

# QUAINTON ·NEWS·

THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



## George back at The George!

The village heaves a collective sigh of relief with the news that George Newman is coming back to manage The George & Dragon Pub for Darren to prevent it from closing its doors in August!

There is also exciting news from the George & Dragon CAG, which is working tirelessly to buy the pub and coffee shop on behalf of the village and save it from closing. See p.5 inside...

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## WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

It was 1966 (ouch!), and with a low-slung Broadway solid electric guitar, which cost around £7.14s.6d. (secondhand), and my supercool sixties image, complete with adequate haircut and sideburns, I hit the headlines in the Sheerness Times Guardian! It took me completely by surprise! I never thought I'd be shot at verbally by someone I was supposedly representing! Here was a clergyman going public on the evils of 'beat music' and the audacity of young whipper snappers claiming to be communicators of spiritual truth. I'm several decades older now, but I think I still worry some people when I get my guitar out in church!

Back in '66 the headline in the paper went like this: 'BEAT GROUP BID TO SAVE CHURCH' – 'The Victory Side' – the Island's own Gospel Beat Group – has been called in to save Queenborough's ancient Congregational church. Dwindling congregations in the past years have necessitated this move by organist Mr Harry Poppleton and lay preacher Mr Colin Steele." This sparked a series of letters to the newspaper with the correspondence coming to a conclusion with yet another headline in the newspaper! 'VICTORY FOR BEAT GROUP' I never intended to cause offence and was shocked that bringing contemporary music into the church would cause such a stir!

"News of the services conducted by the Island's Gospel Beat Group, 'The Victory Side' at Queenborough Congregational Church on Sunday, was flashed across Britain over the BBC Home Service on Monday." But on the "letters" page of the newspaper, the battle raged on!

"Sir, it is possible that your news item, 'Beat Group Bid to Save Church' could be misconstrued by a casual reader... I would like to point out that a policy of directing one's efforts to one small section of the community to whom too much attention is already paid – the teenage community – could well drive away members of long standing who have supported the church loyally." (Rev P. E. Gee)

Following a number of responses, the Reverend wrote again... "Sir, my efforts to set the record right as far as my own church is concerned, regarding the place of 'beat' services in our area, seems in danger of becoming a first-class argument. The teenage element must be prepared to forget the dominance which it has in the world outside by virtue of its high purchasing power, bizarre costume and uncouth appearance." (Rev P. E. Gee) Letters like these appeared in the paper for several weeks, some supporting the way we were trying to reach the kids on the street with the good news about Jesus, and others supporting the more traditional view of the clergyman.

I've come to the conclusion over the years, that to have integrity as a vicar, I can only be myself!

Blessings all,  
Rev'd Steve

Rev'd Steve Flashman, Vicar  
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## WELCOME TO THE JULY ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor  
[quaintonnews@gmail.com](mailto:quaintonnews@gmail.com)

Hello everyone,

There's good news at the pub, at last! George is coming back to take over the management of the pub until the CAG can, hopefully, arrange for the purchase of the pub and coffee shop. So the pub will not be closing in August after all!

The next hurdle is for the community to come together to purchase the pub and coffee shop ourselves. To do this, we need YOU! The Community Share Offer has opened and we can all now buy our very own share of the pub and coffee shop! Exciting times are ahead, but we need everyone's support. See p.5 for more details.

Enjoy July in our wonderful village and enjoy the read,

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

PS The next issue will be the joint August/September issue. Deadline for copy 16th July. Thank you!

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

### **QuaintFest:**

Thank you to everyone who has supported QuaintFest this year – we'll update you properly in the next issue with details of how much we raised for our church.

See p.9 for a list of all the people and businesses who have donated a barrel of beer.

### **Praise & Worship on Sunday 2nd July:**

Praise and Worship service in church at 6pm.

See p.7 for more details.

### **Concert on Saturday 9th September:**

Church Concert: Music in Quiet Places.

See p.19 for more details.

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## **\*\* George & Dragon Public Announcement \*\***

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We will however be saying a sad farewell to Jess who is leaving. Good luck Jess!

Please read on to find out how the village is working hard to save the pub from closure and how you can help!



### **The George and Dragon community share offer is now open!**

This is your opportunity to help Save the George and Dragon Pub & Coffee Shop and ensure that everybody continues to be able to enjoy the social hub of Quainton for many years to come.

#### **Shares can be purchased at £250 each**

Documents can be downloaded from the website <https://quainton.org.uk/action-group-george-and-dragon>

Hard copy packs of information available on request – just ask.

