

## FROM THE VICAR

I recently had the interesting experience of conducting a ‘humanist’ funeral, complete with a reading chosen by the family (“Although there is no God ...”) – rather an odd experience for a vicar. It was for an aunt of mine, an avowed atheist (despite being my godmother!) who had been keen that I should be the officiant.

The word ‘humanist’ is an interesting one. People often now use it as a synonym for ‘atheist’, which is a great pity. Jesus was a humanist – putting the welfare of people above the narrow dictates of the established religion of his time. (Remember his healing people on the Sabbath, and his sayings such as “The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath”.) And he was the opposite of an atheist – embodying a dependence on God, and helping those he met to discover the power of God’s loving acceptance to change their lives.

It’s sad (to me at least) that so many today don’t expect to find their lives enhanced by what the church has to offer. Before I became a Christian I used to goad my more religious friends by quoting Lucretius at them (yes, I was a Latin nerd): “Look how much evil has been brought into the world by religion”. And still, like most Christians, I feel uncomfortable about being described as ‘religious’: I don’t feel that I am! But the church isn’t here to make people religious .. any more than that was the intention of Jesus.

Our Bishop, Rachel Treweek, has set the churches in the diocese a challenge: to put into practice the teaching of Jesus “I have come that you may have life in all its fullness”; and she is encouraging Christians to think less in terms of bringing people into church (heartening though it is when others want to join us in worshipping God) and more in terms of what we can offer the communities in which we live. She doesn’t use the phrase, but it’s a challenge to us to be Christian humanists.

Back to the funeral. The hardest part was the end of the ceremony, when I would normally commend a loved one to God’s loving care ... I just didn’t know what to say instead. Not everyone can say the creed without crossing their fingers, and many of us are quite agnostic about some of the Bible’s teaching about heaven etc ... but not to express *trust* (which is what faith really means) – that was hard.

See inside this magazine for details of our annual ‘In Memoriam’ services, at which we entrust our loved ones (those who have died recently and others whose memory we nurture) to God. And let us know the names of those you’d like us to remember at those services. My aunt will be on the list!



## **TUDOR EVENSONG**

To mark the quincentenary of the Reformation we're holding a 1549 service of Evening Prayer at Coln church at 6.00 pm on Sunday 8th, led by the Sudeley Singers, an *a capella* group of church singers. Come and join us for a unique time of worship!

## **IN MEMORIAM SERVICES**

On Sunday 29th we're holding services at 6.00 pm in Lechlade and Quenington churches at which we shall be remembering by name those who have died in the last year, and others as requested by members of our community.

If you'd like someone to be commemorated in this way please give their name to John Partington (Quenington) or Andrew Cinnamond (Lechlade) – contact details inside the front cover.

## **LEARNING FROM MARK**

In Advent we move from Matthew's to Mark's gospel for the majority of our Sunday readings. As in previous years, John Partington will be teaching about the distinctiveness and the themes of the gospel in three sessions (identical – just choose one to come to!) in November: 2.00 pm on Monday 6th in Coln Vicarage, 11.00 am on Tuesday 7th in Ampney Crucis Vicarage, and 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8th in Fairford Community Centre. Come and learn!

## **PULPIT SWAPS**

Every few months we have a Sunday when the various clergy in our Team lead worship and preach in different churches from their normal ones. So on Sunday 22nd our other CHEQS vicar Andrew Cinnamond will be officiating at Coln St Aldwyns. (John Partington will be at Bibury and Barnsley).

## **HATHEROP VILLAGE TRAVELLING SUPPER**

Is taking place on Saturday 11th November 2017. Further details will be sent out soon so please put the date in your diaries.

## **PARISH SHARE**

There is no magic money tree for our church, and each parish has to pay for the cost of its clergy (as well as everything else). The method of assessing this is changing in 2018, to the benefit of our village churches – and so for the next few years our contributions are likely to increase a little less quickly than they'd otherwise have done. Do you yet give regularly to the church – ask for more details if you'd like to help us in this way?

# QUENINGTON



# APPLE DAY

## Quenington Village Hall

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

2 p.m. – 5p.m.

