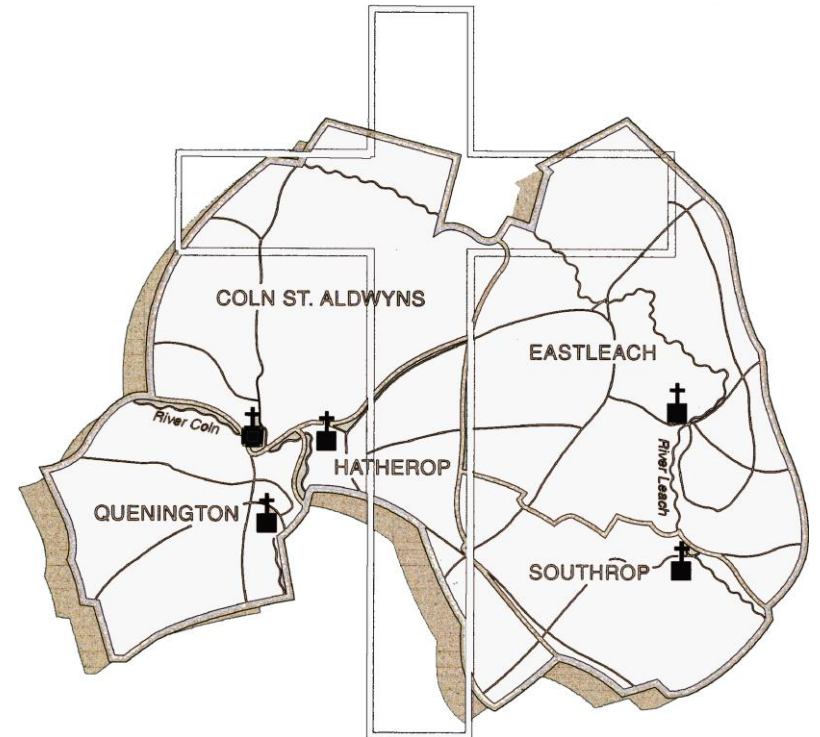


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What’s in a name?

Naming a child is an unusual privilege. Everyone else we meet comes ready named but a new born child is without a name and it is up to the parents to decide what they will be called – in my experience compromise and patience are essential ... Occasionally people will change their name but basically once it is given it sticks in one form or another.

A friend of mine at university was almost called, ‘*Number One*’ by his free thinking parents who thought the child should be consulted before a name was conferred. In fact the name he was eventually given was quite conventional and only his middle name *Camden*, which recorded where he was conceived, was unusual. My own name comes as a result of my parents living in Scotland for a couple of years – my mother, a teacher, wanted a name unsullied by a pupil. They had lived on *Craighill Road* and so given the alternatives *Hill* and *Road* I am rather fortunate.

Names and naming are contentious and any conversation about them should be entered into carefully as it is easy to cause offence. In the past names were often chosen for their connections and meanings and although today’s parents may see what a name means, it is unlikely to be a deal breaker. In scripture many names are given to God and some of these are directly associated with Christmas.

The prophet Isaiah (9:6) wrote the words used in Handel’s choral masterpiece, centuries before Jesus was born,

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

We and all humanity long for peace. True peace is not just the absence of conflict but a deep harmony. Peace within ourselves, peace with those whom we love, peace with our neighbours, peace within nations, between nations and with the natural world. Peace with God who chose to be revealed in a helpless babe, born out of wedlock to a poor teenage girl. What kind of God would choose to be born this way? Not the God many lampoon and ridicule. Jesus’ invitation remains the same, *My Peace I give you. My Peace I leave you.* A God offering life in all its fullness - better than any present money can buy.

May you and those you love know peace

Every blessing

Craig

Baptism

Jake Elliot Moore, Quenington, Sunday 28th October
Santiago Christopher Doren, Coln St Aldwyns, Sunday 4th November

Funeral

Mrs Margaret Munder, Eastleach, Tuesday 16th October

Marriage

Gregor Maguth and Claudine Reynard, Eastleach, Thursday 8th November

Welcome

Jo & Ben Court and their children Harry and Florence have moved into The Milking Parlour, 2 Baxter's Barns, Fyfield

Oriel Singers, a choral concert, Saturday 1st December, 7pm, Hatherop Church, tickets £10 from John Berry 01285 750692, parking by kind permission of Hatherop Castle School

Advent Service of Light, Sunday 2nd December, 6pm, Coln St Aldwyns church with the Coln Church Choir

