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*Hello from...
Clare Brignall*



I live at the Vicarage in Coln St Aldwyns, and I am not the vicar - draw your own conclusions! 😊

We've been here for three years now, and it's a truly wonderful place to be: lovely countryside, lovely people, and I am very grateful for the kindness so many of you have shown to us. We could not be happier here.

We have five fantastic children and three lovely grandchildren.

My working background is in languages, first as a police interpreter and then as a secondary school languages teacher, teaching mostly Spanish. When we moved to Chile in 2015, I took up education roles in some prisons in Valparaiso, teaching everything from English to life skills, and from literacy to university entrance in Maths. That was a challenge, and I am eternally grateful to YouTube, which kept me one step ahead! Working in prisons was a brilliant and eye-opening experience, which taught me that life deals some very hard blows to many people, and particularly to women.

Currently I am using my training and experience to teach English to Ukrainians, and Spanish at an after-school club in Hatherop Primary, both of which I love.

I'm a school governor, a parish clerk, a street pastor, and various other things, because I am very bad at saying "No". However, I do love being with people, so it works for me. But I couldn't do any of these things without the bedrock of my life, which is my faith in God, and my trust in Jesus. As we move into the Christmas season, I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to think about what God means to you.

We'd love to see you at any of the Christmas services (see page 11) - or you could just talk to God on your own - which is how I always start my day.

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.



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<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.

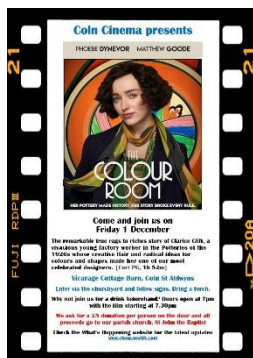
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COLN CINEMA – TWO FILMS THIS MONTH

Friday, 1st December – THE COLOUR ROOM

Friday, 29th December – CABARET

Both 7 for 7.30pm at Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns

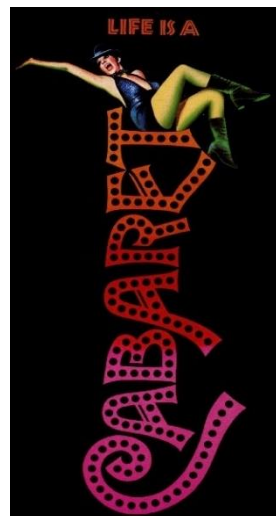


Nick Brett writes: Our first screening is a hidden gem. Although critically acclaimed on its release two years ago, **The Colour Room** [Cert PG, 1hr 52min] never got the audience it deserved. It tells the remarkable rags to riches true story of Clarice Cliff, a vivacious young factory worker in the Potteries of the 1920s, whose creative flair and radical ideas about colours and shapes rescued her struggling pottery and made her one of our most celebrated designers and entrepreneurs. Starring Phoebe Dynevor (Bridgerton) and Matthew Goode (Downton Abbey).

And what better way to sing out the year than joining us on **Friday, 29th December** when we're showing one of the greatest 20th century movies, **Cabaret** (1972, 2hr 4min). Starring Liza Minnelli, Joel Grey and Michael York it won a record eight Oscars and yet, surprisingly, not Best Picture!

Why not join us for a drink beforehand? Doors open at 7pm with the films starting at 7.30pm. We ask for a £5 donation per person on the door – no advance booking – and all proceeds go to our village church.

Our thanks as always to Angie Bray and Nigel Hugh-Smith for letting us use their Barn home cinema. Entry is via St John the Baptist churchyard, but please bring a torch. If you need one of the few disabled parking spaces, please email me at nrbrett@gmail.com and we'll try to arrange it.





Pizza and Poetry

An evening of pizza, poetry and music at Mawley Barn, Quenington, Friday December 1st 7.30pm. Donations invited in support of CHQ Churches

FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

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

For the final concert with Marysia Gorska-Saj as conductor, the choir will sing a selection of favourite choruses from Great Oratorios – from Handel back to Handel, through Bach, Vivaldi, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Faure. The organist, Ian Crabbe, from Marlborough College, will play organ solos between some of the choruses. Tickets from choir members, Fairford Opticians, or by calling 01285 713681. Also on the door (cash only). £15 (under 18s £5).

CHQ MESSY CHURCH

Sunday, 3rd December, 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

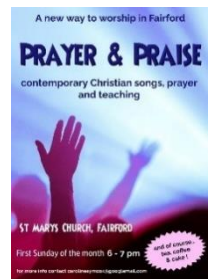
PRAAYER & PRAISE

Sunday, 3rd December, 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.



