

## FROM THE VICAR

Happy ... nearly ... Christmas!

It's my fourth Christmas in the South Cotswolds Team – each year, it seems, with a different combination of parishes! But just as children often return home for the festive season, I shall be glad to be where I feel I most belong – in Coln, Hatherop & Quenington – for our various church Christmas celebrations (details inside). Many thanks, therefore, to my colleagues Roger Scoones and Margaret Bettis for covering my responsibilities elsewhere in the Team, this Christmas and indeed throughout the year.

Plenty of people come to church just once or twice a year, and so will be joining us in the next few weeks. If you're one of them you're very welcome as you do so – we're always delighted if you join us on other occasions too, but if this is your annual visit then we'll be very pleased to see you. We hope that you'll find real encouragement and hope as you celebrate with us the 'Incarnation' .. the wonderful truth, Christians believe, that since mere humans, frail and compromised as we are, cannot find their way to God, God comes to us – uniquely in history in Jesus Christ, and ever since by his Holy Spirit.

We've our usual range of Christmas services this year. For children, as well as the Christmas Day services we recommend the Crib Services at Quenington on Christmas Eve – 4.00 pm particularly for younger, pre-school, children, and 5.30 pm particularly for school-age children. And for all ages, from the youngest to the oldest, our new Carol Celebration in Quenington Village Hall at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 19th will be a great informal start to the season. (Our more formal Carol Service, with the wonderful Coln choir, is in Coln church at 6.00 pm on Sunday 16th.)

December's not just about Christmas, though. As we celebrate Advent in our various churches, we offer a special welcome on Sunday 9th to Chris Saunders, our Team Youth Minister. He'll be joining us at 9.30 am in Quenington and 11.00 am in Coln to share with us what's happening for young people in our villages.

Chris has a splendid ministry in Farmor's School and elsewhere during the week, and a number of our teenagers and children benefit from what he and his team of volunteers do for them. Why not join us that day to learn more, and even offer to help him in this important work?



## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday, December 8th, 10.30-12**

We will have the normal delicious cakes and raffle.

Anyone wishing to contribute cakes, please bring them along – costs will be reimbursed!

## **PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI**

Canons Tony Ross and Rob Axford and will be leading a pilgrimage to Assisi next year, departing on Wednesday, 29th May and returning on Wednesday 5th June. Pilgrims will be staying at St Anthony's Guest House, run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement.

In mid-November there were four places left in the accommodation, a double and a twin room. By the time you read this all places may have been booked, but if you are interested please contact Canon Ross on 01285 851 410 or [tonyrosstsf468@gmail.com](mailto:tonyrosstsf468@gmail.com)

## **A THANK YOU**

Thank you to an unknown lady who darkened the sun (for a driver) so that she might see in Quenington on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**

1<sup>st</sup> No 33 G.Holton 2<sup>nd</sup> No 16 A Goddard, 3<sup>rd</sup> No 24 M James

Please don't forget to renew your numbers for 2019. Numbers cost £12 for the year and all profits go towards village hall funds

Contact David Bostock on 01285 750456 for more information.

## **HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL**

December is a very busy month in schools up and down the Country, as they prepare for the end of term and all of the wonderful Christmas events during the last couple of weeks of term.

Hatherop Castle School is no different and our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children are busy rehearsing for their nativities, which will be performed in a week's time to parents, grandparents and extended family. With all the performances that we stage,

the Nativity is one my favourites. The joy on the children's faces through to the unpredictability of what a 4-year-old might do or say on stage makes the event very special! I am sure we all remember the part that we played in our own nativity and for our young children the fact we are providing them with life-long memories makes it even more special, alongside the re-telling of a wonderful story often with a twist, for dramatical reasons!

Our choir will be singing at the Fairford Advent Market and leading our own Carol Service in St Nicholas Church. The conclusion of our Christmas week is our Christmas Jumper Day where each and every member of the community will be wearing their Christmas Jumper. For a few members of staff there has been much preparation for this!