Advent Quiet Day, Thursday 6th December, 'Reflecting on the Advent Names of God' lead by Revd Craig Bishop bookings through Harnhill Christian Centre, 01285 850283, office@harnhillcentre.org.uk

Luke, Monday 21st January 2013, 7pm, Fairford Community Centre, a talk by Revd Craig Bishop about the Gospel which we will reading in Sunday services throughout the year

Hampers For Christmas

Supporting Gloucester City Mission. Please place donations in strong plastic carrier bags:

Mince pies, cake, tangerines

Chocolates, sweets, small jar of coffee, small packet of tea bags, drinking chocolate, packet soup, small packet sugar

Toiletries: toothpaste, soap, toothbrush, flannel, deodorant

Gloves, scarf, hat, socks

A Christmas cracker, a Christmas card from you/ housegroup/ Church

Suitable Christian literature

(no nuts please, many addicts & homeless have no teeth or very few)

Thank you all *Mike Curtis*

Please could all contributions be delivered to the Vicarage, Coln St Aldwyns by Thursday 13th December.

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FIVE VILLAGE DIARY

Dec 1	Fairford & District Choral Society Carol Concert, St Mary's Fairford
Dec 1	Oriel Singers, Choral Concert
Dec 2	The Village Cartoonist Book Launch
Dec 2	Advent Service of Light
Dec 6	Advent Quiet Day
Dec 8	Quenington Christmas Coffee Morning 10.30-12.30pm
Dec 12	Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society Christmas Lecture
Dec 13	Quenington Youth Club Christmas Bingo
Dec 17	Christmas Lunch at Eastleach
Dec 19	Southrop Community Shop Christmas Raffle and Mince pies. Draw at 10.30am
Jan 21	Luke – talk by Revd Craig Bishop, Fairford Community Centre
Feb 23	Eastleach & Southrop Friendship Circle Jumble Sale
April 13	Fairford & District Choral Society Concert

Gifts for Cirencester Foodbank

Our Harvest collection of goods for the Cirencester Foodbank was very gratefully received and as you may have read in the Wilts. and Glos. Standard, distribution has commenced. It is expected that the demand for help will increase, particularly over the Christmas period, so we have decided to continue collecting.

There will be a container for gifts at Hatherop School, Southrop School and in the Southrop Community Shop, which is open every Wednesday from 8.30 until 11.30. Hopefully there will be other collection points in the CHEQS benefice. Particular requests at the moment are for tinned sponge puddings, instant mashed potato, fruit juices and Christmas food treats for children. If anyone would like more information please contact me on 01367 850347. *Margaret Davey*

Scottish Country Dancing

Starts again on 7th November in the Cotswold Hall, Northleach. Wednesday mornings from 9.30-11.30am. As an alternative to jogging or 'going to the gym' it is an excellent way to keep fit and meet new friends. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a beginner, intermediate or experienced dancer. There is a small charge to cover costs. Please bring soft shoes. For further details, contact Hilary Foulkes on 01285 851798.

VILLAGE ROUNDUP

The Editor reserves the right to exclude any article considered unsuitable and does not accept liability for anything contained in the magazine. All items submitted for inclusion should include the name and contact details of the sender in case of any questions. Material for inclusion in the Village Roundup should please be received no later than THE 12TH DAY OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. Contact Rachel Mehtar on 01367 850450 or rachel.mehtar@talk21.com. If emailing it would be very helpful if text could be copied into the email itself. Please note no colour can be used. Advertisers should please contact Allan Lees, 01285 750260.

COMMUNITY BUS MONTHLY SHOPPING TRIP TO CARTERTON MARKET DAY

The community bus is subsidised by Southrop and Eastleach Parish Councils.

It runs every third Thursday of the month.

Leaving Southrop at 12.50pm and Eastleach at 13.00. Arriving in Carterton at 13.20. Leaving Carterton at 14.50 (approximately).

The driver of the bus (Mrs Diana Guest) collects from outside your home, drops you back to your home and she carries your shopping to your front door.

Cost £2.50 round trip.

To arrange for the bus to pick you up or for more information phone Diana on 01367 850189 or 07711 749671.