CRYPTIC QUIZ IN AID OF CHARITY



Rachel Emmerson has devised a cryptic quiz to give your brain a work-out over the Christmas festivities. She creates one each year, to raise funds for various charities. This year, the money will go to **Help Madina**. If you would like a copy of the quiz, for a £2 donation, please get in touch with Rachel: emmerson1492@hotmail.co.uk or 01451 844532. There may also be copies of the quiz at Coln Community Stores. Please get your answers (with your name and contact details) to Rachel by 31st January.



Help Madina is a Fairford-based charity working in Sierra Leone, a small West African country about half the size of England. It has a population of approximately 6 million.

The infrastructure of the country was destroyed by a civil war which finished in 2002. Many hospitals and medical facilities were demolished by the rebels, and much of Sierra Leone still does not have running water and electricity.

The country is working hard to recover but suffered a further blow in 2014 with the outbreak of Ebola.

Sierra Leone remains one of the poorest countries in the world with the following health statistics from the [World Health Organisation](#):

- 1 in 5 children will die before their 5th birthday
- Average life expectancy (in years) for a man is 49 and for a woman is 51
- A woman has a 1 in 8 risk of dying when pregnant or in child birth
- There are only about 4 doctors for every 100,000 people

Madina is a small town in the north of Sierra Leone not far from the Guinea border.



The charity was set up in 2011 by three doctors, including married couple Veronica & Rohit, Gloucestershire GPs who live locally. **Help Madina** works in conjunction with people in Sierra Leone, and runs medical projects providing a feeding centre, mobile clinics, eye care, diabetes care, and health worker



training. The charity also has community projects, providing water wells and toilets, football, school support, care for elderly people, and vocational training. To find out more, visit their website: <https://helpmadina.org.uk/about/> or their Facebook page.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - NOVEMBER PRIZES

1st prize £15: No. 17 Christine Mace 2nd prize £10: No. 60 David Smethurst

FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

AGM & CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Thursday, 7th December (members will have had the information about this)

From January 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 & SOUTHROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



There is no meeting this month, as those members who have booked will be enjoying their Christmas Lunch together, at The Victoria Inn.

If you would like to join in the activities and become a member of the Friendship Circle next year, do get in touch with either Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 or Caroline Simmons 01367 850171. Annual membership £5, plus £2 per meeting – new members are always welcome. If you would like to give lifts to people to enable them to attend, please also contact Jane or Caroline.

FAIRFORD MARKET

Fairford's Wednesday market runs each week from 9am to 1pm. Regular stall-holders sell artisan bread, fruit & veg, cakes, cheese, fish, local meat, plants, gifts, liquorice, wine, specialist dog food, and more besides. Visiting traders also come from time to time, and the Lloyds Mobile Bank is up the road, outside the Community Centre, every other week.

In December, there is the special **FESTIVE MARKET** on **Friday, 8th December from 6.30 – 8.30pm**, with hot food available, over 45 stalls selling crafts, gifts, food and drink. The Christmas tree lights will be switched on during the Festive Market, so do come along and celebrate being part of a wonderful community this winter time.



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.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 9th December from 10.30 to 11.45am

Come and join us for the last QVH Coffee Morning of the year.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: BOOK NOW!

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



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

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

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

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

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



HATHEROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Caring, Believing, Achieving

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

At Hatherop, we are very fortunate to have Sue and Murphy visit us every week. They spend time with the children, helping them with transition, talking about friendships, practicing their reading, and mainly just bringing a smile to their faces! The children get a chance to chat to Sue while stroking, and sometimes even brushing, Murphy. We are very grateful to have access to Pets As Therapy (PAT) which is a national charity that enhances the health and wellbeing of thousands of people in communities across the UK. They strive to ensure that everyone, no matter their circumstances, has access to the companionship of an animal.



At the start of this term, Joanna Coeup, a Mindfulness Teacher for Children and Adolescents, started working with our older classes. The course explores how we can train attention to focus on our own inner lives, our physical and mental well-being, and our interactions with others. During the sessions, the children engage through games, discussions and exercises. The children are really

enjoying the sessions so far, and are beginning to notice the impact of using some of the strategies on their own.

