

QUAINTON NEWS.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



The Crafty Knitwits are back!

Another stunning postbox topper has mysteriously appeared on the postbox on The Green ahead of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations!
Many thanks to the mystery residents who have obviously spent a lot of time creating this marvellous decoration for our village!

Details of the Jubilee events taking place in the village are on p.5.

WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

If you weren't able to attend the Brett Memorial Event at Quainton Church in May, you missed a treat! 400 years ago, Richard Brett was the Rector of Quainton and stayed in post for nearly 40 years. He was famously one of the Oxford team of translators of the King James Bible and was known in the village for his faithful preaching from the Bible – and in those days, the sermons would have been a lot longer than 12 minutes!

Our church at Holy Cross and St Mary was consecrated for the worship and glory of God, and to be a beacon of faith, hope and love to the village through fulfilling the mission of God – proclaiming the good news of the Gospel. Richard Brett understood this and would have been passionate in preaching the words he translated from the Gospel of John, chapter 3, verse 16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

At the church Annual Meeting on May 15th, we launched an ambitious programme of conservation, renovation and reordering of our beautiful and historically significant church. We want to honour the many faithful people like Richard Brett, who have served the church throughout its remarkable history by acknowledging and building on their mission to bring God's Word to the community. What an amazing legacy they have passed on to us and we don't underestimate the responsibility we have to continue to be faithful to their vision in making Christ known.

We are custodians of a beautiful church and as such we are grasping the nettle and alongside much needed conservation and restoration work, we will be reordering the church to make it fit for purpose for the next generation. If you would like a copy of the report I presented to the Annual Meeting about our project, just email or phone and I'll be happy to send it to you. My report has also been made into a video that you can watch from our church website at www.quaintonchurch.com – just follow the link at the top of the page for "Vicar's Annual Meeting Report 2022".

Some of you reading this page will have fond memories of the church going back many years and I know you will appreciate the desire we all have to honour the founders of our church in their determination to create a sacred place with a focus on reaching out in mission and ministry to the village.

One of the things we plan to do is open up the south side of the nave to create a prayer chapel, with a focus on the 17th century oak altar which is in place there.

This is our 'carpe diem' moment – it's time to seize the day!

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

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WELCOME TO THE JUNE ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone,

I've tried to print this issue a bit earlier than normal due to the Jubilee events taking place at the very beginning of the month, so hopefully you got your issue in time.

There's also an HS2 Community drop-in session on Tuesday 31st May - the information was sent to me too late for the May issue of QN, so please spread the word to anyone who you think might benefit from it.

I really hope everyone has a good time during the Jubilee celebrations, and I look forward to seeing lots of you up Mill Hill for the Beacon Burning and on The Green for the Big Jubilee Picnic! Send me your photos!

Enjoy the read,

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

*PS I will be doing a joint July/August issue this year, so bear this in mind when sending me copy. Thank you.
July/August issue deadline: June 16th.*

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

Praise & Worship Services

Our Praise & Worship services have been a huge success - we'll be having them more often from now on! The next one will be held at 6pm on Sunday 5th June, with more details on p.19. We hope to see you there!

QuaintFest: Saturday 9th July

The Church's biggest annual fundraiser, QuaintFest will be back for the first time since 2019. This year's long-awaited event will be held on Saturday 9th July from 2pm. There is a full line-up of music which will be performed from the festival trailer, plus lots of stalls on The Green, with plenty to keep the kids amused. We have had so many offers of sponsorship this year, from local businesses to Quainton families - everyone is mentioned on p.9 - thank you to all of you!

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Quainton's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!

We look forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee here in Quainton. The first sign of the celebrations was spotted when our postbox topper mysteriously appeared overnight on The Green. Hopefully, some of the residents on The Green will decorate their homes and front gardens for the occasion, as they have done in the past for other events. The beacon burning event will take place on Thursday at 9.45pm. The town crier will formally announce the event at 2pm on The Green, then, up Mill Hill that evening, we have the bugle call at 9.35pm and the bagpipes at 9.40pm, with the beacon being lit at 9.45pm along with the Community Choir singing the song especially written for the event.