Fairford & District Choral Society is pleased to announce plans for the Spring Term 2013 - **The Best of British - Music for two Elizabeths**

Music will include the following: Byrd - Sing joyfully, Ave verum corpus, Britten - Hymn to the Virgin, Jubilate Deo in C, Te deum in C, Elgar - Ave verum corpus, Land of Hope and Glory, Finzi - God is gone up with a triumphant shout, Gibbons - O clap your hands, Holst - I vow to thee my country, Parry - Blest pair of sirens, Tallis - O nata lux, Vaughan Williams - O how amiable, O taste and see

- Wednesday 9th January: rehearsals start, 7.30– 9.30 p.m. in Fairford United Church, Milton Street, Fairford, GL7 4BW
- Sunday, 17th March: extra afternoon rehearsal in St Mary's, 2.00 – 5.30 p.m.
- Saturday 13th April: Concert: 7.30 p.m. in St Mary's Church (with rehearsal 2.00 – 5.30)

New and returning members warmly welcomed – see website (www.fairford.org/choralsociety) for details or contact John (Musical Director) or Jane (Membership Secretary) on 01285 713681.

Can you help at St. Peter's Church Southrop?

Have you ever wondered who cleans our church and arranges the lovely Altar flowers? These activities are done by a band of volunteers from the village and as always with most volunteer activities there are never enough people. The shortage is becoming particularly acute as long-standing participants are no longer able to undertake the tasks or are moving away, so we desperately need some new, younger volunteers. If you think you could help with cleaning which is mainly on a 3 week basis once a year, please contact Sally Parris on 850321.

If you could arrange flowers for the Altar, please contact Margaret Davey on 850347. The flowers are usually done on a monthly basis but if you can offer just a couple of weeks once a year, it would be most appreciated.

We also ask the person doing the flowers to clean the brass too, but if you feel you could clean the brass but not arrange the flowers, that too would be a great help. It doesn't just have to be "women's work" and perhaps it could be a 2013 New Year Resolution!

Quenington Institute 100 Club Draw November 2012

1st No.20 K.Ford, 2nd No. 23 B. Cullum, 3rd No. 32 G. Holton. Please note all numbers are due for renewal after the December draw. New members are always welcome - £12 per number for the year. Contact David Bostock on 750456.

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Quenington Youth Club Christmas Bingo

There will be a Christmas bingo run by Quenington youth club on December 13th in the village hall. Doors open at 7.0'clock and eyes down for 7.30pm.

Any prizes would be most welcome.

There will be a raffle and mince pies and a cup of tea at half time.

All are welcome. Contact Don on 01285 750304.

Fairford United Church (Congregational/Methodist)

Sunday services start at 10.00 a.m. each week.

On Sundays when there is no All Age Worship, there is Sunday School provision for children. Fairly traded goods are available for sale after Sunday services.

Christmas Services – Sunday 23rd December 10.00 a.m. Carol Service, Monday 24th December 7.00 p.m. Christmas Communion, Tuesday 25th December 10.00 a.m. Christmas Day Family Service

Friday 7th December – Contact Group 12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. – meet friends old and new over tea/coffee and light refreshments. Please note no meeting in January.

Mondays at 7.00 p.m. Prayer Group –prayer requests can be placed in the box attached to the Chapel gate. Mondays at 8.00 p.m. Bible Study on the book of Zechariah led by Rev. James Taylor – all are welcome to attend both groups

Quenington Baby And Toddler Group

All welcome to come along to the group who meet on Mondays 10 – 11.30am in the Village Hall Quenington (opposite the Green). Great toys, arts/crafts, signing, fun, convasation, a drink and snack is all provided for a £1.50 donation per family. Just come along during term time or contact Lisa Chapman on 01285 711359.

Fireworks

Would any owners of livestock that are worried their animals may be at risk during firework displays please let me know so an updated list can be kept on record and passed on to 'fireworkers' when the need arises. Would anyone who intends having a firework display please advise me of events so I can send you the list to keep livestock owners informed.

Please try and give 2 weeks notice prior to events (in case of holidays) and if possible put an announcement in the CHEQS magazine.

Thank you for your co-operation and wishing you all sparking displays and safe livestock. Jacqui Bayliss, 'fireworks co-ordinator', contact: 01285 750527 or jacqui@coltsmoor.co.uk.

St Swithin's Christmas Fayre Combined Monthly Coffee Morning

will take place at The Gate on The Green on Saturday 8th December from 10.30am to 12.30pm. As we also hope to have moved to our new village hall, please join us to celebrate with a complimentary glass of mulled wine. All the usual stalls-Bottles, Gifts, Cakes and Raffle will be there, plus other stall holders. Tables available. £6.00 in advance or £8.00 on the day. To book please contact Anthea Palmer 01285 750493.

