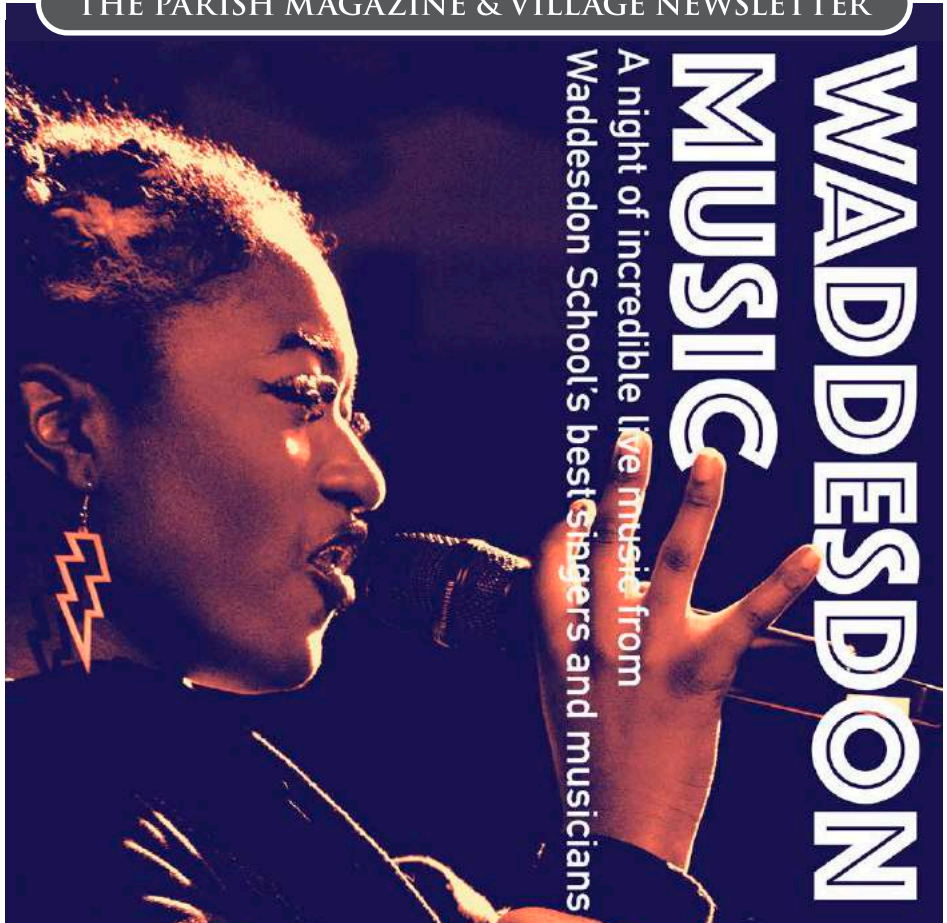


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Waddesdon School Big Gig Returns!

Friday 3rd March in Quainton Church at 7pm

More details inside on p.5

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

I used to travel extensively around the world in Developing Countries, working with, and learning from local indigenous people groups. One country I worked in many times was Tanzania, so I love to hear stories of their heroes. It reminds me how resilient these wonderful people are in every walk of life. One such story you may well remember if you are as old as me!

It was October 20, 1968 at the Olympics in Mexico City. Twilight filled the stadium, and the floodlights began to shine as the closing ceremonies ended and the medals were awarded. Then

there was an announcement asking people to stay in the stadium for a few more minutes as the last runner made his way into the arena and around the track to the finishing line. What had taken this man so long? As he came into view his appearance told the story.

John Stephen Akhwari a fine marathon runner from Tanzania, was covered with blood and with his leg wrapped, staggered into the stadium. Thousands of people rose to their feet and roared their encouragement, applauding his courage. He had taken a dreadful fall, thumped his head, damaged his knee, and suffered a trampling before he could get back on his feet. And there he was, more than 25 miles later, hobbling his way to the finishing line.

