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Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

I don't think any of us will be sorry to see the departure of 2020! What a year that was! Dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic, the world was shocked at the devastation caused by this unseen enemy which took the lives of so many people and left many others living with bereavement, loss and anxiety. Economies of the world came crashing down around us and emergency measures were announced by governments around the world. Now it's time for what the World Economic Forum has called, "The Big Reset." I like that phrase.

Apparently the top ten New Year Resolutions in the last few years have been: One: Lose weight. Two: Get Organised. Three: Spend less, save more. Four: Enjoy life to the full. Five: Stay fit and healthy. Six: Learn something new and exciting. Seven: Quit smoking. Eight: Help someone else achieve their dreams. Nine: Fall in love. Ten: Spend more time with the family.

The word "resolution" means different things to different people.

To the musician, a "resolution" is a harmony line moving from a dissonant tone (one that does not fit the melody) to a consonant tone (one that fits). Harmonies can dance and amaze us with varied complexities for a while, but they must eventually resolve. To the writer, a resolution is the end of a story, the final element of a twisting plot wrought with conflict, finally resolved to an ending where all is well. To the chemist, it is the separation of a chemical compound back into its constituents, or simplest parts. To the statesman, it is an expression of the determined will of an elected body. To the graphic artist, it is the sharpness of the pixel count on a screen, and the quality of the image produced.

It's good to set new goals and objectives for our lives. The problem comes when we focus our priorities on temporal, material things because we all know that these things eventually disappear. The things that give real value to life are to do with building community, developing relationships, serving others and finding fulfilment, purpose and hope through something that goes far beyond the horizon of our human limitations.

We are three dimensional beings – body, mind and spirit. Jesus once told a religious man that unless he was "born again" he would never see the kingdom of God. (Gospel of John chapter 3). He was referring to that third dimension within us that lies dormant until we receive God, by His Spirit into our lives. Relationship with God triggers our spirit into life and we become the people God designed us to be. He comes to us by invitation, because we have free will. Now wouldn't that be an amazing start to 2021, discovering that God has a plan for your life and wants to start a new year resolution that will be grounded in eternity.

May you and all those you love and care for, find peace, hope and love this New Year.

Blessings,

Rev Steve

Reverend Steve Flashman, Vicar

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Welcome to the January 2021 issue



Louisa Richards, Editor

Hello Everyone,

Never before have we had such high expectations for the incoming year! 2020 may have been the most unexpected year of our lives but looking at the positives... our community has done us proud! Quainton has pulled together and we have looked after each other and our vulnerable and that should most certainly be celebrated.

As I send this issue to print, we've just gone into Tier 3. My thoughts and prayers are with our whole community as we move into the next stage of these unprecedented times.

Stay safe everyone and carry on looking after each other...

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

News From Our Church:

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN CHURCH

As the last issue went to print, we were unsure of what we could do at Christmas. Luckily, as this issue will hopefully be printed and delivered before Christmas, we can let you know in this issue See p.5.

Enormous Thanks

When it got to 30 people, I gave up counting but nevertheless overwhelmed with the wonderful support from the village for the Churchyard Clear Up in early December. A few new helpers too, and so much was achieved and in areas that needed specific attention. Can't thank you enough. Suspect it was a mixture of escaping from lock down and a beautiful sunny morning but whatever it was many, many thanks for turning out.

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We will gather on the Recreation Ground **in Oving**. Wrap up warm, bring a hot drink, nibbles (not for sharing!) and a chair if you need to sit down.
I am producing a Schorne Team Carol Service Video which will be released for 6pm in the evening – see our website for details and links

Christmas Eve: 3.00pm **Live Nativity**
Meet at the Village Green and process around the church then back to the Green for Carols around the Christmas Tree with children dressed as Nativity Characters. (Bring a hot drink etc)

Christmas Day: 10.30am **Christmas Day Family Celebration**
We are limited in the numbers we can take in church. If you would like to come, please let Jane Vowles know by phone: 07739 985440 or email: jane.c.vowles@gmail.com

Sun 27th Dec: No Services Today

If you can't get to church, there will be a Christmas Day Celebration available for you to watch online on Christmas morning. See our website for details.

