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Annual Show of Produce & Craft Saturday 6th September

Quainton Gardening Society's Annual Show of Produce & Craft is open to anyone living in the village. Collect your show schedule from the shop. Categories range from home grown vegetables, fruit and flowers, to homemade cakes, bread and craft items, with special categories for children!

It's a really fun afternoon, and maybe you will come home with a certificate or even a cup! Even if you don't want to take part, come on down from 2.30pm and enjoy a cuppa and cake with friends and neighbours!

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

In May this year I started writing music again after going on a vicar's retreat. I've spoken about this previously. And one of the songs I have written and recorded for my forthcoming album is called "Beauty For The Broken" – it's all about the day I gained access to an old disused chapel. It was on a decommissioned NHS hospital site at Graylingwell, Chichester and the chapel had been closed for 13 years. I got permission from a surveyor working on the site to go in and have a look. We put our hard hats on, broke

through the overgrown bushes, shrubs and weeds that had grown up around the boarded up building and as I walked in a strange sight fixed my gaze.

All the old prayer books were still on the pews from the last service which has taken place 13 years before. It was dark, dusty and quite a large traditional Anglican Church building. The organ sat in silence in the chancel and the altar was covered in dirt and dust.

But as I stood there, I heard a voice. It wasn't an audible sound coming through the ceiling, but it was very clear in my mind. "I'm lonely. Where are you?" It startled me because it was so realistic and I felt immediately that God was speaking to me in the silence.

Sarah and I were leading Immanuel Church together and we met in a church hall nearby, but desperately needed our own sacred space. I was convinced that we should take action and re-open the church. However, when I contacted the Homes and Communities Agency who looked after decommissioned NHS sites, they said it would cost us £20,000 a year to use the building. I was a little shocked because the premises were derelict. We shared this with our church family and after much prayer we all felt we should re-open the chapel on Easter Sunday 2010 even though we didn't have the money – we would move forward believing that God would provide.

A few day before we were due to move in, the HCA called me and said they had changed their mind. They would charge us a peppercorn rent of £2 a year! Another miracle – and we did indeed move in on Easter Sunday 2010. The church grew rapidly as a result of a step of faith. We bought a double decker bus on EBay and converted it into a children's Play Bus and a Drop In Centre for adults who needed support. We started a community choir which grew at one time to 200 people meeting every Tuesday evening, among other things.

If you feel God is speaking to you about something but the outcome seems impossible, hold your ground. If it is a word from the Lord for your life, put yourself in a place of trust and see what God will do.

God bless you

Rev Steve

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WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone,

I love the village annual show in September! It holds such fond memories for me. Not only memories from my own childhood but also memories of when my children were younger and loved to take part. They'd spend hours in the summer holidays creating exhibits to enter, and then you'd have the anticipation of waiting whilst the judges did their thing, and then the joy of running in and seeing that red 1st place certificate by their exhibit! There were always some disappointments too, but the wins are the ones you remember the most!

Why not pop along to the village shop to get a programme, you never know, there may be something you could enter! Even if you don't want to take part, you can still come down at 2.30pm to see the exhibits and find out who's won what and enjoy a cuppa and piece of cake whilst you're there! See you down there!

Enjoy the read!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louisa".

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

All Welcome To
Quainton Church

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in our villages - time to get
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Sunday 14th Sept at 6.00pm

Quainton Church Presents

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Doris Butler

Kevin, Sharron and Ben would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support following the passing of Doris Butler, Lower St Quainton.

Doris was born on Station Road farm in 1935. She lived in Quainton her whole life, and the community here was very important to her. She took an active role in village and family life, known for her strong will and dedication. Loved by many, and greatly missed.

Total donations of £390 were kindly raised and have been forwarded to Parkinsons UK. Thank you all.



Special Church Meeting

The Church Wardens and PCCs of both Holy Cross and St Mary's Church, Quainton and All Saints Church, Oving have been meeting since mid March to think and pray about succession planning – how we move forward in our parishes when Revd Steve's Licence expires in October 2026.

We have some important news to share with you and would value your involvement in our decision making.

So we are having an open meeting for both churches in Quainton Church on Sunday 14th September at 6.00pm to share news with you.

We will have a short act of worship, followed by a special church meeting. Please do come.

Rev Steve

Important Notice Quainton & Oving Church

Joint CHURCH MEETING

The Church Wardens and PCC's
have some important news
to share about the future
of our church

Sunday 14th Sept at 6.00pm



Gumboots and Roots Pre-school is based
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Quainton residents can also get a 25% discount on ALL events, INCLUDING Halloween, Thomas & Christmas!

