

## FROM THE VICAR

What an interesting month this has been on the international political scene! We're living in many ways (from the historically low interest rates in this country to the nature of the new American presidency) in a global state of affairs that has never been known before – in genuinely extraordinary times.

Meanwhile in the church we're now in 'Ordinary Time', part of our annual cycle of observance and celebration which isn't a named season like Christmas or Easter – or indeed Lent, which begins this year on the first day of next month. What a profoundly odd description of the church's life that is when you think about it.

In the Greek in which the New Testament was written there are two words for 'time' – *chronos*, which refers to the everyday passing of time measured by our clocks (or the New Testament sundials); and *kairos*, which means special time, as in "now is the time for action" ... not a specific hour on the clockface, but the right occasion.

The coming of Jesus brought God's special time, his *kairos*, into our everyday lives. To use other Biblical descriptions, eternal life (life in God's new *aeon*) has invaded our everyday living – as the line in the Lord's Prayer might be translated, "Give us today the bread of eternity". Or it's another sphere of influence, God's kingdom (or 'reign' as we might now say) on earth.

What this means in practice is that Jesus offers us another way of living: amidst the power-seeking greed and hypocrisy that marks so much of what passes for political discourse, there's another set of tracks on which we can run, one marked by the values of God's new age – "extraordinary time".

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Lent begins on March 1st – see inside for details of special services. One of the ideas raised at the Coln congregational meeting (page 7) was that of a CHEQS study course for the season. Would you be interested in such a thing? This being the year of Matthew's gospel on Sundays, we might for example look at the Sermon on the Mount. Let us know if you'd like to take part in this.



## FROM THE REGISTERS

Our love & prayers are with the family and friends of **David North** whose funeral took place recently.

### JEEL AL AMEL

There was a very heart-warming response to my previous write-up on this Palestinian orphanage in Bethany. So much so that it seemed a good idea to suggest we might revert to the Lent Lunches that used to be a regular Lenten 'discipline' within the CHEQS villages, and use them as a fund-raiser for these very needy children.

Approval having been gained, three venues have been chosen. These are the village halls at Quenington, Southrop and Eastleach (dates below). Parking is easy and there is plenty of space for lots of people to come! So you will, won't you ?

Each lunch is a simple meal of home-made soup, bread and cheese with a brownie or similar to finish. Lunch is FREE – but, as there is no such thing as a free lunch, a donation plate will be available, *all* of the contents of which will be sent to Jeel al Amel.

As it is also a good thing to share in the fun, any offers to lay tables, dish out food, help with the washing up or anything else that takes your fancy, will be gratefully received. And best of all, phone some friends and bring them with you.

12 noon - 2.00pm on Thursdays in the village halls

March 9 – Quenington

March 16 – Quenington

March 23 – Eastleach

March 30 – Southrop

April 5 – Quenington

Offers of help or an indication that you are coming, particularly helpful to those catering, can come via myself at 01285 750218 or [hiprice@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:hiprice@globalnet.co.uk)

Thank you – Patti Price

## **HELP NEEDED**

Volunteers are urgently needed to help keep St Swithin's Church in Quenington clean. For further details please contact Janet Goddard on 01285 750323. Cleaning is on a rota-basis and the maximum number of sessions would be four per year.

## **BRAINSTORMING IN QUENINGTON**



In the 1140s, Agnes de Lacy brainstormed the building of the church of St Swithun (then dedicated to St Mary). Join us, John Partington, Val Trafford & Lucy Abel Smith, for a twenty-first century brainstorming session for ideas to raise funds to safeguard the future of our beautiful small building.

Come and add your ideas and companionship in Quenington Old Rectory at 4.00 pm on Sunday 12th. There will be refreshments, and a short illustrated talk on the remarkable and innovative south doorway, 'The Coronation', created by artists working for the de Lacy family.

RSVP to [lucyabelsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lucyabelsmith@gmail.com), 01285 750358/888; The Old Rectory, Church Road, Quenington.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

This month's coffee morning is on Saturday 11th, 10.30 am - 12 noon. Meet with friends and enjoy coffee and home-made cakes at our monthly coffee morning. Raffle and book exchange. Anyone wishing to contribute cakes, please bring them along – costs will be reimbursed! Contact Janet Goddard – 01285 750323.

A Seed Swap will take place at the February Coffee morning (11th) ... if you have saved any seeds from the summer crops you are welcome to bring them along. You can take seeds too without bringing any to swap. A date for your diary!



