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Village Shop Under New Ownership!

Chris and Alice, pictured here with their four daughters, bought the shop from Emma and Sarah back in the summer. More details inside!

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

There's not much we enjoy on TV these days apart from programmes like Antiques Roadshow, Gardener's World, This Farming Life, and Jamie Oliver! We like the occasional series, like Call The Midwife and Vera. We enjoyed the recent series on Channel 5, The Pennine Adventure, with Dan Walker and Helen Skelton. In fact we enjoy most travel programmes.

However, there are a couple of programmes that we've latched onto of late – Gone Fishing with Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer and Love Your Garden with Alan Titchmarsh.

I'm always on the look-out for illustrations to punctuate my sermons and these two programmes provide plenty!

After a lot of effort and good conversation, Mortimer and Whitehouse catch a fish and then hold it up to the camera for all to be impressed. The poor fish is gulping air and will shortly die because the poor thing is no longer in its natural environment! I often hear people say, "I don't need to go to church to be a Christian." Well, it depends on your definition of "Christian." This word was first used to describe the followers of Jesus Christ living in Antioch (Acts 11:26). They were so serious about their faith, that they regularly gathered together to worship God on the first day of the week – a Sunday – even though it was a normal working day. They did this to remember that it was on the first day of the week that Jesus rose from the dead. There was no such thing as "freelance Christianity." They realised how vital it was to meet together in "church" to worship God, and learn how to be disciples of Jesus.

Mortimer and Whitehouse put their catch back into the water in the nick of time! If you are a Christian, your natural environment, the place where you will thrive, grow and find real meaning and life, is within the community of the church. Try to survive in your faith outside of the church, and, just like the fish, it won't be long before your spiritual life dies away. It doesn't matter what church you are part of, as long as you are part of a God centred, loving community of believers.

Love Your Garden with Alan Titchmarsh can be a real tear jerker! At the end of the programme, when they have transformed someone's garden from a rubbish dump into a stunningly beautiful space, Alan leads the people who will benefit from this transformation into the garden – they have their eyes closed. It's the moment when Alan says, "open your eyes," that gets me going! People, who have often lived challenging lives yet have served their communities and desperately need a beautiful garden, suddenly see something amazing!

For me, this describes what it's like to become a Christian. You see something for the first time and the penny drops! Open your eyes!

Blessings all,
Rev'd Steve

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WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone,

It's a bumper issue – 48 pages for the first time ever! There are lots of events at the church, plus the Harvest Auction at the pub, the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, plus Halloween and Christmas events at the railway, and of course, soon it'll be bonfire night!

This month, the QN team officially says thank you and goodbye to the amazing Dick Carter, who has been in charge of my fabulous distribution team for years! He is taking well-deserved retirement and handing over to Mike Evans – thank you also to Mike for taking it on!

We will be making a start on booking in advertising for 2024 shortly. The funds from advertising ensure the printing cost is completely covered. This is the only cost involved in producing QN, as me, Melanie, Rachel, Beth, Mike, Dick, Venetia and all our deliverers do their roles voluntarily. A quarter page is £90 for the year. If you would like to support our parish church by advertising your business, please email Melanie at qnadverts@gmail.com. All current advertisers will be sent a renewal email shortly. Thank you to everyone for their continued support!

Enjoy the read!

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

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

QuaintFest 2023:

Thank you once again to all of our sponsors at QuaintFest! I missed one off in the list I printed in the last issue, so I wanted to make a special mention to Frank Goss who sponsored a barrel of beer. He was the last one to come in, so I can only think his name was chopped off the bottom! Sorry Frank and thank you so much for your support!

Louisa x

Volunteer Churchyard Mowers Required

Although we are nearing the end of the grass growing season, Malcolm Wearn is in urgent need of two people to help him (male or female) with grass cutting in the Churchyard. One of our amazing Mowing Team has temporarily "retired" so we need a replacement asap.

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Quanton Village Stores Under New Ownership!

We welcome Chris and Alice, who have lived in Quanton for four years with their four young daughters Maisie, Annabelle, Phoebe and Bonnie.

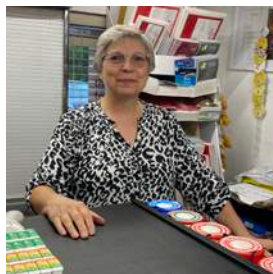
Since they took over in July, they have been making some improvements to the shop. There is a new counter and they are trying to utilise the space in the shop better by moving things around a bit. If you haven't been in for a while, why not pop in and see for yourself?