Thursday 2nd June:

**Town Crier 2pm on The Green and
Beacon Burning 9.30pm on Mill Hill**



THE QUEEN'S
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2ND JUNE 2022

Sunday 5th June:

Big Jubilee Lunch on The Green from 12.30pm. Bring a picnic!





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They are holding a table top sale and there will be various stalls selling clothes, shoes, gifts, toys, games, jewellery, home decorations, household items and lots more... pre-loved as well as new!

There will also be a plant sale and a raffle; plus refreshments and cakes for sale. All proceeds will go directly to the AGS Malawi Initiative.

For more details email eanda2025@gmail.com

Quanton Support Network

The support network was set up by the parish council at the start of the pandemic and although things have eased, the network is still running.

Currently there is a group of volunteer drivers who, if available, can take any resident of Quanton for appointments etc. We just ask for a petrol contribution and parking costs (if any). You will know how much to give in advance.

There are also volunteers who could chat or maybe help with advice.

If you need to use the service or have some time to volunteer please call Claire Lucas 655552

QSN coordinator

Take a breath!

Wow, life is so busy! Sometimes I need to just stop and breathe.

This is the perfect place to do that. Take a minute to stand here in front of this fabulous woolly creation and just look. Take in our beautiful village green, the windmill and hill behind it, our pub, and if you wander up The Green a little bit, you can see our beacon standing proud, waiting to be lit.

It reminds me why I live here and makes me grateful for what we have in Quanton.

Thank you to everyone in it who contributes to making it such a special place to live.

A Quanton resident





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Saturday 9th July from 2pm until late

The Green, Quainton

The music programme is looking fabulous with music from The Black Boys, Waddesdon School music students, our Community Choir and Into The South, to name just a few.

We will have beer, cider, wine, prosecco and soft drinks available at the beer festival bar during the day, as well as some snacks. The Tennis Club will provide their usual BBQ during the day, and then we have the Fish & Chip van and hopefully another van coming at 5.30pm.

Michelle, Quainton's Dog Walker, is all booked for the dog show with her usual categories like Most Handsome Dog, Prettiest Bitch, Young Handler (age 10 and under), Waggiest Tail and Best Veteran (for dogs age 10+).

We need a few more volunteers to help on the Beer Festival bar (there's a free pint for all helpers!) There is a rota and you just need to commit to one hour between 2-11pm! Please email me at: quaintonnews@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to each of the following local businesses and families who are sponsoring barrels of beer/cider, wine, prosecco, banners and a new batch of QuaintFest 'glasses':

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Are you part of a village club or society? Would you like a free stall at QuaintFest to do some of your own fundraising? We simply ask that you don't sell drinks or food.

Please get in touch so we can plan to accommodate you: quaintonnews@gmail.com

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL



Chairman: Nicolette Smith.

Councillors: Nick Butler, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock

Clerk: Katherine Richardson, supported by Brian Fludgate

To contact the council use the Contact Form on the website: <https://quanton.org.uk/contact-us> or contact the clerks by email on:

parishclerk@quanton.org.uk

Next meeting: Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

Parish Council Report:

Parish Council lines of Communication:

Quanton Village Website on <https://www.quanton.org.uk/>

Physical message boards on the Green and at the Memorial Hall

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/QuantonParish> and we will endeavour to share important updates onto Quanton Village Life.

Subscribe to the Quanton Alert email list to receive up to date weather warnings and other important information via parishclerk@quanton.org.uk

We held the Annual Meeting of Council on 12th April, starting with the re-election of Chairman Cllr Nicolette Smith. We have one new candidate to be co-opted in at the next Parish Council meeting on 9th June.

