

QUAINTON ·NEWS·

THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



New 'Academy' Programme for Local Cycle Club

Claydon Cycle Club has launched a new initiative to encourage more people, specifically women, to take to their bikes. 'Academy' aims to encourage would-be cyclists to take part in a confidence building programme, with the aim of helping them experience the thrills of riding in a group, but also enhancing road safety awareness, culminating in the ability to confidently ride 50km or more. See p.25 for all the details.

Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

We all like evidence, especially if the thing we are being asked to believe could affect the way we live our lives. Is it true? Is it reliable? Does it work?

A friend of mine wrote this recently and it made me think:

"Imagine two giant plots of land. Standing on the first is every follower of Jesus who has ever lived and died. Standing on the second is every follower of Jesus who is alive today. The second would be bigger, because it would be filled with nearly two and a half billion people. Is it

possible that every single one of those people is living out a 2000-year old fairy story or is it possible that Jesus Christ, who lived that amazing life and then died on a Roman cross, is the same Jesus who rose from the dead as described in the Bible and witnessed by hundreds of people? Is it possible that this Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man and right at this moment is sitting at the right hand of the Father of creation in heaven?"

My friend doesn't mince his words! He is stating something that surely can't be dismissed and I must confess that if I didn't believe that all this is actually true, I would have as much integrity as a three wheeled trolley from Tesco's! That's why I'm passionate about my 10 minute sermons on a Sunday – they are all aimed at helping us find God's plans and purposes for our lives which are easily missed.

In September we launch year one of our five year strategy. In the first year we will be focussing on "mobilisation," re-engaging with people who may have an understanding or a yearning for something deeper in life – what I would call a "spiritual dimension". People who understand, or at least hope, that there must be more to life than this. The pandemic has shown us once again how fragile life is and many want to know if this life is really all there is. At our Annual Meeting recently, I spoke about our church existing for three reasons:

- 1. To be a Sacred Space** – a place where people can connect with that deeper spirituality in a variety of ways.
- 2. A Safe Space** – where anyone, regardless of ethnicity, gender, age or social background will find an unconditional welcome.
- 3. A Social Space** – where we can offer hospitality to all through social events, community support and coffee and walnut cake! Be part of it!

Next month – news about our Deliveroo Church!

Blessings,

Rev Steve

Reverend Steve Flashman, Vicar

Holy Cross & St Mary, Quainton; and All Saints, Oving with Pitchcott,

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Welcome to the July 2021 issue



Hello everyone,

I know we were all hoping things would be back to normal by now, and seeing as they're not, the July issue of Quainton News is looking a little bereft of events... Let's hope everything kicks back to life in August and September!

Life carries on though, and we have a few team on the Parish Council and we thank them for coming forward! Also, work has begun on the new village Directory, so if you have a club/society or service you think should be included, make sure you get in touch. See p.5.

Louisa Richards, Editor
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Stay safe everyone and enjoy the read,

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

News From Our Church:

- A new **Alpha Course** is starting in the autumn at the George & Dragon in Quainton – we will have a meal together and watch a video - more details coming.
- **Men's Breakfast.** The first one will be at 8.30am on Saturday 9th October at The George – Guest speaker, our very own, Ewart Watson on his escapades in the police force.
- **Community Choir.** Re-starts Friday 10th September, 10am at the Memorial Hall, Quainton and at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th September at Waddesdon Methodist Hall.
- **Bereavement Group** meeting at The Rectory, 27 Church Street – led by me initially – a time of mutual support and encouragement for all who have lost loved ones. Starting in the Autumn.
- **Parade Service:** Our uniformed organisations will involved as part of our Sunday Morning service programme in the Autumn. The children and young people will take a large part of the service and parents will be invited to support them.

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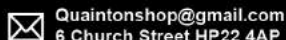
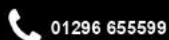
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Covid-19 Update:

Restrictions are still in place as cases of the Delta variant rise but fortunately the majority of residents have received the vaccine, with all being offered at least their first dose by July 19th. There are a number of cases in the village, possibly through transmission at school, so please do follow guidelines from the government (even if they don't!)

