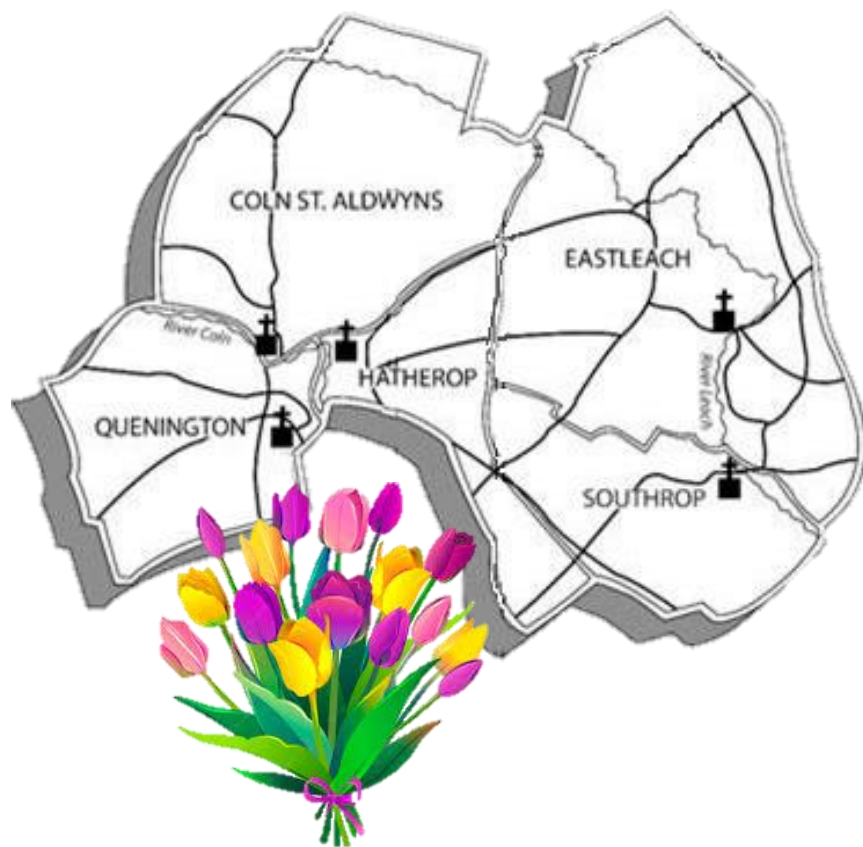


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*Hello from...  
Yvette Kirk*



Andrew, my husband, and I moved to Hatherop nearly thirty years ago. I was pregnant with our first child, but we moved here for Andrew's job - Lechlade's Lloyds Bank was his first branch. That was in the days when there were local bank branches, and when your employer could dictate where you lived. We had to live within a five-mile radius of Lechlade, and Hatherop qualified.

We soon appreciated that fate had dealt us an exceptional hand. Having moved here we knew we wanted it to be our home for life. In our retirement, and as empty nesters, it is perfect (though we bulged at the seams with a growing family). I remember some locals telling us you had to be born here to belong, so I guess our boys, William, now 28, and Henry, 26, are true born-and-bred "Hatheropians".

Andrew and I met at Leicester University. I read Psychology and he read Ancient History. My career was in consumer research, specialising in advertising and brand development. I started work with WPP, the world's largest advertising agency, but soon the usual story of working mums - having to balance the job, commuting to London, and bringing up two, er, boisterous boys - led me to set up my own agency, which I ran for 20 years from an office in our garden! I wound up the company a couple of years ago, and I am now completely focused on becoming a Hatheropian, doing all the things I never had time for before. It's wonderful!

Labradors, Hannibal and Scipio (pretentious names courtesy of Andrew's interests!), were my retirement present, and I spend a lot of time walking through our lovely villages. I'm a member of Cirencester Kickboxing Club (hoping soon to be a white belt), I have an allotment for veg and cut flowers, and I'm learning to play the piano.

