

# QUAINTON ·NEWS·

THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



## Platinum Jubilee Beacon Burning

**Thursday 2nd June at 9.30pm on Mill Hill**

If ever there was the perfect event to light the beacon, this is it!

Celebrating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's seventy amazing years on the throne. The official beacon burning event schedule from the Palace is printed on p5. Here in Quainton, we intend to put on a full event, including Town Crier, Bugler, Bagpiper and Community Choir who will all perform their part in the lead up to the beacon being lit.

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## WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Watergate was a major political scandal in the United States involving the administration of U.S. President Richard Nixon from 1972 to 1974 and it led to Nixon's resignation.

Charles W. Colson, was a "political saboteur" for the president during those infamous years, masterminding some of the dirty tricks that led to the president's downfall. Colson went to prison after pleading guilty to obstructing justice in one of the criminal plots that undid the Nixon administration. After serving time behind bars, he emerged from prison having had a "wake up call" after a spiritual experience. He went on to become an important Christian leader. He died in 2012 at the age of 80.

After reflecting on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, he famously commented: "I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible!"

In the church year, May continues the Easter Season, culminating on Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, when we celebrate the birth of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

One of the things that has struck me this Easter is the simple phrase used by Mark, the writer of the Gospel, in verse 16 of chapter 16: "When the Sabbath was over..." He goes on to recount the extraordinary events that surrounded the resurrection of Christ. That little phrase, "When the Sabbath was over..." describes the beginning of something revolutionary, even shocking! Why? Because for centuries the Jews worshipped God on the Sabbath which was a Saturday. It was non negotiable, a given fact, not only an expectation but a command that religious people would worship God on a Saturday. But in this one throw away phrase, Mark describes the beginning of a radical new movement that would rock the religious establishment and change the course of history.

The early Christians changed the rules and set up, which was then an ordinary working day, a Sunday, into the new worship day for believers. Sunday, the first day of the week, was resurrection day, the day Christ rose from the dead.

Every time we come to church on a Sunday, we are declaring loud and clear, "this is resurrection day and we are God's Easter People."

But was a change of worship day a big deal? You bet it was! Not only did it rock the religious establishment but it immediately put at risk the lives of the early Christian communities that created a new way of doing things. But they didn't care. Because they were eye witnessing to something extraordinary.

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

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## WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY ISSUE



*Louisa Richards, Editor*

Hello everyone,

Have you noticed a change in Quainton News this month?! This issue, I have moved from producing Quainton News as one enormous Word document, to using a proper design package called InDesign. Exciting, right?!

InDesign is a package that is completely new to me, but already I can see the difference in appearance. And although I am learning from scratch (so it took a little longer), I can still see how much easier it is going to make producing the magazine each month, which had become quite laborious in Word, now that the magazine has got so big!

I have only been able to do this with the help of the most patient of people, Rachel Quigg, who is an absolute design whizz and InDesign Master! Thank you Rachel for all your help, the late night messaging and all-day tutorials!

Enjoy the read,

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

*PS I will be doing a joint July/August issue, so bear this in mind when sending me copy. Thank you. Deadline June 16th.*

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

### Praise & Worship Services

Our Praise & Worship services have been a huge success - we'll be having them more often from now on! The next one will be held at 6pm on Sunday 5th June, with more details on p.19. 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!

### Alpha Course

This is starting again on May 5th. See our poster on p.7 and get in touch with our vicar Rev Steve Flashman for the details.

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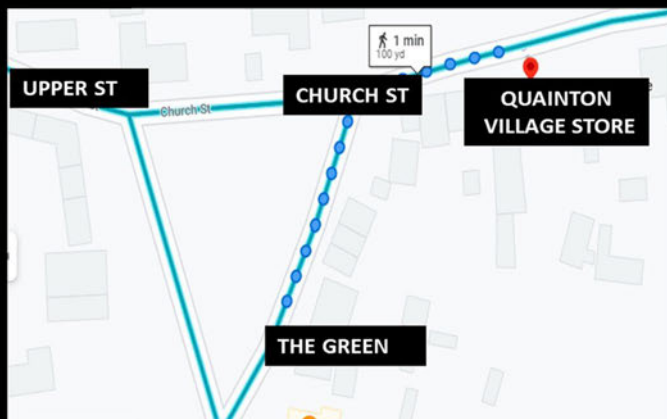
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# Quanton's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!

