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Boris Johnson: “STAY AT HOME!”

Coronavirus Support Team – We’re Here to Help!

As we go to print, new government guidelines have been issued to try and prevent the spread of Covid-19 – basically, **STAY AT HOME!**

In the meantime, an amazing team of over 60 residents has formed an Emergency Support Team – an initiative organised by the Parish Council to help anyone in Quainton who may need it over the coming months due to Covid-19. The aim is to offer practical help and support to residents who are self-isolating and can’t get out and/or those who may feel lonely or isolated. Please help us spread the word. If you are self-isolating and need help, please see p.5. More information on p.7 & p.9.

Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear Friends,

We are living in challenging times. Not long ago, Corona was a beer, hand sanitiser was something you did when entering and exiting a hospital and loo rolls and pasta were readily available at any supermarket! Now we know that Covid-19 is not some newly discovered star in a far-off galaxy, it's actually a highly infectious virus that is overtaking the world. Even though, according to the latest figures available at the time of writing, flu, which arrives every winter, has taken many more lives than Coronavirus, the threat is very real. Many people are living in fear.

Fear of the future, fear of being infected, fear for their family members – especially people with pre-existing medical conditions who are most vulnerable at this time. Fear affects the way we act. Out of fear, people are bulk buying without thought for those who may be in far greater need.

What are we to do? We will rise to the challenge and work together to support one another through this difficult time. Already there are moves right across the country with community groups and volunteers coming together to support the most vulnerable among us. In Quainton, the Parish Council have acted quickly to do just that, with volunteers signing up to help those in need, especially those in high risk groups and those needing to self-isolate.

So here is the good news story in all of this. Over the next few months, we will witness countless acts of kindness, which will draw our community together. Extraordinary circumstances call for extraordinary acts of service to all those in need.

Above all, there is a place to allow the love of God to give us courage and hope, and to spread that courage and hope to those who are living in fear around us. We've been encouraged to sing Happy Birthday twice whilst washing our hands with soap in hot water. I've taken to saying the Lord's Prayer instead – it's about the same length and helps me understand much more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, who never promised an easy ride, but did promise his presence with us in the tough times as well as the good times.

Psalm 24 is worth calling to mind: "Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart."

If you are unable to get to church, there are resources on our website that will offer comfort, hope, peace and guidance at this time. And I am here to offer practical help and support. Please feel free to contact me if you need to. (www.quaintonchurch.com)

Blessings,

Rev Steve

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Welcome to the April 2020 issue



Hello everyone,

Amidst the Covid-19 situation, it has been heart-warming to see the number of people come out in force to support our Emergency Support Group by becoming volunteers to watch out for our vulnerable villagers and help them where we possibly can – let's hope we get through this relatively unscathed, but in the meantime it's comforting to know we live in such a caring village. Thank you everyone.

I'm not sure if there'll be a May issue, it depends on any number of factors, but hopefully I'll see you next month...

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay at home, and look after each other.

Rouise

News From Our Church

More from Steve: We have now been instructed by the Church of England to temporarily cancel all church services as of immediate effect owing to the spread of the coronavirus. I am available to help in any way I can during this difficult and challenging time.

1. I have now updated our church website to include resources for prayer and worship that you can use at home
2. Can't get to Holy Communion? There is an authorised service you can run at home – on our website.
3. The church will be open during daylight hours for private prayer and reflection. Why not light a candle and say a prayer?
4. I will be going into the church with Sarah three times a week to say Morning Prayer for the village and all in our community
5. At 6.30pm on Sunday, a bell will ring to announce that they are praying in church
6. **Our 6.30pm services will be available for you to watch and join in – on video.** A link for you to click will be on the website – just follow the "Live Service" tab on the top of the page.

Here is the website: www.quaintonchurch.com Follow the "Can't Get To Church" and "Live Service" link at the top of the page. If you are using an iPad or Smartphone, turn it sideways! It gives a better view (Landscape)

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Covid-19 Support Network in Quainton

**PLEASE FOLLOW GOVERNMENT ADVICE AT ALL TIMES
STAY AT HOME!**

**Wash your hands Social distancing
Limit social contact One form of outdoor exercise a day
Responsible food and grocery shopping
Don't forget to watch out for people trying to scam online and phone!**

The Parish Council and Quainton News have organised a group of volunteers to offer help and support to **vulnerable** people in the village, and those self-isolating who do not have the back up of family close by. The PC's Quainton Alert email system provides important messages, sign up (parishclerk@quainton.org.uk) if you haven't already. Quainton's Village Society also sends important messages through their email database.