HANDS

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- You can meet indoors in a group of 6 people or any size from 2 households
- You can meet outside in a group of up to 30
- Work from home if you can and travel safely

The Quainton support network is still up and running. At present, a small group of volunteers are offering lifts to people who have hospital or dental appointments; if you have some time during the week and would like to help, please let us know. The bus service is very limited so if you need a lift please contact Claire. Buckinghamshire Council are in the process of restarting a volunteer driver scheme, so as soon as details of this emerge, we will let you know as it should offer an alternative method of travel.

Claire Lucas 655552. Louisa Richards 655560

Quainton Village Directory 2021

The Directory has taken a Covid-induced break but plans are afoot to publish a new issue later this year. Produced jointly by Quainton Village Society and Quainton Church, the directory is delivered to every home in the parish, and is also sent out as part of a welcome pack to all new-comers to the village. It is your go-to publication for local facilities/trades/services, as well as contact details for all clubs, groups and societies active in the village, from your local church wardens, to the organiser of the badminton club, and everything in between!

We will contact everyone who is already included in the directory, but this is a call to anyone who may not currently be included but wants to be. Maybe you are part of a new club/group etc which hasn't been included before? If so, please get in touch - there is no charge for clubs who want to have a contact name and number listed. Contact: sonjataylorlane@gmail.com.

Also, Quainton businesses are invited to advertise - the directory is printed and delivered at no cost to the residents thanks to advertising revenue. Does your business offer a service to the residents of Quainton?

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Volunteers and helpers required:

- Could you spare a couple of hours??
- Bus buddies, morning and/or afternoon helpers
- Lunch service assistance

Please get in touch, your contribution will be hugely appreciated by us all

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: WOULD YOU BE FREE??

Are you retired and looking for a little voluntary job, either once a week, or a fortnight, say taking one hour of your time?? We are in great need of a person (or even two) to sweep the church's exterior pathways, mostly on the North Side. It is one job that we just can't generally cover, and we would be enormously grateful if someone was to contact either myself, Margaret Willoughby 655606, or Malcolm Wearn 655484, to offer their services and time! It would make such a difference to the appearance of the church. Many thanks, Margaret

A YEARLY APPEAL:

Yet again I have to ask whether there are any volunteers in our village, (male or female) who are willing to help us clean the interior of the church. There is a rota where teams of normally three, get together twice a year to clean the church. The time spent is left to the group involved but there are no "rules". In "normal" times the church receives many visitors from far and wide, but during the pandemic, it has been used by so many people for private reflection and prayer. We have continued throughout to try to keep the cobwebs and dust at bay. So are you able to spare an hour or so, twice a year to help us? You don't have to attend church, but just have a willingness to help the village Church to be kept as clean as possible.

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Community Orchard and Wildlife meadow project: Update

The Crafty Knitwits have been busy with making small gifts and crafty keepsakes for the eventual lockdown lift. A prize draw is also scheduled to coincide with any picnic party on The Green.

Have you seen the Window on The Green? The Knitwits have been beavering away with all things wildlife and made a display for the children (and adults) to come and enjoy a little taste of the countryside in one small space. How many animals can you see? Where's the Woodpecker? What are the names of the dogs being walked?

If you enjoy this display, please give generously to the collection jars in the Coffee Shop (thank you Darren) and in the Village stores (thank you Emma and Sarah). ALL funds go to the Orchard and Meadow project at the "Rec". We will soon set up a Just Giving page for those with no cash.



We have had much interest in families purchasing one of our heritage apple species as a gift to the future and will release more information as we go.

New hedging to replace the dead areas will take place later in the year. Next year, The Strand area and the Rec will be left until the wild flowers have gone over in July to help them establish and small areas will be mowed to allow access to benches etc.

A session on identifying wildflower and grasses will have taken place by the time you read this. This will help us check what is already in the meadow and keep a record of any improvements over the years to come.

Thistle Pulling Volunteers Required! Saturday 3rd July 10am-1pm

Another session on thistle pulling is planned on Saturday 3rd July. 10am-1pm or as long as you can spare the time for. Gloves needed.

We would like to thank all of you who have helped, guided and kept us on track with the dos and don'ts of planning such an area, including Marcus from BBOWT, all the Thistle pullers (still time for you to help – a great skill to have and you may get a biscuit!) and Pat Lawrence.

