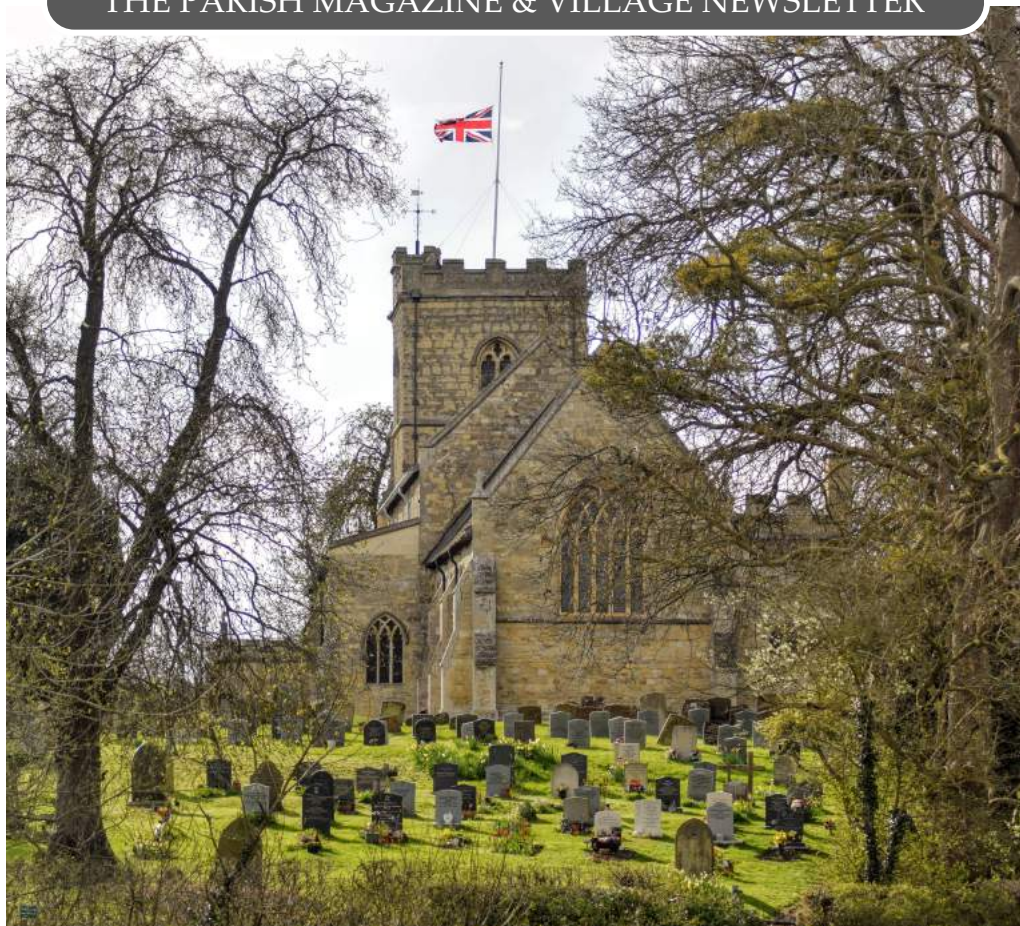


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Church flag at half-mast for Prince Philip

The Union Jack on the church was half-masted on Friday 9th April 2021 to mark the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Photo by Quainton resident Richard Vining

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Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

One of the most moving images coming out of that extraordinary funeral service of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, was the solitary figure of Her Majesty the Queen. The Covid-19 restrictions have touched all of us in different ways, none has been left unscared or unaffected. We are very fortunate in our village to live off the beaten track, with such a caring community around us and with local facilities near at hand. But we are still under the same rules as everybody else, as are the Royal Family.

We have asked the question before, but now, as we slowly come out of lockdown, the question is even more pertinent: what have we learnt from this last year and will we live any differently as a result?

An anthropologist showed a game to the children of an African tribe.

He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them that the first child to reach the tree would get the basket. When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they were walking together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit!

When he asked them why they did that, when every one of them could have got the basket for themselves, they answered with astonishment, "Ubuntu". "How can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?" Ubuntu in their community means, "I am because we are".

