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Waddesdon School Big Gig returns to Quainton

Coming to Holy Cross & St Mary's Church on Friday 25th March at 7pm

Big Gig is back at last! Waddesdon Secondary School's music department has put together an amazing programme of live music to be performed in our church by the students! See p.5 for more info...

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Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

There is a wonderful story told of a wise elderly gentleman sitting by an open fire chatting with a friend who was visiting for the day. They got talking about the local church and how it was at the heart of village life especially at significant moments such as christenings, weddings and funerals – or as the elderly gentleman described it, “Hatchems, Matchems and Dispatchems!” His friend agreed that the church was indeed at the heart of village life in many ways, but went on to say, “but you don’t need to go to church to be a Christian.”

The elderly gentleman didn’t say a word, he just reached down with a pair of tongs and took a piece of coal out of the glowing fire, putting it on the grate in front. Gradually, as they watched in silence, the piece of coal lost its glow and became grey and lifeless. After a few moments more, he reached down and put the piece of coal back in the fire. Soon it was glowing and full of life again.

I love the BBC TV show, “Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing.” It’s factual entertainment television series featuring friends Bob Mortimer and Paul Whitehouse. The show features the pair reflecting on life after their shared major heart problems, while on a fishing trip to various locations around Britain. They congratulate each other every time a fish is caught, especially the larger ones! As they hold the fish up to the camera, the poor thing is gasping, trying to breathe. Fortunately Bob and Paul make sure the fish gets back into its natural environment before it dies, and there is an underwater shot of the fish swimming away while Bob and Paul use their now familiar catch phrase, “And away!”

You know where I’m going with this, right?! St Augustine famously wrote: “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.” Most people I speak to acknowledge that there is “something else.” That there is “more to life than this.” Being a Christian is not about being good, it’s about being connected to God through his body on earth – the church. This is where God’s family learns to live well, to find purpose and to flourish.

During lockdown we recorded most of our services online. One week we had 170 people watching from home. Now church is open for business again and we’ve seen encouraging signs that people are coming back to “live” services. We have a variety of services from the traditional BCP Holy Communion to our regular Praise & Worship services with our worship band – guitars, bass, keyboards, drums and choir. Our Healing Services have drawn large numbers of people and of course, the great Christian Festivals through the year are always popular.

You don’t have to worry about what you do in church. Every service is easy to follow and you could always sit at the back and observe if you don’t feel like taking part. All are welcome.

Blessings, Rev Steve

Reverend Steve Flashman, Vicar

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Welcome to the March 2022 issue



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Hello everyone,

Well, the village calendar on the back page is looking somewhat healthy for a refreshing change! There's Race Night for the school PTA, there's a QVS talk, there are Lent Walks, there's the Quaintwood Players' pantomime AND Waddesdon School Big Gig – and that's just March! Plus, inside, we have our first look at the Queen's Jubilee Weekend, when there is a Beacon Burning event planned and hopefully a Big Jubilee (picnic) Lunch on The Green! Plans are afoot – exciting times ahead! Much more about the Jubilee in the next issue...

In the meantime, if anyone knows someone who plays the Bagpipes, can you please let me know...!!

Stay safe and enjoy the read,

News From Our Church:

Churchyard – Are you willing to help us?

Sadly, one of our volunteers has now moved from the village, so is there anyone willing to help us with mowing a designated part of the churchyard? The growing season will shortly be on us and we are in need of one person (at present!) to help us and to lessen the load of our current volunteers.

Our churchyard is the envy of many churches, but it only comes through the commitment and help of our grass cutters. So please do help us in trying to keep up the standard, particularly, if your own relatives are buried in the churchyard.