Last month, we received the Silver 'RE In Action' Award, for ensuring that Religious Education is a valued academic subject providing opportunities for pupils to confidently explore and discover what people of all faiths and worldviews believe, and what difference this makes to the way they live. Pastor David Crunkhorn came in to enjoy worship with us, and then present the certificate to the worship committee. Thank you to Mrs Dugdale for all her hard work which contributed to the school receiving this award.





SOUTHROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we can fly

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

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

This has been another busy term. The Cygnets are really enjoying their topic, Fire! Fire! They have been learning about - and acting out - the Great Fire of London. They linked this to their Science work on light and dark, and shadows. The Swans are looking at how settlements develop, identifying which place names in our local area were influenced by Roman, Saxon and Viking invaders, why settlements were sited in particular situations and the land use in our local area.

In addition, we are very grateful to our volunteers and helpers who have enabled us to run so many clubs, including cooking with Kitchen Club, Sports, French, Chess clubs, plus a choir.

At the beginning of December it starts to get busier still, as rehearsals for the Cygnets nativity play begin. We will soon be sending out the Posada, following a Mexican advent tradition, where figures of Mary and Joseph travel around families within the community and arrive at church on Christmas Eve. The Cygnets will be off to perform a nativity in the woods and the whole school will be enjoying the usual Christmas jumper and craft days, plus Christmas parties, where a certain FC usually makes an appearance too!



The PTA will be running a Christmas raffle, with prizes of Christmas hampers. If you would like more information, please have a look at our school website, which has just been redesigned, or the Southrop Facebook page www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk

The end of term will be marked with a Carol Service in St Peter's Church at 1pm on Thursday, 21st December. We welcome anyone from the CHEQs villages to join us for this celebration.

Merry Christmas from the whole community at Southrop C of E Primary School. If you have a child who will be starting in Reception in September 2024, the **deadline for applications is 15th January**, so 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.

Sessions are on Wednesdays, from 9.30 – 11am:

6th December and 10th January. Call or email to reserve an appointment: admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk or 01367 850246.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCILS

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Clerk: Jacky Sykes

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Southrop (website www.southrop.org.uk)

Chair: Tim Guest 01367 850189

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

admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk 01367 850246

Hatherop Castle School (Nigel Reed)

admissions@hatheropcastle.co.uk 01285 750206

OTHER VILLAGE COMMUNITY GROUPS

S & E Friendship Circle: Jane 01367 850393 or Caroline 01367 850171

Quenington Baby & Toddler Group (CHEQS+) Term time Mondays – book weekly, in the preceding week margaret.stranks@gmail.com 07729 129578 (WhatsApp preferred)

Rainbows (age 4-7), Brownies (age 7-10) and volunteer leaders/helpers

Philippa Griffin: east@girlguidingglos.org.uk

Guides (age 10-15) and volunteer leaders/helpers

Chris Sheldon 01285 750270

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or 01285 750294



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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
BANK HOLIDAY OPENING:			
Christmas Day, 25 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Boxing Day, 26 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Weds, 27 th Dec	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED
Thurs, 28 th Dec	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED
Fri, 29 th Dec	8am – 1pm	8am – 12pm	CLOSED
Sat, 30 th Dec	8am – 1pm	8am – 12pm	CLOSED
Sun, 31 st Dec	8am – 1pm	8am – 12pm	CLOSED
New Year's Day, 1 st Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED



SOUTHROP SHOP, POST OFFICE & COFFEE MORNING



Wednesdays 8.45 - 11.30am – check 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

3 rd Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Quenington
	4pm	Messy Church	Quenington Village Hall
	6pm	Evensong	St John the Baptist, Coln
10 th Dec	10.30am	Christingle Service	St Nicholas, Hatherop
17 th Dec	6pm	Christmas Carol Service	St John the Baptist, Coln
24 th Dec	4pm	Crib Service	St Nicholas, Hatherop
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St John the Baptist, Coln
31 st Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Quenington

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

3 rd Dec	11am	Matins	
10 th Dec	11am	Holy Communion	
16 th Dec	6pm	Nine lessons and Carol in Bouthrop church	
17 th Dec	11am	Matins	
24 th Dec	11am	Said Matins	
25 th Dec	11am	Family Worship	
31 st Dec	NO SERVICE		

St Peter's Church, Southrop

3 rd Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion	
10 th Dec	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
17 th Dec	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
24 th Dec	6pm	Christmas Eve Carol Service	
25 th Dec	9.30am	Family Morning Prayer	
31 st Dec	NO SERVICE		



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 10.30am (**no service on Christmas Day**)

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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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.

