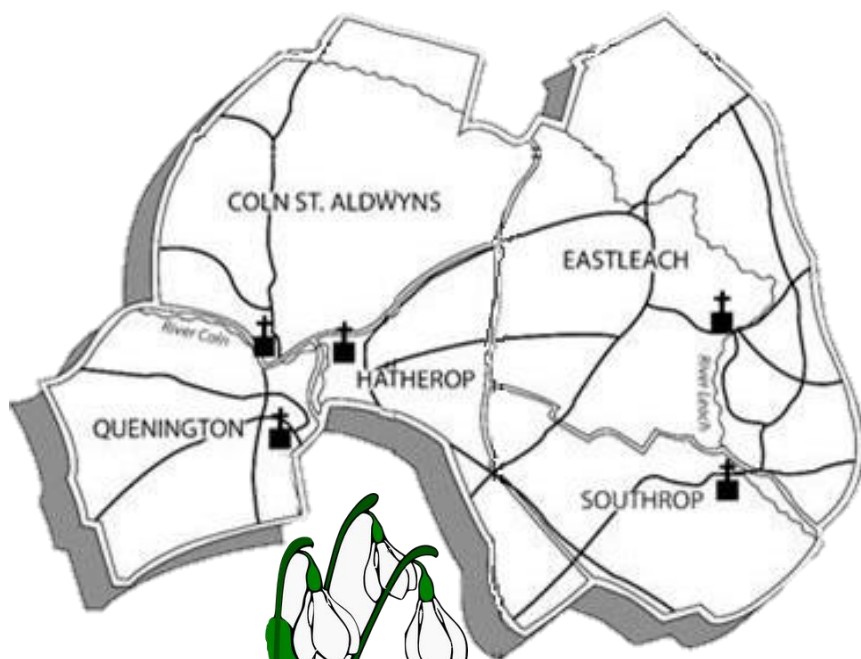


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*Hello from...
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In 1973 I was reading things medieval at university, and I visited Quenington to see St Swithin's magnificent Norman doorways. Never would I have guessed then that I would be their neighbour, living here for 40 years so far in the Old Rectory, my husband David's family home for nearly a century!

David and I met at a party; he liked my shoes. We were engaged and married three months later with just three days of honeymoon in France, as we were both working.

I was born in Glasgow, and brought up surrounded by my grandfather's collections. I also joined my father, from an early age, poking around antique shops. I still have my childhood collection. And it's that passion and memory that prompted me to ask exhibitors at our biennial Fresh Air sculpture show to donate a model or drawing for children under 18 to buy. No parental guidance allowed!

I had a splendid art teacher at primary school and my career has included working at the V & A, and in auction houses, and from the 1970s taking tours around Europe and the Balkans (www.realityandbeyond.co.uk). I have a house in Romania where, in 2013, I started the Transylvanian Book festival.

Fresh Air began in 1992, when Cirencester's Brewery Arts wanted to create an outreach exhibition in a garden. We thought it would be a one-off! It was sculpture, pots, furniture, glass, no tents, and no admission charge - donations only... which did not work. About 300 people came. One pot sold... to me.



However, five years later we set up the Quenington Sculpture Trust as a charity. In 2022, Fresh Air welcomed over 8,000 visitors, and the schools' programme has gone from strength to strength. The aim is to sell the artists' work and encourage every visitor to take pleasure in the rich variety of art in sympathetic surroundings. This year's show opens on 16th June. We very much look forward to seeing you.

www.freshairsculpture.com

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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
01285 750402 or 07729 129578 3 Old Orchard Court, Coneygar Road, Quenington

EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, 1st February at 3pm, Southrop Village Hall



This month's meeting will be a music session, with Alan Pettifer. For further information, please contact Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 or Caroline Simmons 01367 850171.

Annual membership £5, plus £2 per meeting – new members (or drivers!) from any of the CHEQS villages are always welcome.

FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

Thursday, 1st February at 2.30pm, Fairford Community Centre

February's demonstration is by the talented Clive Eastland: *Still life using Pastels*. Clive has perfected a unique way of applying pastel to produce beautiful still life paintings.



Get-together sessions continue on Tuesday, 13th and Thursday, 22nd February at 1.30pm, at the Community Centre. Visitors are always welcome to pop in to see what we get up to. fairfordartsociety.weebly.com or contact Sallie Seymour 01367 850385.

