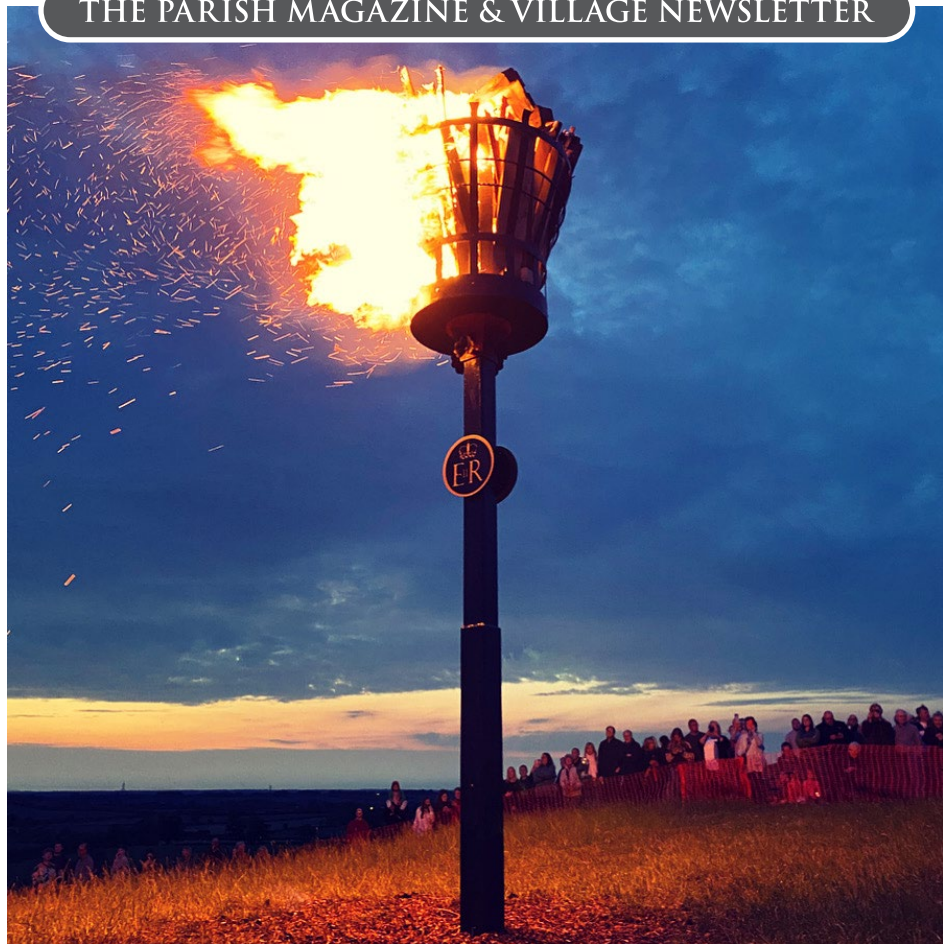


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The Beacon is lit for the Platinum Jubilee!

What an amazing evening we had up the hill for the Jubilee Beacon!

See p.5 for more details and the centre spread for more photos.

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

There's something very civilised about receiving an invitation with an RSVP on it! 'Répondez s'il vous plait.' We've had several invitations recently from friends of ours who are getting married and naturally, there is an RSVP attached to each one – it would be rude of us to ignore it or forget to respond.

Invitations are out there to our next Alpha Course starting on Thursday 15th September at 7.30pm. We have dinner together, provided by our wonderful catering team, with wine or soft drinks. We then watch a short video and chat informally around tables. Alpha is a great refresher course for those wanting to be reminded of their Christian faith and is great for those who want to explore the faith in a non threatening, informal atmosphere. The Alpha film series is presented by Toby Flint, a Curate from Holy Trinity Brompton and Gemma Hunt, a CBBC TV presenter alongside Nicky Gumbel. The course has proved popular in Quainton, with 8 people signing up for the first one last year, 18 for the second one at the George in the autumn and 26 for the one that has recently finished. It's open to all and it's free.

One of the greatest British painters of the Victorian era was the Pre-Raphaelite artist Holman Hunt. His most famous work, 'Light Of The World' was probably painted in the garden of Oxford University Press in the 1850s and was later donated to Keble College where it now hangs. It was based on the depiction of Jesus in the Book of Revelation in the Bible, where Jesus says to the church in Laodicea, "Behold I stand at the door and knock."