Plus, there's still time to let us know of any special trees in your garden.
Claire and Michelle



Quainton Parish Council

Chairman: John Knox. Councillors Nick Butler, Michelle Robinson-Boyce, Nicolette Smith, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock

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

The Chairman Reports:

At the June Council meeting we co-opted three councillors: Michelle Robinson-Boyce, Sue Weldon and Lee Whitlock. We welcome them and they certainly saw a wide variety of issues facing the Council at their first meeting. There is still one vacancy and anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

Skate Park: By the time you have read this the skate park should have been repaired and back in place although it is close to the end of its life and we need to start considering funding to replace it. The playpark swings also need repair and this is in hand.

The Green is an important asset at the heart of our community. Recently there was a proposal to hold a pop-up BBQ. In sunny weather this impromptu event, at first instance, seems a good idea. They were granted permission by the School Lands Charity which owns the Green and the Council were also asked to approve. Unfortunately, we were concerned that the COVID limit on such events would be exceeded and that the residents round the Green would be disturbed. There was also concern that one event would lead to others causing more disturbance to residents. Our fears about numbers were confirmed when the event was publicised on Facebook. Spontaneous picnics organised by and for family groups are probably an ideal that we would expect. Many people assume the Council controls and administers the Green and this has been true in practice for many years. However, concerns over the number of cars parking intrusively on the Green has highlighted the relative responsibilities between the Charity and Council and we are currently talking with them to achieve a beneficial solution for the future.

Broadband: In the May meeting we failed to fully correct the April meetings minutes reporting what has turned out to be good news. Claire Lucas and Michelle Thompson had been working very hard to bring fast broadband to the higher numbered houses in Station Rd. In fact, they had success with Openreach announcing plans to install the very fast Fibre to the Premises. This will be a vast improvement to the existing copper wire service. The rest of the village will then be in a slower lane with only Fibre to the Cabinet. This project should be completed by Spring 2022 at the latest. A map is available on the Quainton website.

Speedwatch was back in operation during the last week in May when volunteers again borrowed the Sentinel equipment and used it at various police approved sites in the village to remind drivers of the speed limit and to identify those drivers who continue to disregard it and put us all at risk. 14 offenders were identified as travelling in excess of 33mph and will be receiving admonishment from Thames Valley Police. The worst offender, recorded at 51mph, will receive special attention.

The equipment has been booked for further days in coming weeks. With more volunteers we could obviously cover more sessions. All you have to do is set up the equipment (training available and you are always with another person) then sit back to make sure it is not stolen. The equipment records the necessary information and police do all the follow up. The installation of sockets to hold a moveable SID pole continues to inch forwards. The work is being done and funded by an HS2 contractor with the pole being made by a local resident after we discovered most of the suppliers had ceased to supply them leaving us with the alternative of 4 x4m rigid poles. Not a pleasant site when not in use.

Traffic Lights: Initially, I was glad to hear that Bucks were to again inspect the traffic lights at Berryfields and I contacted the officer asking to attend to put across our concerns which may not be apparent during a short inspection. Apparently, the Police, who also attend, were concerned for my safety and I was only told after the event. I strongly expressed my concern to the Road Safety Official and sent a list of 11 points as to why these lights are unnecessary and dangerous in their operation.

Hedges continue to suffer devastation at the hands of HS2. I raise this in my meetings with the contractors who reassure me that ecologists always check for nests. In fact, not all the hedges have been removed on the Quainton Rd because of nests, while at Calvert a pile driving rig stands idle after a bird built on top of it. Rather than give the birds the thrill of a fairground ride it stands unused and another rig has been brought in. The frequency with which they reassure me makes me suspicious and I am pleased to learn that one of our councillors has photographic evidence of nests before destruction of hedges and I urge those of you who are concerned to do the same and report it on the HS2 complaints website.

Public HS2 Meeting: Another issue that drags on is the importance of involving those Station Road residents affected by the blight of the new road and I continue to push for a meeting which I believe is being arranged at the Railway Centre, but no date has been given. The BC Transport Director said she would ensure such a meeting happens.

HS2/EWR: A few days after the Council meeting, I attended the latest online HS2/EWR liaison meeting organised by Buckinghamshire Council (BC). Over 40 people attended including our MP, Greg Smith, BC cabinet members for Transport, and various officers, councils and most importantly the affected parish councils. The Minister for Railways with responsibility for EWR was also present to answer questions. First up was my question asking whether EWR would be extended to Aylesbury, and the implication for construction work adding to the burden of HS2. Most importantly I asked when Network Rail were going to repair the bridge. The Minister stated he was in favour of the Aylesbury link and there was an improved business case involving the Treasury. He passed the bridge question to Pip Hoskins of Network Rail, who despite advance notice of the question was unable to give any clear indication on whether repairs would be done.

