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QUEEN ELIZABETH. PHOTO: ROYAL HOUSEHOLD/RANALD MACKENIE/PA



QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022

It's been an emotional time as we've mourned, alongside the Royal Family, the death of our much-loved monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. See p.19-23 for a selection of photos sent in from Quainton residents.

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

We are indeed living in momentous days. So much happening on the world stage what with...

But now here's a strange thing (some would call it amazing!). A double rainbow was seen above Buckingham Palace, and at the same time, two more rainbows were seen in the skies above Balmoral and Windsor castle shortly before the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September. I think the chances of that happening in all three places at the same time are quite remote. It was as if God himself was giving the nation a sign of hope in a time of turmoil, the kind of hope that Queen Elizabeth

spoke about on many occasions. The rainbow was also a sign to us all that God was receiving HM Queen Elizabeth II into his safe keeping after a life well lived.

Of course, we associate the rainbow with a sign of God's presence and peace following the story about Noah and the flood. But at the end of the Bible, in Revelation chapter 4, the sign of the rainbow occurs again, but this time it's in a vision seen by John. As he looks up he sees an open door and through the door he sees a throne and a rainbow. Interesting connection there don't you think. The throne, a symbol of God's sovereignty and a rainbow, a symbol of his love.

We always looked forward to the Queen's Christmas message at 3.00pm on Christmas Day. The last few years she was very open about her Christian faith.

"For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example."

"I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness"

The London Evening Standard ran an experiment. They had someone stand outside Oxford Circus Station handing out leaflets. On the front of the leaflet, there was an invitation for people to read an important message. Thousands of people passed by and many took the leaflet out of politeness, then dropped it into the nearest waste bin. Those who took the time to read it were invited to go back to the giver and receive a free gift of a £5 note! Only 11 people went back!

I often wonder how often we miss something amazing because we just walk on by and don't want to get involved. Try ALPHA! And a quick reminder that our Morning Services in Church are now at the pre-covid time of 9.30am. 1st Sunday of the month, café breakfast Church (bacon rolls etc), 3rd Sunday of the month, Family Communion.

Blessings,
Rev Steve

Rev'd Steve Flashman, Vicar
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WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone,

What a month September was, one I am sure not many of us have ever witnessed – certainly not in such magnitude. I admit I have been transfixed by events on the television and felt a draw to visit London, just to see the floral tributes in Green Park. It just felt the right thing to do.

Many other residents obviously felt the same and so, by way of commemoration, I have collated a few pages of our photographs to share with the rest of the village.

As usual, there's lots of news and some exciting events coming up in the village, including Harvest Festival at church, the Harvest Auction at the pub, a new performance from The Quaintwood Players and Panto Express at The Railway...

Enjoy the read,

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

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

**All Welcome To
Quainton Church
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PARISH COUNCIL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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WHO SERVE US SO WELL

**We want to say a BIG
"thank you"**
for all they do for us

**Sunday 2nd October,
At 6.00pm**

Quainton Church
**HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

*Non perishable goods are being
collected for Aylesbury FoodBank*

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**Sunday, October
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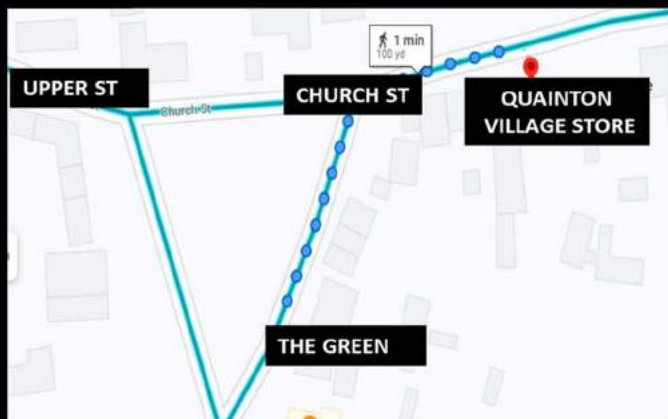
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QGS Annual Village Show

It was a very pleasant day with watching competitors placing their exhibits in the many classes having not had a show since 2019. Entries were down on numbers in most classes but according to the judges, the standards were high.

Sadly, there were no entries in the children's section! Very disappointing, perhaps a few parents could come along to the AGM, date yet too be agreed, with a few fresh ideas for new classes.

A big thank you to all the committee and other helpers and of course the very generous people who donated the raffle prizes. By the time prize giving came round, the hall was full with people. drinking tea and eating cakes!