Christmas service video links: www.quaintonchurch.com

Quainton Church Donations

Our church needs your donations now more than ever having been closed for services and weddings for so many months. There are several really easy ways to donate. See below or visit : www.quaintonchurch.com/donations

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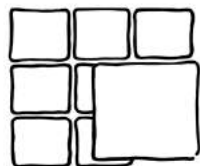
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Covid-19 Update: COVID vaccinations

The Pfizer COVID vaccine is being rolled out currently; it is just a case of wait for the NHS to contact you to attend if you are in the priority group. Hopefully the Astra Zeneca COVID vaccine will also be available soon.

The Waddesdon practice currently has the following message on their website:

While we don't expect a COVID-19 vaccine to be widely available until 2021, the Government has asked the NHS to be ready to deliver a vaccination programme for England from December, so that those who need it most will be able to access vaccinations as soon as they are available. A prioritisation list has been produced in order for the vaccine to be delivered to groups who will need it first. The NHS will contact you when you are eligible to receive the vaccine and provide you with information about location and date. Given the current requirements for social distancing, and the number of people who need to be vaccinated, you may be asked to attend a vaccination site. This may be your GP surgery or another location, such as another NHS building or designated vaccination site.

If you need help with a lift when you receive notification of an appointment for your vaccine, the Quanton Support Network (QSN) is ready to assist our elderly residents or those classified as vulnerable to drive them to the vaccination locations, please call **Claire Lucas on 655552** to arrange a lift. Volunteers will be wearing their own masks, face shields (provided by the Parish Council) and hand sanitiser will be available. Face shields and hand sanitiser will also be made available to the passenger but please bring your own mask. **Thank you to the QSN volunteers who are on standby.**

In the meantime, we await how our GP surgeries will manage the first wave of vaccinations. We intend to continue to liaise for you with both Waddesdon and Whitchurch surgeries, but Waddesdon, in anticipation of the vaccine roll-out, have asked that any volunteers whether non-clinical, clinical or retired clinical who want to help to email the practice manager Kate Markham with their contact details kate.markham3@nhs.net You must also register on the national database via this link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/join-the-nhs-covid-19-vaccine-team/> That help could mean driving shielding patients, assisting at the Covid vaccination site, or directing people, managing traffic etc. We leave it to you if you want to formally register or continue to respond to QSN support requests.

Quanton Support Network remains here to help anyone self-isolating, shielding or in quarantine. If you need help in any way please do ask; prescriptions, advice, help with shopping, a chat and much more. Call Claire 655552 or Louisa 655560 who will find the right person to help from the QSN list of volunteers, Buckinghamshire Council, advice services etc Alternatively email us on: qsn-help@quainton.org.uk

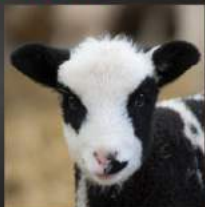
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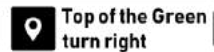
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Clerk: Tony Pacetti. Tel: 651354. E: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk

The Chairman Reports:

Anti Covid Vaccinations: You will be notified when it is your turn, so you are requested to remain patient and not phone the surgery for such information. When you are given an appointment, if you do not have transport, please call Claire on 655552 who will organise transport from one of her volunteers. It is wonderful that we have such a whole band willing to come to the assistance of those needing help.

Road Closures: Please see the latest HS2 leaflet, sent out mid-December, giving details of where exit routes from the village are to be closed off. Presently the whole of Station Road to the A41 is scheduled to be fully open from December 19th to January 3rd. After that, work will commence on the A41-Station Road junction which will entail traffic lights at that junction and the closure of lower Station Road as at present. An added complication is that Station Road bridge is now to have a weight limit of 3 tons placed on it (by Network Rail who have no plans to repair the bridge but we suspect, come the planned eventual diversion of Station Road, may intend to knock it down, perhaps forgetting that it is listed) which will mean more traffic through the village, something we had hoped to avoid. A suspected placement of a similar weight limit on Snake Lane bridge would bring even more traffic along Lower Street, Strand and Blackgrove Road. While you are digesting those possibilities, a further complication is that at some point it will be necessary to close Blackgrove Road to A41. Imagine what happens should Station Road and Blackgrove Road be closed at the same time. A happy thought for the New Year. Perhaps HS2 will arrange complimentary helicopter flights. Bear in mind that not a single rail has been positioned yet and you can see what inconveniences await those of you who are young enough to see the project reach that far. Please don't blame Parish or County. We oldies, we did our best to halt the money wasting beast.