In the Western world, this kind of attitude is harder to find. At least it was, until the year of the pandemic. In countless situations across our nation and the world, people have been rising to the occasion and offering practical help to their neighbour.

Most religions use what is known as "The Golden Rule": "Do not do to others what you would not want them to do to you." Jesus was one of the few spiritual leaders who turned the Golden Rule on its head, reversing the meaning from a negative, "Do not do...." To a positive, "Do to others what you would have them do for you."

I find it interesting that there seems to be a God-shaped hole in our lives, and this gives us something unique as humans made in the image of God. The ability to know right from wrong, to know the difference between love and hatred and to gravitate towards living out The Golden Rule, especially when those around us are in need of some tender, loving care.

We re-open our church for services on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd at 6.00pm.

May you know God's rich blessing in these days,

Rev Steve

Reverend Steve Flashman, Vicar

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Welcome to the May 2021 issue



Louisa Richards, Editor

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Hello Everyone,

This month's village calendar, on the back page, is looking a bit more healthy for the first time in over a year! We move into May with huge anticipation for the coming weeks, as we hope to move our socialising and sports indoors, with clubs starting to re-open:

We have five Quainton gardens opening on 22/23rd May (see p.9), organised by Quainton Gardening Society, raising money for charity. Plus, at last our church is opening for services! Our Thursday coffee mornings start back up on 20th May and the windmill will be opening on 23rd May.

Our village is slowly coming back to life! Exciting times ahead. Who would have thought we would learn to appreciate these things in quite such dramatic fashion?

A lovely, positive issue this month! Including, a lovely poem on p.23 written by Margaret Tebb to cheer your day!

Stay safe everyone and enjoy the read,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Louisa'.

News From Our Church:

Church Re-opening on 23rd May

Our church will be re-opening for services on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd at 6.00pm (please note the earlier time).

Pentecost Sunday is traditionally the day we celebrate the birth of the church, so it certainly is an appropriate day for a re-birth!

The link for our Sunday Service will be on our website:

www.quaintonchurch.com/live-service

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Covid-19 Update: Roadmap out of Lockdown Continues!

The next relaxation of lockdown restrictions is **Stage Three** - due no earlier than **17th May** - when it's hoped:

- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors
- Six people or two households can meet indoors
- Domestic overnight stays allowed with people not in your household or bubble
- Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors
- Up to 30 people can attend weddings or other life events, like christenings
- Remaining outdoor entertainment, such as outdoor theatres and cinemas can open
- Indoor entertainment such as museums, theatres, cinemas and children's play areas can open
- Performances and large events can restart, but with limits on audience numbers
- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen
- International leisure travel may resume
- Adult indoor group sports and exercise classes can restart

Please wait to hear the next announcement from the Government before moving to Stage Three restrictions!

Quainton Support Network: Thank you!

As restrictions are being lifted and villagers are being vaccinated and cases continue to drop, we are cautiously scaling down Quainton Support Network. We would like to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, all the volunteers from our village who came forward to join Quainton Support Network. There were 80 of you – that's truly impressive! You are all an inspiration and made us all so proud to be part of this wonderful village. Thank you to Claire for collating everyone's details and making it so easy to find a volunteer when we needed one!

Whilst the QSN email address will be closing down for now, and thanks to Brian for running it, we will still be here for you if you need help. Obviously, it is apparent that Covid will remain with us for some time, and QSN can still offer help if anyone has to quarantine or self-isolate, and can help with lifts to hospital/surgery/vaccine appointments or emergency prescription collections etc. Please do not hesitate to ask. Call either Claire Lucas on 655552 or Louisa Richards on 655560 and help will be on its way.

Big thanks must go again to the fabulous teams at Quainton Village Stores and the George & Dragon pub and cafe, plus Jan, Lizzie and Martin our prescription delivery/collection extraordinaires!

Claire, Brian and Louisa
Quainton Support Network



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George & Dragon Update for May:

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Pub (whilst restrictions remain in place):

Thursday–Saturday 5pm–9.30pm last orders;

Sunday 6pm–9.30pm last orders (no food).

Saturday and Sunday 12noon–2.30pm last orders.