But best of all is being able to give back to the community. I run an after-school knitting club at our village school, and I've recently become chairman of Coln Community Stores. If you haven't thought about it before, I'd urge you to consider joining our band of volunteers. It's great fun and a good way to make friends. It's far more than just stacking shelves or manning the till - we've got room for every skill and interest, from marketing to tending the garden! If you're interested, please talk to Phil Dance, the manager. Also, do check out our brilliant new website [www.cafecoln.co.uk](http://www.cafecoln.co.uk) which is thanks to Steve Fletcher, and a web developer who generously gave his services for free. We're so lucky to have Coln Stores!

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

Contributions are welcomed **by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

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

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## EASTLEACH & SOUTHROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm, Southrop Village Hall



This month's meeting will be a film. For further information, please contact Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393 or Caroline Simmons 01367 850171. Annual membership £5, plus £2 per meeting. New members from any of the CHEQS villages are always welcome.

## FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at Fairford Community Centre

This month, we return to our evening demonstrations - we have Melvyn Randall painting boats in watercolour.



Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April is a get together painting session at 1.30pm, and on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm we are holding a friendly critique afternoon, when helpful advice will be on hand for any paintings you may be having problems with. This is a precursor to the Annual Exhibition in June. Visitors are welcome to all sessions £5 per person. For more information, contact: Sallie Seymour 01367 850385 or [fairfordartsociety.weebly.com](http://fairfordartsociety.weebly.com) for full information on the society.

## Nostalgia Quiz



**Born in the 1940s, 50s or 60s?  
This is the quiz for you!**

**Friday, 5th April  
7 for 7.30pm**

**Fairford United Church  
Milton Street, Fairford**

**£10 per team - max. 4 people**

for Fairford-based charity 'Help Madina'  
[www.helpmadina.org.uk](http://www.helpmadina.org.uk)

## EASTLEACH VILLAGE LITTER PICKING

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, meet at The Victoria Inn



Please come along to help tidy the village and nearby verges. Pickers, hi-vis waistcoats and bin bags will be provided. Please bring your own gloves if required. Looking forward to seeing you on the day!

## SPRING CLEAN FOR ST SWITHIN'S CHURCH

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April from 10am



St Swithin's Church, Quenington, is very well looked after by a team of volunteers who regularly keep the building clean. However, to help with some of the bigger jobs, **please join us for a spring clean**, and we'll vacuum the floor, use long poles for cobwebs, polish the pews, and clean the windows.



## CHQ MESSY CHURCH

**No Messy Church this month - sorry!** For more information, email [heatherwalker39@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heatherwalker39@hotmail.co.uk)

## PRAYER & PRAISE

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 6 – 7pm, St Mary's Church, Fairford

Contemporary worship, prayer, and learning together, followed by refreshments.

## QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - MARCH PRIZES

1<sup>st</sup> prize £20: No. 37 Judith King

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £10: No. 30 Anthea Palmer

## LLOYDS BANK MOBILE BANKING TO END VISITS TO FAIRFORD

The Lloyds Bank mobile banking service in Fairford will be stopping at the end of May. The mobile unit will be in Fairford from 10am – 12.15pm:



Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

## THANK YOU, FROM SOUTHPROP SCHOOL PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported the fundraising jumble sale at Southrop Village Hall last month. An amazing £1,346 was raised.

# ROAD CLOSURE - COLN ST ALDWYNS, MONDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



The road between Coln and Quenington is due to be closed from **8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April** to allow Thames Water to connect water to the mill. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained. The official diversion route is long, as it has to take heavy traffic, but locals will know shorter ways around, or could consider cycling or walking.

**Access only** from the road by Coln Stores to the mill, then **road closed completely**.  
**Access only** from top of Quenington Hill to just past the road to The Mill House and Upper Mill, then **road closed completely**.

## QUENINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, Quenington Village Hall

The residents of Quenington are invited to come and to find out what happens in the village. The Parish Council and local groups will report on their activities during the last 12 months. It is also your opportunity to ask questions or put forward thoughts/suggestions to the Parish Council. All residents are welcome.



## REPAIR CAFES

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April

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

**Cirencester:** Cirencester Baptist Church 10am – 1.30pm

## QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 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, following the kitchen refurbishment.