Sunday 2nd June 2022

As you will see from the Palace's official event schedule below, the first element of beacon burning day is undertaken by the Town Crier. You may well be asking yourself if Quanton even has a Town Crier... Well, we did some digging and we found one!

87-year old George Gray, Cockney and Pearly King, will be Quanton's very own Town Crier and has kindly agreed to read out the especially-written proclamation at 2pm from the cross on The Green. He has also said he would be happy to say a few words about what the Pearlys are all about and a little about their history. So please do join us!



The poster features a light purple background with a subtle floral pattern. At the top, there are three logos: the Queen's Platinum Jubilee emblem on the left, the text 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons' in the center, and the 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022' logo on the right. Below these is the date '2nd June 2022' in a cursive font. The main title 'EVENT SCHEDULE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES' is in bold. The schedule includes: Town Criers - 'PROCLAMATION' at 2pm (Local Time), Pipers - 'DIU REGNARE' at 9.35pm (Local Time), Buglers & Cornet Players - 'MAJESTY' at 9.40pm (Local Time), and Lighting of the Beacons & Song for the Commonwealth at 9.45pm (Local Time). It also lists specific beacon lighting times for various locations. At the bottom, it credits Bruno Peek as Pageantmaster and provides contact information.

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Platinum Jubilee  
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2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2022

*2nd June 2022*

**EVENT SCHEDULE**  
**THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS  
& ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES**

**TOWN CRIERS - THE 'PROCLAMATION'**  
**2pm (Local Time)**  
Town Criers, Pearly Kings and Queens undertake the 'Proclamation' from central locations within their local communities.  
*Proclamation written by Jane L Smith, Town Crier for Bognor Regis.*

**PIPERS - 'DIU REGNARE'**  
**9.35pm (Local Time)**  
Traditional and Northumbrian Pipers undertake 'Diu Regnare' from locations of their choice within their local communities.  
*Music written by Pipe Major Stuart Liddell - Glenfiddich Champion Piper.*

**BUGLERS & CORNET PLAYERS - 'MAJESTY'**  
**9.40pm (Local Time)**  
Buglers & Cornet players undertake this Bugle Call at Beacon sites, of those that have been able to source them, announcing the lighting of the Beacons at 9.45pm.  
*Music written by Bugler Sgt A.W Carlisle, Hillsborough Fort Guard, Northern Ireland.*

**LIGHTING OF THE BEACONS & SONG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH**  
**9.45pm (Local Time)**  
As 2022 Beacons are lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and within each of the Commonwealth Countries, Choirs large and small sing 'A Life Lived with Grace' at Beacon sites and/or other locations within their local community as a 'unique' musical tribute to Her Majesty The Queen that evening, filling the world with the sound of music and song.  
*Music and Lyrics by Atueyi Vincent Chinemelu, from Nigeria & Lucy Kiely from Australia the winners of a worldwide competition coordinated by Alison Cox OBE - Commonwealth Resounds.*

**(The Beacons in the Commonwealth Countries & United Kingdom Overseas Territories will be lit at 9.15pm local time)**  
**(The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Anchor Chain will be lit at 9.30pm)**  
**(All other Beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man will be lit at 9.45pm)**  
**(The Beacons along Hadrian's Wall will be lit at 10pm)**

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**Saturday 9th July from 2pm until late**

We have had an amazing response to our call for sponsors for this year's QuaintFest – our church's biggest fundraiser of the year! A huge thank you to each of the following local businesses and families who are donating a barrel of beer each:

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## **CALLING QUAINTON CLUBS & SOCIETIES!**

Are you part of a village club or society? Would you like a free stall at QuaintFest to do some of your own fundraising? We simply ask that you don't sell drinks or food. Please get in touch so we can plan to accommodate you: [quaintonnews@gmail.com](mailto:quaintonnews@gmail.com)

The music programme is full, the dog show is booked, so all we need are a few 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! Again, please email me at: [quaintonnews@gmail.com](mailto:quaintonnews@gmail.com)

All we need now is sunshine on the day and for the whole village to come out and enjoy the music and a pint or two!

## QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL



**Chairman:** Nicolette Smith. Councillors: Nick Butler, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock

**Clerk:** Katherine Richardson, supported by Brian Fludgate  
To contact the council use the Contact Form on the website: <https://quainton.org.uk/contact-us> or contact the clerks by email on: [parishclerk@quainton.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@quainton.org.uk)

**Next meeting:** Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

### Parish Council Report:

We held the Annual Meeting of Quainton Parish on 7th April, starting with a reading of the Quainton Parish Annual Report by Chairman Cllr Nicolette Smith, you can read a copy of this Annual Report (and that of previous years) on our website: <https://www.quainton.org.uk/reports>

**Quainton Vision:** We're introducing Quainton Vision, with the new Quainton Neighbourhood Plan close to completion, we think it's a great idea to work on a greater vision for Quainton. Quainton Vision is going to be a long term strategic plan, to enhance the health and wellbeing for the wider community of Quainton Parish. The CHOW Project and the Skatepark redesign will be part of this plan, and other projects for example at the Railway Centre, the Church and the Recreation Ground. We have some ideas of our own, like better infrastructure in terms of roads, footpaths, bridleways, rights of way, improved recreational facilities, supporting facilities for young and old to come together in the community. However, we work for you and we want to invite people to write to us with ideas! What Vision do you have for your community? What services would you like? Are there any activities that you miss? Let us know via the contact form on our website: <https://quainton.org.uk/contact-us>

**VACANCIES:** We have 3 vacancies on the council and we invite people from the Parish to contact us and apply for the role of Parish Councillor. To find out more about the role, please go to the Quainton Village Website: <https://quainton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf>

**Skate Park:** An inspection is scheduled to take place during May. A new Facebook group has been created and we invite people who are interested to join the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/996917390903081/>

**Jubilee Beacon:** Remember to make your plans to view the Jubilee Beacon as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations on 2nd June. More information about the Queen's Jubilee celebrations can be found on the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy's website: <https://www.bucksliutenancy.org/platinumjubilee22>

**CHOW:** We've seen some fabulous blossoms on the young trees already. The picnic bench and two other benches are in place and the area is looking lovely. Follow progress and offer you help and support via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321040946212772>

**Planning:** There was a number of new applications submitted on the day of our meeting, but we did not have enough time for them all to be considered. One application in particular that we discussed was the proposal of 12 new homes on Station Road adjacent to the ones currently being built by Barwood Homes. We concluded that we would put in an objection, based on the new Neighbourhood Plan boundaries, but we need to refer to the laws around this and get an objection in by 5th May.

**The Bridge:** We're also continuing 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 sent a letter to Greg Smith MP, and were informed that he has forwarded our concerns to Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps. Rumours are that the bridge will be repaired, but we have yet to have confirmation of this. We will continue to chase this up.

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**Roads:** We continue to follow up Buckinghamshire Council on our list of roads that need 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.

**Bus Service:** Our Ward Councillor Iain Macpherson arranged a meeting with all parties, we had two representatives for the Parish Council: Mr Brian Fludgate and Cllr Nicolette Smith; Ms Lou Fox attended to represent the residents and bus users; Mr Taj Kahn represented the bus services, and two representatives for Buckinghamshire Council, from Transport and Public Transport along with Cllr Iain Macpherson. We've discussed the current bus services and talked about various alternative solutions. There was no clear conclusion on how we can solve the bus service issues. Cllr Smith reiterated how important it is to get the bridge repaired as Station Road is such an important route in and out of the village. A new timetable will start on 3rd May with an additional 9am bus between Quainton and Waddesdon, which hopefully will help people who need to go to Waddesdon Surgery in the morning. The new timetable can be found here: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/media/4518148/16-red-rose-travel-may-2022.pdf>

**Speed Watch:** We're still progressing on the installation of the four poles and two new SIDs, we're looking to engage services with the right paperwork, permissions and licenses to install the poles as soon as possible.