Traffic calming: Most of you will have seen the Speed Indicator Device placed in Lower St near School and will have observed how many drivers immediately slow. The device can be moved to one of six other approved spots in the village once we have the necessary poles on which it can be positioned. It can also be set to record speeds and thus indicate where there is an evident problem. Once permitted, we can also use the Speedwatch equipment at appropriate spots as a further means of bringing recalcitrant motorists to obey our speed limit. For the setting up and person-power of Speedwatch, we require volunteers. Many want speed limits observed but, regrettably, only a few offer practical support.

Planning Matters: Those of you able to witness online the Buckinghamshire Council Planning debate on whether to support the plans for 40 houses **behind 151 Station Road** will have seen the developers' plans given approval, subject to the condition that garages may not be converted to residential use. Despite concerns about the lack of parking, unsolved questions about the standing of, and responsibility for, the adjoining supposed nature area as a boundary and complaints about the cramped positioning of the properties, county councillors present approved the plans by 5 votes to 3 with 4 abstentions. How about that for democracy when 33% choose not to make a decision? Hardly a vote of confidence. Residents particularly affected by this development have gathered sufficient funds to seek legal advice on concerns about land ownership. All may not be lost. We still have unanswered questions about the application for a storage barn at **Ladymead Farm** and have sought clarification about proposed changes to the carport at **43A Lower Street**. There are no objections to a hay and straw barn for the Stud at **Dry Leys Farm** or a porch at **96 Station Road**. Work has evidently been halted at **2 Lower Street** but no further information has been forthcoming.

Broadband: All Station Road residents have received a leaflet seeking their views on their online needs so that it can be judged what demand there is for improved services and consequently how strongly we can make a case and be able to secure some funding.

New Prison: Proposals for an additional 1400 category C establishment on land adjoining the present prisons at Grendon Underwood suddenly appeared for consultation in early December with responses required by Christmas Eve. That old political and developer's trick of announcing such surprises at a holiday period, and thus limiting reaction, brought many complaints so the period for responses has now been extended to 24th January.

Excess Surface Water: As reported last month we still await action at The Willows, Station Rd, North End/Townsend and Berryfields crossroads, all of which have again suffered floods in recent downpours.

Neighbourhood Plan: Thanks to that small band of unpaid workers this has now been updated and is out for consultation until 19th February 2021. All residents will have received letters giving details of how to respond. Please take that opportunity since this plan will give greater strength and influence to community views when planners decide how and where development should occur.

Aylesbury Garden Town: You may think that we have no influence over the development of our nearest town which may well, one day, engulf us. Well, here's your chance to contribute and have your say. Having secured this status and the accompanying finance, the community is being asked to contribute ideas about creating a special environment with accessible routes, particularly for cyclists and pedestrians, food growing and leisure activities, havens for wildlife and places to visit. A 16-week campaign runs until 26th March. See www.aylesburygardenway.co and make your contributions.

Road names: Three people have confirmed that the junction of Lower Street-Station Road was known as Top of The Lane. Before the station was built and Station Road consequently named, the first section was called Hog Lane, presumably because each of the allotment holders at that point would have kept a pig. Hog Lane apparently ran to the present bend at 48 Station Road and then followed the present public footpath to Waddesdon. Re: Seechfield, a villager believes he saw a map on which a Seechfield stretched from Lower Street to the A41 and knows a resident who, when a young boy, was often told by his father, at a small holding on the Station crossroads, to get the cattle in from the Seech. There is also knowledge that when the villagers' latrines were emptied into the cart provided for that purpose, the cart would be emptied into a tank down Seechfield. Overflow would allegedly end up in a ditch which became known for much sought-after heavy-cropping tomato plants come spring, tomato seeds apparently never disintegrating after consumption. A man who used to holiday with his grandmother (Ada Barnes, nee Wheeler, born and raised in a Lower Street almshouse) recalls that when anyone lost their temper and was ranting, she would declaim, "Send for the yellow wagon". He wonders if anyone can explain this reference. No one has yet produced any enlightenment on the alleged County WI book giving the names of fields in Bucks villages. Please search your bookshelves.