Grocers: Tuesday–Saturday 9am–1.30pm. Late night Thursday 5–7pm

Thank you for your continued support and understanding with the opening of outside space, it has not been the easiest judgment to make and we are doing our best to accommodate everyone. Whilst many pubs have chosen to remain closed until the earliest of May 17th we are amongst the 32% of national pubs who have been able to reopen.

We are grateful to the Schools Lands Trust for once again allowing us to place tables on the green. We are now looking forward to being able to offer inside seating from the 17th May. We still await the next set of guidance so unfortunately can't give a lot more information.

We have made the decision to stop the takeaway service on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Looking ahead for the time being we will remain operating the same hours as we are currently in all areas of the George and Dragon.

Please remember to book a table for drinking and/or dining, 01296 655436 or email: enquiry@georgeanddragonquainton.co.uk. Rule of 6 or 2 households continues to apply. As ever we look forward to seeing everyone return and hopefully when restrictions ease further, we will see more familiar faces and new faces alike. Don't forget to follow us on social media we are on Facebook and Instagram and we update regularly. For those not on social media we continue to use our chalk boards to ensure you are all kept up to date

Darren and George

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays 10.30 to 12 noon will be starting again on 20th May in the 'Covid-Secure' Memorial Hall with groups of up to 6 per table as per the restrictions at the time. The loyal team of helpers have agreed to go on the rota so you will be served with tea/coffee and cake. If you have any queries please contact me on 655382 Sheila Hammond.

Quainton Monthly Dog walk – Sunday 2nd May and Sunday 6th June

(Dogs are not obligatory!)

Meet at 1pm at the top of The Green. If there are still restrictions in place and we are more than the required number of people, we can split into separate groups. Please join us if you would like to enjoy a walk over the hill.



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QUAINTON GARDENING SOCIETY: GARDENS OPEN

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May, 2–5pm



These five gardens will be open in aid of:
Aylesbury Food Bank and CICRA (Crohn's in Childhood Research Association)

- **Thorngumbald, Station Road (opposite the Allotments)**
- **Townsend Cottage (where Lower & Upper Streets join)**
- **The Boot, 6 Upper Street**
- **2 Church Street**
- **28 Church Street**

Entrance cost will be £5 per adult (children free) to cover all gardens, payable at the first garden visited.

Teas will be on offer in the two gardens in Church Street. We look forward to seeing you there!

QGS ANNUAL SHOW 2021

The committee has decided that the Annual Show will again take place on

The Green on Saturday 4th September 2021

Classes will be similar to last year but this is advance notice for children:

- To grow 1 potato in a container – this to be emptied on the day and contents weighed.
- To make a scarecrow out of recyclable materials up to 1 metre tall.
- Widest sunflower head



Quainton Parish Council

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

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

The Chairman Reports:

New Parish Council: You will surely have heard that when applications closed on April 8th it was revealed that five of the exiting council were standing down and, regrettably, only three people had put their names forward for the seven vacancies. Two, Nick Butler and John Knox, were from the existing council and one new name, Nicolette Smith from North End Lodge. Three being the number required to make a quorum this means these three may now co-opt up to four others to bring the Council up to full strength. Any interested and eligible individuals (electors resident in parish for previous 12 months or tenant of land/premises therein for past 12 months, or a person living within 3 direct miles of the parish or having their principal place of work in the parish) should notify the Clerk of their interest, so they may be asked for fuller information such as relevant experience, if any, existing contributions to, or interests in, community life, familiarity with online communication, and other skills considered helpful. There is plenty of work to do so please seriously consider coming forward to ensure that your Council continues to function effectively in representing all interests, and ensuring that Quainton remains a desirable village where people feel welcomed and secure.

Traffic calming: Initial training on the use and retrieval of data from our SID has now been received by a small number of volunteers. We still await HS2's placement of poles on which to position the equipment in approved additional places than just the one existing by our School. We have received apologies for the delay, said to be caused by essential work being behind schedule. It is also still intended to acquire a second SID and to continue with Speedwatch which we have just been notified that we are permitted to use again. Of course, such measures depend on how many come forward to volunteer. Presently there is a great shortage of such people. You only need common sense, a spare hour every few weeks, and a desire to make the village a safer place. Doesn't that cover everyone?