**Station Road Traffic Calming:** We now have the new drawings, with proposals that take away the chicane at the Old Farmhouse, but put in place a couple of signs that warn oncoming traffic that pedestrians may walk in the road at the section of road where the footpath is too narrow. We've suggested alternatives that would help the village, rather than saddle us with solutions that don't work for us. This is an ongoing issue and we continue to talk with Buckinghamshire Council and Barwood Homes.

**Station Road Crossroads:** Ward Councillor Iain Macpherson reported that we are still awaiting police reports, until then we cannot progress on this situation.

**HS2/EKFB New Station Rd Layout:** The new drawings have been presented to the Parish Council, we are working on printing some in large scale (the A4 versions we have are too small to see the details) and arrange a presentation with the residents of the village.

**Road Closures:** What we know is coming (subject to change):

Station Road Bridge – Crossroads	Closed 08:00-18:00	7 May - 8 May 2022
Station Road A41 – Crossroads	Full Closure	9 May - 27 May 2022
Snake Lane	Full Closure	23 May - 28 May 2022
Edgcott Rd nr Finemere Wood	TBC 09:00-17:00	4 May - 30 May 2022
Edgcott Rd nr Woodlands Cottages	Closed 08:00-18:00	4 July - 5 Sept 2022
A41 Berryfields	Traffic Lights 09:30-15:30	1 June - 30 June 2022
Station Rd Bridge	3-t weight limit	5 Jan '21 - 25 June '22
Blackgrove Rd	Traffic Lights	TBA 2022 - 31 Jan 2022

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>

**Communication:**

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

**Physical message boards** on The Green and at the Memorial Hall

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

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# QUAINTON MEMORIAL HALL

## Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 7:30pm

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## Charity plant sale!

We've been busy! We have hundreds of plants for sale — annuals, unusual perennials, native flowers, vegetable seedlings and wild flowers. Weekend of 20/21st May, corner of Church Street and The Green. All proceeds to CICRA (Crohn's in Childhood Research Association).

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## Quainton Community Choir

We finally got to hold our Christmas Concert... at Easter! Due to the choir being so big and the size of the memorial hall, we didn't advertise this concert as the friends and family of the choir members were enough to fill the hall (with Covid-spacing in mind). We did a bucket collection and raised £1,000, which we split between the DEC Ukraine Appeal and Florence Nightingale Hospice. We had a very enjoyable concert (we took out the Christmas carols!) and are now looking forward to performing at QuaintFest on Saturday 9th July, and are looking forward to learning some new songs!

This term, the community choir will also be learning the new song that has been commissioned especially for the Platinum Jubilee, which is to be sung up Mill Hill as the beacon is lit on June 2nd. If you would like to be a part of this, we meet at the memorial hall on Fridays at 10am. Huge thanks from all the choir members to Steve Flashman, our choirmaster, for giving us the community choir, I know I speak for everyone in the choir when I say it's a highlight of our week. Thank you Steve!

*Louisa Richards*



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## Kenny Collins

As I am sure most of you will now be aware, following the accident on the Berryfields gated road on Good Friday, Quainton has lost one of its real characters, Kenny Collins. Kenny's family would welcome anyone who would like to pay their respects to the funeral, which will be held at Watermead Crematorium at 3.30pm on Monday 9th May.

*Matty Ellis*

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## Waddesdon School Big Gig: Friday 25th March 2022

We have waited since 2019 for the next Waddesdon School Big Gig and it was definitely worth the wait!

