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It's time for reconciliation, but how?

We rarely comment on things outside our immediate 'Ripples' area. But I've never known so much unrest in my lifetime, except at times of war.

When I was a teenager, growing up in Australia, the TV news showed remorseless footage of the Vietnam war, conducted from helicopters. At the same time, university campuses in America and Australia were awash with demonstrations against the war. It was the young, whose lives were on the line because of conscription, at the vanguard of protests.

You'd have to be living in a parallel universe to have not noticed voters exercising 'people power' in Western democracies lately. Against established odds, Britain voted to leave the EU, Americans opted for the maverick Donald Trump and France elected a President whose political party was formed barely a year ago. And now British voters have decreed a hung parliament, just at the time we were told we need 'strength and stability' to negotiate Brexit.

Was it a late vote against Brexit? Or a protest about austerity? Was it disaffected minorities fed up with the 'two-party' electoral system? Perhaps 'the many' overruling 'the few'? Was it the aged flexing their formidable electoral muscles? Had the 18-25s finally woken up to the fact that they have something precious – a vote? I don't know the answer to any of these; it's all too complicated to interpret from a general election. But in the 30 years I have lived in Britain, I cannot remember the country being so divided about fundamental principles.

We see increased friction in the workplace, at home and between friends. How can we reconcile all these differences and bring about sustainable change for the better?

As we go to press, The Great Get Together, involving picnics, street parties and concerts, is running across the weekend. It marks the first anniversary of the death of the MP Jo Cox, who was murdered during the Brexit referendum, and reminds us of her maiden speech in the House of Commons:

'We have more in common than that which divides us.'

I hope the summer holidays awaken understanding and genuine desire for reconciliation. Surely that starts in local communities?

Editor

We're taking a rest in July so there will be no August Ripples. We look forward to your contributions to our September magazine by Friday 11th August.

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A reconciliation too far?
Doctor Who and the Daleks at Fairford Festival.
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In support of yellow cars: Bibury controversy

Lechlade's Ian Andrews gave his beloved yellow Messerschmitt bubble car an outing in support of a man with a yellow car in Bibury. Peter Maddox, aged 84 from Bibury, made national news when his yellow car was vandalised just because some folk thought it a blot on the rural scene of Arlington Row.

The houses in Arlington Row are 14th century weavers' cottages and are shown on the inside cover of the current British Passport being quintessentially British and the car was deemed to be ugly and spoiling the scene. Social media soon whipped up interest for a convoy of solidarity.

Ian's wife, Debra, applied to take part in the event which attracted interest from all over this country



Ian with his receiving his prize

and even Holland. For safety reasons the convoy was limited to 100 cars, which set out from Cotswold Wildlife Park. The cars drove through Bibury, attracting the attention of locals and tourists alike. It was done in aid of a charity chosen by Peter Maddox called The Butterfly Garden which helps disabled people.

On return to the Wildlife Park, the cars were assembled and inspected by Peter and his grandson and three favourites were chosen – a Lamborghini in third, a yellow Corsa in second and first went to Ian's Messerschmitt! You can see the convoy on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPxc8KY03jk> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV62YI7le0Q>

Story: Margaret Hing. Photos: Debra Andrews



Swimathon by Fairford's Finest

Fairford's Finest, otherwise known as the Fairford Retained Firefighters, are planning to embark on a 'swimathon' on Saturday 2nd September, swimming along the River Thames from its source in Cricklade to Lechlade, to raise money for the Lechlade Memorial Hall fund.

At just before midnight on Sunday 8th May 2016, Gloucestershire firefighters were called to a fire at Lechlade Memorial Hall and it was the unit from Fairford that was initially called out. However, on arrival, it was apparent to the Fairford crew that further assistance was needed. Four more appliances attended the scene but the building could not be saved.

The Fairford Retained Firefighters are passionate about community links and are committed to helping with the redevelopment of the Memorial Hall. If you would like to support this worthwhile cause, please donate what you can – every penny helps: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/crickladetolechlade.

Chris Roberts

The new Fairford Firecrackers!

At their June meeting, Andrena Miles updated members of Fairford WI on the most recent guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and showed them how to use a defibrillator.

Several are now located in prominent places all around Fairford. It was also a good opportunity for members and visitors to the WI meeting to refresh their own first aid knowledge to help make Fairford a safer place.



Andrena Miles teaching CPR. Photo: Kate Lee

With the WI Centenary Celebrations imminent, the Fairford members decided it was time to have a new name for themselves and voted to adopt the name of 'Fairford Firecrackers'. They will, however, continue to be called Fairford WI officially but, in their 100th year, they felt a new name was in order.

The Fairford Firecrackers will be holding the WI's Centenary Celebrations on **Sunday 9th July** from 2-4pm in the Palmer Hall. This promises to be a fun-filled afternoon of tea, cake, face-painting and crafts for all the family. The cost is £1 per person and tickets are available from 7a Coffee Shop and Fairford Community Centre.

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The Palmer Hall, Fairford

The land for the Palmer Hall was donated to the people of Fairford by Arkell's Brewery, which also owns the Plough Inn next door. The hall was built of stone in 1936 on the site of the old Assembly Rooms and was funded by Colonel Palmer, who lived at Fairford Park House. The flooring in the hall is made of Australian Jarrah wood and is said to have come from the trucking alley at the Huntley & Palmer Biscuit factory in Reading where Col. Palmer was a Director.



A committee of Trustees run the hall as a community facility, but have had to constantly fundraise to meet the cost of major maintenance and improvements over the years, to comply with health and safety legislation and disability requirements. One of the regular fundraising events is the monthly Palmer Hall Cinema on the third Wednesday of the month when current films are shown on a large screen, made even more enjoyable with tea and coffee or a glass of wine.

The Palmer Hall is the only community hall in Fairford with a stage and has been used for amateur dramatic productions, musicals, reviews and concerts. It can hold around 200 people and many a dance and party have been held in the hall over the past 81 years. When the amateur dramatic group

brought down the curtain for the last time, the funds that were left in the 'am dram' bank account were donated to the Palmer Hall.

On New Year's Day 2017, the hall was vandalised and considerable damage caused and the Trustees are now striving to raise money to repair the damage, update the hall with new toilet facilities and generally spruce it up to bring it into the 21st century. Fairford's community groups are loyal to this historic hall and wish to honour the legacy left 'for the enrichment of the lives of the townsfolk' by Col. Palmer.

To find out more about the Palmer Hall, visit www.thepalmerhall.org or phone: 01285 712189.

Story and photos: Chris Roberts

A short stroll for good causes



Jen Le Marinel

Jen Le Marinel, who has lived in the Wilts & Glos area for the past eight years, is about to take on a massive personal challenge for charity.

She will be walking over 1,200 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats from July to October, covering three countries, 60 OS explorer maps and four National Trails. She is aiming to finish in less than 100 days and raise more than £12,000 – equivalent to £10 per mile.

Jen says 'I'm both excited and terrified! This will be a real challenge but I'm thrilled to be able to support some fantastic causes – all sponsorship and support will be gladly received and will encourage me to keep going when my feet are aching and our summer throws its finest weather at me...!'

If you would like to support Jen or find out more about her journey, you can visit her website at <https://jlemarinellejog.com> where you can subscribe to her blog, learn about the charities she's supporting and donate via her fundraising pages.

Fairford's new charity shop to be more than a shop

Just over a year ago, in April 2016, the Peter Vallance Foundation opened their first shop in Lechlade in order to promote suicide prevention. The charity was set up by Gordon and Pauline Vallance in memory of their son, Peter, who took his own life in 2007 aged just 20 years. Now the couple have opened a second charity shop in London Street, Fairford in the premises that used to be the Orient takeaway.

The aims of the charity are to support people with suicide tendencies, depression and self-harm, signpost them to services such as SOBS, Suicide Crisis Centre and local GPs and, eventually, open up a dedicated counselling and training centre in the area.



Pauline and Gordon Vallance outside the new Fairford charity shop

Pauline said: 'Gordon and I went through a very difficult time after losing Peter, and we want to help people who may be going through what we went through.'

Gordon, who has 15 years' experience as a fundraiser, is planning to hold fundraising events in the courtyard garden at the rear of the shop and Pauline would like to encourage people to pop in for a quiet chat in one of the shop's back rooms.

Pauline and Gordon are looking for volunteers in Fairford and Lechlade to help with fundraising, web design, marketing and PR. If you would like to volunteer, please pop into one of the shops, either in Lechlade or Fairford.

Story and photo: Chris Roberts

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New mayor declares exhibition open

Steve Boulton, the new Mayor of Fairford, performed his very first official duty as Mayor, announcing the Fairford Art Society Annual Exhibition open for business at The Community Centre in June.

Story and photo: Sallie Seymour

Baptist Church celebrates Bicentenary

Lechlade Baptist Church has just celebrated its Bicentenary with a series of events culminating in a special commemorative service.

An interesting exhibition featured the original Church Records Book (1821-1996), together with a collection of facsimiles and photos. Also on display was a new banner, created by the congregation to commemorate this historic milestone.



The Church building was erected in 1817 under the leadership of William Fox. His remains, along with those of his wife, Mary, and daughter, Susannah, lie in a tomb which is situated in the Church garden. A bronze plaque has now been fixed to the tomb. Two brief booklets, A Short History of Lechlade Baptist Church, and The Life and Times of William Fox (1736-1826) Founder of Lechlade Baptist Church and Founder of the Sunday School Society, are available on request.