While we encourage our children to enjoy the festivities of Christmas we are also very keen for them to reflect that Christmas is also a time to think and care for others. Our Prep 7 & 8's have donated toys, stationery, toiletries and have made Christmas shoe boxes which will be sent to children who have nothing at Christmas. The school council have worked with their classes to produce food hampers which will be donated to the Cirencester Food Bank. The representatives will be visiting Cirencester to provide support and assistance in distributing the hampers.

May I wish you all a very merry Christmas from everyone at Hatherop Castle School.

## **HATHEROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our value this term is Thankfulness and we have lots of 'thank you's' to give. So thank you to everyone who has helped to make our Auction of Promises a success – by giving a promise, by supporting the event, by buying the lots and for making the evening an evening to remember. Particular thanks go to Philip Allwood for generously giving us his time and expertise and to Andy Cole who amazed and entertained us with his magic. Thank you also to the tireless effort Judy Francis put in to make this event such a success. The money will go towards many resources that the school needs, so thank you to everyone for supporting the well-being of the school.

The School Council would also like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising appeal and their litter pick around Hatherop, which raised money for Children in Need. They felt it was important to not only 'raise money but also to show people in Hatherop that we care for the world'.

We are busy preparing for our Christmas Concert on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December in Hatherop Church with our traditional Nativity tableau played by our youngest

pupils. We will also be visiting Gloucester Cathedral to join in its Christmas Experience and are taking part in the Diocesan Good Shepherd project.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas from everyone at Hatherop CofE Primary School.

To stay up to date with the latest news from our school, please look at our website, [www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk).

## **SOUTHROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our value this term is Peace and the children have been engaged by our work looking at the end of World War I. Time has been spent developing artwork and poems. Some of the Junior class researched the involvement of their own family members in those events 100 years ago. We were all very moved when they presented what they had found in collective worship. Members of the extended school community joined us for our Service of Remembrance in St Peter's Church. When the names of those who died in the two World Wars are read out by the children, it is poignant to remember that many of them studied as children in our school classroom and played in our school yard.

Following on from our trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival, the children had the opportunity to write their own stories to submit to the Luke Bitmead Literary Award. The theme they were given was "Feelings". To inspire them Luke's mother, Elaine Hanson, asked them to think of three things that made them happy and three things that made them sad. It is amazing the variety of stories that came out of this same starting point. At the beginning of November Elaine joined us to present the prizes of book tokens, plus an impressive trophy and plaque for 1<sup>st</sup> prize: 1<sup>st</sup> Izzy Y6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy Y5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridget Y3, Runners up: Ted Y5, Sammy Y5, Jonty Y4. A special award for effort went to James Y3. We are very grateful to Elaine that she gives the children this enriching opportunity. If you would like to read more about the Luke Bitmead Literary Award, have a look at Elaine's website, [www.lukebitmead.com](http://www.lukebitmead.com)

A highlight of the term is Children in Need day, where staff and children come dressed in spots. Even the playground sported spots. The school council arranged an array of events including cake and clothes sale, craft activities and an assembly to explain how the money that is raised is used.

We are now busily rehearsing for our Christmas performances, with the Juniors putting on The Snow Queen and the Infants their nativity play, A Miracle in Town. In addition, the Infants will be taking part in a nativity play in the woods at Forest School. After the frenetic activity of plays, Christmas crafts and parties we will

come together for a moment of quiet reflection at our Christingle service in Church, before the Christmas holiday starts.

## **THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD HOSPITAL**



2018 has been another very busy year for the League with our volunteers working hard on fundraising and helping us to deliver our services to the community. We continue to be forever grateful to our volunteers and to the local community for their continued and generous support. They will have raised over £37,000 within the community this year which is an amazing result. Our thanks go to everyone involved and to all those in the community who continue to show their support through their generous donations.