When Akhwari crossed the finish line, he collapsed into the arms of the medical personnel, who immediately whisked him off to the hospital. The next day, he appeared before sports journalists to field their questions about his extraordinary feat. The first question was the one any of us would have asked, "Why, after sustaining the kinds of injuries you did, would you ever get up and carry on to the finish line when there was no way you could possibly win a medal in the race?" John Stephen Akhwari said, "My country did not send me over 11,000 kilometres to start a race. They sent me over 11,000 kilometres to finish one!"

Perseverance is something we are all called to as people of faith, and it is something we need in today's uncertain world. It takes determination to stay on track with life and to finish the race. As the writer of the book of Hebrews in the Bible says in chapter 12, verses 1 and 2: "As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end."

Whatever challenges you are facing at this time, don't give up. You have people around you who love and care. We are here for each another, to support when things are tough.

God's blessing on you and those you love and care for.

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WELCOME TO THE MARCH ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
quaintonnews@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

We're thrilled to be welcoming back Waddesdon School for their Quainton performance of Big Gig. Come and see what our young people have got to offer with an amazing evening of live music – it's Friday 3rd March, so don't miss it. Continuing the music theme, Mothering Sunday will see the return of our popular Praise and Worship service – see poster below.

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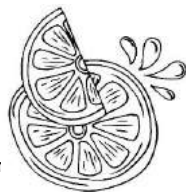
Café Club Zest

Did you know singing can improve your mood, wellbeing and brain activity? You do not need to be good at singing to benefit.

Café Club Zest meets each month with the aim to introducing everyone to the benefits of singing, socialising and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea in friendly company. We are a welcoming group, open to all, but especially those who maybe are not as active as they once were.



Meeting next;
4th March, 1st April and May 13th
(note, 2nd Saturday due to coronation on 6th
2.30pm at St John's Hall, Whitchurch
Contact Jane 07739 985440



The Defibrillator at Quainton Memorial Hall

This has now been installed outside so it is available 24/7 for everyone. It is in a locked cabinet but the emergency services will give callers the code to open it. Thank you to London Hearts and Quainton Memorial Hall for funding the purchase of the device, and thank you to the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board who generously paid for the cabinet.



Defibrillator Training:

South Central Ambulance Service are running a training session on 29th March, 7-9pm in Quainton Memorial Hall.

The session will cover the recognition and care of an individual suffering a heart attack and/or cardiac arrest and will teach the lifesaving skills of CPR and use of a Public Access Defibrillator. This is essential knowledge for all age groups. The session is free to attend but we would ask that you bring a donation for us to collect for South Central Ambulance Service.

To book a place, please email: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com or call/text Kath Heirons 07825001620

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Vacant. **Vice Chair:** Nick Butler

Councillors: Sue Weldon, 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: <https://quainton.org.uk/contact-us> or contact the clerks by email on: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk

Parish Council lines of Communication:

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

Physical message boards on the Green and at the Memorial Hall

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

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

The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 8th February 2023.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES: We 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: We have received one quote to install a MUGA and new skate park. We are in the process of requesting additional quotes. Due to the skate park being closed and beyond repair we have organised for it to be removed due to health and safety issues. We would really like members of the local community to come forward and be part of a sub-committee to help with this exciting project. We already have secured a significant amount of \$106 funding (funding from developers towards the cost of providing community and social infrastructure) to fund the project.

QUANTON VISION: We are still collating your views for the Quainton vision. At the Quainton Showcase 11th March 2023 please come and share your views.

- *What do you like about our community?*
- *Is there anything you would improve?*
- *Is there anything new you'd like to see?*
- *How would you like to receive communication from your Parish Council and how often?*

Let us know via the contact form on our website: <https://quainton.org.uk/contact-us> - we work for you! Write to us with ideas!

THE GEORGE & DRAGON CAG: The CAG continues to meet regularly and are making good progress. Meetings were held in February 2023 with the local community to update them on the progress that has been made. If you have any questions, or wish to be on the email list or get involved, please email the CAG on: 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

The Quainton Emergency Team is still available to help people get to appointments.