A large group of Waddesdon Secondary School music students descended upon our church, with their inspirational music teacher Mr Judson, and what a treat the audience had in store for them! Huge thanks to the school, the teachers and the music students, and to our Church Concert Committee for organising it. All money raised from ticket sales was donated to the school's music department. We look forward to the next one!

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## Quainton Golf Society

The first event this year was played on 25 March at a new venue for QGS at Badgemoor Park GC near Henley on a very pleasant warm Spring day.



There was a good turnout of 23 players for the Scratch Trophy which is in effect the Society's Annual Championship. Whilst most expected Stuart Moffat to retain the Trophy yet again, even he would agree that it was very unexpected with one hole to play. Standing on the 18th tee, he looked booked for the runners up spot as Adrian Wood looked to have an unassailable 4 shot lead. Adrian then proceeded to hit his tee shot out of bounds on his way to recording an 8 compared to Stuart's vbirdie 3 and thus handing him the Trophy once again. In the concurrent Stableford competition (taking account of handicaps), Vince Hemsley won with 31 points, on countback from Joe Ward and Alan Marks.

	Scratch Cup	Strokes
1st	Stuart Moffat	82
2nd	Adrian Wood	83
3rd (CB)	Vince Hemsley	86
4th (CB)	Alan Marks	86
5th	Steve Barker Boyd	89

Our next venue is Aylesbury Vale Golf Club at Stewkley on 27th May 2022, where we will be playing for the Chairman's Cup.

For more information about joining the Society please contact Vince Hemsley on 07427555656 or [vince.hemsley63@virginmedia.com](mailto:vince.hemsley63@virginmedia.com).



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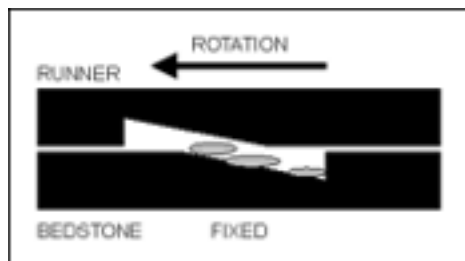
## “Dressing The Millstones”

The purpose of the windmill is to crush grain to produce flour using the two millstones driven by the wind. The lower stone is fixed, it is known as the Bedstone, whilst the upper stone, known as the Runner stone, rotates up to 120 rpm. The grain is introduced through the centre of the rotating upper stone, and its centrifugal force moves the grain towards the outside of the stones.

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The carved channels also trap the grains and crack them open, similar to rubbing your hands together. Each grain of wheat is may be 4 or 5mm thick and it is crushed to flour 0.5mm thick at the outside edge.

The Quainton Windmill Society recently employed a skilled millwright to improve the performance of the millstones, this is known as “Dressing the Millstones”. He deepening the concave hollow in the centre

of the upper stone and also increasing the depth and efficiency of the carved channels on both millstones.

The above sounds straight forward, however the millwright wore out 2 or 3 (indestructible??) diamond bladed industrial cutter and grinder plates on the day. He remarked how hard the quartzite stone was and said it was in very good condition.



We are very grateful to Tony Diggory, Niall McQuarrie and Nick Heirons, the heroic QWS volunteers, who worked tirelessly and were extremely dusty at the end of the day.

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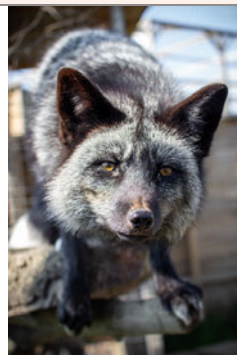


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## Quainton Community Beacon

The beacon has been granted full planning permission and at the next PC meeting on 12 May, the parish council will vote to resolve it may be erected to remain in place on Mill Hill all year round. The installation will be subject to a formal agreement with the Anstiss Trust which will set out the conditions for their permission to site on their land

*The Clerk, Quainton Parish Council.*

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## Online Resource for Buckinghamshire's Ukrainian Refugees, Hosts and Community Groups Launched

### Information on support from Bucks communities and how to get involved

A new online resource for individuals, charities and community groups providing support for Ukrainian refugees in Buckinghamshire has been launched by local charity Community Impact Bucks.

