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Dear Friends,

Which is your favourite season? Psychoanalysts would argue that our choice gives some insight into our character and our view of life.

But I'm told that in this country autumn is usually the least popular season. The reasons are obvious. It represents death and ageing. It is associated with cold and damp and darkness. It's a season of change like Spring, but whereas Spring is changing to life. Autumn is changing towards death and winter. But, of course, that is a superficial understanding of autumn. As all farmers and gardeners know plants and the land need a time of rest. The nutrition needs to go back into the soil. In a famous scene in that glorious film 'Being There', the 'simple minded Chance Gardener, played by Peter Sellers, finds himself on a political chat show, when it is, erroneously believed that he is secret economic adviser to the President of the United States. Asked about the current terrible state of the economy Chance replies: 'There is Spring, there is Summer, there is Autumn, there is Winter and then there is Spring again' This is taken as economic brilliance, when it is in truth simply all Chance knows. But it is also true

The cycle of the seasons are both inevitable and necessary. Those who have lived in countries where the seasons are different but the changes equally necessary would fully understand. Awaiting a wet season, that fails to materialise is a catastrophe in many parts of the world.

So, back to autumn in England. A time of change parochially, politically and seasonally.

Machiavelli, the fifteenth century political philosopher, wisely observes that change will always have more enemies than friends. This is inevitable since those for whom the status quo works well are hardly likely to welcome change. Whilst even those for whom the status quo is less than ideal cannot be guaranteed that change will improve their lot. By necessity change is unknown. Autumn 2019 has never happened before!

So let us embrace this time of change as a time of opportunity

With every blessing

Tim

THE FUTURE OF CHEQS MAGAZINE

You may have heard that this magazine will no longer exist in its present form after the December edition. This has been seen as an opportunity to consider changes to the current format and perhaps consider having a “Community Magazine” for the 5 villages.

A meeting has been arranged to discuss the way forward on

Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in Southrop Village Hall

You are invited and encouraged to attend particularly anyone who has ideas for the future of the magazine, experience in publishing, is an advertiser or potential sponsor and could help with production.

If you are unable to attend but have ideas/ suggestions please contact

Patti Price 01285 750218 or Val Trafford 01285 750504

or Margaret Davey 01367 850347

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, Nov 9th 10.30 - 12.00

Come along and have a cuppa and a natter. We will have the normal delicious home made cakes and the chance to win on the raffle.

Look forward to seeing you there!

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

August Winners

1st No 26, J.Dalby, 2nd No 43 S.Patterson, No 53 J. Sweeting.

September Winners

1st No 39 R. Sweeting, 2nd No 46 L. Bayliss 3rd No 34 G Holton.

New members always welcome. All profits go towards the village hall funds.

Contact David Bostock on 01285 750456 for more information.

COLN CINEMA invites you to a showing of

Rocketman

At Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St. Aldwyns.

On Friday 29th November 2019 at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00)

ROCKETMAN is an epic musical fantasy about the incredible human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story -- set to Elton John's most beloved songs and performed by star Taron Egerton -- tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture. ROCKETMAN also stars Jamie Bell as Elton's longtime lyricist and writing partner Bernie Taupin, Richard Madden as Elton's first manager, John Reid, and Bryce Dallas Howard as Elton's mother Sheila Farebrother.

Rating R (for language throughout, some drug use and sexual content)

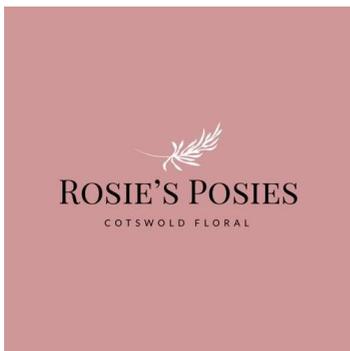
Run 121 Minutes

Rosie's Posies Christmas Wreath Workshop

12th December Quenington Village Hall 7pm start, £45pp.