Visitors are welcome to any session, at £5 each.

CHQ MESSY CHURCH

Sunday, 4th February, 4 – 5.30pm, Quenington Village Hall



Messy Church is an opportunity for everyone, but especially families with younger children, to get together to worship, learn, and take part in activities – as well as sharing a simple hot meal together. For more information about Messy Church, contact Heather: heatherwalker39@hotmail.co.uk

PRAYER & PRAISE

Sunday, 4th February, 6 – 7pm, St Mary’s Church, Fairford

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

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - JANUARY PRIZES

1st prize £20: No. 23 Barbara Cullum 2nd prize £10: No. 43 Steve Patterson

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 10th February from 10.30 to 11.45am

Do come along and enjoy meeting with friends and neighbours over a hot drink and some home-made cake, and support the village hall at the same time. All proceeds to the village hall finances, after the kitchen refurbishment.



REPAIR CAFES

Saturday, 10th February

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

Cirencester: Cirencester Baptist Church 10am – 1.30pm

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| <p>WELCOME TO</p> <h1>LECHLADE</h1> <h2>Repair Café</h2> <p>Know It Away? No Way!!</p> <p>We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month. 9:30 to 12:30pm, Lechlade Pavilion Hall Oak Street, GL7 3AY</p> <p>11th November, 9th December 2023 13th January, 10th February, 9th March</p> <p>Our volunteer repairers will try to repair your portable household appliances & items. Kettles, toasters, blenders, vacuum cleaners. We will also repair PCs, TVs, hi-fi systems. Electric tools, cutlery, garden trimmers. Antiques, teapots, always welcome. Come and bring a new skill!</p> <p>Your generous donations help keep us running.</p> <p>For further information: Email: lechlade@repaircafe.org Facebook: lechladerepaircafe or call 07754 330793</p>  | <h2>CIRENCESTER</h2> <h1>REPAIR CAFE</h1> <p>We can try to mend toys, clothes, small electricals, household items and bikes</p>  <p>Usually held on the second Saturday of the month</p> <p>CIRENCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH, CHESTERTON LANE, CIRENCESTER GL7 1YE</p> <p>0752 667 6822 or facebook.com/cirencesterrepaircafe for further information</p>  |
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NEW YEAR... NEW OPPORTUNITY?

Christine Sheldon and Philippa Griffin write: In the CHEQS area, we're fortunate to have groups of Rainbows (age 5-7), Brownies (age 7-10), and Guides (age 10-14) meeting regularly. Guiding is the largest girl-only organisation in the UK. Despite being around since 1909, it's stayed as vibrant and up-to-date as ever by listening to girls, and evolving to meet their needs. The Guiding programme is wide-ranging, with both indoor and outdoor activities to help every girl achieve their potential. It's also about making new friends - and just having fun together.

Since Covid, our numbers have recovered quickly, and we now have waiting lists for most groups, which is why we are asking for more volunteers to help. Without Leaders, we can't grow and in some cases, will struggle to keep going.

If you can spare a couple of hours a week in term time to give a helping hand, we'd love to hear from you. There are no particular requirements, apart from a have-a-go attitude and a sense of humour. You might end up playing games, helping to build skills and confidence, making up a mini-play, helping with admin, sharing new crafts, or cooking supper out of doors - no need to wear uniform, and no need to be there every week. And, as a Leader, you'll also find new friends and probably do stuff you haven't done before! For more details, email Philippa Griffin east@girlguidingglos.org.uk



TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND RESTRICTION OF VARIOUS ROADS IN VARIOUS PARISHES COTSWOLD DISTRICT (2)

Gloucestershire County Council intends to make an Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to temporarily close and restrict part of the roads as detailed in the Schedule below.

Schedule

| Road Name | Closure Extent (From) | Closure Extent (To) | Parish | Closure Length (m) | Treatment | Type of Closure |
|---|--|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 400937 - Road From Williamstrip Farm to Coltsmoor Farm, Coln St Aldwyns | 4/937 Road From Moors Farm to Dean Farm | 3/159 Eastleach Road Adjacent Williamstrip Park | Coln St. Aldwyns | 1.15Km | Carriageway Resurfacing | Closure & No Parking/Waiting during All/Part of the Works |
| 500891 - Road Adjacent to Eastleach Downs Farm, Eastleach | 3/159 County Boundary to Sheepbridge Copse | Entire Length of Road | Eastleach | 1.8Km | Carriageway Resurfacing | Closure & No Parking/Waiting during All/Part of the Works |
| C157 - 3/157 Hatherop to Barrow Elm Farm Hatherop | 3/165 Salt Way to Hatherop Junction | 3/159 Eastleach Road Adjacent Williamstrip Park | Hatherop | 1.09Km | Carriageway Resurfacing | Closure & No Parking/Waiting during All/Part of the Works |

The reason for the said closures is for highway resurfacing works.