Hunt portrays Jesus, robed in splendour, standing outside the door in a tangled and overgrown garden. He is holding a lantern and wanting to come in. Hunt stated that he purposely did not paint a handle on the outside of the door, for only the individual inside can open the door and invite the visitor in. Jesus will never impose himself. He waits to be welcomed.

It is said that the elderly Holman Hunt was upset when Keble Collage began charging people to see the painting, so he began another, larger version which was installed in St Paul's Cathedral in 1908 during a special service which included the reading from Revelation 3:20, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me."

Many years later the painting went to be cleaned from all the grime seeping into the Cathedral from traffic around St Paul's. When the restorer removed the frame and the moulding, there, in the script at the bottom, painted by the artist Hunt and to be seen by the Lord alone, was this prayer:

"Forgive me Lord Jesus that I kept you waiting so long."

May God bless you and all those you care for,
Blessings, Rev Steve

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WELCOME TO THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone,

I am excited for QuaintFest this weekend and hope you all are too! Fingers crossed for warm, sunny weather.

This year's QuaintFest will be my last one as organiser (I have been on the team since its inception, so it's time to hand it over!) We are such a small team, so please can we have some volunteers to come forward to join the organising committee? If you'd like to know more about what's involved, please email me at: quaintonnews@gmail.com

I have never felt more ready for the summer holidays than I do this year! It's been a crazy busy year so far and I am really looking forward to some time off; and hopefully we'll finally get to go on the holiday we booked back in 2019! I hope everyone has a really lovely relaxing summer.

Enjoy the read,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Louisa'.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

Praise & Worship Services

The next Praise & Worship service will be held at 6pm on Sunday 18th September. We hope to see you there!

QuaintFest: Saturday 9th July

The Church's biggest annual fundraiser, QuaintFest will be back for the first time since 2019. This year's long-awaited event will be held on Saturday 9th July from 2pm. There is a full line-up of music which will be performed from the festival trailer, plus lots of stalls on The Green, with plenty to keep the kids amused. We have had so many offers of sponsorship this year, from local businesses to Quainton families - everyone is mentioned on p.9 - thank you to all of you!

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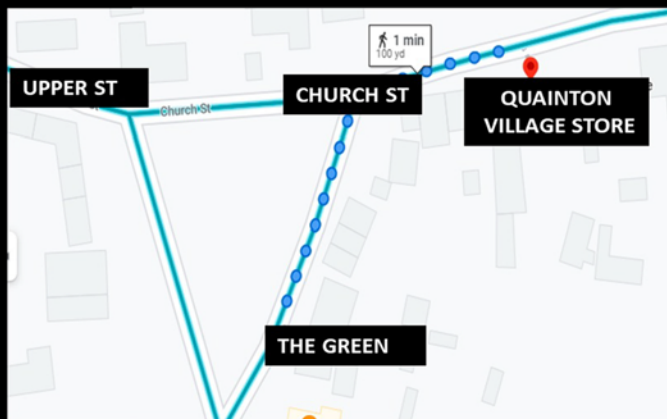
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Quainton School Football Champions!

Quainton School's football team 'Red Rockets' are Aylesbury Vale Cup champions!!!!



A fully deserved 1-0 victory over an excellent Whitchurch School team for the Aylesbury Vale Cup! Earlier this month, Quainton's Red Rockets also won The Aylesbury Vale School Football Division! So they are champions twice over! The league and cup double for the Red Rockets.

Thank you to all the players, to footie coach Mr Dineen, and to all the staff and parents for all your support. Such a memorable day and a first in the history of Quainton School! Amazing!

Quainton's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!

What a fabulous few days we all had celebrating the Queen's platinum Jubilee! Starting on Thursday with the proclamation from our very own Cockney Pearly King, followed by the Beacon Burning, and ending with the Village Picnic on the Sunday!



Huge thanks to everyone for coming along and making the events the success they were, and thank you especially to everyone involved in its organisation in some way, including:

George Gray our Town Crier; Jane Bird our piper; Martin Dorrell our cornet player; Steve Flashman and our community choir; Christopher Prideaux and Gill Miscampbell Buckinghamshire's Deputy Lieutenants; Roger 'The Shuttle' Simms for ensuring our less mobile residents were able to get up the hill to watch the beacon; Martin and the scouts for erecting the Skylon floating flagpole; Annette Hill for coordinating the picnic and Kath Heirons for allowing the use of the Memorial Hall in case of bad weather; the Church Land Trust; Malcolm Vowles and last but not least, Warren, Ian, Rich, Steve and Pete from our Bonfire & Fireworks Committee. Thank you everyone!