Quainton Annual Apple Pressing Demonstration

Saturday 20th September

12 - 3pm The Green



Demonstration of Apple Pressing by Paul Robertson

Opportunity to press apples and see how the juice is made.

Local apples used and maybe some from the new orchard.

Buy freshly pressed apple juice. Ingredients: apples!

£3.50 litre bottle



Also on The Green:

Cake stall – delicious home made cakes and Prize draw

Thanks to everyone who has supported the project over the last few years. Money raised by the cake stall and raffle at this event helps with the cost of meadow and orchard maintenance.

If you have spare apples to donate – please do bring them along! Also, if you have any spare jams or chutneys, cakes or biscuits you could donate or a raffle prize, please contact Claire 655552 or give to Michelle.

Thanks to the George and Dragon pub and Coffee Shop for their continued support.

This is an event to raise funds for the Community Orchard and wildflower meadow, which is located in the sports field in Lee Road. The wildflower meadow and the orchard has been funded and planted by residents for all to enjoy – if you haven't paid a visit, why not pay a visit and see how much work has been done.

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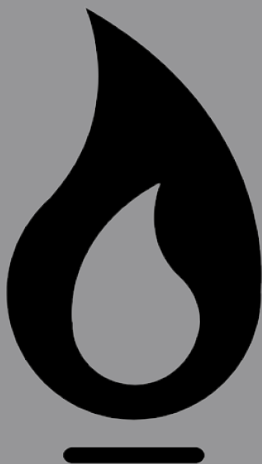
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The business was entered into the awards for their restoration work and painting of a Grade II listed building, St Martins Church, in the nearby village of Dunton.

On giving the award, the judges commented, "St Martins Church is over 500 years old, M Simmonds Decorating Contractors were able to work to a limited budget. Extensive scaffolding and protection was required to protect the ancient enclosed pews and natural stone flooring. The work was completed with great care and respect to the church and its surroundings. The ceilings and walls were repaired with traditional lime render and then painted to the highest standards, using specialist breathable clay paint. All should be very proud of the standards delivered".

What a fabulous achievement for this Quainton family business!

The Over 50s Monthly Lunch at the George & Dragon

12.30pm on Wednesday 17th September

£15 per head for two courses

Mains:

Homemade fish pie, garden peas (GF)
or Creamy vegetable pie. (GF)

Puddings:

Apple and sultana crumble and custard (GF)
Selection of ice cream



Booking and menu choice is essential by Thursday 11th Sept

Come and join us, all welcome, on the third Wednesday of every month. All choices gluten free adaptable. To book please contact Mary McDermott on 01296 658128 or email: mmcdermott2712@gmail.com, please do not contact the pub.

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Ben Harris **Vice Chair:** Sue Weldon

Councillors: Nick Butler, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Martin Pacetti, Sarah Smith

Clerk: Helen Hudson

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

Parish Council lines of Communication:

Quainton Village Website on <https://www.quainton.org.uk/>

Physical message boards on The Green and at Quainton Memorial Hall

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

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

The last Meeting of the Council was held on **23rd July 2025**

NEXT MEETING: 12th September at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

This will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

Parishioners are invited to attend.

The Chairman's Report:

Dear Resident,

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who came together to make VJ Day a meaningful and memorable occasion. It was a moment of reflection honouring the men and women who have risked their lives for our freedom, not only during the world wars but in ongoing conflicts around the world today. Your presence and support helped us mark the day with the dignity it deserves. A special thank you to the Choir, whose performance was truly outstanding.

New Parish Clerk Appointment:

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Katherine Richardson for her dedicated service as Parish Clerk. Her tireless work has been instrumental in ensuring the council operates smoothly and efficiently. We are deeply grateful for all she has contributed. It is my pleasure to announce that Helen Hudson-Butler has been appointed as our new Parish Clerk. Helen has already hit the ground running, and I look forward to working closely with her as we continue to support and strengthen our community.

Quainton Parish Council Strategy 2025–2029:

We are nearing completion of our new 4-year strategy, which will be reviewed at Full Council shortly. Once approved, we will share an executive summary and the full

document with residents, inviting your feedback and comments. We aim to launch the strategy in Oct two months ahead of schedule.

HS2 Engagement:

I recently held a one-to-one meeting with HS2 stakeholders, which proved to be a constructive and collaborative exchange. While we remain committed to cooperation, we will continue to hold HS2 accountable where necessary. The Parish Council is working hard to mitigate local challenges within our remit, and we are committed to maintaining open and honest communication with our HS2 contacts.

