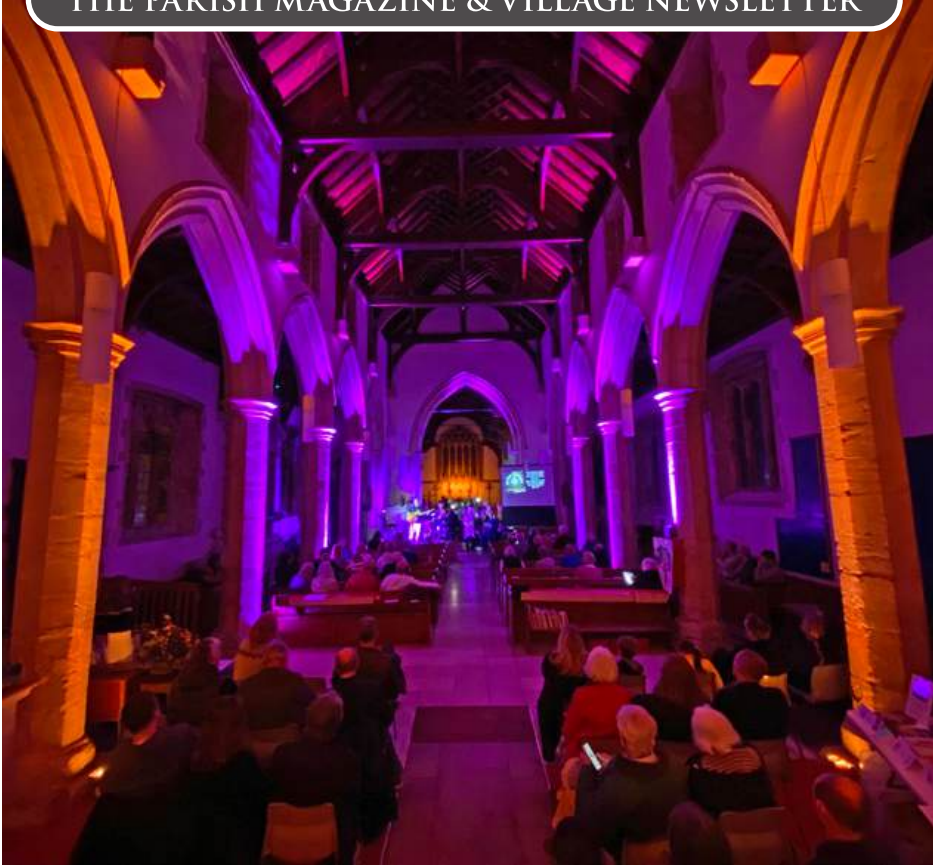


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Our Vicar in Concert!

Quainton's Reverend Steve Flashman put on an amazing concert in our church on Saturday 18th October. Introducing songs from his new album 'Lighting the Beacons', Steve played to a packed church and raised over £1,000 for Quainton and Oving churches. More inside on p.15. *Photos by Pete Miller*

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear Friends,

My 10th studio album, "Lighting The Beacons" was launched on 18th October and is now available on Spotify and many other streaming services – also on CD. Many thanks to all those who supported the concert event – Quainton church was full and we raised several hundreds of pounds for my two parish churches in Oving and Quainton. I dusted off my Fender Strat, Korg O1W, Bouzouki and Ovation Balladeer! I even used a set of drum pads on stage – that was fun (for me!)

November always brings with it a certain stillness – the leaves fall, the air cools, and our hearts turn once again to remembrance. As we gather this month for Remembrance Sunday on the 9th at 11.00am at All Saints, Oving and 3.00pm at Holy Cross and St Mary, Quainton, we pause together in gratitude and silence to honour those who gave their lives in the service of others.

At the heart of Remembrance is not only the act of looking back, but also the call to live differently because of what we remember. When we stand in silence, we remember with gratitude those who sacrificed so much and the many who still carry the scars of war, but we also stand to renew our own commitment to peace, justice, and reconciliation. We remember the cost of war – in lives lost, families broken, and futures changed – and we pray that such sacrifice might lead us to seek a better way.

For Christians, remembrance is deeply woven into our faith. Each time we share the bread and wine at Holy Communion, we hear the words of Jesus: "Do this in remembrance of me." It is an invitation not only to recall what has been done for us, but to be transformed by it. Just as Christ's self-giving love brings hope from suffering, so too we are called to be people who bring light into darkness, peace where there is conflict, and love where there is fear.

As we wear our poppies and gather in our churches, let us hold in our hearts those who continue to live with the scars of war – the wounded, the displaced, the grieving. And let us also remember those who work for peace today: peacekeepers, aid workers, diplomats, and peacemakers in our own communities.