Please see the centre spread for some photos of the weekend's celebrations!



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July marks the end of a Scouting Year where we appear to be returning to some sense of normality. This means we have been able to take part in more activities than the last couple of years.

Over the June mid-summer weekend, we camped as a whole Scout Group for the first time. We had members from the Beaver Colony, Cub Pack, Scout Troop, together with Quainton's very own Young Leaders and Adult Leaders. In total we had nearly 45 people all camping under canvas. Unfortunately, the weather gods did not smile on us and while we started the weekend with temperatures in the 30s the Saturday was somewhat wet. But I had forgotten Beavers, Cubs and Scouts don't seem to worry about the rain and are keen to keep playing cricket and running around no matter what the weather. Fortunately, the Sunday was much better and here's a picture of us all, in that sun, on the Sunday morning.



The previous weekend the Beavers had already been away for the day at the County Beaver Fun Day at the PACCAR campsite near Chalfont St Peter. They had an amazing day with the hundreds of other Beavers from across Buckinghamshire.

The Cubs and Scouts have been kayaking at Great Moor sailing club thanks to the Buckingham, Winslow and Scout District water activities team.

You probably will have seen the suspended Skylon flag pole the scouts built on Mill Hill for the Jubilee. When doing this we were very closely observed by the inquisitive cows. One scout got quite a shock when a cow virtually stuck its head over his shoulder for a closer look.

As we are entirely voluntary, we can't do this without the amazing commitment of our Section Leaders, Danny, Hazel and Andy, their section assistants, the Quainton Young Leaders and our regular parent helpers. Plus of course the consistent support we get from around the village including, the Saye and Sele, Quainton School and Dick Carter.

The Beavers and Cubs sections are at near capacity with active waiting lists. The Scouts welcomed 6 new scouts earlier this year and we have vacancies for new scouts in the age range 10½ to 12, although we could do with additional leader support as we continue to grow.

If you are interested in helping, or know a Young Person who wants to be a Beaver, Cub or Scout please get in touch @ Enq.Qu.Sc.Grp@gmail.com

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Sun: 12 noon-3pm & 6pm-9.30pm

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Visit our Facebook page thegeorgeanddragonquainton, follow us on Instagram @georgeanddragon_quainton or watch our blackboards for up to date event listings.

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Saturday 9th July from 2pm until late The Green, Quainton

Not long now! The music programme is set, the drinks have been ordered, the ice cream van is booked to come from lunchtime, Howe & Co fish & chips, Farm Slice Pizza and Friends & Flavours burger van are all booked to come around 5.30/6pm. The Tennis Club BBQ will be here for the afternoon.

Thank you to Steve for organising the music - there will be live music from 2pm until 10pm! Including sets from Waddesdon music students, Quainton's Ukulele Band, Adele Peters' students, Quainton's community choir, Into The South, Clive's Band and The Black Boys!

Michelle, Quainton's Dog Walker, is all booked for the dog show with her usual categories like Most Handsome Dog, Prettiest Bitch, Young Handler (age 10 and under), Waggiest Tail and Best Veteran (for dogs age 10+).

We still need a few more volunteers to help on the Beer Festival bar (there's a free pint for all helpers!) There is a rota and you just need to commit to one hour between 2-11pm! Please email me at: quaintonnews@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Darren for his help in organising this year's event, and to Ian Corkett for supplying the scaffolding to hold the barrels! A huge thank you to each of the following local businesses and families who are sponsoring barrels of beer/cider, wine, prosecco, banners, barrel coolers and a new batch of QuaintFest 'glasses':

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We can't wait to see you all there - bring your friends and neighbours, bring the dog, the kids, bring a picnic!

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL



Chairman: Nicolette Smith

Councillors: Nick Butler, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Martin Pacetti

Clerk: Katherine Richardson, supported by Brian Fludgate

To contact the council use the Contact Form on the website: <https://quanton.org.uk/contact-us> or contact the clerks by email on: parishclerk@quanton.org.uk

Next meeting: Thursday 14th July at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Council. Parishioners are invited to attend.