The wonderful residents of Quainton have already started asking their more vulnerable neighbours if they need help and we have had the most amazing response from villagers signing up to help! A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered. The community spirit of this village is heart-warming.

Can we help you?

If you need help (or know an elderly or vulnerable neighbour who needs help) this group is here to help with shopping, deliveries and neighbourly support.

Prescriptions: Do you need a prescription collected from the shop or either surgery? One of our volunteers can collect for you. (NB Advice from the surgeries is NOT to call in if you are unwell with fever, cough or sore throats, however mild. Call the surgery, they are arranging consultations over the phone.)

Quainton Village Stores: You can phone your order into the shop and volunteers can deliver the shopping for you. A wide selection of grocery, household and fresh produce is available. Payment can be made by BACS, leaving a 'kitty' or by cheque. Note the shop's new phone number: 655599. Only two people in the shop at a time.

The George & Dragon: You can place a food box order for fresh meat, bread, milk and vegetables. There is also a **takeaway/delivery** meal service. More info on p.9. Tel: 655436.

Support:

As well as offering practical help, volunteers can be there on the other end of the phone to provide support or just a chat - particularly important for people who live alone and feel quite alone and cut off from society. Two of our volunteers are trained counsellors.

Citizens Advice is available by phone for money, debt, housing, work and benefits advice 03444 111444 or www.aylesburyvaleadvice.org.uk

Business advice, particularly about government help for self-employed and small businesses is available <https://BFF.uk.com>

If you are in the vulnerable/shielded group and need help, now or later, call one of the emergency action group facilitators below, explain your needs and they will put you in touch with a volunteer in your street.

Claire Lucas	655552	Louisa Richards	655560
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If possible, try and plan ahead to allow volunteers time to plan. We also need to keep our volunteers and their families safe.

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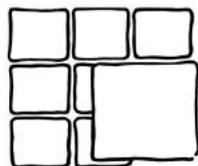
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New Government Guidelines: STAY AT HOME!

The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to STAY AT HOME in order to protect the NHS and save lives. When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why the government is now (23 March 2020) introducing three new measures. These measures will reduce our day to day contact with other people. They are a vital part of our efforts to reduce the rate of transmission of coronavirus.

- 1. STAY AT HOME, except for very limited purposes**
- 2. Closing non-essential shops and community spaces**
- 3. Stopping all gatherings of more than two people in public**

1. STAY AT HOME!

You should only leave the house for one of four reasons.

- Shopping for basic necessities (eg food, medicine) which must be as infrequent as possible.
- One form of exercise/day (eg a run, walk, or cycle) alone or with members of your household.
- Any medical need, or to provide care, or to help a vulnerable person.
- Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home.

These reasons are exceptions. Even when doing these activities, you should minimise time spent outside of the home and ensure you are 2m apart from anyone who isn't a member of your household. These measures must be followed by everyone. Separate advice is available for individuals/households isolating, and for the most vulnerable who need to be shielded.

2. CLOSURE OF NON-ESSENTIAL SHOPS AND PUBLIC SPACES

Last week, the Government ordered certain businesses (incl. pubs, cinemas & theatres) to close. The Government has now extended this requirement to include:

- All non-essential retail stores
- Libraries, community centres, and youth centres
- Indoor and outdoor leisure facilities
- Communal places within parks, such as playgrounds, sports courts and outdoor gyms.
- Places of worship, except for funerals attended by immediate families
- Hotels, hostels, B&Bs, campsites, caravan parks, and boarding houses

3. STOP PUBLIC GATHERINGS

To make sure people stay at home and apart from each other, the Government has stopped all public gatherings of more than two people.

There are only two exceptions to this rule:

- Where the gathering is of a group of people who live together - this means that a parent can, for example, take their children to the shops if there is no option to leave them at home.
- Where the gathering is essential for work purposes - but workers should minimise all meetings and other gatherings in the workplace.

In addition, the Government is stopping social events, including weddings, baptisms and other religious ceremonies. This will exclude funerals, which can be attended by immediate family.

Every citizen must comply with these new measures - immediately

The relevant authorities, including the police, will be given the powers to enforce them. The Government will look again at these measures in three weeks, and relax them if the evidence shows this is possible.

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Quinton Village Stores: Here to help!

If we ever needed our amazing village shop more than ever before, it's now!

Message from Sarah and Emma:

Hi all, If ever there was a time to support local small business this is it! Please support ALL our local businesses in Quinton and nearby. The Covid-19 hitting us in Year 1 has been a massive curve ball and we still don't know the full impact. HOWEVER, ultimately, we will ALL get through it – no doubt about that! On the supply side, please be absolutely assured we are working day and night at Quinton Village Stores to get suppliers to bring us the products the village needs – we are 100% on it! Rural communities won't be forgotten! Aside from this, and most importantly, is the way we get through it together as a community. It's very simple - let's all look after the vulnerable in our society, each other and yourselves.