The webpage – Community Support for Ukrainian refugees in Buckinghamshire – provides information on the help already available in the county, and also details of where individuals, charities and community groups can register their offers of support. This includes information for:

- Bucks residents who want to help Ukrainian refugees in the county
- Charities/ community groups in Buckinghamshire which are offering support or facilities to the county's Ukrainian refugees
- Refugees or hosts in the county who want to find out what support is available within Bucks communities.

"The fantastic community spirit in Bucks is once again at the forefront of responding to a crisis, with local communities coming together to help Ukrainian refugees in the county – whether it is by hosting families in their homes, providing translation services or advice, or helping new arrivals to join in local activities," commented Katie Higginson, Chief Executive of Community Impact Bucks. "If you are an individual or part of a group currently supporting refugees in the county, or would like to offer your support, our online resources show the help available to you and ways to get involved."

Buckinghamshire Council set up the Bucks Ukraine Partnership, a cross-sector partnership, to coordinate support for Ukrainian refugees in the county. As part of this, Community Impact Bucks is leading the Community Capacity sub-group which is engaging with charities, community groups and individuals in the community who can offer support.

Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council said: "The support being shown to Ukrainian families by the people of Buckinghamshire is tremendous. Our local strategic partnership, which was formed a few weeks ago, is meeting regularly so we are in the best possible position across the whole of the County to co-ordinate a strong response."

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## You are invited to celebrate the life of Richard Brett, Rector of Quainton Church and one of the translators of the King James Bible

**Saturday 14th May 2022**

Dr Richard Brett (1567–1637) was the Rector of Quainton throughout his working life and was one of the Oxford team of translators of the King James version of the Bible. Over the past 400 years it has enriched the English language with phrases such as ‘salt of the earth’, ‘the apple of my eye’, ‘the fly in the ointment’ and many others. All adopted in everyday speech.

The incomparable language of this book has proved fitting to express the nation’s joys and sorrows at services in our great Cathedrals. But it also has a simplicity which can give guidance and comfort for those who turn to it for help.

The Brett Memorial was erected by his wife in the south aisle, beautifully conserved by Imogen Paine, and funded by Basil Smith who has long family ties with Quainton.

Dr Brett (*left top*) was a Fellow of Lincoln College Oxford and the current Rector of the college, Professor Henry Woudhuysen, has kindly agreed to join us at the event, speak briefly on Brett and his circle and unveil the monument. He will be accompanied by members of the Lincoln College choir and organist. Handel (*left bottom*) drew on the King James version for his *Messiah* and the choir will sing well-known choruses including: *And the glory of the Lord; Hallelujah; Behold the lamb of God; And with his stripes.*

There will be refreshments and a glass of wine.

Do join us. No tickets are required but please let us know if you are coming.



**The programme will be as follows:**

**11.30-45:** *Meet at the church, Holy Cross and St Mary, Quainton*

**11.45-12.00:** *A welcoming glass of wine*

**12.00-12.15:** *Address by the Rector of Lincoln College and unveiling of the memorial*

**12.15:** *Questions*

**12.30:** *Thanks to the Rector by the Rev Steve Flashman*

**12.35-14.00:** *Refreshments, tour of Quainton Church*

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## To Dos & Tips for May from QGS

- Sow runner beans, French beans, courgettes, squashes, marrows, sweet corn. One in each pot in the greenhouse or somewhere warm keep moist, plant out at the end of the month after avoiding late frosts
- Once the frosts are over, plant out hardened off half hardy annuals and summer bedding
- Direct sow zinnias
- Do a second sowing of half-hardy annuals inside to give you flowers until nearly Christmas
- Sow biennials, eg foxgloves, honesty and wallflowers ready for next spring
- Harvest seed of cowslips and primroses before it drops, and sow straight into a seed tray
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring bulbs
- Prune spring shrubs, such as Forsythia and Chaenomeles, after flowering to keep them compact
- Attend the QGS Plant Sale on 14th May