Any issues with **HS2** contact their Helpdesk: Freephone: 08081 434 434 Minicom: 08081 456 472 / Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

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: Most recent cases as discussed in February QPC meetings:

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Status
22/03228/APP	Two storey extension and rear extension	1 Lee Road Quainton	Approved
22/03060/APP	Erection of 2 light industrial units. Use Class E (g)	Ladymead Farm Denham	Approved
22/03782/PAPCR	Determination as to whether prior approval in respect for highways, noise etc for conversion of commercial to 3 dwellings	Ladymead Farm, Denham	Approved
22/03835/APP	Erection of attached garage	16 North End, Quainton	Approved

GREENWAY: Discussions continue at the HS2 Stakeholders meeting for a Greenway to be agreed to link Quainton to Waddesdon.

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 is encouraging the public register to receive crime alerts and information. To register please go to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

QUAINTON SHOWCASE: The Parish Council will be attending the Quainton Showcase which is being held at the Memorial Hall in Quainton on Saturday 11th March 2023 from 2.00pm-4.00pm. This event is free to attend so do please come along.

VOLUNTEERS: Once the weather improves, we plan to repaint the benches that are located around the village. If anyone would like to volunteer to help please contact the Parish Clerk. Thank you.

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Quainton School PTA News

RACE NIGHT: 11th March, 6pm



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No need to book, no entry fee, just turn up and place your bets and maybe you'll back the winning horse!!

Bag2School Collection: 16th March

Donations to be brought to school by 9am on 16th March please. Clothes, belts, hats, shoes, curtains, towels and bedding in a suitable condition to reuse. No uniforms with logos please.

We are happy to collect from the local community if you are unable to bring bags to school on the day. Call Hazel on 07813 582245.

100 Club Winners:

1st Prize £50:	61 Lyn-Louise Johnson
2nd Prize £20:	25 James Sloan
3rd Prize £10:	11 Isabelle Sloan
4th Prize £5:	35 Eloise Hyde

To enter our draw by purchasing one of the remaining numbers, please email us at: quainton.pta@gmail.com

Quainton Golf Society

Our next event is Oxford Golf Club on Thursday 6th April (the day before Good Friday), playing for the Chairman's Trophy.

Do you play golf? If so, why not join Quainton Golf Society? We are friendly Society of golfers of varying standards, and we meet monthly for events at local courses. An event generally consists of tea/coffee and bacon butties on arrival, 18 holes of golf in the morning, lunch and then a further 9 holes in the afternoon.



The golf days usually take place on the last Friday in the month from March to October, with the exception of the Christmas event in December. At each event we play for a trophy which is awarded at the end of the season.

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Gillian Miscampbell OBE DL

31st December 1935 - 13th January 2023

Much loved and hugely respected Quainton resident Gill Miscampbell sadly passed away in Stoke Mandeville Hospital on Friday 13th January 2023, aged 87 years.

Gill moved to Upper Street in Quainton in the 1960s with her late husband Alec and their sons Andrew and Ian. Their younger son Alexander was born not long after. Gill played a huge role not only in village life here in Quainton but also around the whole of Buckinghamshire. I could write a book on all her achievements but this one page will have to suffice.

Born in Dundee on New Year's Eve, with a childhood spent commuting to India, Gill spent her younger adult years living in London. When she married Alec in 1958, they moved first to Haddenham, and then to Quainton in 1963 where they remained. Gill lived a life characterised by her strong and independent mind and spirit, her absolute belief in public service and most importantly by her love of family. Public Service was a cornerstone of her life for over 50 years, making a huge difference to the people in Buckinghamshire and the surrounding area. Gill and Alec will be remembered for playing an extremely important role in the battle against the proposed Third London Airport at Wing, which they fought for several years through the 1960s but which they finally won in 1971.