## **FAIRFORD HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**

QUENINGTON HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FUND-RAISING  
EVENT 27 MARCH - 10 APRIL 2017

The League of Friends is currently seeking a volunteer Co-ordinator for Quenington. Can you spare a few hours before and immediately after this important fund-raising event to organise a team of approximately four collectors in the Quenington area?

If you would like further information please contact Christine Barker on 07767 408409 or email [fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk)

Everything the League of Friends does is for the local community but it can only be done if we have the funds and the volunteers to help us!

*The League is a community-based charity run by volunteers providing health-related support to the patients registered with the GP practices in Lechlade and Fairford. We are totally focussed on the local community serving and on supporting the people who live in Lechlade, Fairford and the surrounding villages.*

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

With the New Year, we welcome Mrs Balloch to the school to jointly teach the Reception and Year 1 children. She has brought her musical expertise to the school, leading our whole school singing on the keyboard and is introducing the children in Class 1 to Yoga in their PE lessons.

There are lots of opportunities for the children to take part in other sporting activities this term. Class 3 are concentrating on fitness with a weekly running programme around the field where children and teachers take part. The children are very keen and hopefully will continue to do well in the Cross Country Competitions later in February. Also following our success at the recent local indoor athletics event, fourteen children have been selected to take part in the Sports Hall Athletics final at Kingshill School and will take part in 'track' and 'field' events.

In addition to all of these opportunities, Sports for Schools are coming to the school. GB Olympic Hand Cyclist David Abrutat will be here to inspire the children with his story and to engage with them via fitness and fun.

So it is a busy and active start to the new year for the children.

## **HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL**

As I write this at the beginning of January I am reminded how the beginning of the year is a time of change for us all. Many will have made New Year's resolutions to make changes to their lives and I wonder, when this is read in early February, how many of these changes are still in place – well done to all those who have maintained their resolve. At a recent educational conference one phrase took my attention in particular. Jacqui Beere, who is a prominent educationalist in the sphere of growth and fixed mindsets and how they can affect our children's learning, said "Change in all its forms is inevitable – we have to get good at it." I felt this to be a very apt statement for 2017 when I am about to retire following forty years in the classroom, and I am sure it could also have an impact on us all and how we look at changes in our lives however big or small.

Life at Hatherop Castle continues to be very busy, offering the pupils numerous chances for change, development and growth. Our Lego Robotics team have just become regional champions and we wish them well in the National Finals on Sunday 26th. This month sees our Open Morning on Saturday 4th. The theme this time is 'Magic', and the morning will consist of a variety of sessions including 'magic in the Science laboratory', magic shows and storytelling workshops. Please come along if you wish to see the school in action. We are also holding a Senior Schools' exhibition on Friday 24th, when a number of schools will be available to show what they can offer to children ready to move into the next phase of their education. Scholarship Day is Saturday 25th, and details of all these events can be obtained by phoning the school office. Our annual Theme Week this year is based on the Local Environment and you may see the children in the local villages looking at old and new architecture or visiting local farms. We will be exploring the differences between village, town and city environments along with looking in greater detail at the history of the castle and how we could make positive changes to our own environment. The term will then conclude with the Middle school production of *Yanamamo* – a musical which considers the impact of changes made by humans to the rainforests of the world.

I wish you well with all the changes that may be occurring in your own lives and hope that you will look back at 2017 and realise that change is good, especially when we embrace it positively.

Jenny Lay Deputy Head Hatherop Castle School.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COLN ST ALDWYNS, HATHEROP AND QUENINGTON?**

“What’s Happening in Coln St Aldwyns, Hatherop and Quenington?” (WHICHQ) is a new website which gives information, photos and sound recordings of, and about, events in the three villages.

The website augments the excellent service provided by the emails produced by Adrian Goodman, along with the church website and Parish Magazine and is a good place not only to find out about upcoming events but also to look back on things that have taken place in the community.

Check-out the website at [www.whichq.weebly.com](http://www.whichq.weebly.com) and follow us on Twitter at @CHQEvents to keep up-to-date with latest additions to the website. (If you’ve not used Twitter before, don’t worry – you don’t *have* to receive tweets from Donald Trump: you chose as much or as little information as you wish to see.)

## **COLN CINEMA**

.. invites you to a showing “*Eye in the Sky* at Vicarage Cottage Barn

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. (doors open 7.00 pm.)

Colonel Katherine Powell (Helen Mirren) is a London-based military intelligence officer commanding a top-secret drone operation to capture terrorists in Kenya. Through remote surveillance, Powell discovers the targets are planning a suicide bombing and the mission escalates from “capture” to “kill”. But as American drone pilot Steve Watts (Aaron Paul) is about to engage, a nine-year old girl enters the kill-zone triggering an international dispute, reaching the highest levels of US and British government, over the moral, political, and personal implications of modern warfare. Also starring Alan Rickman. Cert. 15 102 mins

## **CLERGY DEPLOYMENT**

A number of people have been asking about the plans for redeploying clergy in the South Cotswold Team (of which the CHEQS churches are part). This is part of a necessary move from four full-time and three part-time clergy to four plus two.

