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THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Apple Pressing Day!

Saturday 24th September on The Green

The team in charge of the Community Heritage Orchard & Wildlife Project has organised this special event to raise funds and awareness for this fabulous village initiative. There will be apple pressing demonstrations – why not donate your apples and have them made into juice? Plus, there will be a prize draw, cake stall, pancakes and more! See p.7 for more details.

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

It's a bit of a cliché, but time does fly! I can't believe we are approaching the Autumn with schools back, diaries filling up and Christmas on the horizon! No doubt there'll be Christmas cards and gift ideas in the shops very soon capitalising on the nation's appetite for the "feel-good-factor" that Christmas brings for most of us. And boy, do we need some peace, love and joy in the world.

Everywhere we look we are confronted by new challenges. The rising cost of living, the devastating consequences of climate change, the ongoing threat of mutated forms of Covid impacting our healthcare systems, the long waiting lists overwhelming the NHS and Putin's horrific invasion of Ukraine, right in the heart of Europe, probably the most significant conflict in Europe since the Second World War. Then we have China, North Korea and Iran trying to manoeuvre into pole position and creating waves in the Middle East and South East Asia.

I can't remember another moment like this in my lifetime when so many challenges are affecting us all in one way or another.

So what are we to make of all this? Some "prophetic voices" are highlighting the many hundreds of Biblical prophecies that describe how it will be in the "end times" – before God finally intervenes and smashes again through time and space entering human history to bring his "new heaven and a new earth." I think they have a point. If you read the Bible alongside the daily newspapers, there are some striking parallels.

In the light of all of this, I personally want to make the most of the time I have, to be fully occupied to live out what Jesus called, "abundant life" in this world and the next. This is life as it was meant to be, part of God's original design intention for all of us who are made in his image. It's a gift we can all receive freely.

So with this in mind, how about joining me as my guest for the next Alpha Course starting on Thursday 15th September and then the following five Thursday evenings. We meet for dinner with drinks, including wine, and then watch a short video and chat round tables. It's a great social occasion and an opportunity to meet new friends, and talk about things that are on your mind right now. It's very informal, no "hard-sell" and a great refresher course on the big questions of life.

Be my guest. Bring a friend. We offer the hospitality of the church for free, food and wine included. Drop me an email, text or phone if you are interested or have questions. We will need to know numbers for catering.

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

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WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer. QuaintFest seems such a long time ago already, but I'm already looking forward to Quainton Gardening Society Show and the Apple Pressing Day this month.

There are also some special services coming to church and, one of my favourites, a Macmillan Coffee (and cake!) morning at the memorial hall...

This issue is full again, and it is lovely to see the social side of our village bouncing back so well. I look forward to seeing you out and about!

Enjoy the read,

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

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

There's lots coming to your church this month - see our posters inside this issue for: Praise & Worship Services, a Healing Service and a new Alpha Course...

Plus, at St John's Church in Whitchurch:

A vibrant yellow poster for "CAFE Club ZEST". The title "CAFE Club ZEST" is in large, stylized blue letters with a white outline. Below it, the text "SAFE, WELCOMING AND DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SING-A-LONG - AFTERNOON TEA" is written in smaller blue capital letters. At the bottom, a white box contains the text "1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 3PM AT ST JOHN'S HALL, WHITCHURCH" in blue capital letters. The contact information "Contact Jane 07739 985440" is at the very bottom in black. The background is decorated with several orange slices.

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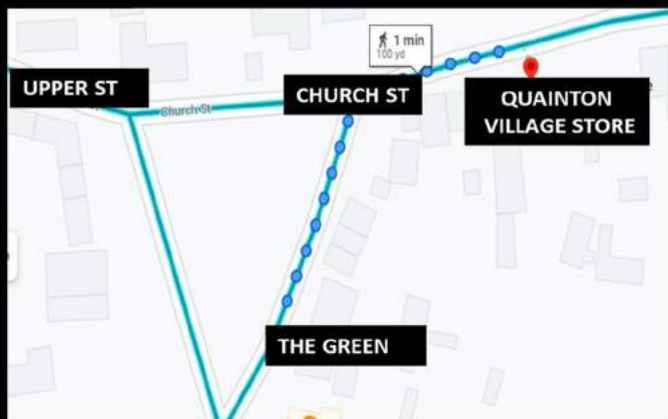
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Demonstration of apple pressing by Paul Robertson
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Thanks to everyone who has supported the project over the last year.