Gill's professional life focused on at least five different strands of service: with Bucks County Council starting as a councillor, rising through the education department and ultimately ending up as Chairman; as Chairman of the Stoke Mandeville Hospital Trust; as a Governor and a Trustee at the Aylesbury Grammar School; her involvement with Buckingham University – for which she was awarded an honorary doctorate; and most recently through her position as a Deputy Lieutenant of the County. It's no wonder she was awarded an OBE! In all of these roles she made a real difference to people's lives locally, whether it be the teaching profession at AGS and the other local grammar schools, both in the education department at the Council and at AGS where, as Governor and member of the School Academy Trust, she had an active role for decades – or fighting to ensure that Stoke Mandeville would continue to exist and to provide care for people in the North of the County.

In Quainton, Gill played a big role in the church not only attending church services, but by being on the rotas for cleaning and flower arranging, both of which she did for many years. She was a keen member of Quainton Village Conservatives (she was in fact the chairman for a time) and would turn her home into a committee room whenever there was a General Election, and her hospitality on Election Night is warmly remembered!

She will be sorely missed by many in the village and beyond, and our thoughts and prayers go to her three sons and their families.



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
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Michael Davies

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Glenys and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, cards and letters of condolence following Mike's death.

The funeral will take place at 2pm on Thursday 2nd March at Holy Cross and St Mary's Church, Quainton. All welcome to the service and afterwards at the Memorial Hall.

Laura Saunders

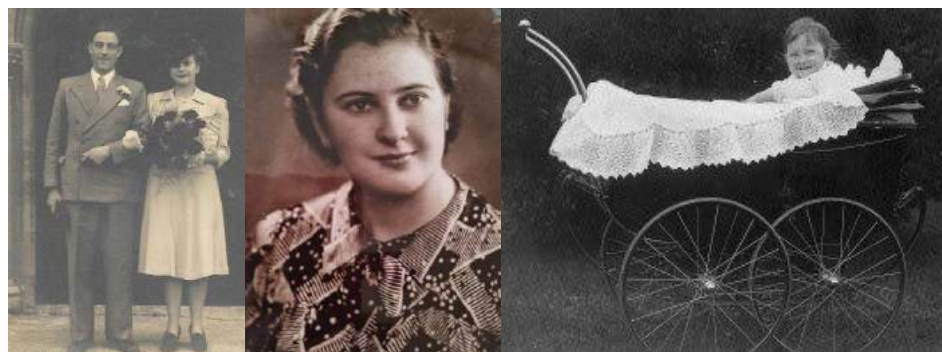
31st May 1922 - 12th January 2023

Mrs Laura Eugene Saunders, from Cautley Close, has died aged 100.

She was born on May 31st 1922 and grew up in Steeple Claydon with her farming parents George and Laura Blake, and three older sisters. She attended the Royal Latin School and met her husband Stewart when they were in just teenagers. They were married at Steeple Claydon Church in 1947 and moved to Warwickshire shortly after where Mr Saunders was the Station Master at Dunchurch. They returned in 1958 and moved to Quainton where he became the last Station Master at Quainton Road station before it closed. Mrs Saunders worked for a while at the Post Office with Mr and Mrs Mole, and then as an unqualified teacher at Quainton School with Mr and Mrs Lawes. In her 40s, she learnt to drive and was able to attend Bletchley Park Teacher Training College and gain her teaching certificate. On qualifying, she returned to Quainton School where she taught until her retirement. She is still remembered fondly by some of her former pupils!

Her other interests over the years included Country Dancing, her membership of the Baptist Church Women's Own and the Women's British Legion, where she especially enjoyed the Whist Drives. In addition to two daughters and four granddaughters, she has eight great grandchildren.

She celebrated her 90th birthday with a tea party at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre in 2012. She died aged 100 on 12th January 2023



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With a previous life as a corporate lawyer, founder Judith Bonné has always had a passion for all things food (and especially baking). She is delighted to have the opportunity to follow her dream of running an artisan crumpet business online and hopes to bring crumpets – Britain's unsung baking hero and the ultimate comfort food – to the fore. Sustainability and locally-sourced ingredients are high up on the business agenda and Lovely Bit of Crumpet is excited to be collaborating with local producers in Buckinghamshire, including Two Spoons Tea and Violet's Orchard, with others in the pipeline.