This November, may our Remembrance not end with silence, but move us to action – to live as people of hope, compassion and courage.

In remembering the past, may we be shaped for a more peaceful future.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Blessings,

Rev Steve

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WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
quaintonnews@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

Quainton is extra special at this time of year. I think of November as the calm before the storm. We all take the time to peacefully remember those who gave their lives fighting for our country, but it also makes us think of those who we have loved and lost more recently too - it can be a time for real reflection. The silhouette soldier appears silently on The Green; the Last Post is played live from the windmill, then we have the Remembrance Service in church, which is always well attended by Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Beavers, as well as Quainton Royal British Legion.

Then, as we near the end of the month, preparations for Christmas ramp up and life gets kind of crazy for a while!

Enjoy the read!

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

ANNUAL CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP

Saturday 6 December
10am -12 noon

Open to all, please come and help us clear the churchyard for winter. If you could bring your own rakes that would be great. If you have large pruners then they may be useful too. Refreshments will be available, so time for a chat and catch up, which is one of the best parts of the gathering, apart from being a good workout!

Please just come along and support us and help keep our churchyard looking so good!

Margaret Willoughby 655606
Malcolm Wearn 655484

Quainton Church

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Quainton Bonfire Night

Quainton Parish Council Bonfire & Fireworks Committee is proud to present another amazing bonfire and fireworks extravaganza!

**Saturday 8th November
on The Green
Gates open at 6pm
Bonfire and Fireworks
from 7pm**

Pre-purchased wristbands will be £8 (under 5s free) and are on sale from the village shop.

Entry on the night will be £10 per person (under 5s free).

As usual, the Sports Club will run a BBQ, the PTA will run a bar on The Green and there will be other food stalls to tempt you. We look forward to seeing you!

Ian, Pete, Tim, Steve and Warren
Quainton Parish Council Bonfire & Fireworks Committee



Photo by Edward Vining

Hot off the Press! 2025 Harvest Auction Smashes All Records

The annual Harvest Auction, held at the George & Dragon on Friday 17 October, was a massive success, raising over £4,200 beating the previous record of £3,300 that was made last year.

We believe that it was the 60th anniversary of the auction and the 20th anniversary of it being held in the George and Dragon, so it was bound to be a good one!

Many thanks to all those who made the event possible and supported it either by donating things for auction or by purchasing items on the night or making donations.

As ever, the money raised will be divided up between local charities and good causes that support the people of Quainton.

A full report listing all the beneficiaries will be included in the next issue of Quainton News. Thank you everyone!



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Application forms can be obtained from Jane Vowles, clerk to the trustees via email: winwoodalmshouses@outlook.com

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY 30th NOVEMBER 2025

The Over 50s Monthly Lunch at the George & Dragon

12.30pm on Wednesday 19th November

£15 per head for two courses

Mains:

Chicken & Mushroom Pie with mash & veg

Gluten free available

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Puddings:

Treacle tart & custard (Gluten free available)

or Sorbets

Booking and menu choice is essential by Friday 14th November

Come and join us, all welcome, on the third Wednesday of every month. All choices gluten free adaptable. To book please contact Mary McDermott on 01296 658128 or email: mmcdermott2712@gmail.com, please do not contact the pub.



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IT'S BACK... Quainton's Senior Citizens' Christmas Party!

Celebrate the festive season with friends, food and fun at our annual Christmas gathering for Quainton's over 65s! It's a real Christmas treat for our Senior Citizens, all paid for from proceeds raised from the Annual Harvest Auction and donations collected during Father Christmas's journey around the village on Christmas Eve.

Date: Thursday 4th December 2025

Time: 12 noon - 4pm (sit down 12.30pm)

Location: Quainton Village Hall, Station Road, Quainton, Buckinghamshire

Enjoy a traditional Christmas Turkey dinner and all the trimmings and pudding, plus:

Entertainment

Festive games

Tea, coffee and mince pies

If you'd like to join us, please complete the form below and return by 14th November. You can hand it in at the Coffee Shop or email cafe@georgeanddragonquainton.co.uk or call 01296 658415.

Can You Help? We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day, including:

-  Food prep and serving/clearing
-  Drivers to deliver Christmas dinners
-  Drivers to collect and drop off guests attending the party

If you can help, please contact: 01296 658415 or cafe@georgeanddragonquainton.co.uk

Your support would be greatly appreciated and will help make the day extra special for our senior citizens!

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party Form

- ☐ I/We will be attending the Christmas Party.
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- ☐ I/We will not be attending the party but would like a Christmas dinner delivered.