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THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual church fundraising event on The Green. What an amazing day it was - I think it was our best yet! The live music was amazing, we had so many fabulous helpers on the bar and everyone seemed to have a really lovely day in the sunshine on The Green. Plus we raised nearly £4,000 for our church. Thank you so much to every one of our amazing supporters and thank you to Steve Flashman for organising the music, to Darren Curtis for helping us every step of the way with the beer ordering and everything else he does!

Finally, thank you to Sue Weldon and to Rich Clark who have helped me organise this event for the past few years. The event has come on a long way since it began in 2012 with just four barrels of beer and I am so proud of what we've achieved, however, the time has come for new blood to join the team, so if you are interested in helping organise this fabulous event, which raises much needed funds for our church, please get in touch: louisarichards@hotmail.com

Thank you!



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 14th July. The meeting in August was cancelled as many Cllrs were unable to attend and we might not make quorum to make any decisions.

Next meeting: Thursday 1st September 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!! We had arranged for a repair to be carried out in July, but due to the first heatwave the technician couldn't carry out the work. Sadly he has since been unwell and we are hoping he will soon be able 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/>

THE GEORGE & DRAGON PUB: After the last publication of QN we held the community meeting about the George & Dragon Pub. As a result a Community Action Group was formed and the Steering Committee have been working hard in the past weeks to put together a business plan and options to raise funds for a Community Pub. The Steering Committee are meeting on a weekly basis and have organised a Community Survey and contacted local breweries and held meetings with Moogies, who run The Black Boy in Oving and also some other Community Pubs. Meetings are ongoing and emails are being sent out to anyone who has indicated they wanted to be kept informed. 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: A wildflower audit took place in July. Volunteers have been digging up ragwort in August, and cracks in the ground around the young trees have been filled with soil and extra mulching has taken place. A local farmer has lent the group a water bowser so they can water the trees. The group was given a lawn mower by a generous resident. A grant application to Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board has gone in for a strimmer and a notice board. One of the group members is holding a monthly bee walk. Another apple pressing day is being organised in September. The meadow is due to be cut soon. Follow progress on CHOW and offer your help and support via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321040946212772>

SPEED WATCH: our two HS2 funding applications for a sentinel and for the work to site the poles for the SIDs have been approved, this means we can now engage the contractors to carry out the works to put the poles for the SIDs in the ground and purchase the sentinel for the Speed Watch Group.

PLANNING: The modified Quainton Neighbourhood Plan has been made and is now officially in place. At our meeting last month we only had a Variation of Condition 2 (Plans) relating to 15/04276/APP erection of 13 houses on land south west of 62 Station Road. The Council did not have any objections as it is not a huge change to the overall design on the initial planning application and parking is proficient and meets the new QNP and we have noted and reiterates that the existing hedges are to remain in place.

ROADS: We continue to report issues with our roads on FixMyStreet and follow up Buckinghamshire Council on our list of roads that needs repairs this ranges from potholes to damaged kerbs, damaged drains to bollards and traffic signs, as well as the issues with heavy traffic coming through the village.

BUS SERVICE: we're still receiving complaints. Once we know who will be running the service, we can carry on campaigning for our bus services to be improved. Some positive news about the buses in the section about the Station Road bridge. 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: We have some potential success in the case for the bridge on Station Road to be repaired or replaced, so we can get the weight limit lifted and get Station Road reopened. We have been informed that Buckinghamshire Council and Network Rail are communicating about when exactly Network Rail will be repairing the bridge. In order for this work to take place, understandably, Station Road will need to be closed whilst works are carried out. This will likely take place in conjunction with when HS2 create their haul road crossing over Station Road, which is to be sited between the bridge and the Station Road Junction. Once the bridge is repaired, the weight limit should be lifted and this will mean that bus services can resume along Station Road as they were before the weight limit was issued. Nothing has been confirmed for certain at this stage, but the working assumption is that the Bridge may be repaired before the end of 2023.