Let's hope next year will be even better, but before that please come to the AGM in November.

Allan, QGS Chairman

LIST OF CUP WINNERS 2022

Frank Buckingham Cup

– Jim Styles

George Draper Cup

– Tony Read

Ernest Hawkins Cup

– Bob Bleasdale

Madge Harding Memorial Cup

– Allan Carter

Mable Curtis Cup

– Sheila Hammond

Munro Cup

– Sheila Hammond

Harry Jeacock Memorial Cup

– Tony Read

Mary Lee Memorial Cup

– Viven Craker

Best Arrangement Trophy

– Viven Craker

Ladies Cup

– Sue Sawyer

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– Sheila Hammond

Lance Coates Salver

– Allan Carter

RHS Banksian Medal

– Allan Carter





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The event starts at 6pm with a BBQ run by the Sports Club, a bar run by the PTA and other stall holders selling fish and chips, sweets and other lovely treats.

The bonfire will be lit at approx 7pm with fireworks to follow.

It's one of the best events in the village calendar so don't miss out! See you there!

The Bonfire and Fireworks Committee



Photo by Isabella Richards from 2021

Orchard Awareness and Apple Pressing Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on The Green on Saturday 24th September, donating items to sell, raffle prizes, apples, coming along and purchasing the pressed apple, raffle tickets or the items on sale.

Huge thanks to Darren at the George and Dragon Coffee Shop and pub who supplied the electricity and water (and put up with us!)

Grateful thanks to Paul Robertson for bringing the apple press and to Pete and Ruth for helping manning it and to Stephanie and Laura for driving down from London to help sell the pressed apple. Thanks to all who provided the Quainton apples to press.

Over £300 was raised to go towards the maintenance and expansion of the orchard. Our district councillor, Phil Gomm, called in to support the event – thanks to him too!

NEW Defibrillator at Quainton Memorial Hall

QMH now has a defibrillator at the hall.

The equipment has been supplied by a charity, London Hearts with a generous 50% donation from Table Tennis England. Thanks go to Jim Styles and Quainton Table Tennis Club and Table tennis England for arranging this. The defibrillator is currently inside the hall in the entrance. But there are plans to apply for funding for a cabinet so it can be installed outside making it available at all times, not just when the hall is open and in use.

REMEMBER: In case of an emergency, dial 999 for the ambulance service. The operators will explain how to use it. In addition, instructions will be displayed on a panel as soon as the defibrillator case is opened.



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Quainton HARVEST AUCTION

at the **GEORGE AND DRAGON**
on **Friday 21st October at 8.32 pm**

Donations of produce etc. will be gratefully received and may be taken to the George and Dragon at any time on Friday.

Please come along and join in the fun, all proceeds go to local deserving causes – **Telephone bids will be accepted!**



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QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chairman: Nicolette Smith. **Vice Chair:** Nick Butler
Councillors: Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Martin Pacetti.

One position vacant: <https://quainton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf>

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

Parish Council lines of Communication:

Quainton Village Website on <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.

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 Ordinary Meeting of the Council was on 1st September. We were supposed to meet again on 15th September, however due to the sad news of HM Queen Elizabeth II passing, we had to cancel or postpone any public facing meetings during the mourning period.

Next meeting: Thursday 13th October at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

This will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Council. Parishioners are invited to attend.

SKATEPARK: THE SKATEPARK IS STILL CLOSED!! Due to prolonged illness of the technician we're looking to find someone else to come and fix the skatepark.

We reiterate that if anything happens to people using the skatepark whilst it is out of service you are NOT covered by the Parish Council insurance. We do need to move along with the redesign and set up a working group to carry out the design and fundraising. If you're interested to help build the next Quainton Skatepark and perhaps a MUGA, please join the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/996917390903081/> there's a post up with possible dates to meet before October Half Term.

THE GEORGE & DRAGON PUB: The Steering Committee are meeting on a weekly basis and progress is being made to formulate a business plan. Meetings are ongoing. If you wish to be on the email list or get involved, please send an email to the CAG email address: pub.info@quainton.org.uk There will also be updates on the website: www.quainton.org.uk/action-group-george-and-dragon and on the Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeAndDragonCAG>

CHOW: The grant application to Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board for a strimmer and a notice board have been declined. They expect the Parish Council to put money towards this. We're looking into how we can find this. Apple pressing day will be held on 24th September, which we hope will raise some more much needed funds. Follow progress on CHOW and offer your help and support via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321040946212772>

PLANNING: There are a handful of new planning allocations that came in last week, We're reviewing these and will make comments, which is likely to happen before the next meeting.