Upper Street Play Park Improvements:

I'm pleased to confirm that £22,000 has been allocated for new equipment and maintenance at Upper Street Play Park. This investment reflects our commitment to improving local services and facilities. More project announcements will follow in the coming months.

Highways and Traffic Safety:

We are actively working with BCC Highways to secure new road signage and support around speeding concerns. Our Speed Indicator Devices are regularly serviced and continue to provide accurate, up-to-date data. Following several reports of dangerous driving near horses and riders, we are now acquiring signage to alert drivers that Quainton is a high horse-traffic area. The Parish Council maintains a zero-tolerance stance on speeding and reckless driving particularly where it endangers members of our equestrian community.

Parish Councillor Vacancy:

We are currently seeking to co-opt a new councillor to join the Parish Council. If you are passionate about making a difference and representing the interests of local residents, we warmly encourage you to get in touch with our Parish Clerk.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Yours sincerely,

Cllr Benjamin Harris, Chairman of the Quainton Parish Council

A polite reminder from the Parish Council

A reminder to householders that you must ensure that your hedges are cut back and not overhanging public footpaths. We have been contacted by several residents regarding this, forcing people to walk on the road.

Legal responsibilities also include:

Trimming hedges to the boundary line where they border a footpath or public highway

Ensuring overhead branches are cut to allow sufficient headroom for pedestrians (generally 2.5 metres over footways)

Maintaining clear sightlines at junctions and pedestrian crossings

Responding promptly to requests from council officers or residents

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What a Parish Councillor Does: Parish Councillors are the first tier of local government. They represent the interests of their local community, making decisions on a wide range of issues. Key responsibilities include:

Representing Residents: Listening to and addressing the concerns of local people.

Managing Local Assets: Overseeing public spaces eg parks, community halls and the allotments.

Shaping the Future: Working on local plans and projects, from planning applications to traffic schemes.

Budgeting: Helping to manage the council's finances and decide how to allocate funds.

Who We're Looking For: You don't need any special qualifications or experience to become a Parish Councillor. We value common sense, a good heart, and a genuine interest in our community.

You're eligible to apply if you are: a British, Commonwealth, or EU citizen. At least 18 years old. A registered voter in the parish, or have lived, worked, or owned property in the parish for at least the last 12 months.

How to Apply: If you're interested in this rewarding role, please contact the Parish Clerk for an informal chat or to receive an application form: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk

Deadline for Applications: 15th September 2025. We look forward to hearing from you!



QuaintFest seems like a distant memory now! We hit a wonderful new fundraising record with approximately £7k raised for our church! Such an amazing result – well done to the team!

Thank you again to everyone who sponsored the barrels of beer and donated items for the tombola etc, and to everyone who gave their time on a stall and on the bar. Thank you to all the performers, the stall holders, the windmill society, George and Darren at the pub and coffee shop, the school PTA, the village sports club and Frameworx Scaffolding and so many other people! And to all of you who came and enjoyed our event in our wonderful village!

Special thanks to Michelle for the dog show, which she has said will be her last one :(See you all again next year!

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I received an unsigned note through my letterbox this week, which asked me to say thank you to those kind people around the village who leave bowls of water outside their houses for passing dogs – it is very much appreciated! Thank you!

Walking the Prayer Labyrinth in our churchyard

Prayer walking a labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice that is a metaphor for the pilgrimage of the spiritual journey. It is an embodied way of praying that involves our right brains. While walking with your body, you also take a walk through the interior terrain of your soul. Prayer walking a labyrinth often opens up new insights into prayer and into our lives.

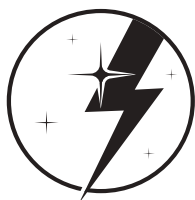
+ Walk with openness.
Receive what comes.

+ Begin with the question,
"What is my next step?"
Follow where it leads your
mind and body as you
move.

+ On the way to the centre
pray for your needs. In the
centre, rest with God. On
the way out, pray for the
needs of others.

+ If it helps, repeat a short
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"Thy will be done..."





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The Windmill Society's Annual Garden Party

As usual at this time of year the QWS held their Annual Garden Party in the Orchard adjacent to the Windmill. As the weather forecast was not very promising the Intrepid volunteers prepared for rain and damp conditions and changed the appearance of the tranquil Orchard into a village of Gazebos.

Needless to say, the weather improved and the adverse weather never really materialised. So, it was great to welcome the 100 (plus) members and it was good that they enjoyed the background music supplied by the Clarity Clarinets Quartet. Also, to consume the tasty Barbecued food and salads, and of course, to partake in the associated liquid refreshments which was mainly sourced from Colin Dancer's Wine Cellar.