### Apple pressing for juice/ cider

*(Please bring your own juice containers. You may need to wait for a turn. Please note only large quantities can be pressed so if you just have a few they will be mixed with others apples)*

### Free apple games and activities for children

### Seed swap\*

### Children's colouring and craft competition\*

### Cirencester & district Beekeepers

### Tea, cakes and apple juice served

\*See web site for more details and entry forms:

[www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk)



## QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

August Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> No 15  
J Lees 2<sup>nd</sup> No 10 S Norris  
3<sup>rd</sup> No 13 C Goddard

*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 750456 for more information.*

## QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 14th, 10.30 am - 12 noon. We will have the normal cakes and raffle etc, but also have two

stalls, Bunny's Beads and Neal's Yard Remedies. Ideal time to start your Christmas shopping or just treat yourself! Anyone wishing to offer cakes, bring them along – costs will be reimbursed! Contact Janet Goddard, 01285 750323

## QUENINGTON SPEED WATCH

Team Quenington carried out three watches on Coneygar Road and two on Fairford Road during August. The very high speeds recorded in these one-hour watches confirm that speeding through our village continues to be prolific and excess. We urge all motorist residing within the CHEQS magazine catchment area to show their support by not exceeding the legal limit of 30 mph.

## HATHEROP WELCOMES

Jane & Ralph Whiting, 2 The Piece; Roy & Sylvia Lipscombe, Mushroom House; Douglas & Milly Withington with Digby, Quest Cottage; and Nigel & Jo Reed, (Headmaster, Hatherop Castle) with Oscar & Albie.

## **HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL**

It is with great pleasure that I am writing my first piece for the CHEQS magazine. First I would like to say what a privilege it is to be appointed Headmaster at Hatherop Castle and therefore part of this wonderful friendly community. Since moving to Hatherop Jo, Oscar, Albie and I have been made to feel very welcome. The messages, cards and small gifts have been greatly appreciated and have made unpacking so much easier.

I strongly believe that any school sits at the heart of a community and I intend to ensure Hatherop Castle plays a vital part in this. Having visited the Coln Children's Fete at the beginning of September I was reminded how much fun being part of a community is. Seeing young and old play 'Splat the Rat', displaying home grown vegetables and sharing afternoon tea on the lawn on a beautiful day summed up the importance of simple pleasures and being part of a community. It is my job as Headmaster to ensure our pupils realise the part we should all play in our community and I will ensure that as a school we facilitate this through events and continuing to nurture strong links locally.

Working with young children is a real privilege, and at Hatherop we work very hard to ensure every pupil receives the best possible education. Of course, what goes on inside the classroom is important and we pride ourselves on encouraging the children to achieve academically. You find me a school that does not do this. However, I believe as teachers we have a duty to ensure the children are also prepared with important life skills. Skills such as respect, kindness, empathy, resilience, perseverance are crucial and I feel it is our responsibility to teach our pupils these alongside the academic curriculum. Our extra-curricular activities are a superb way of developing these skills in our pupils and we work hard to ensure there is a balance between the sporting, creative and academic activities.

The Michaelmas term is always busy and there is much to look forward to. We welcomed 20 new children to the school from Reception to Prep 7. Alongside the children we welcome 6 new members of staff. James Oakden (Deputy Head, Pastoral), John Bond (Deputy Head Academic), Mark Bonner (Science), Laura Buck (Prep 1), Loren Taylor (Registrar & PA) and my wife Jo Furneaux-Reed (Admissions, ELSA and Forest School).

Hatherop Castle School is a wonderful school. The pupils are delightful and I have been particularly impressed with their politeness and manners. It has been a real pleasure getting to know them over the past week and I am slowly learning their names.

One of the aspects which attracted me to Hatherop was the school's huge potential, and I will be working hard with the staff to build on the successes and look to prioritise the areas which need developing. I am genuinely excited about the future of Hatherop Castle School.

Over the course of the term, we are looking forward to our Harvest Festival services in Hatherop Church and later in the term, we will be holding a Remembrance Evensong. Towards Christmas time, we look forward to welcoming the community to our annual Carol Service. This term our pupils will be making school trips to Bosworth battlefield, the Mary Rose, Chedworth Roman Villa, the

Steam Museum and Legoland. Our Prep 4 children will be camping overnight under shelters they have constructed later this month. Let's hope the weather is kind!