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Bob has once again grown the plants and lifting day will be the morning of Sunday 27th August when we visit the gardens/allotments to lift the heavy onions! 2022 entrants will automatically receive an entry form. Plants will be ready for collection on Sat 1st April between 10am to 12 noon.

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180th Anniversary of Inclosure in Quainton



It is just 180 years on 22nd February 1843 that the final approval was granted for the Inclosure (the correct original spelling) at Quainton. The map, 36.5 inches by 32 inches, was required to be drawn to show what had been written down in the Act of Parliament. To be more precise the approval for Inclosure was for Quainton Township as the areas that are now part of Quainton Parish, Denham, Doddershall and Shipton Lee had already been inclosed by their landowners.

The Commissioners were John and Richard Davis of Bloxham, Oxfordshire who detailed the Enclosure (the modern spelling for Inclosure) of the land. John Davis had extensive experience in this work and had overseen thirty-six such commissions. Thomas Anstiss of Quainton, a land surveyor and builder of the mill assisted in the activity. The Enclosure at Quainton was one of the last to be undertaken in Buckinghamshire, Waddesdon had enclosed land in the previous century. Ridge and farrow land of Blackgrove field, Hill Field and Seech Field was completely abandoned and the way of farming changed forever. The Enclosure also included waste and common ground so all the area of Quainton Township were attributed to somebody. There were some 193 allotments, including an area known as Finemere Woods, with a total area of land of just over 1673 acres 1 rod and 35 perch enclosed.

The enclosure not only divided the land into fields it also specified the improvements to roads and water supply in the Township. The following were built:

Seven Roads thirty-feet wide / Four Private Carriageway and Drift Roads twenty-five feet wide / Four Public Bridleways, fourteen feet wide / Eleven Public Footway, four feet wide / Public and Private Aqueducts channeling water from five springs on the hills.

Roads were named. The road to the east of the Church, which is commonly known today as 'New Road' was called 'Church Leys Road', because it ran across the fields owned by the Rector. The road is a good example of the specification of a new road which is 30 feet wide with grass verges then the boundary ditch and hedge on both sides.

Lee Road was Winslow Road for just a short distance until it met Shipton Lee where the road became Lee Causeway. The name 'Causeway' suggesting that the track crossed watery land presumably due to water flowing off of Grange Hill.

Seech Field Road was a completely new Road. The part of Station Road nearest the centre of the Village was called Hog Lane. Hog Lane finished approximately at Beaks End, where the bend in the road is today. The road continued straight as Seech Field Road until it hit another refurbished road The Seech Road. The Seech Road straightened an existing track between Staple Gate (near the Osier Beds in the parish of Waddesdon), over Seech Common to Fiddlers Field Gate (near Doddershall bridge). The Seech Field Road continued in a straight line when it crossed The Seech Road but then called Westcott Gap Road, where it joined a track in the parish of Waddesdon. The crossing of The Seech Road is called Station Road Crossroads today. (Seech is a name for marshy land). Before extensive drainage works were instigated, the area of Seech Field and Seech Common must have become waterlogged at different times of the year. The Westcott Gap Road close to the Seech Road has a large flourishing pond, which is an area where water drains. Westcott Gap is the name of a field in the parish of Waddesdon and presumably it refers



to an area of ground that is a gap in the marshy Seech.

