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The Big Help Out!

In tribute to The King's Public Service, The Big Help Out was organised as part of the Coronation Weekend as a national celebration of volunteering. 1st Quainton Scouts, Cubs and Beavers came together to volunteer around the village! See p.5 for more details.



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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

We are custodians of a wonderful church building in Quainton which has significant historical interest and as you know, we are embarking on a Conservation, Renovation and Reordering project over the next few months. Funds raised at Quaintfest this year – our Music and Beer Festival – will help us in the day to day running of the church - its Mission, Ministry and Maintenance.

Quaintfest is a little earlier this year – Saturday 24th June on the Green. We have a great line-up of music and dance performances including the BB's Dance Band, Into The South – a pop band who released a single last year and the Waddesdon School Band. Not forgetting Adele Peters and her singers and dancers and our very own Community Choir. They are all performing for free to support the event. We will be giving them vouchers for food and drinks.

As you can imagine there are lots of expenses to running an event like this. We will be purchasing beer, cider and soft drinks and nibbles to serve. We also need to raise funding for the beer coolers, scaffolding for the barrels, food and drink for the performers. The sound system is being provided by JNC Events at a cost of £730. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the event, we'd appreciate you getting in touch. Sponsorship of £100 would be gratefully received if you are in a position to do so. Obviously there will be a "thank you" list of all our sponsors on display at the event and in the next issue of Quainton News! Email me for more details on how to contribute.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Blessings to you and those you love and care for.

Rev'd Steve



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WELCOME TO THE JUNE ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone,

It's a cliché, I know, but where did June come from so fast?! The excitement of the Coronation has propelled us towards the summer and it will soon be QuaintFest when we all have another fantastic opportunity to get together on our Green and celebrate everything there is to appreciate about our lovely village! All whilst raising important funds for our church.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Enjoy the read,

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

Café Club Zest

Summer is nearly here, 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.



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The Big Coronation Help Out! 1st Quainton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts rose to the challenge!

On a recent Bank Holiday Monday you may have wondered why a large white tent and purple flag appeared on The Green. The National Big Help Out, organised as part of the King's Coronation, was an opportunity to do some voluntary work within the community and the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers of 1st Quainton Group rose to the challenge!



Scouts and Cubs worked hard to clear the path from Upper Street to Mill Hill and to remove overgrown plants and weeds from the land at the back of the Saye and Sale Hall. Meanwhile, Beavers and their parents were busy thistle pulling and replenishing wood chips at the community orchard. After a few hours labour everyone was rewarded with a BBQ and sweet treats on The Green and no rain! Our thanks to Claire Lucas and Simon Millard for their time on the day and the many people around the village who support and encourage us.

If you are interested in your young person joining Quainton Beavers, Cubs or Scouts contact us at md.qu.sc.grp@gmail.com. Our age ranges are: Beavers 5¼ - 8yrs; Cubs 8 - 10½yrs; Scouts 10½ - 14yrs

We are always looking for more volunteers to help us. If you would like to get involved with the group then please contact us.





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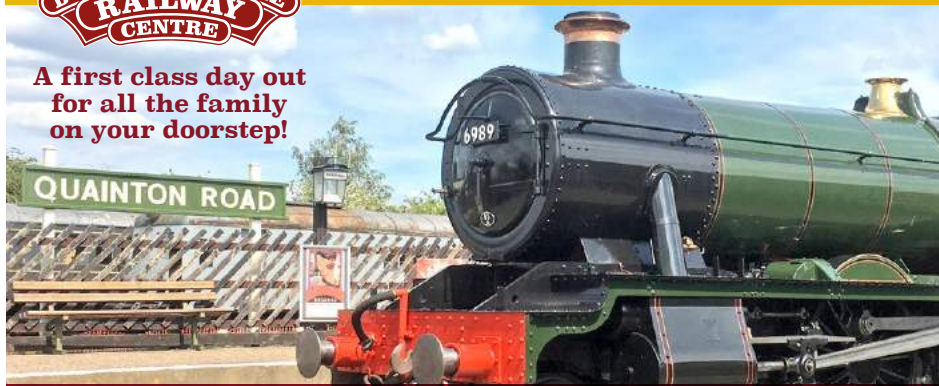
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Quainton PTA Presents



Saturday 17th June
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George and Dragon News

A Message from Darren about the Pub:

At the end of August, key members of staff will be leaving to go to university and to take on new jobs. This means that unfortunately I will not be able to run the pub and coffee shop business on my own and so have taken the difficult decision to close the pub on 31st August 2023.