### **Christmas cards and raffle tickets**

These are now on sale at our Charity Shop, Hilary Cottage Surgery and Fairford Hospital. They can also be purchased at our Christmas Bazaar on the 17 November when the raffle will be drawn. There are over 18 prizes to be won thanks to the generous donations from our local businesses

### **100 Club 2019**

Subscriptions are now due for 2019. We really want to increase the number of members so if you have not set up a direct debit for the 100 Club please send your £12 to Andrena Miles (Treasurer League of Friends of Fairford Hospital), AMM Bookkeeping & Accountancy, 11 High Street Fairford Glos GL7 4AD.

### **Community Support Services**

The League's primary services are its operations in the community and these activities are financed from the proceeds of the fund-raising events and from the donations that we receive. We continue to spend approximately £70,000 in delivering these services. These include, Home Nursing, Family Funding support, Prospect Hospice donation, Foot Care Clinic Voluntary drivers, Counselling, First Responders and Lunch clubs

## **FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY**

Dec Thursday 6th Xmas Lunch, members only

Get together sessions: Tuesdays 4th and 11th Fairford Community Centre 1.30pm Subject "winter" Visitors welcome £3.00 Sallie Seymour 01367850385

## **THE IMPORTANT OF BEING EARNEST BY OSCAR WILDE**

**Quenington Village Hall: Friday 1 Feb, 7.00pm for 7.30 pm**

**Tickets: £10 to include refreshments. Bar available**

A classic, witty and laugh-out-loud comedy of mistaken identities, confusion and cucumber sandwiches. On the surface it is a light witty jibe at the upper class in the early 20th century. At a deeper level it is a profound plea for sincerity and caring in the face of adversity. The two actors, making up the Two Gents, embrace wit and humour whilst role swapping and banter with the audience.

More details at: <http://www.twogentsproductions.co.uk/the-importance-of-being-earnest.html>

Tickets available from: [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com) or 01285 750788

## **EASTLEACH CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE AND VILLAGE DRINKS PARTY - SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 6.00PM**

Come and sing all your favourite carols at our joyful, traditional Village Candlelit Carol Service at St Andrew's Eastleach on Saturday 15th December at 6.00 pm. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Fairford Hospital.

This will be followed by a festive drink and nibbles at the village hall. Entry £4 (children free). The proceeds will be in aid of the urgent repairs needed to the hall.

## **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN SOUTHROP**

**The Story of Christmas Carol Service** will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30. NB. This is a later start than usual.

There will not be a service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> but on Christmas Morning there will be a Family Service at 10.30am with plenty of singing, readings, prayers and a short address by Reverend Canon Ron Lloyd.

**Southrop School** will be holding a Christingle Service on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1pm

## **ALL-AGE CAROL CELEBRATION: WEDS 19 DECEMBER, 6PM, QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

A relaxed and informal celebration of the Christmas Season with something for everyone. Not a church service! Followed by juice and mulled wine.

# CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

## Monday 24 Christmas Eve

4.00pm	Crib Service 1	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
5.30pm	Crib Service 2	Quenington	<i>RS</i>
11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>

## Tuesday 25 Christmas Day

9.30 am	Family Communion	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
10.30 am	Family Service	Southrop	<i>RL</i>
11.00 am	Festival Communion	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Cheerful Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>

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**ST MARY'S, FAIRFORD** – Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP), 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (Family Service on last of the month), 6.00 pm Choral Evensong (BCP). 'Funday Sunday' 4.00 - 6.00 pm on second Sundays – crafts, games, worship & a cooked tea.