Further roads were improved. The Strand became The Aylesbury Road after it passed The Church Leys Road. At Blackgrove Crossroads the road toward Waddesdon parish became the Blackgrove Road until it reached Lapstones Gate

There were many hedges to be planted at Enclosure, but additionally the map shows that trees were planted along all roads, about every two rod (33 feet). The Seech Field Road had at least three types of tree; Elm, Poplar and Oak. Poplar trees could still be seen along Station Road until the 1970s, when they naturally died out. Elm trees died out due to Dutch elm disease and only some Oak trees remain today. A good example of some remaining oak trees are by The Seech Road (Station Road Crossroads to Waddesdon). Unfortunately, some oak trees have recently been cut down by HS2 contractors. The life cycle of the trees gives a clue to when the trees were planted, using a variety of methods, from girth circumference, life of species and tree ring count gives an approximate latest date of around 1870.

The considerable work of the Enclosure must have taken some time. The requirement for material to build roads has been documented by Rodwell in 2008, and gives a clue.

'In 1842 they tried boring for stone in Grange Hill without success. This work with an average of at least 100 ton of Flint and 120 yards of Stone per year continued until 1860 when the quantity suddenly increased to 200 tons of Flint and 100+ yards of stone. This continues until the quantities start to tail off in 1867, and the detail in the Cash Book becomes sparse. The book finishes in 1879 but the work seems to have stopped in 1878'

The building of the roads and planting of the trees seem to correlate, showing that the Enclosure work took some twenty-five years to complete with the majority of trees planted by the end of the road works.

In the 180 years since the Enclosure there have been many changes in the parish. The railways came in 1868, 1871 and 1899. Shipton Lee joined the parish of Quanton in 1886. Mains water came in the year just before the Second World War so the old pumps in the streets were no longer required. But change continues today. The Station Road Crossroads (Junction of The Seech Road, Seech Field Road and Westcott Gap Road) will no longer exist as HS2 realign roads in that area.

Note: Original maps and documentation are available for viewing at Buckinghamshire Archive.

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News from The Railway!

The main Railway Centre is closed throughout March for maintenance work to continue in readiness for the new season, which starts on Sunday 2nd April. However, The Railway Cafe remains open during the week, Monday to Friday 9.30am-2pm. Visitors to the cafe can wander around the visitor centre and the close vicinity outside, including the new play area.

Quainton Pass:

We have changed our Local Pass scheme this year. The Local Passes have been replaced by a Season Ticket which can be bought by anyone, regardless of where they live. They will include our Days Out With Thomas, as well as all other special events (except Christmas.)

For Quainton residents, however, we are keeping the Quainton Pass the same - it's just £45 for a family for one year! As usual, it includes entry to everything except Thomas, Christmas or any evening events. Another benefit is that you won't ever need to pre-book. So even if an event has sold out, you can just turn up with your pass without booking.

To purchase a Quainton Pass, either pop in during the week, call 655720 during office hours, email us: office@bucksrailcentre.org or simply buy one the first time you come to visit. We will need proof of name and address.

Recycling update:

Thank you everyone for continuing to drop off your items for recycling into the bins outside of my house: 13 Winwood Drive. These include: Batteries / light bulbs / water filter cartridges / empty coffee pods / empty medicine blister packs / bras / printer cartridges / spectacles / postage stamps.

Warning re batteries: Please DO NOT throw batteries into normal bins, even the recycling bin!

You may have seen a recent news item where a Recycling lorry had caught fire and this was due to batteries not being disposed of properly, so a reminder to everyone that batteries cannot be put into normal bins, not even inside the blue-top recycling bins. They can, however, be put in a separate bag (preferably see-through) on top of your recycling bins - together with any small electrical items, or dropped into one of the bins outside my house, or put into the battery bins provided at all large supermarkets, or special bins at the recycling centre at Rabans Lane.

Spectacles: The many pairs of specs I receive are taken to the eye department of Stoke Mandeville hospital, where they have a special container to collect them.

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We have seasonal 'Gallery' pages on our website where we display our visitors' and members' favourite photos of the windmill. If you have a photo that you would like displayed, please submit it to the Windmill's Facebook page or email it to us at: gallery@quaintonwindmill.org

Do remember to state whether you would like to have your name displayed on the photo, for others to see what a great photographer you are, or if you would prefer to remain anonymous.