Quanton Vision: We work for you and we want to invite people to write to us with ideas. What Vision do you have for your community? What services would you like? Are there any activities that you miss? Let us know via the contact form on our website: <https://quanton.org.uk/contact-us>

VACANCIES: We have 2 more vacancies on the council, we invite people from the Parish to contact us and apply for the role of Parish Councillor. To find out more about the role as a Parish Councillor please go to the Quanton Village Website: <https://quanton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf>

Skate Park: The inspection took place on 10th May and unfortunately there are several areas that we're deemed too high risk and we had to close the skatepark, pending a solution. The closure seems to have triggered people's interest and we saw several people join the Skatepark Facebook group, if you're interested to help build the next Quanton Skatepark, please join the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/996917390903081/>

Jubilee Beacon: Remember to make your plans to view the Jubilee Beacon as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations on 2nd June. More information about the Queen's Jubilee celebrations can be found on the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy's website: <https://www.bucksliutenancy.org/platinumjubilee22>

CHOW: We're very sad to have received reports of **vandalism** at our newly planted Community Heritage Orchard and Wildlife Meadow. CHOW is a community project, where volunteers work very hard to create an area for everyone. Seeing this destruction by people visiting the site is disappointing and unacceptable. We hope that having the police out more often will prevent this from happening in the future, but we're now having to consider putting public funds to use for security in this area. Parishioners, please talk to each other about this and let's make sure as a community we protect our community assets. Follow progress on CHOW and offer your help and support via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321040946212772>

Planning: No new planning applications were received, but we discussed the request for a change to a previous application with permission at 62 Station Road. We did put in an objection to the new application at 135 Station Road and we're dealing with concerns about the height of the new builds at North End Road as well as the severe damage to the road surface at the building site. These issues are in progress.

Roads: We continue to 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.

The Bridge: We continue to press for the bridge on Station Road to be repaired so we can get the 3-tonne weight limit lifted and get Station Road re-opened. Rumours are that the bridge will be repaired, but we have yet to have confirmation of this. We will continue to chase this up.

Bus Service: The new timetable which started on 3rd May with an additional 9am bus between Quainton and Waddesdon, seems to be working for people, in addition to the Quainton Emergency Team being available to help people get to appointments. New bus timetable can be found here: <https://www.bucksc.gov.uk/media/4518148/16-red-rose-travel-may-2022.pdf>

Speed Watch: We're still progressing on the installation of the four poles and two new SIDs, we're currently awaiting quotes from companies to install the poles.

Station Road Traffic Calming: No further updates on this ongoing issue, we continue to talk with Buckinghamshire Council and Barwood Homes.

Station Road Crossroads: We continue to wait for news on this via Ward Councillor Iain Macpherson, however people may have noticed that signage that was obscuring the Give Way warning signs have been removed and the area is being kept as clear as possible, so the junction is visible from all 4 directions.

HS2/EKFB New Station Rd Layout: The new drawings have been presented to the Parish Council, we are working on printing some in large scale (the A4 versions we have are too small to see the details) and arrange a presentation with the residents of the village. HS2 / EKFB will be visiting the village on 31 May with their mobile information unit at the Memorial Hall. Further details will be published in this 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 June (subject to change):

A41 Bicester Road Berryfields,	Traffic Lights 09:30-15:30,	1 June - 30 June 2022
Station Road South*	Full Closure	6 June - 31 Oct 2022
Shipton Lee*	Full Closure 24 hours	15 June 2022
Station Road*	Full Closure 24 hours	27 June - 24 July 2022
Edgcott Rd nr Woodlands Cottages,	Closed 08:00-18:00,	4 July - 5 Sept 2022
Station Rd Bridge	3-tonnes weight limit	5 Jan '21 - 25 June '22
Blackgrove Rd	Traffic Lights	tba 2022 - 31 Jan 2023

* The dates for the Station Road closures as well as Shipton Lee are under review due to conflicts and we're trying to get HS2/EKFB to leave us with more than one route out of the village.

Some additional weekend work may also take place. Due to circumstances outside of their control, such as weather, these dates may be subject to change.

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- Plant young plants so they get off to a good start
- Keep sowing small batches of salad varieties
- Pinch out side shoots on tomato plants to produce better fruit
- Early June is your last time to sow pumpkins for the Autumn
- Don't mow your lawn too low as this will help keep the moisture in and keep it green
- Sow vegetable seeds straight into the ground; such as pak choi, spring onions and broccoli
- Sow nasturtium seeds. These are great for filling borders and climbing up trellis
- Keep on top of the weeding and hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds

Also check out <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/june>

QGS Plant Sale

A few words from Chairman Allan:

"On Saturday afternoon 14th May we held our Plant Sale in the car park of the Memorial Hall on the finest, warmest and sunniest day so far this year! I would like to thank committee members and other members for helping to organise and run a most successful sale which raised over £521 for the Society.