The Team Council will have had a preliminary discussion about this by the end of January, and Diocesan advice is being sought. The decision will ultimately be the Team Rector’s.

All the Team clergy are already licensed to all the parishes, and any changes will simply be a question of which vicar has prime responsibility for which church: there is no question (unless churches want it) of parish amalgamations or of altering the pattern of services. The outcome of the current discussions should be clear by Easter – we’ll keep you posted.

## COLN CHURCH IN 2017

We had a well-attended meeting last month to discuss the coming year. The present pattern of services (part of a shared provision with Hatherop & Quenington) was agreed to be working well; but it was hoped to start some extra services, perhaps at Hatherop, whose time and style would be more suited to families and occasional churchgoers.

There was an appetite for some more special services (for example like the Village Celebration which is so successful in Eastleach), and also for more refreshments after the services, and perhaps for more variety in worship music – with occasional instrumentalists for example.

We still have no official churchwarden, but the tasks involved are being shared by a wide group of people, and a watching eye is being kept by a triumvirate – David Hicks Beach, Ray Michael and Anthony Van Oss. We agreed that we should hold a church & churchyard workparty soon to tackle some of the occasional tasks.

There was warm support for the idea of more church-based social events, and in particular that we should hold a parish-wide Harvest Supper (or Lunch) this year.

*If you'd like to help with any of the above, or in any other way, please be sure to let us know!*

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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: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP), 10.00 am Morning Worship with children's activities (HC 1st, 3rd, 5th; Informal 4th, All-Age 2nd); 6.00 am Evening Worship (Evensong 1st, 3rd, 4th; Holy Communion 2nd; Healing 5th). 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)

**FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST)** – Sunday: 10.30 am Morning Worship & children's activities. Fairly-traded goods for sale. Our monthly Contact Group meeting is on Fridays 3 February and 3 March: 12.30 - 2.30 pm. Come and meet friends old and new over tea/coffee and light refreshments.

**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).

## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

### Sunday 5

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>PP</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Quenington	<i>RS</i>

### Sunday 12

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>JP</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>RS</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>JK</i>

### Sunday 19

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>MB</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Quenington	<i>RS</i>

### Sunday 26

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>MB</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>JE</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>JP</i>

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent, the forty-day season leading up to Easter, begins this year on March 1st, Ash Wednesday.

There are three services of Holy Communion in our churches to mark the day: at 12 noon in Down Ampney and Fairford churches and at 7.30 pm in Lechlade church.

In our own CHEQS group, both our schools are having services that day – at 9.00 am in Southrop church, and at 10.00 am in Hatherop. You are most welcome to join us.

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

### KEY TO WORSHIP LEADERS

JE – John Exelby; JK – Jane Kidd; JP – John Partington;  
MB – Margaret Bettis; PP – Patti Price; RS – Roger Scoones

### READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS

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| <b>5</b> ( <i>4 Lent</i> )  | Psalm 112; Hymns 177, 238, 200<br>Isaiah 58. 1-9a, Matthew 5. 13-20            | <i>green</i>  |
| <b>12</b> ( <i>3 Lent</i> ) | Psalm 119. 1-8; Hymns 144, 473, 249<br>Deuteronomy 30. 15-20, Matthew 5. 21-37 | <i>green</i>  |
| <b>19</b> ( <i>2 Lent</i> ) | Psalm 136. 1-9, 23-26; Hymns 105, 180, 22<br>Romans 8. 18-25, Matthew 6. 25-34 | <i>green</i>  |
| <b>26</b> ( <i>1 Lent</i> ) | Psalm 2; Hymns 4 / 9, 318, 235<br>Exodus 24. 12-18, Matthew 17. 1-9            | <i>green</i>  |
| <b>5</b> ( <i>Lent 1</i> )  | Psalm 32; Hymns 56, 113, 208<br>Romans 5. 12-19, Matthew 4. 1-11               | <i>purple</i> |

## **BLACK IS THE COLOR OF MY VOICE**

*Come and join us for this Quenington Village Hall event on Saturday 25th!*

Direct from sell-out performances in Shanghai, New York and at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Apphia Campbell embarks on her debut UK tour.