Any questions? Please get in touch [pub.info@quainton.org.uk](mailto:pub.info@quainton.org.uk)

We hope you choose to join the many other people who are helping to Save the George and Dragon Pub & Coffee Shop by buying Community Shares.

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The logo for QuaintFest Music & Beer Festival is displayed on a light blue background. The word "QUAINTFEST" is written in large, colorful, stylized letters. The 'Q' is blue and contains a small illustration of a windmill. The letters are in various colors: Q (blue), U (purple), A (green), I (red), N (pink), T (blue), F (orange), E (red), S (green), T (blue). Below the main text, a white banner with a blue border contains the words "MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL" in blue capital letters.

# QUAINTFEST

MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL

**Saturday 24th June 2023**

As we go to print with this issue, QuaintFest is still a couple of days away, but by the time you read this, it will have been and gone, so hopefully we all had a fabulous time, the sun shone and we raised lots of important funds for our church... (everything is crossed!)

QuaintFest 2023 could not happen if it weren't for the generosity of these local residents and businesses who have sponsored barrels of beer. We thank them whole heartedly!

**Local Residents:**

Brian Floodgate  
Caroline Cowan  
Penny Allen  
The Christopherson family  
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Tom and Fiona Morrison  
Penny Allen  
Celia Prideaux  
Chris Willcox  
Sue Wright  
Caroline and Michael Germany  
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The Newman family  
Steph and Carl Toop  
Frank Goss, Upper South Farm Eggs

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Mike Lewis at Quainton Garage  
Bill at W. Humphries Estate Agent  
Robert Serjeant Rural Surveyors  
Mick at M. Simmonds Decorating  
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**Also, thank you to:**

Mr Wilks & Son with Avery scaffolding  
who supplied the beer scaffolding  
Tesco Stores for cake donations  
Ruth and Graham at North End Nurseries  
for donating bedding plants  
Darren Curtis and the staff at The George  
& Dragon for all their help!

**THANK YOU  
EVERYONE!**

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## QUAINTON 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](mailto: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 Quainton Memorial Hall

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

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

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### Parish Council Report:

#### COUNCILLOR VACANCIES:

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

#### SPORTS & RECREATION GROUND:

We have met with another contractor who will supply another quote re the MUGA/Skate Park project. A working party is in the process of being set up to drive this project forward. Anyone who would like to be part of the working party please contact the Parish Clerk.

#### THE GEORGE & DRAGON CAG:

The CAG continues to meet regularly and are making good progress. A separate update is included in this edition of the Quainton News. [pub.info@quainton.org.uk](mailto:pub.info@quainton.org.uk)

There will also be updates on the website: [www.quainton.org.uk/actiongroup-george-and-dragon](http://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](mailto: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.**

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## HS2:

Any issues with HS2 contact their Helpdesk: Freephone: 08081 434 434 Minicom: 08081 456 472. Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk). Please email them and copy [parishclerk@quainton.org.uk](mailto: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:

Works have been completed to repair Blackgrove Road. Further repair works are planned for Fiddlers Field/Snake Lane. 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 June 2023 QPC meeting:

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Status
22/03921/APP	Retrospective planning for single storey extension and balcony	32 Cautley Close	For comment

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

We would like to relaunch our litter picking volunteer group and set up a volunteer group to monitor the speed of vehicles travelling through the village with our newly funded sentinel. If anyone would like to help out please contact the Parish Clerk.

## ALLOTMENTS:

On a recent visit to the allotments there are a number of plots which are not being maintained. We now have a waiting list. If anyone wants to give up their allotment or some of their allotment please let the Parish Clerk know asap.

## THAMES VALLEY POLICE:

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

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**The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 11th May 2023.**

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.**

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## Thank you from Barbara Fell

Barbara Fell would like to thank all her friends in Quainton for their kindness over recent weeks, for their visits, prayers, cards, gifts and flowers during her recent illness. They were much appreciated and a great support to her. Whilst it is unfortunate that Barbara spent her 92nd birthday in Hulcott nursing home, she is convalescing well and looks forward to seeing everyone back in Quainton very soon.