You will most likely meet their new manager Ann, pictured below right, who is in the shop Monday to Saturday, but they still have the lovely Linda, Sue and Kim!

Chris and Alice have made a slight change to the opening hours, which means the shop is open longer on a Saturday. The hours are now: Monday to Saturday: 8am-6pm and Sunday: 9am-12 noon

The one-bedroomed B&B at the shop is still available, which you can book through the AirBnB website. Quanton Village Stores is Chris and Alice's second shop; they own a party supplies shop in Princes Risborough called Days to Remember.

We wish them all the best of luck with their new venture in our village shop!



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Quanton Bonfire & Fireworks

Saturday 4th November 2023 from 6pm

We've got another amazing fireworks display planned this year from our Award-winning firework provider!

Tickets are £6 each (under 5s are free) and are available now from the Village Shop so you don't have to queue to get in. Tickets can be bought when you arrive (card readers will be available) but it will obviously speed things up on the night if you have pre-bought your tickets.

The event starts at 6pm with a BBQ run by the Sports Club, and there will be an outdoor bar run by the PTA raising funds for the village school. There will be other stall holders selling fish & chips and other treats.

The bonfire will be lit at 7pm with our amazing fireworks display shortly after. See you there!

Quanton Bonfire & Fireworks Committee

Looking for something to do?

Are you looking for something new to do this Autumn? Why not join in with one of the wide range of regular clubs and activities in Quainton Memorial Hall. They are very happy to welcome new people.

Monday:	Monday Club 10:00am (chat, crafts, lunch for older people) Craft Club 1:30pm
Tuesday:	Pilates at 10:30am and 5:30pm Art Club 1:45pm
Wednesday:	Bridge Club 1:00 - 4:30 Carpet Bowls 7:30pm
Thursday:	Coffee Morning 10:00
Friday:	Community Choir 10:00am Badminton 7:30pm
Sunday:	Table Tennis 5pm

For more information contact quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com or call Kath 07825001620



Quainton Primary School PTA News

Villagers without children in the school may not be aware of the most recent project that the PTA was able to support; the playground for the younger children was overhauled and equipment installed over Summer, with graphics and a safety surface beneath a

climbing frame – it is so exciting to see the children enjoying the space. This would not have been possible without the continued support of our community. So thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to help us work with the school to enrich our children's education and school experience.



Bag2School: Bag2School is returning to make a collection on 17 October. We ask for bagged donations of clothes, hats, shoes, bedding, soft toys, curtains, towels, bed linen and more which are then collected and weighed. We receive a payment in return. The items are for reuse not recycling so should be clean and in good condition, there is a full list of what can be donated on their website www.bag2school.com

Donations should be delivered before 9am on the day, if you can't get to school call Hazel before the day and she will be able to come and collect directly from you (07813 582245).

100 Club: An easy way of supporting the school! Buy a number once, be entered into nine monthly cash prize draws to win between £5 and £50 each month. It costs £18 per number and the first draw will be in November. If you would like to purchase one or more numbers, then contact the PTA at quainton.pta@gmail.com

Calling Organisers of Village Clubs & Groups – formal and informal!

After the last issue, when I published a piece by John McDermott where he listed the many, many clubs and groups we have in our village, it was suggested I publish a list with contact details in case anyone else wanted to get involved...

So, if you are part of a group or club – formal or informal – and would like to encourage new members, please email me with the details and I will collate a list for a future issue.



We are holding the Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Party on **Saturday 9th December, 2023** at Quainton Memorial hall.

Doors open 1.30 for a 2pm start and to finish at 4.30pm.

Afternoon Tea and entertainment!

If you would like to come, please complete the slip below and hand it in at the Village Store or the Coffee Shop no later than Friday 24th November 2023.

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th December.

We are looking for any volunteers that would be able to help on the day for approximately an hour, to serve the food.

If you can help please email lindachapple@talktalk.net or phone 01296 790540

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party committee

Please complete only one of the following

I / We will be attending the Christmas Party

I / We will not be attending the party but would like an afternoon tea.

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Remembering Ann Alcock

In the last issue, I printed details about Ann have gone into a care home. Sadly, the day after it went to print I was informed she had died that day. Peter Harding has since sent me this memory he has of Ann:

There are some small incidents in life that have such an impact that you just don't ever forget them. One of these incidents was when Ann Alcock came and gave me, aged 19 at the time, her motor cycle crash helmet to wear in the 1967 Football Club Pram Race.