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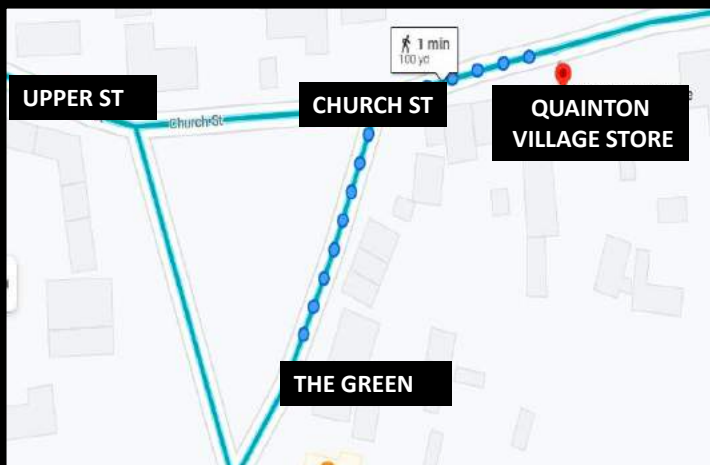
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Waddesdon School Big Gig is back!

Friday 25th March at 7pm in Quainton Church

Everyone who was at that amazing first Big Gig event at Quainton Church in 2019 will remember how amazing it was!

No one really knew what to expect... but the students raised the roof – it was a fabulous evening of incredible live music! So, we booked them in again for March 2020, but obviously that one had to be cancelled.

Three years after that first evening, and finally Mr Judson, Waddesdon School's Subject Leader for Performing Arts, is bringing a new 'generation' of his extremely talented students to our church for another night of live music! Special performances will include a headline



from their 20-piece Funk Band, unplugged soulful covers and originals from a number of their talented singers, as well as a set from 6th form pop/fusion band, The Split Ends, pictured here. You will hear a mixture of music by artists/bands such as Santana, Bruno Mars, Lizzo, Lawrence, Tori Kelly, Sam Brown, Lin-Manuel Miranda and more.

Funds from the evening will be split between the church and the school's music department, who are raising funds to purchase equipment for their newly-built recording studio.

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Submit Your Favourite Winter Photo of the Windmill

Each season there is a competition to find the best image of the Windmill. To enter please email your photos to gallery@quaintonwindmill.org or on our Facebook page [@quaintonwindmill](https://www.facebook.com/quaintonwindmill)

The Winter competition ends on 31st March 2022

You can vote for your favourite images by email or Facebook. The winner will receive a £10 voucher to spend at Quainton Village Store. To inspire you, the past winners are:



Winter 2021

Angela Wilkinson said "It shows the mill on an atmospheric morning. I was at the stables putting my horses out and the windmill looked so pretty in the snow that I just had to take a picture of it".



Spring 2021

Jan Stiegeler said "I couldn't resist the bright yellow daffodils in the foreground which really set off the windmill behind it, giving a real flavour of spring."



Summer/Autumn 2021

Richard Vining said "I Just love this time of year, as the sunrise can be so beautiful – made even more special with the windmill standing proudly against the Chilterns - isn't nature fab!"

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Quainton Parish Council

Chairman: John Knox. Councillors Nick Butler, Nicolette Smith, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock

Clerk: E: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk T: TBC

Next meeting: 11th March at 8pm in the Memorial Hall. Needs to be confirmed due to it clashing with the Panto, so if you would like to attend please email the clerk as above to check.

The Chairman Reports:

Parish Clerk: February started with Brian Fludgate temporarily returning as Clerk, only to soon receive an application for the vacant position. I am happy to announce that Katherine Richardson will be come our new permanent Clerk. There will be a handover period with Brian assisting her introduction.

SIDs: Two new Speed Indicator Devices will be delivered shortly and the next step is to install poles at the Strand, Townsend and near Scraggs Hill. This should be done by an HS2/EKFB community team. There is a fourth pole available. The SID's will be solar powered and a panel will be added to the existing one. The new years budget includes provision to purchase a Sentinel Speed Camera which will be more readily and frequently available to monitor speeds in the village. Like the one we share with other parishes this one will result in Police warnings and add the drivers to a database which combines speeding offences in other areas resulting in further police action.

