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Full details and explanations inside...! See p. 21/22/23

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Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

My first TV appearance was on a pop music show in the Netherlands. The Dutch TV company flew me out from London to Amsterdam for the day and when I arrived I was ushered into the artist's make-up room and plastered with an orange paste that they rubbed all over my face. Apparently, it was necessary to make you look healthy and "normal" under the large studio lights. I had worked in bars, clubs, colleges, churches and schools around the Netherlands for a few years. In fact, my first major tour took me around the country from Holland

Friesland, the beautiful flat lands of the north. This is where I first met Joop Van De Meer, an ex city cop who used to chase down the bad guys in quite dramatic ways - which I can't tell you about here because I think his methods were "unconventional" to say the least! Joop worked for Youth For Christ and set up tours for me around Friesland on many occasions. 'Christian' Coffee Bars were popular in those days, set up in retail areas and even on a number of converted barges, which were great fun to perform in. They gave a new meaning to "rock 'n roll!" One time I was playing in concert on one of these converted barges, when a druggie approached the small stage area brandishing a knife! Not sure if he didn't appreciate my music, or whether he just wanted my attention! Well, he certainly did get a lot of attention and was man-handled to a place of safety off the boat. I have never taken illegal drugs, but there were times when I felt light-headed in the bars and clubs where I played around Europe – the atmosphere could get a little smoky!

I ended up appearing on TV many times during my time as a professional musician, but this one occasion in Amsterdam was the only time I forgot to get all the orange make-up off my face before leaving the studio! I was in such a hurry to catch my flight back to the UK, I managed to travel all the way home with an orange face! I didn't understand why I attracted strange looks from people, until I got back on English soil and looked in a mirror!

I'm still prone to doing things that end up being quite embarrassing for me and my long suffering wife, who has got used to my funny ways after all these years. I don't set out to do stupid things, but when navigating life, I sometimes can't help it!

I take heart in the words of King David in the Old Testament: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life." Psalm 139:23-24

There's a lot going on in and around church in the next few weeks. See information inside.

Blessings all, Rev Steve

Reverend Steve Flashman, Vicar

Holy Cross & St Mary, Quainton; and All Saints, Oving with Pitchcott,
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Welcome to the February 2022 issue



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Hello everyone,

Lots of fun photos and an article starting on p.21 about the fabulous Wassailing ceremony the village held at the end of January! If you missed out, don't worry, it sounds like they're going to make it an annual event!

We have a few new advertisers this issue as we move into the new advertising year, so please make sure you have a good flick through and see who's supporting your local parish magazine and support them where you can! Thank you to Cicely Davey for helping with the adverts again this year!

Stay safe and enjoy the read,

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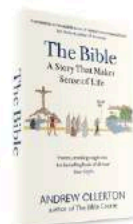
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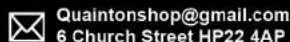
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Station Crossroads: Message from Cllr Philip Gomm



Dear Parishioners,

Due to recent incidents at Station Road Crossroads, we felt the need to reassure and update you with what's happening there. I don't need to tell everyone that the crossroads have always been dangerous for many, many years and we WARD Councillors had this as one of our projects to improve working alongside our neighbouring WARD councillors for various reasons but firstly we have had to catch up with many outstanding issues since elected and are making good progress.

Sadly, we've had some serious accidents there recently and with that in mind our project plans have been brought forward to start NOW and discussing the long-term strategy dealing with road safety and speeding around that point. Transport for Bucks and other partners are giving us full support to achieve some of our aspirations there although remembering we must work within the Highway Law. Hopefully, you will start seeing changes and improvements very quickly, for the better of our community and safety.

Please feel free to contact us on this subject or Cllr Iain Macpherson who is the primary contact connected to the Parish Council, on our behalf.

FOR EASE. My email is: philip.gomm@buckscc.gov.uk OR telephone 07778 177647.

Cllr Philip Gomm

Quainton Support Network

Just a quick word to say that the Quainton Support Network is still running. Many friends and neighbours are supporting others for lifts or shopping etc but sometimes this isn't possible and this is where the support network can step in.