On the subject of place names, at the Planning Meeting discussing the 40-house estate behind 151 Station Road, a councillor questioned why Romney Meadows was the present name given to the development. A developer's representative claimed 'Romney' was an old name for a type of air raid shelter said to have been in this vicinity. Has anyone ever heard of it? In the recent past, the PC has been asked to suggest names. Thus we have, all with a village link, Klee and Cautley Closes, Malletts End, White Hart Field, Cannons Orchard, Dymock Court, Pigott Orchard, Seechfield etc. What can you suggest instead of Romney Meadows? No, before you start, Exploitation End or 151a, b, c, etc will not do. Developers prefer something which sounds enticing, such as you see on the newer Aylesbury estates, involving words like Meadow, Orchard, Close, Lane, Green, Park, View, Path, Copse or even Paradise.

Christmas Tree: Many thanks to the Bonfire Committee and other volunteers who, in spite of present restrictions and difficulties, set up and decorated this traditional centrepiece.

Thieves: Sad to report that our much appreciated milkman continues to be plagued by thefts of milk and sometimes money left out as payment. The culprit(s) have operated in many areas of the village in the early morning and have most recently been active in North End. These despicable acts have particularly galled George since he values highly the warmth and friendliness of our community. Please be vigilant.

Next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday 14th January at 8pm. Unfortunately, this is certain to be an online meeting so should you wish to attend or view please register with the Clerk.

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- Hospitality settings e.g. pubs/restaurants/hotels, must close except for takeaway services
- Indoor entertainment and sporting venues must close
- Outdoor entertainment venues can remain open whilst maintaining social distancing
- You should not travel to a Tier 1 or 2 area unless essential
- You should work from home if you can
- You can still mix with two other bubbles for the Christmas period 23rd-27th December but we are advised to keep visits as short as possible and to seriously consider mixing with the vulnerable and elderly.
- NB There are exceptions. If you are unsure of a particular rule, everything is listed at gov.uk. It takes some wading through but most of the answers are there. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert?priority-taxonomy=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae> for the extensive list.

Quainton Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan Update

To those who live, work, or carry out business in the Quainton neighbourhood area:

Quainton Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation

The Parish Council wishes to modify the Quainton Neighbourhood Development Plan (QNDP) made in 2016. A Modification Proposal Statement and Schedule have been prepared and this information has been used to present a Pre-Submission Quainton Neighbourhood Plan (QNP) for consultation. The Consultation runs from **18th Dec 2020 to 19th February 2021**

Consultation documents: The following may be viewed online at www.quainton.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-modification

QNP Pre-Submission Consultation Document: The draft modified Neighbourhood Plan

Quainton Modification Proposal Statement: Sets out the reasons for the modifications being more in the nature of a material update, albeit one which does not affect the nature of the Plan and which can be made without a referendum

Quainton Modification Proposal Schedule: Sets out all the modifications proposed.

Help or Enquiries: If you would like a paper copy of any of the documents, or wish to ask a question, please email the QNP Steering Group at qnp-consultation@quainton.org.uk or telephone the parish clerk 01296 651354. If required, the parish council will conduct Zoom meetings during the consultation process to receive questions and comments about the proposed modifications.

How to send your feedback/comments: Write to the parish council: 67 Station Road Quainton HP22 4BX. Complete the contact form online at: www.quainton.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-modification or email your response to: qnp-consultation@quainton.org.uk

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George & Dragon Update

So, we're taking another step back as we go into Tier 3 – back to being takeaway only. We have missed all the big events of 2020 and now we're missing Christmas and New Year's Eve! But never fear, we will be here providing takeaway meals, takeaway drinks and all your meat, fruit and veg needs! We will post our opening hours on our Facebook page and on the boards outside. We plan to open every day at some point, except on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

We would like to wish all of our loyal customers a very happy new year and thank you for your support through what has been a very testing year! Also, a massive thank you to our staff and volunteers who have made it possible to contend with everything 2020 could throw at us! We look forward to reopening the pub, which is now in sole ownership, when regulations allow. Here's to 2021 being a more social year when events and meeting friends can become the norm again. We look forward to welcoming you back whether for a warming cup of tea or coffee, a family meal, fingers crossed a pint with friends or just grabbing your fruit, veg and meat requirements!