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Next Whitchurch WI Meeting – 7th March

Meeting at St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch on Tuesday 7th March 2023 beginning 7.30pm. Visitors welcome (£5 per head)

Celebrate and remember loved ones with Forever Forget-Me-Nots at Waddesdon Manor

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has partnered with the magnificent Waddesdon Manor to launch a very special Forever Flowers event to celebrate and remember loved ones this spring.

A stunning, temporary display of 1,000 bespoke metal Forget-Me-Not flowers will be installed in the Aviary Gardens at Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury in April. Each flower will represent the life, love and memories of a loved one.

The charity is offering you the opportunity to be a part of this event by dedicating one of these limited Forever Forget-Me-Nots, which also includes an invitation to a private viewing of the display on Monday 17th April whilst the grounds are closed to the public. The Forever Forget-Me-Nots installation will then remain on display to the public for two weeks. Once the installation is removed, those who have dedicated a flower will be able to take it home to display as a forever keepsake.

By dedicating a Forever Forget-Me-Not you will be helping the charity to provide excellent local hospice care and be there for more patients and families across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

To dedicate a Forever Forget-Me-Not visit <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers> or call 01296 429975 for more information.



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- The planned Quainton Road closure for 6-18 February has been postponed. These works are now planned to commence in March 2023 and are to complete work on the Thames Water main supply, install new curbstones and carry out resurfacing of the road.
- On Station Road, the current closure of the northern section will remain in place until November 2023 with signed diversions. This to allow for Network Rail works on the Station Road Bridge and to support movement of material from the recently opened Quainton Railhead via a Site Access Road crossing.

Please note: these dates 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 about these works.

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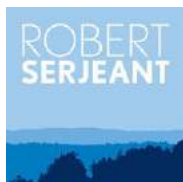
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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: *Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden*

It is a gloriously sunny February day. There is a chill in the air, but the welcome warmth of the sun seeps into our weary winter-weathered bones. There is just a hint of Spring. The birds are singing gently, and the crinkled rosettes of primrose leaves are emerging from the cold soil, signs of new life, it is a heartening time of year.

The volunteers gather along the 'New Ride', armed with their winter weapons. They are eager to slash their way into the undergrowth to create a scallop along the woodland edge. This work is fun, rewarding, and a whole-body workout. The cake today is a solid creation, packed with dried fruit, calorific, with the sole aim to get as much work out of the woodland workers as possible.



I have worked in Finemere Wood for over 12 years now, and it has been fascinating to be involved in the transformation of this area of the reserve. In the 1960s, this section of ancient Finemere woodland was cleared, and a Forestry Commission conifer plantation was generated in its place. The Winter of 2010 saw BBOWT commencing work to restore this expanse to the broadleaved woodland it once was. Tree-harvesting machinery moved in and clear-felled conifer trees in tens of thousands. Volunteers advanced and dragged tree debris through the thick, tenacious mud. It was known as 'The Somme', and the work here was hardcore.

For a couple of years, we watched the hesitant beginnings of natural regeneration, and then through a tangle of brambles and birch saplings, armed with brushcutters, we carved out the New Ride. Tree stumps hidden amongst thorny foliage hindering our way. Sculpting of the ride followed, with diggers to remove the many tree stumps, and a ditch was dug on either side. Each Summer thereafter, the ride has been cut, scrub kept in check, grasses and flowers have flourished. Posts line the side of the ride, and an electric fence can be attached. Cattle can now be moved from the meadows through to Long Close Meadow, in the centre of the wood, for grazing.

We observe as The Somme metamorphoses, astonished at the predictability of secondary succession. Short-lived annual plants become established first, followed by grasses and perennial plants. Next, shrubs and small trees. Birch quickly colonises this new and open land. Over time the variety of species increases, blackthorn, hawthorn, willow and oak. The miracle of natural regeneration.

Twelve years on, the wood is still young, but it is vigorous and diverse. The first scallops can be carved into the woodland edge of this new ride, enabling sunlight to reach the ground. These sheltered areas of new growth will provide an ideal habitat for a diverse array of invertebrates and butterflies.