Station Road Crossroads: Barwood Homes were tasked with installing a Vehicle Activated Light-up Sign. We have informed them of the type of sign we would like to see and hopefully that work will take place soon, pending Buckinghamshire Council approval and HS2 works no doubt.

HS2/EKFB: As part of their continued works in Quainton, EKFB will be constructing the Quainton Railhead this September. Quainton Railhead will begin receiving deliveries from Monday 19 September 2022 through to 2025. Deliveries to the railhead will take place during normal working hours between 8am - 6pm. For reasons of safety, EKFB insist they will be closing a section of Station Road between the bridge and Station Road/Snake Lane/Quainton Road crossroads. This closure will be to facilitate the construction of the railhead, the movement of aggregate between Quainton and Calvert North as well as junction improvement works to the Station Road cross roads. This section of Station Road they want to be fully closed, 24 hours a day, no emergency services access from September 2022 to Autumn 2023 with a diversion in place, some of this will be the same time as the Station Road Bridge will potentially be repaired or replaced, but has not been confirmed yet. They also want to close Snake Lane for a further two years after the closure of Station Road for over a year. As you can imagine we have had some frustrating meetings with HS2/EKFB about these road closures in and around Quainton.

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HS2/EKFB cont'd: Some of these have already taken place between 14 and 19 August, but a major closure of Station Road and Snake Lane are still under consultation with Buckinghamshire Council. We have so far managed to get them to review a potential 3 year closure of that Station Road section from the Railway Centre to the Crossroads. We have made it very clear that this is unacceptable, especially considering that we've been working so hard to get the bridge repaired so we can resume our bus services in and out of the village via Station Road, only for them to try and close Station Road for several years after the bridge repair is to take place. Buckinghamshire Council and Greg Smith MP's office have been involved and have given their commitment to us that they will not allow this to happen and we remain in close contact with the Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet for Transport and their Deputy Cabinet Member Transport (HS2/EWR) to ensure we will not be faced with lengthy road closures that obstruct the flow of traffic for the residents and businesses in and around Quainton. HS2 works have to continue, we can't stop them and by law we shouldn't cause undue delay as stated in the HS2 Act, Schedules 4 and 17, but they do need to consult with and obtain permission and approvals from the local authorities, emergency services and other relevant key stakeholders under Schedule 4 and 17 of the HS2 Act. We shall hold them to that.

EKFB's MOBILE INFO UNIT: have suggested they will visit the village again with their mobile information unit at the Memorial Hall and the Railway Centre. We have requested they come at a time that allows for residents to come in after work or on a weekend if possible.

Current proposed dates are as follows:

Wednesday 31 August 2022	Bucks Railway Centre	10.30am to 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 September 2022	Quainton Memorial Hall	3pm to 7pm
Thursday 15 September 2022	Quainton Memorial Hall	10am to 3pm

Further details will be published in Quainton News as well as on our Notice Boards, Facebook Page, Quainton Village Life and our website.

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

Station Road South (to A41)	25 July - 15 Aug	Full Closure
Blackgrove Road	15 Aug - 19 Aug	Additional Traffic Management
Lee Road/Snake Lane	15 Aug - 16 Aug	Full Closure / 2-way lights on Lee Rd
Snake Lane nr Bridge	17 Aug - 19 Aug	Full Closure
Station Rd Seechfield to 151	17 Aug - 21 Sept	PowerON cable work, 2-way signals
Station Rd Junction to Bridge	20 Aug - 30 Sept	Full Closure
North End Road	23 Aug - 25 Aug	Openreach works, no obstructions
Station Rd nr Barwood (151)	25 Aug - 30 Aug	Openreach works, no obstructions
North End Road	30 Aug - 2 Sept	Thames Water, Traffic Priority Ctrl
Station Rd nr Barwood (151)	5 Sept - 7 Sept	Openreach works, no obstructions
Blackgrove Road	7 Nov - 13 Nov	Full Closure for A41 alignment works

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.

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!

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As you may have noticed the George and Dragon in Quainton is up for sale. With the support of the Parish Council, a small Steering Group has formed to explore the possibility of community ownership. This would only be as a last resort, and only if no suitable commercial buyer, that can preserve our pub offering all the services that we have enjoyed in the past, can be found.