Derek Maris and myself had been late entries to the race and had looked around for some fancy dress to wear. For some reason, Ann approached us and gave us the helmets, perhaps we looked under dressed compared to others! However, I am glad that I had the crash helmet on as Derek and I had a shaky start. At the beginning of the race Derek, gave the pram an almighty push and I tipped out onto my head. Luckily, I was able to scramble back into the pram with no injuries and continue with the race. I was so pleased I had the helmet on.

The pram race started at the top of Station Road. At the Sportsman Inn, we swapped roles but had to drink a pint of beer before setting off to the White Hart pub. Derek pushed me to the George & Dragon, where we swapped over for me to push the pram up The Green, along Upper Street and to the Swan & Castle. I have to admit that I struggled with this leg of the race, but Derek was vitalised. From the Swan & Castle to the finish at the junction with Station Road, we flew along Lower Street. Derek went so fast on the flat, I was scared we might have an accident, and was glad I had Ann's helmet on. Thank you, Ann.

By Peter Harding



Derek (in the pram) and Peter (pushing the pram!)



*Derek speeding along Lower Street towards the finish
Photos given by late Jack Lewis of Quainton Garage*

Quainton Monthly Dog Walk is discontinuing

The October dog walk on Sunday 8th October, 1pm will be the last, as numbers have dwindled over time and weather is getting colder. Thank you to those of you who have joined me in the past.

Jan Stiegeler

Michael Curtis 3rd July 1935 – 23rd August 2023

The family would like to thank all those who cared for Michael over the past five years during which time he suffered from dementia. Michael attended Chiltern School until he was 13 after which he progressed to High Wycombe Technical School where he excelled at cabinet making.

After serving 2 years National Service, he returned to his family home in Station Road and worked for a number of local companies including Grange Builders and Quainton Cottage Furniture.

Michael was a keen member of the British Legion and spent many hours raising money for Manor House. May he rest in peace.



Roy Moran – 13th September 2023

Roy Moran of Cautley Close sadly lost his battle with cancer on September 13th 2023, but before he left us, he asked that a notice was put in Quainton News.

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Quainton residents can also get a 25% discount on ALL events, including Halloween, Thomas & Christmas!

Valerie Letheren 1940 – 2023

Valerie was born in Coventry, where her parents had moved to escape the London blitz – not a wise move in hindsight! They later returned to Islington in London where Valerie attended local schools and later a grammar school, Camden School for Girls in Camden Town. Following school she secured a place at Guy's Hospital School of Physiotherapy, qualifying in 1961 as a Chartered Physiotherapist and starting her career at Charing Cross Hospital. At that time this was a small, friendly hospital opposite the station entrance.

I had met Valerie in 1958 and we married in 1962, settling in new Malden, Surrey, where she worked part time in Kingston Hospital. Sons Martin and Paul were born in 1964 and 1967. We moved to Tylers Green outside High Wycombe and Valerie continued her career with part time sessions at Amersham Hospital. She later opened her private practice in High Wycombe, allowing her more flexibility to tend to the children, and giving her the business experience she enjoyed. Over many years she treated hundreds of patients before retiring in her late 60s.

Valerie was elected to Wycombe District Council in 1985 and became Chairman of the Planning Committee, Mayor of High Wycombe in 1991 and Chairman of the Council two years later. She stood down after 14 years' service to the Wycombe community. In 2001 she was elected to Buckinghamshire County Council, where she was portfolio holder for Transport and later Children and Young People. She was Chairman of the Council in 2016/17, after which she stood down.

Despite a full career in physiotherapy and politics Valerie never failed to encourage our sons to be independent and took every opportunity to help with our five grandchildren, taking them on holidays in England and abroad.

In recent years Val developed Parkinson's Disease though it was only for the past couple of years that this limited what she could achieve. Earlier this year she was diagnosed with breast cancer and it was from this that she died on 30th August.

Our move to Quainton in 2017 has proved to be a very happy one and I am so grateful to everyone in our lovely community for their help and support for Valerie and me in recent months.

Valerie had a zest for life and has been inspirational to many. After over 60 years of marriage, I shall miss her tremendously.

The Thanksgiving Service for Valerie's life is arranged for Monday 2nd October in our church.

David Letheren



George & Dragon Update September 2023

A lot has happened since the August/September issue of Quainton News. Following are news updates from the Pub & Coffee Shop Community Action Group; from Darren Curtis, owner of the pub and coffee shop; and, over the page, from George Newman, the manager of the pub.