Parish Council Report:

Parish Council lines of Communication:

Quanton Village Website on <https://www.quanton.org.uk/>

Physical message boards on the Green and at the Memorial Hall

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/QuantonParish> and we will endeavour to share important updates onto Quanton Village Life.

Subscribe to the Quanton Alert email list to receive up to date weather warnings and other important information via parishclerk@quanton.org.uk

Quanton Vision: What Vision do you have for our community? What would you like to see improved? Are there any activities that you miss? Let us know via the contact form on our website: <https://quanton.org.uk/contact-us> - we work for you! write to us with ideas!

Vacancies: We have 1 more vacancy on the council, we invite encourage you to contact us and apply for the role of Parish Councillor. To find out more about the role as a Parish Councillor please go to the Quanton Village Website: <https://quanton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf>

Skate Park: THE SKATEPARK IS STILL CLOSED!! We know some people have removed the tape and are using the skatepark, we reiterate that it is too high risk and if anything happens to people using the skatepark whilst it is out of service you are NOT covered by the Parish Council insurance. A quote has been obtained to carry out repairs and this quote was accepted at the meeting. However these repairs will not hold for long, so we still need to press on with the new skatepark redesign. A meeting will be arranged shortly to discuss. If you're interested to help build the next Quanton Skatepark, please join the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/996917390903081/>

The George & Dragon Pub: as you will know the pub is up for sale. It is listed as a Community Asset, which means that a community group has a right to bid, therefore we booked a meeting for the community to come together and discuss the process and see if there is interest in the village to form a Community Action Group to put together a business plan and raise funds to put in a bid to keep the pub as a Community Pub. At time of this Quanton News going to print the meeting was not held yet, so the outcome will be available through our other communication channels.

CHOW: Better news from the Community Heritage Orchard and Wildlife Meadow this month, the young trees in the orchard are mostly doing well, with some bearing young fruits. CHOW is planing a Wildflower Audit on Monday 11 July at 2pm. Follow progress on CHOW and offer your help and support via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321040946212772>

Speed Watch: we've received our first report from SID at Lower Street (near School) through the service provider we've engaged. We saw some vehicles race through at worrying speeds at late night hours, although the majority drive through at more appropriate speeds, we have to fully analyse the results before we can give a more definite indication of the situation with respect to speeding.

Planning: we've been asked to comment on 22/01481/ALB re: 16 The Green, we've agreed we have no objections to this provided it's done in keeping with and following conservation rules. We also discussed 22/01459/PIP Land at Doddershall, which we agreed to not support, in our opinion it is not in line with the Quainton Neighbourhood Plan, the location is open countryside, not within the Settlement Boundary and does not reflect a straightforward replacement of the loss of The Lodge, the location of Site 1 as the preferred site is along Snake Lane/Fidlers Field near Fieldside Farm, along another route into the Doddershall Estate, not along the route where the Lodge was located.

Roads: we continue to report issues with our roads on FixMyStreet and follow up Buckinghamshire Council on our list of roads that needs repairs this ranges from potholes to damaged kerbs, damaged drains to bollards and traffic signs, as well as the issues with heavy traffic coming through the village.

The Bridge: we continue to press for the bridge on Station Road to be repaired so we can get the 3-tonne weight limit lifted and get Station Road re-opened. We have exchanged emails with Greg Smith MP's office and have been assured that this will be followed up with Network Rail and the Department for Transport to obtain some clarity into what is happening with the bridge.

Bus Service: we're yet again receiving complaints about the number 16 bus, it seems the first bus doesn't turn up on time and other buses do not stop in the village at all or extremely late. We know that the route was up for tender last month and we're awaiting confirmation of who will be running the bus service. The bus issues have also been reported in our email to Greg Smith MP's office. Meanwhile, the Quainton Emergency Team is available to help people get to appointments. New bus time table can be found here: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/media/4518148/16-red-rose-travel-may-2022.pdf>

Station Road Crossroads: we are still waiting for news via Ward Councillor Iain Macpherson, however the existing Give Way warning signs are now more visible and the vision splays have been cut recently, the area is being kept as clear as possible, so the junction is visible from all 4 directions. Apparently Barwood Homes are tasked with installing Vehicle Activated Light-up Signs, we have yet to confirm this.