Self-Isolating? We can help!

If anyone is self-isolating, either phone your order through to us and a Quinton Emergency Support Team volunteer near to you can come and collect your order and deliver it to you. We can take payment over the phone (or leave the money out for your volunteer.) Or, call the Support Team first (numbers on p.5) and a volunteer can contact you and place the order/do the shopping for you. **Please note our NEW NUMBER: 655599**

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All of the above are stock dependent. Please email us your order and we will prepare the items for you to collect. Payment preferred in advance over the phone or contactless on collection.

PLUS:

- Takeaway/delivered meals – menu should have been delivered through your door!
- Takeaway/delivered soft/alcoholic drinks available – bring containers for draught drinks

Delivery/collection orders taken:

9-11.30am (Breakfast), 11.30-1.30pm (lunch), 5-7.30pm (dinner). All meal orders to be taken by phone please.

Items can be collected or delivered, but strictly one person in the coffee shop at a time.

Menu changing daily – please follow us on Facebook to see choices!

Thank you for your continued support, Darren, George and all the Team

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Quanton Parish Council

Chairman: Arthur Evans. **Councillors:** Nick Heirons, Mrs C Lucas, N Butler, J Knox, M Wearn, Ms M Thompson.

Clerk: Mr B Fludgate, 13 Church Street HP22 4AW. Tel: 651354.

Email: parishclerk@quanton.org.uk

The Chairman Reports:

Welcome News: Our valued Clerk, Brian Fludgate, has volunteered to remain in post until October rather than leave the Parish Council in the situation where a new Clerk would have been coming to grips with the role while the coronavirus, with its inevitably complicated consequences, was reaching a climax. Councillors are very grateful for this offer and for Brian's setting up of the means by which we are able to confer by phone, if necessary, during the present crisis.

Coronavirus: You should all have received notification offering the assistance of neighbourhood volunteers who will be available to support those who have become housebound or otherwise requiring support. Please do not hesitate to shout out should you find yourself in need. It speaks volumes for our community that so many have volunteered to offer such service. Let us hope that matters turn out better than presently being forecast.

Elections for County and Parish Councillors and Police Commissioners, due to be held in May, have been postponed for twelve months, another virus victim. This will cause many problems for the new Unitary Authority, Buckinghamshire Council, with plans for the demise of the District Councils already in full swing and only a few weeks from implementation.

Planning Matters: Two new applications have been received. Owners of **The Old Farmhouse, 17 Station Road**, seek permission for a loft conversion, rooflights, a window in the front gable and some internal works. These are not opposed by the Parish Council but an outline application for 5 houses to the rear of **135 Station Road** is not supported. Clarification of the request to vary the permission previously given for dwellings **between 62 and 96 Station Road** is still awaited. The conversion of a carport to garage at **43A Lower Street** has been approved, with conditions.

Speed Indicator Device: In a further attempt to educate and persuade motorists to obey the speed restrictions in the village, keeping us all safer, we are purchasing a moveable piece of equipment which will show motorists their speed as well as recording that statistic, which may then be used to establish where police might be persuaded to base their equipment to identify offenders.

Litter: No volunteer has come forward to organise a litter pick of the roads serving our parish. Instead are there pairs or small family or neighbourhood groups who would take responsibility for clearing a particular road every few months at their convenience? The Parish Council would provide equipment and hi-viz waistcoats. Blackgrove Road to the crossroads is already covered but that leaves several routes such as Station Road, Snake Lane, Lee Road and others looking for volunteers. The central roads in the village are largely looked after by residents and we pay for The Green and play park to be cleared regularly.

Blocked drains: Apologies for inaction. The excuse now is that those with the machinery necessary have to be sent to ensure access and safety on main routes so that residents in 'sleepy little villages' must continue to play Russian roulette with the jets of water thrown out by traffic passing on roads flooded on account of neglect.

HS2: We have made, and continue to make, time consuming, energy sapping, strong representations to both main and sub-contractors in attempts to limit the inconvenience and nuisance to residents while this project continues its destructive effects on our human and ecological residents. Unfortunately our powers are extremely limited, whereas the perpetrators are able to claim that Parliament has given the go ahead for them to do whatever is necessary to advance the project, including entering land which they have not paid for, destroying natural life and nauseam, whilst claiming ecologist approval, and littering the country roads with copious unnecessary signage. On top of this we have differences of opinion and varied reactions whenever we try to liaise with the responsible person on site – that is if security allows us the opportunity of dialogue. Imagine how frustrating it is when the national utility companies insist on different practices and yet hold no discussion with each other when it comes to both needing to cross the same road with their piped mains.