The Coffee Shop will continue to operate normal opening hours.

I'd like to thank everybody for all the support they have given me in the pub over many years and hope that this support will continue with new owners in the future.

The Community Action Group have been doing a great deal of work to raise sufficient funds to buy the pub and coffee shop and make it a community owned business that will continue to benefit the whole village going forward and I will give them any support I can to help this.

Many thanks,

Darren

Quainton School PTA News:

100 Club Winners

1st £50	1 Emma Rainbow
2nd £20	5 Mark Burnham
3rd £10	11 Isabelle Sloan
4th £5	12 Harley Bass



PTA Quiz Night

Our next big fundraiser will be the Quiz Night on Saturday 17th June at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

It will be just £2 per person to enter... Teams of 8-10 people.

There'll be a bar and snacks for sale. See our poster on the previous page for more details...

Bag2School

Our last Bag2School raised £65, there will be another one booked for later in the year. Thank you to everyone who brought bags in!

George and Dragon Community Share Offer



As you will have seen Darren has taken the very difficult decision to close the George and Dragon pub on 31st August and to concentrate on the Coffee Shop.

We'd like to thank Darren for everything he has done for the village over many years running the George and Dragon.

It is now time for us to act quickly and continue at pace with the work that we have been doing to Save the George and Dragon Pub & Coffee shop. The George

and Dragon Pub & Coffee shop is the social focus of the village, and alongside the Green and Windmill helps to make Quainton a great place to live.

Imagine if the George and Dragon closed.

You would have to drive to Oving or Waddesdon for a drink with your friends. If you wanted a cup of coffee and a natter with your neighbour, your choices would be the Bucks Railway Centre, Hogshaw Farm, Waddesdon or Berryfields.

Many of the social groups in Quainton meet regularly at the coffee shop or pub, what would happen to them in the coming years? There would be no delicious Sunday Lunches, or even the return of the popular Pensioners lunch.

Most neighbouring villages have closed pubs that are eventually sold as domestic properties. The Swan & Castle was under development for several years before becoming a home.

So - what are we doing about it?

The Community Action Group have been working very hard and if you came to one of the update meetings in February you will be aware of what has been achieved so far.

We have submitted our Grant application to the Government's Community Ownership Fund and we expect to hear if we have been successful at the end of July. It is by no means a certainty that we will get a grant but we have submitted a strong bid and have everything crossed!

The next step is to issue our Community Share offer which will give everyone the chance to buy shares in the not-for-profit Community Benefit Society that hopes to buy the George and Dragon and make it a community owned pub.

We need to raise as much as possible through this share offer and encourage as many people as possible to get involved by buying shares.

We have two village meetings planned where we will explain the details of the Community share offer. These will take place on Wednesday 14th June at 7:30pm and Saturday 17th June at 2:00pm in the Memorial Hall.

Full details will be sent to every house shortly. Please try to come to one of these meetings. The share offer will go live on Monday 19th June and will close on Sunday 16th July.

This is a Once in a Lifetime Opportunity to make a significant contribution to the future of Quainton and we hope that you will choose to join the many other people who want to secure the future of the George and Dragon and all that it brings to the village by buying Community Shares.

Share Offer Summary

Your invitation:

You are invited to buy shares and/or give a donation towards the purchase of The George and Dragon Pub & Coffee Shop. You will be investing in a community enterprise, which will secure the long-term future of The George and Dragon as a pub and coffee shop and, most importantly, as a vital community hub.

Share issue:

This share issue is designed to give you the opportunity to contribute financially, on a long-term basis, to the purchase of The George and Dragon Pub and Coffee Shop. We expect most shareholders to come from the local communities, but welcome investors from further afield including friends and family who live outside of the village.