The dispute between BC & HS2 over road repairs continues with HS2 sticking to their baseline survey while BC maintains the roads were never designed to take the volume nor type of traffic generated by HS2.

The HS2 Act does not require planning consultation by Parish Councils. I pointed out that some changes seemed to originate with BC while plans by HS2 to expand outside the Act limits do require normal planning permission but even here consultation was not straightforward. Many BC councillors agreed.

Water Leak: At last, the leak in Upper St has been repaired after several months of phone calls by Arthur. Not only was there a leak on private property but when it was finally fixed, Thames Water discovered there was a leak at the joint with the main. In true Thames Water tradition, and despite months of delay, they obtained an emergency order to close the road on a Friday reducing access to our remaining 3 of 7 bus stops to only one. Of course, this work would not be completed until the surfacing was done and this weekend had an added bonus of a Bank Holiday so the road was not available until later on Tuesday. However, did all the water escape down Upper St? I am hearing reports of green gardens despite the dry weather all the way down to Lower St unfortunately accompanied by an infestation of flies. We are trying to contact the Environment Agency.

Next PC Meeting: Thursday 8th July, 8pm. All welcome. Please contact the clerk for more details.



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Position	Pair	Pts
1	Darren Knibb and Jamie Carlin	41
2	Michael York and Terry Beasley	37
3	Alan Hughes and Phil Hughes	36
4	Brian Cuddy and Chris Douthwaite	36

The results of the June event at Oxford Golf Club will be published in the August/September edition. Our next event is 30 July at Northampton Golf Club.

Do you play golf? If so, why not join Quainton Golf Society? We are friendly Society of golfers of varying standards and we meet monthly for events at local courses. An event usually 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. The golf days take place on the last Friday in the month from March to October, with the exception of the Christmas event in December. At each event we play for a trophy which is awarded at the end of the season.

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

Goodbye from Bob and Karen Eastoe

Dear Quainton,

Thank you for helping us bring up our children in your fields, meadows and hills. You have been a special place to experience the highs, and lows, of family life and we will be forever grateful. Thank you for the friendship and support; for fireworks and maypole dancing; for Quaintfest and the Railway Centre. It is time for you to embrace a new family.

Although we leave Quainton, it will never leave us.
Bob and Karen



Quainton Monthly Dog Walk – Sunday 4th July and Sunday 1st August

We meet at 1pm at the top of The Green on the first Sunday of each month. Please do join us if you would like to enjoy a walk over the hill. (Dogs are not obligatory!)

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Quainton School News:



Not a week appears to go by without a change of plans! We have had to respond to the latest guidance from the DFE and specifically Bucks County Council in regards to Covid arrangements. Bucks County Council has given countywide advice that we should avoid unnecessary gatherings, maintain bubbles and has recommended that sports days and transition days do not happen this term. This may be seen as an over-cautious approach, but it is one I feel I have no choice but to follow. It is a massive shame that the children will miss out on these events but we will make sure the last few weeks of term are as enjoyable and rewarding as possible, especially for the Year 6 class who will be leaving Quainton. We were so pleased that the children in Year 6 were able to go on their residential trip last month, where they enjoyed activities such as rock climbing, sailing, archery and raft building, as well as campfires with marshmallows! Luckily, our Year 5 class is also able to go on their 3-day residential later this month, which had been postponed from last July.

Enjoy the summer everyone, we'll be back with more news in the October issue.

Keep safe,
James Vernon, Headteacher

Quainton School PTA:

The latest Government announcement means that the PTA bingo night has been postponed. The new date is **Saturday 7th August**. It remains at Quainton Memorial Hall with doors opening at 5.30pm.

Pizza, snacks and a well-stocked bar will be there to tempt you! Join us for a fun night with both adult and children's games and prizes.

The last Bag2School collection resulted in £105 earned towards the new book scheme for the school. The next collection will be on 21st September, so have a summer sort out and be ready to donate.