Most of you will have spotted the falling tree which has, for several weeks, been blocking the pavement west side of Station Road. Guess whose tree it is – 2 letters and 1 number, Aaaaaargh.

The Green: Letters have been circulated to residents about the measures to be taken to preserve the correct boundaries. Most residents are unaffected but dialogue will be needed with those where changes are to take place.

Our **Neighbourhood Plan** is now ready for public consultation. This document will very largely determine developments in the village from now until 2033 so please look out for the opportunity to study and comment.

The proposed programme for **VE Day** on Friday 8th May, a public holiday, may well be subject to change as a result of coronavirus spread. Affected organisations have been alerted

Thames Water: The company has presently vacated the village. No doubt there will be a return before long. A meeting with senior officials has been requested so that we can outline, face to face, our concerns with the way Quainton has been treated over the last three years. Stop press – can you believe it? Two TW employees were seen taking photos of the floodwater resulting from the Winwood Drive/Lower Street blocked drains. Told that was one longstanding annoyance, which we had for several years been consistently reporting and it was not a TW problem, they replied that they had to report these matters to Bucks C C who are responsible.

Westcott Roundabout: In complete contrast to the above, Transport for Bucks is to be congratulated on the documentation they have prepared, with a list of dates and timings scheduling the effects the construction work will have on traffic from now until the work is completed towards the year end. See www.buckscouncil.gov.uk/westcott

Trees: It is intended to plant some dozen or so saplings in the hedge separating football and skate park fields. Voluntary labour would be much appreciated.

The public footpath across Trail Flatt land has become impassable after recent rainfall. It is hoped to alleviate the problem by reinstating the ditch, when weather permits.

Brighter Times are on their way as our lovely daffodils indicate so don't let the doom and gloom of this column hide the fact of how lucky we are to be living in a rural area where we can fully appreciate reawakening nature and enjoy the benefit of a happy and public spirited community.

Next Parish Council Meeting, on Thursday 9th April includes the Annual Meeting when the Chair presents a report on the past year's work and invites public comment or question. Please note the start time – 7.30pm. Meeting may be virtual or indeed postponed. If you would like to attend, please contact the clerk for up to date details.

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As I am sure you are all aware by now, schools across the UK closed at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March. The government released the following statement:

It is clear that education and children's social care settings are increasingly finding it difficult to continue as normal, as illness and self-isolation impacts on staffing levels and pupil attendance. To provide parents, student and staff with the certainty they need we are announcing that schools, colleges and early years settings will be closed to everyone except children of key workers and vulnerable children from Monday 20th March, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus.

The school will be closed for the foreseeable future. Stay positive, breathe deeply and enjoy time with your families and loved ones.

All the best,
James Vernon, Headteacher

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Quainton PTA News:

For more information, email: quainton.pta@gmail.com

We drew the March 100 Club winners and the winners are as follows:

1 st Prize	£50	No. 38	Melanie Daneoker
2 nd Prize	£20	No. 12	Pat Gray
3 rd Prize	£10	No. 18	Jack Curtis
4 th Prize	£5	No. 69	Joyce Stratton

Book Swap in Church

At this time of self-isolation and lock down, we are trying to organise a book swap for villagers to use because the shops and libraries are closed. We are hoping this will be up and running shortly on a special bookshelf in the church which is remaining open during daylight hours. Bring a book to swap if you can!

Careful Opening Doors and Gates

Please be aware opening doors and gates around the village and up the hill – the virus can spread here too. Try not to touch them with your hands and keep your hands away from your face until you are home and able to wash them thoroughly.



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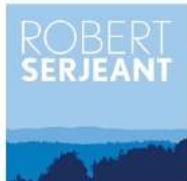
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Quainton Golf Society

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The golf days take place on the last Friday in the month from March to October. At each event we play for a trophy which is awarded on Captain's Day - the September meeting.

Our next event is due to be on 24th April 2020 at Oxford Golf Club. For more information, and to check for cancellations, please contact Vince Hemsley on 07427555656 or vince.hemsley63@virginmedia.com.

Lent Walks:

The "Official" Lent Walks are cancelled due to Coronavirus. This following advice issued by the Ramblers Association (whose activities are closely related to our Lent walks), see the following link <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer-zone/coronavirus.aspx>

Unofficially, I will ensure that the Stations will be read at the appropriate Churches as normal. My thanks to all those who have contributed to the continued success of the Lent Walks

Tennis Courts Closed Until Further Notice:

Following government advice, all tennis courts must be closed so it with great regret that the two tennis courts and the table tennis area will be closed until we are advised otherwise. It is also very unlikely that Wimbledon will take place this year.