Barwood Homes Traffic Mitigation: As part of the planning permission there is a condition to improve the bus stop near to Barwood's entrance (nr 108 Station Rd) and also after consultation introduce a chicane near the allotments. The council responded that changes to the bus stop were unnecessary and would be out of place with the 13 other bus stops in the village. The stop was mainly used for dropping off rather than picking up. The latter is sited on the side where cars are parked. The proposed chicane would interfere with residents' parking, cause problems for the passing of HGV's such as the Railway Centre low loaders, Significantly the Fire Service has objected for this reason. The siting with its signs and lighting would be inappropriate for the street scene near a listed building. Councillors will meet with Barwood to discuss this and possible other uses for the funds.

There were 14 responses to the consultation of which 11 were against and 3 in support. 5 of the objectors would support alternatives including moving it closer to Scraggs Bottom.

Planning: There were a number of applications considered at the Council Meeting including one for a detached granny annexe between the road and the pond. Along with the Heritage Officer the PC thought this detracted from the view and the listed nature of the buildings and voted to object. We also objected to a retrospective application for a contractor's depot in Waddesdon Parish near the Berryfields crossroads.

Enforcements see the PC continuing to push Bucks on Trail Flatt and recently asked that the temporary entrance to Ladymead be closed again and the track be reinstated to meadow now that the revamped original entrance is fully finished.

Bus Service: We still await the Red Rover inspection of suitability for the 16 to turn at the Railway Centre, while the Redline school bus only use Station Rd depending on the driver,

which is unacceptable. The early and late 16 services could not turn at the Railway Centre as the gates are shut. In mid-February a new temporary 6-week timetable was introduced via Blackgrove Road as EKFB were to close Snake Lane (see below) Apart from the frequently delayed de-veg work the first 3 days. EKFB had informed us that this road would not now be closed until April at least but Bucks refused to check this properly when advised. This demonstrates why the 16 bus service is so unreliable and why the drivers are confused on a daily basis.

Station Road crossroads: Well, council officers have attended including Road Safety. The latter picked up on the new danger caused by the distant haul road traffic lights which add to the danger. Reports were made. Signs were rearranged. Talks continue on a number of improvements with HS2. New signs will appear. Meanwhile near misses at least will continue. The council strongly believes that vehicle activated warning signs are the best solution but, unless part of the HS2 package, this is not a recommendation of Road Safety.

New Station Rd: Ward Councillor Iain Macpherson organised a further meeting with Bucks Highways & Planning over the HS2/EKFB plans. It was made clear that they would not request changes. The proposal to have the spur road as the only junction required some changes which were outside the land under limit of the Act and therefore nigh on impossible. The linking of Quainton Rd to the new road via Station Rd was seen as a rural advantage. The responsible officer said he was looking 50 years ahead rather than the impact on today's residents. On the plus side they seemed to finally understand the danger of speeding traffic joining the existing road by parked cars and are considering alternatives to signs including a chicane. This would be more beneficial than the Barwood cosmetic above. Overall, it is a disappointing outcome for Quainton and I am concerned at the way EKFB approached consultation and Bucks Highways. At least the former was not elected by us. At the end, an environment officer revealed that close reading of the proposals saw the removal of 3m high concrete sound barriers from Needles Farm to the Doddershall entrance. Aesthetically these would look atrocious but EKFB felt the bunds would be sufficient as the top speed had been reduced and the most noise would now come from the wheels rather than the pantographs. The effect on the new houses is not considered as their permission was granted after the Act. They may even block some noise to the existing properties. Oh Schadenfreude!

EKFB Road Closures: Snake Lane, Station Rd after the bridge – 6-week closures have all gone back while the Edgcott Rd will be closed in July for new construction compound entrances for the sub- station by Finemere Wood. Please check the Quainton website for details: <https://quainton.org.uk/hs2-latest-information>.

