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*Hello from...
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Carson, my fox-red lab pup, and I moved to Quenington last October. Carson was just three months old when we moved in, so it was a big adventure for both of us.

I was brought up in Gloucestershire. I'd been living in Stroud, and was looking for a change. I spread the net wide and within two months, the perfect house came up in Quenington. The deal was sealed for me when I came over one Saturday afternoon in June. As I walked to The Keepers Arms, everyone was so friendly and once in the pub, I chatted to Jon about the village. I sat in the glorious sunshine with my drink, feeling blissfully happy... then drove straight to Cirencester and offered on the house!

When I moved in, I'd just finished a five-and-a-half-year contract with Lloyds Banking Group, working as a scheduler and planner on large-scale projects. The end of my contract has given me an opportunity for some down time to settle into my new house and train my pup. Previously, I had worked in training, estate agency and interiors.

Many of you in Quenington will have met Carson and me out on our walks. For those of you who wonder "why Carson?" he's named after the butler in Downton Abbey with a nod to my previous gorgeous lab, Butler, who I lost last year.

Eighteen months ago, I took over as chairman of my late father's trust. My father was a GP in Gloucester, and my parents were passionate about Africa. I have followed in that passion. We had been supporting a hospital in Malawi for over 10 years but moved our support to the Abato Foundation in Uganda just before Covid hit. 'Abato' means children in Luganda, the largest spoken local language. In February this year, my cousin and I finally visited Uganda and the Foundation – a primary and secondary school, a farm, and a medical centre. We got to see first-hand the many things we had supplied for them, including a well. The standard of education in the schools is incredible - every child in their uniform, keen to learn, working hard, having been given the opportunity to go to school. We met some incredible people and learnt so much about the culture. A truly humbling experience. We're already planning our return trip next February.

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Contributions are welcomed **by the 12th of the previous month.**

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

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FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

Thursday, 2nd May, 7.30pm at Fairford Community Centre

Our demonstrator this month is Rupert Akers, painting in oils. Visitors are welcome (£5).



We finish the indoor get-together sessions this month – Tuesday, 7th May and Thursday, 23rd May from 1.30 until 4pm.

For more information, contact: Sallie Seymour 01367 850385 or fairfordartsociety.weebly.com for full information on the society.



Pizza and Poetry

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Friday, 3rd May at 7.30pm

Fairford United Church, Milton Street, Fairford

The choir is 'occasional' as they get together and rehearse for specific events, rather than every week (in case you were wondering).

There will be tunes, old & new; tunes to bring back memories; and tunes to join in. Also cake!

No ticket price, but come along, and bring a donation – proceeds will be shared between the charity Help Madras and Fairford United Church.

CHQ MESSY CHURCH

Sunday, 5th May, 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, email heatherwalker39@hotmail.co.uk



PRAYER & PRAISE

Sunday, 5th May, 6 – 7pm, St Mary’s Church, Fairford

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

EASTLEACH & SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, 9th May at 3pm, Eastleach Village Hall



Please note that this is *not the usual Thursday*, due to the Police and Crime Commissioner elections being held at the beginning of May.

At this month’s meeting, Lynda Warren will be speaking about Beatrix Potter. 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.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 100 CLUB - APRIL PRIZES

1st prize £20: No. 38 Pam Green 2nd prize of £10: No. 46 Allen Lees

LLOYDS BANK MOBILE BANKING TO END VISITS TO FAIRFORD



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

Wednesday, 8th May
Wednesday, 22nd May

REPAIR CAFES

Saturday, 11th May

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

Cirencester: Cirencester Baptist Church 10am – 1.30pm

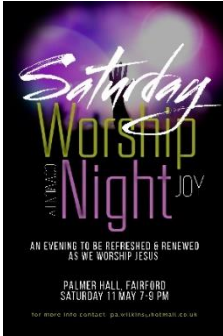


QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Please see local posters for news of when, or if, there will be a coffee morning this month!

SATURDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

Saturday, 11th May from 7 to 9pm, Palmer Hall, Fairford



Paula Wilkins writes: We are delighted to invite you to an evening of contemporary Christian worship and prayer. Everyone is welcome, young and old, from Fairford, Lechlade and surrounding villages.

Maybe you're a regular church goer, maybe you're not, maybe you haven't been to church for years or maybe you're just curious – what is all this about? This is an informal contemporary worship evening in a non-traditional setting in the Palmer Hall. We would love you to join us. For more information please contact me pa.wilkins@hotmail.co.uk

FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

A poster for a 'POP UP CHARITY SHOP'. It features a woman in a pink dress and sunglasses holding shopping bags. The background is dark blue with colorful circles and stars. The text 'POP UP CHARITY SHOP' is in large white letters. Below it, a pink box contains the text 'WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 10-2PM FAIRFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE'. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text 'WE ARE BRINGING OUR CHARITY SHOP TO FAIRFORD!' and details about the shop's offerings and location.

