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MARATHON FUNDRAISER LIVE BAND 'THE SPOKES'



Live Band at The Railway!

Enjoy a night of live rock music at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre on Saturday 27th April raising funds for Oxford Hospitals Charity. See p.5.

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

I had an interesting experience a couple of weeks back and I'm convinced I was given a message from God to the village! No, I'm not insane or past it – I really believe that something remarkable has happened. Let me explain.

Most Tuesday mornings I meet with the Schorne Team clergy – these represent the eleven churches we have in our team of villages around us. We meet to catch up on news and say some prayers together. On this particular morning, Janet, in whose home we were meeting, shared with us a Bible verse that meant a lot to her. It was Jeremiah chapter 29 verse 11: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

What she could not know was that under my woollen jumper I was wearing a T-shirt with that Bible verse written on it in BIG letters! I lifted my jumper to reveal the verse. Just coincidence you might think. However, the following evening somebody shared in our Lent Group at the Rectory that a Bible verse had meant so much to them over the last few years since their husband sadly died. She held up a postcard with the same Bible verse written on it – Jeremiah 29:11. I lifted my jumper again to reveal the T-shirt.

But that wasn't it. The next morning, Sarah and I were listening to our daily devotional prayer and Bible reading APP, Lectio 365, and the speaker quoted the verse again – Jeremiah 29:11. Three completely unrelated incidents over three consecutive days, all highlighting the same verse. I came to the conclusion God might want to say something to me! But that's not all.

On that Wednesday evening at our Lent Group, we were reading the story about Jesus calming the storm from the fisherman's boat on the sea – it's in the Gospel of Mark chapter 4. The next evening, I was upstairs and heard an almighty crash. I thought somebody was breaking into the house. Molly, our German Shepherd, was startled too. As I came down the stairs, the large picture we have hanging on the wall, with a large glass pane covering it, had crashed to the floor – but it was standing upright and the glass and fragile wooden frame were not damaged at all. The picture is by John Hamilton and is called, “Master Of The Storms.” It depicts a scene with Jesus standing in the boat on a stormy sea, calming the storm. Mark chapter 4.

The message of hope from Jeremiah and the message of peace in the storm from Mark's gospel is not just for me! I'm convinced this story of hope is for all of us if we will grasp it.

God bless all,

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WELCOME TO THE APRIL ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone!

This month, for me, selfishly, it's all about raising money for Warren's London Marathon charity, Oxford Hospitals Charity (OHC). They saved our son's life, so it's kind of the least we can do! So... First of all, the Community Choir concert on Saturday 20th April is splitting their donations between OHC and Zest Club; then, we've got our big Live Rock Night at The Railway on Saturday 27th April; and then George has very kindly offered to support us again at his April Charity Quiz Night in the pub on Sunday 28th April! Lots of opportunities to raise money! The London Marathon is on Sunday 21st April.

Obviously there's loads of other stuff going on around the village – so you'll just have to put the kettle on and sit down and have a good read...

Enjoy!

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

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Thursday Coffee Mornings in Quainton Memorial Hall

Now that the cold weather is over and we can look forward to warmer, sunnier days, why don't you join us and meet up with friends and neighbours for a chat and catch-up.

If you are new to the area and want to get to know Quainton, come and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea (with free re-fills) and home-made cake in the Memorial Hall between 10.30am and 12 noon starting on Thursday 11th April.

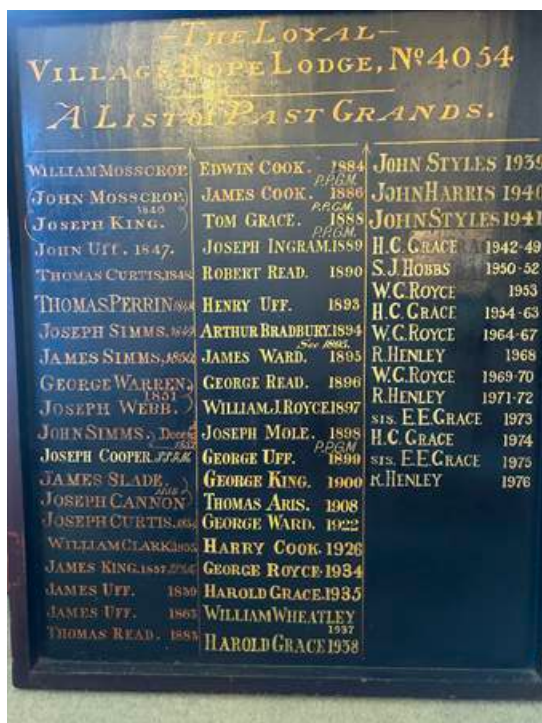
This weekly get-together is run by volunteers and the money raised goes towards the upkeep of the Memorial Hall. The cost is only £1.50. Looking forward to seeing you there. For more information and should you wish to join our band of willing helpers please contact Sheila on 655382. Everyone welcome.