Pub & Coffee Shop Community Action Group Update

Recently, we received the disappointing news that Darren has decided to take the George and Dragon pub & coffee shop off the market as he no longer wishes to sell it. All of our offers were rejected including a proposal to buy and lease back where the community would buy the pub and then lease it back to Darren to run as well as a proposal that we would make an offer of £600k.

So, after 15 months and literally hundreds of hours of work from many people during which we have set up a suitable company, applied for and been awarded a £300k grant from the Government, launched, run and completed a community share offer, which with all your (334 people) help was immensely successful, as well as successfully applying for a grant from the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board and organising various fundraising quiz nights that filled the pub with customers, it is extremely disappointing that all this work has come to nothing. This means that the campaign to buy the George and Dragon Pub & Coffee shop and move it into community ownership for the long term benefit of the community has now come to an end and we have now started the large amount of work needed to wind up the campaign and all the associated things that have been put in place.

Part of this process will of course involve returning the money that was invested by the share holders in line with the terms of the Community Share Offer and cancelling the Government Community Ownership Grant of £300k. The purpose of the grant was to help fund the purchase of the pub and coffee shop and if it is not for sale the grant is not available to us. We will get a final set of accounts prepared to confirm that everybody has been reimbursed and the campaign has been suitably closed.

Your support throughout this campaign has been wonderful and most appreciated, it is a pleasure to be part of such a generous community.

Peter Woodliffe-Thomas

George & Dragon Update from Darren

In light of the recent activity surrounding the community purchase of the George and Dragon pub and coffee shop, I feel it necessary firstly to thank the committee for all their time and effort they have put into trying to make the sale happen. Unfortunately, after 21 years at the pub, I felt the original offers and subsequent offers that arose later were not acceptable and did not reflect the valuation which my agent had put on the property and current business.

After some other options were put forward, I made a decision that didn't come lightly and resulted in me removing the pub and coffee shop from the market. I was asked if I would be prepared to make a payment towards incurred costs for floorplans, survey and negotiators however, the advice I have received from my agents Fred Barrett and sons was that these fees are not the responsibility of the seller. This was advised to both myself and the CAG. At the beginning, recommendations on how to purchase a hospitality business were offered to the CAG group by my agent, as this is his area of expertise but the decision was made by them to pursue alternative options.

So what does this mean?

As a result of my decision the pub remains open, as will the coffee shop, which is what the community has always had at its heart, and after all the years of me owning and operating the business is what I have always wanted.

How will this happen?

An agreement between George Newman and myself has been put in place whereby George will take tenancy of the pub, which means he will pay a rental fee to me but the business is solely his to do as he wishes. I will continue to run the coffee shop with some changes on how we operate.

There are going to be changes so please bear with us and be patient as we figure out a few details and make the necessary changes.

When will this happen?

As most of you are aware George is currently managing the pub for me whilst I focus in the coffee shop, the change over where we become separate businesses is dependant on banks and other professions time scales. We are both hoping that this can be done as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our regular customers for their continued support and custom since I first made the decision to sell and the subsequent decision to remove the business from the market.

I appreciate there are mixed opinions in the village about what has happened but this is a personal and business decision and secures the long term future of both the pub and coffee shop in the same way in which the community buy out would have been. For the last 21 years of operating the pub and coffee shop through a recession and covid along with personal challenges I have always held the community at heart and look forward to your continued support.

Darren Curtis

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George & Dragon Update from George!

As many of you aware of the change in circumstances surrounding the George and Dragon I would like to follow on from Darren's comments.

By taking a tenancy (renting the pub building) from Darren I will become the owner of the business that is the George and Dragon and will trade as The George and Dragon Quainton Ltd. This means I will be independent from the coffee shop however we will still be sharing some of the facilities and we work together when needed to for events etc. I have got to find and create a team of staff that are loyal, friendly and passionate not only about their job but also the community in which we live and work. If you are over 18 and are interested in the new chapter of the George & Dragon's long standing history, please contact me by email: george@georgeanddragonquainton.co.uk.

Once I have a team of employees who are confident and comfortable behind the bar, I will be bringing food back, a traditional village pub menu will follow as this is what the village asked for in the very beginning when surveys were done by the CAG and published in Quainton News. Unfortunately, I can't give you any official dates but as this goes to press, I am currently working on our Christmas menu which will run throughout December. Enquiries are already coming in for Christmas party bookings and of course I will be happy to help.

Going forward there will be changes made to how the pub appears and operates, however until we have some dates for certain I cannot release these ideas. As always, I am open to suggestions and ideas from everybody and you can contact me via my email address above, I am more than willing to consider all options that may help the community and business flourish.