This Garden Party is the highlight in the Society's calendar and demonstrates and typifies the hard work and commitment of the Windmill helpers and supporters. In addition, the generosity from many volunteers who kindly provided the food, cases of Beer and many expensive raffle prizes was greatly appreciated.

After all the excitement of this very popular social event the Windmill volunteers will go back to the routine of showing visitors around the Mill, carrying out repairs and maintenance to the Mill. C'est la Windmill!



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Sunday 21st September:	Special event: Bluey is visiting! Poster p.28
Sunday 28th September:	Steaming Day

No need to pre-book – just come along with proof of address to get your Quainton Resident 25% discount off all the above events! Doors open 10.30am

NIGHT FRIGHT:

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PANTO EXPRESS:

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Quainton Football Club – Ready for the New Season!

Summer may be winding down, but things have been heating up at Quainton Football Club! We've been working hard in pre-season, getting fit, fine-tuning our tactics, and welcoming some new faces to the squad alongside our familiar players. With our second season in ADL Division 2 just around the corner, the excitement is building.

Here in Quainton, football is more than just a game — it's a family. From the players on the pitch, to our dedicated committee, and of course our incredible supporters, everyone plays a part in making our club a special place. The camaraderie and team spirit are stronger than ever, and we can't wait to hit the pitch together. A big thanks to Mike, Tez and Ang for making this happen.

Our league fixtures kick off at home on **Saturday 13th September** against Thame United C, followed by an away trip to AFC Chesham on **20th September**, and we wrap up the month back at home with Aylesbury Hornets Reserves on **27th September**. We'd love to see as many of you as possible down at the Quainton Rec — your cheers make all the difference!

The club would also like to extend a big thank you to George of the George and Dragon pub, whose generous sponsorship this season helps keep grassroots football thriving in our village. Pop in for a pint and show him your support too — after all, football and the local pub go hand in hand!

Here's to another fantastic season of football, fun, and community spirit — up the QFC!



What's on at The G&D

Well, I'm hoping it's not only me thinking where this year has gone, July and August have disappeared in a flash! We have had two fantastic village events QuaintFest and VJ day celebrations, I would like to thank the organisers of both events that truly show the spirit of the village. I would also like to thank everyone for their support whilst I closed the kitchen for 3 weeks whilst recovering from minor nerve surgery. This gave me time to sort some paperwork out and write the next two fine dining menus and the Christmas menu!!!



Our trial of additional opening hours (4.30–8pm Monday and all-day Friday) have been varied. Fridays will go back to closing at 3pm and reopening at 5pm. However, Mondays will remain open 4.30pm–8pm throughout September, this continues to remain a trial period, with quizzes and brush parties continuing Monday evenings.

Monday 1st September: Quiz Night (this is really the August Quiz!) This quiz will be held in aid of Bucks Mind, the mental health charity promoting well being and recovery providing support and therapy in troubled times.

The first weekend in September (5-7th) I am having a weekend off for a wedding in Cornwall, however there will be food on Friday from Darren in the coffee shop and Gurka street food will return on Saturday. Food will return to normal on Wednesday from 5pm.

Monday 15th September is Brush Party night. Visit www.brushparty.co.uk to see what they are painting and book on. These events are popular and normally book up quickly.

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th is the return of my fine dining weekend. Book now to avoid disappointment. At the time of writing there are plenty of tables for Friday including large table capacity; on Saturday there are only two small tables remaining. Think game, plum and indulgent chocolate.

Saturday 27th September is party night!! We have live music from Alex and Nick – this will be inside... (the band members are siblings of Soundprood, the band who played outside at the beginning of August) we also have food from pizza boys for their first visit. This night we will also be wishing the wonderful Jessie bon voyage as she heads off travelling, so let's get the dancing shoes out and drinking hats on!

Monday 29th September: Quiz Night returns. This month is in aid of the harvest auction fund! I can't believe we are at that time of year where we are mentioning one of my favourite village events!

SAVE THE DATE!

17th October: Harvest Auction 7.32 start (Lorenzo pizza from 5pm)

25th October: Ed Cusick (Snicks Catering)

31st October & 1st November: Fine Dining Weekend

15th November: Kel Billy Stomp (Food from Snax of India... they were here on VJ Day)

21st November: Christmas menu starts!

30th November: Jamie Felton.... Step into Christmas Sunday session

DON'T FORGET OUR WEEKLY EVENTS: Tuesday: Open dart board with Tuesday Steak Night: rump and sirloin alongside our regular menu and weekly darts practice. Wednesday Pie or Fish & Chip Night: 2 pies or 2 fish & chips £25, alongside regular menu. Thursday: Friends & Flavours burger van. Friday and Saturday: regular pub menu. Sunday roasts: 12-2pm and 5-7pm.