**ST LAWRENCE, LECHLADE** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm: Advent Carol Service; Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm: Family Christingle Service (in aid of the Children's Society); Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; CHRISTMAS EVE, 4pm: Crib Service (with nativity play), 11.30pm: First Communion of Christmas; CHRISTMAS DAY: 8am: Holy Communion, 10.00am: Family Communion

For weekday activities see [www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk](http://www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk)

*St Lawrence's Lechlade & St Mary's Fairford both celebrate Holy Communion on Thursdays: at 10.00 & 10.30 am respectively. CHEQS residents are warmly welcome!*

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY (ROMAN CATHOLIC), FAIRFORD** (Horcott Road) – Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 11.00 am Mass (Children's Liturgy of the Word offered whenever possible). For details of other activities, see [www.stthomasparish.plus.com](http://www.stthomasparish.plus.com) or contact Fr Michael Robertson on 01285 712586 or [michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com)

**LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH** – Sunday 10:30 am Morning Worship (with prayer from 9.45 am); 6:00 pm Evening Worship (2nd & 3rd Sundays) For weekday activities etc. see [www.lechladebaptistchurch.org](http://www.lechladebaptistchurch.org)

**FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST)** - Sunday services start at 10.30 a.m. each week. On Sundays when there is no All Age Worship, there is Sunday School provision for children. Christmas Eve: 7.00 p.m.; Christmas Day: 10.30 a.m. Our monthly Contact Group meeting will be on Friday 7th December 12.30p.m. – 2.30 p.m. – meet friends old and new over tea/coffee and light refreshments.

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### Sunday 2 *Advent Sunday*

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
<i>followed by breakfast at Nick &amp; Helen Owen's</i>			
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>AK</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>GL</i>
6.00 pm	Advent Carols	Coln	<i>JP</i>

### Sunday 9

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>RL</i>
6.30 pm	Carol Service	Southrop	<i>AC</i>

### Sunday 16

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>RS</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>DB</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>IT</i>
6.00 pm	Carol Service	Coln	<i>JP</i>

### Sunday 23

11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>RL</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>AC</i>

*For Services on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, see page 7*

### Sunday 30

11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>

*\* United services for the three-church parish*



## ST NICHOLAS

Hatherop church is named after St Nicholas, whose feast day falls at the start of December. Nicholas is something of a mystery: all that can be said for certain is that he was Bishop of Myra at the beginning of the fourth century. His legend says that he was imprisoned during the persecution of 303–4, and was at the Council of Nicæa, although there is no record of his name on any of the lists of bishops at the Council.

Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors and of children. His legend speaks of him giving three girls a dowry to prevent them having to enter prostitution when their family fell on hard times. He delivered the gifts at night to avoid detection. He is also said to have raised to life three drowned boys, and saved three unjustly convicted sailors from death.

*On the first Sunday of January our services will be at the usual times:  
8.30 am Holy Communion at Hatherop (RS); 9.30 am Holy Communion at Southrop;  
11.00 am Holy Communion at Coln (RS); 11.00 am Morning Prayer at Eastleach;;  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Quenington (MS)*

### KEY TO WORSHIP LEADERS

AC – Andrew Cinnamond; AK – Andrew Kirk; DB – David Bainbridge; GL – Gordon Land;  
IT – Ian Taylor; JE – John Exelby; JP – John Partington; MB – Margaret Bettis; MS – Mike  
Stranks; PP – Patti Price; RL – Ron Lloyd; RS – Roger Scoones

### READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS IN CHQ

- 2** (*Advent*) Jeremiah 33. 14-16; Luke 21. 25-36 *purple*
- 9** (*Advent 2*) Psalm 75; Hymns 327, 46, 39 *purple*  
Philippians 1. 3-11; Luke 3. 1-6
- 16** (*Advent 3*) Psalm 146. 4-9; Hymns 38, 42, 497 *purple*  
Philippians 4. 4-7; Luke 3. 7-18
- 23** (*Advent 4*) Psalm 80. 1-7; Hymns 45, 394, 51 *purple*  
Micah 2. 2-5a; Luke 1. 39-45
- 30** (*Christmas 1*) Psalm 48. 1-14; Hymns 59, 88, 715 *white*  
Colossians 3. 12-17; Luke 2. 41-52