I have the community and the village I have grown up in at the forefront of my mind and would like the pub to be the community hub for socialising, dining and entertainment as well as employing local people and sourcing local produce.

I look forward to seeing village residents old and new in what is and will continue to be our traditional village pub with the local community at its heart.

George Newman

Save the date!

Kenyan School Fundraiser

Sunday 26th November.

A fabulous sale of local, handmade gifts along with a cuppa and home made cake will be held in our beautiful church, so please save the date.

All money will go to an amazing school in Kenya, that aims to give children the chance to support themselves in adult life.

More details in the next issue and on Quainton village life.

Juliet Henderson

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Sue Weldon. **Vice Chair:** Nick Butler

Councillors: Lee Whitlock, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Martin Pacetti.
Clerk: Katherine Richardson

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

To contact the council use the Contact Form on the website:
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Parish Council lines of Communication:

Quainton Village Website on <https://www.quainton.org.uk/>

Physical message boards on the Green and at Quainton 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

Parish Council Report:

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES:

We still have vacancies for two Councillors to join the Parish Council. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like further information on what the role of the Councillor entails.

SPORTS & RECREATION GROUND:

S106 funding has been secured for the project. We would please ask any users of the sports ground to ensure that the gate is kept closed and locked at all times other than when vehicles are using the access.

THE GEORGE & DRAGON CAG:

The Parish Council would like to say a massive thank you to Councillor Woodliffe-Thomas and his amazing team for all the hard work which they had invested in the CAG. We really really are very appreciative of the massive efforts made.

pub.info@quainton.org.uk There will also be updates on the website:
www.quainton.org.uk/actiongroup-george-and-dragon and Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeAndDragonCAG>

BUS SERVICE / STATION ROAD BRIDGE / HS2 / ROADS:

Your Ward Councillor Phil Gomm will keep you updated on these issues via Facebook. Any issues, please contact Cllr Philip Gomm, Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor, via email so he can keep a record: philip.gomm@buckscc.gov.uk

In case of an Emergency call him on 07778 177647

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

ROAD CLOSURES:

Due to road closures constantly changing it is impossible to keep up to date via printed media like Quainton News. We recommend people keep checking the internet on <https://one.network>

Ward Cllr Phil Gomm will inform you via Quainton Village Life on Facebook.

KEEP REPORTING :

Potholes continue to be reported via FixMyStreet and continue to follow up with Buckinghamshire Council on the list of roads that need repairing. Please keep reporting and let us know if there are concerns.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

An update on planning applications will be given in the next Quainton News as the PC did not meet in August 2023.

ALLOTMENTS:

We are in the process of issuing the annual request for allotment fees. We will then be able to assess how many allotments we have to allocate to people on our ever-increasing waiting list!

THAMES VALLEY POLICE:

In order for the local community to be kept up to date with what is going on in the community, Thames Valley Police are encouraging the public register to receive crime alerts and information. To register, please go to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

PLAYGROUND:

There is a piece of equipment which is unfortunately broken in the Upper Street playground. The piece of equipment is taped off and should not be used as it is not safe. We are in the process of requesting quotes for either the repair or replacement of the equipment.

The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 21st September 2023.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12th October 2023 at 8:00pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

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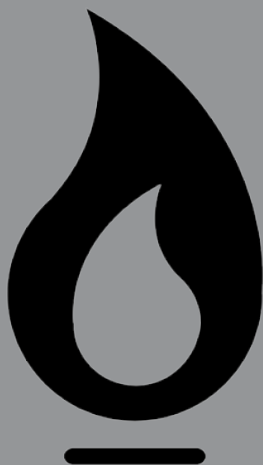
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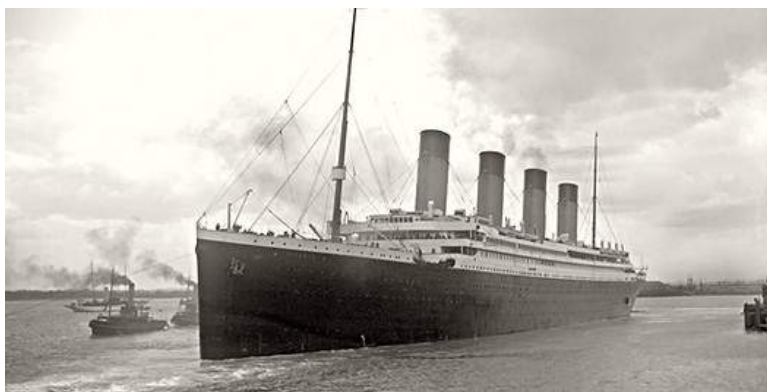
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Sunday 8th October
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Sunday 17th October:	Steaming Day
Sunday 22nd October:	Steaming Day
Sat 28th & Sun 29th October:	Halloween Spooktacular – see below...

