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We are delighted that you have chosen to come and live in our lovely and historic Cotswold village. This pack is distributed by Quenington Parish Council to help you settle in and find your way around the local area.

We look forward to welcoming you in person at one of the village coffee mornings which are held in the Village Hall on the second Saturday of each month at 1030.

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Brief History of the Village

Quenington is situated in the attractive Coln Valley some nine miles east of Cirencester and eighteen miles north of Swindon, twenty-six miles from Oxford and twenty miles from Cheltenham. The village, mentioned in the Domesday Book, has important medieval remains. The richly carved north and south doorways of St Swithin's Church possibly date back to 1140, or even earlier, and the gateways, near the church, are the site of the Preceptory of the Knights Hospitaller. The land was given by the de Lacey family to the Order in c.1190's.

The part of the village that lies along the river Coln, a tributary of the Thames, is adjacent to an area designated as being of outstanding natural beauty. Over half the village is in a conservation area and there are many attractive walks in the vicinity.

Today the village has some 560 inhabitants and about 250 dwellings.

St Swithins Church

The Benefice, of which Quenington is a part, is known locally as CHEQS, namely Coln St Aldwyns, Hatherop, Eastleach, Quenington and Southrop, combining the five villages. St Swithin's Church has services each Sunday, details of all services are published in the CHEQS Parish Magazine and you will be very welcome to any service.

The Vicar is The Rev John Partington who can be contacted by phone (750332) or e-mail (vicar@cheqs.church).

The CHEQS Parish Magazine is produced each month and delivered free to all homes. The magazine is well worth reading each month as it contains details of different services in the Benefice and as well as a variety of wider activities in the villages, not just those connected with the church. The CHEQS Parish Magazine is also available on-line at www.cheqs.church.

St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church

The local Roman Catholic Church is St Thomas of Canterbury and is in Horcott Road, Fairford. The parish priest is Father Michael Robertson (Tel: 712586).

The Parish Council

The Quenington Parish Council has six scheduled meetings a year on the second Thursday of the month commencing in January. The meetings are held in Quenington Village Hall at 8pm and residents are encouraged to join the meetings as there is an "open" section of the start and end of the meeting when any relevant issues can be raised.

The parish may have up to seven elected councillors. The current members of the council, together with copies of the minutes of meetings and other information can be found on the website www.quenington.info.

The parish's major expenditure is on its grass cutting contract, which provides for the maintenance of the village green, the cemetery, the Church Road/Victoria Road junction and the playing field. The latter provides a variety of equipment for children and also goal posts for football; this is also maintained by the parish council.

The telephone kiosk at the junction of Mawley Road and Church Road (near The Keepers) is owned by the Parish Council, and currently is used as a book

exchange.

Quenington Parish Plan

In April 2011, the Quenington Parish Plan was launched and a small booklet outlining an Action Plan for the parish over the following five years was distributed to every household. A copy of this booklet should be provided with this pack, but if not please contact the Parish Council on queningtonpc@gmail.com.

The plan can also be found online at www.quenington.info.

Schools

Most children in the village attend one of the following schools:-

- Hatherop Primary school (Tel: 750318)
- Hatherop Castle school (Tel: 750206)
- Fairford Primary school (Tel: 712543)
- Farmor's School (comprehensive with sixth form), Fairford (Tel:712543)

Quenington Village Hall

The recently acquired Village Hall (formerly called the Gate on the Green) can be hired for different activities, including wedding receptions, parties, exhibitions and meetings. Bookings can be made through Antonia Faulkner (Tel: 07531 879094) or by email to queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com

There are many local organisations that hold regular events/activities in the village hall.

Further information can be found online at www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk

Emergency Defibrillator

An emergency defibrillator is located at the village hall, on the outside wall, near the front entrance.

This should only be removed/used on instruction from the ambulance service AFTER dialling 999.

If you not confident in the use of a defibrillator, local trained volunteers are available to help by dialling the village emergency number 610210.

Local Organisations

- Brownies meet at the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 6pm. Contact Philippa Griffin (Tel: 07793 562704).
- The Quenington Mothers and Toddlers Group meets every Monday at the Village Hall. Contact toddlers@queningtontoddlergroup.org.uk
- The Pilates Barn offers day and evening classes. Contact is Jenny Iles (Tel: 750471) – see www.thepilatesbarn.co.uk
- A Pilates class operates in the Village Hall every Wednesday at 1230 Contact is Fiona Wright – see www.fiona-wright.wix.com/fiona-pilates
- Bizzie Beans is based in Quenington, offering a collection of groups/activities for a wide range of ages and interests. For more information visit www.bizziebeans.co.uk or telephone 07786 072601

Happy Beans	A wiggling, warbling club for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers
K'Roaky Beans	An informal singing group for adults
Runner Beans	A friendly running and walking club for adults
Bean Thinking	Workshops to add a wealth of skills and understandings to your world
Cre8-a-Beans	A creative crafty club for toddlers and pre-schoolers
Philosophy Beans	A book club with real meaning, exploring words that change perspectives and sharing thoughts