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LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday, 13th May at 7 for 7.30pm, Lechlade Memorial Hall

This month's talk will be given by Sue Smith, on the Friends Ambulance Unit (FAU) in the World Wars. The FAU was a volunteer ambulance service set up to provide alternative service to fighting. It was founded by Quakers, in line with their Peace Testimony, during the First World War when universal conscription first became compulsory. It operated during both world wars and beyond, in many countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. It took some years to become accepted, but by the end of the Second World War, Quakers had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their non-partisan work providing humanitarian relief.

Get in touch for more information: 01367 250322 or 07826 124088. Annual membership £8 plus £2 per meeting (guests £4).

QUENINGTON FETE

Saturday, 18th May from 1 – 4pm
Quenington Court



Quenington Fete will be taking place again this year, returning to its traditional May date, but at Quenington Court - at the bottom of the village, next to the church, by kind invitation of Elizabeth Knox.

Offers of help gratefully received, also any offers of prizes for the raffle, bottles for the tombola, cakes, plants, and books - please contact James Sweeting jdfsweeting@gmail.com or 01285 750345 or 07801445233 or leave anything for any stall with James at 11 Fairford Rd.

Stalls to include : tombola, plants, cakes, teas, burgers & beer, vintage, white elephant, games for children, ice creams, and more. Also a fun dog show (Waggiest Tail, Most Like Their Human etc).

Raffle prizes to include:

- The Keepers Arms - Sunday lunch for two
- Don Downes - an item in turned wood
- Corinium Museum - voucher
- Cotswold Airport - £10 cafe voucher
- Albee Jewellery - an item of jewellery
- Fresh Air - tickets to the sculpture show
- Sarah's Everyday Cakes - a cake
- The Stump - meal & wine for two
- Chamberlain Wines - £15 voucher
- Fairford Therapy Centre - osteopathy session
- Barbury Barber Shop - voucher
- Andrew Butler butcher - £25 voucher



Southrop Open Gardens Weekend

Sat 18th & Sun 19th May 2024, 1.30pm to 4.30pm
10+ varied gardens. £6 day ticket or £8 for 2 days.

*Tickets available at sign-posted gardens or
Southrop Village Hall, GL7 3PB*

*Come to the village hall for delicious teas,
plant sale and more.*

COLN MILL DIARIES: #4



Rob & Helen Forbes write: Passers-by will have finally started to see some real progress at Coln Mill, with local resident Callum David working his magic on the pointing, the restored windows going back in, the doors sanded and the roof repairs in full swing. However, progress has been hampered by a wet winter, a shoddy roof, relentless damp, rotting timbers, and convoluted water and energy supply issues. This has led to far greater ground works and repairs than anticipated, with associated wallets and patience tested! Our ability to do the project sustainably has also been hamstrung, with the listed status of the building and associated conservation area meaning that things like double glazing and solar panels are simply a non-starter. Thankfully, we are well on our way now though, with the interior fully stripped back, first fix electrics in place and traditional lime plastering to commence imminently.



One bit of prime real estate renovation that has been expedited is the bat house B&B; situated in a desirable countryside location, this three room semi-detached residence boasts a beautiful summer roost with ensuite hibernation facilities (entry via the new bespoke door) and a palatial penthouse suite (see hole on gable end), thereby providing an attractive year round proposition for our furry friends. It's perhaps not surprising therefore that our first lucky lesser horseshoe bat has already moved in and is looking frisky.

While the renovation of the miller's cottages progresses, we are also pulling together the planning application for the mill itself. The restoration of this promises to be really exciting, and we just hope Cotswold District Council will be supportive of the minor changes we are proposing to improve internal accessibility, so that the old mill can be fully appreciated in action.

Lastly, apologies for the inconvenience of the recent road closure and any other disruption caused - claim some flour from us (sometime in the next decade or two!).

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS



Hatherop Church of England Primary School

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Reception class have had some amazing outdoor experiences at Forest School this term. Led by Toby from the Ernest Cook Trust, they have built dens, done some outdoor cooking, and experimented with mud, all in some challenging weather! We are very grateful to the ECT for providing these enriching sessions on site at school, showing us the potential for further use of the outdoor area.



Kingfisher have been learning about soils, rocks and fossils in science. The class were fortunate to have David come to share all the fossils he has found during his career, both locally and further afield. The children enjoyed exploring the fossils, listening to stories, and asking

questions about the discoveries. They were particularly interested to find out about the animals which were roaming around in the locality back in time!



SOUTHROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

The summer term is always a lovely time in school. After SATs are over, the Year 4s, 5s and 6s will be off for a residential trip to the Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean, along with pupils from Bibury and North Cerney schools. Activities will include a wildlife safari, orienteering, crate stacking, a night walk and a campfire. While they are away the rest of the school will be doing an enrichment project based around the theme of the Olympic Games.



We are now able to get up to the field each week for our sports lessons and after-school club. In addition, we are keen for all our pupils to experience some alternative sports. The Swans are taking whole class archery lessons.

The Cygnets are doing Balanceability, a programme designed to help children gain the confidence and skills required to cycle independently. They start with balance bikes and move on to pedal bikes.



We are refurbishing our wildlife garden with new edging and gravel. It will be open for Southrop Open Gardens on 18th & 19th May. Do come and take a look – it is at its best in May, with the froth of cow parsley, which will be taller than many of our children by then! Thanks to AK Timms for donating the gravel. We also thank David Chapman and Kathy Newton for the time they have spent preparing the team for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz. Our school hosted the first round, competing against St Lawrence School.

In the Swan classroom the topic this term is 'What did the Ancient Greeks ever do for us?'. We have discovered the answer is "Quite a bit!": democracy, the Olympic Games, theatre, philosophy, our alphabet and much more. We will conclude the topic by getting dressed up for Ancient Greek Day where a "real" Ancient Greek visitor will teach us about the battles with the Persians and training for combat, and will help us organise our own Olympic Games.

The Cygnets are in for a treat as we delve into Queen Victoria's 63 year reign and explore the differences between Victorian Britain versus Britain today. We will also visit Sevrington Victorian School in Wiltshire, to find out what it was really like to be a schoolchild in those times.



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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

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Monday, 6th May (BH)	9am – 1pm	9am – 12pm	CLOSED
Monday, 27th May (BH)	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

Contact Marion Crawford mazcrawford@hotmail.com for email updates.



CHEQS DIARY 2024

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CHURCH SERVICES – ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

CHEQS CHURCHES:



Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

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

St Andrew's Church, Eastleach

5 th May	11am	Matins with Neal Cotton
12 th May	11am	Holy Communion
19 th May	11am	Matins with Gordon Land
26 th May	11am	Family Worship with Gordon Land

St Peter's Church, Southrop

5 th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
12 th May	9.30am	Morning Prayer
19 th May	9.30am	Morning Prayer
26 th May	6pm	Evensong

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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PHARMACIES Boots, Fairford 01285 712350, Lechlade Pharmacy 01367 252285

WORKING for WELLBEING 07555 738138 contact the coordinator for groups, info & help

POLICE non-emergency: phone 101 or email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk

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Bus Service 76 (updated 2021) Mon, Tue, Thu: Southrop 09:16, Eastleach 09:24, Hatherop 09:30, Quenington 09:37 to Fairford & Cirencester. Return leaves Ciren 12:40 and Fairford 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

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QUENINGTON BULLDOGS – BEER FESTIVAL

Sunday, 26th May from 4 – 11pm, The Keepers Arms, Quenington

Sponsors for a barrel still needed (£100 a barrel). Live music from local band, Mouth of the Thames, and surprise guests!! Everyone is welcome to come along and try a variety of beers – and help to raise money for the Quenington Bulldogs, a great local charity. A gin bar and dance-off may also be involved! landlord@thekeepersarms.co.uk



QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday, 26th May, Quenington Village Green, 8.30am - midday



Tracey Downes writes: 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: no sale in June, 14th July, 11th August, 1st and 29th September.

CRAFT FAIRS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Once again we are running craft fairs for some very talented local crafters. Do come and give them your support - free entry.

Sunday, 26th May, from 9 to 11.30am

Sunday, 23rd June, from 10am to 4pm

Sunday, 14th July, from 9 to 11.30am

If you are a crafter and are interested in a table space, there may still be tables available - tables will be:

£12 for 6ft and £15 for 8 ft in June (all day)

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Please email tracey8173@icloud.com



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Monday 27th May 2024

12pm

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL

12:30

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1pm

ADULTS FOOTBALL (MARRIED VS UNMARRIED)

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2pm

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NEWS FROM THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

Supporting Outdoor Learning – both locally and nationwide

Young people who have been attending The Ernest Cook Trust's Student Workshop, learning as part of our Skills for Nature programme, will once again be exhibiting alongside Quenington's biennial Fresh Air Sculpture. Around 25 young people, from schools in Fairford, Cirencester and Witney, have been spending time at our Fairford head office site creating some wonderful sculptures from reclaimed materials and materials grown on our estates. The students' pieces will be on show in St Swithin's Churchyard, near the entrance to Fresh Air Sculpture, and their collection will represent a wildlife park. There will be an



array of insect and bug homes and feeders; owl and bat boxes; and bird feeding stations. A section of the show will be dedicated to animals, and feature a life-sized



gorilla made from roofing battens and ivy, as well as a tiger, a lion and a giant seahorse! Some of the materials are reclaimed and come from the Trust's estates, including oak from felled deadwood, ivy removed from tree trunks, coppiced hazel, and junk metal. The students have also made a range of benches, so there will be plenty of places to sit and picnic and enjoy the artwork, before or after visiting the main Fresh Air Sculpture exhibition.