An evening with friends to create your own bespoke door wreath and kick off the festive season. All materials are provided along with a warming mulled wine and mince pie.

Book online at rosies-posies.co.uk or email rosies.posies.cf@gmail.com



**Fairford & District Choral Society's
Christmas concert**

St Mary's Church, Fairford

Saturday 7th December 2019 at 7.30 p.m.



The choir will sing Poulenc's *Gloria*, Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* and an assortment of advent and Christmas carols. The conductor will be Jessi Pywell, and the concert will be accompanied on the organ by Sam Bayliss and Evie Perfect Cello; the soloists will be Jack Bowtell (baritone) and Lucy Mellors (soprano). Tickets will be on sale in November from Fairford Opticians.

People For You

Offers regular companionship at a time when a person might be feeling cut off from their community. We provide an ever expanding high-quality service to prevent and reduce isolation and loneliness. Regular visits from befriending volunteers are proven to have a positive and preventative impact on ill health. Both physical and mental health improves for clients who receive befriending services, allowing them to remain independent and living in their own homes for longer. We also offer a telephone and email befriending service so are confident we are providing a service that covers all communication issues.

Evidence of the growing scale of loneliness and isolation is well documented, particularly in rural areas where sparsity, lack of transport and services exacerbate the situation.

How the Service Works

If you feel you would benefit from having a regular visitor, please do get in touch with Sue who will call to visit you.

And if you are someone who has an hour to spare a week to visit someone who spends a lot of time alone, again please get in touch with Sue.

Sue Black (who manages the service) can be contacted on 07810 630167 or email info@peopleforyou.co.uk

Please see our website www.peopleforyou.co.uk

FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

Please note that for the winter months meetings will be at 2.30pm instead of 7.30pm

Thursday 7th Nov. Fairford Community Centre 2.30pm Demonstration by Maggie Cross. "Chinese Watercolour painting. Visitors welcome £4.00 Coffe and Raffle

Get together sessions £3.00 Tuesdays 5th and 12th Thursdays 21st and 28th at 1.30pm Subject "Townscapes" Visitors welcome
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Hatherop Castle School Fireworks and Bonfire Night

We will be hosting our annual Fireworks and Bonfire Night on Friday 8th November 2019 with gates opening at 5:00 pm. The Fireworks display will be held at 6:15 pm. Please be aware we expect increased traffic at the school for this event and it may also be busy on the road outside the school gates with over-flow parking.

Home-Start Cotswolds Volunteering Opportunities

Do you have parenting experience? Can you give 2-3 hours during the week to help local families with young children? Being a parent is hard, especially if you do not have family and friends nearby to help. We train volunteers to visit families and provide them with non-judgemental, confidential support. Our next **FREE** training course will run in Cirencester every Wed morning during term time for 8 weeks, from **22nd Jan to 18th Mar 2020**. To find out more, come along for coffee at 11am in either Cirencester on **Wed 6th Nov**, or Bourton-on-the-Water on **Mon 11th Nov**. Full details at www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk or call us on 01285 885391. **We'd love to hear from you!**

Hatherop Church of England Primary School

It is lovely to see all our new Reception children settled into school life, whilst our Year 6 pupils are being wonderful role models for the rest of the school. They regularly lead worship and have started an Eco Club to look at ways to look after the world we live in.

We also have a very active School Council, which is made up of a representative from each year group. They meet every two weeks and are developing a number of plans. They were tasked with the challenge: How can we make sure everyone feels like they belong. In response, they are organising the design for a school banner that welcomes visitors, a 'New Starter Booklet' with a guide for new children to the school, friendship bracelets and a buddy system. They are also planning to encourage everyone at school to raise money for Children in Need with a Bake Sale. So it is definitely going to be a busy month for our School Council.

We are also planning activities during Anti-Bullying week, which is in November, to empower our pupils and make sure that we can create a safe environment for everyone, an environment where everyone feels included.