Hazel Jacobs, Chair, Quainton PTA (Tel: 07813 582245)

BINGO EVENING: CHANGE OF DATE!

**Bingo will now be held on
Saturday 7th August**

We look forward to seeing you there!

PTA 100 Club

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Buckinghamshire Railway Centre

We had such an exciting day here at The Railway Centre on 17th June. In case you saw the huge crane and wondered what was going on, we thought we'd share it with you.

We've moved our New York Subway car from being hidden behind the Visitor Centre to pride of place at the front of the site. We will be converting it to a new little coffee shop. It has been a huge logistical undertaking, which has been sponsored by Barwood Homes, who are about to start work on a housing development next to The Railway. This is such an exciting project for our heritage railway, creating a new space for our visitors to enjoy, but also celebrating a rare railway artefact!



Our New York Subway Car:

So, who knew we had an old New York Subway Car at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre? Its location on site was slightly tucked away, behind the Royal Mail carriages. Built in 1935 for use on the New York Subway System, it was withdrawn for scrapping around 1976, along with the rest of its type. However, it was miraculously saved by a brewery in Stockton-on-Tees and quite extraordinarily shipped across to England, where it was converted into an American Diner. When Whitbread took over the brewery several years later, they didn't want to keep it and generously donated it to us here at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. We took delivery of it in January 1991 - 30 years ago!

Fascinating Fact #1: Our New York Subway Car is reportedly the only one in the whole world that isn't in America!

Because it was fitted out with tables and chairs, it has since been used as a place for our volunteer crew members to eat their lunch and take breaks. However, in lockdown, the 'crazy' idea was put forward to bring it out of its hiding place and put it in front of our Visitor Centre and convert it into an extra little coffee shop to take the strain off our café. Months later, this fabulous idea has finally come to fruition. We will keep you updated with its progress as we renovate this fantastic piece of railway memorabilia, which we feel so lucky to now have in pride of place for all to see and use!

Fascinating Fact #2: It weighs 16 tons which is approximately the weight of 10 VW Polos!

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LOCAL SPECIES – HEDGEHOGS

One of our favourite animals, beloved by gardeners and instantly recognised by its coat of tough keratin spines. There are 17 species in the world and ours is the European variety, *Erinaceus europaeus*. They are probably called hedgehogs because they tend to 'hog' fences and hedges, which are a great source of food and shelter. They also

behave like pigs in the way they snuffle around in undergrowth and soil searching for food. In addition to worms, slugs and beetles (they can devour up to 200g of invertebrates per night) they also eat bird chicks and eggs, baby rodents, amphibians and carrion.



Photo by Tom Marshall

Hedgehogs are best known for their habit of curling into a defensive ball when they sense a threat. Their back muscles are configured to contort and contract and their spines protrude in all directions which cushions their fall if they lose their footing and flummoxes most predators – except badgers which have claws strong enough to unfurl them, exposing their soft underparts to Brock's incredibly strong jaws. The badger "explosion" of recent decades probably accounts partly for the decline in hedgehog populations. It is also thought that they are evolving to make the most of their ability to run quickly. With intense volumes of fast traffic on our roads, the ones which curl into a ball get run over, while the ones that run survive. Evolution in action?

Because hedgehogs are nocturnal and hibernate in winter, they are not often seen by most people. In fact, some of the nocturnal noises in your garden may be made by hedgehogs. They are noisy eaters and especially noisy when mating. Males and females (boars and sows) circle each other, huffing and puffing and snorting as loud as humans. Competing boars can get into vicious fights, biting, head-butting and chasing each other. Sows are not faithful to any one mate and can have more than one litter of about six hoglets each summer. They can travel up to two miles a night on their foraging and mating rounds visiting many gardens. It's worth making sure that there are small gaps at ground level in your boundary fences to facilitate their travels. Make the gaps small enough to prevent your dogs from going AWOL and to slow the badgers up!

Written by David Gladwin, QVS

Turn the page for some tips on what to do if you find a hedgehog in your garden from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society... Ed

HEDGEHOG S.O.S.

**BELOW ARE
SOME SIGNS
THAT SHOW
A HEDGEHOG
IS IN NEED
OF HELP:**



LETHARGIC

Hedgehogs don't sunbathe!



FLIES

If there are a lot of flies around a hedgehog it needs help.



WOBBLY

If hedgehogs are wobbling as they walk there is something wrong.