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Please specify any dietary requirements:

QUAINTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Ben Harris **Vice Chair:** Sue Weldon

Councillors: Nick Butler, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Martin Pacetti, Sarah Smith

Clerk: Helen Hudson

To contact the council use the Contact Form on the website:
<https://quainton.org.uk/contact-us> or contact the clerk 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 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

The last Meeting of the Council was held on 9th October 2025

NEXT MEETING: Extra-ordinary Meeting 30th October at 6.30pm.

The next Full Council Meeting is on 13th November at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall

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



The Chairman's Report:

The next council meeting is an 'extra-ordinary meeting of the Council' which is scheduled for the 30th of October, and the next full council meeting is on the Thursday 13th of November. Autumn has arrived in full force, the nights are creeping in, the leaves are falling fast, and the air is thick with that unmistakable scent of damp earth and woodsmoke. The veil between our world and the next is thinning once more... and, wouldn't you know it, sightings of the Quainton ghost carriage are reportedly on the rise!

Despite these seasonal vibes, your Parish Council remains firmly grounded continuing our work on good governance and pushing ahead with the strategic objectives we've set for the remainder of 2025.

After a short period of works and a healthy dose of investment, our Upper Street Play Park has now reopened!

We've resurfaced parts of the play area to help keep children and young people safe, installed exciting new equipment, and retired some of the older, well-loved pieces that had seen better days. A huge thank you to the Fireworks Committee for their incredible £10,000 donation, part of a total investment of £27,500. We'll continue to invest in our village facilities, with further improvements already planned for next year's budget.

Wait – there is more good news! At our recent Full Council meeting, I was thrilled to put forward a motion to provide £7,000 of funding for our local community groups. The Quainton Community Group Fund will launch in April 2026, with application details released in January 2026. Any group in the parish of Quainton can apply for up to £1,400, a fantastic opportunity to support the amazing work happening across our village. This comes at a time when our Community Boards have faced a whopping 80% cut to their budgets, so this fund is more important than ever.

Rest assured, as long as I lead the Parish Council, we will continue to fight for a fair deal for our community. That's a promise!

As part of the Council's ongoing plan to improve our village and support our community, Quainton Parish Council contractors will be out removing weeds and tidying our roads following a very warm summer. The work will take place on Thursday 23rd October on Lower Street and Station Road, and on Friday 24th October on Upper Street and The Green, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. We kindly ask residents to park away from your homes where possible while the work is underway. These dates are subject to change, and the Council will keep residents updated. We are also exploring alternative parking arrangements to make things easier for everyone. Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to keep Quainton looking its best!

I'm pleased to share an update on Quainton's 4-Year Plan. While it has taken some time to develop, the Council will review and formally approve the plan on Thursday 30th October 2025. Even after this date, Councillors will still be able to propose amendments where needed, ensuring the plan remains flexible and responsive. I'm also happy to reveal the title of the plan: "Working for Quainton: Preserving What Matters, Preparing for Tomorrow", which reflects our commitment to protecting what we value while preparing Quainton for its role over the next four years and beyond.

I'm pleased to confirm that, after working closely with HS2, the planting of daffodils on Station Road will now take place following the realignment. This is fantastic news, and I look forward to seeing the daffodils brighten our village in the spring. Our approach with HS2 has shifted to one of constructive collaboration and mitigation, rather than opposing every change. By working together, we achieve tangible, positive results and I hope all stakeholders will agree that this collaborative approach is the way forward after years of stagnation.

Exciting news for green-fingered residents - our Quainton Allotments are being reviewed! There are currently five plots available, still very reasonably priced. If you're interested, please contact Cllr Martin Pacetti or the Parish Clerk, who can guide you through the application process. Allotmenters should also note that our terms and conditions are under review. No major changes are planned, but we will ensure all communications are sent out well in advance of any revisions.

A new team is now in place! Portfolio holders have been updated no major changes, but here's the latest:

- **Cllr Benjamin Harris** | Chairman & Environment, Community & Wellbeing
Oversees public spaces, community initiatives, and resident wellbeing.
- **Cllr Sue Weldon** | Deputy Chairman & Transport, Highways & Education Liaison
Focuses on safe, efficient travel and strong links with the local school.
- **Cllr Nick Butler** | Planning & Development
Manages planning applications and ensures development meets community needs.
- **Cllr Peter Woodliffe-Thomas** | Finance
Responsible for budgeting, financial oversight, and strategic planning.
- **Cllr Martin Pacetti** | Governance, Infrastructure & Community Land
Oversees council governance, infrastructure projects, and community land assets.