VJ Commemorative Celebrations

Saturday 16th August – Quainton Village Green

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously gave their time on Saturday morning to help prepare the Green for our VJ Day commemorations. The day was a truly special gathering of village and community spirit—a reminder of how fortunate we are to live among such kind, willing, and supportive neighbours who come together for the greater good of Quainton.

A special thank you to the Windmill Society for the loan of their magnificent marquees and the gazebos, and to the dedicated team of Windmill volunteers who erected and dismantled them with such care. We're also deeply grateful to the Memorial Hall for the generous loan of tables and chairs, and for their help in delivering and collecting them. And to the Parish Council, W Humphries Estate Agents (Waddesdon) for their generous donations.



Huge thanks to Beth and Richard Vining for their tireless support throughout the day, including their help with the wheelchair ramp kindly loaned by the Railway. To the Fenemore family—thank you for the generous donation of straw bales that added such charm to the setting as did the wonderful array of vintage cars, tractors and mini steam engines.

As always, our appreciation goes to the Coffee Shop and to Darren and the team for the delicious sandwiches and cakes that made the afternoon tea so memorable and to the two Girl Guides for helping to serve. Thanks also to George at the George and Dragon for his continued support of village events, and to QVS for running the cake stall and everyone who made all the delicious cakes and for organising and running all the other stalls. We're grateful to everyone who donated raffle prizes and contributed to the Burma Star and Garter Fund.



Thank you to Richard Vining and Peter Taylor Lane for photos.

And finally, a sincere thank you to Malcolm Wearn who represented the Royal British Legion, Martin Dorell for his moving rendition of the Last Post, and to Rev. Steve Flashman and the community choir for opening the afternoon with such style and reverence. Steve's poignant words reminded us all of the sacrifices made and the many lives lost.

And finally, finally—to all those whose names we may have unintentionally missed, but who helped in ways big and small on the day—please know your contribution did not go unnoticed. Your generosity and spirit are deeply appreciated, and you are very much part of what made this celebration so special.

Together, we honoured the past and celebrated the strength of our community. Thank you all.

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Art and Craft Show 2025 Postponed

Regrettably, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Art and Craft Show 2025 has been postponed. Sorry for any inconvenience and disappointment. It will be back in 2026.

Callum Anderson MP: A year of serving Quainton

As your Member of Parliament for Buckingham and Bletchley, I am committed to being a visible and accountable representative for every community in our constituency. In my first Annual Report, "Getting on with the Job," I'm proud to share the progress we've made together since I was elected a year ago in July 2024.

Over the last 12 months, I've attended over 250 local events and meetings, including visits to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre and Quainton School, hosting a consultation on the upcoming NHS Ten Year Plan, and meeting lots of local farmers (including several on the HS2 route). It's an honour to represent our patch, and the local community spirit is incredibly infectious.

My team have also addressed more than 6,000 pieces of casework, helping residents access vital services such as housing, education, and welfare support. This hands-on approach ensures that your concerns are heard and acted upon.

Looking at the wider picture, I have secured significant investments to improve our local infrastructure. This includes £500m for a new hospital in Milton Keynes and £2.5bn for East West Rail, which will enhance connectivity for residents. Additionally, millions have been allocated for local schools, sports facilities, and road repairs, directly benefiting our community.

In Parliament, I have raised over 275 questions on issues ranging from GP recruitment and SEND services to rural crime and road conditions. And as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, I support the Secretary of State in advancing the UK's innovation agenda, ensuring that our region remains at the forefront of technological development.

The past year has laid a strong foundation. Moving forward, I am focused on ensuring that the opportunities created by national investments are felt across every community, and I will continue to work tirelessly to deliver more for the people of Quainton.

Regardless of whether you voted for me or not, I am here to represent you and will always work hard to advocate for residents. If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at: Callum.Anderson.MP@Parliament.UK.

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The Marriage of Georgia-May Green and Stephen Gurney

On 31st May, the wedding of Georgia-May Green and Stephen Gurney took place at Holy Cross & St Mary's Church, Quainton.

Georgia-May is the older daughter of Dawn and Paul Green of Station Road. Stephen is the son of Jan and Mark Gurney from North Marston.

The Bride's Maid of Honour was Megan Bantges, her Bridesmaids were Mel, Amelia, Hannah, Charlotte Ann Rose, Amelia, Arabella and Imogen, and the Groom's Best Men were Alfie Gurney, Ben Long and Rowan Wilson.