ROADS: We continue to report issues with our roads on FixMyStreet and follow up Buckinghamshire Council on our list of roads that needs repairs. Please keep reporting and let us know if there are concerns.

BUS SERVICE: We still don't know if Red Rose will keep the contract. We carry on campaigning for our bus services to be improved. Meanwhile, the Quainton Emergency Team is available to help people get to appointments. The bus time table can be found here: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/media/4518148/16-red-rose-travel-may-2022.pdf>

THE BRIDGE: Station Road Bridge is to be replaced, like for like, we're waiting for the design to go to consultation. Network Rail are expecting to take down the old bridge in June/July 2023 and then build the new bridge. Station Road will need to be closed whilst works are carried out. The working assumption is that the bridge will be replaced by November 2023.

HS2/EKFB: The frustration and tension around HS2 is palpable. We are now involved in a big consultation meeting about the works that are going on, they're finally including us in discussions!

We need your help to get the message out.

EKFB have suggested that their Mobile Information Centre events were very well received and people were very positive about the work that HS2/EKFB are doing. We've told them half the village isn't receiving their communications, we checked several streets and it's hit and miss who receives the Advance Warning Notices on road closures. We've complained about the plethora of road signs that obstruct and confuse road users, we tell them about complaints we receive about noise and light pollution, etc, etc. They clearly aren't listening and they're absolutely NOT seeing the frustration that people express on social media.

HS2 NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

You can contact HS2 via their Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

Freephone: 08081 434 434

Minicom: 08081 456 472

Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Please email them and copy parishclerk@quainton.org.uk so we have a copy and a record of how many complaints are being submitted to HS2/EKFB and we can hold them to account.

ROAD CLOSURES: what we know is coming in September, October, November and beyond (subject to change):

Station Rd: Bridge to Junction	20 Aug - 27 Sep	Full Closure HS2
Station Rd: South, Jnt to A41	28 Sep - 29 Sep	Full Closure HS2
Quainton Rd (Waddesdon end)	22 Oct - 28 Oct	Full Closure UKPN (Half Term)
Blackgrove Rd	7 Nov - 13 Nov	Full Closure HS2: A41 re-alignment
Bicester Rd (nr Creighton Rd)	15 Nov - 16 Nov	Traffic Control Lights TfB
Station Rd North	5 Dec - 9 Dec	TBC UKPN
Claydon Road (Lee Road)	12 Dec	TBC OpenReach

Future dates in 2023

Bicester Rd (A41 nr On Yer Bike)	9 Jan - 27 Mar	Traffic Control Lights: UKPN
Bicester Rd (A41 nr Creighton)	26 Mar - 14 Apr	Traffic Control Lights: UKPN
Bicester Rd (A41 nr Lodge Garage)	13 Apr - 27 Jun	Traffic Control Lights: UKPN

*UKPN = UK Power Networks

Some additional weekend work may also take place. Due to circumstances outside of the workers and planners control, such as weather, these dates may be subject to change. Please check <https://one.network/> for updates as they happen. We will update when and where possible.

Please check the Quainton website for other HS2 updates and details:

<https://quainton.org.uk/hs2-latest-information>

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



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ANNUAL HARVEST AUCTION: Friday 21st October 2022

Darren and his team have again offered to host this Village Fund Raising Event in the George and Dragon.

Please make a note of the date now so as not to double book yourselves and ignore any other plans you may have for that evening.

We hope all those businesses, societies, and groups etc. who have been so loyal in their support for so many years will continue with their help.

All those individuals whom we rely on as well please start to think of items we will be able to auction on the night such as home cooked cakes and biscuits, vegetables, and homemade wines, so even if you can not attend we can raise money for a village organisation you would like to support.

Please remember we like to support those that support us however they do that.

Over £40,000 has been distributed over the years to at least 25 village organisations.

My records only go back to 1993 so the true total is anyone's guess, and we raised £306 that year, but got to over £1,000 by 2000.

And the date is **FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER 2022**

And we start promptly, as tradition dictates, at 8.32pm or thereabouts.

School Foundation Governors Required

The governing body of Quainton School is looking to appoint new foundation governors. Foundation governors are appointed to the governing bodies of voluntary controlled schools to preserve the religious character of the school and therefore should have a connection with the church.

Becoming a foundation governor offers a chance to shape the future of our school and its place at the heart of our community. There will also be many opportunities for professional development through training programmes and initiatives.