# Café Club Zest

Summer is here, it's time to get out and make the most of life!  
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.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Meeting next on July 1st  
2.30pm at St John's Hall, Whitchurch  
Note no meeting in August  
Contact Jane 07739 985440



## Quainton School PTA News:

### 100 Club Winners

- |     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 1st | £50 – Arabella Hawkins #98 |
| 2nd | £20 – Mike Coppack #64     |
| 3rd | £10 – Diane Roberts #93    |
| 4th | £5 – Joe Hyde #82          |



## PTA Quiz Night

Thanks to those who came to our inaugural quiz night and to those who donated raffle prizes! Even though it was a bit quieter than we had hoped, we had such a fun evening with lots of laughs and friendly rivalry between the teams!! And, we still raised over £300 towards improving the playground facilities at the school!



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## 'Prospect House' 31 The Green

Some of you may have noticed that 31 The Green has a 'new' house name? Ever since we moved here in 1970, with our four young teenage children, I had on my "to do list" that my wish was to have the name put up over the front door. 53 years later, I have achieved it!

Being in a Conservation area of the village, I thought people would be interested to learn a little bit of history about the name of 'Prospect' and where it fits into the story of The Green. The driveway at the side of my house goes down to our garages but in Victorian or earlier times, this driveway was called 'Prospect Alley' which led down to a cluster of 4 or 5 cottages. These were demolished, I am guessing, around the beginning of the 20th Century and our garages were built from the reclaimed tiles and bricks of those cottages. I have always felt I wished to resurrect the old historic name, so one of my sons sourced the beautiful old piece of walnut and prepared it, so that my eldest son, was then able to carve out the name 'Prospect House'.

*June Hanson*



June celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday 17th June, hence the ribbons on her front door! There was a gathering in church after the service on Sunday when she was presented with flowers and cards. Happy BIG Birthday June!

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## Quainton Windmill – Open Every Sunday

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For those who choose not to climb the stairs, there is a video on the ground floor showing the mill in action.

### Group Visits

The windmill team also welcome visits from pre-arranged Groups on of 8-18 people. The benefits of visiting as a Group are:

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- The visit includes a video presentation showing the mill working, an explanation of how it works and the development of windmills over the centuries.
- Our volunteers are on hand to explain the workings of the mill.

There have been formal groups eg U3A, Rotary Group, Women's Institute, Vauxhall group Pensioners, Young Farmers or school children. Alternatively it can be a Group of friends eg cycling clubs, walking groups or even your relatives, friends and neighbours in Quainton.



*Photos above show the Winslow U3A Science & Technology Group, Aylesbury Young Farmers, Waddesdon WI and Quainton Endowed School.*

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**Quainton  
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## Quainton Golf Society

Our May event was for the Colin Bradbury Pairs at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club at Stewkley. We were blessed with a wonderful sunny day (if a touch breezy), and the course was in the best condition we have ever seen it in.



We had the maximum 28 players for the event, which included 2 new members. The format for the Pairs Event was the same as last year which was a Pairs Betterball Bogey competition which is best described as a matchplay event against the Course. The field of 14 pairs included 5 pairs that have won the Pairs event before, but the names on the trophy this year were first time Pairs winners Matt Simmonds and Tim Spokes, Tim winning the main prize for the 2nd month in succession.

The top five was follows:-

	<b>Colin Bradbury – Pairs Trophy</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st	Matt Simmonds & Tim Spokes	+8
2nd	Alan Marks & Dave Payne	+7
3rd	Jamie Carlin & Darren Knibb	+4
4th=	Vince Hemsley & Steve Mitchell Jnr	+3
4th=	Mark Carter & Dave Clouting	+3
4th=	Brian Cuddy & John Lucas	+3
4th=	Mick Simmonds & Neil Mack	+3

Our next event is at Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands Golf Club on Friday 28 July playing for the NSPCC Putter.

If you are interested in joining the Society, please contact Vince Hemsley on 07427555656 or vince.hemsley63@virginmedia.com

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In July we will be having a members' outing – a boat trip on the Aylesbury Canal – and in August we will hold our usual Tea Party in a member's garden. Let's hope the weather behaves on both occasions.

This means we won't be meeting in the Parish Hall on either of the usual days, but in September we will return to our usual evening time of 7.30 pm at our usual venue. Details will follow in due course.






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
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
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Sunday 13th August:	Peppa Pig is Back!
Sunday 20th August:	Steaming Day with: MG Car Club and Aston Martin Car Club Rallies
Sunday 27th August:	Steaming Day with Rover Car Club Rally
B/H Monday 28th August:	Annual Pre-1988 Classic Vehicle Rally Email <a href="mailto:office@bucksrailcentre.org">office@bucksrailcentre.org</a> to bring a vehicle to this event!