This share issue covers the purchase of the property and start-up costs of The George and Dragon, enabling it to operate as a community owned pub and coffee shop run by a professional experienced tenant.

Donations:

If you would like to give a donation towards the capital cost of purchasing The George and Dragon Pub and Coffee Shop, as well as or instead of purchasing shares, this will be most welcome. Unlike shares, there is no maximum for individual or corporate donations. However, donations on their own do not result in membership of the Society and therefore do not result in any membership rights.

Details:

Price per share	£250	
Investment limits	£250	Minimum 1 share
	£50,000	Maximum 200 shares
Total funding target from shares and grants	£700,000	
Share sales and donations target	£275,000 minimum required to proceed	
	£350,000 optimum	
	£700,000 maximum	

Please do try and come to one the meetings being held on Wednesday 14th June at 7:30pm and Saturday 17th June at 2:00pm in the Memorial Hall where we will give a full explanation of the Community Share offer and answer any questions that you may have.

If you would like to be kept up to date and be added to our mailing list please send your details to pub.info@quainton.org.uk

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://quinton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf>

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

Parish Council lines of Communication:

Quinton Village Website on <https://www.quinton.org.uk/>

Physical message boards on the Green and at the Memorial Hall

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

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

The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 6th April 2023.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 8th June 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 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:

A big thank you to all of the local community who have forwarded their comments re the proposed MUGA/Skate Park project. Please forward any further comments for us to consider when finalising the plans!



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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 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

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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 May 2023 QPC meeting:

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Status
21/A4552/DIS	Listed building consent	The Old Forge. 1 Lower Street	For comment
23/00505/APP	Conversion of commercial to 3 dwellings	Ladymead Farm, Denham, Quainton	For comment

FINANCIAL REPORTING

The AGAR was signed off at the last meeting and will now be sent to the external auditors.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

The following were reviewed and agreed; Asset Register, Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and the Financial Regulations.

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

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Christopher Prideaux

Christopher Prideaux died peacefully in High Wycombe hospital on March 31.

He and his wife Celia, and their three children, came to live at Doddershall in 1964, after the death of his grandmother Lady Pigott-Brown, continuing the family ownership which started in 1495.

After doing National Service, Christopher became a merchant banker and commuted to the City every day, as well as starting to get the Doddershall house and estate in good working order. He retained his involvement with the army by joining the SAS, even bringing his squadron to Doddershall on exercise and blowing up an old pill-box.

He played an active part in fighting off the threat of a third London airport at Wing and the horse chestnut on The Green was planted by him and Alec Miscampbell to mark the victory. He was a churchwarden and a member of the PCC for many years at Holy Cross & St Mary's Church, as well as working with the Schorne Team.

After leaving the City, he was Chairman of the St Thomas Hospital eye charity, Iris, now incorporated in the national charity, Fight For Sight.

In retirement, he was High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire; a Deputy Lieutenant of the county (along with the late Gill Miscampbell, both pictured below speaking at the Beacon Burning event for the Platinum Jubilee last year) and Chairman of the Bucks TA. At heart he was always a countryman, a lifelong supporter of the Bicester hunt and a keen amateur naturalist and lepidopterist. Over the last two decades, he worked tirelessly to mitigate the impact of the incinerator on Greatmoor and to fight against the disaster of HS2.

He loved people and together the family entertained large numbers of family and friends at Doddershall.



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Ian Bragg, and other members of the technical team have solved this problem by having a video playing on the ground floor whenever the mill is open to the public.

This allows you to see the sacks of wheat being pulled up to the top of the mill by the chain hoist, the grains of wheat sliding down the wooden shoe, which is shaken by the 'chattering damsel' into the rapidly rotating millstone. The resultant flour, slides down a chute to be collected. In earlier times it would have been sieved through the wire machine on the third floor, but now flour is no longer sold. The power of the wind is controlled by the rotating lead balls, called 'the governor'.

Many visitors to the mill watch the video to see all the equipment in action before scaling the 70 steps to the top of the mill. Visitors less keen on climbing the steps, can take a seat in reception and watch the short video of the windmill while their friends do the hard climb.