The Railway Cafe is open Monday to Friday 9.30am-2pm all year round.

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2023 Quainton Heavy Onion Competition (Founded in 1982)

Di Roberts retains the Cup! In a year of low weights, Di came out on top again with an onion weighing a full pound less than last year's winner, continuing the trend of the winning onions growing below the Lee Rd/Lower St/Strand axis. Dave Raynor and Jim Styles, second and third respectively were also well down on last year's entries. Although Dave had an impressive bed of nine onions all over 4lbs, all grown from the plants supplied by Bob, any three of which would have won the Cup for 'best vegetable exhibit' at the Village show. The poor growing conditions from the seedlings, planting out and growing on made life difficult for our competitors and Exhibition growers all over the UK. Only two lifters improved on their last year's weights.

Malcolm Wearn's extra 7 ounces meant that he was rewarded with the Endeavour Salver and Martin Dorrell's added pound meant that he avoided repeating the dubious distinction of winning 'the pickling vinegar. This time it went to Tim and Kathryn Friedlander who having moved to a new and potentially better plot found it overrun and the onions swamped by a self-set squash plant. The 'newbies', Georgia and Ethan, based at Romney Meadows/Clifford Way joined our traditional competition and had very creditable first attempts and could be future contenders - with a little help from Grandad?

With a small lifting team going round the village, the traditional and very welcome refreshment break and 'social' at Anne's was taken. She sent Pete Atkins to find the smallest onion in the garden as she had her eyes on the pickling vinegar while she made the coffee, with boiling milk, proper coffee. But it was a fruitless quest as the onions were like the Cheshire Cat's grin and had all but vanished, it was agreed that invisible onions did not count in the pickling vinegar competition.

Bob and Ruth are to be thanked for continuing to run the Competition and the proprietors of the Grumpy Bob's Cafe will be happy to welcome any new entrants along with the regular loyal supporters to the 2024 competition.

Jim Styles

Quainton Gardening Society Membership

The Society is for anyone who lives in the Parish of Quainton, and who is interested in gardening and visiting gardens. Now is the time to join or renew your membership for the year ending October 2024. Our Membership Fee is only £2 per person.

Why not join our friendly society? Whatever your age, new to gardening or experienced. This year we organised a Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall in May, a coach trip to RHS Garden Wisley in August, a Garden Quiz, and our Annual Show of Produce in September. Members receive 10% discount at North End Nurseries in Quainton, and 5% discount at Preston Bissett Nurseries.

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Quanton Gardening Society AGM Notification

Dear QGS Members & Quanton Residents



Thank you for your continued support this year and for making the outing to RHS Wisley such a success. There were many great contributions and entries to the Annual Produce Show despite the difficult growing conditions this year, and of course the plant sale at the Memorial Hall.

We hope you will attend the AGM on Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm in the Memorial Hall with a talk from Katherine Hersee (www.teabreakgardener.co.uk) on *"The Blitz as a Catalyst for Greening London"* and afterwards the formal element of the AGM. This is free for QGS members; £2 for non-members (or you can spend that on becoming a member. Membership Sec will be taking new memberships and renewals on the evening).

Please join us and take the opportunity to let the committee know what you would like from the society – ideas on talks, outings and any other gardening-related ideas for the year and, most importantly, what we can do to encourage more younger participants in the Annual Produce Show.

Allan Carter, Chairperson

Nomination of New Officers and Committee Members

If you wish to nominate someone for a position (ensuring they agree to having their name put forward) please complete this form and deliver to Helen Hudson-Butler at 119 Station Rd or email: HUDSONBUTLERH@gmail.com

Nominee name

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QGS Annual Show: Saturday 2nd September 2023

There were a high number of entries for vegetables, flowers and crafts and the standards as usual were extremely high. It was pleasing that this year there was a return of entries from children & young people. The event was well attended and teas, with a large choice of homemade cakes, were enjoyed by all.