HS2/EKFB New Station Rd Layout: the new drawings have been presented to the Parish Council, we have printed some in A3 format to put on display in due course and arrange a presentation with the residents of the village. HS2 / EKFB have suggested they will visit the village again with their mobile information unit at the Memorial Hall. We will request they come at a time that allows for residents to come in after work or on a weekend if possible. Further details will be published in Quainton News as well as on our Notice Boards, Facebook Page, Quainton Village Life and our website.

Road Closures: what we know is coming in June, July and beyond (subject to change):

A41 Bicester Road Berryfields,	Traffic Lights 09:30-15:30,	1 June - 30 June 2022
Station Road South*	Full Closure	6 June - 31 Oct 2022
Shipton Lee	Full Closure 24 hours	15 June - 16 July 2022
Station Road*	Full Closure 24 hours	27 June - 24 July 2022
Edgcott Rd nr Woodlands Cottages,	Closed 08:00-18:00,	4 July - 5 Sept 2022
Station Rd Bridge	3-tonnes weight limit	5 Jan '21 - 25 June '22
Blackgrove Rd	Traffic Lights	tba 2022 - 31 Jan 2023

* The dates for the Station Road closures as well as Shipton Lee are under review due to conflicts and we're trying to get HS2/EKFB to leave us with more than one route out of the village. Some additional weekend work may also take place. Due to circumstances outside of their control, such as weather, these dates may be subject to change.

Please check the Quainton website for details: <https://quainton.org.uk/hs2-latest-information>

The George & Dragon Community Action Group



Meeting Report Thursday 23rd June 2022

With the news that The George & Dragon pub is up for sale, the Quainton Parish Council (QPC) was approached to ask what, if anything, QPC was going to do about this. Since it is not up to the QPC alone, but the whole of Quainton Community, the QPC called a public meeting on Thursday 23rd June at the Quainton Memorial Hall. We had 102 residents in attendance. Below a quick recap and outcome of this meeting and ways for you to play a role in saving our pub. To be clear the Pub as well as the Café are up for sale at the asking price of £625,000 all the details are on: <http://bit.ly/QuaintonPub4Sale>

Asset of Community Value (ACV)

The George & Dragon Pub is listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) or Community Asset. ACV status means that if the owner puts the property for sale on the open market, a community group can register an interest in purchasing the property. Once the owner has notified the Buckinghamshire Council, a six-month moratorium kicks in to allow the community group to form and implement a plan to purchase the pub. The ACV status prevents the owner from selling the property to anyone else during this period of time.

Community Right to Bid - Notification of Sale

On 18 May 2022 the owner or sales agent of The George & Dragon pub, informed Buckinghamshire Council that the pub is up for sale. Quainton Parish Council received a formal Notification of Intention to Sell from Buckinghamshire Council, saying: "If community groups wish to express an interest in purchasing the property then an EOI can be submitted through our website by the 29th June 2022." The Notification of Sale starts a 6 month period or "Moratorium" during which an asset can only be sold if it is to a community interest group. After the 6 month period, the owner can sell to whomever they choose.

Expression Of Interest (EOI)

An Expression of Interest (EOI) is only a notification from the Community Group to the Buckinghamshire Council that the community would like to register an interest to buy the pub. This is not a binding contract, and does not obligate us in any way. It simply provides us the time and opportunity to take the next steps.

Formal Moratorium Period

The EOI starts a 6 month period or “Moratorium” during which an asset can only be sold if it is to a community interest group. After the 6 month period, the owner can sell to whomever they choose.

The George & Dragon Community Action Group (G&DCAG)

The meeting on Thursday was to establish if the formation of a Community Action Group along with a Steering Committee of 6-8 people was something the residents of Quainton wanted to get involved with. The result of the meeting is that more than 6 people stepped forward to form the Steering Committee and as such the resolution was made to go ahead and submit the EOI form on behalf of the George & Dragon Community Action Group. Cllr Peter Woodliffe-Thomas will be the main contact between the G&DCAG and QPC.

Expression Of Interest (EOI) Completed

Our Clerk, Katherine Richardson, has submitted the form to the Buckinghamshire Council and we now need to get the G&DCAG to meet to start the next steps over the remainder of the 6 months Moratorium. They will need to: develop a business plan, raise the finances to buy the pub, make a bid to buy the pub on the open market.