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'This event was a huge undertaking and I am so grateful to all those who helped make it such a success,' said Sue Coakley, Chair of the Fundraising Committee. 'It was a real celebration of all that is great about Lechlade and we were especially pleased to see so many families at the fête on Sunday.'

The marquee was 30m of sheer wonder with tented ceilings, fairy lights, stage, dance floor and separate catering area! Thanks to Olly and Helen from Flint and Lambourn marquees for their incredibly generous donation of the marquee which made the whole weekend possible.

The weekend started on Friday with a 'Call my Bluff' style wine tasting organised by Jane Sullivan. The £600 profit will be match funded by Barclays Bank, as Jane and Janet were helping at the event.

On Saturday morning, the ever-knowledgeable Philip Allwood of Moore Allen Auctioneers and Valuers hosted a valuation morning that raised £480, including a very generous donation of £200 from the residential sales team. The Saturday afternoon Dance, hosted by Simon Paul of the Thames School of Dance, had wonderful teas prepared and served by the Lechlade WI. The dance raised £600.



Simon Paul and Sue Coakley (2nd and 3rd left) with the Uke D'Ukes band

Our wonderful friends the Ukey D'Ukes came to Lechlade on Saturday night, generously donating their time. An amazing £800 was raised on the night. We also made good use of the three barrels of great real ales, donated by our friends at the Crown Inn Lechlade.

Sunday morning saw activities on both the Tennis Courts organised by Lechlade Tennis club and the All-Weather Pitch organised by the Fairford football Club. This allowed time for the fete, hog roast

and dog show to be set up with great support from our friends Margaret and Ray of the Lechlade Collectors' Club who also supplied chairs and fencing. The sell-out hog roast, sponsored by a local couple, raised over £1,000. Thanks to Cutler and Bayliss for providing, cooking and serving such delicious food. The dog show and fête raised another £1,000. Thanks to Lechlade K9 Training Centre and the Bridge Veterinary Practice for the judging and prizes.

We are thinking of having a similar event next year to celebrate the newly built hall! So, put the weekend of 18th to 20th May in your diaries now.

Special thanks: You can never thank everyone so please excuse our giving a special mention to those who helped with most, if not all, of the events: Ian & Debra Andrews, Steve & Rosemary Callender, Peter & Pat Magill, Simon Paul, Maureen Storey, Jane Sullivan and Simon & Marian Winckles.

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Southrop's Ascension Day lunch

A real community event bringing together the Village Hall, the local school and the Church took place recently in Southrop. Meliny Tim, founder of The Kitchen Club, spearheaded the event when she contacted Allan Brown, Head teacher of Southrop C of E Primary School to suggest that some of the Year 5 and 6 pupils might like to prepare a meal under the guidance of The Kitchen Club for parishioners of St Peter's Church, Southrop.



Southrop community at the Ascension Day lunch

Around 15 children aged between 10 and 11 took part in preparing a three-course meal for 16 guests in Southrop Village Hall to mark Ascension Day. The table decorations made by the children were in yellow and white – the colours of Ascension Day – and the menu comprised Cheesey Peasey Canapés; Spicy Beef flavoured not with salt or sugar, but with herbs and spices supplied by nearby cooking school, Thyme, and accompanied with potato and vegetable gratin. The dessert was a peach smoothie

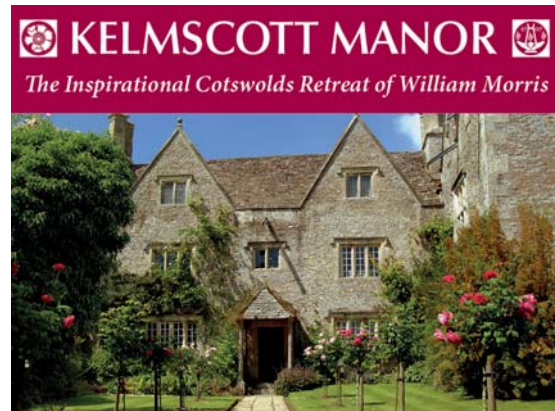
made with yogurt and coconut. Meliny was quick to point out that the meals were not 'mass produced' and so the finished plates were not identical, as they reflected the individual efforts of each child.

One of the guests enjoying the cooking skills of the children was senior resident, Mr Hinton aged 91, who has lived in and around Southrop all his life. Also invited to the community lunch were Janet Waldron, whose father, Mervyn Selby, had helped to build the Village Hall in 1952, and Richard

Sykes and Roger Newman. Richard had helped Mervyn with the building of the Village Hall and Roger's father had been the carpenter on the project.

The Kitchen Club works with primary schools in the Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire areas teaching cooking and nutrition lessons to pupils. To find out more, visit: www.facebook.com/KitchenClub2014.

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Reliant robins
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During autumn when clearing leaves the robin returned, perching in a shrub and flitting down around me finding spiders and tiny insects, a thrill to be so close.

I bought some suet pellets to sprinkle when weeding and robin, showing no nerves, soon took to a liking to them!



Throughout winter every time I went in the garden robin would fly to a bush near me, so one day I held out my hand, to my absolute delight he landed and helped himself to some pellets. Flood gates opened and I had to carry a pot of pellets at all times.

During spring and summer, I fed – on demand – two broods of chicks, both parents taking pellets from me.

July brought more pleasure as robin perched nearby for about fifteen minutes, catnapping, exhausted.

This year I have had a pair feed on my hand together.

The jar is still required as I am often summoned from the back door; they may be a different pair but the thrill is just as great.



Local clubs for gardeners

2nd Wednesdays: **LECHLADE GARDENING CLUB:** 7.30pm in the New Inn (Long Room). Contact: 01367 253121. www.lechladegardeningclub.org

Wednesday 12th July: Visit - to be arranged

Wednesday 9th August: Presentation of flowers and produce for local shows - Roger Umpelby

Saturday 2nd September: Annual Flower & Produce Show

2nd Thursdays: **FAIRFORD GARDENERS CLUB:** 7.30pm in the Farmors Room, Fairford Community Centre. Contact Marion Lloyd: 01285 850280 or Chairman Geoff Denis: 01285 712195

Thursday 13th July: GARDENING FOR BEES with Allan Wells

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Thursday 14th September: AUTUMN SHOW. Entries by members only by 7.30pm



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Tubs in Lechlade

In May, the Lechlade Bloomers, a newly established volunteer group, planted up the tubs in the centre of Lechlade.

This involved the purchase of four new tubs and the re-planting of three existing tubs. The sun shone on them (maybe a little strongly at times) but it was well worth all the hard work.



With further funds already raised it is hoped that more tubs will be added – onwards and upwards!

Any volunteers wishing to help with watering please contact Sue Laing: 07876 028 884 or Carole Davis: 07711 614 199.

Anticipation builds for colourful show

The countdown has begun for Lechlade's Flower and Produce Show to be held in marquees in the attractive grounds of The Trout Inn on Saturday 2nd September. There is plenty of parking and the show will be open to the public from 2pm onwards. Exhibitors must display their entries between 9.30-11.00am after which judging begins.

Entry forms must be in by **Tuesday 29th August**. So, if you enjoy photography, crafts, needlework, baking, gardening, growing fruit or vegetables, wine making or flower arranging pick up the 'how to take part' guide from Lechlade Post Office, Library and local businesses.

And if you're looking to keep children or grandchildren occupied during the summer holidays, why not encourage them to enter, whether it is making a mask, doing a painting or making a Lego model, there is plenty to inspire youngsters.



This is a colourful and interesting event for all the family, on the banks of the River Thames so do come along and see what local people have produced for this year's Show or, better still, take part.

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WEDNESDAY OUTDOOR MARKET: In an effort to increase the variety of stalls and thereby encourage visitors to the Town we would like to know if there are any traders who would like to take a stall at the Wednesday outdoor market either as a one-off or on a regular basis.

WALNUT TREE FIELD: We are, unfortunately, still experiencing anti-social behaviour in the Walnut Tree Field. We would ask those responsible for either breaking glass, pushing over the portaloos, setting fire to plastic containers on the table tops to please desist from this behaviour. All CCTV images of the perpetrators are passed onto the Police.

DOG FOULING: We have identified another resident who has allowed his dog to foul in a public place and he has been reported to Cotswold District Council and a caution has been issued. CDC have advised that if members of the public witness dogs being allowed to foul pavements and other public areas, and are willing to come forward with names, dates and times or even photos, this information will be treated in confidence and their details anonymised.

AIR TATTOO: Resident passes are available from the Town Council Office. Please note that these passes do not allow access into the showground but serve to

assist the police and traffic officers in identifying you as a 'Local Resident'. Only two passes will be issued per household for Fairford residents only. People living outside of Fairford should contact their own Parish Council or RIAT.

FREE SUMMER FUN FOR AGES 6-14: As part of a summer programme of activities for young people (age 6-14), the Town Council is hosting a series of workshops throughout August. These will be free to attend. Places are limited and booking essential. The workshops will be held at the Community Centre. For more information contact <http://worldjungle.org.uk/SOTS/2017/SOTS%202017.html>

The Ernest Cook Trust are also offering two free forest school experiences during August at Leawood. Please bring a picnic lunch. These will take place on **Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd August** 9.30am-1.30pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult, with a maximum ratio of 5 children per adult. To book your place, please e-mail: clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS: Tuesday 11th July 2017.

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For further information please contact the Council office on 01367 252338 or email: clerk@lechladeonthames.co.uk

MEMORIAL HALL REBUILD: Good progress is being made on the New Memorial Hall. The Trustees of the Lechlade Memorial Hall and Recreation Charity (1056163) have issued a Letter of Intent to the preferred supplier to enable works to start on the rebuilding project. The full contract will be signed by the new Lechlade Hall and Recreation Ground CIO as soon as it has been registered with the Charity Commission.