Finally, our Open morning is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October when we will be celebrating Learning Outdoors. This is an opportunity for prospective parents to see the school in action and to explore our facilities and glorious grounds. I would be delighted to welcome any prospective parents to Hatherop Castle School. Please contact our register Loren Taylor on [admissions@hatheropcastle.co.uk](mailto:admissions@hatheropcastle.co.uk) to arrange a suitable time.

Nigel J Reed, Headmaster

## **SOUTHROP PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION and ARCHIVES**

Our collection of photographs will be on view in Southrop Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am until 4pm on both days.

This collection is based on the people who have lived in each house pre 2000. It is also a record of the School pupils and various events that have taken place in the village over many years.

There will also be information about the servicemen recorded on the War Memorials in our church. It is intended to produce a booklet soon about these men, so if anyone has any further information or photographs please contact Margaret Davey on 01367 850347.

## **FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY - AUTUMN PROGRAMME**

Rehearsals start again on Wednesday 6th, 7.30 – 9.30 pm in Fairford United Church, Milton Street GL7 4BW. The concert in St Mary's Church on December 2nd will feature Vivaldi's Gloria and Haydn's St Nicholas' Mass. New singers are always welcome – though sadly our alto section is full at present (unless altos are willing to sing soprano or tenor until a vacancy occurs.) There is no audition, and we learn together under our conductor Marysia Gorska. See our website for full details : [www.fairford.org/choralsociety](http://www.fairford.org/choralsociety)

## **COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE TRUST CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30 pm at Cirencester Parish Church. Guest Readers include Pam Ayres MBE, Jilly Cooper OBE and John Francombe MBE. As well as Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum, Soloist, Steve Winwood, Trumpeter, Dr Peter Medland and Soprano Nicki Kennedy and Contralto Kate Hicks Beach. To book your tickets call 01922 618 058 or [infot@helpappeal.org.uk](mailto:infot@helpappeal.org.uk) or go onto the website, [www.helpappeal.org.uk](http://www.helpappeal.org.uk)

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

It has been an exciting to start a new school year and we have lots of plans for this year. We have welcomed twelve new reception children into Class 1 along with three Year 3 pupils into Class 2. All the children are readjusting to being in their new year groups and our Year 6 pupils have taken on their role to lead the school by example with enthusiasm. Through our value of the term, 'Encouragement', we are concentrating on encouraging new friendships to grow.

In the summer holidays, there was some internal refurbishment with the change around of Class 2 and Class 3. All the classrooms look great thanks to the hard work on the teachers.

Our whole school topic is 'Wild World' and this will provide many fantastic opportunities for learning including looking at volcanos, mountains and oceans. Class 1 children will be going to the local forests, led by staff from the Ernest Cook Trust.

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

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

Feeling fully refreshed after the holidays, staff and pupils have hit the ground running at the start of the new academic year. We welcome a full complement of new children into our reception class as well as two new pupils in years 1 and 2. The school remains at almost full capacity which is wonderful.

The children returned from the summer break to a lovely surprise in their wildlife garden. Many, many thanks to the Ernest Cook Trust for making six wonderful log benches for us. They will enhance the wildlife garden which is a very precious resource for the children to use and care for. It provides a calm, contemplative space, valued by all children at some point or other, be it as a quieter alternative to the hurly burly of the playground, a chance to dig and tend the plants, observe the variety of wildlife or enjoy the company of the chickens.

This gift from Ernest Cook Trust offers us some much-needed seating in the garden and we are so grateful for this.

## **FORDANTE PRESENT**

"From Puccini to the Movies and more..." Fordante return at Quenington Village Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> with a spectacular new concert "*From Puccini to the Movies and more...*" For more information: [www.fordante.com](http://www.fordante.com)

Doors open 7.00 pm for 7:30 start - Tickets £10, to include light refreshments. Available from - Fran Huckle (01285 750788) or Coln Stores (01285 750294). For more information, email [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

## **VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY AGENTS – GRCC AUGUST 2017**

Village and Community Agents scheme is combining with social prescribing to become a new service called Community Connectors in October this year.