The aim is to keep the George and Dragon as a key part of our community, with no major changes, with regular hours and, we hope, with regular food!

We are exploring various business models – but in essence members of the community could buy shares and own a stake in the future of the George and Dragon (which continues to be a successful commercial venture). However, it is likely professionals would be hired to manage the day-to-day operations of the pub. This kind of venture has been successfully achieved in many other communities all over the UK.

We've run a survey in the village and there was almost universal support with many pledges of financial support.

If you'd like to remain informed about progress or feel you can contribute in some way – check out the George and Dragon Community Action Group page or send your email to pub.info@quainton.org.uk.

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July winners:

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The Wildlife Area at The Strand

The small green space alongside The Strand and White Hart Field has been set aside by the Parish Council to encourage wildlife. A resident kindly planted some heritage fruit trees and wildflower seeds and the Parish Council, with the support of Hedgerow Havens and BBOWT, planted mixed hedging and pollinators, plus more wildflower seeds. The Village Society planted a tree and placed a bench on the area. The established trees such as alder, ash and an American Holly add interest and further sources of food and shelter for wildlife.

In a few years the hedging will be established and provide food and shelter for a number of species, as well as providing easy access for wildlife to travel through to other green spaces and gardens as they search for their daily needs. The grass is cut short up to and around the bench but beyond this the grass is left so the wildflowers can grow and flower. Only after the seeds have set is the long grass cut. Having the different grassed areas provides food sources for a wider variety of creatures. There is a mound at the back with sticks and some leaves which could provide shelter and hibernation areas for creatures such as hedgehogs. It is not a compost heap. The Wildlife Area is not designed to look manicured.

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Seven Known Windmills in Quainton over the last 600 Years



**Quainton
Windmill**

Tony Diggory and Ian Bragg have worked together to research documents in the Buckinghamshire Museum in Aylesbury dating back to 1580. Below is a brief summary, more details are displayed in Quainton Windmill, open every Sunday morning 10.00 to 12.30 hrs.

See Ref 1. on the above map – 1390 Mill Hill Windmill (SP 741214, its OS map reference). This windmill was recorded in the parish, and mentioned in a title deed, in 1390. The mill would have been located on the top of the hill to the north of the current mill. In 1422 work was needed on the mill and the estimated cost was four shillings and sixpence!

Ref 6. – 1580 Post Mill (SP 715187). The Doddershall Estate map of 1580 shows a Windmill beside Old London Road. It would have been a Post Mill, where the entire body of the building revolves around a vertical post. In 1972 a ditched circular mound remained, 470m south east of Binwell Lane Farmhouse, but this later became the location of a National Grid Gas Compression Station.

Ref 7. – 1630 Post Mill (SP 731205). A title deed from May 1630 exists showing the release of land which included a Post Mill and its turning circle. The title deed released “all such land as the Wyndemille in Queynton doth reach, extend, over-reach or encompass for the turning of the said Mill and Tayle thereof.”

Ref 3. – 1797 Blagrove or Banner Mill 1797 (SP 759191). Details are given in an old pocket book covering 1794-1800. It was a Post Mill and was described as the Blagrove Mill, it took four months to build in 1797. Thomas Anstiss Junior was the miller, it is shown on the 1822 OS map marked as Banner Mill. Sometime later it was moved to Mursley. The mound on which the original mill was built remained, barely perceptible, until July 1983.

Ref 4. – 1798 The Old Mill, or Curtiss Mill (SP 471192). (Photo right). This Post Mill stood on a shallow mound in a paddock on the right-hand side of the road going down from the village to the station. It was probably in the field behind 139 Station Road.



In 1798 the miller is listed as Thomas Anstiss, another member of the local milling family. Members of the Curtiss family ran the mill for a number of years including Robert Curtis, said to have been an expert on the weather who could scent the wind coming two or three days beforehand! In 1854 it was advertised for sale, referring to it as “that highly famed old windmill in Quainton Seech Field”.

Ref 5. – Unknown Date - Windmill Knob (SP 729192). In the 1930’s a mill mound (the “Knob”) stood here on Fieldside Farm. At that time the foundations of the structure were still present, and in the past large pieces of stone had been turned up by ploughing. The mound has now been levelled due to ploughing. No information can be found on the age or type of mill located on this site.