Planning Matters: New applications: a non-illuminated sign for the Village Store to go next to the present G&D sign at the bottom of The Green; garage and single storey side extension at 77 Station Rd; single storey side and rear extensions at 12 Church St, which has aroused concern about the possible effect on the neighbouring residence; and a dwelling on the former Station Rd Farm, where there are concerns about the extent of hard surfacing planned, the future of the paddock and consequent lack of green space.

Neighbourhood Plan Please do not tire of this subject. If you wish Quainton to retain its individualism and rural attractiveness this is your main tool for the future. As a consequence of Bucks County and residents' comments changes have been made. Now a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the plan has to be made by Bucks before it can be endorsed by the Parish Council – hopefully by the end of May. Many, many thanks again to the compilers' diligence and patience.

The New Estate to the rear of 151 Station Road will have 40 residences, 22 on Clifford Road and 18 on Romney Lane. Consultation over street lighting there should result in light pollution and active hours being in line with the rest of the village and have limited effect on neighbouring properties.

Changes to route of Station Road Without prior consultation the placement of the proposed spur road leading into the cul de sac has been changed so that fewer properties than originally planned will now be in the cul de sac. It is also apparent that when arriving at Station Road crossroads from Waddesdon direction you will have to turn left for a short distance before turning right towards the diverted Station Road which will then run north of the Hatchery over an elevated section before returning to the present Station Road. We would like to show you a large-scale map but so far have only received a series of slides. The need for a footpath along these new stretches of road and a 30mph limit has been underlined.

New Prison The Ministry of Justice continue to cogitate over responses to their proposals before deciding whether to take the next step of making a formal planning application. Beware - this is exactly how would be planners tire you out.

Defibrillators: A resident recently made us think for a moment when asking how to acquire the code needed to access either the one on the School or at the Railway Centre. Recalling training given to us prior to installation it was stressed that most important is to start CPR immediately and continue while a second person phones 999, whereupon an ambulance will immediately be despatched and the necessary code given to enable the second person to access the defib equipment. Step by step instructions on its operation will then be received but immediate CPR is the priority. Many thanks to the questioning resident who has thus provided us all with this opportunity to be re-alerted as to how we might save a life.

Road Closures: The advertised closure of Snake Lane is now delayed, with no new dates given yet. Never assume a local journey will be obstruction free. The prolonged closure of Station Road is deplorable.

The Beacon: What a welter of emails was received on this subject. Understandably, there were many requesting the Beacon be lit in gratitude and respect for the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. Thank you for understanding this was a worthy idea but in conflict with protocols we had received and the wishes of the deceased and his family. With regards to the Beacon being left permanently in its position on Mill Hill, this would contravene its certificate of lawfulness. It had only remained in position until Covid regulations permitted the necessarily-sized team to meet and remove it. This was planned for April 17th but was deferred for a week so as not to coincide with the Duke's funeral. The new PC will decide whether to support an application to Buckinghamshire Council for the Beacon to be permanently placed.

Dogs in the Play Area: Dogs are not allowed in the play area on Upper St; notices are clearly displayed.

Water leak in Upper Street: After six frustrating weeks of being passed between and around Thames Water and Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust, the latter finally accepted they were the cause and promised a repair team. When you read this the promise will hopefully have been fulfilled but.....?

Grass cutting: Apologies that information regarding the date for our new contractor's visits was later changed. We have now been informed that verges and other public roadside areas will be cut on the third Monday of the month, commencing on 19th April.

The verge opposite the main gate to the Church by Brudenell House has become an eyesore owing to extended vehicle usage in wet weather. The PC wishes to see this area re-grassed but also wants its use as convenient car parking to continue, a challenging compromise to achieve.

Footpaths: Volunteers have offered to improve the junction where three paths meet at the kissing gate to the rear of 44 North End. A new metal kissing gate will be installed and the surface rebuilt. The same group, to whom we are very grateful, aim to improve access to Mill Hill from the 'Goosey Gander' path running between 10 and 12 Upper St, so have fenced off the spring which causes frequent boggy conditions. The wooden sleepers will be renewed. The new paddock in the field behind Bones Close was sited sensitively and sensibly to avoid the well-used line of the footpath running between Bones Close and Mill Hill but has led to questions about the actual placement of the path as shown on the definitive map.