As a foundation governor you would be expected to attend termly 'Full Governors Board' meetings and be a prominent member of the Learning and Teaching committee who also meet termly too. There will be 6 meetings in total during an academic year.

It is really important to us as a school to have a church perspective on the board, and we look forward to receiving your declarations of interest. Please send this via email to myself, Katie Smith (Chair of Governors) and Emma Burley (Clerk to the governing body): jvernon@quainton.bucks.sch.uk, ksmith@quainton.bucks.sch.uk or eburley@quainton.bucks.sch.uk

The closing date for nominations will be 5pm Friday 7th October 2022.

Kind regards,
James Vernon, Headteacher



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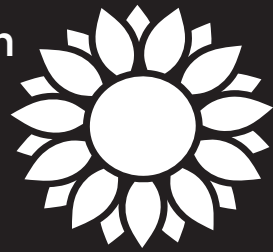
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Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

This issue would not be complete without something about Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. As I write this, she died just two weeks ago, but the funeral is over and our official mourning period has finished. I asked, via our Facebook page, if any Quainton residents could share their personal photos of the Queen, which are pictured below. I then asked if people could send in their photos of their experiences of the past two weeks, and these are printed over the following few pages.

God bless our Queen; rest in peace now, Ma'am.



Katherine Richardson was at Royal Ascot on Ladies Day on 16th June 2016. "The highlight of the day was watching the Queen go past in a horse drawn carriage with Prince Phillip. Was a goosebump moment!"

Nick Ridley: "I had the privilege of photographing the Queen during the Retriever Championships at Windsor Great Park in 2007. She was passionate about her fieldsports, and her gundogs in particular – something the mainstream media seemed to gloss over! She held the championships for both spaniels and retrievers at Sandringham and Windsor on numerous occasions and always came out to watch."



In 2008, aged 14, Katie Murphy (Barrett) of Ladymead Farm, Quainton, earned a place on the England Mounted Games team to ride at The Royal Windsor Horse Show. She competed every day and her team were the overall winners of the competition. She was presented with her winning Rosette and Trophy by the Late Prince Philip; and Katie was then also selected from the England Team to go to the Castle and meet the Queen! (Katie pictured here in the white jumper).



Photo by Pete Griffith, Waddesdon. "I met the Queen and Prince Philip when they officially opened Douglas House young adults hospice in 2004. I was one of two photographers on the royal rota that day – quite a privilege. They were both genuinely interested in the work of the hospice and spent time talking to the young people, their families and staff."



This photo shows Ruth Newman judging the Mountain and Moorland Ponies at the Royal Windsor Horse Show just last year, with the Queen watching behind. The Queen had a Fell Pony and a Highland Pony competing.



Allison Sharp works at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo and has been lucky enough to see the Queen a few times. She came to the zoo in 2017 to open the new elephant house.



Matthew and I went to London on the day the coffin processed from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall and all the roads around were closed! Hyde Park was empty as we passed at 10.30am but it soon filled up! Louisa Richards



Laura Hyde Pitt took these photos when she went to Windsor to pay her respects.



Jackie Gibling and Cicely Davey visited London on Sunday 18th September. Green Park was closed but they were able to view some stunning tributes at Hyde Park instead. This was Jackie's favourite.



Katherine Richardson and her son Charlie went to London to lay some flowers at Green Park.



Sarah Harding went to London on Thursday 15th September. They queued and managed to finally pay their respects at Westminster Hall in the early hours of Friday morning.



Michelle Robinson Boyce drove to Northolt to see the arrival of the Queen's coffin back in England.



Michelle Robinson Boyce visited Windsor Castle to see the floral tributes, above and right.



Young Finn wanted to go to London to pay his respects to the Queen. They laid their flowers at Green Park and as they arrived at the queue for Westminster Hall they were told it had paused. They finally joined the queue at 3pm, but by 11.15pm it all got too much for the little lad. He never wanted to give up and if it wasn't for his parents' decision, he would have carried on! He has made his parents extremely proud of his sheer determination.
Lou Fox and Ashley Chown



Official photo of the Queen sent to Revd Steve Flashman from the Diocese of Oxford.



Ed Fox took these photos on his visit to Windsor Castle.



Martin Pacetti and his daughter Francesca dashed into London on Thursday 14th September in between school runs and managed to get these lovely photos.



Beth and Richard Vining made a trip to London to see the floral tributes at Green Park on Tuesday 13th September as the Queen arrived back in London and happened to catch her as she arrived at Buckingham Palace.



Helen Hudson-Butler visited London on Thursday 15th September and queued to pay her respects to the Queen at Westminster Hall.