Ref 2. – 1832 New Mill or High Mill (SP746203). (Photo right). This is the current Quainton Windmill. This Tower Mill was built by James Anstiss. His family have prior involvement with the Blagrove Mill (Ref 3.) in 1797 and The Old Mill/Curtiss mill (Ref 4.) in 1798. It has remained in the same family since it was built 190 years ago and much of the original equipment remains. It was derelict by the end of the 1890s.



Surprise Wedding Proposal at Quainton Windmill

Nick Porter and Francesca Wright moved into Quainton six months ago and live on The Green. After eight years together Nick decided that Francesca was the person he wanted to spend the rest of his life with. He hoped he could propose to Francesca at the windmill because they had both developed a great affection for it. Nick contacted Mike Roberts and it was agreed it would happen on a pre-arranged Saturday.



Nick’s plan was to introduce Francesca to Mike and Ian Bragg and leave them talking. He then took their dog, Custard, up to third floor, which has the outside Gallery with wonderful views of the village. He tied a bandanna around Custard’s neck. When Francesca climbed up the steps, she saw Nick go down on one knee and hold up Custard. She read the inscription on the bandanna “Will You Marry My Dad?” Needless to say, Francesca proceeded to cry and couldn’t say a word.



Ian Bragg, who was the appointed photographer for the engagement extravaganza, shouted up from the garden outside the mill “Did she say yes?”. Francesca shouted down “It’s a yes”, this was a great relief for Nick.

The couple are shown that evening celebrating in a more glamorous setting than the 190-year-old windmill. They agreed “It was a lovely end to a magical day.” Colin Dancer, whose family own the mill believes this is the first ever proposal in the mill, and he is delighted it was a successful one.



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Neighbourhood Plan Update:

The parish council is pleased to announce the modified Quainton Neighbourhood Plan has been made by Buckinghamshire Council.

This means it will now form part of the Development Plan for the area of Quainton parish and will sit alongside the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan and so will be a primary material consideration in the determination of planning applications made within the parish.

The Made Plan is available to view on the village website at: <https://www.quainton.org.uk/quainton-neighbourhood-plan>



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STEAMING DAYS:

Sunday 11th & 18th September: Visitor Centre, cafe, gift shop, steam train rides, railway museum, miniature railway, model trains and more... all the usual steaming day activities.

STEAM & AGRICULTURAL SHOW:

24th & 25th September: There'll be lots of fun for all the family at this event with vehicles on display and ferret racing, plus all the usual fun of the railway!

QUAINTON PASSES & DISCOUNTS:

Annual Quainton Pass is £42 for 2 adults and 4 children, or get 25% off your tickets on arrival - both require proof of Quainton address. Visit bucksrailcentre.org for more info.

THE RAILWAY CAFE:

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Our nearest defibrillator is on the wall of Quainton School on Lower Street – pictured.

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Quanton Golf Society

The June event this year was played in Harpenden in Herts at Aldwickbury Golf Club, to contest the 27-hole Barry Wooller Salver. The course was in fine condition with plenty of run on the fairways, but the greens were challenging with plenty of borrows.



At the lunch break, there were two clear leaders in Mark Hughes and Mark Carter on 38 points with Terry Curtis 3 shots back and heavyweights Dave Clouting and Stuart Moffat a further shot adrift. The two Marks were playing in the same group and the pressure may have accounted for Mark Hughes falling away with 14 in the afternoon for a total of 52 and 3rd place. Perennial winner Stuart Moffat applied the pressure with 19 in the afternoon for a total of 53 and 2nd place but he could not catch Mark Carter who put his local knowledge (he is a member at Aldwickbury) to good use, to make a winning total of 55.

The afternoon 9 holes also constituted a separate competition which was won by Stuart Moffat with his 19, beating Dave Fitchett who came in with a fine 18 points on a tough course.

For the July event we had 22 starters for our annual trip to Whipsnade Park GC on Friday, where the competition was the NSPCC Putter. The weather was again kind to us and the course was hard and fast and very brown. The Stableford scoring was not spectacular, with one exception, and half of the field failed to make 30 points. Alan Marks produced the round of the day, and may be the year, scoring a 44 points to claim victory by a record winning margin of 10 shots. Tim Spokes capped one of his infrequent appearances with 2nd place on countback, and the very consistent Stuart Moffat came in third on countback with a very good 3 over par gross score.