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The winner was Chris Dowthwaite on 37 points who played very steadily all day long making the most of his course knowledge as he is a member at Aspley Guise. There was a 3-way tie for second, but on countback the runner-up was new member Steve Curran, from Steve Mitchell (junior) and Vince Hemsley. The top five was as follows:-

	NSPCC PUTTER	Handicap	Points
1st	Chris Dowthwaite	18	37
2nd (OCB)	Steve Curran	22	35
3rd (OCB)	Steve Mitchell jnr	16	35
4th (OCB)	Vince Hemsley	15	35
5th =	Alan Marks	15	33
5th =	Tim Spokes	14	33

The event for August was the Captain's v. Vice Captain's Matchplay challenge event at the always popular Whipsnade Park Golf Club. The course was in excellent condition and the weather perfect, and it was again great to see 24 players on the day so continuing the trend of great turnouts in 2023.

The lead-off match of Captain v. Vice Captain was a very close affair where the score was only ever all-square or 1 up to the Captain. The game was all square on the last tee, and the Captain's par was good enough to seal the win by the one hole. However, that was not the tightest match as Terry Curtis managed to win the 18th to secure a half in his match with John Jones. The final tally was 7½ to 4½ to the Captain's team and so ensuring that there was an outright victory for the first time since 2020, as both the 2021 and 2022 events resulted in the overall score being tied. The full results are as follows:

Match	Captain's Team player shown first – (shots received)	Result
1	Vince Hemsley beat John Lucas (9)	1 up
2	Darren Knibb beat Sandy Finnie (20)	5 & 4
3	Kevin Miles lost to Brian Cuddy (4)	3 & 2
4	Mark Hughes (3) beat Dave Fitchett	3 & 2
5	Dave Clouting lost to Steve Curran (14)	3 & 2
6	Chris Dowthwaite (5) beat Michael York	4 & 3
7	Steve Mitchell (jnr) beat Keith Payne (2)	4 & 3
8	Alan Marks (10) lost to Mark Carter	3 & 2
9	Stuart Moffat beat Joe Ward (16)	2 & 1
10	Tim Spokes beat Steve Mitchell (1)	6 & 5
11	Terry Curtis halved with John Jones (15)	A/S
12	Neil Mack (8) lost to Mick Simmonds	3 & 1

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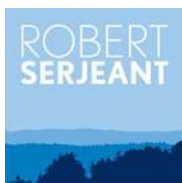
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In July, our contractors cleared and disposed of the thick brambles from an overgrown pond at the heart of the village, exposing the bank once more. This has greatly improved the visibility of the pond and created more space on the bank. In time, it is hoped this will allow rushes to grow back as well as provide a scenic view for the residents of Edgcott to enjoy.

If you'd like to find out more about the environmental projects that HS2 and EKFB have been involved with in your area, why not take a look at our Green Corridor online mapping tool here: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/environmental-sustainability/green-corridor/>

Moving into our construction update, from August 2023 we will be continuing preparations for the Station Road realignment.

- On Blackgrove Road, our temporary 2-way traffic lights will remain in place at the plant crossing point.
- On the A41 temporary roundabout outside the EKFB A41 Compound, our temporary 2-way traffic lights will remain in place to allow plant to cross the roundabout when necessary.

Please note:

These may change due to conditions outside of our control. Please refer to the HS2 website regularly to check for any changes and updates or to view the detailed Advanced Works Notification.

If you would like to read more about the works and view the advance works notices and maps, then please go to HS2 website www.hs2.org.uk and click the 'in your area section' to view the interactive map, or simply scan the QR code provided.

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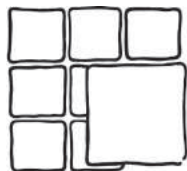
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Calendar of Activities

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If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact QMH and your enquiry will be forwarded to the relevant contact. New members are always welcome.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall) Craft Club (Conference Room)	10:00 – 14:30 13:30 – 16:30
Tuesday	Pilates (Main Hall) Pilates (Main Hall)	10:30 – 11:30 17:30 – 18:30
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall) Carpet Bowls (Main Hall)	13:00 – 16:30 19:30 – 21:30
Thursday	Coffee Morning (Main Hall) **	10:00 – 12:00 – just turn up!
Friday	Community Choir (Main Hall) * Badminton (Main Hall)	10:00 – 11:30 19:00 – 22:00
Saturday		
Sunday	Table Tennis (Main Hall) *	17:00 – 20:00

If you'd like to book the hall for either an ad hoc event or a new regular activity, please either book online at booking.quaintonmh.co.uk or contact our bookings clerk, Deb Barker Boyd, on 01296 655379. Alternatively, you can contact us by e-mail at quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com