The Windmill Society offer a free diagram of the workings of our windmill to visitors, as well as certificates to celebrate climbing the 70 steps to the top of our tower mill.

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Quainton Table Tennis Club – 'C' Team save Quainton's season at the death

After being used to regular success in the local Aylesbury League, the 2022/23 season was turning into a very low-key affair for the club.

The 'A' team, playing in a very strong Premier division full of nationally ranked and County players, struggled without their No. 1, Stevie Barker-Boyd. His body has finally decided that it has had enough of whatever Steve was doing to it. David Styles stepped up from the 'B' team to replace him which left the Division 2 side severely weakened. Both teams finished too near the bottom of their respective divisions for comfort.

However, the two teams in Division 3 were able to stay competitive. Phil Ginger with grandson Jack, plus Kevin Butler and Bruce Owen were able to hold a mid-table position.

But it was Terry Curtis's 'C' team that added a little bit of sparkle to our season. By firstly reaching the semi-final of the Frank Mitchell Handicap Cup albeit losing, but by the narrowest of margins. Then, the race for the Division 3 honours went to the final round of matches. Level on points they held on to the runners-up trophy by virtue of winning one more match than the team in third place. Congratulations to Terry and Paul Green ably mentored by Neil Richardson, and beginner 13-year-old Seb Power.

Practice and coaching sessions are held every Sunday evening, everyone welcome, including secondary school children, £3 admission. A generous donation from the George & Dragon Harvest Auction has allowed these sessions to be subsidised. It is expected that now the League season is over there will be a summer break in the not too distant future.

A big thank you to everybody involved in the running of the Memorial Hall for their support. Especially Kath Heirons for organising the delivery, installation of and training for the Table Tennis England Defibrillator.



From the archives – the way we were.

Two England international players at the back –Phil Bradbury and Sky Andrews.

Two end of season 'bashes' in the Swan & Castle

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A vibrant, colorful poster for the Quaint Fest Music & Beer Festival. The title 'QUAINT FEST' is at the top in large, multi-colored letters, with a small windmill icon in the 'Q'. Below it, 'MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL' is in red, and '...and so much more!' is in black. The date and time 'Saturday 24th June 2.00 to 10.00pm' and location 'The Green, Quainton' are prominently displayed. The right side features musical notes and a treble clef. The bottom left shows a collage of musical instruments like drums, guitars, and a keyboard. The 'Featuring:' section lists various acts, and contact information for Revd Steve is at the bottom right.

QUAINT FEST

MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL
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Saturday 24th June
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The Green, Quainton

Featuring:

- The BB's Dance Band
- Community Choir
- Into The South
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- School Band
- Dog Show
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INSPIRING WOMEN

Whitchurch WI



Meeting at St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm.
David Dennis will be returning, to speak this time about 'Africa'
Visitors welcome (£5 per head).

CORONATION big lunch

Coronation Picnic

Sunday 7th May 2023

Well, it felt like a miracle when we arrived on The Green on Sunday 7th May for the Coronation Big Lunch in the most glorious sunshine we've had all year! The Green looked full, with people on chairs, on picnic rugs, standing and chatting with their friends and neighbours, children running around happily and climbing the cross, other people sitting on the pub picnic tables; such a happy day! Everyone was full of discussion about the Coronation and their favourite part of the day, and how proud we felt to be British and how much we love the pomp and ceremony that our country, our Royal Family, seems to do so well! Red, white and blue filled The Green for several hours. The windmill's sails went round in celebration of our new King. At one point I stopped and counted just shy of 200 people. *Photos by Peter Taylor-Lane and me...*





Quanton Gardening Sociey Plant Sale

Last Saturday we held our annual plant sale which was again very successful. Thank you to everyone for donating so many plants and of course cakes, which makes the event worthwhile and brings people together.

Just a reminder the coach trip to RHS Wisley is on July15th, tickets are selling fast and the trip is open to non-members. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Sonja Taylor Lane for details on sonjataylorlane@gmail.com or 01296 658273. (see page 28)

Thank you all for your support, **Allan Carter, Club Chairman**





What's on in June at The Railway!

All details are online at www.bucksrailcentre.org or pop down and see us!