There were some creditable performances in the 9-hole afternoon medal format, with 6 players playing to their handicap or better. Dave Clouting and Mike York came in with a net 35 but it was Dave who took the honours and bottle of wine on countback.

Top 5 for June		
	Barry Wooller Salver	Points
1st	Mark Carter	55
2nd	Stuart Moffat	53
3th	Mark Hughes	52
4th	Terry Curtis	51
5th	Alan Marks	48

Our next venue is Silverstone for Terry Curtis's Captain's Day on 30th September.

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

Top 5 for July		
	NSPCC Putter	Points
1st	Alan Marks	44
2nd	Tim Spokes	34
(OCB)		
3th (OCB)	Stuart Moffat	34
4th	Vince Hemsley	33
5th=	Mike York	32
5th=	John Lucas	32
5th=	Mick Simmonds	32
5th=	Mark Hughes	32
21st	Chris Wilkinson	18



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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

What a summer we are having! Endless hot, dry days, with not a drop of rain in sight. Fields of grass, baked brown to a crisp by the heat of the sun. The clay soil of Finemere Wood, dehydrated and cracked due to lack of water. But the show must go on, and so the volunteers keep plugging away in all but the most extreme of temperatures.



It is the time of year for the annual cutting of the ancient drovers' track. Not only will this prevent encroachment of scrub, but also it will keep dominant plants in check, allowing the more delicate wildflowers to thrive. This is the woodland workers' most special of places. Over the years we have cut back dense scrub and trees to reveal this medieval path; it is a magical place steeped in history.

The shoulder-high grass is brought to the ground with the swish of scythes and the rumble of brushcutters. The cuttings are raked and piled in heaps to the side of the track, creating habitats for many a beast. Buckets of sweat are generated and the volunteers retire, dripping, under the shade of trees for lashings of cake and tea.



There is not much colour in August as most flowers are fading following pollination. This year there is even less colour due to the scalding weather. And so it is a delight to see clumps of golden yellow fleabane scattered throughout the wood. A last burst of colour before summer reaches its conclusion. Despite a liking for marshy, damp areas, this plant is thriving along the dry drovers' track.

Common Fleabane (*Pulicaria dysenterica*) is a member of the daisy family, blooming through August and into September. Growing up to 3 feet high, the flowers reach 15-30mm in diameter. These sun-like flowers attract a variety of pollinators, including late-flying butterflies, such as meadow brown and gatekeeper.

In days gone past, *Pulicaria dysenterica* was used as a treatment for dysentery, as its name might suggest. A close relative of pyrethrum (the active ingredient in pyrethrin insecticide), common fleabane was also used to repel fleas. Bunches of dried flowers were hung in houses to keep these pests away.



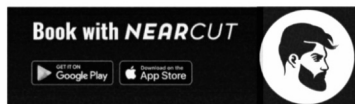
Clive Dalzell: former volunteer, master of machines, tractor driver, chainsaw operator and pilot, flew back to the home counties to visit. He treated me to the most magnificent aerial tour of local BBOWT reserves on a beautifully clear and sunny day. Flying over Finemere was the highlight, and it emphasised to me what an oasis the wood is for wildlife, surrounded as it is by HS2 and weather-beaten fields.

For further information about volunteering opportunities at Finemere Wood, Calvert Jubilee, and other BBOWT reserves, please email volunteering@bbowt.org.uk. All enquiries will now be dealt with centrally.

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HS2 in Quainton

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One of the next phases of work to be undertaken, is the set up of a railhead area. This will help us deliver aggregate to our work areas the Calvert area and also for the Thame Valley Viaduct. We will be using the disused line, south of Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, which will allow us to receive freight deliveries during our core working hours between 8am - 6pm. The trains will pull into our railhead platform and the aggregate will be offloaded. This material will then be transported along our access road to compounds and stockpile areas. This material will predominantly be used to form the base layers of the new track. We anticipate receiving upwards of 3 million tonnes of material over the course of 3 years. This means the railhead will help take approximately 260,000 deliveries off the local road network.