It is also that time of year when we welcome prospective parents with children who will start school in September 2020 to come and look around the school. Our **Open Morning** is on **Thursday 14th November from 9 – 10.30 am**. Please ring the school on 01285 750318 if you wish to come.

To stay up to date with the latest news from our village primary school, please look at our website, www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk.

In Memoriam Service

Our annual “In Memoriam” service will take place on Sunday November 3rd at 6.00pm, in Quenington . Our Team Rector, John Swanton will be leading this service. This is the time when we remember our loved ones who have died, pray for them and if wished light a candle in their memory. Should you wish to have anyone remembered by name, please pass their details to either Patti Price, (pattibeprice@gmail.com) or Val Trafford (valerie.trafford@btinternet.com). We look forward to welcoming you to this evening service.

LOCAL CHURCHES

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

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 or contact Fr Michael Robertson on 01285 712586 or michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com

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.

Our monthly Contact Group meetings Friday 4th October , Friday 1st November - 12.30p.m. –2.30p.m. – 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

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL-Williamstrip: Mass 9.30 Sunday.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd November

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	
9.30 am	holy communion	Southrop	DB
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	MB
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	DB
4.00 pm	In Memoriam	Quenington	

Sunday 10th

10.45 am	Remembrance service	Hatherop	
10.45 am	Remembrance	Eastleach	RS
10.45	Remembrance	Southrop	RL/Sean
6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Hatherop	

Sunday 17th

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	RS
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	RS
4.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quenington	

Sunday 24th

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	IT
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	tbc
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>tbc</i>

Key to worship leaders

AC: Andrew Cinnamon, DB:David Bainbridge; JE: John Exelby; JK: Jane Kidd;
 MS: Mike Stranks; RS: Roger Scoones; THS: TimHastie- Smith, HPW Hugh Poole Warren
 IT :Ian Taylor

READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS IN CHQ

3rd Nov	Hymns	296,813,311		Green
	Psalms/Readings	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
10th Nov	Hymns	649, 506, 24		
	Psalms/Readings	Psalm 111	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20,21
17th Oct	Hymns	276,379,631		
	Psalms/Readings	Psalm 98	2 Thess 3 :6-13	Luke 21:5-19
24th Nov	Hymns	619, 580, 632		Red
	Psalm/Readings	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43

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3rd Nov	Hymns	131,134,221		
	Psalms/Readings			
10th Nov	Hymns	99,171		
	Psalms/Readings			
17th Oct	Hymns	120,199.250		
	Psalms/Readings			
24th Nov	Hymns	144,173,198		
	Psalms/Reading			

FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES

THE ITALIAN NIGHT held on September 9th at Colosseo's in Fairford was very successful, raising over £700.00 for Community Friends. Our thanks go to Zeus and his team for the arrangements and for providing delicious food. Their continued support is much appreciated.

CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR, Sunday 3rd November at Quenington Village Hall, 2.00pm – 5.00p.m. All proceeds in aid of the Edna Dawes Lunch Club, which is run and operated by Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities. Come along and get a head start on your Christmas present buying, there will be crafts and gifts to suit everyone. Free entry, coffee, tea and cakes on sale plus a raffle. (Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize please contact Jan Sallis on 07966 193508)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 23rd November at Fairford Community Centre 10.00am - 12.00 noon. Christmas cards, raffle tickets, cake sales, books, bottle and gift stalls. Refreshments will be available. **Raffle tickets** can also be bought at our Charity Shop in Lechlade with a first prize of £100 cash and many more prizes from local businesses. Community Friends' Christmas Cards are also available to purchase from the shop in Lechlade.

100 CLUB 2020

Subscriptions are now due for 2020. 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, Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, GL7 4AD

If you want to set up a Direct Debit or have not yet joined and are interested in doing so, then please refer to our website (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or contact Christine Barker for further details. A Direct Debit will ensure being included in the draw every year and a chance to win a cash prize 6 times a year.