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th June:	Day Out With Thomas
Sunday 11th June:	Steaming Day
Sunday 18th June:	Father's Day Ridgeway Run Heritage Commercial Vehicle Rally
Sunday 25th June:	Dino Day!

All events run from 10.30am-5pm with last admissions at 3.30pm. Quainton residents don't need to pre-book, just bring proof of address with you and get 25% off ALL tickets!

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Quainton Golf Society

Our first event of 2023 was in March at Oxford Gold Club for the Chairman's Trophy on a mainly dry day.



The winner was Dave Payne with 36 points from the Captain Vince Hemsley who tied with Phil Hughes on 33 points but who took second place on Countback.

The top five looks like this:

	Chairman's Trophy	Strokes Rec'd	Points
1st	Dave Payne	21	36
2nd (OCB)	Vince Hemsley	13	33
3rd	Phil Hughes	15	33
4th	Darren Knibb	10	32
5th	Dave Fitchett	20	30

Our April event was at Northampton Golf Club for the Scratch Trophy. The day was dry, but the course played very long on account of heavy rain in the previous 24 hours which made scoring tough. With perennial Scratch competition winner Stuart Moffat unable to play, the 'door was open' for someone other than Stuart to win, and the winner on the day was Tim Spokes. Tim played exceptionally well on the day and needed to because he had 8 others in the field who had a lower or the same handicap as him. Tim would also have won the concurrent Stableford Competition that was run alongside the Scratch competition by a clear margin, but for the Society rule that this competition cannot be won by the winner of the Scratch Cup. This meant that Stableford competition on the day was won by Alan Marks who just pipped our guest for the day, Jon Dean.

The top five for the two competitions looks like this:

	Scratch Cup	Gross		Stableford	Strokes Rec'd	Points
1st	Tim Spokes	88	N/A	Tim Spokes	16	36
2nd (OCB)	Alan Marks	89	1st	Alan Marks	14	33
3rd	Dave Clouting	89	2nd	Jon Dean (G)	22	31
4th	Alan Hughes	92	3rd	Roger Simms	23	28
5th	Terry Curtis	95	4th=	Dave Payne	19	27
				Keith Payne	16	27
				Alan Hughes	10	27

Our next event is for the Barry Wooller Salver at Kirtlington Golf Club on Friday 30 June 2023.

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



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Cycling to work, school or to see friends has become an increasingly popular choice for commuters in recent years, especially many of those at Claydon Cycling Club. Not only is it a great way to stay active and reduce your carbon footprint, but it can also save you time and money on transportation.

By considering factors like distance, terrain, and personal comfort, you can work out the perfect bike for your commute. Many people use their existing road, hybrid, or mountain bike for their journey.

Folding bikes are a great option, and are designed to be easily compacted and stored, making them a convenient choice for those bringing their bike on a bus, train, or tube. Folding e-bikes are also available to make the commute easier.

Helpful tips if you are thinking of using the lighter longer days to start commuting to work:

1. **Accessories:** Wear clothing that won't get tangled in your chain. You can use an ankle strap if you want to wear something more flowing. Some people prefer to ride in light clothes and bring office wear in a bag or pannier.
2. **Lighting:** If you're going to be travelling near to sunrise or sunset or in the dark then you must be using a solid front and rear light (conforming to BS6102/3 standard). Using lights in the daytime can also help to catch the eye of other road users.
3. **Checks:** Before leaving, always ensure your bike is in good working condition. Check your brakes, tyre pressure, chain, and lights. Bring a spare inner tube and multitool. You hope you won't need it, but you'll be grateful for the moment that you do!
4. **Security:** Ideally you should be able to park your cycle in a safe storage room at your destination. If not, then look out for a Sheffield Stand or bike rack that is in a high traffic area and secure it with a Gold Standard lock. The lock will slow down any attempted theft and the pedestrian through traffic levels will discourage theft.
5. **Travel:** Plan your journey at least the day before. You don't want to end up on a dual carriageway because your sat-nav app thinks you're in a car. Try to stick to quieter roads and if there are any shared paths or dedicated cycleways then you might want to use those too.
6. **Weather:** Bring a lightweight rain jacket if there is a chance of rain, and dress in layers if the temperature is likely to change throughout the day.