Pete Tatham, one of The Ernest Cook Trust's Outdoor Learning Officers in Gloucestershire, said the students had been working hard to produce some incredible artwork to put on show. "We've picked a wildlife theme, and have a really eclectic mix of pieces," he said. "The students are aged between 12 to 19, and some we have worked with for as long as four years, teaching skills that they wouldn't be able to learn in school. They are all working towards a range of employability awards."

The majority of the exhibits are being shown for the first time and have been made by our current students. The giant metal seahorse was created by two students who have now left education and gone on to become apprentice blacksmiths following a blacksmithing training course run in partnership with Fresh Air last year.

This year's Fresh Air Sculpture runs from 16 June to 7 July, and we are once again pleased to be supporting Fresh Air Sculpture's education programme.

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. <https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/>.

THE BURFORD SINGERS

Sunday, 16th June at 7.30pm,
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Tickets £25, £20, £15, and £10 (unreserved)
available from 12th May at

burfordsingers.org.uk/buy-tickets

also: The Madhatter Book Shop 122 High
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COLN CINEMA – BACK IN SEPTEMBER



Nick Brett writes: With the return of light evenings, Coln Cinema - at its home in Vicarage Cottage Barn - needs to take a summer break, but we'll be back for a new season of monthly films on **Friday, 26th September**. And if you'd like to be added to our new cinema mailing list then please email us at colnstaldwynscinema@gmail.com.



MACARONI WOOD

Noah's Ark Children's Venture

The name 'Macaroni' is said to come from the term used to describe a fashionable fellow in 18th century Britain. During this time, an area near Macaroni Wood was used as a race course. Men would visit from London to race their horses and would come dressed in the flamboyant Italian 'Macaroni' style.

RAF Southrop requisitioned the woods at the start of World War II. During this time 1,500 people lived in the woods. The site was decommissioned in 1947. Before becoming abandoned, the buildings were used for accommodating visiting groups of children and young people during the 1960s, including – significantly – a group from London called Deptford Adventure Playground. This group went on to found The Noah's Ark Children's Venture (Macaroni Wood) in the early 1970s with the aim of providing high-quality, low-cost short-stay residential breaks to groups working with children, young people, and adults from the inner cities and elsewhere. The site was then owned by Sir Thomas Bazley, who leased the property. The full-repairing lease means the charity has the responsibility for anything which needs doing to the site and buildings. His estate changed hands in 2007, and is now owned by The Ernest Cook Trust.



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Hannah Garbutt, Outdoor Education and Volunteer manager, writes:

Many CHEQS residents drive past the Macaroni Wood sign and wonder, 'what goes on there?'

Over time the site has been developed to provide a residential facility for disabled children and young people. As a registered charity, our aim is to make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people. We do this by providing residential and outdoor learning experiences in 18 acres of woodland, promoting health and wellbeing. We are proud to say that over 50 years more than 60,000 children have stayed onsite.



As you can imagine, there is always plenty to do in the woods. If you can spare a few hours a week we would really appreciate your help. Tasks include:

- Woodland management on Tuesday afternoons
- Bicycle maintenance Thursday mornings
- Allotment care on Wednesday afternoons

We are also looking for a volunteer to help with our online second-hand goods store.

Finally, we would also like to support two Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. Let us know if you are interested and what skills you could share.

Forthcoming events include a dusk bat walk in the summer, our 50th Anniversary Fete on Tuesday, 13th August, and a fungi foraging walk in the autumn.

To find out more, or to offer your time, email: hannahgarbutt@macaroniwood.org.uk

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Craft Fair: Sunday, 24th November, Lechlade Memorial Hall

HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION 2024

Our House to House collection is our biggest fundraiser! Between the 13th and 26th May, envelopes will be delivered to all houses in Lechlade, Fairford and the surrounding villages. People are asked to donate to support the services we provide in the local community. Donations can be Gift Aided. If you don't get an envelope, please contact us and we will get one to you. We would not be able to do this without the ongoing support of our amazing collectors. We are truly grateful to over 100 people who make this fundraiser happen! If you would live in COLN and would like to be part of our fantastic team, please contact Kelly, General Manager GM@friendsoffairford.org.uk or Agneta, Admin admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

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 or 07713 607106.

NURSING TEAM

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

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

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