- Monthly coffee mornings are held in the Village Hall on the second Saturday of the month from 1030 to 1200. This is a good opportunity for Quenington residents to meet each other.
- Everyone in the village is automatically a member of the Quenington Society which provides a forum for a variety of events of specific and wider interest to residents of Quenington and surrounding parishes, that illustrate, recall and preserve our local heritage and environment. Such events include exhibitions, illustrated talks, guided walks and local visits, etc. The chairman is Louise Russell (Tel: 750366) and the village archivist is Lucy Abel Smith (Tel: 750358)
- The Community Shop and Post Office in Coln St Aldwyns (Tel: 750294) with the help of local volunteers is an excellent shop providing a wide range of goods and services, including newspaper delivery, dry cleaning and a shoe repair service. The newly refurbished shop now has a café.
- The local pub is the Keepers Arms in Church Road, which is run by Jon Gardner. It is a good focal point for the village, and is open daily, serving food (lunchtime and evenings) from Wednesday to Sundays, plus Bank Holiday Mondays.
- Another local pub is The New Inn at Coln St Aldwyns, which also provides meals.

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Rubbish Collection

- Cotswold District Council collect garden waste in the Green bin every week on Wednesdays; this costs £30 per year (from April), payable to the CDC, who provide a sticker for the bin.
- Other rubbish, which includes general non-recyclable waste (in the Grey bin), paper, bottles and cans (in a Black box), cardboard (in a Blue bag), and plastics (in a White bag) are collected every two weeks, also on a Wednesday.
- The operatives are normally very good and will take away extra cardboard, bottles, can and paper, left with the other material.
- Changes to collections due to Bank Holidays are displayed on the Village Green noticeboard and Cotswold District Council website.

Local Bus services

- Bus services run between Cirencester – Fairford – Lechlade please see www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/travel for further details
- On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, one service bus calls at Quenington (bus stop at the top of The Green) 1002 to Cirencester, 1350 return from Cirencester

Please use our local bus service whenever possible to help maintain the service.

Transport and getting to London

- GWR runs regular trains to Paddington from Kemble station, Swindon station and Didcot Parkway station.
- Chiltern Railways runs regular trains to London Marylebone from Oxford Parkway station which is located at the Oxford Water Eaton Park & Ride facility.
- The National Express coach service goes from Cirencester to either Victoria Coach Station or Heathrow Airport. The bus stop is just past the Wet Paint Gallery, on the way into Cirencester from Quenington. Tickets are best purchased on-line.
- The Oxford Tube coach service leaves from the Oxford Thornhill Park and Ride facility on the A40 on the east side of Oxford. Coaches to London leave about every 10 minutes; they also run throughout the night albeit less frequently.

Communications

- The village has high speed broadband provided through the FASTERSHIRE scheme. You can order your landline / telephone / broadband from any of the major suppliers.
- Mobile phone coverage within the village is very poor. Most of the major network suppliers have products that provide mobile phone reception within your home through your broadband service.

Other useful numbers & locations

- Doctors Surgeries:
 - Hilary Cottage Surgery, Keble Lawns, Fairford (Tel; 01285 712377)
Prescriptions for Quenington residents can be obtained and collected from the dispensary at the surgery.
 - Lechlade Medical Centre, Oak street, Lechlade (Tel; 01367 252264)
- Hospitals in the area are:
 - Cirencester Hospital (nearest Minor Injuries) (Tel; 655711)
 - Swindon Great Western hospital (Tel: 01793-604020)
 - Cheltenham General Hospital (Tel: 01242-222222)
 - Gloucester Hospital (Tel: 01452-528555)
- Local vets, Davies and Evans, Milton Street, Fairford (Tel:713555)
- Our Village Agent is Lynn Costello (Tel: 0770-1281785). She provides help, advice and support to the elderly residents in our village.
- Markets are held in Fairford on Wednesday and Cirencester on Mondays and Fridays. There is Farmers' Market in Cirencester on one Saturday morning a month.
- Local Supermarkets are Londis and Co-op in Fairford and Tesco, Waitrose, Aldi and Lidl in Cirencester.
- Milk deliveries are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact www.milkandmore.co.uk to find out full range of items.
- A mobile fish and chip shop operates from the Xylem entrance in Springfield road, normally every 2 weeks. Check dates and times on <https://en-gb.facebook.com/TheCotswoldChippy/>
- There is a library in Fairford (Tel: 712599)
- There is a Sports Centre with a gym in Fairford. This is used both by the schools and local community (Tel: 713789)
- Other Local Pubs and Restaurants within 5 miles:-
 - The Victoria in Eastleach,
 - The Swan in Southrop ,
 - The New Inn in Coln St Aldwyns
 - The Village Pub in Barnsley
 - Colloseo in Fairford
 - The Bull Hotel in Fairford
 - The Falcon Inn in Poulton

And Finally

We hope you enjoy our village as much as we all do. It is full of interesting people and offers a range of activities. As in any happy and successful community all activities rely totally on volunteers. If you or any of your family would like to help with any of the Groups or with any of the organisations, including the Church, do please let one of us know, as your help will be most welcome. It will also help you to get to know other members of the community. If you have particular interests that we have not covered, maybe there will be an opportunity for you to set up a new interest group!

We would be pleased to have your feedback regarding the usefulness of the information and indeed anything that you feel we could also include in the future.