Village and Community agents have been working across the county for 11 years and helped thousands of older people and communities gain better access to services and information as well as providing support and assistance to those who need it most. Over the past 4 years. Social Prescribing has offered GP practices and other healthcare professionals a mechanism for referring patients who are in need of alternatives to prescribed medicines and has worked closely with Village and Community Agents. The schemes have evolved tremendously over the years, building up networks of referral partners and building vital knowledge about the areas in which they work.

Community Connectors will be accessible in each district of Gloucestershire with 5 providers delivering the new service. GRCC will deliver the service in the Cotswold District. The new contracts for the Community Connectors will begin on 1 October. Until then, the existing Village and Community Agents will continue to take referrals from the breadth of partners that we work with and to make referrals for clients. GRCC will be working with the Village and

Community Agents and with the other providers across the county to ensure that the transfer of staff to their new roles is as smooth as possible. We expect that the new providers will communicate their plans over the coming weeks and, from 1<sup>st</sup> October, we will publish the relevant contact details so that you can get in touch with the new providers direct.

## **QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE**

11.00 am on the village green. The next date is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope you will turn up either to sell or to find your bargains.

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY.**

Monday 16th at 7.00 pm for 7.15 pm. **Please note early start time.** AGM followed by Lechlade Past and Present - a dip into the LHS archives. Guests very welcome £4. Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit

[www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk)

## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

### Sunday 1

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Harvest Communion	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>GL</i>
3.30 pm	Harvest Celebration	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Quenington	<i>JP</i>

### Sunday 8

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

### Sunday 15

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

### Sunday 22

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>TR</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>AC</i>

### Sunday 29

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>RS</i>
11.00 am	Family Communion *	Hatherop	<i>JP &amp; LH</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>IT</i>
6.00 pm	In Memoriam	Quenington	<i>JP</i>

*\* united service for the three-church parish*

## OCTOBER 29th

The clocks go back on October 29th ... and it's a turning point in the church's calendar too.

It's the last of the 'Sundays after Trinity', following which we begin the countdown to Advent & Christmas. It's commonly observed as **Bible Sunday**, when we celebrate the gift of God's word to us in the Bible, and that will be the theme of our all-age Communion at Hatherop. It's also on the cusp of **All Saints-tide**, when we celebrate our part in the church down the ages – the great host of those who have gone before us in the faith – and so we remember those who have died, in the special evening service at Quenington.

*On the first Sunday of November our services will be as follows: 8.30 am Holy Communion at Hatherop (LH); 9.30 am Holy Communion at Southrop (JC); 11.00 am Holy Communion at Coln (JP); 11.00 am Morning Prayer at Eastleach (JC)*

### KEY TO WORSHIP LEADERS

AC – Andrew Cinnamond; AK – Andrew Kirk; JE – John Exelby; JC – Jonathan Clark;  
JP – John Partington; JS – John Swanton; LH – Lynn Hayler; MB – Margaret Bettis;  
MS – Mike Stranks; RS – Roger Scoones; TR – Tony Ross

### READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS

- 1** (*Trinity 16 – E & S*) Psalm 25. 1-8; Hymns 345, 135, 30 *green*  
Philippians 2. 1-13, Matthew 21. 23-32  
(*Harvest – C & Q*) Psalm 65; Hymns 290, 289, 291  
Deuteronomy 8. 7-18, Luke 12. 16-30
- 8** (*Trinity 17*) Psalm 80. 7-14; Hymns 117, 334, 431 *green*  
Philippians 3. 4b-14, Matthew 21. 33-46
- 15** (*Trinity 18*) Psalm 23; Hymns 185, 274/126, 139 *green*  
Philippians 4. 1-9, Matthew 22. 1-14
- 22** (*Trinity 19*) Psalm 96; Hymns 143, 49, 336 *green*  
Isaiah 45. 1-7, Matthew 22. 15-22
- 29** (*Trinity last*) Psalm 1; Hymns 142, 156, 239 *green*  
1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8, Matthew 22. 34-46  
*different hymns & readings at Quenington*
- 5** (*4 Advent*) Psalm 107. 1-8; Hymns 394, 131, 177 *green*  
1 Thessalonians 2. 9-13, Matthew 24. 1-14

## COLN FETE RAISES RECORD AMOUNT FOR CHARITY

The counting is over and the great news is that Coln St Aldwyns Children's Fete & Produce Show raised over £9,000, which is more than 30% up on last year. The beautiful weather helped and we estimate that the more than 500 adults and children who came to the fete in Earl St Aldwyn's gardens is a record, too. The committee would like to thank the sponsors and the many local businesses and helpers who combined to make this an outstanding result.