For more information visit the following websites where you will find loads of information [www.sarahraven.com/articles/may-in-the-garden](http://www.sarahraven.com/articles/may-in-the-garden)  
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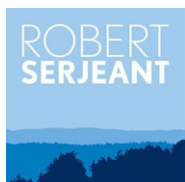
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More events coming in June, including our annual Father's Day special and Dino Day! Don't forget our Visitor Centre with gift shop and Railway Cafe is now open Monday to Friday 9.30am-1.30pm. Our cafe sells great value breakfasts, sandwiches/rolls made to order, burgers, chips, cake, hot and cold drinks plus snacks. Come on down – it's a great location for a cuppa!





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## Midnight Walk returns for one last night

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two year hiatus on Saturday 16th July.



Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years. But this will be the last opportunity to take part in the event.

The charity is hoping its local community will

support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

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But once you have made it through this barren landscape and into Finemere Wood, another world is waiting. There is colour: shades of yellow, white, purple, pink and green. Lots of green. Primroses, wood anemones and violets are plentiful. Bugle and cuckoo flower are following suit. The bluebells are beginning to bloom. Brimstone, Orange-tip and Peacock butterflies are on the wing, enticing woodland visitors deeper into this magical place.

The volunteers soak up the colourful environment underneath the warm Spring sun. There is grass to cut with brushcutters and scythes. There is raking to follow. And there are many Heras fencing panels to be lugged along the long woodland track. I hear few complaints as the resolute souls trudge endlessly back and forth, delivering the goods to their destination.

We rest from time to time, for tea and ginger cake, and listen to the wood which chatters around us. The “chiffchaffing” of the Chiffchaff, the rich melodic song of the Blackcap, the haunting warble of the Willow Warbler and the trilling of the Wren, to name but a few.

Common lizards are spotted in the grass, basking in the sun as we do, buzzard circles high above us. Just yards from our resting place, a Red Kite sits upon its nest. The wood is brimming over with life. Spring is here. It is beautiful, it is invigorating and it is restorative.

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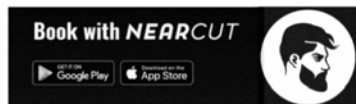
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With a sunny evening and the wind in their hair, the 6-8 year old Beavers were shown how to check their bikes were safe to ride, including how to pump up a tyre and some basic pre-riding bike checks. We also spoke about how to stay safe when cycling and gave tips on being visible to other roadusers by using lights and reflective clothing.

An important part of achieving their badge was how to put on and wear a cycle helmet correctly. To demonstrate the protection a helmet provides, we dropped a watermelon from a height without a helmet, and then with a helmet protecting it, which caused some shock and surprise, not to mention a fruity mess!

"We had great fun imparting our knowledge and passing it on to the future generation of cyclists. The Beavers enjoyed riding their bikes and were fascinated to watch us do the helmet smash test, with watermelon flying everywhere. We want to say a big well done to all the Beavers who took part, listened intently and achieved their Beavers Cyclist Activity Badge, it was great visiting you!". – John Bull, Chair.

We will be returning to assist the Cubs and Scouts this Summer, when they will be working towards gaining their own Cyclist Activity Badge. This will involve riding 25 miles as a group on the roads near Stowe. We will also show them how to remove a wheel, locate and change a puncture, as well as other essential cycle maintenance skills.

We love getting involved in the community, so if you are part of a club, society, or group who could benefit from a visit from us, we would be happy to have a chat to see how we can help. We are passionate about cycle safety, building confidence on the road, leisure cycling and active travel.

If you are an experienced rider and would like to join us for a group ride, we set off every Sunday at 9:00am. We also host Wednesday evening rides at 6:30pm. Our starting point for all rides is Molly's Café, Steeple Claydon.