## DVOŘÁK - MASS IN D & FAURÉ - REQUIEM



### Fairford & District Choral Society

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**Nia Llewelyn Jones**  
*Organ Accompanist*  
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*Soloists*  
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**St Mary's Church**  
**Fairford**

**Saturday 13 April 2024**  
**7.30pm**

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# THE RARE PLANT FAIR

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April from 11am to 4pm, at Quenington Old Rectory



Entry to the garden and the wonderful plants of 19 plantsmen and women is £8. All the nurseries are genuine growers who are passionate about the plants that they bring, and they can provide you with all the expert advice that you need to select and grow the right plants for the your garden. Delicious home-made lunches and teas by the volunteer team from Cobalt Health, Cheltenham. Please note, no dogs except guide dogs by prior appointment.

Parking on the Ham (along past the Old Rectory main gate) and overflow on the village green - with thanks to the Parish Council. Blue Badge holders at the house.

Proceeds from the Fair support the work of Cobalt Health. [www.rareplantfair.co.uk](http://www.rareplantfair.co.uk)

## LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7 for 7.30pm, Lechlade Memorial Hall

‘Lost Railway Journeys in Gloucestershire’ by David Aldred. The talk will be a round trip from Cheltenham to Lechlade along Cotswold railways in the early 1960s. The journey will be via Gloucester along the Stroud valley to Cirencester, then to Fairford and Oxford before returning along the line through Bourton-on-the-Water. Get in touch for more information: 01367 250322 or 07826 124088. Annual membership £8 plus £2 per meeting (guests £4).



# XYLEM DEWATERING TRAINING WEEK



*Carl Redmond, an employee of Xylem, writes:* Xylem Dewatering Solutions (formerly known as Godwin Pumps), designs and manufactures pumps that provide dewatering solutions for a wide range of applications: Construction & Tunnelling, Mining & Quarrying, Municipal & Wastewater, and the Oil & Gas industry, to name a few. This month, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our first ever training week for employees from across the globe, and will include employees from more than fifteen countries including Australia and India, and from Africa, Asia and Europe.



The training will take place at our Quenington site and in Quenington Village Hall, and also at our testing facility at Cotswold Airport, Kemble, for the practical sessions. Participants will be transported to the airport via coach, but you may see their friendly faces as they walk between our site and the village hall.

The attendees will also be participating in a Watermark<sup>®</sup> event. Watermark<sup>®</sup> is our corporate social responsibility programme, which aims to provide education, and access to safe water and sanitation, in order to support healthy lives and to build resilient communities. We will be taking a short walk to the River Coln to take some water samples for testing (weather dependent). We look forward to hosting a very successful event, and hope you will welcome the participants if you meet up with any of them.



# FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at Fairford Community Centre

This month's talk is entitled Fairford Retreat: the Patients' Story by Chris Hobson. All are welcome. Annual membership fee £5.

## RECOLLECTIONS CAFÉ

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April from 2 – 4pm, Palmer Hall, Fairford

*Kerry Simms writes:* I'm a leader at 1<sup>st</sup> Fairford Cubs. The Cubs were discussing loneliness and isolation in the community, and wanted to plan something to bring people together. We've organised a 'Recollections Cafe' for members of the community to meet up, share memories of Fairford and the surrounding areas in the past, see old friends and make new ones! Fairford History Society will attend and bring some resources, and we'll also have some old photos from the Scout Group, Heikina Ki Kai karate (who have run in Fairford for decades) and hopefully from some other groups. The Cubs will help to greet people, serve refreshments and chat to people about their memories. Everyone is welcome!



**14:00 - 16:00 | Saturday 20th April 2024**  
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# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



**Hatherop Church of England Primary School**

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As part of their Geography work, Year 4 went on a walk around the local area. Along the way they did sketching and completed activities, despite their cold hands! On the way back, they stopped in Coln Stores and had a chat with Philip, the manager, about what it is like to work there.



Key Stage 1 had a visit from a writer. Penny Wright, the author of *Pippin and the Medicine*, read her books to the group and shared her experience of how she came up with her ideas, encouraging the children to be authors themselves! She also kindly left a copy of each of her books here for us to enjoy.



So far at cooking club this term, Miss Grierson has made some delicious cinnamon swirls and fruit scones, both of which the children report to have enjoyed making... and eating!





## SOUTHROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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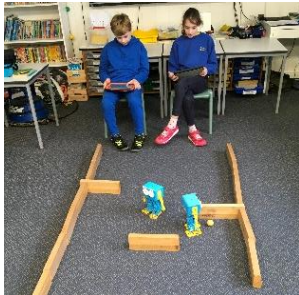
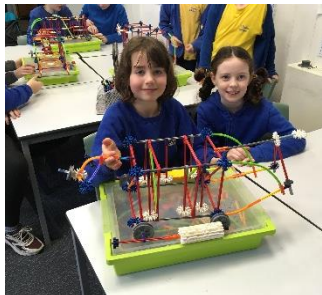
Our value during Lent was Forgiveness. We ended last term enjoying our annual pancake race, and this term with our Easter service in St Peter's Church. In school we use Restorative Practice, to help children see any disagreements from others' perspectives and to understand the effect of their actions. The children are learning that, although it is hard to forgive someone who has hurt you, it is only once you have committed yourself to forgiveness that your relationship can be restored. This is how we can mend broken friendships and maintain the atmosphere of cooperation and sharing that marks our school life.



Not content with just one World

Book Day to celebrate books and reading, we had a stream of mystery readers joining us all week, sharing a favourite book. The day itself was wonderful - everyone made such an effort with their costumes, and all the teachers dressed as Wally or Wanda, from the *Where's Wally* series of books. A highlight for each child was a workshop (which we shared with Down Ampney School) with the author Tracey Corderoy, writer of the *Shifty McGifty* and *Hubble Bubble* books. The children loved her illustrations as much as the stories, and enjoyed having a go at illustrating too. During the rest of the day, we shared extreme reading pictures, searched for Wally, made reading dens, created book characters out of clay or Modroc (Plaster of Paris modelling bandages) and chose books from the reading monitors' book swap. The PTA Wonka Bar sale marked an exciting end to a fantastic day. Huge thanks to the

PTA, all the staff, and Mrs Tipple for masterminding it all. Lucky winners of 'golden tickets' got to join the reading monitors on a trip to the Madhatter Bookshop to spend vouchers kindly donated by Kim Harvey and some of our families. The children chose a fantastic array of books for us all to enjoy.



Another exciting focus this term has been STEM with a K'nex workshop to design and create an innovative recycling vehicle. Ferne and Eva won the challenge and go through to the county final. We also had an organisation called Digibus in school, helping with coding to control robots, website design, and using virtual reality headsets, which was very exciting.

## QUENINGTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP – HELP NEEDED



*Margaret Stranks writes:* Sadly, our lovely maker-of-refreshments and preparer-of-snacks, Sue Brown, has ended her many years with the group. I've not had any solid offers of help yet, so perhaps several people might like to offer to do it once a month or so? We love being able to offer the carers a drink on arrival, and don't want them to have to get their own, as well as keep an eye on their little ones. And the children really enjoy their snacks! If you'd like to help, even if it's just once a month, do get in touch: [margaret.stranks@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.stranks@gmail.com) or 07729 129578.

## QUIZ FOR FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

A brand new 'Brand Name' Quiz has been written by Rachel Emmerson. The answers to the clues are the names of non-food product brands, old and new. **The fee of £2 is for the charity, Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities.** The last quiz raised £120 for Help Madina. Contact Rachel for a copy of the quiz (some may also be available at Coln Stores). Entries to be returned to Rachel Emmerson at Merrywood House, Aldsworth, Cheltenham, Glos, GL54 3RE or [emmerson1492@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emmerson1492@hotmail.co.uk) by 31<sup>st</sup> May.