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Wounded or clearly in distress.



TRAPPED

Have been caught in netting, a pond, drain, etc.



HOGLETS

If seen out in the day without an adult and / or squawking.

IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE SIGNS PLEASE CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING FIRST AID:

1. Use gardening gloves or a folded towel to gently pick the hedgehog up and pop it into a high sided cardboard or plastic box.
2. Bring the box indoors away from flies.
3. Keep the hedgehog in a quiet room away from pets and children and don't be tempted to look at it any more often than you must to carry out first aid.
4. Wrap a warm hot water bottle in a towel and place the hedgehog on it, with another towel gently draped over the hedgehog to keep the warmth in, make sure it has room to get off the bottle and that it stays warm (but not hot) at all times.
5. Offer a small amount of hedgehog food or meaty cat or dog food and some water, don't force feed.
6. If it is a small hedgehog or hoglet do check nearby for others from the same litter that might also be in trouble.
7. Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890 801 for the phone number of your local hedgehog rescue volunteer or look online and go direct to the rescue if you have their contact details.



Help our Hedgehogs!

A few Pointers:

- * Do NOT leave out milk and bread for them
- * Leave out water in a shallow bowl
- * They enjoy meaty dog food and cat biscuits left out at dusk
- * Try to leave an area of wilderness in your garden so they can snuffle for insects
- * Do not pick up a healthy hedgehog
- * Hedgehog fleas do not live on dogs, cats, humans or inside houses, and don't need flea treatment
- * Hedgehogs are generally nocturnal, but females often come out late afternoon to find food for their young and nesting materials.

If you are not sure if a hedgehog needs rescuing please do call Tiggywinkles on 01844 292292 or BHPS 01584 890801 and they will be able to help you assess the situation and decide the best course of action.

For more tips on how to help your local hedgehog community, and how to spot a hedgehog in trouble, and what to do and how to care for it, there is plenty of information on the Tiggywinkles website www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk and also on the British Hedgehog Preservation Society website: <https://www.britishhedgehog.org.uk/>



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Alongside the physical structure, a Virtual Nightingale's Rainbow has been created where you can show your personal appreciation and support for anyone who has supported you or your community through the crisis by buying a Rainbow Tile in their name. You can leave a personal message of thanks which will be added to the Virtual Rainbow and put up on displays across Buckinghamshire later in the year.

Each Rainbow Tile costs £20, with the proceeds split between Buckinghamshire NHS Charitable Fund and Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity to support nurses, other healthcare workers and patients across the county as we recover from the pandemic. You can purchase a Rainbow Tile and leave your personal message of thanks and appreciation at www.nightingalesrainbow.org.uk.



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Claydon Cycling Club attracts more female riders with new Academy Program



Claydon Cycling Club has tripled the number of female riders in the club by hosting a new Academy program. The initiative encourages would-be cyclists to take part in a confidence building programme – to experience the thrills of riding in a group and enhance road safety awareness, culminating in the ability to confidently ride 50km+.

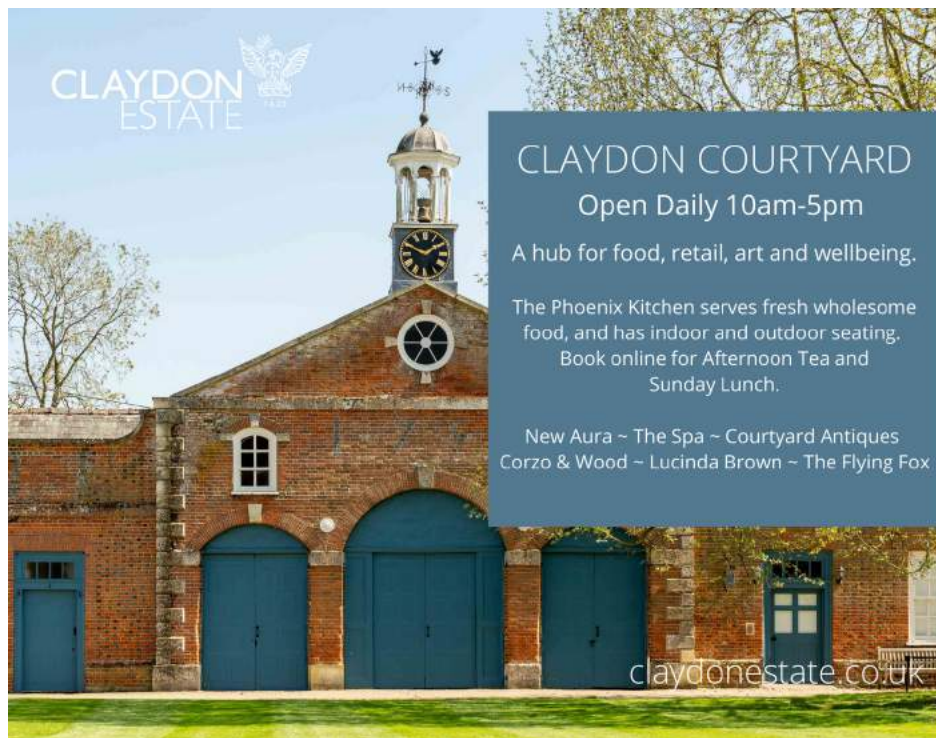
Despite the recent surge and adoption of the sport, for many years there have been numerous reasons why women are 'put off'. According to a recent BBC 4 report commonly cited reasons for shunning the benefits of getting into the saddle include sexist attitudes among male road users, fears about appearance and concerns about road safety.