I would also like to thank all those keen gardeners both from the village and surrounding areas, some from as far away as Tring, who supported the occasion and I would especially like to thank those who so generously donated books, a vast range of plants and homemade cakes to make the sale the undoubted success that it was!"

QGS Coach Trip: Saturday 16th July

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Visit their website for more details, or to enquire for your next party you can phone them on 01296 670444. www.greendragonecofarm.co.uk/childrens-birthday-parties



Quainton Golf Society

The April event this year was played at another new venue for QGS at The Wychwood Golf Club near Chipping Norton on a dry, though not very warm Spring day. There was a turnout of 19 players for the Chairman's Trophy Scratch Trophy. The winner was the well-handicapped Joe Ward, amassing a creditable 37 points, followed home by Steve Barker Boyd, whose 23 points on the back nine left him rueing his slow start to the day. Special mention must also go to Alan Hughes for the shot of the day. His tee shot on the par 3 6th hole finished less than 3 inches from the cup, winning him the nearest the pin prize and the only 2 of the day. So near yet so far for Alan who's never had a hole in one.



The scores for the top 5 were as follows:

	Chairman's Trophy	Strokes Rec'd	Points
1st	Joe Ward	19	37
2nd	Steve Barker Boyd	14	36
3rd	Terry Curtis	12	34
4th (CB)	Mike York	13	32
5th (CB)	Keith Payne	17	32

Our next venue is Aldwickbury GC in Harpenden for the Barry Wooller Salver on 24th June.

Do you play golf? If so, why not join Quainton Golf Society?

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Before leaving we hope our visitors will make a donation towards the upkeep of the mill and perhaps buy merchandise such as pottery mugs, bird boxes etc. If you are one of our 230 current members you will be particularly welcome. It's a great way to meet people, some local and some from afar, as they are always so friendly.

Why not come along on a Sunday morning, and chat to one of our volunteers to get an impression of what is involved.



**Quainton
Windmill**

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Thank you, Quainton Gardening Society!



Each year the Quainton Gardening Society donate and plant this magnificent display of tulips in the seating area outside the windmill. This year Ian Bragg has added a plaque to recognise their generosity.

Whitchurch WI: June Meeting

Meeting to be held at St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch

Starting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th June 2022

There will be a tea party in celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Visitors welcome (£5 per head)

We are an experienced team providing fully flexible childcare, for children aged 6 months to starting school, in a beautiful rural setting on the outskirts of Quainton.



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Richard Brett – A Celebration of his Life and Work

On 14th May, we celebrated the life of Richard Brett (1567-1637), who served Quainton Church as Rector throughout his life and who was also one of the translators of the King James Bible.

We were honoured by the presence of Prof Henry Woulduysen, Rector of Lincoln College, where Brett was Fellow. He spoke of Brett and his world, and the College Choir sang choruses from the Messiah, Handel's great master-piece from which he drew the texts for the choruses.

Over 60 people joined us for the celebration. It was a wonderful day and a fitting tribute to a great man, long dead but not forgotten.

David Campbell



Over 60 people joined us for the celebration



The Lincoln College Choir sang choruses from Handel's Messiah. The words were drawn by Handel from the King James Bible



Recently restored memorial to Dr Richard Brett, Rector of Quainton, and one of the translators of the King James Bible.



Prof Henry Woulduysen, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford. Brett was a Fellow at Lincoln

Happy 100th Birthday to Dorothy Ayres!

Church Street resident, Dorothy Ayres was born on 24th May 1922, 'Empire Day', a birthday shared with Queen Victoria. Dorothy was one of three children, Margery (Madge) the eldest, and Donald the youngest.

Dorothy's ancestors are very much local to Quainton, especially on her mother's side. Dorothy's mother's name was Winifred Grace, before she married, and her mother was Annie King. Tracing the family ancestry shows there are many links between the Graces and Kings in the Quainton area. Dorothy's, Great Grandfather, Thomas Stevens Grace (1825-1875) was a blacksmith at the 'Sportsman's Inn', in Lower Street. Whereas Dorothy's three times Grandfather, Charles King (1753-1819) was Overseer to the Grange Estate at Shipton Lee belonging to Robert Dormer and later John Calcraft.