Cllr Sarah Smith has stepped back from her portfolio role, which has now been taken on by Cllr Martin Pacetti.

Thank you all for your continued support and the community-minded spirit that makes Quainton such a fantastic place to live, work, and learn. Please do stay safe this All-Hallows' Eve and of course respect your neighbours if you are out and about collecting treats – or indeed tricks ...and don't forget, keep your lanterns lit, something might be watching!

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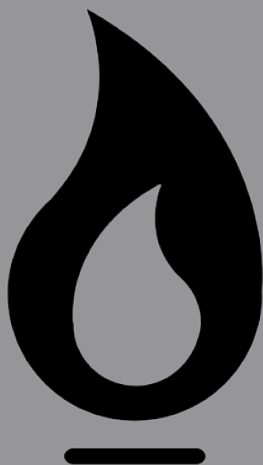
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The new lads have settled in brilliantly, and with a proper squad shaping up, every player's fighting for their place. The energy, teamwork, and good humour make this group something special, a real football family in full swing.

A massive thank you to our sponsors The George & Dragon. George and his team keep us well-fed, well-watered, and always welcome after matches.

And of course, a big shoutout to our amazing supporters, your cheers, chants, and sideline encouragement are what we need. You lot keep us going, rain or shine.

Here's what's coming up:

Sat 8th Nov – Home to Aylesbury Penguins Reserves

Sat 15th Nov – Away to Aylesbury Hornets Reserves

Sat 29th Nov – Away to Thame C

Come along, make some noise, and help us keep that unbeaten run going. Here's to another month of village football. Up The QFC!

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Our Vicar Steve Flashman in Concert!

Steve's concert was well attended, with 114 people present. Steve performed all the songs from his new album, *Lighting The Beacons*, telling us a bit about each song as he went.

He showed off his prowess on many different instruments with guitars, keyboard, drums & an Irish bouzouki all accompanying his heartfelt lyrics.

There were moments of foot stomping and hand clapping through to more thought provoking lyrics and sounds as well as a flash mob from our very own Community Choir!

The concert was an amazing success, raising over £1000 in donations (on the door & refreshments) to be shared between Quainton and Oving churches.

Steve also had a merchandise table where you could get your hands on his books and pre-order the CD.

If you didn't make it, I recommend getting the CD (and maybe the book that has the lyrics and explanation to each song!)

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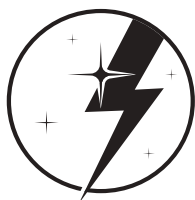
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- Thursday evenings: Ladies Social Tennis Ladies 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Men's Social Tennis 8.00pm - 9.00pm
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Another month has passed us by, the clocks have changed, the benches are gone, the fire has been lit, and the government are proving just how out of touch with the real world they are by suggesting increased opening hours... I'll give you an insight into the real world: due to a change in social habits, the advertised closing times for Friday and Saturday evenings will be reducing not increasing! Of course, this is discretionary and if it's busy we will remain open and make full use of our legal licensed hours.



Wednesday-Friday lunch 12–1.45 pm: we will be offering a 2-course home comforts set menu for £15.00 per person. This will be a weekly changing menu

November starts with fine dining, apologies but we are fully booked! There will be one towards the end of January so keep your eyes peeled for dates.

Monday 3rd November: Bingo Night! Eyes down 7pm. We'll be open for drinks at 6pm

Saturday 8th November: Bonfire Night! Please be respectful and follow the one-way system that will be in place: in through the front door and out through the back, anyone trying to beat the queue by using the back door will be refused service.

Saturday 15th November: Live music from Kel Billy Stomp who were with us in May. Everyone who was here on the night said it was a fun night, and they were a very engaging duo. We will also be joined by Snax of India food van.

Monday 17th November: Brush Party! A fun night drinks, nibbles and you go home with something you've painted to hang on your walls! Why not pop on to their website and book you and a friend for an early Christmas present.

Wednesday 19th November: Ladies Night £10.00 per person for wine and nibbles

Friday 21st November: The Christmas menu begins! Available Tuesday to Saturday, book your table before 11th November to receive a complementary glass of wine.

Monday 24th November: Quiz Night. Quiz starts at 7pm. The charity will be Macmillan Cancer Support this month.

Sunday 30th November: Live Music. Step into Christmas with Jamie Felton, an energetic guitarist and singer who always gets the crowd singing along. From 5pm.