The new charity structure offers indemnity for the individual trustees which is essential given the scale of the project. We anticipate that the contract will be signed in July and, together with the work that can be carried out under the Letter of Intent, will secure both the current price for the project and a planned completion date of March 2018.

The Town Council has received approval from the Secretary of State for its Public Works Loan application and all payments from the insurance company have been made. This means that funding for the re-building of the new Memorial Hall is now in place.

NEW SKATEPARK PLANS: The Skatepark design consultations were attended by both

young people and adults. There was good interaction on the Friday evening between users of the skatepark, who had lots of questions to ask, and the companies present. Everyone attending the events had an opportunity to vote for their preference and these will be considered by the Working Group before a decision is made.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH: Lechlade-on-Thames Town Council are looking for volunteers to join the Community Speed Watch (CSW) programme. Council are particularly interested in recruiting members living in the Fairford Road (Downington) and Burford Road areas as these are perceived to be hot spots for excessive speeding.

Training is provided by the Road Safety Partnership team (Gloucestershire Police) and is usually held at Cirencester Police station. The training session normally lasts around 2 hours.

If you'd like to discuss your interest, please contact the Town Council Office.

INFORMATION BOARDS: The Town Map and Tourist Information Board has been updated and printed. Our thanks go all those businesses who generously gave their support once again. It raised £1000 for the Memorial Hall Fund.

FLAG FESTIVAL: Many thanks to the Flag Festival team who have done another fabulous job of 'raising the flags' in Lechlade. There are a number of new flags flying, which look great too!

NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday 10th July and Monday 11th September 2017, 7.30pm in the Pavilion. There is no meeting in August.

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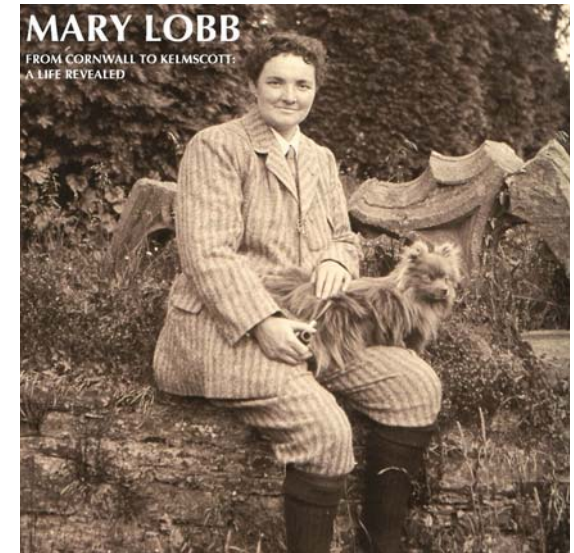
From Cornwall to Kelmscott: A life revealed

This exhibition at Kelmscott Manor is the first exhibition to focus on Mary Frances Vivian Lobb (1878–1939).

The discovery of a bequest made to the National Library of Wales in 1939 by Mary Frances Vivian Lobb has inspired this eye-opening exhibition. Miss Lobb was the companion of 22 years to May Morris while May lived at Kelmscott Manor. May, a designer and embroidery historian in her own right, was the younger daughter of famous Victorian designer, poet and social thinker William Morris (1834-96).

This exhibition will contain photographs, documents and ephemera from the collections of The National Library of Wales and Kelmscott Manor – most of which have never been on public display before. Both organisations hope the exhibition will inspire greater interest into the life of Miss Lobb and encourage further research into this unique collection.

Until **Saturday 28th October**: Admission with Manor House ticket.



2017 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Lechlade

Your Royal British Legion poppy helps the Legion to provide thousands of veterans, service men, women and their families with vital advice and support. Please support the Poppy Appeal for the future of the living as well as in remembrance of the fallen.

Collectors Needed in Lechlade

We have lots of new homes in the town and, as always, some of our usual band of collectors will be unable to help us this year, so:

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Pat Magill, Poppy Appeal Organiser
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Honouring the WWI fallen

We are publishing records of local servicemen who lost their lives in the First World War, 1914-1918, kindly supplied by Fairford History Society and Lechlade History Society.

If you have photos or further information about any of these servicemen, please write to the editor. (see details on page 3).

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Riverfolk Festival – Saturday 15th July



Lats year's Riverfolk Festival: © 2016 Jigsaw Photography

With the best of local performers, barbecue, produce and clothes stalls, a ukulele workshop and raffles, this year's Riverfolk Festival promises a wonderfully entertaining summer afternoon by the Thames.

Riverfolk is at Lechlade's Trout Inn on Saturday 15th July, 12noon-5pm, free entrance.

Contact Jay: 01367 860869 or Lizzie at the Trout: 01367 252313.

Splat in a Day

Splat in a Day is a day's songwriting workshop for 8-13 year-olds, taking place at Quenington Village Hall this July.

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At the end of the day, every child will leave with a copy of a song that they've written in a group – a song which will have been created completely from

scratch by them on that day.

There are two duplicate days being run on 27th and 28th July. The workshop is open to any child between the ages of 8 and 13, and previous musical experience is required.

For more information, or to signup, please contact Henry Bateman and Lucy Hicks Beach: 07522 766297, splatmin@outlook.com.



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Contact Helen F S Jones on 01367 252402, helenfsjones@aol.com

Fairford & District Choral Society – autumn programme

Rehearsals start again on Wednesday 6th September, 7.30 – 9.30 pm in Fairford United Church, Milton Street GL7 4BW.

The concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday 2nd December will be Vivaldi's Gloria and Haydn's St Nicholas' Mass.

New singers are always welcome, although 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.

Review of Haydn's Creation

On Saturday 13th May, a large and appreciative audience eschewed the Eurovision Song Contest in favour of a much more sublime evening of music, performed by the Fairford and District Choral Society. The gathered throng filled St Mary's Church, Fairford for a performance of Haydn's Creation featuring not only the choral society but a small orchestra and three vocal soloists – baritone Owain Browne, soprano Charlotte Newstead and tenor James Edgeler.

"The Creation" by Joseph Haydn is one of the great oratorios in the classical music canon and rightly features regularly in the repertoire in many of the country's choral societies. Taking inspiration from the Biblical account of the creation of the world, the oratorio, over three parts, presents the creation of the heavens and earth; the creation of living creatures; and the joy of Adam and Eve in exploring the creation. Although a well-known work, it presents challenges for both the choir and soloists.

A special mention must be made of the Tenor, James Edgeler. Drafted in only on the morning of the concert due to the indisposition of the booked soloist, this nineteen year-old choral scholar of Gloucester Cathedral sang with confidence throughout. James's performance of the aria 'In native worth and honour clad' had a lovely sense of shaping to the phrases, showing great potential in this young voice.

The standard achieved by the choral society was equally impressive. The performance was held together remarkably well by the conductor Marysia Gorska. It was obvious through her conducting of the choir, that Marysia has trained the choir in technique as well as teaching them the music.

Overall the performance did true justice to Haydn's wonderful and uplifting music, leaving this audience member pleased to have attended.

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Hidden Gems of Lechlade

Pat Magill of Lechlade writes...

The sun shone on Saturday 3rd June as over four hundred visitors explored 10 'Hidden Gems of Lechlade' in their full early summer glory. Many enjoyed refreshments in our largest garden, where we listened to enthusiastic tales of all they had seen, including topiary sheep and a yew temple in one garden, an armillary sphere in another and so much more...

In all, the impressive total of £3,357.70 was raised, which will be equally divided between St Lawrence Church, Lechlade Restoration and Maintenance Appeal and British Heart Foundation.

We would like to thank all who came and all who worked to make the event such an outstanding success.

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FLBClub's next meetings

The July meeting is more of a social than a business meeting. Thanks to Cotswold Boat Hire, members can enjoy a trip down the River Thames from the Trout Inn, Lechlade to Buscot marina. This will be on **Thursday 27th July** at 7pm for a 7.30pm start meeting up in the marquee in the Trout grounds.

There is no meeting in August.

In September, we have an exciting one-off meeting on **Wednesday 27th September** at The Crow's Nest – the hospitality venue for the RAF Charitable Trust Enterprises. Andy Armstrong, CEO of the RAFCTE (organisers of the Royal International Air Tattoo) will

be giving us advance information about what will be happening at RIAT in 2018 when it celebrates the centenary of the RAF. Non-members are welcome, but booking is essential and you will need to register at www.flbc.org.uk/Events.



Andrew Frazer on Col de la Colombière.

Photo supplied by Andrew Frazer.

On yer bike, Andrew

Some six years after his last long-haul charity bike ride, Andrew Frazer donned the lycra again to take part in the French Alps Cycle Challenge cycling for three consecutive days up and down mountain routes regularly featured in the Tour de France.

Andrew and his colleagues from St James's Place Foundation took on the challenge at the end of May to cycle a total of 400 kilometres to raise money for St James's Place and Laureus Sport for Good Foundation. He is now safely back in one piece – if a little saddle sore! His final day involved climbing two of the famous Tour de France mountain routes – the Col de la Colombière and the Col de Joux Plane before winding his way down to base camp in 30° heat and a full seven and a half hours in the saddle!

If you would like to sponsor Andrew, please visit: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewFrazer1>. St James's Place has pledged to match every £1 raised with a further £2 towards these worthy causes.