News from Claydon Estate:

Further to recent government advice, Claydon Courtyard, the Phoenix Kitchen and the National Trust Claydon House are now closed until further notice.

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QuaintFest 2020?

Who knows where we, as a village, will be on Saturday 11th July 2020, but if we're not too battered by the effects of Covid-19, hopefully QuaintFest will be something to look forward to. It may be a slightly pared down event, and it may have to be cancelled, but for now, put it in the diary and let's aim to meet on The Green in some form or another.

Queries to: quaintonnews@gmail.com

If QuaintFest 2020 has to be cancelled, let's pledge to organise another event when all this is over, when the village has recovered and we are ready to celebrate once again. Maybe we can light the beacon and spread some light and hope across the village and beyond. We may be in a long and dark tunnel, but there is light at the end of it...

Louisa Richards, QuaintFest Organiser

VE Day Picnic on The Green: Friday 8th May



Message from Bruno Peek, the Queen's Pageantmaster

I am afraid that the terrible Coronavirus emergency has caused us to make the difficult decision to cancel the VE Day 75 community celebrations due to take place on the bank holiday weekend of 8th – 10th May. It is right and proper that people should be kept safe and healthy. My sincere thanks to everyone who registered their events and were looking forward to celebrating VE Day 75. I know how disappointed you will be that these cannot now go ahead. However, we are still encouraging the solo piping element to continue from a safe and suitable location, such as their homes.

I am hoping that all the events you have so carefully planned can be moved to the weekend of 15th – 16th August when we will be able to celebrate VE Day and VJ Day, both momentous days in our history. I am in communication with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport regarding this and hope to be able to give you more news in the coming days.

With my very best wishes, Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster VE Day 75

Quinton Village Society: “Caring about the village”

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On the evening of Tuesday, 10 March 2020, more than ninety people packed the Memorial Hall for Quinton Village Society's (QVS) March Social evening - to hear and see an illustrated talk about the Antiques Roadshow and how such programmes are made.

Our speaker was Gill Tierney, the Executive Producer of Antiques Roadshow, who has lived in Quinton for 21 years. Gill treated us, not only to a fascinating insight into how the programme has developed over the last 43 years, but also to many 'behind-the-scenes' insights, to the personalities, the level of security – and to the trouble taken to ensure that the participating public are so very well cared for prior, during, and after filming.

As Gill said, Antiques Roadshow is such a very popular 'kick off your shoes and comfortably relax on a Sunday evening' programme that is loved by so many – which view was amply reflected by the numbers who joined us to hear her speak! Our very special thanks go to Gill for giving us such a splendid evening!



We are very grateful to the late Laurie Cooper, a well-known stalwart of this village and a past QVS honorary secretary, for leaving us money with which we bought our excellent large projector screen, and to Patrick Croker for, yet again, lending us his projector.

The valuable raffle prizes, so generously given by Mike Lewis of Quinton Garage, Emma and Sarah of Quinton Village Stores, Greta Nicholls of Fine Feet Footcare & Reflexology, Kim Henley of Hair by Kim, and two QVS committee members, also included an Antiques Roadshow book on Collectables donated by Gill and signed by Fiona Bruce.

QUANTON GARDENING SOCIETY

In view of the state of things at present, although we have dates and places planned to visit by car and coach this summer, it seems sensible to put these on hold at present.

However, we think the **Plant Sale could take place from Friday 15th May 4-6pm** and then throughout that weekend but with tables spread out in the front garden of 28 Church Street and no refreshments. Proceeds to go to the Trussell Trust that runs Aylesbury's Foodbank.



An Idea for all Village Children: Sunflower Seeds for all!

We would like to offer every child two free tall sunflower seeds. Not only are these fun plants to grow but they are also good for bees and other pollinating insects. They will be available to collect outside 28 Church Street and we suggest you start them off in a small plant pot or a used yoghurt pot. Fill the pot with garden soil or compost, make a couple of holes in the bottom for drainage, pop in the seeds and water them. Put them on a sunny windowsill and once they have reached about 6" tall separate them and plant out in a sunny position in the garden. (www.growingfamily.co.uk is a good website about this). Hopefully by the time of the Annual Produce Show we will have lots of entries of sunflower heads and photographs to judge which is the tallest.