Finally: This will be my last report. At the February PC meeting I informed the Council of my decision to resign as Chairman and councillor. I have been a councillor for nearly 10 years. The past year has seen 5 new councillors and the loss of a clerk meaning I acted as clerk until thankfully Brian temporarily returned this month. I started to help the council with HS2 in 2011 and this has dominated my involvement. The failure to achieve changes to Station Rd and the loss of personal time over the past 10 months have weighed on me and resulted in my decision. This will leave the Council with 3 vacancies and I urge residents to consider standing or offering to be co-opted.



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Thursday 2nd June:

The Queen's Birthday Parade – Trooping the Colour

Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together in the traditional Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday, including the RAF flyby.

Platinum Jubilee Beacons:

The official beacon burning event, as organised by the Queen's Pageantmaster Bruno Peek, will take place in thousands of locations across the Commonwealth on 2nd June at 9.45pm. Quainton will host this on Mill Hill. More on this in the next issue.

Friday 3rd June:

Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday 4th June:

The Derby at Epsom Downs, followed by the Platinum Party at The Palace

Sunday 5th June:

The Big Jubilee Lunch. The suggestion has been put forward that we organise an informal gathering on The Green for a picnic lunch from 12.30/1pm. If anyone has any other ideas, please do get in touch with me at quaintonnews@gmail.com

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant: This will take place in London with over 6,500 performers!

Street Parties can obviously be held at any point across the four-day weekend – the more parties/gatherings the merrier! More details about the weekend's events can be found at: <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>



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100 Club:

We hope that you will consider supporting the PTA by buying a number in our 100 Club. We have kept the format the same as last year, so it will run for nine months between November and July. You will have the chance to win four cash prizes every month. The prizes are: 1st Prize - £50, 2nd Prize - £20, 3rd Prize - £10, 4th Prize - £5.

The February draw winners are:

1 st	No. 9	George Sloan
2 nd	No. 89	Gemma Beck
3 rd	No. 56	Ava Read
4 th	No. 77	Deb Barker Boyd

There is a still time to buy a number for the remaining draws, for a one-off fee of £10 per number (£2 for each of the remaining 5 draws). If you would like to transfer the money to us, please use the reference: 100 Club plus your name. The PTA bank details are: Sort Code 40-52-40, Account no. 00060454. Please also send us an email to alert us that you have transferred the money to ensure we assign your number to you. *Quainton PTA*

Thank you for taking part! Any queries, fundraising suggestions or offers of help, please email us: quainton.pta@gmail.com

Delivery of your Quainton News

I would like to add my thanks to Louisa's in last month's issue to those who deliver Quainton News to your door regardless of the weather. I just bag up their copies and then drive around the village dropping the bags off. When I took over this role from Margaret Tooms, she supplied me with a large collection of plastic bags, mostly from supermarkets and which are no longer available for free. Despite our best efforts to reuse these bags their lives are limited, and I have now almost run out of usable ones. The bags have to be sturdy and large enough to take up to some 60 copies, month after month, so if you can help with any suitable bags can you please drop them round to me at 14 Church Street. This will enable us to keep delivering your Quainton News every month.

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You are invited to celebrate the life of Richard Brett, Rector of Quainton Church and one of the translators of the King James Bible

Saturday 14th May 2022

Dr Richard Brett (1567–1637) was the Vicar of Quainton throughout his working life and was one of the Oxford team of translators of the King James version of the Bible. Over the past 400 years it has enriched the English language with phrases such as ‘salt of the earth’, ‘the apple of my eye’, ‘the fly in the ointment’ and many others. All adopted in everyday speech.

The incomparable language of this book has proved fitting to express the nation’s joys and sorrows at services in our great Cathedrals. But it also has a simplicity which can give guidance and comfort for those who turn to it for help.

The Brett Memorial was erected by his wife in the south aisle, beautifully conserved by Imogen Paine, and funded by Basil Smith who has long family ties with Quainton.

Dr Brett (*left top*) was a Fellow of Lincoln College Oxford and the current Rector of the college, Professor Henry Woudhysen, has kindly agreed to join us at the event, speak briefly on Brett and his circle and unveil the monument. He will be accompanied by members of the Lincoln College choir and organist. Handel (*left bottom*) drew on the King James version for his *Messiah* and the choir will sing well-known choruses including: *And the glory of the Lord; Hallelujah; Behold the lamb of God; And with his stripes.*

There will be refreshments and a glass of wine.