Baby And Toddler Group Thanks To Bull Dogs

The Quenington Baby and Toddler Group would like to thank the Bull Dogs for their kind donation enabling them to buy new toys and equipment to get started in November in their new location in the Village Hall (formerly the Gate on the Green). Some of the new toys purchased include baby play mats, a sturdy kitchen, a great slide and much more for the children to have fun with. The Toddler group meets on Mondays 10-11.30am. All are welcome to call in for a friendly chat over a cup of tea while children play. For further info call Lisa 01285 711359.

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society announces their Christmas lecture on December 12th by Daniel Snowman entitled "The Gilded Stage: A Social and Cultural History of Opera." Author and broadcaster, Daniel Snowman is also a long-time member of the London Philharmonic Choir.

The lecture takes place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF. It begins at 11.00 am followed by mince pies and drinks. Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8). For more information please see our website www.cotswolddfas.org.

Hatherop Church Of England Primary School

Life at Hatherop has continued to be exciting and fun.

Children from Hatherop did exceptionally well in two sports events at Farmor's against other local primary schools. Year 5/6 came joint 3rd in the netball. Well done to Poppy, Lucy, Megan, Grace, Alice, Tom, Max and Meggie. Year 4 came 2nd in the Tag Rugby. Well done to Harvey, Dexter, Louis, William, Izzy, Kate, Josh, Fergus, Sam and Jessica.

The week after half term we held a whole school Maths Week. We had a visit from 'Magic Mike' who taught us all magic tricks involving Maths and numbers, and a number related non-uniform day. It was great fun.

There were two new arrivals in half term. The School Council wanted to purchase a school pet with the money won from the Mock Trials earlier this year. Digit and Domino, the gerbils are settling into life in Class 1. They are very sweet and busy destroying their cardboard homes! They are a super addition to the school.

Class 3 held a very entertaining and informative assembly, including the appearance of live animals (a chicken from the batch of chicks and a ferret). It was a superb combination of learning and laughter.

We focus on a different 'value' each term. This term we are thinking about Respect. Questions I will be encouraging the children to reflect on are: What objects are special to you? How do you show respect for your own and other people's belongings? How do you show respect to animals? How do you show respect to others?

We are all looking forward to Christmas. The children have been busying designing a calendar that the PTA are selling and preparations for the Christmas production will begin soon.

On behalf of all the pupils, staff and governors, may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fairford & District Choral Society

Fairford & District Choral Society is absolutely delighted to have invited Opus Anglicanum to present a Mediaeval Carol Concert to be held on the eve of Advent, Saturday 1st December in St Mary's Church, Fairford, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets (£10, u-18 £5) tickets are all on sale "on the door" and do not need to be purchased or reserved in advance.

For anyone interested, places are still available for an afternoon Plainchant workshop (those attending will have the opportunity to sing Compline during the evening concert) – if you wish to take part, please book in advance through www.opus-a.co.uk or by telephoning 01749 677903.

Museum 'Yarn Bombed'

To mark this years Armistice Day, the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum located in Gloucester Docks has been 'yarn bombed' with knitted and crocheted poppies.

Lavinia Drake, volunteer and project organiser, worked with staff to install 1200 poppies from the roof of the museum to the pavement and around the Docks area. The initial target was 500 poppies for the installation, but in just two weeks, the museum received 1200 poppies from knitters from as far as Spain and Germany!

Lavinia had the idea after helping digitalise a first world war diary of the Gloucestershire Regiment. "At the end of each month there is a summary of soldiers, missing, wounded and dead. The numbers of each were shocking, and this was just for one Battalion, it really made me think about the sacrifices these men made. I wanted to do something in a fun visual way, which would make people encountering the poppies to stop and remember those who have died at war."

Curator George Streatfeild said, "We have her to thank for all the positive reactions we have had from the public. We have involved an audience that would otherwise be unlikely to be interested in the museum." The poppies will be on display until the 20th November, donations to the British Legion Poppy Appeal can be made in the museum shop. The shop is also selling the handmade poppies as brooches as well as official British Legion items, with all donations going to the Poppy Appeal. The Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum has several Remembrance Day displays up as well as telling the stories of soldiers from the county for the last three hundred years.

Lechlade Gardening Club

Lechlade Gardening Club meets every 2nd Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm The Memorial Hall, Lechlade on Thames. There are monthly talks and on occasions a garden visit with a wide variety of topics covered. The committee welcome ideas from members for future talks and visits and the club is very welcoming to new members. Decembers talk will be by Laura Thompson from the award winning Bloom Room, Lechlade on Thames and will be a demonstration and talk on creating a Christmas Wreath.