The bride wore a stunning ivory off the shoulder sequined dress from Bicester Bridal. She carried a pink and ivory bouquet of roses, lisianthus and gypsophelia, bought from Signature Flowers, made by Nicola Aiston.

The bride and groom and their guests enjoyed a fabulous reception after the ceremony at Quainton Railway Centre, to which the happy couple arrived by horse and carriage!

The couple, who met through Georgia-May's brother Samuel, currently live in Grendon Underwood and are planning a trip around Italy for their honeymoon.





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Ramblings from Finemere Wood by Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

I love the long, hot days of summer that have arrived this year. They remind me of the summers of my early childhood – though perhaps that’s just a rose-tinted memory. While climate change and the resulting global warming are pressing concerns, I can’t help but feel a sense of ease in the heat, I slow down, my pace of life is more relaxed.

Finemere Wood is dry and parched under the relentless sun, yet life thrives here. The woodland workers each respond to the heat in their own way – some enthusiastically labouring beneath the blazing sun, whilst others retreat into the shade, and gradually meet.

I took a break from the wood over June, and set off on my travels, leaving the team to plough through many a task, something for everyone.

Out on one of the adjoining meadows, two fenced enclosures have been raised. The areas will be protected from the curious cropping cattle, allowing scrub to grow, creating a mosaic of vegetation along the edge of the wood. Thus the variety of habitats is enhanced and greater biodiversity is supported. The Turbo Twosome were set loose to dig many a 4-ft hole for the fence strainer posts, powering through the day like engines, unstoppable. Others opted for the technical job of piecing the fence together, a new system using metal posts, mentally challenging, a puzzle to be solved.

Redundant fences have been removed, Turbo Twosome again, with a pair of powerhouses in tow. Gate posts have been dug in and gates hung by a formidable four.

But it’s not all about muscle and desperate digging. Many hours have been spent cutting off the seed heads of creeping thistles in the meadows; an attempt to keep them in check, allowing room for more delicate flowers to flourish. A surprisingly mindful job for those looking for calm.

And the reward for these gritty guardians of the wood, who worked like trojans whilst their leader was afar? A purple emperor, that elusive, elegant butterfly, waiting in the van, basking on top of the tea kit for all to admire.

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3rd PRIZE	£10	no.47	Sue Kimber
4th PRIZE	£5	no.56	Bill Currie
5th PRIZE	G&D voucher	no.62	Arthur Evans

This is the final draw of this academic year, and Quainton School PTA 100 Club is now stopping to make way for new fundraising ideas – we'll keep you posted!

For any feedback, fundraising ideas or offers of help for Quainton School PTA, please email: quainton.pta@gmail.com

Churchyard Team Appeal

Do you have an hour to spare every week or every other week? If so, we really need your help in trying to keep the leaves and debris under control along the Churchyard paths.

The main area of sweeping is on the North side of the church from the entrance gates. Already the paths need sweeping and it's not even Autumn! As you will know we have an amazing group of volunteers who deal with the churchyard mowing and strimming, and contribute to making the Churchyard look a peaceful haven. However, we are in urgent need of one or two volunteers (either on their own or do the job together) to join the Team in trying to keep the Churchyard paths looking clear.

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Quanton Golf Society Results

Our June event was the Barry Wooller Salver at Kirtlington for a best of 27 holes competition on a very warm and sunny day.



The joint leaders after the morning 18 holes were Chris Rymer and Dave Fitchett with 36 points each, and both recorded a further 16 points in the afternoon to be top of the table with 52 points, with Dave Fitchett taking the coveted Silver Salver on countback. Neil Richards's excellent afternoon score of 18 points was the 2nd best score of the afternoon and took him into 3rd place overall, but he was pipped for the separate 9-hole afternoon prize by Terry Beesley with 20 points. The top 5 results were as follows:

	Barry Woller Salver	Stableford Points
1st	Dave Fitchett	52
2nd	Chris Rymer	52
3rd	Neil Richards	51
4th	Keith Payne	49
5th =	Darren Knibb	48
5th =	Terry Beesley	48

Our July event was for the NSPCC Putter 18-hole Stableford competition played at Studley Wood on another very warm and sunny day. The weather was in stark contrast to our last visit to Studley Wood in December 2022 when we were in the grip of a Winter cold snap that saw the all the greens and lakes frozen solid.

We had a fantastic turnout of 31 this month and we were able to enjoy the course in a much better condition. The greens in particular were in fantastic condition and for many were much quicker than any other greens encountered this year. The winner for the 2nd month in succession was Dave Fitchett who beat Ali Whitehead on countback after both tied with 34 points. The top 5 results were as follows:

	NSPCC Putter	Stableford Points
1st	Dave Fitchett	34
2nd	Ali Whitehead	34
3rd =	Darren Knibb	32
3rd =	Billy Bacchus	32
3rd =	Mark Carter	32

Our next event is at Captain's Day at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club (at Stewkley) on Friday 26th September.