## CHRISTMAS

The bells of waiting Advent ring,  
The old coke stove is lit again  
And lamp-oil light across the night  
Has caught the streaks of winter rain  
In many a stained-glass window sheen  
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge  
And round the Manor House the yew  
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,  
The altar, font and arch and pew,  
So that the villagers can say  
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze,  
Corporation tramcars clang,  
On lighted tenements I gaze,  
Where paper decorations hang,  
And bunting in the red Town Hall  
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve  
Are strung with silver bells and flowers  
As hurrying clerks the City leave  
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,  
And marbled clouds go scudding by  
The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,  
And oafish louts remember Mum,  
And sleepless children's hearts are glad.  
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'  
Even to shining ones who dwell  
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true,  
This most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,  
A Baby in an ox's stall?  
The Maker of the stars and sea  
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,  
No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissue'd fripperies,  
The sweet and silly Christmas things,  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent  
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single Truth compare -  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

*John Betjeman - 1954*

## **COLLECTING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE – FOR CHARITY!**



Have your tree collected and recycled, just after Twelfth Night, and help a highly valued local charity.

Longfield will collect the tree from your home between January 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00.pm on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> and make your donation, online or by phone.

The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day!) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most.

For more information or to register go to <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling> or ring 01453 886868 (option 1).

## **HYPERION HOUSE- FAIRFORD**

The 31-bed new build at Hyperion House Care Home in Fairford will provide spacious rooms that can be designed to guests' own requirements – just like in their own home! This is a local care home which not only covers Fairford, but Lechlade and surrounding villages as well.

Home-cooked meals are prepared by an on-site chef and guests can enjoy a range of stimulating activities specially selected to suit their preferences. Fully-trained staff are always available for chats and a friendly banter as well as providing nursing, residential and dementia care tailored to the needs of each resident. With the Festive season approaching, families want to celebrate together and our residents' families are always welcome to come and visit, especially on Christmas Day.

The friendly staff in the cosy, family-owned Care Home are dedicated to providing 24/7 personal care and take a pride in delivering services conscientiously at a most reasonable price. Rest assured – we won't let you down when looking after you or your loved ones.

Please get in touch to have a chat over a cup of tea and a slice of freshly baked cake about trial short-term stays for potential guests. The length of trial stays are flexible and can be discussed and agreed. Or pop in and enjoy a mince pie and some mulled wine in the lead-up to Christmas on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm. If you require any more information, please give us a ring on 01285 712349.

## **FAIRFORD'S LOCAL HEROES**

In this centenary year of the ending of World War I, Fairford History Society has published a book called *Fairford's Local Heroes*, which is an account of the men from Fairford who went to war between 1914-1918 and 1939-1945.

The main focus of the book is a detailed account of the men who died during the conflicts and are listed on Fairford's War Memorial outside St Mary's world famous church. There are 34 named for World War I and 12 for World War II. In addition, another 12 men have been identified who were either born or who lived in Fairford and who should also have been listed on the War Memorial, but may have been left off because they had no families to put forward their names. Written and researched by husband and wife, Chris and Alison Hobson, this is a factual record of those Fairford heroes who feature on Fairford's War Memorial, but is expanded to include those men whose names are not listed there. Alison said: "These men are now immortalised and remembered in the book whereas without this important record, they may have been forgotten forever." Well-illustrated with old and current

photographs, *Fairford's Local Heroes* provides a significant and in-depth account of the impact those two World Wars had on the town and a record of the sacrifice of those who served and those who fell.

Published by Fairford History Society, *Fairford's Local Heroes* costs £8 and can be obtained from St Mary's Church, Coln Gallery in Fairford or from Fairford History Society's website:

<https://www.fairfordhistory.org.uk/FFDLocalHeroes.pdf>.

## **WHAT'S YOUR STORY?**

Lynn Bateman is a community artist, photographer, musician and mother of talented, singer song-writer, Henry Bateman. She has lived in Fairford for most of her life and spent 15 years teaching art at Fairford Primary School.