Dorothy's father was Jim Ayres, a Railway plate layer, who came from Radstone, near Brackley, Northamptonshire, to work on the railway at Quainton, when he was about twenty. The Great Central line passed by Radstone and working on the railway appealed to Jim, rather than farming like his brothers. Jim even continued to work on the railway for several years past retirement age.



Dorothy at Townsend Cottage for a birthday party aged about 10, in the middle of the photo, with family and friends

Dorothy attended Quainton School, joining just before her fifth birthday on 26th April 1927. She stayed at school until she was fourteen, leaving school on 24th July 1936. During 1930 she saw the R100 airship fly over the village a number of times. In the same year, the school had installed electric light and a wireless set. Academically, Dorothy excelled and was presented with the County Prize of a watch, by Lady West and Rev. Cautley, just before she left school.

Dorothy's family were very musical and much of their family life centered around the Baptist Church. Jim Ayres was the choir master at the Chapel and

in his younger days played with the Waddesdon Temperance Band. Dorothy's aunts and uncles also played the piano, organ and other instruments so she was surrounded by music as she grew up. Dorothy had a rare music ability, she could read music, play by ear, change key to any music when playing the piano or organ. Dorothy started piano lessons with Mrs. Dancer when she was ten years old. In later years, when the divisions between Church and Chapel became blurred, Dorothy also played the Church organ. Dorothy would play at Weddings and Midnight Mass. Dorothy also played the accordion and would accompany her father, the choir master of the Chapel Carol Singers, when they toured the local farms and streets of the village in the weeks before Christmas, in the 1940s and 50s.

During the Second World War, Dorothy worked at her uncle's Shop and Bakehouse in Church Street. Uncle Arthur taught Dorothy to drive so she could help with the delivery of goods and bread. One memorable incident happened when Dorothy and her cousin

Jean were delivering bread in the Denham area, when the van broke down. A sergeant at the Prisoner of War camp, at Denham, saw the ladies in distress and arranged for several Italian prisoners to push the van back to the Bakehouse yard in Church St.

After the war, Dorothy continued working at the shop and for her brother-in-law, Reg Harding, who had taken over the baking business, until its demise in the mid-fifties. Dorothy carried on working at the shop when Mr and Mrs Harrison took over the lease. Dorothy was able to demonstrate her great mental mathematical skill by adding up columns of figures speedily and accurately in the customer order books. In 1969, Dorothy found new employment, first at Woolworths in Aylesbury, as a wages clerk, and later at Ginn's, an educational book firm, at Prebendal House, Aylesbury, and enjoyed the work and company that this job afforded, retiring in 1982.

Dorothy is now resident in the Almshouses in Church Street. She had been born in Leicester Cottage, a house at the junction of Lower Street and The Green. Soon after that, she moved with her mother, father and sister to 'Radstone', 1 Northend Road, a house built by her grandfather Thomas Grace. Unfortunately, soon after moving there, in 1930, her grandmother died, so the family moved in with her grandfather at Townsend/Woodbine Cottage.

Later on, and at the death of her grandfather, the house, 'Madordon' at 10 Townsend was built in 1937 and Dorothy stayed there for some years. Her mother died in 1945, and her sister and brother left when they married, leaving Dorothy to look after her father until 1964. Dorothy stayed at Townsend for several years but eventually moved to the Almshouses in 1996. She has been very happy and secure there.

If you ever need to know the latest cricket score or what is developing at snooker matches or even a solution to a Sudoku problem, Dorothy is the one to ask.

Peter Harding (Dorothy's nephew)



Dorothy in the driving seat, with cousin Jean and Jean's father A.E. Uff

Dorothy on her 90th birthday in 2012





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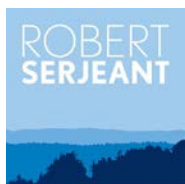
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Midnight Walk returns for one last night

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two year hiatus on Saturday 16th July.



Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years. But this will be the last opportunity to take part in the event.