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## **An Open Letter from a Quainton Newcomer:**

### ***A View from Romney Meadows, Quainton***

How privileged we are to let you into our thoughts on such a lovely village and now also on becoming members of the Quainton Village Society (QVS)

Having moved into the village last August and really enjoying settling in, we now feel we can give a big thanks to the Quainton Village Showcase, which was held at the Memorial Hall. Whilst we were there, we met some fantastic people and were shown and told about all the many societies, groups, clubs etc.

So, it's a big thank you for bringing our thoughts back again to how wonderful village life can be.

We have found this to be the most welcoming of villages – albeit Romney Meadows was not thought of as the most popular development at the time of its conception – we've had nothing but kindness and help shown to us throughout from everyone!!

We can see ourselves living a longer, happier and more peaceful life, thanks to this wonderful village and its lovely people!!

PS To other new comers to the village we say, have you thought of becoming QVS members?!

Go on and make the most of your new life here in Quainton!

*Richard (Cantwell) and Joyce (Davies)*

## **Volunteers Wanted for the new MUGA & Skate Park Project!**

We have met with another contractor who will supply another quote re the MUGA/Skate Park project. A working party is in the process of being set up to drive this project forward. Anyone who would like to be part of the working party please contact the Parish Clerk on [parishclerk@quainton.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@quainton.org.uk)

## **Volunteers Wanted for Litter Picking and Speedwatch**

We would like to relaunch our litter picking volunteer group and set up a volunteer group to monitor the speed of vehicles travelling through the village with our newly funded sentinel. If anyone would like to help out please contact the Parish Clerk on [parishclerk@quainton.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@quainton.org.uk).



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## New Thriller from local crime writer, Sherry!

Our local crime writer, Sherry Hostler, is about to hit the shelves again with her second book 'Free Fall' which is due for release on 22nd July 2023.

It is another slow burn psychological thriller, but has a completely different storyline and character line-up to her first book, 'Hypnotic' (although one character's name does crop up).



*The story focusses on Ellie, who is feeling alone and unhappy in her marriage. Her husband no longer shows any interest in her and is constantly travelling for work. So, when Saul, a handsome stranger, offers her everything she's been missing, what starts as a harmless flirtation quickly grows into something deeper.*

*Before it can go too far, however, Ellie comes to her senses and ends the burgeoning relationship. It's over – or is it?*

*A series of unexplained and sometimes threatening events soon lead Ellie to believe that maybe Saul isn't as out of her life as she'd thought.*




Sherry lives in Quainton with her husband, Jon, and can often be seen walking around the village with her big fluffy dog, Barkley. In her spare time, she writes a regular column for Vale Life called 'A Drop of Sherry' as well as contributing to various other magazines. She enjoys a bit of 90's dance music and thinks she does her best writing (and dancing) after a few glasses of Rioja, but this is possibly not the case.

The latest book from the author of the best selling 'Hypnotic' promises to keep readers guessing until the very end, so if you like a gripping read, give it a go, and who knows, you might even recognise some of the characters...

'Free Fall' is available on Amazon both for Kindle and in paperback from 22nd July and you will be able to find more details at [sherryhostler.com](http://sherryhostler.com)

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## COMPETITION TIME:

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Every 7 years, communities in Buckinghamshire parishes take part in the years old tradition of 'Beating the Bounds'. However, this year the Grendon Underwood and Waddesdon parish routes had been divided by the HS2 works.

Our representatives helped organise safe crossings for the 'bounders' to continue their walk across small sections of our site. We are proud that we were able to show our support for this long-standing community tradition.

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

- From 10 – 23 July, Station Road at the junction with Quainton Road and Fiddlers Field/Snakes Lane will be under 3 way temporary traffic lights. We will be undertaking works to connect a water main along the southern section of Station Road at the junction with Quainton Road and Fiddlers Field/Snakes Lane.
- On Station Road, the current closure of the northern section will remain in place until November 2023 with signed diversions. This is so Network Rail can complete necessary changes to make the Station Road Bridge safe for continued use and to support movement of material from the Quainton Railhead.
- On Blackgrove Road, our temporary 2-way traffic lights will remain in place at the plant crossing point.
- On the A41 temporary roundabout outside the EKFB A41 Compound, our temporary 2-way traffic lights will remain in place to allow plant to cross the roundabout when necessary.

Please note: these 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.