Waste and recycling calendar 2023-24



Your collection day is: **Friday**

Food waste only this week

On this week we will empty your food caddy.



- Friday 1 December
- Friday 15 December
- Saturday 30 December
- Friday 12 January
- Friday 26 January
- Friday 9 February
- Friday 23 February
- Friday 8 March
- Friday 22 March

Recycling, Refuse & Garden

On this week we will empty your food caddy, recycling boxes, recycling bags, refuse and garden waste (if subscribed)



- Friday 8 December
- Friday 22 December
- Saturday 6 January
- No garden waste collection today
- Friday 19 January
- Friday 2 February
- Friday 16 February
- Friday 1 March
- Friday 15 March
- Friday 29 March

DECEMBER'S ECO TIP



Recycle this Christmas... and beyond!

More waste is produced over Christmas than during any fortnight in the rest of the year, so it's a great time to review and improve our recycling at home. Putting things into the correct bags/bins is important, so that collections are not contaminated. Check with Cotswold District Council what you can – and can't – put into each container.

Of course, if you reuse wrapping paper and other decorative items, that also reduces waste.

Giving second-hand presents can be a great way to show love for the planet as well as for the gift recipient – but check first which family members or friends will be happy with that! Charity shops have many lovely items for sale – you could even make some donations, to make room for new gifts.

Weekly



Food waste

Including dairy, meat/fish, rice, vegetables, fruit, bread, pastries, plate scrapings, leftovers, stale pet food



Cardboard

Cardboard must be inside the bag to be collected. Break cardboard down to fit more in and close the lid.

Grey card, brown corrugated cardboard, plain greetings cards.



Plastic bottles, tubs, pots and trays, tins/cans, aerosols, foil + cartons

Including margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, food trays, fruit punnets. Food/drink cans/tins, metal biscuit tins, pet food cans, foil, aerosols, juice cartons.



Paper (Box 1)

Paper, envelopes, catalogues, newspapers, magazines.



Glass (Box 2)

Glass bottles and jars.



Garden waste

If subscribed. Sign up or renew online www.cotswold.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Lawn cuttings, tree/hedge prunings, garden plants/weeds, leaves, twigs, bark.



Textiles + paired shoes
Small electricals/electronics
Household batteries

Put in an old carrier bag and place inside one of your black recycling boxes. Please don't mix textiles, electricals and batteries



Non-recyclable waste (energy from waste)

Such as nappies, crisp packets, plastic film, pet food pouches.

Fortnightly

Have we missed your collection? Please report it to us within 2 working days. We will aim to be back to collect within 3 working days.

In the event of severe weather disrupting services, please visit www.cotswold.gov.uk/BadWeatherBinCollections.



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Local & Trusted

REPAIR CAFÉS

Saturday, 9th December

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

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

HISTORY SOCIETIES

Neither Lechlade nor Fairford History Societies are meeting in December.

Lechlade History Society will be back again on Monday, 15th January. Annual membership £8 plus £2 per meeting, guests £4 per meeting.

Fairford History Society will meet again on Thursday, 18th January - afternoon meeting, from 2pm tea, with FHS display and visits to the Archive Room. All are welcome – annual membership fee £5.



Emma Griffiths writes: We're a friendly club and are looking for new players. We'd love to see some new faces – those who've at least played a bit before, as well as more regular players. You need to be 14 years old and above, and if 14-18 years old, be accompanied by an adult.

We meet on **Monday evenings from 8-10pm** (but not bank holidays and school exam times) at Farmor's Sports Centre, Farmor's School, Fairford, GL7 4JQ. The first three sessions are free of charge, then a membership fee and on-session costs apply. For more information www.fairfordbadmintonclub.co.uk

Note: We are playing 4th December, then taking a break and restarting on 8th January 2024. Hope to see you there.



NEWS FROM THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

Supporting Outdoor Learning – both locally and nationwide

There is a new member of The Ernest Cook Trust team out and about in the Quenington area – Peter Tutty.

Peter is our new Site Manager, and he's in Quenington during weekdays, overseeing the renovations at Court Farmhouse. So far, work has mainly been confined to internal renovations. Peter said: "We began with a soft strip, by which we mean removing floor coverings, blinds, curtains and some of the ceilings. So, residents will have seen a few skip lorries removing old fixtures and fittings. The next stage is getting tradespeople in for internal alternations, and we are hoping to engage local businesses for this."