Traffic Lights: There is barely a local road without these features. It was particularly galling to find them on the A41, at its junction with Station Road, with absolutely no work being done on the main road to justify such obstruction. East West Rail construction at Calvert and neighbouring villages has led to further traffic light hold ups and, to be cynical, more hard-hatted, orange clad adults standing around ostensibly consulting one another. The frequent breakdown of our four phased system at Berryfield Crossroads, when all lights have been stuck on red, has led to frustration and greater danger than if the junction was left as normal. The powers that be refuse to remove them, insisting that the lights are regularly checked at two hour intervals, something no one believes.

Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13th May, at 8pm. Presently further online meetings are not permitted so this should be a face-to-face meeting in the committee room of the Memorial Hall, with due respect paid to whatever requirements Covid restrictions demand. The new councillors will be required to formally take up office and to elect their Chair.

A Personal Farewell from me in gratitude for your friendship, support and good humour. It has been a great honour to be on the Council. How lucky to be housed in Quainton, all those 51 years ago, among such affable people. Thank you to all who care about the village, organise clubs and activities, use its businesses and facilities and show genuine concern for all residents. Please keep going. *Arthur Evans*



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News from Quainton Memorial Hall

QMH re-opens 17 May

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We still need to follow the rules on social distancing and masks.

- The rule of 6 or 2 households will apply to meetings indoors. Activities may take place providing that people remain within “a group of up to 6 people or 2 households”.
- A group could be made up of individuals from 6 different households. Mixing between different groups should not take place.
- Catering at small events: e.g. coffee mornings, luncheon clubs, club meeting is permitted but table service only should be provided, and people should remain seated to consume food and drink.
- Face masks should be worn when moving around, and surfaces should be cleaned before and after use.

Thank you for your co-operation. Hopefully, these rules will be relaxed at Stage 4 of the roadmap on 21st June.

AGM Tuesday 18th May: New committee members are always very welcome. If you would like to join the committee, please get in touch.

Community Social Events

To celebrate a return to ‘normal’ and get to know our friends and neighbours again, QMH will be happy to help by providing the hall at no cost for suitable events for Quainton residents. If any person, or organisation is interested in organising a village social event, once restrictions are lifted, such as lunches, teas, quizzes, family parties for example, please get in touch by email quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com, or phone Kath Heirons on 01296 651886.

And finally... Whilst the hall has been out of use, we have refurbished the main hall lights. **Many thanks to Dave Giblin of Quainton Electrical**, for undertaking this onerous task which required working on top of a tower scaffold!

Craft Club

Mondays 2.00 to 4.30pm will be starting again on 24th May in the Memorial Hall with groups of up to 6 per table. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available. If you are interested, please contact Thelma on 655261 or Sheila on 655382.

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News from Quainton School



I am pleased to say we have finally received the results of Ofsted's recent remote monitoring inspection of Quainton Church of England School that occurred on March 16th 2021. As the report states, this is an additional inspection as part of the normal Ofsted cycle. It does not result in a traditional grading (i.e. requires improvement, good, outstanding) but instead states whether the school is *taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances* or not taking effective action. I am very happy to say that the opinion of the inspectors is that we are taking effective action. The inspection was a positive and fair experience. The inspectors themselves stated that it is hard to get across all the positives that came from the day. For example, the results of the staff survey showed 100% support in the leadership of the school, in Ofsted's own words this is '*virtually unheard of*'. In addition, the results of the parents' survey were overwhelmingly favourable to the school and all that we are trying to achieve, again this exceeded the normal expectations from comparable surveys. These survey results show the fantastic support we have, therefore allowing us to focus on the improvements needed. I would like to thank all staff and parents for their feedback and support.

Keep safe, James Vernon, Headteacher

Quainton School PTA News:

Bag2School is returning!

Collection day is **Monday 25th May**. Donations will need to be at the school prior to 9am. Remember reasonable quality clothes, hats, belts, shoes, cuddly toys, curtains and bed linen are all collected for re-use. If you will struggle to get your bags to the school on the day give Hazel a call on 07813 582245 to discuss if she can help.