A long-established plumbing firm

FLBClub member, Edward Bays plumbers are a long-established firm now based in Highworth, but were originally Bays & Co of Wood Street, Swindon. Managing Director, Shaun Higgins, has worked at

Edward Bays since he was 18 and his father, now Manager, started as an apprentice at the age of 14.

Last year, Shaun won the tender for a job to replace the full heating system in Christ Church, Old Town, Swindon. Imagine his surprise when he discovered an old plaque mounted next to the old heating apparatus stating that it had been supplied and fixed by Bays & Co, Wood Street, Swindon in November 1906!



Plaques just 111 years apart. Photo: Shaun Higgins.

Now, 111 years later, the same plumbing company was back helping to maintain Christ Church's heating system for, hopefully, another 111 years. Not wanting to let this historic occasion pass unnoticed, Shaun arranged for another plaque to be mounted alongside the first one stating: "Edward Bays Ltd proudly supplied and installed this heating system 2017".

New team take over Colosseo

Many people will miss the smiling faces and warm welcome that Zeus and Giuseppe have given to customers at Colosseo Ristorante over the past three years, but they are now handing over the reins of the popular Fairford Italian restaurant to family members, Valerio, Marco and Francesco, who are all just as friendly and just as welcoming.

Alessandro Gianati, the new chef, will be introducing some tasty additions to the menu and there will be cocktails, fine wines and draught beer on tap, but those are the only changes at the moment, as the cost of eating at Colosseo will remain affordable.



Back: Zeus and Valerio. Front: Francesco, Marco and Giuseppe



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Olympic gold medallist inspires at Bowmoor

Bowmoor Sailing Club has a reputation for providing some excellent training, especially for its youth membership. The annual Optimist dinghy camp was held over the spring bank holiday week and was once again a huge success.

As well as sailing, there were many varied activities including BBQs and the ancient art of tie dye. But one of the highlights had to be a visit from 28-year-old Matt Gotrel MBE, ex-Optimist sailor who came to Bowmoor Oppy camp as a youngster in the eighties. He explained that his passion is still for sailing but, whilst at Loughborough University, he discovered he had a talent for rowing which then took over his life.

It involves hours of training in the gym as well as on the water! Matt was an international sailor spending two years sailing full-time and was a member of the British Skandia Team for 18 months in the 49er dinghy sailing class. He is now a world class rower having won gold in the men's eight at the Rio



Matt Gotrel with aspiring sailor Matt Banbrook holding the gold medal.
Photographer John Banbrook

Olympics.

He still prefers sailing as he thinks it is far more sociable and not so punishing on the body. He came along to Bowmoor to talk about his sailing experiences career path. He explained that he has spent the past four years rowing but gave a wry smile when he said he is now thinking that it is probably time to look for a 'proper job'.

A further three Olympians also visited this year's camp: Simon Hiscocks, former 49er sailor winning silver in 2000 and bronze in 2004 and bosun to the British Sailing team at Rio in 2016; Mark Lyttle, a member of the Irish Olympic Sailing Team in 1996 sailing against Sir Ben Ainslie in

the Laser Class; and Denise Lyttle (Mark's sister) who sailed in the Europe Class in the 1992 Olympics and the 470 Class in 1996.

It was inspirational for the young sailors to spend time in the company of sailors that have been at the very top of this sport.

Margaret Hing

Lechlade Tennis Club caught on the rebound

The Lechlade Tennis Club has been considering installing a rebound net for at least two years but these are pretty expensive; around £7,000 to £8,000! A rebound net can be used by one person to practice.

Along the length of the net there are two lines which simulate the height of the court net and this really does help with hand eye coordination.

Christine Eatwell from the Lechlade Heritage and Development Trust and Cllr Ray Theodoulou who supported the applications for grants came along on the weekend of the Lechlade Extravaganza and kindly opened the new facility.

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Ray Theodoulou and Christine Eatwell officially open the new rebound net.
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Meet Will Downes Hall

#22 #30: The push-up challenge

Will Downes Hall and his twin brother went to the sixth form in Cirencester. Will then went on to get an HND in Applied Biology and studied for a degree in Biochemistry and Animal Physiology. His intention was to go into health and fitness so he and brother Tim decided to open 'Grunter's Garage' in Cirencester.



The 'ffoxtrot' push-up (crossed legged!)

well. After completing the #22 challenge he decided to continue with his own #44 challenge posting this on line. He was then contacted by someone from the States who asked if he would support #30forstrongminds. This is in support of those dealing with mental health issues in civilian life.

This was a gym where people on low incomes and who couldn't commit to high monthly direct debits could go and train in a 'pay as you go' style. This was such a brilliant idea but Will said: 'Sadly, that folded at the start of the financial crash. But it was fun while it lasted. And I think we helped some people.' Tim is now a member of a successful band called The Roving Crows who are about to go to Australia to collect an award!

Will ran into an old friend who was working as a bodyguard. Will needed a well-paid job to support a growing family; three daughters under five years old! He took redundancy from where he was working, enrolled on a course and three weeks later he was looking after the youngest daughter of one of the richest men in the world! He explained that the work was quite varied: 'My most frightening experience was with three other bodyguards facing a group of about thirty irate travellers on their site. We were looking after the electrical technicians who were trying to stop the travellers stealing electricity from the neighbouring industrial estate. The most exciting was a car chase from one end of Cyprus to the other! The most enjoyable was seeing my then four-year-old daughter's face when she received a birthday present and card from the princess I was looking after!' Will has left that life behind and is driving a fork lift truck for a living.

He came across the #22pushupchallenge which originated in the USA. Each day 22 ex-war veterans take their own lives and Will was shocked to hear that this statistic is true of British Service personnel too. Will has a lot of contacts with ex-servicemen through his work as a bodyguard. The challenge is to do 22 push-ups a day, post this on social media such as Facebook or Instagram and invite another person to do the same.

Will read that the biggest cause of death in men under the age of 44 is suicide. Will hit 44 this year and, having experienced low times himself, he could understand too

Will now does 22 push-ups and adds the 30 making 52 push-ups a day uploading the videos to social media. To the best of his knowledge he believes he will be the first person in the UK to have done this, and only the fifth worldwide. The challenge became more difficult when he received a work-related injury just as he had started the challenge and his foot was badly crushed. This did not deter him. He managed to develop his own style of push-up with the injured foot resting over the good one! He has named this the 'ffoxtrot' push-up! He did however wear out three 'moon boots' over six months!

At the time of writing this, he was planning to complete his 365th day of 52 push-ups a day at Deer Park School Cirencester (where his three daughters are pupils). He will be doing push-ups, along with some of the pupils and personnel from the 29th Regiment, raising awareness of mental health.

Are you interested in the challenges? They work like this:

- Record a video of yourself doing your push ups, stating your name and WHO you're doing the challenge for or WHY you're doing it.
- Upload the video to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube. Make sure you include the #22pushupchallenge hashtag and nominate your friends.
- Include how to donate; you can text PTSD22 to 70004 to donate £5

You might like to support in a gentler way. Text PTSD22 70004 which will donate £5 or Text HERO29 £3 which will donate £3 to SSAFA, a UK Charity providing welfare & support for those serving in the armed forces, veterans and armed forces families.

When asked what he would do after 365 days, Will smiled and said with a shrug: 'I'll carry on. Why would I stop?'

Story and photo : Margaret Hing

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Are you ready to take the plunge? Julie Andrews is!

Before you get carried away, the Julie Andrews to whom we refer is not the star of The Sound of Music, but she is indeed a very special lady – wheelchair-bound from birth due to spina bifida, she has an appetite for life second to none, and that includes many fundraising activities.

She is going to be 'Taking the Plunge' on Saturday 9th September at South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre, Cotswold Water Park. The event is run by two franchisees from Wagging Tails home from home dog boarding company, Hilary Coates (SN branch) and Alexis Bennett (GL branch). Julie, a self-confessed activity lover, is looking forward to taking a leap into a lake, to then be rescued by a magnificent trained Newfoundland Dog springing from a rescue craft to bring her safely back.

'It was fantastic to get a message from Julie to ask if she could take part, we hope that it will encourage others to be brave and have a go,' said Hilary.

'I visited the first event in 2015 before I became a Wagging Tails franchisee,' added Alexis, 'and I was struck by how much fun everyone was having, as well as meeting the Newfoundlands and the beautiful Hearing Dogs and their recipients, it was a very special day. I was more than happy to offer Hilary some help with Take the Plunge 2.'

Alexis has found some wonderful carers in her first 18 months, giving dogs their very own individual holiday. Hilary's business has been running for three years now and is very successful, giving her the perfect opportunity to give back to a charity that is close to her heart. 'I wear hearing aids for relatively minor hearing loss. I cannot imagine life without much sound. The way the Hearing Dogs bring their recipients back into the world is truly astonishing and humbling.



For information on the event go to www.waggingtailsuk.co.uk/newfoundfriends-rescue-day or contact Hilary on sn@waggingtailsuk.co.uk or Alexis on gl@waggingtailsuk.co.uk.

Hilary Coates lives in Swindon and has run the SN branch of Wagging Tails for the past three years.

A dog's life with Mollie Collie

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Take a catnap

The annual Black and White Cat Club Show took place at Cricklade Town Hall in May. Pedigree and non-pedigree cats took part and, although entry was slightly down on previous years, there were still over forty contestants from near and far, some travelling over three hours to get there.

The Black and White Club started in 1912 and is the oldest cat club in the country. Judging took place in the morning and then doors were open to the public. Many were regular visitors to the event and they could vote for their favourite cat and to browse the many stalls, selling a variety of cat-related goods.