Academy, led by John Bull from the Club, is a direct response to addressing the reluctance of women to cycle, let alone join a club. He said: "I'm really proud of what the Claydon Academy Graduates have achieved in such a short period of time. I can already see some riders with true potential and others who have truly flourished within the collective environment. I'm also encouraged to see that more than half of the Academy participants this time have been women and we look to grow that further. As the world opens up again and motorists take to their vehicles, training people to be safe and confident cycling on the roads is of paramount importance. My message is See, Be Seen & Communicate... and we can teach you that here."

Ciara Day, Academy Graduate said: "As a 'rusty rider' and mother of two young children, I have a lot of responsibility in my life, so the risk element of cycling was a real concern. The Academy program has given me the confidence to ride both on my own and also now in a group - which has proved to be a really great new social activity. I would encourage anyone who is considering riding to join a club, learn the skills and before you know it you will be covering miles!"

Claydon Cycling Club asks for a mere £5 deposit to take part in Academy which goes towards the membership if they continue to ride. The Club has new Academy dates planned, as well as other workshops such as bike maintenance and riding in inclement conditions. Claydon Cycling Club is a non-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing safe and enjoyable rides for its members. The club was formed in Spring 2020 and has grown considerably due to its open and welcoming nature which attracts both men and women across a range of abilities.

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Darren and George

Whitchurch WI: July Meeting

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NOT The Midnight Walk

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is asking everyone to set their alarm clocks for 5am on Saturday 10th July and join hundreds of others (virtually) for a dawn walk to raise crucial funds to support the Hospice.

The Midnight Walk is a long-standing and major fundraiser for the Charity, and with their income hit so badly over the past year, they are hoping everyone will get behind them by signing up to this year's virtual event and help to raise the thousands of pounds needed to help secure the future of local hospice care. Walkers are asked to walk a minimum of 5 miles, wherever they want, starting at 5am on Saturday 10th July.

The event is open to all, whatever your age and wherever you are in the world - last year saw lots of children (and dogs) join in so this year the Charity are offering children's T-shirts and dog bandanas so everyone can be a part of the event. For more information and to sign up, please visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/notthemidnightwalk or call 01296 429975.

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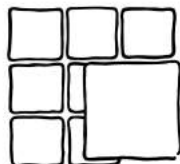
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Ramblings afar from Finemere Wood By Charlotte Karmali - Volunteer Warden

June has arrived. With long hours of daylight, and following many a week of rain, Finemere Wood is lush, green and thick with vegetation. Flowers are bursting into full bloom; butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies are emerging; and the volunteers are back in force. Covid restrictions in the wood have been relaxed, and once again the whole team can gather. It is a joyous occasion, despite the persisting Covid rule of no cake.



Ajuga reptans, commonly known as bugle, is a member of the mint family. Flowering between April and July, its nectar is a favourite of the bumblebee and of a variety of butterflies. It spreads by producing long runners, creating a dense carpet of green leaves from which blue-purple flower spikes emerge. One use over the centuries has been as a remedy for stemming bleeding, hence it is also known as the "Carpenter's herb". *Ajuga reptans* has put on a fine display in Finemere Wood this year, never before have I seen such thick clumps spread far and wide throughout the wood.