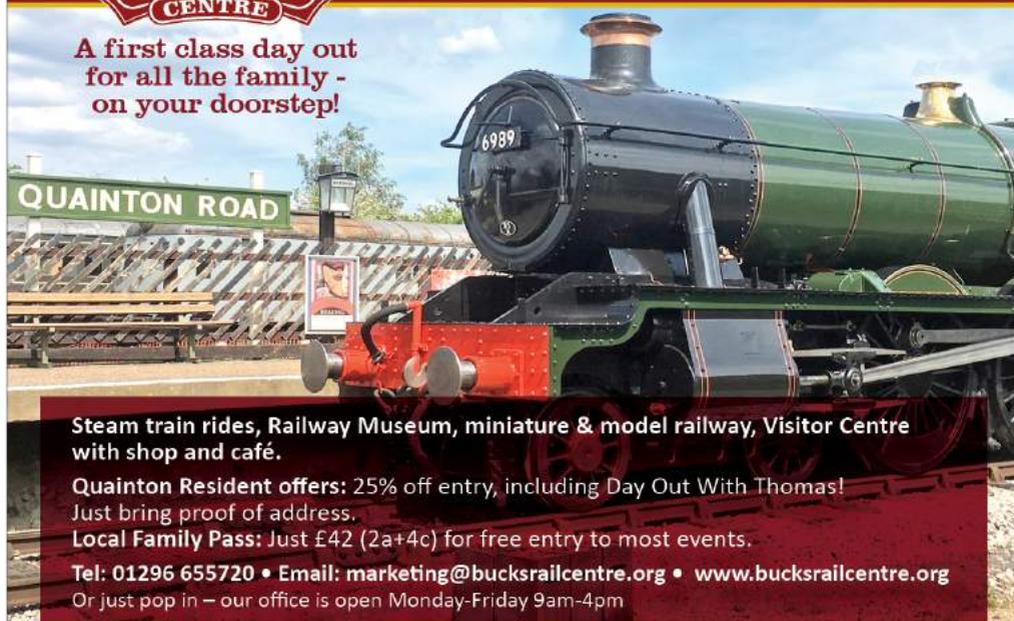
Annual Produce Show: Saturday 5th September

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It is with a heavy heart that we have closed the doors of The Railway, initially until June 30th, in light of the current Covid-19 situation.

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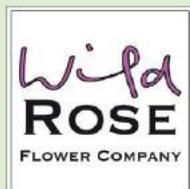
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Quinton Memorial Hall Calendar: April 2020

Most, if not all, of the bookings below have now been cancelled.

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Main Hall:

Mondays:	09:00 Monday Club
Tuesdays:	13:00 & 19:00 Exercise class
Wednesdays:	13:00 Bridge, 19:00 Table tennis
Thursdays:	10:00 Coffee Morning
Fridays:	09:30 Community Choir, 19:00 Badminton
Sundays:	18:00 Table tennis

Conference Room:

Mondays:	14:00 Craft Club
Tuesdays:	13:15 Art Club

Other Bookings:

Tuesday 7th	19:30 Conference room for meeting
Wednesday 8th	13:00 Conference room booked
Thursday 9th	19:30 Conference room for Parish council
Monday 13th	09:00 Conference room booked
Tuesday 14th	19:00 Conference room for RBLWS
Saturday 18th	14:00 Main hall for private party
Sunday 19 th	09:30 Main hall for private party
Friday 24th	13:00 Main hall for Bridge
Saturday 25th	12:30 Conference room booked
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Next Draw at The George & Dragon on Friday 27th March

Quainton Monthly Dog Walk: Cancelled Until Further Notice

When things return to normal, we invite you to please join us for the Quainton Monthly Dog Walk on the first Sunday of every month: 1pm meet on the Village Green for max. 2-hour walk. You don't need a dog to join in!

Jan Stiegeler

QUAINTON 2020 HEAVY ONION COMPETITION (founded in 1982)

It's that time of year again, preparations for the annual competition are underway.

Jim Styles has this year donated world record seed (Peter Glazebrook's) for this year's competition. Every entrant will be given a number of these plants to see if they can grow 10lbs+ onions, an 18lbs would be big enough to enter for the world record!

25 entrants took place last year with onions weighing between 8lb 2ozs down to 11ozs.

Last year's entrants will automatically receive an entry form early March. New entrants always welcome, £7 entry fee for 15 plants approx. If you would like to take part, please contact Jim Styles (tel. 655457) or Bob Bleasdale (Tel: 655375)

Closing Date for entry 31st March 2020. Collection of plants will be on Saturday 4th April from 10am to 12 noon at 48a Station Road.

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Ramblings from Finemere Wood: Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

Amidst the chaos and uncertainty that is currently circulating in the country, Finemere Wood reassuringly carries on doing its thing regardless. As we head into Spring, birdsong is escalating, primroses are blossoming and bluebell leaves are emerging, as they do year after year.