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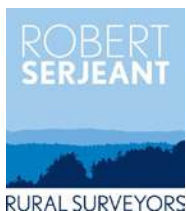
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If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact QMH and your enquiry will be forwarded to the relevant contact. New members are always welcome.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall) Craft Club (Conference Room)	10:00 - 14:30 14:00 - 16:30
Tuesday	Ukulele Group (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall) Art Club (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall)	09:30 - 12:30 10:30 - 11:30 13:30 - 16:30 17:30 - 18:30
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall) Carpet Bowls (Main Hall)	13:00 - 17:00 19:00 - 22:00
Thursday	Coffee Morning (Main Hall) * Badminton (Main Hall)	10:30 - 12:00 – just turn up! 19:00 - 21:30
Friday	Community Choir (Main Hall) **	10:00 - 12:00
Saturday		
Sunday	Table Tennis (Main Hall)	17:00 - 20:00

* coffee morning restarts on 11 September

** Community Choir restarts 5 September

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WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



Mike Beales has supplied the weather figures to me for years, but is currently having trouble with his instruments, which he has found are not recording totally accurately at the moment. So he is having to stop providing the figures to me. Is there anyone else out there who can supply similar figures for us each month? If so, please get in touch, quaintonnews@gmail.com

Huge thanks to Mike for producing these interesting results for us each month for so long!



Whitchurch WI

September event: Making Crime Pay

Local crime author Sherry Hostler talks about her journey through researching, writing and self publishing psychological thrillers.

Please join us at St. John's Church Hall, Whitchurch on

Tuesday 2nd September at 19:30

Visitors warmly welcome on the night (£5)

For further info contact: whitchurchwibucks@gmail.com



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Friday evenings: Men's Match Practice 7.00pm

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Works in your area:

In your area, construction and earth works have been progressing well throughout the Summer. Works on the Thames Valley Viaduct are moving forward with the installation of parapets, deck pours and abutment works. The viaduct is a key structure, which will carry the HS2 track to pass over the river Thames. We are continuing the earthworks to build the landscaping bunds to Putlowes Cutting, Waddesdon South cutting and the Bicester Road Embankment. Culvert construction work at Fleet Marston and Cranwell Farm is progressing well. We are delighted that the HS2 Summer Newsletter Aylesbury has been published by HS2. It contains updates on the main works in your area. You can download a copy online: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/summer-2025-newsletter-aylesbury/>

One of the best ways to see the progress we are making on site is from our aerial footage. Scan the QR code below to view the latest HS2 works in your area.



Upcoming and ongoing works:

Details of the upcoming and ongoing work around Quainton:

- * Fiddlers Field will remain closed until the new Station Road re-alignment opens in April 2026.
- * The Grendon Underwood Public Right of Way or PRoWs (GUN 28) will remain open every Sunday until 30 November 2025 8am until 7pm and from 1 December 2025 to 28 February 2026 8am to 4pm.
- * The closure on Shipton Lee to enable the alignment of the new road over the new Edgcott Road overbridge will be completed on 28 November 2025
- * Realignment work at Station Road is progressing well and the road is due to re-open on 1 September 2025.

Please check the HS2 website for updates and note that dates for works may change.

Community Engagement activities:

There has been a successful program of engagement activities for local residents to come and speak with our engagement teams throughout the Summer. We will be hosting further drop in events in September if you would like to come and join us:

- * Wednesday 10th September, 1pm to 3.30pm, Gawcott Village Hall car park
- * Wednesday 10th September, 4pm to 7pm, Twyford Village Hall car park

In July and August we arranged several drop-in events in community spaces across the Aylesbury and Quainton areas (including a joint event with Network Rail), to discuss our works programme. We had conversations with over 85 residents. We are committed to positively supporting local communities wherever opportunities are available.

During July, staff from EKFB supported Waddesdon Hall in maintaining their community outdoor space.

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The works involved general maintenance including cutting back the overgrowth, tidying up the footpath, and removing leftover earth which gave way to an additional car parking space for the hall.

To enhance community facilities, a dedicated team of seven from EKFB has successfully refurbished a 375-metre footpath surrounding the dog-walking field at the local RSPCA centre in Quainton. Over time, encroaching vegetation had rendered the path narrow and impassable in certain areas, posing challenges for both two and four-legged walkers. This restoration not only enhances accessibility but also ensures that both dogs and the staff can enjoy safe and pleasant walks around the field. The transformation of the footpath has been met with great enthusiasm by the RSPCA, who expressed their gratitude for the excellent workmanship and dedication shown by the EKFB team.