21st February: Big Charity Fundraiser. Tickets are now available for our big fundraiser at The Railway on 21st February. It's £45.00 per person and includes music and entertainment from Alvin and Soundproof and a hot main course. Dietary requirements must be notified at the time of booking. Please email for tickets: pub@georgeanddragonquainton.co.uk

Opening Hours from 31st October (All at staff discretion)

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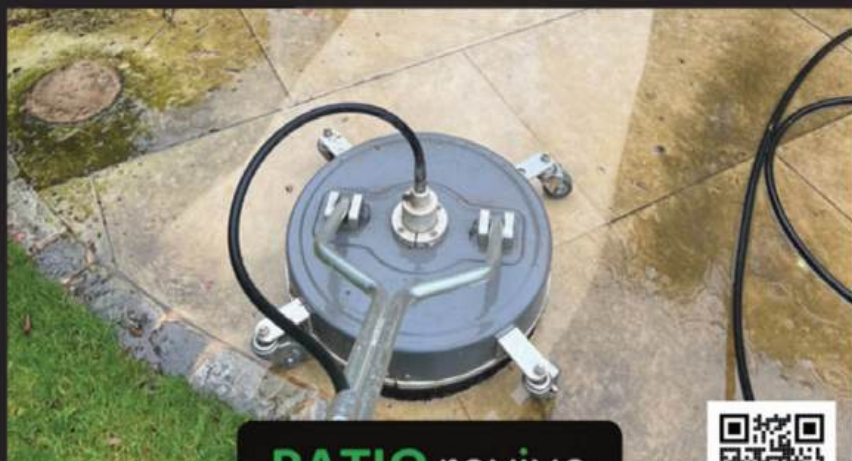
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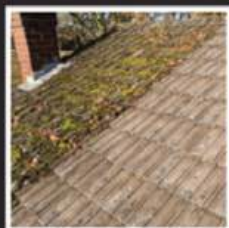
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New thriller from local crime writer, Sherry!

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It is another stand-alone psychological thriller with a different storyline and character line-up to her first two books, 'Hypnotic' and 'Free Fall'.

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Christmas. A time for peace and goodwill. Well, that depends if you've been naughty or nice.

Sherry lives in Quanton with her husband, Jon, and the fluffiest German Shepherd in the world, Barkley. In her spare time, she likes to paint and writes a regular column for Vale Life called 'A Drop of Sherry'. One of Sherry's favourite things is red wine, especially Rioja, and over the years she has learned that it is best to write drunk, but to edit sober!

Sherry's third book promises to be her best book yet, so if you like a gripping page turner, why not catch 'The Last Train Home', and get ready for a departure from reality. Available on Amazon both for Kindle and in paperback from 3rd November and there are more details at sherryhostler.com

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Competition Time: Sherry wants to offer something unique to her readers: the opportunity to have a character named after you in her next novel. All you need to do is purchase 'The Last Train Home' in paperback or e-book before 25th November 2025. Then take a photo of yourself holding it, give Sherry a follow on Facebook or Instagram then share the image, tagging her in your post along with the hashtag @TheLastTrainHome. The winner will be announced on Sherry's Facebook page on 26th November.

Book Launch & Signing: Sherry would love you to join her on Sunday 9th November 3.30–5.30pm at The George in Quanton to help celebrate the launch of 'The Last Train Home'. Sherry will also be signing books if you would like one, or two, or several...



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The Railway Cafe remains open Monday to Friday all year round.

Panto Express with Father Christmas:

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st December
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Tickets for our sell-out Christmas event are selling fast but there is still some availability. This is a truly magical, all-in-one Christmas experience! This year's mini-Panto is Aladdin. Meet Father Christmas on a steam train and collect your golden tickets... then, travel through the skies in our enchanted elevator to see Mrs Claus and the Elves in Santa's workshop, where you swap your golden tickets for presents for the children!

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Housing Needs Survey

Quainton Parish Council is planning to conduct a 'Housing Needs Survey' in collaboration with Community Impact Bucks to find out the local affordable housing need for people with a local connection to Quainton. This survey can provide a snapshot on what housing people need and eventually ask if there is support for another 'Rural Exception Site' (RES) to what already exists on Station Road.

The location of a new RES is still to be determined. Rural Exception Sites are small developments that deliver primarily affordable housing which is prioritised for people with an established local connection to Quainton. Please keep an eye out for the survey which you will receive in leaflet form later this year. Please contact the parish clerk with the name and contact number of any people who have a local connection to Quainton but currently living outside of Quainton as we would like to ensure the survey is also distributed to them. Please include 'Housing Needs Survey – Expression of interest' in your communication. Email: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk Tel: 07939 366424



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Why not join our friendly society? Whatever your age, new to gardening or experienced. This year we held a Plant Sale at the Memorial Hall in May, and held our Annual Show of Produce and Crafts also in the Memorial Hall in September. We organised visits to three local gardens: Thenford near Banbury in April, Kingsbridge Farm at Steeple Claydon in June, and The Old Rectory at Albury in July.