Inspired by the life of Nina Simone, 'Black is the Color of my Voice' follows a successful jazz singer and civil-rights activist seeking redemption after the untimely death of her father. She reflects on the journey that took her from a young piano prodigy destined for a life in the service of the church, to a renowned jazz vocalist at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement.

*Refreshments served from 7.00 pm. The show starts at 7.45 pm.*

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY**

Monday 20th at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm in the Pavilion – “Norman Planted Towns”. This talk by Peter Dawson, historian of Northleach Historical Society, will look at the origins and role of the Norman ‘new’ or ‘planted’ towns (of which both Northleach and Wootton Bassett are examples). Intended as part of the Norman administrative system, their aim was to provide the population with ready access to a local market. Peter will also explain the background to the land holdings known as ‘burgage plots’. Guests welcome £4. Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).

## **THANK YOU FROM THE POPPY APPEAL**

A Happy New Year to all our volunteer collectors, who have done a great job again this year! I am also so grateful for all of the public financial contributions! The Poppy Appeal raised a total of £2471.44, which is a fantastic result for all of Quenington, Coln and Hatherop.

As ever, we are (as always!) in need of new collectors. If you are likely to have time during late October / early November this year, please contact me on 01285 750795. Many thanks – Jo Edgell (Local Coordinator)

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**

Christmas Superdraw Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> No 29 A Palmer; 2<sup>nd</sup> No 33 G Holton; 3<sup>rd</sup> No 59 J Sayer.

*New members are always welcome. Numbers cost £12 for the year (pro rata if joining half way through the year) and all profits go towards the Village Hall funds. Contact David Bostock on 01285 750465 for more information.*

## RIDGE & FURROW IN THE COTSWOLDS

When travelling around the Cotswolds and the Vale of Evesham on a summer evening, with the sun low in the sky, it's impossible not to notice rows of humps in the fields. There are line upon line of them, some straight and many curving slightly. What you are seeing are the remnants of an ancient ploughing method called "ridge and furrow".

In Anglo-Saxon times, families owned strips of land, with their neighbours farming adjacent strips. They used oxen to pull their ploughs, horses being used mainly for military purposes. The plough-blade cut the turf and forced the soil against a board, which turned it over and moved it sideways. At the end of the field, the oxen would loop round to come back down the field to pile the soil against the first cut. By going round your land in this manner, the effect was to push the soil in towards the middle and create a long heap. Besides increasing the surface area of your strip, it assisted drainage. Over many seasons, the ridge would get higher and the furrow would go deeper, so that it's no surprise to see them as a prominent feature in our landscape today. It's hard work walking across a series of ridge and furrows, and the effectiveness of the drainage is shown when every furrow can be quite boggy, even in dry weather. In some places, the furrow can even support the growth of rushes.

On the heavier soils of the Vale farmers could use up to eight oxen positioned two abreast and secured together with yokes before being attached to the plough. They didn't use bridles or reins to control the oxen; instead the ploughman worked with a boy who carried a long stick which he used to keep the oxen moving by reaching across and giving them a tap. At the end of the field the ploughboy used his stick to drive the oxen round in a half circle, then guide them back down the field, and so continue the ploughing.

The ploughboy's stick was called a rod, pole or perch (depending on locality) and at 5½ yards long was just the right length to reach the far oxen, and not too heavy to carry. (If the rod was laid four times across the field, that made 22 yards; if it was laid forty times down the field, that made 220 yards, and the area was called an acre, the amount a ploughman and his boy could plough in a day in the available daylight hours. The breadth of 22 yards was known as a chain, the length of a cricket pitch and the length of 220 yards was known as a farrowlength or as we call it today, a furlong.)

During the late 800s and early 900s AD with a threat of Danish invasion into the west of England, the Saxon kings re-ordered the countryside by creating communities of villages and building defences around the towns. The ridge and furrow strips were brought together into estates and boundaries became more defined with the planting of hedgerows. Many of these ancient hedgerows survive to this day giving us a living link to our Anglo-Saxon ancestors. The threat of Danish attack generated a more collective type of farmer.

In the following centuries the population expanded and farming changed to meet new demands. The ridge and furrow returned to grassland to support cattle and sheep, leaving us with those humps in the ground so clearly seen on a summer evening.

It's interesting to think that the dimensions used by our Anglo-Saxon ancestors are still known to us over 1000 years later; and the size of an ox and a boy carrying a rod, pole or perch helped to define the nature of our English countryside.