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Thank you to Andrea Wearn who sent me the cover scan of this issue from May 1948 – which is another four years older than the September 1952 issue I printed on the front cover of the December 2021 issue.

Andrea also informs me that the No.9 from that issue correlates to it being the 9th issue of that year, so not the 9th issue ever as I had thought... How much further back can we go? Does anyone have an even older copy?

Louisa, Editor

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The Chairman Reports:

Instead of the 2nd Thursday February's PC meeting will be held on Thursday 17th February.

The eagle-eyed among you will notice that here are now only five councillors listed. Michelle Robinson-Boyce resigned before Christmas and I would like to thank her for her contribution. You will soon see a notice asking for nominations so if you are prepared to be a councillor, please put yourself forward.

Planning: After an increasing backlog of outstanding planning applications, a number of decisions have been made: The HS2 Construction compound at the Station Rd crossroads wanted to increase the parking to 240 cars and install a 2-storey office block. The PC objected as it would extend the site beyond the limits set in the Act and conflicted with a press release from HS2 about bussing staff in from the Bicester logistics depot. The application is now shown as decided but no decision letter is posted. However, EKFB decided to relocate 80 of 240 staff to Calvert and Fleet Marston and the parking will be reduced from 218 to 167. The office blocks however will still be 2 storeys high. The large package of HS2 works including the new road remains undecided and at this stage I view this as: no news is good news.

Other decided application saw rejection of The Croft, and the stables to the east of Oving Road, but the new agricultural building on the Ladymead land was approved. The collapsing building at 159 Station Rd now has permission for 2 houses but in agreeing the details of the original outline plan there is now a further single storey extension to the rear. The PC had objected to this late change. Of new applications, the PC has not objected to 12 Church St with the proviso that there should be no loss of off-street parking and that there be a minimal loss of the distinctive wall in front of the terrace which is a distinctive feature of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Bus Service: The school bus is now going down Station Rd and turning at the Railway Centre. Thank you to the Railway Centre for their cooperation. The 16 service is operated by a different company and there is a delay in finding staff to test the turning. Thank you also to Lou Fox for raising this whole issue.

SID: Funding has been obtained from the Bucks/HS2 Road Safety Fund to purchase two new Speed Indication Devices. They will be solar-powered and the existing SID will also be upgraded. The new devices will enable coverage on a rotating basis at the Strand, School, Townsend and Station Rd

CHOW: The Community Heritage Orchard & Wildlife Garden below the football field is taking shape with the planting of more trees and the siting of benches and a table. There was also a Wassailing event with Morris Dancers. No doubt the warm beverages were also enjoyed.

HS2: The resurfacing of the A41/Station Rd junction is set to start on the 24th Jan and this will involve an overnight closure. Weather permitting this should be completed early and probably will see the permanent lights put into operation. Meanwhile an aggregates lorry using the newly surfaced section after the bend decided to enjoy the countryside and help HS2 eliminate more hedges as it went into a field. As there will be a sharp increase in these lorries in the near future one can only hope that they will be more restrained. The section of the road by the construction site remains in a poor state and I am told that utilities need to be moved. I have doubts over this and am pushing for the resurfacing to be finished to the crossroads. Already the surface is breaking up into potholes due to the increased and heavy traffic.

Another issue is the constantly changing dates for road closures and lane closure. The de-veg work on Snake Lane has now been put back to the end of January. The closure of Station Rd between after the bridge to strengthen the cover over the water mains has gone back to the end of March and will last 4-6 weeks. This will prevent access to Waddesdon. As this main has frequently burst and caused strengthening problems at the A41 junction I would not be surprised if this work took longer. At present Snake Lane will also be closed for UKPN to move the electricity supply from mid-February to End-March. I continue to lobby EKFB to make sure that these roads are never closed at the same time.