During the rest of the utility works and our aggregate movements, we need to implement some temporary road closures. These need to be in place due to the safety of all road users because of the proximity to the junction and to the lights on the bridge. We are still in communication with Buckinghamshire Council and Network Rail, however our current proposal has been split into two phases. Phase 1: Closure of a section of Station Road from the crossroads to the bridge, 24 hours a day, for approximately one year from September 19th 2022. Please note: this is subject to Network Rail and their maintenance plans on the bridge.

Phase 2: Closure of Fiddler's Field Road (Snake Lane) from September 2023 to 2025. However, this will be dependent on the completion of Network Rail works on the bridge.

If you are interested in finding out more, we will be in the local area on the below dates:

- 31 August 10:30 – 15:30 at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre.
- 7 September 15:00 – 19:00 in Quainton Memorial Hall conference room.
- 15 September 10:00 – 15:00 at Quainton Memorial Hall Car Park.

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Right: The image shows an existing railhead in use



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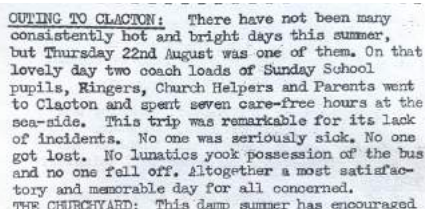
Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is bringing a very special production of Nativity! The Musical to Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre on Sunday 30th October.

Produced in partnership with Bucks Music Trust, the project is bringing the local community together for a performance to raise vital funds for the charity. Starring over 100 local children will take to the stage for an evening that promises fun for the whole family, with a host of memorable sing-along hits including Sparkle and Shine, Nazareth, and She's the Brightest Star.

The charity is expected this to be a sell-out night. Join them for a fantastic evening of fun, family entertainment and support your local hospice charity. For more information and to buy your tickets visit fnhospice.org.uk/nativity from 1st September...

Snippet from 1957 issue of Quainton Parish Magazine

Pam Heath (daughter of Gordon and Connie Heath from Torbay) thought you might like to read this funny snippet from the October 1957 issue of Quainton Parish Magazine, written by Rev'd Klee.



OUTING TO CLACTON: There have not been many consistently hot and bright days this summer, but Thursday 22nd August was one of them. On that lovely day two coach loads of Sunday School pupils, Ringers, Church Helpers and Parents went to Clacton and spent seven care-free hours at the sea-side. This trip was remarkable for its lack of incidents. No one was seriously sick. No one got lost. No lunatics took possession of the bus and no one fell off. Altogether a most satisfactory and memorable day for all concerned.

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Green Dragon Eco Farm becomes:



Green Dragon Eco Farm has changed its name to reflect a range of ongoing developments and its core purpose, presenting a new brand as Hogshaw Farm & Wildlife Park. The re-brand has been prompted by their continual commitment to update, and invest in the product, experience, and offer. The family-run farm has also opened a new local farm shop and cafe, for everyone to enjoy.

Through immersive experiences, family-fun events, and hands-on workshops, the team engage and educate in a way that inspires happiness and creates memories. The new name and branding are designed with all this in mind and reflect the growth of the farm since its opening in 2015.

Working alongside a team of marketing experts, the rebranding has entailed producing a new set of logos along with refreshing signage, brochures, stationary, uniforms and updates to all digital channels including a new website that has just gone live: www.hogshawfarm.co.uk

James Preston, owner, said, "The new branding has given the farm a fresh look that will reflect some of the physical updates that we continue to make to enhance the experience of our visitors, whilst also connecting strongly to our values, and vision. As a business we are driven by our commitment to conservation and our community, to provide a space to make memories, explore, learn and have adventures. Our adjusted name and branding acts as a tool to convey that through a renewed visual identity and voice. We are delighted with what we have achieved as a result, after much discussion and exploration of ideas with the team. Having had a particularly challenging period through the pandemic we are pleased to be able to continue to expand and develop our service offering and reflect this through our new identity."

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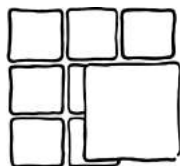
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The Bridge Club was started some 17 years ago, when the new Hall was opened and since then has met 50 weeks of the year, apart from a spell during Covid.