## **EASTLEACH & SOUTHROP FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE JUMBLE SALE**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, Southrop Village Hall 2.00pm Entry 20p

Donations of Jumble, Bric a brac, Cakes, Books, Toys etc can be left at the Hall on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 2.00 - 3.30 pm or Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00 - 11.00 am. Contact Sally Parris 01367 850321 or Jane Jenkinson 01367 850393

## **SOUTHROP VILLAGE EVENTS**

Our lovely village hall is in need of some improvements and therefore we need to raise a considerable amount of money. With the aid of grants we hope to complete the refurbishment by the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its opening which was in January 1955. Our logo is "SVH2025".

We are planning a number of village events throughout 2017 which we hope will be well supported.

**4th March** 70s and 80s Disco night  
**1st April** Call my Bluff  
**10th June** Fete

## **QUENINGTON SOCIETY TALK – PHOTOGRAPHS OF HORACE W NICHOLLS**

“Horace W Nicholls (1867–1941) was one of Britain’s best-known photographers of the early twentieth century. Like many of his contemporaries, he believed that photography was an art form. But he also possessed an instinctive ability to tell a story through photographs. In this respect, Nicholls was one of the world’s first true photojournalists.” *Hilary Roberts – Curator of Photography, Imperial War Museum.*

David Mallinson will present a slide-show of his grandfather’s photographs including the Boer War, the ‘golden age’ of Edwardian Britain and some of his best-known WW1 images from the Imperial War Museum Archive.

Quenington Village Hall, Friday 17th 7.00 for 7.30 pm start. Entrance £3.



Gloucester Choral Society presents

Sergei Rachmaninov's

## ALL-NIGHT VIGIL (VESPERS)

Saturday 18th March at 7pm

Gloucester Cathedral

Soloists: Vasily Sevenko – bass Beth Moxon – mezzo-soprano Matthew Keighley – tenor



One of the most atmospheric choral works of all, it is astonishing that the piece was composed in less than two weeks in the freezing days of January and February 1915. Notable also as a highly religious work, how ironic that the composer had lost his faith by the time he wrote it.

Sung in Russian, under the direction of **Adrian Partington**, and without accompaniment, Gloucester Cathedral's unique acoustics will bring the piece to life!

Tickets from £10 to £25 available from [www.3choirs.org/event/rachmaninov-all-night-vigil](http://www.3choirs.org/event/rachmaninov-all-night-vigil)

or by calling the Box Office on 01452-768928

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Let's Talk: Rachmaninov Vespers

Pre-Concert Talk • Friday 10th March • 7.30pm The Parliament Room, Gloucester Cathedral •

Writer, lecturer and broadcaster on classical music, **David Nice**, explores Rachmaninov's beautiful work.

Tickets £10 from the Box Office or on the door

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## CHEQS DIARY

*for this month's Sunday services see centre pages*

Feb 11	10.30 am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
Feb 12	4.00 pm	Quenington congregational meeting in the Old Rectory
Feb 17	7.00 pm	Quenington Society Talk – Quenington Village Hall
Feb 20	7.15 pm	Lechlade History Society
Feb 24	7.00 pm	Coln Cinema
Feb 25	7.00 pm	Black is the Color of my Voice – Quenington Village Hall
	2.00 pm	Friendship Circle Jumble Sale – Southrop Village Hall
Mar 1	9.00 am	School Ash Wednesday service in Southrop church
	10.00 am	School Ash Wednesday service in Hatherop church
	12 noon	Ash Wednesday Communion at Down Ampney church
	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Communion at Lechlade church
	12 noon	Ash Wednesday Communion at Fairford church
Mar 4		70s and 80s Disco Night – Southrop Village Hall
Mar 8	6.00 pm	Eastleach PCC in Village Hall
Mar 9	12 noon	Lent lunches in Quenington Village Hall
Mar 11	10.30 am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
Mar 15	9.00 am	School Service in Southrop church ( <i>all welcome</i> )
Mar 16	12 noon	Lent lunches in Quenington Village Hall
Mar 18	7.00 pm	All Night Vigil-Vespers, Gloucester Cathedral
Mar 23	12 noon	Lent lunches in Eastleach Village Hall
Mar 24		Coln Cinema
Mar 26		<i>British Summer Time starts</i>
Mar 30	12 noon	Lent lunches in Southrop Village Hall
Apr 1	Mar 9	Call My Bluff –Southrop Village Hall
Apr 5	12 noon	Lent lunches in Quenington Village Hall
Apr 7	Mar 9	School Easter service in Hatherop church
	1.00 pm	School Easter service in Southrop church
Apr 8	10.30 am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
Apr 16		<i>Easter Day</i>
Apr 26	6.00 pm	Eastleach APCM in Village Hall
Apr 28		Coln Cinema
May 9	10.30 am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
May 25	7.00 am	<i>Ascension Day</i> Holy Communion at Bibury church
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