Outstanding is the nearby moving of the water supply which will see the length of Snake Lane dug up as well as Lee Rd. Test holes were drilled near the junction this month and I have asked for the work to be coordinated with UKPN to minimise closure but suspect it is too late for this common sense. Unfortunately, the utilities work independently of EKFB and of each other making coordination very difficult.

Station Road Crossroad: *(See update on this from Cllr Phil Gomm on p.5, which has been sent in response to residents' concerns after two traffic accidents have occurred here since this PC meeting took place. Ed.)* The reopening of Station Rd to the crossroads has seen a major increase of vehicles ignoring the Give Way signs. This has always been a problem. The near misses go unrecorded and the accident statistics are not considered serious enough to warrant action by Buckinghamshire. The white lines were repainted last March and are still in reasonable condition but the muddy winter roads results in their being obscured. This is a common problem in winter and repainting will not last long. I have not given up and have suggested solar powered, vehicle activated, advance Give Way signs to warn of the junction. The use of solar power would overcome the high cost of connection to the electricity supply. Bucks Highways have at least met to discuss this and I have asked EKFB to consider if they can help.

Before Christmas Bucks Highways said they were talking with HS2 to fund some improvement packages. Two were to be for Snake Lane and the crossroads but they are still talking and with the utility disruption to Station Rd it will be many months before they could be fully implemented. I am becoming very frustrated with Bucks. They continue to talk to HS2 over who should pay for road repairs, they fail to coordinate the increased road closures around HS2 leaving local parish councils to deal with these matters.

Meanwhile the residents continue to dodge the potholes and guess which diversion to follow today.



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Bag2School Collection: 15/16th February

Bag2School will be back to collect used clothes, shoes, bedding etc on 15-16th February. Bags can be left at the school on the morning of either day. We can collect bags prior to the day if getting to the school is a problem. Contact Hazel on 07813 582245.

Reading Scheme:

We are very pleased to have reached the target of £3600 to fund the new whole school reading scheme! Thank you to everyone who supported us in achieving this. A cheque was presented to the school in December and we will be announcing our next fundraising target very soon.

100 Club:

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

The January draw winners are:

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2nd - No 14	Bree Neale
3rd - No 79	Colin Cope
4th - No 25	James Sloan

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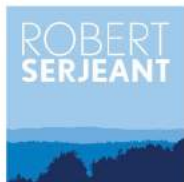
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Here in Quainton we have our own unit on the wall by the front door of Quainton School in Lower Street – see defibrillator unit circled on the photo of the school below. This unit is accessible at all times. There are also two units at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre at the end of Station Road, and although these are of course for general public use, they are located inside buildings and are therefore only accessible when the centre is open.



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News from The Rolling Oats

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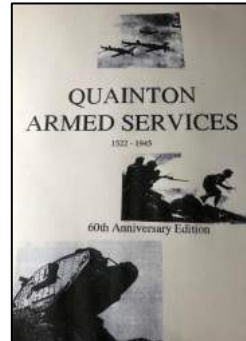
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QVS Publication of the Month:

Quainton Armed Services 1522-1945

This is a history of the action of Quainton participants in the Great War and World War II. There is also information on the Crimean War, the Boer War and the Militia men from 1522.



Update from 1st Quainton Brownies



Wow!! How exciting to see so many girls coming along to our taster evening this month! It was brilliant to see them enjoying themselves and mixing with our older Brownies, some of whom are nearly ready to move onto Quainton Guides later in the year. "I loved it. Can I come back next week?" "I had so much fun!! Do you do this every week?" Yes you can and yes we do!! It's not too late to register your daughter on the Girlguiding UK website if she's interested in joining us. It's on term time Thursdays 6.30 to 7.50pm at the Saye & Sele Hall in Quainton.

Girls in Brownies have incredible experiences together, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them. They learn new skills and take on challenges as they work out what they want to be and do in the future. This is achieved by working together on badges, playing games, doing crafts, spending time outdoors and being with friends and respecting and caring for one another. It's about trying adventurous activities and going along to special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays.