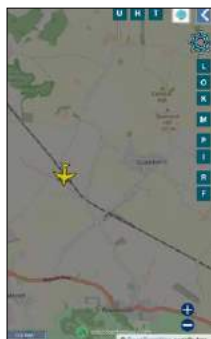
Holy Cross & St Mary's Church with the flag at half mast by Holly Carlisle.



Young Torin went to London with his mum Patrina Law to see the Queen lying in state. (Photo take from the livestream)



Sarah Harding photographed the crowds at London Bridge.



Who else saw the Queen's plane fly over Quainton on Tuesday 13th September before she landed at Northolt? I was tracking her plane and then watched from Church Street as it appeared out of the clouds flying just west of the village.
Louisa Richards



Lou Fox's photos of the flowers at Green Park.



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
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Captain's Team	Shots rec'd			Vice-Captain's Team	Shots rec'd	
T Curtis (c)			vs	Vince Hemsley (vc)	2	W 4&3
S Moffat			vs	J Ward	18	W 4&3
S Moffat		W 3&1	vs	N Innes (G)	29	
G Rogers	7	W 2&1	vs	M Hughes		
A Wood		W 2Up	vs	M York	9	
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A Hughes			vs	B Cuddy	10	W 2&1
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N Mack	7	halved	vs	K Paynes		halved
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Final result 5 ½ - 5 ½

Our next event is Tadmarton Heath Golf Club (Southwest of Banbury) on Friday 4 Nov.

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

Come and Sing choral workshop with Aylesbury Choral Society

You might be interested in the "Come and Sing choral workshop" Aylesbury Choral Society (ACS) is organising for Saturday 15th October, 10:00-5:00.

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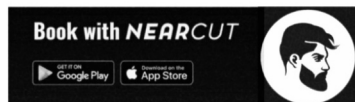
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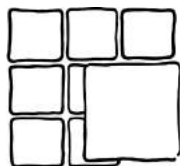
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Minimum	6.5°C	5th	Wettest day	4.3mm	24th
Average Minimum	12.9°C		Rain days	4	
Average Maximum	26.4°C		Dry days	27	
Highest Minimum	18.4°C	23rd			
Lowest Maximum	18.6°C	25th			
Wind			Pressure		
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Quainton Website: Quainton Parish Online: 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.

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. Call 07704 851945 to report noise/nuisance.

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

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Monday 10th October	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 17th October	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 24th October	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 31st October	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **

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SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 2nd October	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Breakfast Café Church
	6.00pm	Civic Service
Sunday 9th October	6.00pm	Taize Service – A beautiful service of reflection
Sunday 16th October	9.30am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday 23rd October	6.00pm	Stewardship Sunday with Holy Communion
Sunday 30th October	6:00pm	Evensong

PARISH REGISTER FOR SEPTEMBER

Burial of Ashes	31st August	Nancy Hawes Hart
Wedding	2nd September	Hannah Smith and Toby Mynard

CHURCH ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

	2 October	9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October
Morning Sidesman					
Evening Reader					
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Altar Flowers	Kathy Blanchard	Sarah Williams	Harvest	Sonia Taylor-Lane	Jayne Williamson
Pedestal Flowers	Jane Lydall	Jane Lydall	Harvest Helen Ratcliffe	Helen Ratcliffe	Debbie Omerod
Tea Rota					
Church Cleaning		Caroline Campbell / Celia Prideaux / Patty Goddard / Penny Allen		Caroline Crook / Jayne Williamson / Debbie Omerod	



Thank you to Karen Fayerty for this suitably mournful photo of our church, with the flag at half mast, marking the death of the Queen.

If you have taken a photo of Holy Cross & St Mary's 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 – OCTOBER 2022

2nd October:	Civic Service in Church, 6pm, p.3
13th October:	PC meeting, 7.30pm, QMH, p.10
16th October:	Harvest Festival in Church, 6pm, p.3
18th October:	QVS illustrated talk by Dick Carter, QMH, 7.30pm, p.29
21st October:	Harvest Auction, G&D Pub, 8.32pm, p.9 & p.13
22-24th October:	Day Out With Thomas, Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, p.25

Future date for your Diaries:

5th November:	Bonfire & Fireworks on The Green, 6pm, p.7
11/12th November:	Quaintwood Players, Calendar Girls, QMH, 8pm, p.15
18/19th November:	As above but in Grendon Underwood
26th November onwards:	Panto Express with Father Christmas at The Railway, p.25

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