The charity is hoping its local community will support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: *Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden*

May, how I love May when our senses are flooded with wondrous sights and sounds of the natural world. The bluebells enchant us once again, interspersed with greater stitchwort their magical carpet stretches far and wide. Common blue butterflies are on the wing and can be spotted in the open areas of the wood, and the opera of birdsong is reaching a crescendo.

I took my parents on our annual pilgrimage to see Finemere Wood's bluebells. As we sat quietly together, soaking up the tranquil beauty, a movement caught my eye upon the trunk of a standing dead tree, a treecreeper (*Certhia familiaris*). Mottled brown, with white underparts, and a white stripe above the eye, this tiny bird will freeze if disturbed, rendering it difficult to spot, its camouflaged plumage mimicking that of the bark of a tree. The treecreeper, supported by its long rigid tail, scurries vertically up trees, often spiralling around the trunk. When it reaches the top, it will fly back down to the bottom of another tree and start the process again. Its long, sharp beak is curved downwards at the end allowing it to pick out insects from crevices in the tree. Its nest will be tucked into cracks behind loose bark. *Certhia familiaris* has a very small territory, often just one tree. We watched as it disappeared into a deep fissure, and thus the value of a standing dead tree is exemplified.



Over the Winter, a large area of hazel was coppiced, underneath the canopy of oak trees. Normally, a number of the larger oak trees would be removed to allow plenty of light to hit the ground. But this is an important area of the wood for bats, and these oak trees provide many a valuable roosting site. Hence they will be left standing.



This area must be fenced to protect the new growth from the voracious appetites of deer, and so a new challenge is set for the volunteers. There is no need for fence posts this time. Rope can be tied between trees, and deer netting can be hung from this, secured to the ground with logs and stakes. And so my requests for the day were knot tiers,

stake makers, log lifters, and the ability to think laterally. Heated debates and opposing opinions gradually abated as a plan was formulated and each volunteer found their niche.

I never imagined such a fencing task could be completed in a day, but once the wheels were set in motion, the volunteers were off and would not stop until it was done. Admittedly, I did feed them cake, fulfilling the request for a hybrid bake: ginger cake with lemon drizzle icing. The ingenuity of the volunteers is second to none, the hybrid cake an inspired idea, and the fence a work of art.



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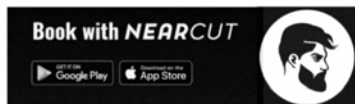
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“Our Shop Managers provide all volunteers with full support and training and it’s a great opportunity for those that might be back from university, in-between jobs, retired or just want to help support your local community. So, if you can spare a few hours a week between June and September, please sign up as a Summer Temp volunteer – we’d love to meet you.” The Charity has shops based in Aylesbury on the High Street, Broadfields and Walton Court, Chinnor, Haddenham, Thame, Wendover, Buckingham and Winslow as well as an online retail team based at their Furniture Showroom in Aylesbury.

To find out more, visit the Charity’s website at <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/summertemps> or drop into your local shop to speak to the Shop Manager.

Volunteer Matching Service matches its 1500th volunteer!

The Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service has matched its 1500th volunteer in the county – a great milestone and also something which may encourage other Bucks residents to consider volunteering and registering with the Service.

Set up in Spring 2020 in response to the pandemic, the Volunteer Matching Service now matches Bucks residents into non-pandemic volunteer roles in communities across the county - whether that is helping our elderly and our young people, supporting an essential service being delivered in our towns and villages, or helping Ukrainian refugees in the county.

With over 65 volunteer roles ready to be filled, it would be great if you could help share this milestone and call for volunteers:

1500th volunteer matched by Volunteer Matching Service – full press release (including a quote from the 1500th volunteer placed, examples of volunteer roles (filled and vacancies), and how to register as a volunteer)

There are over 65 volunteer roles ready to be filled – see opportunities on the Volunteer Matching Service webpage

The Volunteer Matching Service is currently recruiting people with Ukrainian and Russian language skills to act as interpreters.