We have only a couple of spaces left and if not now we'll have spaces next term. Girls can join from age 7 but we already have a number of 5 and 6 year olds on the waiting list ready to come along from their 7th birthdays, so in order to secure a place you will need to register well ahead. Or just contact us and we can talk you through what's needed.

Sue and Sonia, 07752 362686

QUANTON WASSAIL!

The Quanton Community Orchard team organised a traditional Wassailing ceremony in the new orchard on Saturday 22nd January. Wassailing is essentially toasting the trees – the word Wassail comes from the Saxon ‘Waes Hael’ and means Good Health. Good health not just for the fruit trees, but for the farmers, their crops, harvest and animals. Wassailing apple trees apparently developed in the apple-growing counties of England to ensure a good apple crop and therefore a plentiful supply of cider. Wassailers gave cider to the good spirits of the orchard, and then drove out the evil spirits with loud noises – which, back in the day, would have been with rough music and gunfire and was sometimes known as Apple Howling!

Arthur Evans very kindly ‘volunteered’ to be our ‘Apple King’ – the master of ceremonies – and we were joined by the Owlswick Morris Dancers. Together everyone, around 60 people, processed from the carpark to the newly-planted orchard, accompanied by music from the Morris Dancers. Lots of people were dressed up, but most wearing the obligatory hats, which are waved in the ceremony, and people carrying all sorts of implements with which to make a loud noise to drive out those evil spirits! Together everyone sang the wassailing song and then shared some warmed cider and mince pies. It was a fabulous ceremony and we’ve had much positive feedback – maybe we’ll make it an annual Quanton Orchard tradition!



More photos overleaf! Thank you to Jan Stiegeler, Kath Heirons & John Williams for the photos.





CONSULTATION: MODIFICATION OF QUANTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2015-2033



Quainton Parish Council has been working on a modification to the existing Neighbourhood Plan for the area and have now submitted the final version to Buckinghamshire Council.

The next stage of the process is for Buckinghamshire Council, as the local authority, to conduct a public consultation on the submitted modifications to the Plan. This is an opportunity for local people to comment on it before it goes to independent examination.

The consultation runs until **the 28th February 2022**. More information can be found at the Neighbourhood Plan Modification section of the Quainton Parish website or use the link below:

<https://www.quainton.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-modification-0>

February at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre:

Apart from the weekday café (see below), the rest of The Railway is closed at the moment but will open during February half term for full steaming days when the whole site will be open and steam train rides, including the miniature and model railway, will all be running.


Steaming Days this Month: February Half Term Only

Sunday 20th February, Wednesday 23rd February & Sunday 27th February: 10.30am-5pm

Special Events: We will be adding new events to our 2022 programme over the coming weeks. We will open the season with our popular Teddy's Train Ride event on April 3rd, followed by Peppa Pig on Good Friday and then our exciting new event, the Easter Transport Festival on Easter Sunday and Monday. We have also got dinosaurs coming, Marshall & Skye from PAW Patrol, our popular Emergency Services Day, classic vehicle rallies and steam galas... All the details will be on our website: www.bucksrailcentre.org

Railway Café: Open to the public Mon-Fri, 9.30am-1.30pm. No entry ticket required.

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Ramblings from Finemere Wood

Charlotte Karmali - Volunteer Warden

Slowly, the dark silhouettes emerged from the freezing fog, the dazzlingly bright winter sun burning its way through the thick hazy curtain behind them. Several weeks have passed since the volunteers' last met, during which there has been much Christmas indulgence. The time has come to work those bodies once more.