The Finemere volunteers are busy clearing up the substantial mess they have created over the winter months. Much cutting and clearing of scrub and trees, to open up areas to light, has left huge piles of brash to be dealt with. The woodland workers are fairly cheerful as they pile branches on to dead hedges and bonfires, but I know that in their heart of hearts they would far rather be knocking over a large tree. However such activities are out of bounds as the nesting season begins.

The **Scarlet Elf Cup** (*Sarcoscypha austriaca*), named such as mythologically it was believed to be used by wood elves as a vessel in which to drink the morning dew. An eye-catching fungus, its small irregularly shaped cups have a stunning bright red inner surface and a smooth, downy, paler outer surface. For rodents and slugs, it is an important food source. Whilst scabbling around on the woodland floor, decaying branches and sticks are unearthed from mossy, damp areas, and just occasionally a worker is rewarded with this alluring treasure. Partial to willow and hazel, *Sarcoscypha austriaca* attaches itself to the leaf litter with a short stem. Widespread across the country, it may be, but this fungus is not common.

Evidence shows how powerful nature can be in relieving mental and physical stress, and so it is worth remembering this in the weeks to come. A daily dose of nature, be that listening to the melodious song of a blackbird in the garden or striding out across the fields, can only do us good. As we are forced to slow down, withdraw and perhaps isolate ourselves from one another, take comfort from the natural world and its magical, beautiful and reliable cyclical rhythms.



Work Party Dates: Thursday 9th April; Thursday 23rd April; 9.30 am-3pm.

At time of going to press, I had not yet heard whether these are cancelled, although I would assume so, so please check with Charlotte before attending.

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Average Minimum	3.1°C		Rain days	22	
Average Maximum	11.6°C		Dry days	7	
Highest Minimum	9.2°C	15th			
Lowest Maximum	8.9°C	11th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	47mph	8th	Highest	1048hPa	5th
Average speed	8mph		Lowest	983hPa	28th

Figures supplied by Mike Beales. For the latest weather at Quainton go to: www.quainton-observatory.net/weather/quainton-weather/

Florence Nightingale Midnight Walk

In light of the developing situation regarding the coronavirus outbreak and Government advice on how to respond to it, we have postponed our planned Midnight Walk from June until 3rd October 2020.

The details of the event can be found

at: <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/events/midnightwalk/>.

Whitchurch WI

In common with many other WIs, we will be suspending our programme forthwith in view of the Government's directive. We will, of course, seek to be supportive of our membership meanwhile.

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I would like to thank all of the volunteers – over 60 of them in total – who have come forward to join the Emergency Support Network for Quainton during the Covid-19 crisis.

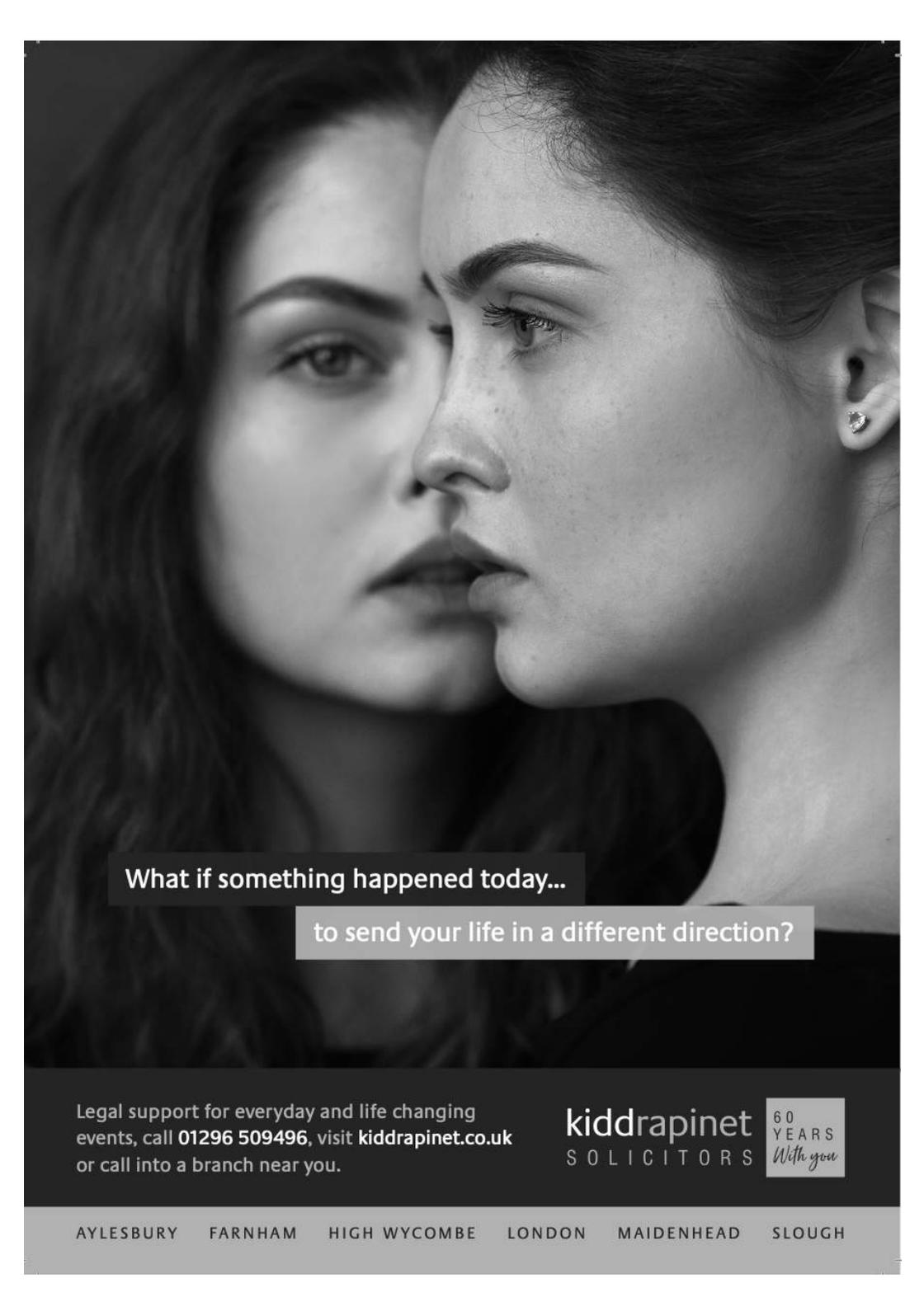
What an overwhelming response! Unfortunately, I think we are going to be put to good use over the coming weeks and months, but what an army we have to fight this together!