The said roads are expected to be closed and restricted on a rolling programme commencing **22nd January 2024** where the presence of approved signage will indicate whether the closures and restrictions are in force. Further advance warnings of dates/times will be displayed on site prior to the closures and restrictions taking effect. This order can permit the closure and restriction of the roads in any order, or simultaneously as required and it is anticipated all works will be completed by **29th March 2024**. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on **08000 514 514** or visit **www.gloucestershire.gov.uk**.

Alternative Route – as signed on site.

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LENT

Lent starts on Wednesday, 14th February. The Church of England website says, “The season of Lent lasts for forty days (not including Sundays). It is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Some people fast, eat frugally or give up treats following the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness. Some people also give to charity, set aside time to study the Bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter.” Other UK churches may observe the time in a similar way.



Clare Brignall writes: Here are some ideas of something you could do instead of giving up chocolate, or as well as giving up chocolate!

- Go plastic free (or reduce plastic use)
- Switch off from digital devices for a while
- Boycott fast fashion, and buy less or buy second hand
- Buy local or in bulk
- Invite wildlife into your garden, or church green space - with permission!
- Grow some of your own food
- Reduce the number of car journeys you make
- Take a step to save energy in your home
- Invest any savings in ethical or green ways

You can find more information about any of these things on the Eco Church website, 'Go Green(er) for Lent'.



LENT LUNCHES IN THE CHQ PARISH

12.30pm on Wednesdays in Lent - the CHQ Lent Group will meet in the Vicarage at 3pm on the same day, to study the Gospel of John.

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| Weds, 14 th February | Williamstrip Farm, Coln | Edwina Hicks |
| Weds, 21 st February | Lady Lucy Cottage, Coln | Sue Vicary |
| Weds, 28 th February | Sharringtons, Hatherop | Helen Owen |
| Weds, 6 th March | Upper Mill, Coln | Kate Hicks Beach |
| Weds, 13 th March | Coln Cottage, Quenington | Louise Russell |
| Weds, 20 th March | 9 The Stables, Lechlade | Hugh Poole Warren |

FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday, 15th February, 10.30am at Fairford Community Centre

The talk by Edwin Cuss is entitled *On the Road Through Fairford*. **Please note the change from the usual evening meeting – this one starts at 10.30 am.** Annual membership fee £5.

NEW EDITOR SOUGHT FOR CHEQS MAGAZINE!



Margaret Stranks, current editor, writes: This is my 5th year of editing the community magazine, something which I very much enjoy doing. However, my spare time has become increasingly pressurised due to family commitments, and I am finding it difficult to fit everything in. Usually, it's holidays and free time to spend on walks or days out with my husband which suffer. Maybe house cleaning and gardening too!

There are currently two people, Nick Brett from Coln, and Jan Roberts from Southrop, who support me in the role: Nick has responsibility for the Hello From... pieces now, and Jan deals with all the distribution organisation of the magazine. Plus, of course, there are all the many people in the villages who deliver the magazines to our homes each month.

I also handle all the magazine finances, and the advertising. As you are probably aware, the advertising is what enables us to deliver the magazine to every home in the CHEQS villages at no cost to the householders. Nick & Jan are also the people who check the bank statements to make sure all is being done as it should be. I am happy to continue to do the finances and advertising – unless someone else has a burning desire to do so!



It would be wonderful if someone with the right skills, and sufficient time and enthusiasm, could get involved and be willing to take on the editorship in due course. The role requires good communication skills, and knowledge of using a computer for such tasks as editing text, editing photos, converting images from PDFs to JPEGs, as well – of course – as an ability to convert whatever people send to the magazine into a standard format and style. The other main requirement is a real interest in, and concern for, all of the CHEQS community, in each of the five villages.