Want to be involved?

If you couldn't make the meeting, but want to express your support and/or play your part in saving our pub, or simply be added to the mailing list, please email us at parishclerk@quainton.org.uk providing your name and address – Katherine will take your details and we will contact you with further details.

Want to know more?

We will do our best to keep the community up to date with our progress via our usual communication channels: QPC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/QuaintonParish Quainton Village Life Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/1821285351339538/ monthly Parish Council meetings, our notice boards on The Green and at The Memorial Hall, Quainton Village website at <https://quainton.org.uk>

Thank you for your support. Please do continue to support Darren and his team at The George & Dragon Pub, your support is very much needed at this time. It takes a village to save a pub! We simply can't do this without you.

On behalf of the Quainton Parish Council,

Your Councillors;

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We had another great turnout of 28 for our May event, The Colin Bradbury Pairs at Aylesbury Vale GC (Stewkley). The unusual format chosen for the Pairs competition was Betterball Bogey, whereby +1 is scored for a net birdie or better, 0 for a net par and -1 for anything worse. Most seemed to enjoy the format and there were some very good scores. Three pairs, Roger Simms & Graham Rogers, John Lucas & Mike York and Alan Hughes & Phil Hughes came in with +7, a score which is often enough to win a Bogey competition but, in this case, it was only good enough for joint 3rd. In second place with a fantastic +9 were Brian Cuddy & Chris Dowthwaite, but Adrian Wood and his partner Keith Payne came in with a scarcely believable +12 to win this year's Pairs trophy. A brilliant performance.



1st	Adrian Wood + Keith Payne	+12
2nd	Brian Cuddy + Chris Dowthwaite	+9
3rd	Roger Simms + Graham Rogers	+7
3rd	John Lucas + Mike York	+7
3rd	Alan Hughes + Phil Hughes	+7
6th	Jamie Carlin + Darren Knibb	+6
6th	Alan Marks + Dave Payne	+6
8th	Terry Curtis + Steve Barker Boyd	+5
8th	Vince Hemsley + Paul Endicott	+5
10th	Andy Bradley + Mark Hughes	+4
11th	Matt Simmonds + Tim Spokes	+3
11th	Dave Fitchett + Bob Eastoe	+3
11th	Mick Simmonds + Neil Mack	+3
14th	Sandy Finnie + Mick Germany	0

Our July venue is Whipsnade for the NSPCC Putter on 29 July. Our August venue is Northampton for the Captain v Vice Captain Matchplay on 29 August..

For more information about joining the Society please contact Vince Hemsley on 07427555656 or vince.hemsley63@virginmedia.com

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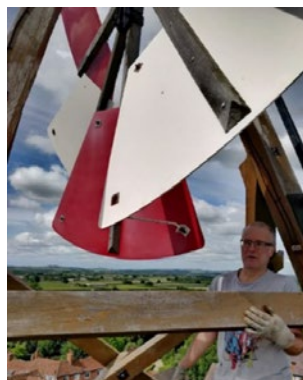
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Another Quainton Centenarian

I read with interest Peter Harding's excellent article on his aunt Dorothy Ayres in the June edition of the Quainton News. My mother Laura Saunders, a friend of Dorothy and of her sister Madge, was 100 just a week later. Celebrations were very low key as Mum had been in Stoke Mandeville Hospital for several weeks beforehand following a fall and only came home on the afternoon of her actual birthday.



the UK in 1946 after 4 years in Burma and India and in 1947 they were married at Steeple Claydon Parish Church.

In 1950 they moved to Warwickshire where my father was the Station Master at Dunchurch but returned to Buckinghamshire in 1958 to live in Quainton where Dad was the last Station Master here before the Beeching closures. Mum worked for a while at the Post Office with Mr and Mrs Mole and then as an unqualified teacher at the village school with Mr and Mrs Lawes. In her 40's Mum learnt to drive and was able to attend Bletchley Park Teachers Training College and gain her teaching certificate. On qualifying she returned to Quainton School where she taught until her retirement.



Mum's other interests over the years included Country Dancing, her membership of the Baptist Church Women's Own and the Women's British Legion, where she especially enjoyed the Whist Drives.

In addition to two daughters and four grandchildren there are now 8 great grandchildren ranging in age from 9 to 16.