Quainton Quest

If you were one of the 'brave adventurers', or perhaps fulfilled the role of squire to one, who attempted the Quainton Quest then we thank you sincerely for your support. The profit for the school was £200.

If you bought a pack and haven't had the chance to complete it, then you still can as all the answers are fixtures in the village. However, the star prize has been won by Arabella Hawkins, whose name was drawn at random by Martin Dorrell. Thank you to the shop and G&D for selling the packs and to Annalese at Ace of Shaves, Waddesdon for donating the prize.

PTA 100 Club March winners:

1 st prize £50	Maxine Horne
2 nd prize £20	Katie Wiseman
3 rd prize £10	Jack Hancocks
4 th prize £5	Mark Burnham

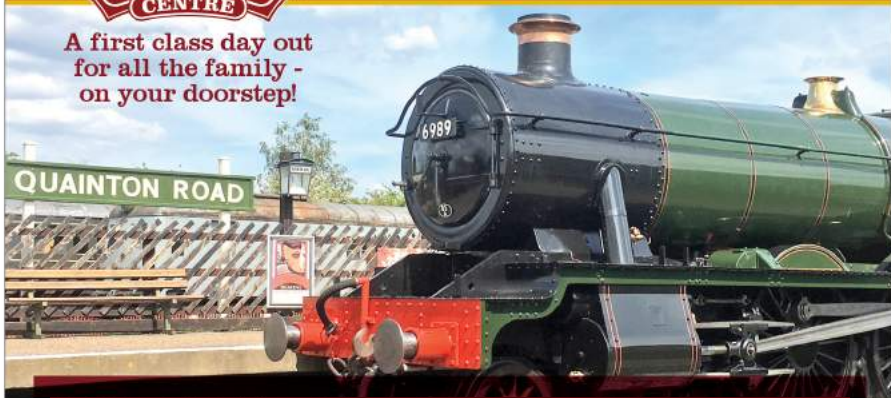
Thank you to everyone for taking part!

BINGO EVENING!

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£42 Local Pass for Quainton residents only!

Our Local Pass price will remain the same for Quainton residents only. £42 for an annual family (2a+4c) pass which includes entry to pretty much every event except Thomas, Christmas and the Halloween Disco. Call the office to purchase on 655720. Proof of address required. (The Local Pass price has increased to £52 for anyone else within 8 miles of us.)

Thomas the Tank Engine is Coming to Quainton!

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For all the details visit: www.bucksrailcentre.org or see our Facebook page.

Quainton Golf Society

Our next event will be on Friday 28 May at Whipsnade Golf Club, Government restrictions permitting.

An event consists of tea/coffee and bacon butties on arrival, 18 holes of golf in the morning, lunch and then a further 9 holes in the afternoon.



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A review from 'An enthusiastic resident' who emailed the Editor:

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UPDATE FROM GRENDON UNDERWOOD AND EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCILS



The new prison being built at Wellingborough

The consultation period ended on 5th February 2021

We have recently been informed by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) that in order to fully consider responses received during the public consultation period, they have taken a decision not to submit an Outline Planning Application (OPA) at this time whilst they review the consultation responses in more detail. This is a great outcome as the MoJ was originally planning to submit an OPA in mid-February.

However, this does not mean that an OPA will not be submitted so the fight goes on!

Across the eight-week consultation period there were 3,734 online submissions alongside 70 emails and 6 written responses. This is a total of 3,810 submissions, and includes comments from a range of local Parish Councils, Buckinghamshire Council and the Member of Parliament for Buckingham. 1,147 submissions were from a postcode within Buckinghamshire, with the remainder coming from postcodes located across the UK or without an address. This was a fantastic response bearing in mind the Christmas and New Year distractions and the lockdown difficulties.

The MoJ recently met with Bucks Council and stated that further surveys, e.g. on great crested newts and some infrastructure investigations, would take place prior to any final decision being made on whether or not to submit an OPA. However, we have to assume that an OPA will be submitted and the best estimate we have of the timing of a submission at the moment is mid-end May.