I use MS Word (the inherited system from when it was the church parish magazine) to put the magazine together, converting it to two PDFs to email the printer, Busy Fingers in Cirencester - one in colour for the cover, and the content pages of the magazine in mono. I won't pretend it's an easy task, but I have no training in publishing or anything similar - only nursing, being a

Teaching Assistant, and a dyslexia tutor and assessor, so...

Of course, a new editor could change the way things are done, in consultation with the wider community. Things do not always have to stay the same.

If you think you'd like to find out more, or to offer your services, do please get in touch with me on the magazine email address: cheqsmagazine@gmail.com or chat to Nick Brett or Jan Roberts.

Change of film... in place of Saltburn

Coln Cinema presents



The Great Escaper

**Come and join us on
Friday 23 February**

Based on the true story of Bernard Jordan, a World War Two veteran who "escaped" in June 2014 from his care home in Kent to join the 70th anniversary commemoration of D Day in Normandy. Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson who died shortly after making this film. [Cert 12a, 1 hour 36 minutes]

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 (cash or credit card). 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

COLN CINEMA

A CHANGE FROM THE ADVERTISED FILM IN THE PAPER MAGAZINE

Friday, 23rd February at 7 for 7.30pm, Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns

Nick Brett writes: Apologies for the confusion, but in a change from the previously advertised film, this month we will be showing **The Great Escaper** [Cert 12a, 1 hour 36 minutes], based on the true story of Bernard Jordan, a World War Two veteran who “escaped” in June 2014 from his care home in Kent to join the 70th anniversary commemoration of D Day in Normandy. The film stars Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson who died shortly after making this film.

Our thanks as always to Angie Bray and Nigel Hugh-Smith for letting us use their home cinema in Vicarage Cottage Barn. Entry is via St John the Baptist churchyard, Coln St Aldwyns, but please make sure you bring a torch. We have a few disabled parking spaces, so if you need one then please email me at nrbrett@gmail.com and we shall try to arrange it.

Why not join us for a drink beforehand? Doors and the bar open at **7pm** and the film begins at **7.30pm**. We ask for a £5 donation per person on the door (cash or credit cards). There is no booking tickets in advance – and all proceeds go to our village church.

Our monthly screenings then continue with:

Friday, 22nd March: Rudy

Friday, 26th April: One Life

EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



The first edition of a parish council newsletter can be found on the parish council website eastleachparishcouncil.org under the News tab. Over 70% of those residents who responded to the village survey in May expressed an interest in a newsletter to keep up to date with activities in the parish. Currently the most viable way to distribute this is via the website. Those of you who do not use the internet and would prefer to receive a paper copy, please contact the parish council clerk who will arrange delivery to you.

We hope the newsletter helps answer some general questions about the ongoing work of the parish council and our plans for the future.

Any comments or suggestions about the newsletter are welcome!



SWING from PARIS

An evening of Parisian-flavoured jazz and Gypsy Swing
Quenington Village Hall, Saturday 24 February 2024
7.30pm – 9.30pm (inc. 20min interval). Doors and bar open 7pm.
Tickets £15.00 from swingfromparis.co.uk

LLOYDS BANK MOBILE BANKING TO END VISITS TO FAIRFORD

Thanks to Susan Jalili, of Eastleach, for drawing our attention to the fact that the Lloyds Bank mobile banking service in Fairford will be ending on 22nd May, due to lack of support. <https://www.lloydsbank.com/assets/banking-with-us/mobile-branches/lloyds-cirencester-mobile-branch-part-1.pdf>



The mobile unit will be in Fairford from 10am – 12.15pm:

Wednesday, 14th February
 Wednesday, 28th February
 Wednesday, 7th March
 Wednesday, 13th March
 Wednesday, 10th April
 Wednesday, 24th April
 Wednesday, 8th May
 Wednesday, 22nd May

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday, 19th February at 7 for 7.30pm, Lechlade Memorial Hall



Rosamund Godden writes: Our speaker will be Bill King, who's talk, entitled *On Two Wheels*, will be about the fascinating story of the bicycle. The bicycle can be considered as one of the greatest inventions, providing mobility to millions of people around the world, and providing the basis for the development of the motorcycle and the motorcar. Bill's broad, non-technical talk outlines its development over the last 180 years and considers its sociological impact... these days being the eco-friendly green alternative for urban travel. Get in touch for more information: 01367 250322 or 07826 124088. Annual membership £8 plus £2 per meeting (guests £4).