Ann Johnston (nee Saunders)

Laura was the youngest of four daughters of George Blake, a farmer of Steeple Claydon, and his wife Laura nee Lord. She attended the Latin School in Buckingham but left in 1939 and served in the Fire Service in Rugby during the War. She and my father had met in their teens and my father, who had survived the evacuation after Dunkirk, eventually returned to



Among the many cards and greetings from former pupils received on Mum's birthday was this piece written by Mair Roberts.

QUANTON'S PLATINUM JUBILEE





Photo by Louisa Richards



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Help local charity fill in the gaps

Have you ever been involved with Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity since it launched in the 1980s? Could you help them with their charity history project? The charity is tidying up its archive of press cutting and photos and needs some help identifying faces and fundraisers, particularly from the 1990s and 2000s.

Bonnie Doe, Marketing Manager at the charity says, "We have some fantastic photos of our supporters and their fundraising activities, from the very beginning in the 1980s, right through the 1990s and into this century. But we have very few names, and not much information about the events themselves and we desperately don't want to lose the valuable history of the charity. We would love to hear stories from the early years of the hospice and the charity and make sure these are captured for posterity."

The charity will be holding two Open History days this summer on from 10am – 2.30pm on Tuesday 2nd and Friday 5th August at their offices on Walton Street in Aylesbury, which will include displays of some of their favourite memories over the years, including the original In Memory books.

Please do come along to share your stories and memories of fundraising for Florence, and help us identify some of the people and events in our photos.

If you are unable to attend but would like to share your stories, please do get in touch via communications@fnhospice.org.uk.

Thank you from Dorothy!

A big thank you to all who sent me cards for my 100th birthday - it was very much appreciated.

The message on the windmill was a big surprise and very moving. Thank you to all involved.

I am always pleased for people to pop in and see me.

Dorothy Ayres

Happy Birthday Jane!

Best wishes to Jane Saunders who celebrated her 75th birthday in June!

Quainton PTA 100 Club!

The winners for last three months' draws are:

April

- 1st - 51 Dick Carter
- 2nd - 23 Louisa Richards
- 3rd - 37 Daniele Petre
- 4th - 41 Jan Carlisle

May

- 1st - 89 Gemma Beck
- 2nd - 62 Terry Danecker
- 3rd - 76 Hazel Jacobs
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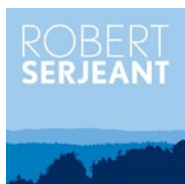
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Our visit to The Railway Cafe:

In June, we had a trip to The Railway Cafe for coffee and cake. The kindness and efficiency of the cafe staff was superb. We all enjoyed a hot drink and a variety of lovely cakes. Our members then enjoyed a little wander around the centre, reminiscing and sharing stories of past visits here as children, using the trains for their school journeys to school. We all thoroughly enjoyed our morning and we will definitely be back soon!



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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: *Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden*

June is a glorious month for wildflowers. For floral fanatics such as me, it can be a frantic time. Each day another species bursts into beautiful blooms, and I charge from wood to meadow, from roadside verge to riverside bank to catch these splendours at their best. I have to see them every year, pondering over each and every one's exquisite beauty; it is intoxicating.

In Finemere Wood, common spotted orchids are more widespread than ever before, pale pink with purple markings, they are a magnificent vision. Small white star-like flowers of lesser stitchwort are scattered throughout the open grassy areas. Herb robert with small, pretty pink crane's-bill flowers flourishes in the shaded areas. Meadowsweet explodes with dense clusters of small white flowers.



The woodland workers are a fine sight too. Less colourful perhaps, but beautiful in their own way, and wonderful to watch as they labour away to ensure a rich habitat for these floral curiosities.

Our summer project is to replace a section of stock fencing on the adjoining meadows. Brains and brawn are both required. Deep holes must be dug for strainer posts; multiple intermediate posts must be pounded in; old fencing must be deconstructed, and post and rail sections of fencing must be created.

Like the flora I so revere, each volunteer is unique and critical to the job on hand. Some could dig to Australia, others are happy to pound away all day. Some like to demolish and others prefer to construct. It takes all sorts.

Selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*) is a stunner of a plant, producing clusters of violet flowers around its cylindrical flower spike, from June through to October. A creeping plant of the mint family, it can grow up to 30cm in height. It is abundant in grassy places such as open areas of woods and on untreated garden lawns. Viewed as a troublesome weed in some gardens, I choose to nurture patches of selfheal on my lawn. It is a valuable nectar source for many pollinators, bumble bees in particular.



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Great headway has been made on the fencing front and despite the use of many a large, sharp and heavy tool, the medicinal help of selfheal was not required this month.

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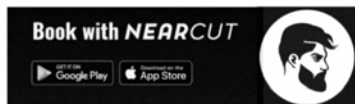
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Café-Club Zest

Keeping Active, Living Well

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Do you enjoy singing?

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Saturday 2nd July 2022, 3pm

St John's Hall, Whitchurch

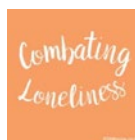
When life hands you lemons, use the opportunity to add a little Zest to your life!

Singing for fun, afternoon tea, sharing memories,

People who have lived long lives are more likely to experience bereavement, or loss of hearing, difficulty with seeing and decreased mobility. Dementia, strokes or debilitating pain are also more prevalent. Often people are largely coping with these huge changes on their own. This can negatively affect people's general sense of well-being.

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So if you or someone you love would like to be part of a club which provides a safe place to feel heard, a club that provides a sense of community through singing for pleasure and sharing memories and where you get to eat homemade cake please come and join us.



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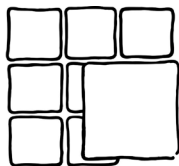
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Monday 25th July	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 1st August	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 8th August	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 15th August	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 22nd August	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Tuesday 30th August	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 5th September	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **

Please make sure your bin is out for 6.30am

CHURCH ROTA FOR JULY

	3 July	10 July	17 July	24 July	31 July
Morning Reader					
Morning Sidesman					
Evening Reader					
Evening Sidesman					
Altar Flowers	Sarah Fenemore	Margaret Willoughby	Gill Miscampbell	Lois Skinner	Jayne Williamson
Pedestal Flowers	Helen Ratcliffe	Carolyn Turnbull	Carolyn Turnbull	Fiona Morrison	Fiona Morrison
Tea Rota					
Church Cleaning	Sarah Williams, Debbie Ormerod, Jayne Williamson		Jane Vowles, Judy Marshall, Kathy Blanchard		Fiona Morrison: Helen Ratcliffe, Sarah Fenemore

WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



Averages and Extremes for June 2022

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	25.1°C	17th	Total for the month	50.8mm	11th
Minimum	3.6°C	27th	Wettest day	7mm	
Average Minimum	7.7°C		Rain days	15	
Average Maximum	19.7°C		Dry days	16	
Highest Minimum	12.5°C	9th			
Lowest Maximum	13.9°C	1st			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	27mph	25th	Highest	1020hPa	8th
			Lowest	991hPa	23rd

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

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Quanton Website: Quanton Parish Online: www.quanton.org.uk

Quanton Village Life Facebook: This is a very active Facebook page for Quanton residents. Photos shared, local history discussed, questions answered, advice given, recommendations, plus lots more! There is also a Quanton Buying and Selling Facebook page.

Quanton Support Network: A team of volunteers to help. Call Clare Lucas on 655552.

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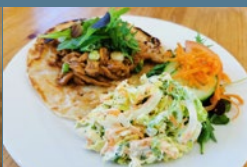


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	10.30am	Café Church Breakfast
	5.00pm	JOINT Taize Service at All Saints, Oving
Sunday 10th July	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 17th July	10.30am	Family Service
	6.00pm	Hymns of Praise
Sunday 24th July	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 31st July	6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 7th August	8.00am	BCP HOLY COMMUNION
	6.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
Sunday 14th August	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st August	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 28th August	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

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Pedestal Flowers	Debbie Ormerod	Debbie Ormerod	Emma Clarke	Emma Clarke
Tea Rota				
Church Cleaning	Fiona Morrison, Helen Ratcliffe, Sarah Fenemore	Sharyn Buck, Lindsa Chapple, Venetia Dalton		Sheila Hammond, Claire Lucas, vacancy



Thank you to Gill Tierney for her photo of the lovely spring flowering Laburnum in front of the church.

If you have taken a photo of Holy Cross & St Mary's, or its surroundings, which you would like to see in print, please email it to me at quaintonnews@gmail.com. Thank you, Louisa, *Editor*

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