Where possible, we're re-using materials. Our Outdoor Learning Officer, Pete Tatham, has been identifying items that can be put to good use in our learning sessions for young people, held at our Learning Workshop in Fairford.



Externally, the first job to be done will be widening the gateway entrance, which was a requirement by planners to assist in visibility for vehicles on the road, and for those turning in and out of the premises. Here, two trees and some hedging have to be removed, but new trees will be planted to replace them.

Peter added: "It's likely that until Christmas, all the work will be inside. Then we'll be able to push on with the external work early next year. There's not a great deal to do outside. If I'm out and about in Quenington and anyone wants to come and see me and have a chat about the work, I'm more than happy to do so."

We hope the work will be finished later next year, ready to become the Trust's new headquarters.

The Ernest Cook Trust is a UK-wide educational charity which creates outdoor learning experiences for children, young people and their families, on its own estates and with partners across the country. The Trust's vision is for an environmentally engaged society with stronger connections with nature.

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



Seasons greetings

to our neighbours in the local community,
as we continue to work towards our vision of a
diverse outdoors where people and places flourish.



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CALL OUT – THEATRE-RELATED VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Alec Atchison writes: Southrop Village was previously known for its award-winning theatre. The time has come to tread the boards once again at our village hall, so we would like to hear from anyone in the village or the local area who would be interested in helping out 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, 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

SWING FROM PARIS

Saturday, 24th February at 7.30pm, Quenington Village Hall



An evening of Parisian-flavoured jazz and Gypsy Swing: **Swing from Paris** are a UK-based quartet of violin, guitars and double bass. Inspired by the great swing bands of the 1930s and '40s, they present their own versions of music by Gershwin, Piazzolla, John Lewis, Django Reinhardt, Stéphane Grappelli and the Hot Club of France.

The evening is being organised by the band themselves, but there will be a cash bar, run by the village hall committee. Tickets £15 from swingfromparis.co.uk

SPEED CAMERA BETWEEN HATHEROP & COLN ST ALDWYNS

There is now an operational speed camera on the road from Coln to Hatherop, which is already picking up cars which being driven over the speed limit. There is a hold up with the signs, but they will go up as soon as they are available. In the meantime, please remember that there are now speed cameras all around Quenington, into Hatherop and between Hatherop and Coln.



Members of the Parish Councils are grateful to those who keep to the speed limits - it makes a big difference to the safety of our villages.

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Margaret Stranks writes: Quenington Baby & Toddler Group is a friendly, varied bunch of adults and their pre-school children. We are grandparents, aunts, mums (and occasionally dads – always welcome!), nannies and childminders.

I run the group, with wonderful help from both my husband Mike (setting up and packing away) and Sue Brown, from Whelford (refreshments and washing up). We all enjoy being there, but could do with a bit of extra support. If there is anyone who no longer has the care of children but has a bit of time and energy to spare, and would like to offer their help, we'd love to hear from you! 01285 750402 or 07729 129578 or margaret.stranks@gmail.com

New people are always welcome to come along to the group with their children. If possible, please book in by contacting me beforehand, as we have a limit on numbers each week, so ensure that it doesn't get too busy and noisy.

CHURCHFITTERS

Saturday, 23rd March at 7 for 7.30pm, Quenington Village Hall

In conjunction with Arts in Rural Gloucestershire (also known as Air in G), Quenington Village Hall will be hosting folk band, the Churchfitters, on Saturday, 23rd March. Check out their website - it looks like it will be an interesting and fun evening! Tickets available from QVH committee members or Coln Stores, or queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com Tickets are £15, with a cash bar.



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CHARITY RECIPE BOOK

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 admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB



The Lunch Club meets on Wednesdays, providing a hot meal, activities and social interaction for isolated elderly people. The cost is £10 for the day. Transport can be provided. As the Edna Dawes Lunch Club will also be running on Mondays from 15th January, we would appreciate more volunteers. For more information, or to book a place, contact edlc@friendsoffairford.org.uk or 07713 607106.

PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE

Our volunteer car service is a lifeline to many. We would welcome more volunteers, so please get in touch if you can assist. Fuel costs are covered. If you think you can help, please contact 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

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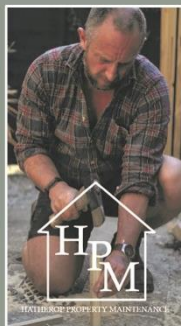
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