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



HATHEROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Caring, Believing, Achieving

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

The whole school attended a performance of 'Treasure Island' at the Barn theatre in Cirencester. The children enjoyed the show, even the 'scary bits' and were a credit to the school. The PTA kindly donated a snack for each of the children to enjoy while watching the performance.

The children at Hatherop have 2 PE lessons a week and enjoy being active both outdoors and indoors. This term Skylark class are working on their dance skills in the hall.



We have five enthusiastic pupils who have signed up to be part of our new knitting club, run by one of our local



residents. We look forward to seeing their finished work later in the term. Thank you to Yvette for making the knitting club so enjoyable for the girls who have signed up!



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://m.facebook.com/Southrop-C-of-E-Primary-School-102756552016864/)

As term progresses we are really getting into our topic work. The Swans are thinking about 'Caring for Planet Earth', looking at where the energy we use comes from, and comparing that which is renewable and non-renewable. A vital aspect of our study is thinking about how we can conserve energy, water and other resources we consume. We are looking forward to a trip to Westmill Windfarm and Solar Park later in the spring as the weather warms up.

The Cygnets have been thinking about people that were 'Famous for Five Minutes'. They started by learning about Ernest Shackleton and move on to Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. The study of William Shakespeare includes a trip to Stratford, to explore the Bard's birthplace. We are very grateful to our PTA, who make such inspiring trips possible by paying for the transport.

In Computing, Year 5&6 are looking at editing, saving and compressing digital images, and are going on to 3D CAD modelling. The rest of the school is exploring algorithms and the coding possibilities available with Scratch software. This is always a very popular area of our study.



Year 3&4 have recently been out in the minibus to Gloucester Cathedral for an inspiring visit, joining together with hundreds of children from other schools for a Christingle service to raise money for the Children's Society.

Please take a look at our website <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/> and facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/Southrop-C-of-E-Primary-School-102756552016864/> to keep up-to-date with what is going on in school.

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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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| 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 2024

| | | | |
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| Thurs 1 st Feb | 2.30pm | Fairford Art Society, Fairford Community Centre | p2 |
| Thurs 1 st Feb | 3pm | Friendship Circle, Southrop Village Hall | p2 |
| Sun 4 th Feb | 4pm | Messy Church, Quenington Village Hall | p2 |
| Sun 4 th Feb | 6pm | Prayer & Praise, St Mary's Church, Fairford | p3 |
| Sat 10 th Feb | 10.30am | Coffee Morning, Quenington Village Hall | p3 |
| Sat 10 th Feb | | Repair Cafés | p3 |
| Wed 14 th Feb | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch, Williamstrip Farm GL7 5AU | p6 |
| Thurs 15 th Feb | 10.30am | Fairford History Society, Fairford Community Centre | p6 |
| Mon 19 th Feb | 7 for 7.30pm | Lechlade History Society, Memorial Hall | p11 |
| Wed, 21 st Feb | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch, Lady Lucy Cottage, Coln St Aldwyns | p6 |
| Fri 23 rd Feb | 7 for 7.30pm | Coln Cinema - Saltburn | p8, 9 |
| Sat 24 th Feb | 7 for 7.30pm | Swing from Paris, Quenington Village Hall | p10 |
| Wed 28 th Feb | 12.30pm | Lent Lunch, Sharringtons, Hatherop | p6 |
| Sat 2 nd Mar | 1pm | Jumble Sale, Southrop Village Hall | p17 |

CHURCH SERVICES – ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

CHEQS CHURCHES:



Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

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|---------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 4 th February | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St Swithin's, Quenington |
| | 4pm | Messy Church | Quenington Village Hall |
| 11 th February | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St John the Baptist, Coln |
| 18 th February | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St Swithin's, Quenington |
| 25 th February | 10.30am | Holy Communion | St Nicholas, Hatherop |
| | 6pm | Evensong | St Swithin's, Quenington |

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

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| 4 th February | 11am | Matins |
| 11 th February | 11am | Holy Communion |
| 18 th February | 11am | Matins |
| 25 th February | 11am | Matins |

All services led by Gordon Land this month

St Peter's Church, Southrop

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| 4 th February | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 11 th February | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 18 th February | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 25 th February | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |



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

FAIRFORD & LECHLADE CHURCHES:

RC Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Horcott Road, Fairford

St Mary's Church High Street, Fairford

Fairford United Church Milton Street, Fairford

Fairford Community Church

St Lawrence Church Market Place, Lechlade

Lechlade Baptist Church, Sherborne Street, Lechlade

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If you are behind on household bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if there are any manageable steps you can take to start reducing your debt.