The fete, sponsored by Cotswold Airport, is the only village fete in Gloucestershire dedicated exclusively to raising money for local children's charities and activities. It has raised more than £100,000 since it began over thirty years ago. Among local children's good causes the fete has supported are schools that specialise in providing support for disadvantaged children, workshops for disabled children, funding youth workers, and financing equipment for local schools and village playgrounds. The search is now on to find some more worthy local children's charities and activities to support this year. There are details on how to apply for one of our grants on the fete's website [www.colnfunday.com](http://www.colnfunday.com).

## THANK YOU FROM FRESH AIR 2017

This year's sculpture show has been a resounding success. We had around 90 sculptors and 14 students exhibiting nearly 200 works in the gardens and in the Pool House Gallery. Some 12,000 visitors made their way to the exhibition, and sales of sculpture helped raise funds for the Quenington Sculpture Trust charity. None of this would have been possible without the forbearance of our neighbours and the hands-on help from our wonderful band of volunteers. We had local groups helping with parking; the Fairford Youth Group, the RAF Cadets and the Navy cadets. Hatherop Primary School PTA served refreshments and ran an exhibition in the church. We received grants from the Ernest Cook Trust, Coln Children's Fete committee, the Quenington Bulldogs, Barnwood House Trust and the Summerfield Charitable Trust. A stalwart group, organised by David Bostock and Janet Goddard, staffed the gate and helped with sales. All this enabled over 1,000 people to take part in educational workshops or community tours. Over 700 of these were students from local schools, including special schools. More than 380 students and adults took part in workshops which are pre-planned and honed to meet the needs of the group. Feedback from these visits and workshops regularly used the words 'inspiring', 'entertaining' and 'excellent'. We were also able to make donations to various local groups, and, with the thanks of Steppes Travel, a young artist received a travel bursary, allowing her to travel and widen her artistic experience.

So whether you helped someone find a parking space, greeted people at the gate, dead-headed flowers, stuck up posters, took an advert in our catalogue or just smiled at an unfamiliar face, **thank you** for helping to make all this happen ... and let's do it again in 2019.

*Fresh Air 2019 will run from 16 June to 7 July. Enquiries to Louise Russell on 01285 750366.*

## **QUENINGTON SOCIETY – VISIT TO READING ABBEY**

Founded and lavishly endowed by Henry I, the Benedictine Abbey of St James was begun in 1121 and the east end was completed by the 1130s to take the tomb of Henry I. It was considered one of the most magnificent Abbeys in England. Pilgrims were attracted by the miracle-performing relic of the hand of St James of Compostela, brought back by Empress Matilda.

At the Reformation, when the Abbot refused to hand over the Abbey to Henry VIII, the furious king had his abbot hung drawn and quartered and the vast abbey all but destroyed. However, enough remains of this once remarkable building for us to trace its splendour and find many of the buildings associated with this great pilgrimage church, including the chapterhouse and the cloisters where the capital of the Coronation of the Virgin was sited.

It has been suggested that supporters of Henry and Matilda built the church of St Swithuns in Quenington where Coronation of the Virgin is found on the south door. There are many buildings on the site of the Abbey including Reading Gaol, famous for housing Oscar Wilde, and AWN Pugin's first church attracting Irish and Italian Catholics in 1840 which today attracts congregations of 500 on Sundays.

Arrangements for parking can be made to meet in the remarkable small museum in the town centre to trace the fascinating history of the centre of Reading with historians John and Lindsay Mullaney.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. £8 including a donation to the Church of St James.

## **QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Overhanging Vegetation: Please can we remind residents to check their garden boundaries for overhanging vegetation and cut back where necessary to allow pavements to be used without the need to duck to avoid a low branch or having to go into the road to pass by.