A variety of tools was on offer to the team this month as we cut back long grassy areas and cleared encroaching scrub alongside pathways. There are those who chose to mindfully meditate with the swish of the scythe; those who eagerly embrace the buzz of the brushcutter and those who cheerfully chatter as they rake rhythmically. There is a job to suit everyone.



Common spotted orchids (Dactylorhiza fuchsii), are plentiful along the woodland rides and are attractive to day-flying moths in particular. More orchids appear year on year. The UK's most common orchid it may be, yet it is a stunning plant. The oval leaves, with dark purple spots, form a rosette at its base. The flower spikes house densely packed, cone-shaped clusters of light pink flowers. The flowers are marked with pink-purple spots and stripes. They are a work of art.



The sun beat down relentlessly upon the volunteers. It was hot, humid and sweaty work, but they pressed on regardless. Much grass was cut and many paths were cleared, and the beauty of the wood was enjoyed by all at this most colourful time of the year.

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Another thank you from us to everyone who supported Quainton Open Gardens last month. This is the receipt from CICRA for the donation that went to them. The plants for sale on our wall (2 Church Street) will end soon but thank you to everyone who has donated plants or bought them. The plant sale has raised nearly £150, so we will get that sent off to the charity soon and will be sure to share the receipt for that additional donation. Thanks again — it means a lot to us.
Patrina and Andrew Law



FREE INK:

Kodak printer ink combo pack, 30Cl and 30 black, free to anyone who can use them. 655381.

FOR SALE: Dog Beds for Charity

Dog beds, various sizes available (approx. 29" x 23") with removable washable covers. Suggested donation £10 for Horatio's Garden Charity (Stoke Mandeville Spinal Unit). I can make more if required, so if anyone has spare, discarded, clean, single duvets to be transformed into new pet beds, then please call: 01296 655662. Quainton.



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 May 2021



Temperature			Rainfall		
Maximum	23.0°C	31st	Total for month	120.4mm	
Minimum	-1.2°C	6th	Wettest day	19mm	13th
Average	5.4°C		Rain days	23	
Minimum					
Average	16.2°C		Dry days	8	
Maximum					
Highest	11.7°C	28th			
Minimum					
Lowest	11.1°C	3rd			
Maximum					
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	38mph	21st	Highest	1030hPa	30th
			Lowest	992hPa	4th

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

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VILLAGE SERVICES

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

Quainton Village Life Facebook Page: This is a very active Facebook page for Quainton residents. 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: www.booking.quaintonmh.co.uk. Or call Deb Barker Boyd on 655379 or email: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com
To report noise/nuisance only at weekends call 07704 851945.

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

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

Refuse & Recycling Collections for this month:

Monday 5 th July	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 12 th July	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 19 th Ju1y	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 26 th July	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 2 nd August	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin



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SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 4 th July	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Church
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 11 th July	6:00pm	Evensong
Sunday 18 th July	10:30am	Family Service
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 25 th July	6:00pm	Evening Prayer

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Funeral & Burial: Thursday 27th May Warren Stopp

CHURCH ROTA FOR JULY

	4 July	11 July	18 July	25 July
Morning Reader				
Morning Sidesman				
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	Georgie Bradbury	Margaret Willoughby	Gill Miscampbell	Lois Skinner
Pedestal Flowers	Helen Ratcliffe	Carolyn Turnbull	Carolyn Turnbull	Fiona Morrison
Tea Rota				
Church Cleaning	Sarah Williams / Debbie Omerod / Jayne Williamson		Jane Vowles / Judy Marshall / Kathy Blanchard	



This month's photo was taken at sunset by Quainton resident, Patrina Law, back in March. The soft sunset light on the church is beautiful. 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 – JULY 2021

- 3rd July:** Thistle pulling, Wildlife Meadow, p.9
4th July: Quainton Dog Walk, The Green, p.13
8th July: PC Meeting, see p.11
26th July: Quainton Monday Club restarts, under new mgt! QMH, 10am, p.7

Future Dates:

- 7th August:** Quainton School PTA Bingo Night, QMH, p.15
10th September: Community Choir re-starts, QMH, 10am, p.3

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