Members receive 10% discount at North End Nurseries in Quainton, 10% discount at Lakers Nursery in Winslow, and 5% discount at Preston Bissett Nurseries. Membership Card must be shown to obtain discount.

New Membership / Membership Renewal Form **(For membership up to the year ending 31st October 2026)**

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Address including postcode	
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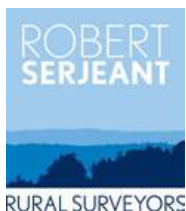
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QGS AGM Notification

Dear QGS Members & Quainton Residents,

We're delighted to share that all our events and trips this year have been wonderfully supported – especially the Annual Produce Show held last month. It's been heartening to welcome a few new members, and we hope the success of these events inspires more of you to get involved in the future.

We warmly invite you to attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting on Monday 17th November at 7pm in Quainton Memorial Hall.

The evening will begin with a talk from the Lindengate Charity, Wendover (www.lindengate.org.uk) work to promote and protect the physical and mental wellbeing of the general public by the provision of nature based activities in horticulture, conservation, heritage skills, arts and craft, woodworking and education, followed by the formal AGM proceedings.

Free entry for QGS members £2 entry for non-members (or why not use that to become a member?)

Our Membership Secretary will be available on the night for new sign-ups and renewals. This is a great opportunity to share your ideas with the committee – whether it's suggestions for talks, outings, or other gardening-related activities. We're especially keen to hear your thoughts on how we can encourage more young people to take part in next year's Produce Show. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes,

Allan Carter, Chairperson

Nomination of New Officers and Committee Members

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Quainton Golf Society Results



The event for September was Brian Cuddy's Captain's Day at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club at Stewkley on a cloudy but thankfully dry day and which attracted a big field of 30 players. The Captain's Cup was secured by Andrew Miscampbell who recorded his maiden victory in a QGS event with an excellent round of golf to finish with 41 Stableford points, finishing 4 clear of runner-up Callum York, who pipped third-placed Steve Curran, Ali Whitehead and Gary Nangle by a point.

The annual putting competition was won by Keith Payne with an impressive 27 putts, edging out Neil Mack who had 28 putts, with Terry Curtis & Steve Curran finishing joint 3rd on 30 putts. The top five were as follows:

	Captain's Cup	Stableford Points
1st	Andrew Miscampbell	41
2nd	Callum York	37
3rd =	Ali Whitehead	36
3rd =	Steve Curran	36
3rd =	Gary Nangle	36

The end of season presentation also saw the awards of 3 of the season-long trophies which were as follows:

Annual Stableford Cup (Best Aggregate 3 scores):	Ali Whitehead
The Chris Dowthwaite Cup for the most improved player:	Dave Fitchett
Victor Ludorum Winner:	Darren Knibb

There is no event in November. Our Christmas event will be at Whipsnade Park Golf Club on 12 December 2025. For more information about joining the Society please contact Vince Hemsley on 07427555656 or vince.hemsley63@virginmedia.com

New Fitness Classes coming to Quainton

Hello! My name is Melanie and I am starting two new classes in Quainton Memorial Hall on Wednesday 5th November after the half term holiday.

9.15-10.30 Core Circuits for Mums 10.45-12 Somatic Core Restoration

The first is a new Core Circuits class for Mums. If you'd like to work on regaining strength and tone in your core in order to rid yourself of all of the aches and pains that come with carrying babies, toddlers and all of their stuff, then come along! Your child/ren are welcome but my focus is on you and your wonderful, capable body!

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Quainton Bridge Club celebrates 20th Anniversary

On Wednesday 16th October, Quainton Bridge Club celebrated its 20th Anniversary in Quainton Memorial Hall, to coincide with its AGM.

Twenty six members came on the day and enjoyed a Champagne toast and canapes before the AGM and we heard a little of the history of the club, which was actually started to help ensure the new memorial hall was well used and was able to generate extra income.

In 2005, Barbara Barnes, along with the late Phil Barnes and Brian Robinson, founded Quainton Bridge Club, which was well received and grew steadily with folk travelling from Bicester, Aylesbury, Buckingham and as far away as Brackley for the easy going Bridge, not to mention the cakes and the summer and Christmas parties which have been a feature right from the start.



We Welcome New Members!

We currently have 37 members but sadly, now that I live out of the village, we do not have any players from Quainton, which is a great shame. We'd really like to encourage any new members from Quainton to come and join us!

We meet on Wednesday afternoons in Quainton Memorial Hall. Play starts at 1.30pm and we break for tea, cake and a chat midway, finishing about 4.30pm.