New Community Bus to Fairford: Fairford Town Council has arranged for a bus service to run from the nearby villages into Fairford on a Wednesday morning. This is a door to door service and costs £1 each way – seats need to be reserved in advance. The service will run through Quenington on alternate Wednesday mornings, starting on 16th August. To book a place ring 03456 805029.

Repair to Roundabout: The roundabout in Quenington Playground is to be removed for a short while in the Autumn, to allow a new safety surfacing to be laid and the roundabout bearings to be replaced. This work has been partly funded by a Gloucestershire County Council 'Active Together' Grant.

New Smiley SID: A second 'Smiley SID' device has been ordered for use in Quenington and Honeycombe Leaze. It is hoped that this will encourage drivers to slow down when entering the village and has been part funded by a grant from the Police Commissioner's Fund.

**SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017**



*Doors Open  
at 7pm for the  
Quiz to start  
at 7.30 sharp.*

*Come and join us for a fun pub quiz for anyone old enough to know stuff and young enough to remember to turn up on the right night! Short subject rounds to suit all tastes and ages with a fun puzzle in the background.*

*Cash Bar                      Ham or Cheese Ploughman's Supper  
£5 per person at about 8.30pm*

**Entry £2.50 pp (under 16s £2) on the door. Teams of 4 to 6 people; teams will be made up for those without one, so please come even if on your own.**

**CASH PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> £20, 2<sup>nd</sup> £15, 3<sup>rd</sup> £10.**

## **THE LUKE BITMEAD LITERARY AWARD**

When my son, Luke Bitmead the writer, died tragically and traumatically in 2006 we were determined to remember him by helping others. Depression, anxiety, lack of self-esteem were all mental states that Luke experienced after years of abuse from his father. What we experience as children has a huge impact on the rest of our lives. We all need a well-functioning and compassionate society where the truth is told, rather than collude with terrible failings where people fear to speak the truth. Following presenting a bursary for adult writers for nine years now our intention is to present awards to schools as an annual reminder that A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE, A WONDERFUL THING TO INVEST IN.

Elaine Hanson

## **SOUTHROP SCHOOL PTA JUMBLE SALE**

11 SEP On Saturday 7th the Southrop School's Parent Teacher Association will be hosting their annual jumble sale in Southrop Village Hall. Doors open 2.00pm and close at 3.30 pm. Refreshments, a raffle and cakes will be available, along with bric-a-brac, books, clothes, toys. Entrance 50p. All donations will be gratefully received. We would like contributions of bric-a-brac (small items only please), books, clothes, toys and cakes. The village hall will be open on Friday 6th between 1-3 pm and on the day between 10-11.30 am to receive jumble. If you are available to help on Friday afternoon and/or on Saturday to sort, sell or clear away please contact Kirstie Wilkins on 01367 253380. Thank you for all your support.

## **COLN CINEMA**

invites you to a showing *"Their Finest"* At Vicarage Cottage Barn

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. November 2017 at 7.30 pm. (doors open 7.00 pm.)

The year is 1940, London. With the nation bowed down by war, the British ministry turns to propaganda films to boost morale at home. Realising their films could use "a woman's touch", the ministry hires Catrin Cole (Gemma Arterton) as a scriptwriter in charge of writing the female dialogue. Although her artist husband looks down on her job, Catrin's natural flair quickly gets her noticed by cynical, witty lead scriptwriter Buckley (Sam Claflin). Catrin and Buckley set out to make an epic feature film based on the Dunkirk rescue starring the gloriously vain, former matinee idol Ambrose Hilliard (Bill Nighy). As bombs are dropping all around them, Catrin, Buckley and their colourful cast and crew work furiously. Cert 12A 117 mins.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm, we will be reporting on another busy year for the hall and electing the management committee for the forthcoming year. All welcome: hope to see you there for a glass of wine and chat at 7.00 pm – business commences at 7.30 pm.