One of the entrants was six-month-old, jet black kitten Delphinium Sparklette (also known as Inca)

who lives at The Catnap in Fairford. Her owner, Becky Newport, explained that she lives with her sister and her other cats at her Catnap Cattery. He was born on Bonfire night last year and all of the kittens were given pedigree names after fireworks. He seemed purrrfectly at home at the show as did all of the other cats! This clever kitten won a special 'chairman's choice' prize. This could be the beginning of a very successful career!

Story and photo: Margaret Hing



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Men in Sheds @ RESTORE



There's a call for chaps over 50 to mosey on down to the launch event of a new Men's Shed in Swindon on Monday 4th September from 11am-2pm at Restore Charity Shop, St. John's Church Hall, Whitbourne Avenue, Park South, Swindon SN3 2LG.

Men in Sheds, a movement launched in Australia, is sweeping across the UK with over 380 sheds already in operation. 'Men in Sheds @ Restore' will be open to everyone, providing an excellent opportunity for retired individuals to have a new lease of life – creating a community in a workshop environment in which to meet new people and share and learn skills.

Two groups will be introduced each week and eventually it is hoped to have a range of different practical activities on offer as well as provision for women and younger age groups.

Restore, the sister charity of Swindon Foodbank, will be launching the new 'shed', initially offering woodworking activities from their workshop in Park South as well as upcycling of furniture on-site at their new Restore Charity Boutique, 121 Victoria Road, Old Town.

Restore would love to hear from you if you have particular skills to share, for example in upcycling, re-upholstery or french polishing.

Please consider donating your unwanted vintage and retro items to Restore's new Charity Boutique in Old Town.

Restore would also like quality pieces of wooden furniture that could be used for upcycling, tools, fabric for reupholstery, timber and fixings.

If you would like more information about the workshops, or the Men in Sheds @ Restore project please call Kevin Prosser (Workshop Manager): 07540 726432, kevin.prosser@outlook.com

or email Dr Pam Phillippo (Restore Manager): pphilippo@swindonrestore.co.uk.

Where can you find help to stay warm and well?

(Editor: We received this from John Read, Chair of Hilary Cottage Surgery Patient Participation Group in Fairford. Warm and Well is a service for Gloucestershire residents. I have added contact details for a similar organisation Warm and Safe for Wiltshire residents)

Medical practitioners know that staying warm, particularly in winter, can help us all to stay well. Living in a cold damp house can seriously impact health.

Perhaps you know of someone who is in what is termed 'fuel poverty'. It would be surprising if you did not, because it is estimated that in Gloucestershire 11% of the population is 'fuel poor'.

What do we mean by this term? Simply, it is the inability to pay fuel bills: this results in a cold, damp, unhealthy house. To make do, people will perhaps live in one room and wear extra clothing. Often it is a choice between paying the fuel bill or paying for gas and electricity. Sometimes people are disconnected because they cannot pay their bills.

There is help available for people who find themselves in this situation. The Severn Wye Energy Agency runs a help organisation called Warm and Well which offers the following free of charge:



- A free home visit to see how a home can be run more fuel efficiently including installing free energy saving devices such as radiator foils
- A free report detailing savings which can be made
- Free phone calls to give impartial advice
- Tips for saving energy and staying warm
- Information about grants and loans for cavity wall and loft insulation and boiler replacements
- Links to a network of installers and tradespeople
- Switching energy tariffs and suppliers
- Information about smart meters which give accurate bills without having to read a meter and which can help to save energy.

Warm and Well find that an average of £400 a year can be saved by following their advice. In addition, those people on Pension Credit or low income can get a £140 discount off this winter's gas or electricity bill. If they are pensioners, disabled or suffering from a chronic illness or have a visual or hearing impairment, they may be eligible for the Priorities Service Register which offers access to nominated people to help them pay their bills, moving meters to accessible locations, large print, Braille or talking bills, meter reading, free annual safety check and priority help in the event of a disconnection.

In Gloucestershire, visit www.warmandwell.co.uk or phone 0800 500 3076.

In Wiltshire, visit www.warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk or phone 0300 003 4575.

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Email notices to editor@ripplesmag.co.uk or write to *Ripples* (see page 3).

VARIOUS DAYS

Sunday 11th June - Sunday 2nd July: **QUENINGTON FRESH AIR SCULPTURE SHOW:** Taking place for three weeks at Quenington Old Rectory, Quenington GL7 5BN. Open from 10am-5pm every day including Sundays. Admission £5 adults and free for children aged 18 years and under. Catalogues for sale at £5. Refreshments, light lunches and teas. No picnics in the gardens. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

Wednesday 28th June to Sunday 2nd July: **ASHTON KEYNES MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL:** See what's on at www.ashtonkeynesfestival.net

Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July: **MINETY MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Tickets at www.minetyfestival.co.uk

2nd, 8th, 16th, 22nd and 30th July: **RAFFLE TICKET SALES:** 10.30am-12.30pm at Lechlade Garden Centre. Supporting Lechlade Memorial Hall rebuilding fund. Help selling tickets would be much appreciated

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th July: **FOLLY FEST:** Faringdon annual summer music festival, details at www.follyfest.co.uk

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th July: **SOUNDS OF THE COTSWOLDS 2:** at Cirencester Park, Cirencester, GL7 1XB. In aid of Homes for Veterans. Tickets £36 by PayPal to gerryminicar@aol.com, 07808 030220. Camping available
 Wednesday 7th June-26th July: **CAP LIFESKILLS COURSE - FREE:** 11am-1pm at Highworth Methodist Church (corner of Vicarage Lane and Lechlade Road). Budgeting, healthy eating and cooking on a budget, understanding marketing tactics, and healthy relationships. Contact Eoli: 07753 620749, eolipieri@caplifekills.org or just turn up

Monday 31st July to Tuesday 22nd August: **SUMMER OFF THE STREETS:** Various dates and activities for youngsters at Fairford Community Centre, organised by WorldJungle (see www.worldjungle.org.uk). Circus skills, music technology, African drumming, and street dance. Bookings: 01285 712344

Thursdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st August: **FAIRFORD HOLIDAY CLUB - MESSY AT FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH:** 10am-1pm. Five themed events: film, drumming, jigsaws, craft and games. Includes thinking about Creation, refreshments and food. For children and carers. No charge, donations only. Booking preferred with Joanne Roberts: 01285 711386, joanneesw@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 14th September to Sunday 1st October: **LOVE FAIRFORD:** Events for all ages organised by the Love Fairford team of Churches Together. Contact: Rosie Emmerson: 01451 844656, Heather Gorton: 01285 712428, Jane Lynch: 01285 750862, Misi Devereux: 07920 452068 or Paul Boden: 01285 712043

Until 28th October: **MARY LOBB, FROM CORNWALL TO KELMSCOTT: A LIFE REVEALED:** Exhibition at Kelmscott Manor. Admission with Manor House ticket. Mary Lobb was the companion of 22 years to May Morris, the younger

daughter of William Morris

CORINIUM MUSEUM, CIRENCESTER
 29th June-30th July: **'COTSWOLD':** an exhibition of paintings by Rupert Aker

3rd August - 3rd September: **'COLOURFUL CREATIONS':** an exhibition by Sian Summerhayes
 Visit www.coriniummuseum.org for full events listing

SATURDAYS

Saturday 1st July: **GLOS JAZZ SWING BAND PICNIC:** 6.30pm at The Mill House, Coln St Aldwyns by kind permission of the Earl St Aldwyn. Gates open at 5.30pm with the concert starting at 6.30pm. Bring your own picnic and something to sit on. Admission on the gate £10 adults, £5 children. Sorry no dogs. Contact Christine Barker: 07767 408409, fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk. Supporting The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

Saturday 1st July: **PIANO AND VIOLIN RECITAL:** 7.30pm at Buscot Park near Lechlade. Judith Templeman and Heejung Kim perform Brahms Sonata No 1 in G major and Beethoven 'Spring' Sonata. Details: www.buscotconcerts.co.uk, 01367 244655

Saturday 8th July: **FAMILY FUN DAY:** 1-5pm at Manor Ground, Kempford (behind The George). Target football, bungee run, tug of war, mini Olympics, treasure hunt, Pimms, tea and cakes, BBQ, skittles, bottle tombola, crockery smash, stocks, bric-a-brac. Supporting Kempford Cricket Club. Admission free

Saturday 8th July: **WRDE UP 2017 FESTIVAL:** from 2pm at the Recreation Ground, Highworth. Info at: www.wrdeup.org.uk

Saturday 8th July: **CASTLE EATON BARN DANCE:** 7pm at The Barn Manor Farm, dancing to Stone The Crows. Sumptuous BBQ (vegetarians catered for), bar. Advance sales only: Tickets available from David Price: 01285 810539, Thursday Coffee Morning in the Village Hall and The Red Lion

Saturday 15th July: **FAMILY FUN DAY:** 12noon to 4pm at Windmill Farm, High Street, Clanfield OX18 2SN. archery, climbing wall, bush craft, tricky trail, arts and crafts. Supporting the charity Adventure Plus at www.adventureplus.org.uk/events

Saturday 15th July: **RIVERFOLK FESTIVAL:** 12noon-5pm at The Trout Inn, Lechlade. The best of local performers, barbecue, produce and clothes stalls, ukulele workshop, raffles. Free entrance. Contact Jay: 01367 860869 or Lizzie at the Trout: 01367 252313

Saturday 15th July: **SUMMER CONCERT 'WESSEX & FRIENDS':** 7 for 7.30pm at the Great Western Hall, STEAM, Swindon SN2 2EY. Wessex Male Choir. Details and tickets at www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk

Saturday 15th July: **THE HUB CLASSIC DRIVE-IN MOVIE:** Classic Motor Hub, Bibury. 'Grease' with live music, great food

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Saturday 29th July: **SONGS AND SOLO PIANO:** 7.30pm at Buscot Park near Lechlade. Maria Gulik and Andrew Yiangou perform music of French and Russian romantic composers. Details: www.buscotconcerts.co.uk, 01367 244655

Saturday 5th August: **HISTORY SOCIETY TOWN WALK:** 2.30pm, supporting Lechlade Memorial Hall rebuilding fund
 Saturday 26th August: **EASTLEACH VILLAGE FÊTE:** from 2pm. Traditional fête with barbeque, Pimms tent and homemade teas, games to entertain everyone, white elephant, tombola, plants, produce and many other stalls. Entrance £1, kids free. Sorry no dogs

Saturday 26th August: **PIANO RECITAL:** 7.30pm at Buscot Park Theatre near Lechlade. Thomas Graff performs Granados 'Goyescas' Piano Suite. Details: www.buscotconcerts.co.uk, 01367 244655

Saturday 2nd September: **LECHLADE FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW:** from 2pm at The Trout Inn, Lechlade. Plenty of parking. Exhibitors must display their entries between 9.30-11am after which judging begins. This is a colourful and interesting event for all the family, on the banks of the River Thames so do come along and see what local people have produced for this year's Show. Information: 07768 250065

Saturday 2nd September: **SWIMATHON:** Fairford Retained Firefighters swim from Cricklade to Lechlade supporting the Lechlade Memorial Hall fund. Donations at: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/crickladetolechlade

Saturday 16th September: **KEMPSFORD CHURCH FÊTE:** 2pm at Kempford Manor. Traditional stalls & games, bric-a-brac, Phoenix Brass Band, cream teas, classic car show, raffle and fun for all the family

Saturday 30th September: **JUMBLE SALE:** 10am in the Pavilion, supporting Lechlade Memorial Hall rebuilding fund

Saturday 7th October: **CONCERT:** Fordante are performing 'From Puccini to the Movies and more...' in Quenington Village Hall - Music Concert - **Save the Date OCTOBER 7th.** Visit www.fordante.com

Saturday 14th October: **WESSEX CHOIR:** 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church, supporting Lechlade Memorial Hall rebuilding fund

Saturday 21st October: **APPLE DAY:** in Quenington Village Hall. Remember to save seeds for seed swap. Start to save large containers for your squeezed apple juice!

STORIES ON DEMAND: every week in Lechlade Library, from 10am-1pm volunteers will read stories to children of all ages - just drop in with your children and stay as long as you like

BEANS COFFEE SHOP: Saturdays, 10am-12noon at Lechlade Baptist Church. Chat, make friends and eat great cake! Everyone welcome

PIXIE CANINE TRAINING CLUB: Saturdays, 10-11am in the Car Park at the top of Fairford High Street. Dogs and owners of all ages can have fun and earn their Bronze, Silver and Gold Kennel Club Awards. Contact Eileen Ferguson: 01285 711729

SATURDAY CLUB: 11.30am-12noon in Fairford Library. Come along and listen to stories followed by an activity. For ages

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KELMSCOTT MANOR: (April to October) visit the house and gardens 11am-5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Tel: 01367 252486, www.kelmscottmanor.org.uk

BINGO CLUB: 7pm at St Birinus Court, Gassons Road, Lechlade. Tel: 01367 253462

1st Saturdays: **BOOKS, BICKIES & BEVERAGES:** 10am-12noon in Poulton Village Hall. Come for a chat over a coffee and homemade biscuit and buy a second-hand book

2nd Saturdays: **PALMER HALL DANCE CLUB FOR MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING:** 7.30-11pm in the Palmer Hall, Fairford. Also Thursdays, 8-10pm (except for the Thursday before the 2nd Saturday of the month). Contact: pcorinium@tiscali.co.uk or visit www.fairfordsequence.org.uk

SUNDAYS

Sunday 2nd July, 6th August & 3rd September: **CAR BOOT SALE:** From 10am-1pm for buyers and from 9am for sellers at Fairford Town Football Club, Cinder Lane, Fairford. Bar open and food available. Free entry for buyers. Book a table/car space £5: 01285 713030

Sunday 9th July & 6th August: **QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE:** 11am on the village green. Supporting local charities. Enquiries to Don: 01285 750304

Sunday 9th July: **CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS:** 2-4pm in the Palmer Hall. Fairford Firecrackers (AKA Fairford WI). Tea, cake, face-painting and crafts for all the family. Tickets £1 from 7a Coffee Shop and Fairford Community Centre

Sunday 9th July: **SUMMER GARDEN PARTY:** 2-5pm at Ryton House, Lechlade in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund. Attractions include Highworth Silver Band, tombola and plant stall. Tickets £7, including tea and cake, available from Lechlade Post Office

1st Sundays: **JESUS AND ME CLUB:** At 10am in St Mary's Church, Fairford. Stories, craft and fun

1st Sundays (April to October): **COFFEE & CLASSICS:** Classic Motor Hub, Bibury. Classic motors and supercars. Free. Booking essential: events@classicmotorhub.com

1st and 3rd Sundays: **FARINGDON FOLLY:** 11am-5pm Climb the 100ft Tower and spend time finding the sculptures in the woodland. Info at www.faringdonfolly.org.uk

2nd Sundays (except January): **MESSY CHURCH:** 4-6pm in St Mary's Church Fairford. Crafts, games, celebration and a cooked meal for families. Please let us know of any dietary requirements for the meal, otherwise just turn up on the day. For further details, Sarah: 01285 712074 or stmaryslmt@gmail.com

3rd Sunday: **LECHLADE COMMUNITY CINEMA:** 7.30pm in Lechlade Pavilion (adjacent to the site of the Memorial Hall). Enjoy the film, on the big 3m wide screen. Doors open at 7pm for refreshments. Tickets cost £3. All proceeds will be used to support the project to rebuild the Memorial Hall. Reserve a seat: 01367 253633

Sunday 16th June: Ethel and Earnest' (Cert PG) based on a story by Raymond Briggs featuring the voice of Jim Broadbent

MONDAYS

Monday 17th July: **POP-UP EXHIBITION AND SALE OF WORK:** 10.30am-4pm at CB Slade Estate Agents in Fairford Market Place. Fairford Art Society

Monday 4th September: **TWO-COURSE MEAL SUPPORTING BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION:** 7pm in the marquee at The Trout Inn, Lechlade. Info and bookings: 01367 253319 or 01367 253762

JOB CLUB: every week from 10am-12noon in Lechlade Library. Support for those seeking employment including job search, CV writing and interview skills

TODDLER TIME: in term time 10.30-11am in Fairford Library. Too old for Baby Bounce and Rhyme time? Have fun with songs, rhymes and stories. For pre-school children aged approximately 2 years to school age and their grown ups

QUENINGTON BABY AND TODDLER GROUP: 10-11.30am in Quenington Village Hall (Term-time only). Meet other local parents/carers and toddlers and have some fun at the same time! £1.50 per family includes drink and snack for children, tea or coffee and biscuits for adults

FAIRFORD MONDAY WALKING GROUP: Mondays except Bank Holidays, 10.30am, outside the Community Centre. We are a small friendly group that never walks more than two miles and has tea or coffee and a chat afterwards, cost 50p. Contact David Lawrence: 01285 711702

BINGO CLUB: 2pm at St Birinus Court, Gassons Road, Lechlade. Tel: 01367 253462

FAIRFORD BRIDGE CLUB: Class for improvers, 2-4pm in Fairford Community Centre. Contact Margaret Bishop: 01285 238834

1st FAIRFORD CUBS: 6.30-8pm at the Fairford Scout Hut, Horcott Road (term time). For boys and girls aged 8-10½, all welcome. Angie Wright: 01285 851685

SWINDON MALE VOICE CHOIR: rehearsals 7.30pm at New Century Club, Gorse Hill, Swindon SN2 8BU. Information at www.swindonmalevoicechoir.co.uk

1st Mondays: LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH HOBBIES AND HANDICRAFTS: 2-4pm in the church. There is no charge

1st Mondays: LECHLADE PHOTOGRAPHERS: 7.30pm at Riverside Pub. Visit Facebook 'Lechlade photographers'. Contact Mike Read: Mike Read: 01367 252023

2nd Mondays: LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH FILM CLUB: 2pm in the Church. Enjoy a film that reflects a Christian ethos in comfortable surroundings. There is no charge. For further information, please don't hesitate to drop in at Beans coffee shop on a Saturday, or email us on info@lechladebaptistchurch.org.uk

Monday 10th July: Sing Over Me (USA: Not Rated; Singapore: no children under 16) starring Dennis Jernigan, Mauricio Montion, Robert Jernigan

3rd Mondays: LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY: 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Pavilion. Guests welcome £4. Contact Marian Winkles: 01367 252851 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk Monday 15th May: Alan Pilbeam returns to LHS to tell us about 'Atkyns' Gloucestershire - The County's Landscape 300 Years Ago'.