The cake did the trick. The volunteers work at a frightening speed. A 30m x 10m section of the woodland edge was cleared of vegetation in a matter of hours. These woodland workers never fail to amaze me. The 'New Ride' is evolving, year after year it matures, becoming more diverse and more beautiful. Working alongside nature, to enable this, is a truly wonderful experience.

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

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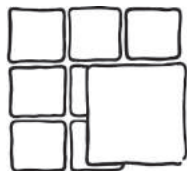
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DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall)	10:00 – 14:30
	Craft Club (Conference Room)	13:30 – 16:30
Tuesday	Art Club (Conference Room)	13:30 – 16:30
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall)	13:00 – 16:30
Thursday	Coffee Morning (Main Hall)	10:00 – 12:00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

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WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



Averages and Extremes for January 2023

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	13°C	4th	Total for the month	67mm	
Minimum	-8.8°C	21st	Wettest day	14.7mm	11th
Average Minimum	0.3°C		Rain days	14	
Average Maximum	8.5°C		Dry days	17	
Highest Minimum	7.6°C	4th			
Lowest Maximum	3.8°C	17th			
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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.

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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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REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

Monday 6th March	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 13th March	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 20th March	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 27th March	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
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Sunday 5th March	8.00am BCP Holy Communion in Quainton 9.30am Sunday Café Church 6.00pm An Evening Service of the Word
Sunday 12th March	6.00pm Holy Communion
Sunday 19th March	6.00pm Mothering Sunday Praise & Worship Service with Worship Band and Choir
Sunday 26th March	6.00pm Quainton: An Evening Service of the Word

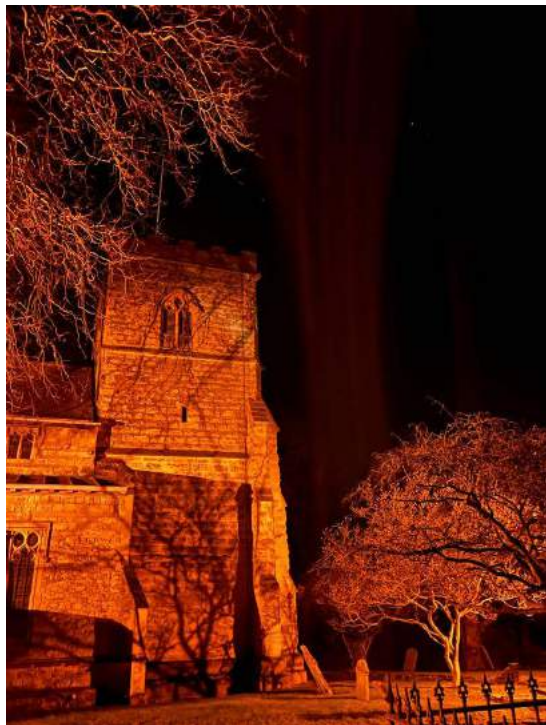
PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Funeral: Laura Saunders, 14th February, 1.30am at Aylesbury Vale Crematorium

Funeral: Gillian Miscampbell, 15th February, 10.30am at Aylesbury Vale Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 2.00pm in Church

CHURCH ROTA FOR MARCH

	5 March	12 March	19 March	26 March
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	LENT – NO FLOWERS			
Pedestal Flowers				
Church Cleaning	Sheila Hammond Claire Lucas Greta Nicholls Natalie Carlisle	Lesley Tarbox Marilyn Beales Louise Woodruff-Thomas	Carol Cooper Alison Heath Margaret W George	



Thank you to Warren Richards for sending in this photo of our church taken on a late night lap of the village with the dogs!

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*

VILLAGE CALENDAR – MARCH 2023

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| 19th March: | Mothering Sunday Praise & Worship Servie in Church, 6pm, p.3 |
| 26th March: | Windmill Social, 10am-12.30pm, p.27 |
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