Louisa Richards

Post a FREE message on the Quainton News Notice Board!

Lost/found, Wanted, For Sale, Thanks Yous, New Baby Announcements, Engagements, Weddings, In Memory, Good Luck, Congratulations, etc.

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VILLAGE SERVICES

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

Quanton 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 Quanton Oil Group.

Quanton 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.quantonmh.co.uk, email: quantonmemorialhall@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 Trust: For enquiries contact: emmatoth@outlook.com

Refuse & Recycling Collections for April:

Monday 6 th April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste ** : Cancelled until further notice
Tuesday 14 th April	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 20 th April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste ** : Cancelled until further notice
Monday 27 th April	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 4 th May	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste ** : Maybe still cancelled – check!



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SERVICES THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice. Digital resources are available via <https://www.churchofengland.org>



#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation - the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This daily audio content is available via the app and daily emails.

The BBC's Daily Service and Sunday Worship - radio programmes will be using some of the themes from #LiveLent as part of their broadcasts.

Prayer for the day - each day the Church of England publishes audio and text of the Prayer for the Day.

Smart speakers - daily prayer and #LiveLent audio content can be accessed via our smart speaker apps.

Live streaming services - users can watch live streams of services from a range of churches and we will be improving AChurchNearYou.com in the days ahead to make this clearer.

All Hallows by the Tower

Buckingham Parish Church

St Nicholas Church, Canvey Island

St James' Church, Clitheroe

St Mary's Kenton

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

None

CHURCH ROTA - APRIL

None



Church Services Have Been Temporarily Suspended

But that doesn't mean the church is closed!
We are still very much active in the community and offering Prayer & Worship for all.

- **3 mornings a week**, Rev Steve and Rev Sarah are saying prayers in church for the community and for the world - if you have specific prayer requests, please let us know
- **Every Sunday at 6.30pm** a bell will be rung and Rev Steve and Rev Sarah will be saying prayers in church. Our evening worship is available each Sunday by video link from our website
- There are **resources for prayer, worship and reflection** on our website under the link: "Can't Get To Church..."
- **The church will be open** during daylight hours for personal prayer and reflection. Why not light a candle and say a prayer.

Website: www.quaintonchurch.com

Our Vicar: Rev Steve Flashman: 07950 000910 steve@steveflashman.com



Thank you to Mark White for this atmospheric shot of our church.
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 – APRIL 2020

**Never thought I'd see the day where this section was empty...
Very much looking forward to seeing it full once again.**

Dates for your Diaries:

- 9th April:** PC Meeting, see p.11 for details.
11th July: QuaintFest, p.5
5th September: Annual Show of Produce

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