# VILLAGE CONTACTS

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**Hatherop Castle School** (Nigel Reed)

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## OTHER VILLAGE COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

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

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

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# COLN COMMUNITY STORES

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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 Facebook for updates

## 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.

## CHEQS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Marion Crawford [mazcrawford@hotmail.com](mailto:mazcrawford@hotmail.com)



## CHEQS DIARY 2024

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# CHURCH SERVICES – ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

## CHEQS CHURCHES:



### Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Quenington
14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Coln
21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Quenington
28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Coln
	6pm	Evensong	St Nicholas, Hatherop

### St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

7 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Matins (Neal Cotton)
14 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Holy Communion (Gordon Land)
21 <sup>st</sup> April	11am	Matins (Gareth Griffith)
28 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Family Service (Andrew Cinnamond)

### St Peter's Church, Southrop

7 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Holy Communion
14 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm	Evensong
21 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30am	Morning Prayer
28 <sup>th</sup> April	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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# DAVID R ABRAM'S 'AERIAL ATLAS OF ANCIENT BRITAIN'

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7 for 7.30pm, Southrop Village Hall



*Gretchen Shoring writes:* Please join us for an evening of inspirational images from author and photographer, David R Abram. David has spent the past eleven years capturing views of Britain's most extraordinary prehistoric sites from above, in rare sunrise light, using drones and telescopic poles. Whether Neolithic tombs in the Cotswolds, Bronze Age ceremonial sites in Snowdonia or Iron Age hillforts on the Welsh border, his images reveal forms invisible at ground level, and intriguing connections between the monuments and their varied landscapes.



Lively and rich with archaeological insight, David's talk will cherry-pick highlights from his book, the *Aerial Atlas of Ancient Britain* (published Thames & Hudson, with a Foreword by Professor Alice Roberts), which charts the arc of British prehistory from the end of the Ice Age to the arrival of the Romans. He'll also be sharing sneak previews from his current 'Barrowlands' project, revealing forgotten ceremonial landscapes around the country that can still be walked.

This is a rare opportunity to see David's fabulous photographs projected at scale in the Cotswolds – an experience that is sure to inspire visits to prehistoric sites you already know, and many you don't!

£11 tickets **in advance** via <http://www.davidabram.co.uk/talks-1>

Refreshments at interval bar, and signed copies of David's book will be on sale.

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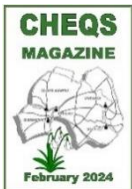
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## NEW EDITOR SOUGHT FOR CHEQS MAGAZINE

*Margaret Stranks writes:* If you'd like to find out more, or to offer your services, please get in touch with me: [cheqsmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:cheqsmagazine@gmail.com) or Nick Brett: [nrbjrett@gmail.com](mailto:nrbjrett@gmail.com) or Jan Roberts: 07974 935995 [janroberts16ar@gmail.com](mailto:janroberts16ar@gmail.com)

In order to give the editor more leeway, the **deadline for contributions to the magazine has changed to 12<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

## BIBURY LITERARY FESTIVAL

**Main events: Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, all at St Mary's Church**

See the BibLit website for more details of the amazing array of authors, and tickets, times and dates (search for 'Bibury Literary Festival'). In addition, the Festival has a special speaker on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11am, St Mary's Church.** Rabbi Baroness Neuberger will speak on death and grief: How Jews and Christians could learn from each other, and die well and grieve better - free event, no tickets required - just turn up!

[BibLit Extra - Rabbi Baroness Neuberger DBE](#)



## FRESH AIR SCULPTURE, QUENINGTON OLD RECTORY

### Fresh Air sculpture

This year, the Fresh Air Sculpture Exhibition runs from Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. We are looking for volunteers to staff the gates for morning sessions which run from 10am until 2pm, or afternoon sessions 1 until 5pm. If you are interested in joining the team and think you could offer some time, please email Mike and Judy Francis at [gardencottage453@btinternet.com](mailto:gardencottage453@btinternet.com) for more details. We would love to hear from you.

## FAREWELL SURPRISES

*Margaret Davey writes:* I have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have attended recent events to bid me farewell as I head for a new adventure in Painswick.

The party at the Southrop Community Shop on the Wednesday was wonderful and a complete surprise, especially with some people travelling some distance to attend, and the school singing and bringing a book of their messages. Among other songs, they joyfully sang *One More Step Along the World I Go*, which was most appropriate.



On Saturday there was the St Peter's Spring Party to raise funds for the church bells which require a costly repair. It was extremely well attended, and people enjoyed the wine and delicious refreshments. Jerry Hibbert explained that the bells require major work, and he hoped villagers would help to restore them with donations.