Sir Robert Atkyns (1647-1711) was an antiquary, topographer and MP

Alternate Mondays: **HA'PENNY BRIDGE SINGERS:** We are a small group of female close harmony singers with a repertoire of unique arrangements of twentieth century classics. We meet alternate Monday evenings in the Lechlade area and are currently looking for new members. We have great fun and really enjoy our music so if you'd like to learn more, please get in touch with Peter: 01367 253200

4th Mondays: HIGHWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY: 7.30pm at United Reformed Church, High Street, Highworth
No meetings June - August

TUESDAYS

Tuesday 11th July: **POP-UP EXHIBITION AND SALE OF WORK:** 10.30am-4pm at CB Slade Estate Agents in Fairford Market Place. Fairford Art Society

Tuesday 8th & 22nd August: **FOREST SCHOOL EXPERIENCE:** 9.30am-1.30pm at Leawood. Bring a picnic lunch. All children to be accompanied by an adult. Maximum ratio of 5 children per adult. To book, contact: clerks@fairford-tc.co.uk. Provided by The Ernest Cook Trust

Tuesday 29th August: **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTERING THE LECHLADE FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW:** Entry forms available from Lechlade Post Office and local businesses. If you or your family enjoy photography, crafts, needlework, baking, growing fruit, vegetables or flowers, wine making or flower arranging why not enter this year's Show. Information call: 07768 250065

LITTLE LAMBS BABY & TODDLER GROUP: 10-11.30am (term-time) at Fairford Community Centre. Friendly group - all welcome. Arts & crafts, singing, stories & baby corner. First visit is free, £1.50 per family each visit after, with refreshments for adults and children included. Contact Julie: 07710 604143 or littlelambsfairford@hotmail.co.uk. Having a party? Children's tables and chairs available for hire for £10, all proceeds to Little Lambs. Contact as above

YOGA FOR ALL: 10-11.30am in the Fairford Community Centre. Contact Becky Barry: 07816 289034, sparkle1000@hotmail.com

LECHLADE TUESDAY CLUB: (in term time) 10.30am-3pm. For more details please contact Sylvia Dennish: 01367 252477

BROWNIES: 6-7.30pm (term time) in Kempsford Village Hall. Lots of fun activities & crafts for girls aged 7-10. Contact: 01285 810730

ADVENTURE PLUS ADVENTURE CLUB (for ages 8 & over): 6-7.30pm, term time only, at Windmill Farm, Clanfield, OX18 2SN. Archery, climbing, fencing, circus skills and more. First session free, then £5. Email: ta@adventureplus.org.uk, www.adventureplus.org.uk/adventureclub

TS RALEIGH: 7-9pm at Fairford Fire Station. For girls and boys aged 8-18 years. Contact Jaime Hughes: 07780827987, colin-jaime.hughes@hotmail.co.uk

FAIRFORD BRIDGE CLUB: 7.15 for 7.30pm in Fairford Community Centre. Bridge players required, newcomers and visitors welcome. Contact Phil Hardy: 01285 850563

CORINIUM BADMINTON CLUB: 8-10pm at Cotswold Leisure,

Cirencester. Need Men and Ladies for Swindon Division 2 & 3, Men's & Mixed teams. Contact Trevor Dukes: 01285 659785

ROYAL ANTEDILUVIAN ORDER OF BUFFALOES - Grand Lodge of England: Tuesdays - VWH Pelican Lodge No 8849 meets at Welford Club; Members past, present and future welcome. Contact Andrew Bartlett: 01285 750746

1st Tuesdays: **FAIRFORD AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (USA):** 2.30pm in the Palmer Hall. Membership secretary, Sue Jonson: 01285 713756, sue.jonson@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesday 4th July: Mrs Jill Phipps speaking on Simon de Montfort and the Battle of Evesham

Tuesday 1st August: Outdoor meeting

Tuesday 5th September: Pete Morris speaking on Time and Time Travel

1st Tuesdays: **KNIT AND NATTER GROUP:** a free group for people of all ages and all abilities, who want to do some knitting or crocheting and have a chat with old and new friends. From 2.30-4.30pm in Fairford Library. Tea and coffee. Children welcome. Just turn up or phone Ann: 01285 712560

1st Tuesdays: **LECHLADE WI:** 7pm in the Baptist Chapel. Contact Dorothy: 01367 252362 and Twitter [@LechladeWI](https://twitter.com/LechladeWI)

2nd Tuesdays: **POULTON WI:** 7.30pm at Poulton Village Hall. Visitors welcome. Information from Elinor Davies: 01285 851218

2nd Tuesdays: **TATT (Tunes at the Trout):** 8pm in the Creel Bar, Trout Inn, Lechlade. Join us for good fun and relaxing folk music sessions. You need to play an instrument and read a bit of music. Or come and just listen! Free admission. Contact Ian Andrews: pesthous@btinternet.com

3rd Tuesdays: **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FAIRFORD BRANCH:** 7.30pm at The Bull Hotel. New and old members will be made most welcome. Contact Evelyn Webb-Carter: 01285 713315, evelynwc@hotmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday 12th July: **ART EXHIBITION AND TEA PARTY:** 10am to 3pm at The Churn Project, 14-16 The Waterloo, Cirencester, GL7 2PY. Supporting Marie Curie Cancer Care

Wednesday 26th July: **'THE DELECTABLE ART OF DECEPTION-TROMPE L'OEIL CERAMICS':** 6.45 for 7.30pm at Deer Park School, Stroud Road, Cirencester, GL7 1XB. Illustrated talk by Denise Heywood. Visitors welcome £5. Free refreshments and parking. Visit www.coriniumdfas.org.uk

FAIRFORD OUTDOOR MARKET: 8am-4pm. A wide variety of products for sale. For stall rental, contact Andrew: 07977 457724, info@CountryCo.biz

FAIRFORD COUNTRY MARKET: 8.30-11.30am in Fairford Community Centre. Home-baked goods, preserves and chutneys, vegetables, plants and craft items on sale.

Refreshments available. Contact 01285 810168

THE FITNESS LEAGUE: in St Michael's Church Hall, Lechlade Road, Highworth, every Wednesday morning at 9.30am. Just visit or contact 01993 882350, Kathy.kirk@live.com for more information

SOUTHROP COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE: 8.30-11.30am at Southrop Village Hall. Groceries and local produce

BABY BOUNCE AND RHYME TIME: 10.30-11am in Fairford Library. Sing along, wiggle and jiggle, for babies up to 2 years and their grown ups

COFFEE MORNING: 10.30am at St Birinus Court, Gassons Road, Lechlade. Tel: 01367 253462

TODDLER ART: Wednesdays 10-10.45am in Poulton Village Hall. Bring your Toddler along and have fun with paints, playdough, colouring, printing, cutting and sticking. For more information or to book a FREE TRIAL SESSION phone Rachel 01285 850304 or email raych.hutchinson@talk21.com

STORY TIME: every week at 11am in Lechlade Library. Songs, rhymes and stories for children of all ages and their grown ups

KELMSCOTT MANOR: (April to October) visit the house and gardens 11am-5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Tel: 01367 252486, www.kelmscottmanor.org.uk

ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP: New for Fairford and Lechlade. Weekly meetings held every Wednesday from 12noon-2pm at 18 Prince Charles Road, Fairford, GL7 4JY. Details: www.facebook.com/lechladefairfordAP, 07903 578211

KELMSCOTT CRAFT FAIRS AND MORRIS MEMORIAL HALL EXHIBITION: 12noon-5pm (12th July-25th October) at Morris Memorial Hall, Kelmscott, GL7 3HG. Original, hand crafted goods for sale together with an exhibition depicting the history of the Arts & Crafts, Grade II Listed Hall. Free

entry. Both events support the hall, a registered charity. Please visit www.morrismemorialhall.org.uk or telephone 01285 712122

CRAFT CLUB: 2pm at St Birinus Court, Gassons Road, Lechlade. Tel: 01367 253462

FAIRFORD RAINBOWS: Wednesdays (in term time) 4.15-5.15pm in the Farmor Room of Fairford Community Centre. Contact Louise Vass: (01285 711626)

FAIRFORD BROWNIES: Wednesdays (in term time), 5-6.30pm at Farmor's School, Fairford. Contact Annette Stannard: 01285 712529

ADVENTURE PLUS CANOE CLUB: 7pm from 24th June at Windmill Farm, High Street, Clanfield OX18 2SN. Kitting up then drive to Thames. All levels welcome, equipment supplied, first week free. Contact: 01993 703308, canoe.club@adventureplus.org.uk



BALLROOM AND LATIN AMERICAN DANCING: Learn to dance with friendly, experienced teachers whose aim is to make dancing fun. Classes in Burford (Warwick Hall) on Tuesday evenings, Filkins village hall on Wednesday evenings, Wanborough on Thursday evenings and Cricklade on Sunday afternoons. Private lessons also available. Contact Simon Paul for more details. 01367 253633 or go to www.thameschoolofdancing.co.uk

ROYAL ANTEDILUVIAN ORDER OF BUFFALOES - Grand Lodge of England: Wednesdays - Thames Lodge No 9233 and St Aldwyn Lodge No 6723 meet at Southrop Village Hall. Members past, present and future welcome. Contact Andrew Bartlett: 01285 750746

FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY: from Wednesday 6th September, rehearsals 7.30-9.30pm in Fairford United Church, GL7 4BW. Contact Liz Berry: 01793 721322

FAIRFORD U3A SCOTTISH REELS: various Wednesdays during the winter from 8-10pm at Poulton Village Hall. We are a friendly informal group who dance to enjoy ourselves. We welcome all standards including beginners. For details please contact Richard or Carol Thompson: 01285 712123, Richard@RichardAndCarol.net

CIRENCESTER SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB: 8pm at the Bingham Hall, King Street, Cirencester. Contact Maurice: 01666 860481, mm.jhampton@btinternet.com