If you need further information about Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk. or refer to our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk.



COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Unsafe driving putting refuse & recycling crews at risk

Cotswolds' waste collection crews believe it is only a matter of time before one of them is seriously injured by unsafe driving.

Motorists in the Cotswolds overtaking or stopping too close to collection vehicles are putting the crews in danger with a number of near misses already reported.

Drivers are also pulling up too close to the rear of refuse vehicles, preventing them from safely using the lifting gear which tips the bins into the back of the refuse lorries. This can cause delays to the rounds.

An increasing trend over recent months has seen staff reporting instances of aggressive and threatening behaviour when they ask motorists to move back or slow down.

Jonathan Kennaugh, Operations and Transport Manager for Ubico Ltd which performs the service on behalf of Cotswold District Council, said: "Our staff are logging an increasing number of incidents every week with motorists behaving in an unsafe manner around our vehicles and crews and putting our staff in danger. Staff have reported incidents of motorists dangerously overtaking, mounting the pavement, and behaving in an aggressive manner when they are asked to move or slow down. It is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt."

"We have 37 refuse and recycling vehicles operating daily, with each vehicle collecting from between 500 – 800 bins each a day, and covering 10 areas over a two week period. It is an increasing trend for crews having to ask people to reverse so they can empty their bins and this is resulting in these rounds taking

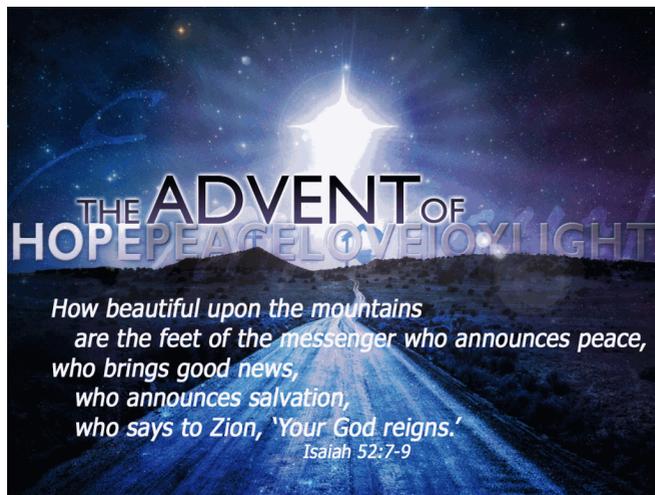
much longer. Whilst we appreciate that the delay caused by recycling and refuse vehicles can be frustrating at times, we are appealing to motorists to exercise patience with our crews, and if possible allow more time for their journey on the days that they know collections are taking place”

Councillor Andrew Doherty cabinet member for waste and recycling added:” Unsafe driving and behaviour is putting the safety of our crews at risk and this is simply not acceptable. If drivers continue to speed past our vehicles or try to squeeze through when the crews are working, someone is going to get seriously hurt.

“I understand it is frustrating if you are trying to get somewhere and there is something in your way, but our teams work as quickly as they can and do everything possible to minimise disruption to other road users. Trying to squeeze past a refuse truck, driving along pavements, speeding past one or stopping so close behind them that they can’t operate the lifting gear is dangerous and in some cases against the law.”

“I would ask that motorists acknowledge the essential job our waste collection crews do and exercise more patience.”

Ubico is the contractor for waste collection services in the Cotswolds and West Oxfordshire.



Southrop Village Hall presents

A James Bond Movie Night

Martini on arrival, free casino, Bond décor and photo with a genuine 007 movie gun. Cash bar.



Entertainment starts at 7:00 pm / Movie starts at 8:30 pm

£8 entry, includes Martini, film and Bond entertainment

(all proceeds to support the Village Hall)

Feel free to dress in style: Tux's and dresses encouraged

For further info email: southropvillagehall@gmail.com

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