Shaun Longsdon then spoke very kindly about my 42 years in Southrop, and presented me with a beautiful engraved vase. Following that, Gavin MacEchern presented me with a framed collage of relevant and special photographs. Truly memorable, as it includes photos of my late husband, Keith, too.

I have had many cards, messages and gifts wishing me well, and I thank everyone in Southrop - and beyond - for your friendship and all the happy times we have enjoyed over the years. I will miss you all. Thank you.

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of this season***

## **One Life**

**Friday 26 April**

**The extraordinary and moving true story of Nicholas Winton who as a young man rescued 600 Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II. Starring Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn and Helena Bonham Carter. [Cert 12A, 1h 50m]**

**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) and all proceeds go to our parish church, St John the Baptist**

**Check the What's Happening website for the latest updates  
[www.cheqs.weebly.com](http://www.cheqs.weebly.com)**

## COLN CINEMA

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7 for 7.30pm, Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St Aldwyns**

*Nick Brett writes:* With the return of light evenings, Coln Cinema ends its 2023-24 season with another much talked about film that's currently on release in cinemas.

**One Life** (Certificate 12A, 1 hour 50 minutes) is the remarkable and moving true story of Nicholas Winton. As a young man, he rescued hundreds of Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II, organising transport and foster homes for them in Britain. The film stars Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, and Johnny Flynn.

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 [nrbjrett@gmail.com](mailto:nrbjrett@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) with all proceeds going to our village church. We won't be reserving seats in advance for this film, so make sure you arrive early to get a good seat.

Coln Cinema returns on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September** for its 2024-25 season.

## QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, Quenington Village Green, 8.30am - midday**



*Tracey Downes writes:* It's time to have that spring clear out. Come and join us on the green, weather permitting (check our Facebook page). We will start promptly at 8.30am and finish by midday. No need to book a place - come and join others for a friendly morning of selling and meeting up with friends. Still only £5 to sell, and all money we take goes to a local charity. Future dates: 26<sup>th</sup> May, no sale in June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September.

We have also decided to run three craft fairs this year:

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, from 9 to 11.30am

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, from 10am to 4pm

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, from 9 to 11.30am

We are looking for local crafters - tables will be £12 for 6ft and £15 for 8 ft in June (all day), and £10 for 6ft and £12 for 8ft in May & July (morning only).



Please email [tracey8173@icloud.com](mailto:tracey8173@icloud.com)



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## NEWS FROM THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

Supporting Outdoor Learning – both locally and nationwide

### Careful bridleway repair leaves badgers undisturbed

Good news for horse riders and walkers keen to get out into the countryside, as we move into spring and towards summer. Thanks to work by Gloucestershire County Council on a bridleway through land owned by The Ernest Cook Trust, the track is no longer affected by badger activity, which was potentially putting horses and riders at risk. And the badgers themselves have been unaffected, as all the work carried out was done so carefully, under licence from Natural England.

The work on a 250m stretch through Smeril Plantation, in Eastleach Valley, took place last November. It was led by the Public Rights of Way Team at the County Council, and the Trust was very happy to facilitate this. The work involved rerouting sett entrances to beyond the path boundary, using robust plastic tubing. The path overhead was wire meshed and stoned, to prevent the badgers digging back through, and to make the bridleway fit for use.

So far so good, with badgers carrying on their normal activities undisturbed, with the path no longer affected by badger damage. Only the sections where the setts are on, or close to, the path were altered, but the Trust and the Council will keep a careful eye, in case other sections also need rerouting.



The work is a great example of how the natural world and people can live alongside one another in harmony. So, why not take the opportunity with longer days and (hopefully) better weather to get outside and explore the countryside. You can find Smeril Plantation using **What3Words** chips.currently.stream.

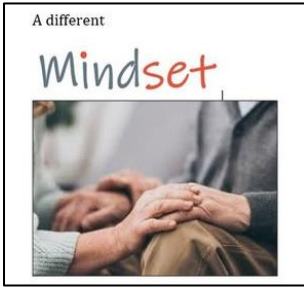


### BOOKS ARE REQUESTED...

...for a second-hand book sale in St Swithin's Church, Quenington, during the Fresh Air sculpture show (16<sup>th</sup> June - 7<sup>th</sup> July), in aid of the church. If you have any unwanted books in good condition, please leave them in bags at the back of the church – any time, from now onwards.