Wednesdays (fortnightly): **LECHLADE AND DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB:** 10.30am at the New Inn, Lechlade. Probus welcomes retired or semi-retired men for chat and then a talk. Info from Glyn Worthington: 01285 713301

1st & 3rd Wednesdays during term: **LITTLE LIGHTS PRAM SERVICE AND TODDLER PLAY:** 1.45pm in St Lawrence Church Lechlade. For pre-school children and their parents or carers. New babies very welcome. No charge ... just turn up! Enquiries to Kathy Newton: 01367 252543

1st Wednesdays: **FAIRFORD WI:** 7.30pm in the Palmer Hall. Visitors (male or female) welcome. Contact Jean Moulden: 01285 713308

Wednesday 5th July: Garden Party, visit to Friars Court for a Celebration Cream Tea - by ticket only
Wednesday 2nd August: Ann Lowe talks about 'My journey in textiles'

2nd Wednesdays: **MOTHERS' UNION...** 'Christian Concern for Families Worldwide'. Lechlade with Fairford branch: 2pm in the Lechlade Baptist Church with speakers or discussions

2nd Wednesdays: **LECHLADE GARDENING CLUB:** See 'Local clubs for gardeners' in 'Home and Garden'

2nd & 4th Wednesdays: **COMMUNITY VOICES (no experience necessary):** 7-8pm in Lechlade Baptist Church. Come and join us. It's good fun. £2. Contact moira@take2-music.co.uk

3rd Wednesday: **U3A FIVE RHYTHMS DANCE:** 10am in Palmer Hall, Fairford

THURSDAYS

Thursday 6th July: **FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY AGM:** At 7.30pm in Fairford Community Centre. Awards and competitions. New members welcome

LECHLADE COUNTRY MARKET: Thursdays, 8.30-11.30am in the Church Cottage. Everything homemade. Contact Alex Wylie: 01793 740620

AFTERNOON TEA: 2pm at St Birinus Court, Gassons Road, Lechlade. Tel: 01367 253462

1st LECHLADE CUBS: 5.30-7pm at Lechlade Pavilion. For boys and girls aged 8-10½. Call Ginette James: 01367 253841

PILATES CLASS FOR BEGINNERS: 6-10pm at Southrop Village Hall, GL73PB. Volunteer-run. £8 in the pot towards hall hire and qualified instructor. Class is free when there is an excess! Enquiries: 077730 80125, kate@approvedpilates.co.uk

LECHLADE BRIDGE CLUB: 7.30pm in The Pavilion, Lechlade. Contact John Elsey: 01367 252983

CIRENCESTER COMMUNITY CHOIR: (term time) 7.30-9.30pm at Ashcroft Centre, Ashcroft Road, Cirencester GL7 1RA. A friendly, relaxed group focussed on singing for health, wellbeing & fun! No experience needed & no music reading skills required. Pop, folk, gospel & world songs all taught by ear. Vicky Sweeney: 07593833943, www.ciren.singtastic.co.uk

LECHLADE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING: in the Southrop Village Hall from 7.30-9.30pm. New members welcome. September to the end of May every year. Details from Shirley Jenkins: 01367 252623

LIDDINGTON SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING GROUP: 7.45-10pm at Liddington Village Hall, Church Rd, Liddington. Contact Lynda: 01793 790821 or all@ldhughes.free-online.co.uk

PALMER HALL DANCE CLUB FOR MODERN SEQUENCE DANCING: Thursdays, 8-10.30pm in the Palmer Hall, Fairford except for the Thursday before the 2nd Saturday. On the 2nd Saturday of each month, meetings are 7.30-11pm. Contact: 01285 712232 or 01285 657917 or visit www.fairfordsequence.org.uk

ZEN MEDITATION (Wild Goose Zen Sangha): 8-10pm on Thursdays in St Lawrence Church Centre, Chesterton, Cirencester GL7 1UD. Zen meditation, taught by an authorised Zen teacher, is an opportunity to open to life itself, to appreciate your life in silence and stillness, and this enables you to live it to the full. Visit www.wildgoosesangha.org.uk and call Jeremy: 07777 680845, jeremyryokan@icloud.com

1st Thursdays: **MINI PRAISE:** 1.45pm at St Mary's Church, Fairford for pre-schoolers and their carers. A lovely free session with stories, songs, crafts and snacks

2nd Thursdays: **KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY CAFÉ:** 12noon-2pm. Homemade Soup & Rolls, Speciality Teas & Homemade Cakes. Enjoy a relaxed break. All welcome

2nd Thursdays: **MINI FIXERS CLUB:** 7.30pm at The Trout Inn, Lechlade. Restoration, Preservation and Maintenance (RPM) of this much loved, iconic motor car. Contact Rob: 07973 578884 or www.minifixers.co.uk

2nd Thursdays: **FAIRFORD GARDENERS CLUB:** See 'Local clubs for gardeners' in 'Home and Garden'

3rd Thursdays: **LIBRARY CLUB:** 11am-12noon in Fairford Library. Are you unable to get to the library, but would like to come to borrow books and have a cuppa and a chat at the same time? Do you know of someone who is unable to get out

and about and would like this service? Transport with disabled facilities is provided. If so, please contact us on 01285 712599

3rd Thursdays (except September): **LECHLADE LADIES GROUP:** 2.30pm at Baptist Church, Sherborne Street, Lechlade. Contact Val Huxley: 01367 252018. New members always welcome

3rd Thursday, eight meetings a year: **FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY:** 7.30pm in the Farmor Room at Fairford Community Centre. New members and visitors (£3) welcome. Contact Alison Hobson: 01285 711768, or Geoff Hawkes: 01285 712053, enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk. Thursday 15th June: AGM followed by Professor Eric Jones talking about the book 'Middle Ridgeway' NO JULY and AUGUST meetings

3rd Thursdays: **MEYSEY HAMPTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** 7.30pm in the New Memorial Hall. New members welcome. Contact Marion 01285 850280

3rd Thursdays: **THE COTSWOLD OIL ENGINE AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY:** 7.45 for 8pm (except June - August when we attend events where we show our restored machinery) at Quenington Village Hall. GL7 5BS. Contact Doug Newton: 01285 713688 and visit www.cotswoldoilengine.co.uk

FRIDAYS

Friday 13th October: **HARP RECITAL:** 12noon in St Lawrence Church, Lechlade. Catherine White will play Faure and Debussy among others. Recital, lunch & drinks free, donations sought for Church Appeal. More info at: www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

LECHLADE JOLLYTOTS: 10-11.30am in the Pavilion. Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers come along to our fun and informal sessions. From bumps to pre-school, £1 per family (first session is free), tea/coffee for adults juice for the children. Contact Steph Williams: 07500 908 245

FAIRFORD TINY TOTS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP meets during term time at the United Church Hall, Milton Street, Fairford. 10-11.30am. Baby and toddler activities, toys, crafts,

painting, playdough, singing. Refreshments. Come and chat and make new friends. £1 per family, first visit free! Contact Victoria Campbell: 07796 303089, tinytotsfairford@hotmail.com

ARMCHAIR AEROBICS & QUIZ: 2pm at St Birinus Court, Gassons Road, Lechlade. Tel: 01367 253462

CIRENCESTER (Brass) BAND: The Band Room, Bingham House, Dyer Street, Cirencester. 7pm Training Band for beginners and 8pm for Main Band. Free loan of instruments and tuition. Ian Hartnell: 01285 656662

1st LECHLADE SCOUTS: 7-9pm every Friday at Lechlade Pavilion. For boys and girls aged 10-14 years. Call Simon Black 01367 252876

1st FAIRFORD SCOUTS: Fridays 7.30-9.30pm at the Scout Hut in Fairford. Boys and girls aged 10-14 years welcome. Call Geoff McKay: 01285 713981

1st Fridays: **FAIRFORD YOUNG AT HEART MEMORY CLUB:** 10.30am-2.30pm in the community lounge at Beaumont Place, East End, Fairford GL7 4BH. This is a free friendly club for anyone with memory difficulties and their friends, families and carers. Lunch £3.50 booked in advance and carer respite service available. Details from Kelly: 07707 787580 or email: enquiries@memoryclubs.co.uk

1st Fridays: **THE CONTACT GROUP:** 12.30-2.30pm at the United Church, Milton Street, Fairford. Meet friends old and new over tea/coffee and light refreshments

2nd Fridays: **BREWERY BLUES:** in the Cirencester Rugby Club, The Whiteway, Cirencester GL7 2ER. See Facebook/Brewery Blues for details. Contact John Drummond: 07710 503575

2nd & last Fridays (be careful of months with 5 Fridays!): **RIVERFOLK ACOUSTIC:** 8pm in the Creel bar at the Trout Inn, Lechlade. All players and listeners welcome. £2. Contact moira@take2-music.co.uk

4th Fridays: **LECHLADE YOUNG AT HEART MEMORY CLUB:** 10am-2pm at St Birinus Court, Lechlade GL7 3BU. Lunch & carer respite available - please call for details. Call Kelly: 07707 787580 or email: enquiries@memoryclubs.co.uk

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 Email: fairfordpcc@btconnect.com

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ST LAWRENCE Market Place, Lechlade
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Team Vicar: Rev Andrew Cinnamond,
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BAPTIST

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 Church Secretary: Mr David Hopkins, Tel: 01285 711551
 Email: info@lechladebaptistchurch.org.uk

For service times, please contact us by email or phone, or drop in at our Beans Coffee Shop on a Saturday morning.

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michaelrobertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com

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