With best wishes for 2021 Darren, George and all of the team at The George and Dragon

News from Quainton School PTA

Our Lapland walkers from school and around the village did a great job; making it to Lapland, as the crow flies, with a couple of weeks of term to go. At the time of writing we have completed over 2000 miles. This was a new event for the committee and we are really pleased that so many villagers and parents took up the challenge alongside the children, many sporting their Santa hats and flashing badges!

With the first term already over, the PTA have raised over £2000. Having already ensured that Christmas treats were accounted for, we were really pleased to be able to support the school with their plans to improve the frontage of the school by the pavement. There are plans to create a low maintenance area with new fencing and notice board to give a fresh face to the school. Furthermore, we have enabled the school to purchase an online resource to support the English tuition throughout all of the school years. We are grateful to villagers and parents who support us in raising money to provide fun, practical and educational support to the school.

Due to the restrictions introduced in December, we decided not to hold a raffle at that time. However, we will be revisiting this in the near future. Thank you all who have already donated a raffle prize. If you have a prize, be it goods or a service, get in contact with the PTA, email quainton.pta@gmail.com

Note that there will be a Bag2School collection in February – do hold on to any clean clothes, bed linen, curtains, soft toys and shoes that you may have been cleared out during the Christmas break.

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Huge apologies to David Gladwin, who wrote this extremely clever article, because when I printed it in the previous issue of QN, I somehow managed to cut off the bottom half.

Here it is in full:

LOCAL SPECIES - ALBA ELEPHANTIS by David Gladwin

A highly toxic and extremely dangerous introduced species of gargantuan proportions, this out-of-control juggernaut is likely to prove as damaging to this country as even a viral pandemic. It has run amok in Quainton, large parts of Buckinghamshire and many other English counties.

Closely related to dinosaurs, this awful beast is destroying livelihoods, the environment and vast swathes of precious countryside without reason or purpose. Its few powerful supporters have always been very economical with the truth about this evil omnivore which is thought to include bulging brown envelopes in its diet.

Alba Elephantis is plagued with contagious parasites which it spreads with abandon. With a far greater range than ever envisaged, AE in all its forms tramples willy-nilly over towns, villages and what is left of our rapidly dwindling countryside, making farms unviable and destroying valuable habitats and ancient woodlands for example. Locally it is already making moving around very difficult and time consuming as well as putting people and animals in danger, while growing like a juggernaut.

As with Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Covid 19, AE is thought to have Oriental connections and origins. Far more dangerous than most invasive species and plagues, there is still time to get control of this incubus. Some funding adjustments will have to be made at high levels and a certain amount of humble pie eaten.

ALBA ELEPHANTIS MUST BE ERADICATED

Disclaimer:

Any similarity between the beast described above and current major infrastructure projects is coincidental, even if there are similarities (for example, toxicity, redundancy, economic and environmental disaster and misrepresentation).

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More details to follow in a future issue of Quanton News.

Juliet, Michelle, Julie and Carol



Carol, Michelle, Juliette and Julie have all made these fabulous hats for Christmas and invite you to join them in making your own hat for a competition on The Green in the Spring!

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Ramblings afar from Finemere Wood Charlotte Karmali - Volunteer Warden

No sooner had the second national lockdown ended than the Finemere volunteers were back in the wood, pent up energy ready to be spent. What is more, with the go-ahead to work on the much-anticipated project of extending the drovers track, the excitement was hard to contain.

This medieval track dates back to a time when Finemere was part of the Royal Bernwood Forest. Drovers brought their animals to graze in Long Close Meadow, in the heart of the wood. Having uncovered a section of this tantalising track a few years ago, the volunteers have been eager to complete the length of it.

Sue, a woodland worker, effervescent, with a joyful presence, is always fun to be around. A secondary school Biology teacher in Durham, Felixstowe and latterly in Waddesdon, Ecology and Genetics being her particular interests. She greatly enjoyed taking students on field courses and helping on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. A sailor, a walker, a skier, and a gardener. Clearly a lover of the outdoors, with an interest in travel and photography as well.