Do join us. No tickets are required but please let us know if you are coming.



The programme will be as follows:

11.30-45: *Meet at the church, Holy Cross and St Mary, Quainton*

11.45-12.00: *A welcoming glass of wine*

12.00-12.15: *Address by the Rector of Lincoln College and unveiling of the memorial*

12.15: *Questions*

12.30: *Thanks to the Rector by the Rev Steve Flashman*

12.35-14.00: *Refreshments, tour of Quainton Church*



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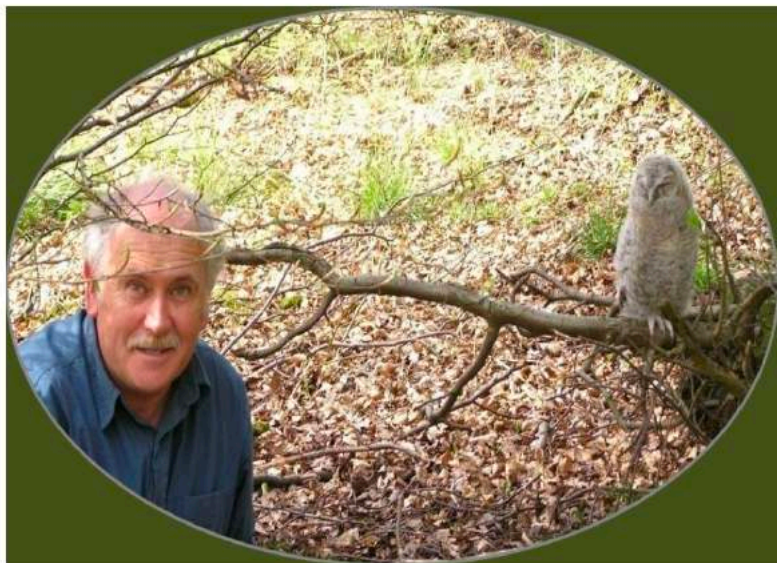
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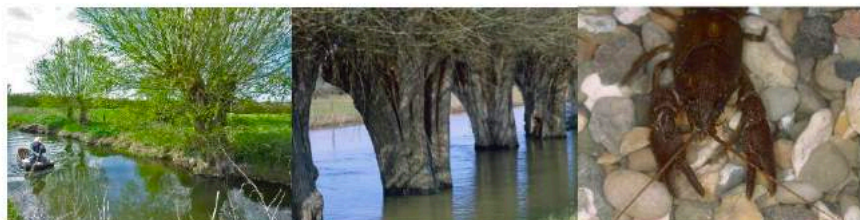
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Jack Lewis: 26th October 1923 – 8th February 2022

Jack Lewis' family are sad to announce his passing on Tuesday 8th February.

Jack moved with his parents from London to Quainton at the beginning of the Second World War. He had already lost his left leg in a childhood accident, although never considered himself disabled. This determination and strength of character was a decisive factor in the way he lived his life. Jack was a dispatch rider on a James motorcycle. He became a junior reporter for the Bucks Herald, reporting events in local villages, using a pedal cycle as his transport. He then worked in the Aylesbury Post Office sorting office until he started his own taxi business and afterwards established Quainton Garage in 1946.

He married Lilian Dunkley, a Quainton born baker's daughter, in 1948. Lilian passed away in 2007. He is survived by two sons, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Many thanks to everyone who helped Jack in both his business and his private life. His wishes were for a direct cremation and his ashes to be interned next to Lilian's in Quainton churchyard.



Top left: Jack with his mother, Rose Lewis, in the late 1920s. Top right: Jack on his wedding day to Lilian in 1948. Above left: Jack with his son, Mike, at Quainton Garage in the 1980s. Above right: More recently, with his granddaughters Joanna and Catherine.