I started the Club with my late husband, Phil and the late Brian Robinson, and at that time there were some from Quainton who joined the Club with others coming from Bicester, Buckingham, Aylesbury and even Brackley.

Since the Pandemic, many clubs have found that their membership numbers are down as folk have changed their habits, maybe because they are a couple of years older or have found other interests. In the hope that we may be able to increase our numbers, I sincerely hope that some Bridge players from the Quainton area may be tempted join us. We welcome players of all standards, and we play 18-21 boards each Wednesday afternoon, stopping for a short break for tea and cake half way through.

We also have both Christmas and Summer lunch parties – we are a pretty friendly and light hearted bunch So, if you are a Bridge player, even if you haven't played for a while – do come along to the Memorial Hall on a Wednesday afternoon – you will be made very welcome.

Play starts at 2pm and we ask people to arrive by 1.50 pm. If you are without a partner, just email barbara.barnes@me.com as I may be able to put you in touch with someone also looking for a game.

Barbara Barnes



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The June Draw

£100	177	George Newman	£20	110	Sandy Finnie
£50	42	Joyce Stratton	£18	14	Peter Biggs
£25	106	David Saunders	£12	38	Matt Ginger
£25	170	Simon Dearn	£10	89	Paul Jackman
£25	55	Neil Richardson			

George & Dragon Meal Voucher: 128 Mike James

The July Draw

£100	84	Paul Sayell	£20	21	John Blanchard
£50	1	Sheila Small	£18	184	Roger Small
£25	35	Stan Speck	£12	5	Paul Bradbury
£25	94	Tony Dormer	£10	199	Bob Skinner
£25	44	Caroline Roberts			

George & Dragon Meal Voucher: 45 Michelle Robinson-Boyce

September draw Friday 30th at George and Dragon, Quainton

WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



Averages and Extremes for June & July 2022

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	37.8°C	19/7	Total for the 2 months	54.6mm	
Minimum	3.9°C	1/6	Wettest day	16.5mm	4/6
Average Minimum	11°C		Rain days	18	
Average Maximum	24°C		Dry days	43	
Highest Minimum	20.6°C	18/7			
Lowest Maximum	13.3°C	5/6			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	32mph	24/7	Highest	1024hPa	7/7
			Lowest	993hPa	7/6

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

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Quanton Village Life Facebook: This is a very active Facebook page for Quanton residents. Photos shared, local history discussed, questions answered, advice given, recommendations, plus lots more! There is also a Quanton Buying and Selling Facebook page.

Quanton Support Network: A team of volunteers to help. Call Clare Lucas on 655552.

Quanton Oil Group: Residents can receive regular deliveries of heating oil on group negotiated terms from Lovells. T: 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.

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Monday 12th September	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 19th September	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
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	10.30am	Café Church Breakfast
	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th September	6.00pm	Healing Service
Thursday 15th September	7:30pm	ALPHA Course begins
Sunday 18th September	10.30am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Joint Praise and Worship Service with Band and Choir
Sunday 25th September	6.00pm	Quainton Holy Communion

PARISH REGISTER FOR SEPTEMBER

Wedding: Saturday 30th July: Eleanor Nickless and Thomas Casemore

CHURCH ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

	4 September	11 September	18 September	25 September
Morning Sidesman				
Evening Reader				
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Altar Flowers	Stella Clarke	Venetia Dalton	Sarah Williams	June Hanson
Pedestal Flowers	Janet Thompson	Janet Thompson	Emma Clarke	Viv Craker
Tea Rota				
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HOLY CROSS & ST. MARY'S CHURCH – OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS



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

- 1st September: PC meeting, 7.30pm, QMH, p.10
3rd September: Quainton Gardening Society Annual Show, QMH, 2.30pm, p.5
3/4th September: Day Out With Thomas, Bucks Railway Centre, p.25
11th September: Healing Service in Church, 6p,, p.19
15th September: Alpha Course starts, p.19
18th September: Praise & Worship Service, 6pm in Church, p.19
24th September: CHOW Apple Pressing and fundraising, 11am-3pm on The Green, p.7
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Future date for your Diaries:

- 18th October: QVS illustrated talk by Dick Carter, QMH, 7.30pm, p.22

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