The aim of the club is to provide a friendly forum for Bridge players of all levels, so if you play Bridge and are free at that time, please do come and join us. You will be most welcome.

If you would like to know more, please do contact me at barbara.barnes@me.com or Ray Connew at rayC16550@gmail.com

If you would like to learn to play bridge, lessons are available on Elm Farm in Aylesbury on a Wednesday morning. Please contact Paul Morris on 07956 442273 for information about lessons or go to <http://www.bridgewebs.com/paulgillslesson>

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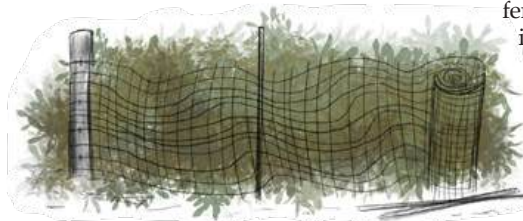
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Ramblings from Finemere Wood by Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

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Autumn sees a dwindling number of woodland workers; exotic holidays, health issues and new pastures call. It is a fitting time to be absent, for the daunting task ahead, removing a fence spanning 100 square metres, entangled in fourteen years of relentless growth is no mean feat.

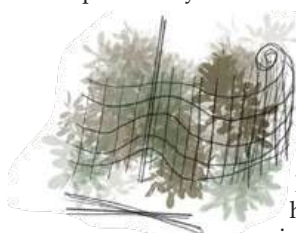


There is much to admire as we venture into the undergrowth, carefully unravelling the fence metre by metre from the grasp of winding honeysuckle, vicious brambles and spiny blackthorn. Berries are in abundance this year: glossy clusters of rich red haws, dusky

purple sloes with their frosted bloom, succulent blackberries, and bright orange rose hips, all adding vibrant colours to the foliage. Delicate fungi, with their mysterious and colourful forms, are scattered across the forest floor.

The volunteers emerge from the thicket for tea and cake, others not fit to work, join us for this cherished ritual of rest and connection. Amongst this gathering we have the Cataract Club, the Cancer Support Circle and the Pre-diabetic Posse (are my cakes to blame?). And in this place so special, away from the chaos of the outside world, we offer one another support, laughter and a sense of belonging.

Above us, the wind rustles through the branches of the oak tree. Sunlight shines through the leaves displaying a mosaic of galls, red disks of silk-button galls, flat discs of spangle galls and the round woody cherry oak galls. We are captivated by this natural spectacle.



With a sigh of relief, the last sections of fencing are extracted, prickly branches are untangled from clothing and we gather to bid farewell to two of our own as they set off on new adventures. Husband and wife, Chris and Sue, have been at the very heart of our team. Sue has been amongst us for a decade and her vibrant presence and joyful spirit have made her a delight to work with. Her many years of conservation experience, both here at Finemere and beyond, have brought immense value to the team. From fencing and

scything to hedge-laying and coppicing, her wide range of skills has played a vital role in what we've achieved. Five years after Sue joined, Chris became part of the team and, from day one, has worked like a trojan, always ready to take on any task with quiet determination and never shying away from hard graft.

On a personal note, both Chris and Sue have been an incredible support to me as team leader. Their dependability, encouragement and reassuring presence have meant more than words can say. They leave a lasting legacy here in Finemere Wood and will be missed deeply. So here's to you, Sue and Chris, you lovely pair. It's been a real joy having you with us, and we wish you all the best in whatever comes next.

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Calendar of Activities

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If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact QMH and your enquiry will be forwarded to the relevant contact. New members are always welcome.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall) Craft Club (Conference Room)	10:00 - 14:30 14:00 - 16:30
Tuesday	Ukulele Group (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall) Art Club (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall)	09:30 - 12:30 10:30 - 11:30 13:30 - 16:30 17:30 - 18:30
Wednesday	Core Circuits Somatic Core Restoration Bridge (Main Hall) Carpet Bowls (Main Hall)	9:15 – 10:30 10:45 – 12:00 13:00 - 17:00 19:00 - 22:00
Thursday	Coffee Morning (Main Hall) Badminton (Main Hall)	10:30 - 12:00 – just turn up! 19:00 - 21:30
Friday	Community Choir (Main Hall)	10:00 - 12:00
Saturday		
Sunday	Table Tennis (Main Hall)	17:00 - 20:00

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.quaintonmh.co.uk or contact our bookings clerk, Deb Barker Boyd, on **01296 655379**.

