighting, sound, costumes, carpentry, or just moving furniture around – or would like to have a go for the first time at anything related, let us know. The choice of what we perform will depend on what you can all do, or want to do. The aim is to enjoy being part of a team, and to have some fun. All ages are welcome.

The project will be led by Alec Atchison, previously of the Questors Theatre in Ealing. Please contact Alec to express interest: 01367 850280 or alecatch@hotmail.co.uk

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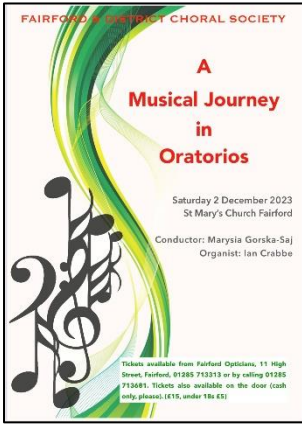


**Sunday, 26th November 7.15pm at
The Church of St John the Baptist, Burford**

This will be Brian Kay's farewell concert as conductor of The Burford Singers. Reserved tickets can be bought **online** (booking fee applies) <https://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/> or from The Madhatter Bookshop, Burford, and on the door on the night.

FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday, 2nd December, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Fairford



Marysia Gorska-Saj will conduct her final concert with Fairford & District Choral Society. The choir will be going on a Musical Journey, singing a selection of favourite choruses from Great Oratorios – from Handel back to Handel, through Bach, Vivaldi, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Faure. The concert will be accompanied on the organ by Ian Crabbe (Marlborough College Organist) who will play organ solos between some of the choruses.

Tickets will be available from choir members, or Fairford Opticians, 11 High Street, Fairford O1285 713313 or by calling 01285 713681. Tickets also available on the door (cash only). £15 (under 18s £5).

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Do you have parenting experience? Can you spare 2-3 hours a week to help a family with young children?



Being a parent is hard for everyone. But sometimes it can be overwhelming, especially if you are dealing with other issues such as isolation, postnatal depression or multiple births. At Home-Start Cotswolds, we carefully match our trained volunteers with a family that they visit once a week, providing compassionate help and confidential support.

There is more information on our website, along with an application form. And if you can, please come to our information morning on Wednesday, 8th November, from 10.30am-12noon, at Cirencester Baptist Church, Chesterton Lane, GL7 1YE.



If you would like to help change the lives of families in the Cotswolds, and access free, high-quality training, as well as enhancing your own well-being, please get in touch. Our next free, weekly training course starts on Thursday, 25th January and runs until Thursday, 21st March, 9.30am to 1.30pm.

A mum supported by Home-Start Cotswolds said, 'My volunteer makes me stronger. If my mum was still here, she would be telling me the same things that my volunteer does.'

- visit www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk/volunteer
- call 01285 885391
- email office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk



BIKE MARKING AT COLN COMMUNITY STORES

Marion Crawford, the CHEQS Neighbourhood Watch representative, says, "Thanks to everyone who came along to the very successful bike marking event at the Coln shop. It was great to see so many people and bikes!"

COLN MILL DIARIES: #3

It took a while, but in the summer we finally received planning permission for the renovation of the former miller's accommodation attached to the mill, with a subsequent application for the restoration of the mill to follow this winter. Since then, we've been going through the painful process of working out some of the finer details with the Conservation Officer, applying for a bat licence, evicting the rats, stripping out delightful brown and lime green 70s bathrooms and discovering what a mess the drainage and water supplies are in!

While you could be forgiven for thinking we are putting in an Olympic-size pool, based on the size of the crater we had to dig out, this is required to allow for the new drainage and water mains supplies, a retaining wall to combat internal damp, and to accommodate a rainwater harvesting tank to service the toilets and washing machines. This has uncovered some cracking stone that we're crushing up to use as ballast across various parts of the project. This is very much in keeping with our ethos of making the project as sustainable as possible and to reuse materials wherever we can, though I'm not sure that even we are prepared to stretch this to the brown bathroom suite! Renewable energies are a key part of our vision, but with hydro power an eye-watering 297 year pay back, we've opted for air source heating instead. Unfortunately, we just first need to move on some hibernating bats from where the cylinders will be located (i.e. delayed to next spring!).



Thanks to all our neighbours for putting up with the noise of diggers and crushing stone. Free flour coming your way, sometime in the next 2-5 years!

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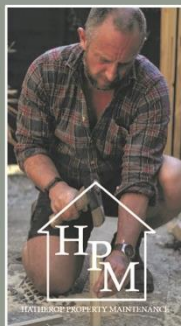
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