The Grendon Underwood and Edgcott Parish Council's Joint Working Committee has continued to work on the strategy for dealing with an OPA. Along with input from our MP, Councillors and other residents, some with expertise and insight into planning matters and new prison projects, a wide range of activities have been ongoing including:

For more information contact: Cllr Moloney km.gupc@outlook.com; 'Grendon Underwood Parish Council' clerk.gupc@outlook.com; peterharper22@hotmail.com or edgottparishclerk@gmail.com

- A number of Freedom of Information requests have been made to the MoJ and other Local Authorities to gather information related to such matters as site selection justification and other sites assessed in addition to Grendon Underwood
- Communications with the Planning Department at Bucks Council to highlight failings of the MoJ and emphasise the recent rejection, at appeal, to plans for residential accommodation on the field just inside the prison gates (rejected for the same issues that the new prison would bring to the area)
- Communication with the MoJ to challenge them on a range of issues
- Literature review on the impact of light and noise on wildlife to emphasise the damage the new prison development would inflict on wildlife in the locality
- Gathering information, facts and figures on other prisons in the South East including the post code, prior to sentencing, of inmates in prisons located nearby and details to refute claims made by the MoJ
- Landscape photographs of the prison site from a wide range of positions which have been marked onto a map
- Photographs of the wildlife areas in and around the prison site
- Photographs of standing water in and around the prison site as well as of flooded ditches and footpaths
- Photographs of the very narrow footpaths both in Edgcott and on the route to Grendon Underwood plus their poor condition
- Further correspondence is planned with different parties to emphasise both the current and past mis-management by the MoJ
- Collating data gathered to date so it is in an easy to read and accessible format for residents to use in their objections

The Working Party Committee will keep you informed and should an OPA be submitted then you will be advised of the objection procedure and the strongest and most relevant planning matters on which to object. **This will be a very critical part of the campaign against the new prison.**

Thank you all for your time and effort in submitting your comments at the consultation stage and a similar response at the planning stage will hopefully result in an application being refused.

Should you require any more information at this stage then please contact one of the people in the footer of this flyer.

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The vaccine has brought us a future
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I moved from the Netherlands to the UK in 2002 to work for a software company, then based in Stokenchurch and I have lived in Bucks ever

since. We lived in Pitchcott for a while and 7 years ago we moved into Quainton. I joined the Liberal Democrats in 2016 and as the years have passed I have become more passionate about wanting to give a voice to minority groups, such as EU citizens in the UK, neuro-diverse people, and children with Special Educational Needs. I ran my own beauty business for the past 9 years but sadly, due to Covid lockdowns, I had to close the doors in January.

Having seen the devastation around us, and the threat of more development pushed upon us by central government, I decided to stand up. After HS2 and EWR, we don't need a bigger prison and a city right on our doorstep. The government want to see tens of thousands of new homes built in North Bucks without local communities having a say. We believe that local decisions should be made by local people.

Education should be accessible to everyone near to their home yet we're already seeing overcrowding in local schools. We have GP surgeries and dental practices that can't take more patients and roads that are falling apart. We need to make sure we have appropriate infrastructure and amenities, invest in fixing what we have and manage growth sustainably. We must care for the environment.

My colleagues, Andrew Jones and Malcolm Newing have each lived in the ward for over 25 years and they are both Parish Councillors – Andrew in Mursley and Malcolm in Stoke Hammond. All three of us passionately believe that residents should have the opportunity to elect Councillors who live in the Ward at the heart of their community. We also believe that listening, caring and working together will deliver a better, stronger kinder society.

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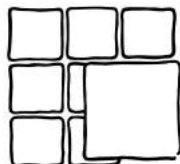
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Ramblings afar from Finemere Wood By Charlotte Karmali - Volunteer Warden

Finemere wood: bathed in glorious springtime sunshine; tantalising melodies of birdsong - blackcap, goldcrest, bullfinch, chiffchaff; mesmerising spring flowers - primroses, violets, and carpets of wood anemone like never before. The volunteers have reunited once again. Jacqui, a

relatively new member of the group, cheerfully and effortlessly found her niche in the well-established team. And thus, another unique and vital piece of the Finemere volunteer jigsaw puzzle is slotted into place.