Once you’ve got these debts under control, you should look at any other debts like credit card or store card debts, payday loans or missed Buy Now Pay Later payments.

You can find further advice on dealing with debts, as well as support for energy and living costs, and possible benefit entitlement, on the Citizens Advice website – www.citizensadvice.org.uk

There is also emergency support that you may be able to access, such as a food bank or fuel vouchers.

If you cannot access the website or need further help you can contact Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts on 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 Monday to Thursday, or Email us using the form on our website (www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk).

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THE CHURCHFITTERS

Saturday, 23rd March

7 for 7.30pm

Quenington Village Hall

Why *The Churchfitters*? Nobody knows! They're not fitters and have absolutely nothing to do with churches. The name's origin is lost in the mists of time, but there is one aspect that suits them perfectly - its quirkiness.

When your array of instruments includes a motorcycle petrol tank, a musical saw and a Mercedes Benzouki made from hubcaps, there's little point worrying if the name makes sense! Saucepan dulcimer, petrol tank bass, Bing-Bong machine and magic boots all join some more conventional instruments (fiddle, banjo, sax and whistle to name a few) to back Rosie Short's sublime voice.

Tickets for the Churchfitters are on sale now - from Quenington Village Hall committee members, and also at Coln Community Stores.

SOUTHROP BENCHES VICTIM OF THE WINTER STORMS



Photo by Raymundo Kolczak, with permission

The high winds and severe weather over the winter have caused a lot of damage to the King Charles bench and the seating around the tree on the village green. Southrop Parish Council are planning to repair or replace the broken benches.



NEWS FROM THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

Supporting Outdoor Learning – both locally and nationwide

‘Opening Outdoors’ is one of three key themes in The Ernest Cook Trust’s ambitious new Learning Strategy. It’s all about tackling the barriers to outdoor access and participation which are faced by many young people. We want every child and young person to feel able to connect with nature, particularly those facing mental health difficulties or with neurodiversity; those from minoritised ethnic groups or lower income backgrounds.

One way we do this is by working with young people in small groups, as part of our Nature in Your Stride programme; we are providing support and non-formal learning opportunities to enable young people to engage with nature and thrive outdoors. In fact, we are currently putting Nature in Your Stride into practice in the CHEQS area, through a volunteering programme to help reinstate the ecologically rich habitat of the River Coln, along the 2.86 mile stretch that we manage.



The river as a whole has had a number of pressures placed upon it, from historic management and interventions to abstraction, pollution and poorly managed access. These have led to the gradual degradation of the habitat. Through our progressive stewardship of this popular local landscape we aim to reinstate an ecologically rich habitat, creating learning and social community engagement opportunities.

Over the course of seven weeks in January and February, young adults aged from 18 to 30, are being given the opportunity to learn practical conservation and green skills; they are helping to restore the river, reconnecting with nature, and gaining valuable knowledge.

You can find out about our Learning Strategy, and all the work we do, in our annual report for 2022/23. This can be accessed via our website’s Home page at <https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/>.

In other news, work has begun in earnest on the refurbishment of Court Farmhouse, Quenington, which will become our new head office. External works include widening the gateway entrance (a requirement of the planners, to improve visibility) where two trees and some hedging are being removed. New trees will be planted to replace them. For any queries about the work, email estates@ernestcooktrust.org.uk or visit our Site Manager, Peter Tutty.



Learning from the Land

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EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB



The Lunch Club now meets on Mondays and Wednesdays, providing a hot meal, activities and social interaction for isolated older people. The cost is £10 for the day. Transport can be provided. We would appreciate more volunteers, both at the club and with transport. For more information, or to book a place, contact Katie edlc@friendsoffairford.org.uk or 07713 607106.

NURSING TEAM

Contact Emma and Tina nursing@friendsoffairford.org.uk 07938 244335

PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE

Our volunteer car service is a lifeline to many. We would welcome more volunteers, please do 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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