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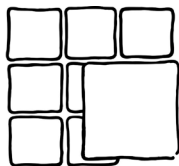
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Averages and Extremes for April 2022

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	24.1°C	15th	Total for the month	15.1mm	
Minimum	-5.0°C	2nd	Wettest day	6.5mm	3rd
Average Minimum	3.9°C		Rain days	7	
Average Maximum	16.2°C		Dry days	23	
Highest Minimum	9.4°C	11th			
Lowest Maximum	8.9°C	1st			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	40mph	7th	Highest	1023hPa	28th
			Lowest	993hPa	12th

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

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VILLAGE SERVICES

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

Quainton Village Life Facebook: 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 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 JUNE:

** Tuesday 7th June **	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 13th June	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 20th June	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 27th June	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 4th July	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin

Please make sure your bin is out for 6.30am

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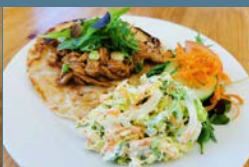


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Sunday 5th June	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Café Church
	6.00pm	Praise and Worship Service
Sunday 12th June	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 19th June	10.30am	Rogation at Knapps Hook Farm, Doddershall HP18 0QL with Family Communion
	5.00pm	Deanery Confirmations – Whitchurch
Sunday 26th June	6.00pm	Holy Communion

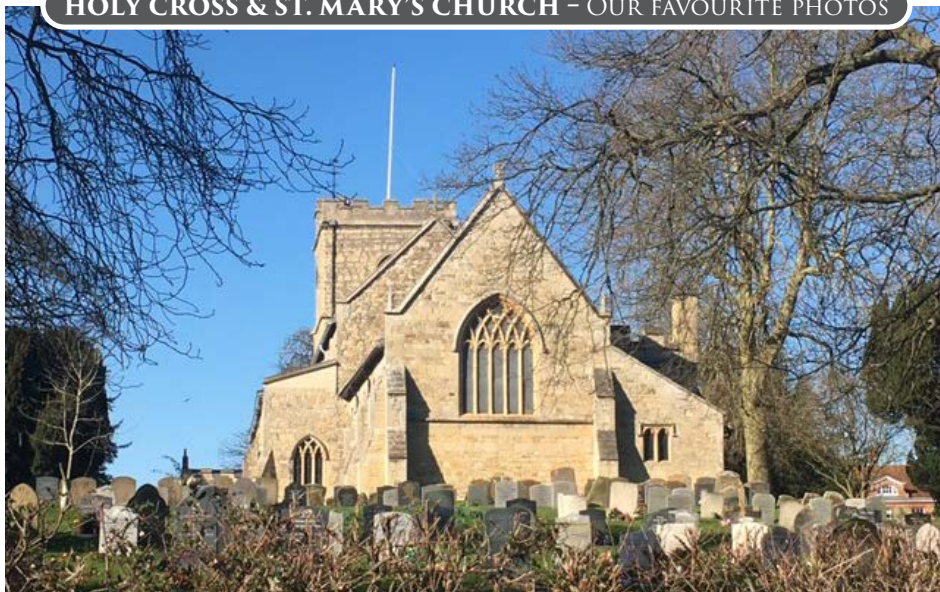
PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Committal of Ashes: Wednesday 11th May – Judith Sheffield

CHURCH ROTA FOR JUNE

	5 June	12 June	19 June	26 June
Morning Reader				
Morning Sidesman				
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	Stella Clark	Shirley Coote	June Hanson	Caroline Crook
Pedestal Flowers	Viv Craker	Amanda Cundell	Amanda Cundell	Helen Ratcliffe
Tea Rota				
Church Cleaning	Kate Dalton / Fiona Ginger / Ann Parrott		Carolyn Turnbull / Helen Ratcliffe / Vacancy	

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



Taken from the east in New Road, this photo of our Church was taken by Tim Massa. 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*

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- 29th May: Annual Heritage Bus Rally, Railway Centre, 10.30am, p.25
31st May: HS2 Community Drop In, QMH, 10am-3pm, p.31
2nd June: Jubilee Beacon, p.5
5th June: Big Jubilee Lunch on The Green, p.5
Praise & Worship Service, Church, 6pm, p.19
9th June: PC meeting, 7.30pm, QMH, p.10
12th June: Table Top Sale, QMH, 1pm-4pm, p.7
26th June: Dino Day, The Railway, 10.30am, p.39

Future dates for your Diaries:

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