For more information, please email: [membership@claydoncyclingclub.com](mailto:membership@claydoncyclingclub.com) or message us on Facebook, Instagram or Tiktok @claydoncyclingclub



## Get cycling this summer

Wednesday evening & Sunday morning rides

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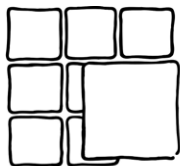
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Photo taken by his parents at this same event in 2019...



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### Averages and Extremes for March 2022

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	20.6°C	24th	Total for the month	39.4mm	
Minimum	-1.6°C	20th	Wettest day	21.5mm	16th
Average Minimum	3.1°C		Rain days	9	
Average Maximum	12.7°C		Dry days	22	
Highest Minimum	7.5°C	15th			
Lowest Maximum	6.8°C	2nd			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	24mph	19th	Highest	1047hPa	6th
			Lowest	994hPa	30th

*Figures supplied by Mike Beales. For the latest weather at Quainton go to:  
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**Quainton Website:** Quainton Parish Online: [www.quainton.org.uk](http://www.quainton.org.uk)

**Quainton Village Life Facebook:** 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 a Quainton Buying and Selling Facebook page.

**Quainton Support Network:** A team of volunteers to help. Call Clare Lucas on 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.

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<b>Tuesday 3rd May</b>	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown garden waste bin**
<b>Monday 9th May</b>	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
<b>Monday 16th May</b>	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown garden waste bin**
<b>Monday 23rd May</b>	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
<b>Monday 30th May</b>	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown garden waste bin**
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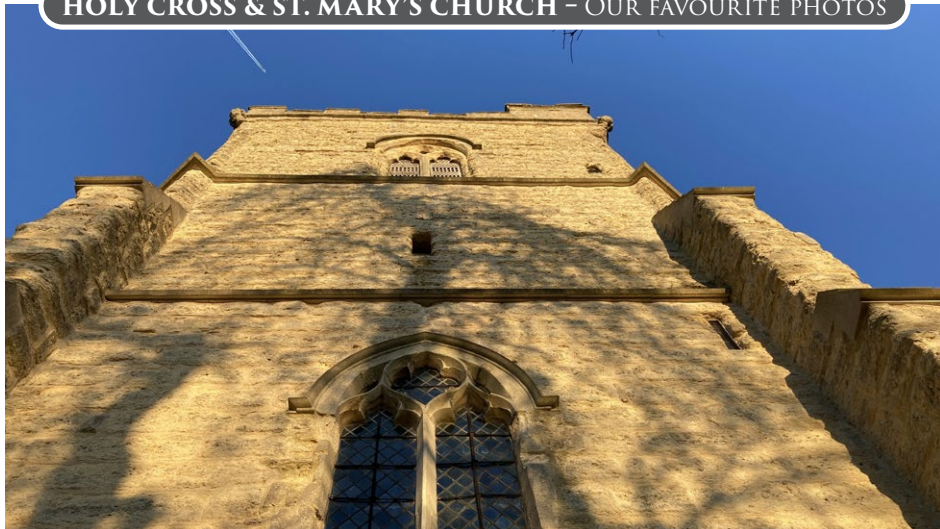
Sunday 1st:	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	NO BCP HOLY COMMUNION TODAY Café Church Family Breakfast (with bacon rolls!) Celtic Evening Prayer
Sunday 8th:	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 15th:	10.30am 6.00pm	Family Communion Worship followed by Annual Meeting
Sunday 22nd:	6.00pm	Healing Service
Sunday 29th:	6.00pm	Evensong

## PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Sunday 3rd April:	Christening of Ewan James Martin-Albanoday
Monday 4th April:	Committal of Ashes of Jack Lewis

	1 May	8 May	15 May	22 May	29 May
<b>Morning Reader</b>					
<b>Morning Sidesman</b>					
<b>Evening Reader</b>					
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<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Jayne Williamson	Ann Parrott	Venetia Dalton	Kathy Blanchard	Susie Christopherson
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- 20/21 May: CICRA Plant sale, corner of Church St/The Green, p.13
- 29th May: Annual Heritage Bus Rally, Railway Centre, 10.30am, p.25

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