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The July Draw

£100	190	Terry Beesley
£50	116	Pam Hall
£25	199	Bob Skinner
£25	1	Sheila Small
£25	26	Graham Newman
£20	79	Caroline Germany
£18	91	Mark Burnham
£12	143	GRFC
£10	39	Brian Fludgate
George & Dragon Meal Voucher:		
	51	George Dalton

The August Draw

£100	2	Mike Germany
£50	108	Gareth Perrett
£25	167	GRFC
£25	33	Jim Styles
£25	72	Andy Benfield
£20	127	Malcolm Wearn
£18	161	Ann Bantges
£12	63	P Gray
£10	187	Elaine Barnett
George & Dragon Meal Voucher:		
	17	Steve Barker Boyd

*The next draw will take place on the last weekend
of October 2023 at George and Dragon, The Green, Quainton*

WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



Averages and Extremes for July & August 2023

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	29°C	7/7	Total for the two months	137 mm	
Minimum	5.5°C	26/7	Wettest day	19.5mm	14/7
Average Minimum	10.5°C		Rain days	25	
Average Maximum	21.8°C		Dry days	37	
Highest Minimum	15.8°C	8/7			
Lowest Maximum	14°C	4/7			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	46mph	1/7	Highest	1015hPa	21/8
			Lowest	988hPa	18/8

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VILLAGE SERVICES

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

Quainton Village Life: 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 "Quainton Buying and Selling" Facebook page.

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

Quainton Oil Group: Residents can receive regular deliveries of heating oil on group negotiated terms from Lovells. T: 01844 202777 and ask to join the Quainton Oil Group.

Quainton Dog Warden: Lost your dog or found someone else's? Call Jan, our local contact point, on 655800 or 07941 946870 for help reuniting lost dogs with their owners.

Memorial Hall Bookings: <https://booking.quaintonmh.co.uk/> or contact Deb Barker Boyd on 655379, E: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com. Call 07704 851945 to report noise/nuisance.

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

REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Monday 2nd October	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 9th October	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 16th October	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 23rd October	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 30th October	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **

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1st October	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Café Church Breakfast
	6.00pm	Civic Service
Sat 7th October:	7.00pm	Stewardship Banquet for Harvest Five Course Meal: Tickets at £10 from shop or Jane Vowles
8th October	6.00pm	Harvest Festival followed by wine and nibbles
15th October	6.00pm	Healing Service
22nd October	6.00pm	Holy Communion
29th October	6.00pm	Choral Evensong

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Wedding:	Saturday 12th August:	Kelly Dalwood and Marcus Dudley
Baptism:	Sunday 13th August:	Eloise Hyde
Baptism:	Sunday 20th August:	Martha Shaw
Funeral:	Thursday 31st August:	Ann Alcock
Burial of Ashes:	Sunday 3rd September:	David and Janet Morrison
Wedding:	Saturday 9th September:	Charlotte Newman and Joe Holland
Funeral:	Tuesday 19th September:	Margaret Elliott
Funeral:	Wednesday 20th September:	Michael Curtis

CHURCH ROTA FOR OCTOBER

	1 October	8 October	15 October	22 October	29 October
Evening Reader	Martin Dorrell	Arthur Evans	Jane Vowles	Tom Morrison	Arthur Evans
Evening Sidesman	Jane Vowles	Margaret Willoughby	Kathy Blanchard	Richard Clark	Venetia Dalton
Altar Flowers	Kathy Blanchard	Harvest – Sarah Williams	Carolyn Turnbull	Sonia Taylor-Lane	Caroline Crook
Pedestal Flowers	Helen Ratcliffe	Harvest – Helen Ratcliffe	Carolyn Turnbull	Carolyn Turnbull	Debbie Ormerod
Church Cleaning		Caroline Campbell/ Celia Prideaux/ Patty Goddard/ Penny Allen		Caroline Crook/ Jayne Williamson/ Debbie Ormerod	

HOLY CROSS & ST. MARY'S CHURCH – OUR FAVOURITE PHOTOS



Thank you to Graham Bearman on Lower Street for this stunning photo of the church taken at sunset in September whilst a service was on inside.

If you would like to see your photo in print here next month, please send your favourite photos of our church and its surroundings to me at quaintonnews@gmail.com
Thank you! Louisa, *Editor*

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Fri 13th October:	Harvest Auction in the pub, 7.32pm, p.24
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Future dates for your diary:

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22nd November:	QGS AGM, QMH, 7pm, p.33
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