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We will then be ready to open fully on Sunday 3rd April with our well-known special event "Teddy's Train Ride", which is when the children are invited to bring their teddies and put them on a train for a special journey all on their own! (The teddies, that is, not the children!)

Steaming Days and Special Events next Month:

Sunday 3 rd April:	Teddy's Train Ride
Sunday 10 th April:	Steaming Day
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13 th March:	Quainton – Oving	(2.4 miles)
20 th March:	Oving - Granborough	(2.4 miles)
27 th March:	Granborough–Dunton	(4.2 miles)
3 rd April:	Dunton – Whitchurch	(2.2 miles)
10 th April:	Whitchurch – Weedon	(2.4 miles)

With the proposed lifting of Covid restrictions, we plan to re-start the Lent Walks. Starting from Waddesdon Church on Sunday 6th March - just turn up and enjoy.

The walks are suitable for most ages. We walk at a leisurely pace, keeping to footpaths across fields & avoiding roads whenever possible. Each walk takes between 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Participants should also think about co-ordinating transport to enable “safe” transfers back to the start of each walk. A great way meet some new & old friends.

All are welcome

Further details available from Martin Wright – martinhwright@gmail.com

HAVE YOUR SAY: Making Parks across Aylesbury Vale Safer

The Buckinghamshire Council Community Safety Team and Parks Team are seeking views from residents of all ages and backgrounds with a view to exploring ways we can continue to improve the safety of parks across Aylesbury Vale. In partnership, we have recently been conducting audits across Aylesbury Vale’s parks with a view to further improve both the safety and confidence of users of these areas.

We want our residents to feel safer and more confident when out and about, whether they are alone, with family or friends, or part of a community or sports group. Your feedback will play an important role in helping us make decisions to create a safer environment where residents of all ages can enjoy our open green spaces.

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Ramblings from Finemere Wood By Charlotte Karmali - Volunteer Warden

February, and it is time to crack on with the final job for this Winter. Alongside the main ride, this year's coppice coup is marked out. The understorey is not dense, the majority of it being tall, many-stemmed hazel trees, last coppiced some 15 years or so ago. Large areas of Finemere Wood have been coppiced in the past, and this practice is being re-established. Coppiced woodland provides a rich variety of habitats and is hugely beneficial to wildlife. A newly cut coup will be flooded with light and those species adapted to open woodland will flourish here; as the canopy closes over, the wildlife moves on to a more recently coppiced area. In this coup, we must be more gentle; we must think carefully before we cut, for here brown long-eared bats are roosting.

And so, oak trees that have been identified as important for them must be given a wide berth. Field maple is also left standing. Not common in Finemere, the rugged cracked bark of this species is superb for forming potential roost features as it matures. The volunteers, unfazed by the immense task ahead, each pick a hazel tree and gradually saw off its limbs one by one. The result is a coppiced "stool" which will provide homes for many invertebrates and small mammals.

But one of our volunteers is missing. Dick, a founder member of the group, has had to step away from active duty. He is a genuine, immensely likeable man of integrity, who is greatly respected by all his fellow volunteers. It doesn't feel right in the wood without him. I asked the woodland workers to share with me some thoughts and memories of Dick: thoughtful, dry sense of humour, good company; friendly and welcoming; gentle, calming, and unassuming. Dick is an incredibly generous person with an enormous breadth of knowledge that he's very happy to impart, his civil engineering background gave him practical skills and knowledge which were hugely helpful in Finemere. Dick always has something interesting to share and there are many fond memories of lively debates under the canopy of towering oak trees, be it concerning politicians, the state of the planet or HS2. Never afraid to speak his mind, Dick is committed and passionate about the causes he supports. Working alongside Dick was enjoyed by all. For me, he is extra special. From day one, in the Autumn of 2013, when the Finemere volunteer work party was established, Dick has been there. Wise, supportive, good humoured, and reliable, he has spent many a long day raking cut grass, stoking bonfires, and hacking back scrub. He has been fundamental in creating our strong, vibrant, and cohesive workforce. So thank you, Dick, for all those hours of labour, the contribution you have made to this wood, and all who work here, is truly invaluable.