Commute cycling can be a great way to improve physical and mental health, reduce environmental impact, save money, and potentially even save time. For any further advice please get in touch.

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June 2023 Edition

HS2 in Quainton

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- **From 15-19 May**

On the northern section of Station Road, we will be closing a section of footway to pedestrians to allow for de-vegetation works in preparation for the Station Road realignment.

- **From 7-8 June**

We will be carrying out topographical surveys along Quainton Road. These surveys are expected to take two days to complete and will help us finalise the design of the new railway.

- **From 17 -18 June**

We will be closing Fiddlers Field/Snakes Lane for two days while we make preparations to build its connection to the Station Road realignment. These works will include the careful removal of some vegetation around where the link between the two roads will be built.

- **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 works to make the Station Road Bridge safe for continued use 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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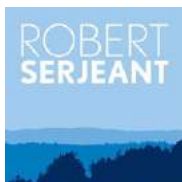
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Grasses, flowers, shrubs and trees are bursting into bloom. Bluebells dazzle in bountiful splendour. But there are other forms of life to be spotted by keen eyes. Single-celled, amoeba-like organisms, invisible to the naked eye, are creeping around engulfing bacteria, fungal spores and other micro-organisms. Often mistaken for fungi, these slime moulds thrive in moist shady environments such as the nooks and crannies of dead wood. It is only when these cells stop moving, gathering together to reproduce and form a fruiting body, that they are perceptible.



Wolf's milk slime mould (*Lycogala epidendrum* / *terrestre*) has small pinkish-orange almost-spherical fruiting bodies, no bigger than 15 mm in diameter. Inside each one is a gloopy substance of the same colour, which as it matures becomes a mass of powdery spores. Eventually the fruit erupts spreading its spores far and wide and the life cycle begins again. Also known as Toothpaste slime mould, this fascinating life form is named after the gunge in its fruiting body.

There are many slime moulds oozing around Finemere Wood. Look out for *Fuligo septica* or Dog vomit slime mould, another specimen recently spotted .

Much grass was cut on this unexpectedly bright and humid day. The warming rays of the sun caressing away the aches and pains of a long, cold, dreary Winter. The motion of scything kick-starting a new energy.

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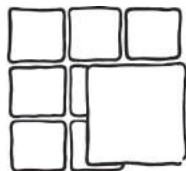
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DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall) Craft Club (Conference Room)	10:00 – 14:30 13:30 – 16:30
Tuesday	Pilates (Main Hall) Art Club (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall)	10:30 – 11:30 13:30 – 16:30 17:30 – 18:30
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall)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

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Maximum	20.7°C	29th	Total for the month	88mm	
Minimum	-3.0°C	4th	Wettest day	19mm	23rd
Average Minimum	3.0°C		Rain days	14	
Average Maximum	15.1°C		Dry days	16	
Highest Minimum	6.5°C	28th			
Lowest Maximum	10.0°C	14th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	39mph	10th	Highest	1020hPa	18th
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Monday 12th June	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
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SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 4th June:	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	11am	Joint Rogation Service with Oving Church at Buttermilk Hall Farm in Oving
	6pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th June:		No morning service
	6pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 18th June	6pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 25th June	6pm	Choral Evensong

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

None so far for May

CHURCH ROTA FOR MAY

	4 June	11 June	18 June	25 June
Evening Reader	Barbara Fell	Martin Dorrell	Arthur Evans	Jane Vowles
Evening Sidesman	Arthur Evans	David Letheren	Margaret Willoughby	Jane Vowles
Altar Flowers	Stella Clark	Shirley Coote	June Hanson	Caroline Cook
Pedestal Flowers	Jayne Williamson	Amanda Cundell	Amanda Cundell	Helen Ratcliffe
Church Cleaning	Kate Dalton / Fiona Ginger / Ann Parrott		Carolyn Turnbull / Helen Ratcliffe / Cicely Davies	

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



Thank you to Rachel Quigg for this photo of our church looking majestic across the field. 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 – JUNE 2023

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