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We are pleased to tell you that our HS2 Autumn Newsletters have just been published for the Aylesbury and Calvert areas. They provide updates on the HS2 re-set, works in your area and local community projects EKFB/HS2 have delivered. You can download a copy of our current Autumn newsletters online:

[Aylesbury newsletter Autumn 2025 – HS2](#)

[Calvert newsletter Autumn 2025 - HS2](#)

Works in your area:

Progress on structures, roads and earthworks, is progressing well. The 880m long Thame Valley Viaduct, which will carry HS2 across the River Thame now has almost 60% of the concrete deck poured and 170 of the 716 concrete parapet sections now installed. The infill and water proofing works for culverts including Cranwell Farm and Fleet Marston are ongoing.

Along the realigned A41 and Old Bicester Road, works are starting to install the permanent road signage and other utility works. These are scheduled for November.

We are making good progress with the permanent landscaping earth bunds at Bicester Road embankment and Waddesdon embankment. These bunds are built reusing material excavated from the Calvert area of the project.

One of the best ways to see the progress we are making on site is from our aerial footage. Scan the QR code to view the latest HS2 works in your area.



Upcoming and ongoing works:

- Along the A41 Bicester Road, permanent road signage installation and finishing works will be completed during November 2025. These works will necessitate periods of traffic management on the new A41 Bicester Road and narrowed section of Old Bicester Road.
- The Grendon Underwood Public Right of Way (GUN 28) will remain open every Sunday as follows: 1 October to 31 March 8am to 4pm, and 1 April to 30 September 8am to 7pm.
- Station Road South will be closed from 20 October 2025 to 19 December 2025 for the western tie-in of the new alignment of Station Road.
- Station Road North, 2-way lights in place to safely manage the traffic flow and will continue until the eastern side of the new road realignment which leads onto Fiddlers Field Road, opens at the end of January 2026.
- The closure on Shipton Lee to enable the alignment of the new road over the new Edgcott Road overbridge will be completed by end April 2026.
- Fiddlers Field will remain closed until the new Station Road re-alignment opens in April 2026.



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We are committed to positively supporting local communities wherever opportunities are available. Through our supply chain partners, H W Martin and Speedy Hire, we were able to support a number of local village music festivals over the summer, including Granmarstonbury at North Marston in September. Together we were able to loan tower lighting, traffic cones and pedestrian barriers. The events were a great success and the communities were very appreciative of our support.



Gran Marstonbury live Music Festival , September 2025

Did you know that funding for community projects is available through the HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF)? Schools, sports clubs, youth groups and community organisations have all successfully applied for this HS2 funding. You can find out more about this by following this link [Community and business funding - HS2](#).

We recommend signing up to our mailing list and checking the HS2 events page for future events in your area. If you would like to talk to us and find out more. Alternatively, if you would like to book onto a site tour then please contact the HS2 helpdesk, HS2Enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

If you would like to read more about the works and view the advance works notices and maps, then please go to HS2 website www.hs2.org.uk and click the 'in your area section' to view the interactive map, or simply scan this QR code. Alternatively, if you have a question about HS2 please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk



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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 residents, for example, needing a lift to a doctor's appointment. Call Alison on 01296 655033 or Claire 655552.

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Monday 17th November	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 24th November	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown Garden Waste Bin**
Monday 1st December	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin

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Sunday 9th Nov - Remembrance Sunday:	9.30am Morning Service 3.00pm Service of Remembrance
Sunday 16th November:	6.00pm Evening Service
Sunday 23rd November:	9.30am Morning Service 6.00pm Christmas Praise and Worship Service
Sunday 30th Nov - Advent Sunday:	6.00pm Advent Sunday Service

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Thursday 25th September:	Funeral:	Irena Chambers
Sunday 12th October:	Baptism:	Amelia Watson

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

	2 Nov	9 November 3pm	16 November	23 November	30 November
Evening Reader					
Evening Sidesman					
Altar Flowers	Venetia Dalton	Marian Swain Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance
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Thank you, Louisa

VILLAGE CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2025

For pub dates see p.21; Railway events p.25; and Church services p.51

1st November:	Royal British Legion Whist Drive
6th November:	Churchyard Clear Up, 10-12, p.3
8th November:	Bonfire & Fireworks on The Green from 6pm, p.5
9th November:	Last Post at the Windmill, 11am, p.35
	Remembrance Service in Church at 3pm, p.3
13th November:	Parish Council meeting, QMH, 6.30pm, p.10
16th November:	Christmas Craft Fair in church, 11-2, p.17
19th November:	Over 50s Lunch, The G&D at 12.30, p.7
29th November:	RSPCA Christmas Fayre, QMH, 11-3, p.27
Save the Date:	Senior Citizens Christmas Party, 4 Dec, p.9
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