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

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Along with daily animal encounters, there will also be special guest appearances, from a magical nanny (arriving by umbrella!) with her cheeky chimney sweep friend (11th to 14th), to a tower princess with long flowing locks visiting with her roguish prince (19th to 24th).



And over the Easter weekend, meet the friendly Easter Bunny, who might even drop some eggs on his way! Along with these (and much more to enjoy!), you can also enjoy their usual facilities & attractions, including indoor & outdoor play for all-weatherers, a Wildlife zone with fascinating animals to see and a tasty selection of food and drink in the barn café.

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Makes everything worse
So I won't be afraid anymore.

In the sunshine the wind's not so scary.
You can see why the tree branches moan.
And the poor little snowdrops
Just popped up their heads
And are now being battered and blown.

Was it monsters or badgers or foxes
Knocking into things round by the shed?
If I hear them tonight
I won't get a fright
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Bob has once again grown the plants and hopefully this year we will be able to visit gardens/allotments to lift the heavy onions. 2021 entrants will automatically receive an entry form early March. Plants will be ready for collection Saturday 9th April from 48a Station Road between 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Lifting day will be the morning of Sunday 28th August.

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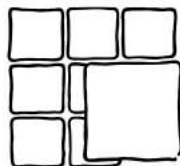
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Maximum	13.8°C	29th	Total for the month	20mm	
Minimum	-5.3°C	20th	Wettest day	5mm	3rd
Average Minimum	-0.7°C		Rain days	9	
Average Maximum	8.2°C		Dry days	22	
Highest Minimum	9.6°C	1st			
Lowest Maximum	2.9°C	25th			
Wind			Pressure		
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VILLAGE 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 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 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: T: 655379, E: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com. Call 07704 851945 to report noise/nuisance.

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

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

Refuse & Recycling for March

Monday 7 th March	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 14 th March	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 21 st March	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 28 th March	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 4 th April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **

Please make sure your bin is out for 6:30am

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SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Wed 2 nd March	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service to mark the beginning of Lent
Sunday 6 th March	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Café Family Church
	6:00pm	Healing Service – come for yourself or on behalf of a friend or family member
Sunday 13 th March	10:30am	No morning service
	6:00pm	‘Behold the Lamb’ Holy Communion for all the family
Sunday 20 th March	10:30am	Café Family Church with Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Service of the Word with Evening Prayer
Sunday 27 th March	4:00pm	Mothering Sunday Service for all the family – followed by tea and cakes

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Thanksgiving	21 st January	Clifford Underhill and Jennifer Parrott
Thanksgiving	9 th February	Edna Goss

CHURCH ROTA FOR MARCH

	6 March	13 March	20 March	27 March
Morning Reader				
Morning Sidesman				
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	LENT – NO FLOWERS			
Pedestal Flowers				
Tea Rota				
Church Cleaning	Sheila Hammond, Claire Lucas, Vacancy	Lesley Tarbox, Marilyn Beales, Louise Woodliffe-Thomas		Carol Cooper, Alison Heath, Margaret W



Thank you to Tom Casemore and Ellie Nickless for sending in a lovely selection of photos of our church – I chose this one for its fabulously bright colours.

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 Thank you, Louisa, *Editor*

VILLAGE CALENDAR – MARCH 2022

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| 6/13/20/27th March: | Lent Walks, p.27 |
| 9th March: | QVS Talk, QMH, 7.30pm, p.23 |
| 10/11/12th March: | Panto in Quainton, p.7 (Also in Grendon on 17/18/19 th March) |
| 11th March: | PC, QMH, 8pm p.10. (Please check this date before attending.) |
| 25th March: | Waddesdon School Big Gig, Church, 7pm, F/C & p.5 |
| 26th March: | Quainton PTA's Race Night, p.15&21 |
| Future date for your diaries: | |
| 2nd April: | QMH Spring Clean, p.19 |

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