Firstly, an unfinished job must be completed before the woodland workers can move on to a fresh new project. Armed with loppers, saws and hard hats, the group are herded into a ride side scallop to complete the clearance of the understory. **Turkey tail** (*Trametes versicolor*), is a bracket fungus, widespread in Britain, and it has caught my eye this January, with its exquisite form and markings. Turkey tail shaped and growing up to 10cm in diameter, it displays concentric rings of varying colours, blacks, browns, blues, whites, and oranges. Older specimens may look green due to the growth of green algae on them. Found on fallen or standing deadwood, most commonly hardwoods such as oak and beech, it gently breaks down the rotting wood. *Trametes versicolor* has been used over the centuries as a health supplement, and in Chinese medicine as a treatment for respiratory conditions. It is quite a beauty. David quietly busies himself with a substantial-sized hawthorn tree, a task that is a favourite of his. He finds clearing an area of vegetation and watching the subsequent natural regeneration very rewarding. Plus, I observe, David is drawn to the challenge of conquering sizeable trees, seemingly most happy and content at such times, always with a smile on his face. David's search for a local conservation group to join, with a commitment to improving the local ecosystems and natural environment, led him to the Finemere team. But why does he keep coming back? "The satisfaction of contributing something worthwhile to our natural environment," he says. Yet there is more to it than that.

Cake. David manages to squeeze the word cake into every conversation. Others carry work tools and first aid kits to our working place, David carries the cake. David has taken on the role of cake monitor, making sure that it is passed around and shared fairly. David has even made the effort to join the group for just the first hour of the day, to ensure his fix of cake prior to a dental appointment. "And is there anything else in Finemere Wood that draws you in?" I wonder. "The Purple emperor butterfly" is David's response, as he is yet to experience a first sighting. Come July, I hope he will be rewarded for his hard work and patience with a glimpse of one of these wondrous creatures. Perhaps with a smattering of cake?

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Quainton Golf Society



The Xmas event was played on 10 December at North Oxford Golf Club, where we have not played for a few years. There was a fine turnout of 27 players. Following an excellent Full English Breakfast, we played 18 holes of stabierora ror the Society's Xmas Shield. We were blessed with dry, if windy, weather but the underfoot conditions were very squelchy to say the least. The wet and windy conditions no doubt contributed to the moderate scoring on the day and only three players managed to make the 30-point mark while seven did not even manage 20. Congratulations go to Chris Dowthwaite for winning the competition with 33 points, on countback from North Oxford member Ant Kelly in 2nd place.

Following the golf, there was a commendable turnout of Christmas Jumpers worn for the Christmas Dinner and we raised £265 on the day for the Captain's chosen charity, the British Heart Foundation.

The day's results:

Position	Name	Handicap	Points
1st	Chris Dowthwaite	20	33
2nd	Ant Kelly	22	33
3rd	Keith Payne	17	30
4th	Alan Marks	11	29
5th	Roger Simms	23	28

Our next venue is Badgemore Park GC near Henley on 25th March 2022, where we will be playing for the Scratch Cup.

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

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



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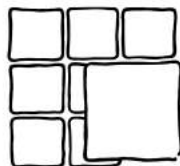
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Average Minimum	3.6°C		Rain days	19	
Average Maximum	8.7°C		Dry days	12	
Highest Minimum	11.6°C	30th			
Lowest Maximum	4.6°C	19th			
Wind			Pressure		
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SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 6th Feb 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am Café Breakfast Church
 6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th Feb 6.00pm Holy Communion (Behold The Lamb)

Sunday 20th Feb 10.30am Family Communion
 6.00pm Prayer & Worship Service with our Worship Band & Choirs

Sunday 27th Feb 6.00pm Holy Communion

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Funeral: Mon 17th Jan: Bob Dorrell at Bierton Crematorium

CHURCH ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

	6 February	13 February	20 February	27 February
Morning Reader				
Morning Sidesman				
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	Sarah Fenemore	Celia Prideaux	Lois Skinner	Marsha Miller
Pedestal Flowers	Helen Ratcliffe	Jane Lydall	Jane Lydall	Debbie Omerod
Tea Rota				
Church Cleaning	Fiona Morrison Helen Ratcliffe Sarah Fenemore	Sharyn Buck Linda Chapple Venetia Dalton		Sheila Hammond Claire Lucas Vacancy

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



Thank you to Hugh Vowles for this beautifully atmospheric shot of Holy Cross & St Mary's Church. If you have taken a photo of our Church or its surroundings which you would like to see in print, please email it to me at: quaintonnews@gmail.com Thank you, Louisa, *Editor*

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