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<p><b>COMPLEMENTARY THERAPISTS</b>  <b>Karen Benbow</b> – Reflexology &amp; The Bowen Technique in Southrop &amp; Fairford. Contact Karen for a discussion or to book a treatment. <i>www.karenbenbow.co.uk</i>  <b>Sally Peachey Reiki</b> – Relaxing massage, Reiki or Crystal Therapy treatments: excellent for stress relief, boosting energy levels and helping recover from illness and injuries.</p>	<p><b>01367 850874</b>  <b>07786 971041</b>  <b>07905 236916</b></p>
<p><b>COMPUTER SERVICES</b>  <b>Computer Solutions</b> – Iain Atkins – Personal service for all your IT issues</p>	<p><b>01285 750277</b></p>
<p><b>DENTAL SURGEON</b>  <b>Dr Oliver Guy BDS (GDC reg79562)</b> – Family dental care, cosmetic and laser-assisted dentistry. Teeth whitening, implant restorations and clear braces. Market Place Dental Practice, Cirencester</p>	<p><b>01285 652200</b></p>
<p><b>DOMESTIC SERVICE</b>  <b>Strong's Oil-fired Boiler and AGA Services</b>, maintenance and repair</p>	<p><b>01285 750344</b></p>
<p><b>DRY STONE WALLING</b>  <b>Another Brick In The Wall</b> – Qualified dry stone wallers, mortared walls, archways, paving and slabbing. Ben &amp; Peter Bicknell – <i>peter.bicknell@tiscali.co.uk</i>  <b>Mike Harris</b> – dry stone walling</p>	<p><b>01285 711267</b>  <b>07910 244519</b>  <b>01285 750525</b>  <b>07810 888070</b></p>
<p><b>EAST GLOS ENGINEERING is pleased to support CHEQS magazine.</b> Garden machinery repairs, tools, welding, iron goods made to specification etc.</p>	<p><b>01285 712322</b></p>
<p><b>FIREWOOD – Will's Logs</b> - Local sustainably-sourced firewood and kindling for sale. Seasoned hardwood <i>eg</i> oak, thorn, ash delivered in 1 cubic metre bags. Free local delivery</p>	<p><b>07771 867767</b></p>
<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>  <b>Chris Scotford—Garden Maintenance:</b> Lawn care, strimming, hedgerow cutting, leaf clearance, general handyman work, clearing and tidying -</p>	<p><b>01285 750406</b>  <b>01285 712663</b>  <b>01285 750874</b>  <b>07541 489582</b></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). <b>Southrop Community Shop &amp; Post Office.</b> Weds 8.30 am-11.30 am in Village Hall.	<b>01285 750294</b>
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<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>
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<b>SOLICITORS Wilmot &amp; Co</b> , 38 Castle Street, Cirencester	<b>01285 650551</b>
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<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>

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- Oct 1 CHQ Harvest Festival services & tea
- Oct 1 11.00 am Quenington Car Boot Sale
- Oct 7 2.00 pm Southrop School PTA Jumble Sale
- Oct 7 7.00 pm Fordante present “From Puccini to the Movies and more”
- Oct 8 6.00 pm Tudor Evensong at Coln
- Oct 12 7.00 pm Quenington Village Hall AGM
- Oct 14 10.30 am Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
- Oct 14 7.00 pm Southrop Village Hall Quiz Night
- Oct 16 7.00 pm Lechlade History Society
- Oct 21 Quenington Village Hall Seed Swap
- Oct 21 2.00 pm Quenington Apple Day
- Oct 21/22 10.00 am Southrop Photographic Collection and Archives
- Oct 25 12.00 pm Quenington Society – Visit to Reading Abbey
- Oct 29 *British Summer Time ends*
- 6.00 pm In Memoriam services in Quenington & Lechlade
- Nov 3 7.00 pm Coln Cinema
- Nov 6 2.00 pm ‘Learning from Mark’ at Coln Vicarage
- Nov 7 11.00 am ‘Learning from Mark’ at Ampney Crucis Rectory
- Nov 8 7.30 pm ‘Learning from Mark’ at Fairford Community Centre
- Nov 11 Hatherop Village Travelling Supper
- Nov 12 Remembrance Sunday – special services
- Nov 29 6.00 pm CHQ PCC
- Dec 1 7.30 pm County Air Ambulance Trust Christmas Concert
- Dec 3 6.00 pm Advent Carols at Coln church