In 2016, she experienced a significant life-changing event when her long-term partner died unexpectedly. In order to help her through the grieving process, Lynn started meditating and writing down her thoughts as a way of release. At the same time, she was experimenting with mixed media and, over time, the writing and the art merged to become a kind of therapy. Lynn explained: 'I have been astonished how helpful this process has been to me – sometimes turning a really dark day into light. It is such a positive process.'

'What's your story?' is a relaxing and therapeutic approach where you can enjoy that very rare thing – time – to be quiet, reflect and focus on what's going on in your life. In order to share this healing process with others, Lynn will be holding workshops which start with a simple, guided meditation where you can write down and record your thoughts. After this, the layering of mixed media expresses and repeats those words in other formats. Using wax as an optional final layer seals and preserves the process, so that you have released and saved a moment in time, a thought, a memory or even a trouble. Your work will be meaningful and unique to you. No previous art experience is needed – all you need are your own thoughts and your story.

Lynn's next workshop is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January in 7a Coffee Shop, Fairford. The day starts at 10am and finishes around 4pm and will include a delicious lunch by Simon. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Lynn: [lynnbateman@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnbateman@btinternet.com). You can also watch her short film that Lynn at: [hyperurl.co/cha9na](http://hyperurl.co/cha9na) or visit Lynn's website: [www.lynnbatemanart.co.uk](http://www.lynnbatemanart.co.uk).

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<p><b>FLOORING</b>  <b>Graham Ford Flooring</b> – Carpets and vinyl supplied, own carpets fitted and cleaned</p>	<p><b>01285 657439</b></p>
<p><b>GARDEN SERVICES</b>  <b>Keith Ford</b> – ponds, pruning &amp; hedge cutting, sheds re-felted, walls wired for climbers.  <b>The Garden &amp; Plant Company</b> –Design &amp; Landscaping. <i>info@gardenandplantco.com</i>  <b>AJ Arborists</b> – tree surgery &amp; Arboricultural Consultancy – Alasdair Jeffrey <i>www.ajarborists.co.uk</i></p>	<p><b>01285 750406</b> <b>01285 712663</b>  <b>01285 750874</b></p>
<p><b>GENERAL STORES</b><b>Coln Stores &amp; Post Office.</b> Mon-Fri 7.00 am - 6.00 pm; Sat 8.00 am - 4.30 pm (2.00 pm in winter); Sunday 9.00 am - 4.00 pm (1.00 pm in winter)</p>	<p><b>01285 750294</b></p>
<p><b>GROUNDWORKS - SN Complete Groundworks</b> – Drainage, Driveways, Fencing, Patios etc.</p>	<p><b>01367 850717</b> <b>07738 937697</b></p>