Recently a website has been created for the club and those with access to the web can find it on <http://www.lechladegardeningclub.org.uk/> which gives full details of the clubs activities, contacts and much more. We hope you will like it and we look forward to hearing your views.

Lastly the Lechlade Gardening Club wish you all a very happy Christmas and a good gardening New Year.

Wessex Male Choir

Wessex Male Choir are one of the top choirs in the UK and won the International Eistedfodd, Langollen 2011 for the best male choir. They perform all over the UK and have an extremely interesting couple of years ahead of them in 2013/14 when apart from local concerts for charity, will be performing in some outstanding locations in London including the Tower of London and Ireland. They have performed at Twickenham and Wembley stadiums and currently in the last year sung to over 200,000 audience. The choir are currently looking for suitable male singers over 18years of age to join this dynamic choir and to raise their numbers from 60+ to over 70 choristers. If you fancy giving the choir a go or know of a husband//son or male relative/friend that might be interested why not let them know of one of our regular practices in Abbeymeads, Swindon on Tuesday evenings or visit the choirs website <http://www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk/> to get further details.



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Our school council loved the Go Pyjama's idea by Blue Peter so decided to organise a 'wear your pyjamas to school day' to raise money for Children in Need. They had wonderful day doing all their lessons in PJ's and had an afternoon treat of hot chocolate and homemade biscuits and cakes!

December 2012**Midweek Services**

Thursday December 6th	9.30 am	Communion CW	Coln Vicarage	
Thursday December 13th	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Coln	

Sunday 2nd December (First Sunday in Advent)

9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	Southrop	CB
11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	PP
6.00 pm	Advent Service of Light	Coln	CB

Sunday 9th December

8.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Hatherop	CB
9.30 am	Family HC CW	Quenington	CB
11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	JE
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Coln	JE
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Southrop	CB

Saturday 15th December

6.00 pm	Carol service	Bouthrop	CB
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Sunday 16th December

9.30 am	Family Service CW	Hatherop	CB
9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Southrop	RL
11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Coln	CB
11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	HWP
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Quenington	HWP

Sunday 23rd December

9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Quenington	CB
11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Eastleach	CB/JE
6.00 pm	Carol Service	Southrop	CB
7.00 pm	Carol Service	Coln	CB

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4.00 pm	Crib service	Quenington	CB
5.30pm	Crib service	Southrop	CB
11.30pm	Mid-night mass	Hatherop	CB

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	Quenington	CB
11.00 am	Holy Communion CW	Southrop	CB
11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	JE

Sunday 30th December

11.00am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	JE
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Southrop	JE
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	CHQ	ChWarden

BCP – traditional language**CW – contemporary language****HYMNS AND READINGS****2nd December**

HC/FC	1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – end	Advent Sunday	Purple
		Luke 21: 25 – 36	
MP/EP	Psalm 25: 1 – 9	Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16	Luke 21: 25 – 36
Hymns	25 31	28	

9th December 2nd

HC/FC	Philippians 1: 3-11	Sunday of Advent	Purple
		Luke 3: 1-6	
MP/EP	Psalm, Benedictus. Malachi 3: 1-4	Luke 3: 1-6	
Hymns	27 221 (omit v 2)	31	

16th December 3rd

HC/FC	Philippians 4: 4-7	Sunday of Advent	Purple
		Luke 3: 7-18	
MP/EP	Psalm 146: 4-end	Zephaniah 3: 14-end	Luke 3: 7-18
Hymns	125 177 142(omit vs 2 & 4)		

23rd December 4th

HC/FC	Hebrews 10:5-10	Sunday of Advent	Purple
		Luke 1: 39-45	
MP/EP	Psalm 144 Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1: 39-45	
Hymns	26 (omit v 3)	422	121(omit v 3)

Christmas Eve (Midnight)

HC	Acts 13: 16-26		White
		Luke 1: 67-79	
Hymns	46 (omit vs 2 & 4)	40	34

25th December

HC/FC	Hebrews 1: 1-4	Christmas Day	White
		John 1: 1-14	
MP/EP	Psalm 98 Isaiah 52: 7-10	John 1: 1-14	
Hymns	35	37 34	

30th December

HC/FC	Colossians 3: 12-17	Christmas 1	White
		Luke 2: 41-end	
MP/EP	Psalm 148 1 Samuel 2:18-20 & 26	Luke 2; 41-end	
Hymns	30	42 41	