In her Suffolk days, Sue took a year-long countryside conservation course. Wanting to put those skills to good use once retired from teaching, she signed up to many a BBOWT work party and can be found in the undergrowth, not only in Finemere but also on the Upper Ray, Calvert Jubilee and College Lake reserves. Hedge-laying, scything and coppicing are some of her favourite woodland activities, “each has a level of technical skill which requires thought, improves with practice and is satisfying to look back on, as well as increasing the potential diversity within the wood.”

The bluebells that carpet the wood in May, with their glorious gentle fragrance, are a highlight for Sue. But she loves the wood year-round, finds it a peaceful place to be and feels privileged to be involved in its management. As well as this she enjoys the “craic” amongst the volunteers, and my “fabulous” cakes! Thank you, Sue.

The drovers track is a favourite of this bubbly volunteer, and alongside equally enthusiastic teammates, she knocks down tree after tree as the clearing of this ancient walkway continues. Undaunted by the task ahead, I hear her chatting and laughing as she works. I chuckle to myself as I recall a story she shared with me, of how she once went to a fancy-dress party as a tube of toothpaste, with “squeeze from the bottom up” written on her back! Why doesn’t that surprise me?!

Contact **Charlotte** at charlottekarmali@outlook.com for further information. At the moment I am unable to take on any new volunteers, as work party size has had to be reduced due to the coronavirus. There are many other volunteering opportunities with BBOWT: <https://www.bbowl.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer>



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Average Minimum	4.0°C		Rain days	19	
Average Maximum	11.5°C		Dry days	11	
Highest Minimum	11.9°C	1st			
Lowest Maximum	6.5°C	28th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	36mph	1st	Highest	1036hPa	19th
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Figures supplied by Mike Beales. For the latest weather at Quainton go to: www.quainton-observatory.net/weather/quainton-weather/

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VILLAGE SERVICES

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

Quainton Village Life Facebook Page: This is a very active Facebook page for Quainton residents. Questions solved, advice, recommendations, plus lots more! There is also a Quainton Buying & Selling Facebook page.

Quainton Oil Group: Residents wishing to receive regular deliveries of heating oil on group negotiated terms from Lovell Fuels should phone 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: Online bookings go to: booking.quaintonmh.co.uk, email: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com, or call Deb Barker Boyd on 01296 655379. To report noise/nuisance only at weekends call 07704 851945.

Saye & Sele Hall Bookings: Call John Knox on 655275.

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

Refuse & Recycling Collections for this month: Lots of day/date changes!

Wednesday 30 th December	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin
Wednesday 6 th January	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Tuesday 12 th January	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 18 th January	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 25 th January	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin - collections recommence **
Monday 1 st February	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin



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SERVICES THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S

Sunday 3rd Jan:	6.00pm (New time) New Year Service
Sunday 10th Jan:	9.30am New Year Family Service
	6.00pm New Year Evensong
Sunday 17th Jan:	6.00pm Holy Communion
Sunday 24th Jan:	9.30am Family Service Communion
	6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
Sunday 31st Jan:	6.00pm Evensong

Please see page 5 for our Christmas and New Year Services

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

None this month

CHURCH ROTA FOR DECEMBER

	3 January	10 January	17 January	24 January	31 January
Morning Reader					
Morning Sidesman					
Evening Reader					
Evening Sidesman					
Altar Flowers	Margaret Willoughby	Kathy Blanchard	Susie Christopherson	Stella Clark	Shirley Coote
Pedestal Flowers	Carolyn Turnbull	Carolyn Turnbull	Amanda Cundell	Amanda Cundell	Helen Ratcliffe
Tea Rota					
Church Cleaning	Sarah Williams; Debbie Ormerod; Jayne Williamson		Jane Vowles; Judy Marshall; Kathy Blanchard		Fiona Morrison; Helen Ratcliffe; Sarah Fenemore



Ian Bragg took this photo one late November morning from the fan tail platform at the very top of Quainton Windmill!

If you have taken a photo of our Church or its surroundings which you would like to see in print, please email it to me at: quaintonnews@gmail.com

Thank you, Louisa, *Editor*

VILLAGE CALENDAR – JANUARY 2021

- 13th January:** Rolling Oats, QMH carpark, 9.45am-11.15am, p.25
14th January: Online Virtual PC Meeting, see p.11 for details
25th January: Brown bin collections re-start
27th January: Rolling Oats, QMH carpark, 9.45am-11.15am, p.25

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