<b>HOME DECORATING</b> <b>A. Tilling</b> – Interior and Exterior <b>D J Morley</b> Fairford <b>M Byfield</b> – Interior and Exterior decorator <i>interiorworx@btinternet.com; 07876 558400</i>	<b>01285 810624</b> <b>01285 713802</b> <b>01367 850768</b>
<b>HOME HELP – YVONNE LEWIS</b> Jobs in and around the home, pets to vet, help on internet, taking and collecting deliveries	<b>07922 103532</b>
<b>IRONING – IRONED OUT GLOS</b> – Local ironing service, collection and delivery <i>www.facebook.com/ironedoutglos</i>	<b>07718 624228</b>
<b>LAND &amp; ESTATE AGENTS – Moore Allen &amp; Innocent</b> – Property Consultants & Managers, Land and Estate Agents, Auctioneers and Chartered Surveyors	<b>01285 651831</b> <b>01367 252541</b>
<b>MOLE CONTROL</b> Traditional Molecatcher: no mole, no fee. Qualified and fully insured with references.	<b>01285 770968</b> <b>07766 132934</b>
<b>OVEN CLEANING</b> <b>Cotswold Oven Valeting Ltd</b> – professional cleaning of all ovens (incl. AGAs), hobs, extractors and microwaves	<b>01367 850522</b>
<b>PERSONAL TRAINER</b> Personal Training Available 7 Days A Week – Lose weight, tone up, get fitter, improve your health and fitness. <i>www.falconhealthandfitness.co.uk</i>	<b>01285 656986</b> <b>07794 614962</b>
<b>PICTURE FRAMING</b> <b>ALS Picture Framing</b> , Cirencester – established 1987	<b>01285 659416</b>
<b>PLATES-A-PLENTY</b> - Crockery, cutlery, glassware and linen hire	<b>07974 785437</b>
<b>PUBLIC HOUSES AND RESTAURANTS</b> <b>The New Inn, Coln St. Aldwyns</b> , Charlotte Close <b>The Keepers Arms, Quenington</b> , Jon, Verity and Michelle <b>The Swan at Southrop</b> , Lydia Sheehan	<b>01285 750651</b> <b>01285 750349</b> <b>01367 850205</b>
<b>SOLICITORS Wilmot &amp; Co</b> , 38 Castle Street, Cirencester	<b>01285 650551</b>
<b>SPORTS AND REMEDIAL MASSAGE - Rachael Rodia ITEC dip, MFHT</b> - Relieve muscular aches and pains, prevent injury and alleviate symptoms from poor posture <i>www.rachaelrodiaimassage.co.uk, rachael.rodia@yahoo.co.uk</i>	<b>07769 656932</b>
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<b>TENNIS AND FOOTBALL COACH Matt Townsend</b> - LTA Licensed coach, Schools, Clubs and private lessons for adults and children of all ages	<b>07850 043056</b>
<b>WINDOWS</b> <b>Coln Valley Glazing</b> – Steve Winney, Quenington. Replacement of misted or broken glass units	<b>01285 750553</b> <b>0776 5780772</b>
<b>WINDOW CLEANING</b> Commercial and Domestic traditional window cleaning – also pressure washing and gutter cleaning. For more info <i>steve.rix@hotmail.co.uk</i>	<b>01285 752 703</b> <b>07731 552 250</b>
<b>YOGA / EXERCISE</b> 1) Contact Anne Sutherland – <i>ann@yogaspring.co.uk</i> for classes at Oxleaze, Langford and Coln Rogers. For more info <i>www.yogaspring.co.uk</i> 2) Tai Chi – phone Heather	<b>01608 643059</b> <b>01285 750751</b>

## CHEQS DIARY

Dec 2	9.30 am	Hatherop Patronal Breakfast
	6.00 pm	Advent Carol Service – Coln church
Dec 4	1.30pm	Fairford Art Society
Dec 8	10.30-12	Quenington Village Hall coffee morning
Dec 9	6pm	Story of Christmas Carol service- Southrop
Dec 11	1.30 pm	Fairford Art society
Dec 13	6.30 pm	Hatherop Castle School Carol Service
Dec 15	6.00pm	Eastleach Carol Service and Party
Dec 14	6.00 pm	Hatherop School Carol Service
Dec 16	6.00 pm	Christmas Carol Service – Coln church
Dec 19	6.00pm	Carols in Quenington – Quenington Village Hall
Dec 21	11am	Southrop School Christingle service
Dec 24	10.30am	Family Service Southrop
	4.00 pm	Crib Service (i) – Quenington church
	5.30 pm	Crib Service (ii) – Quenington church
	11.15 pm	Midnight Communion – Hatherop church
Dec 25	9.30 am	Family Communion – Quenington church
	11.00 am	Festival Communion – Coln church
Jan 21	3.00 pm	‘Lost in Translation’ at Coln Vicarage
Jan 19	10.00-4pm	‘What’s your story?’ workshop
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	7.00pm	Importance of being Earnest, Quenington Village Hall
Feb 25	3.00 pm	‘Lost in Translation’ at Coln Vicarage
Mar 25	3.00 pm	‘Lost in Translation’ at Coln Vicarage
Apr 21	<i>Easter Day</i>	