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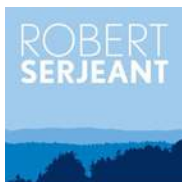
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## RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: *Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden*

Summer has arrived, and with it comes the blossoming of flowers and the flight of butterflies. Each visit to Finemere stuns us with the emergence of another species. Senses are overloaded with the wonder of bird song, the vibrancy of flora and the buzzing of invertebrates. The grassy rides are awash with Common spotted orchids. Each year numbers increase, as they become more widespread. Pyramidal orchids have also been spotted on the site: they dazzle with their exquisite, vibrant-pink flower spikes.



But the volunteers must be set to work amidst this overwhelming beauty. For without their labours to maintain the variety of habitats, Finemere Wood would not be the diverse and glorious refuge that it is today.

Nature is left to flourish as the volunteers turn their attention to the infrastructure of the reserve. The adjoining meadows are where the work is to be found this month. Management of this grassland involves grazing by livestock. This greatly reduces the competition from dominant plants such as thistles, nettles and ragwort, thus more delicate grasses and wildflowers are able to thrive. A demolition gang are directed to dilapidated fences. With hammers, wire cutters and muscle power the dismantling of wood and wire is skilfully tackled, making way for new, stock-proof fences to be raised.



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considered to be scarce, it is, however, on the increase. Never has there been so much Grass vetchling in the Finemere meadows. It is rewarding to see how far and wide it has spread.



The fences are down in the blink of an eye and the volunteers muster for a slice of lemon drizzle cake. Minds must now be turned to the conundrum of fixing sections of existing fence....perhaps another slice of cake would help.

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

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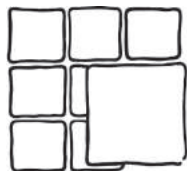
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DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
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<b>Tuesday</b>	Pilates (Main Hall) Art Club (Conference Room) * Pilates (Main Hall)	10:30 – 11:30 13:30 – 16:30 17:30 – 18:30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bridge (Main Hall) Carpet Bowls (Main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

\* Art Club, Community Choir & Table Tennis do not run over the summer – please check the online calendar for when they recommence.

\*\* Coffee Morning is on Summer break after 6 July – restart on 7 September.

If you'd like to book the hall for either an ad hoc event or a new regular activity, please either book online at [booking.quentonmh.co.uk](https://booking.quentonmh.co.uk) or contact our bookings clerk, Deb Barker Boyd, on **01296 655379**. Alternatively, you can contact us by email at [quentonmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:quentonmemorialhall@gmail.com)



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Maximum	25.8°C	24th	Total for the month	35mm	
Minimum	2.2°C	16th	Wettest day	15mm	6th
Average Minimum	6.8°C		Rain days	7	
Average Maximum	20.2°C		Dry days	24	
Highest Minimum	10.1°C	7th			
Lowest Maximum	13.2°C	6th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	25mph	12th	Highest	1023hPa	26th
			Lowest	998hPa	9th

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

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## VILLAGE SERVICES

**Quainton Website:** Quainton Parish Online: [www.quainton.org.uk](http://www.quainton.org.uk)

**Quainton Village Life:** This is a very active Facebook page for Quainton residents. Photos shared, local history discussed, questions answered, advice given, recommendations, plus lots more! There is also "Quainton Buying and Selling" Facebook page.

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

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

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

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

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## SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

2nd July	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 6.00pm Praise And Worship Service see p.7
9th July	6.00pm Evening Prayer
16th July	6.00pm Evening Prayer
23rd July	6.00pm Evening Prayer
30th July	6.00pm Holy Communion

## PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Friday May 26th:	Burial of Ashes, Laura Saunders
Saturday 28th May:	Baptism of Eliza O'Neill
Saturday 3rd June:	Wedding of Rachel Dungey and Craig Schwartz
Sunday 18th June:	Baptism of Ava Blane

## CHURCH ROTA FOR JULY

	2 July	9 July	16 July	23 July	30 July
<b>Evening Reader</b>	TBA	David Letheren	Tom Morrison	Jane Vowles	Martin Dorrell
<b>Evening Sidesman</b>	Kathy Blanchard	Richard Clark	Venetia Dalton	Arthur Evans	David Letheren
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<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Sarah Williams/ Debbie Ormerod/ Jayne Williamson		Jane Vowles/ Judy Marshall/ Kathy Blanchard		Fiona Morrison/ Helen Ratcliffe/ Sarah Fenemore



“Quainton church taken on our Golden Wedding Anniversary weekend from the windmill. A great weekend!” Mo and Roger Simmonds. Congratulations to you both!

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](mailto:quaintonnews@gmail.com)  
Thank you! Louisa, *Editor*

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**15th July:** Quainton Netball Club Bingo Night, 7pm, QMH, p.21  
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