Recently, we donated several planter boxes to community spaces. These boxes start life as containers used by our supply chain partners. They are ideal for recycling as planters in public community spaces for the benefit of the wider community. Five of the boxes were dropped off to Waddesdon Parish Council and six to Waddesdon Hall.

In mid August, three volunteers from EKFB passed a very enjoyable morning at Quainton Monday Club in the Memorial Hall to chat, craft and play Scrabble. It is a very worthwhile group providing support, friendship and fun for the elderly in Quainton and surrounding villages.

Did you know that funding for community projects is available via the HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF). You can find out more about this by following this link: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/about-us/community-and-business-funds/>



Quainton Monday Club

Since 2017, HS2 awarded over £18m funding.

We recommend signing up to our mailing list and checking the HS2 events page for future events in your area. If you would like to talk to us and find out more. Alternatively, if you would like to book onto a site tour then please contact the HS2 helpdesk, HS2Enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

If you would like to read more about the works and view the advance works notices and maps, then please go to HS2 website www.hs2.org.uk and click the 'in your area section' to view the interactive map, or simply scan this QR code. Alternatively, if you have a question about HS2 please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk



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VILLAGE SERVICES

Quainton Website: Quainton Parish Online: www.quainton.org.uk

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

Quainton Support Network: A team of volunteers to help residents, for example, needing a lift to a doctor's appointment. Call Alison on 01296 655033 or Claire 655552.

Quainton Oil Group: Residents can receive regular deliveries of heating oil on group negotiated terms from Lovells. T: 01844 202777 and ask to join the Quainton Oil Group.

Quainton Dog Warden: Lost your dog or found someone else's? Call Jan, our local contact point, on 655800 or 07941 946870 for help reuniting lost dogs with their owners.

Memorial Hall Bookings: <https://booking.quaintonmh.co.uk/> or contact Deb Barker Boyd on 655379, E: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com.

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Winwood Almshouses: For enquiries contact: winwoodalmshouses@outlook.com

REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Mon 1st Sept	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown Garden Waste Bin**
Mon 8th Sept	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Mon 15th Sept	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown Garden Waste Bin**
Mon 22nd Sept	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Mon 29th Sept	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown Garden Waste Bin**

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SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 7th September:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Prayer Breakfast
	6.00pm	Healing Service
Sunday 14th September:	9.30am	Family Service
	6.00pm	Short Act of Worship followed by Special Church Meeting see p.3
Sunday 21st September:	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th September:	9.30am	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
Sunday 5th October:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Prayer Breakfast
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival followed by Bring & Share Supper

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Thursday 26th June	Funeral:	Doris Butler
Saturday 28th June	Wedding:	James Lucas and Rosie Bourne
Sunday 3rd August	Baptism:	Cosima Sally Olive Prideaux

CHURCH ROTAS

	7th Sept	14th Sept	21st Sept	28th Sept
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Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	Helen Foster	Kathy Blanchard	Penny Allen	Celia Prideaux
Pedestal Flowers	Viv Craker	Fiona Morrison	Fiona Morrison	Helen Radcliffe
Church Cleaning	Susan MacQuarrie, Marilyn Beales, Louise Woodliffe Thomas		Carol Cooper, Fiona Morrison, Margaret Willoughby and George	

HOLY CROSS & ST. MARY'S CHURCH – OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS



Richard Vining took these three photos on the day of the VJ Celebrations when the church was open for visitors. If you would like to see your photo printed here, email your favourite photos of our church and/or its surroundings to me at quaintonnews@gmail.com... Thank you, Louisa

VILLAGE CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2025

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6th September:	QGS Annual Show of Produce & Craft , QMH 2.30pm p.5
9th September:	Toddler Group and Lunch & Chat re-start in church, p.35 & p.37
11th September:	Coffee Morning re-starts, QMH, 10.30-12, p.41
13th September:	QFC first match of the season, at home, KO 2pm, p.24
14th September:	Special Church Meeting , 6pm in church, p.3
12th September:	Parish Council meeting, QMH, 6pm, p.11
17th September:	Over 50s Lunch , The George, 12.30pm, p.11
20th September:	Apple Pressing and family fun on The Green, 12-3pm, p.9
21st September:	Visit from Bluey at The Railway , p.23/28

Save the Date:

- 17th October: Harvest Auction at the G&D, p.25
 18th October: Revd Steve's concert in church, p.21

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