## MEMORY LOSS, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, DEMENTIA...

... are words with which almost everyone is familiar. Most people have a connection with someone living with a variation of memory loss.



Mindsong, the Gloucestershire charity which supports people living with dementia, along with their families, now runs courses providing emotional and practical support for people recently diagnosed with dementia (in the last 18 months). **Mindset** is a talking course - no music involved - based at different locations across the county. If you know someone who might benefit (including yourself), or for more information, please contact [maggie.grady@mindsong.org.uk](mailto:maggie.grady@mindsong.org.uk)

Being diagnosed with dementia can be difficult to come to terms with. Talking about what is happening to you is a good way to move past your initial diagnosis, and think about what the future may hold. Joining a **MindSet** course gives you the opportunity to meet and talk to others who are going through the same experiences as you.



### NEW BABY? JOIN US IN LECHLADE!

from 30<sup>th</sup> April until 25<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesdays, 11am to 12.30pm, Lechlade Memorial Hall

This is your last chance to sign up for this great course before it starts at the end of the month. 'Baby and Me' - for parents with babies aged up to 6 months old - is an opportunity to build your confidence as a parent, share experiences and learn more about your baby's development. Each week a different topic is covered (eg feeding, sleep, play) in a friendly and supportive environment. To reserve a place, contact 01285 885391 or [groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk](mailto:groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk)

## Pizza and Poetry

An evening of pizza, poetry and music at Mawley Barn, Quenington. Friday May 3rd 7.30pm. Donations in support of CHQ Churches invited.

## QUENINGTON FETE IN ANOTHER NEW VENUE

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May from 1 – 4pm  
Quenington Court



Quenington Fete will be taking place again this year, and will return to its traditional May date, but in a different venue - Quenington Court is at the bottom of the village, next to the church. Volunteers are needed to help with the stalls etc. Also requested are raffle prizes, bottles for the tombola, cakes, plants, and books. Please contact James Sweeting [jdfsweeting@gmail.com](mailto:jdfsweeting@gmail.com) or 01285 750345 with any offers of help.

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## EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The second edition of the newsletter is available to read on the news section of the Parish Council website: [www.eastleachparishcouncil.org/news](http://www.eastleachparishcouncil.org/news) includes news of the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in the village hall.

## SAVE THE DATE – COLN JAZZ PICNIC

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July

More news in the coming months, but in the meantime, get ready to dust off your picnic rugs and chairs, and prepare your dancing feet!





## **EASTLEACH FROLICS**

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Dylan Jones, the organiser of Eastleach Frolics, is looking for people from all the CHEQS villages to help with any part of the day, as he has extra family commitments this year. The small team meets a couple of times before the event (over a casual drink at the pub), but they mainly need help on the day to: run a stall, help on the BBQ, give prizes out etc. As with all our village events, it would be a great shame if this fun family event could not take place due to lack of helpers. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact Dylan: [dylan\\_jones93@hotmail.com](mailto:dylan_jones93@hotmail.com)

## **COTSWOLD CHIPPY**

Sadly, the Cotswold Chippy will only be visiting Quenington on the **first Tuesday** of the month now, as Darren & Lisa have added new venues to their rotation. Please check their website <http://thecotswoldchippy.co.uk/our-routes> to confirm dates.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Wine Tasting Evening: Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at Fairford Community Centre, at 7pm - indulge in a range of fine wines and expand your palate. Join us for an evening of educational wine-tasting. £25 per person. To book a place please email [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk) or phone 01285 707300

Pop Up Charity Shop: Weds 15<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 1pm at Fairford Community Centre

Langford Downs Open Gardens: Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Craft Fair: Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, Lechlade Memorial Hall

## ADMINISTRATOR

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## EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets on Wednesdays (hopefully soon on Mondays too!) 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](mailto:edlc@friendsoffairford.org.uk) or 07713 607106.

## NURSING TEAM

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## PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE

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## 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 there to welcome you with a hot drink and some refreshments. You can drop in, between 10am and midday at The Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre. If you have any questions, call 07938244335 or email [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk)

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