Working in the pharmaceutical industry for many years, Jacqui managed and directed global clinical research projects, which entailed a great deal of travel. Her focus latterly was upon cancer treatments where it was hugely rewarding when a drug was finally approved and released to patients. Having had a lifelong passion for conservation and wildlife, with childhood heroes Diane Fossey, Jane Goodall and Peter Scott inspiring her interest, Jacqui often thought she should have pursued a career in the outdoors with nature. Now, early retirement has



Enabled her to immerse herself in this world. Becoming a BBOWT member led Jacqui to my blogs, and thus she decided to join the Finemere workers. Here she enjoys being part of a team whilst benefitting from fresh air, exercise and nature as she learns about managing woodland.

Photography is another love of Jacqui's, and very good at it she is too! Involved with the Amersham Photographic Society, this talented woman seeks out photography exhibitions and courses wherever she can. Nature, wildlife and landscape, being her genre, have led her to extraordinary places, such as the Tatra mountains of Slovakia to photograph wild brown bear. An ambition to photograph the brown hare may be realised nearer to home, as they can be spotted out on the Finemere meadows. Quite an artist too, Jacqui spends many a happy hour visiting galleries and enjoying the splendours of city life with her two London-based daughters.

Favourite Finemere species? The Marbled White butterfly and the Scarlet Elf Cup fungus. Favourite Finemere activities? Chatting to fellow volunteers over coffee and cake (in those bygone pre-Covid days when we could share food); gathering seeds from wildflowers and spreading them around the site; cleaning the algae-ridden information signs (at last! I have been waiting for a volunteer like this) and securing deer fences. And it just so happens that at this first Finemere gathering of the year, many of these activities were on offer. Areas cleared of scrub in the Autumn must be fenced in to protect new growth from the munching of deer; signs need a good scrubbing and much chatter is clearly essential.

Jacqui volunteers regularly in a variety of other settings, for BBOWT's Hedgerow Havens project and in a Rennie Grove charity shop, where the team were honoured to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service some years ago. Her most favourite volunteering activity was as a Games Maker at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, which involved meeting and greeting, checking tickets and crowd management. It was a great experience and she didn't want it to end.

Now she has Finemere, which will never end, not that it's a competition, I'm just saying...

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Thank you!

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Thank you again,
Ruth Newman

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.

Post to Quainton News, 32 Church Street or email: quaintonnews@gmail.com

Weather Figures for Quainton

Averages and Extremes for March 2021



Temperature			Rainfall		
Maximum	23.5°C	30th	Total for month	35.4mm	
Minimum	-2.8°C	6th	Wettest day	11.5mm	3rd
Average	2.8°C		Rain days	11	
Minimum					
Average	12.3°C		Dry days	20	
Maximum					
Highest	9.6°C	31 st			
Minimum					
Lowest	4.5°C	4th			
Maximum					
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	39mph	11th	Highest	1036hPa	5th
			Lowest	986hPa	11th

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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. Photos shared, local history discussed, questions answered, advice given, 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.

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Refuse & Recycling Collections for this month:

Tuesday 4 th May	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 10 th May	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 17 th May	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 24 th May	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Tuesday 1 st June	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **



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Sunday 23 rd May	6:00pm	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 30 th May	6:00pm	Evensong
Sunday 6 th June	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Sunday Café Church
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 13 th June	6:00pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th June	10:30am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	Evensong
Sunday 27 th June	6:00pm	Holy Communion

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

None

CHURCH ROTA FOR MAY

	2 May	9 May	16 May	23 May	30 May
Morning Reader					
Morning Sidesman					
Evening Reader					
Evening Sidesman					
Altar Flowers	Jayne Wilkinson	Ann Parrott	Venetia Dalton	Kathy Blanchard	Susie Christopherson
Pedestal Flowers	Emma Clarke	Emma Clarke	Janet Thompson	Janet Thompson	Viv Cracker
Tea Rota					
Church Cleaning		Venetia Dalton / Caroline Jacobs / David Leeming		Sue Wright / Mary McDermott	



This month's photo was taken by Richard Vining at the same time as our cover photo. This one, as well as featuring the church flag at half-mast, rather cleverly incorporates the beacon, the windmill and the church all in one photo.

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

VILLAGE CALENDAR – MAY 2021

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30/31st May:	Spring Steam Gala, Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, p.17

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