HOPE LODGE

Pictured is an Honours Board listing the names of members who served as Noble Grandmaster (Presiding Officer) of a Lodge (branch) of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. Before the establishment of the Welfare State the Oddfellows was the largest friendly society in the world, providing unemployment, sickness and death benefits, pensions and other financial assistance in times of need, plus medical treatment for members and their dependants. At its peak it had 4,000 branches in UK and was a blueprint for the Welfare State, after the establishment of which it went into gradual decline. Although much smaller now, Oddfellows still exists as a socially active organisation.

The Quainton branch was named Hope Lodge (is there any link with Hope House next to the Memorial Hall?). Meetings were held in the White Lion in Church Street until that inn's closure when meetings moved to the Saye and Sele in Lower Street. Hope Lodge closed in January 1988 with remaining assets transferred to Aylesbury and later (1990) to the Albert Lodge in Hitchin. An anniversary dinner had been held at the White Lion in 1882 and its Golden Jubilee in 1895.

A few years ago the board was bought at Buckingham Flea Market for £40. The purchaser, discovering its link to Quainton, has donated it to our village and the Memorial Hall trustees have kindly agreed to display it in the committee room.





Gumboots and Roots Pre-school is based
in the Saye and Sele Hall in Quainton.



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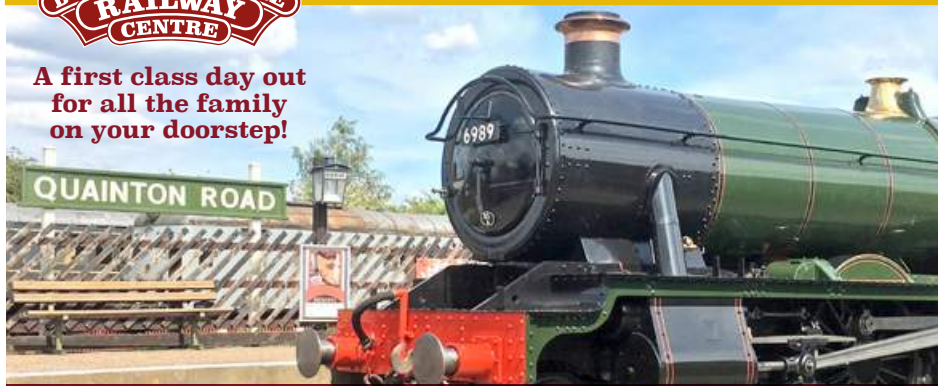
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Quainton residents can also get a 25% discount on ALL events, including Halloween, Thomas & Christmas!

Quainton Lunch Club is BACK!

Great News! The Over 50s Monthly Lunch at the George & Dragon is back!

Starting at 12.30pm on Wednesday 17th April

£15 per head for two courses

Choice of: Roast Chicken OR Sweet Potato & Chestnut Roast

Bread & Butter Pudding OR Ice Cream. Coffee is included.

Booking and menu choice is essential by Thursday 11th April

To book, please contact Mary McDermott on 01296 658128

or email: mmcdermott2712@gmail.com (please do not contact the pub).



All welcome, it is planned to hold this event on the third Wednesday of every month.

Tots, Toys & Tea Toddler Group

We are a lively group of toddlers who meet each week to play and eat toast in Quainton Church on a Tuesday morning in term time from 9-10am. We usually have a story and a song as well. We bring along a parent or carer and they just have a good natter and a cuppa while we play. If you would like to know more ring Jane on 07729 985 440 or Rachel on 07880 323 901 or just turn up. Plus it is free!

NB Closed for Easter holidays on 2nd and 9th April



QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Sue Weldon. **Vice Chair:** Nick Butler

Councillors: Lee Whitlock, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Martin Pacetti.
Clerk: Katherine Richardson

Two positions vacant: <https://quainton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf>

To contact the council use the Contact Form on the website:

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

Parish Council lines of Communication:

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

Physical message boards on the Green and at 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 Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 14 March 2024.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We have one Councillor vacancy. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like further information on what the role of the Councillor entails.

BUS SERVICE / STATION ROAD BRIDGE / HS2 / ROADS

Your Ward Councillor Phil Gomm will keep you updated on these issues via Facebook. Any issues, please contact Cllr Philip Gomm, Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor, via email so he can keep a record: philip.gomm@buckscc.gov.uk In case of an Emergency call him on 07778 177647

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

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

Please email them and copy parishclerk@quainton.org.uk so we have a copy and a record of how many complaints are being submitted to HS2/EKFB and we can hold them to account.

ROAD CLOSURES:

Fiddlers Field is now closed for 2 years due to HS2 works. 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

Planning Application		Comments
24/00928/AOP 42A Upper Street, Quainton	Demolition of existing building and erection of 4 dwellings	To be discussed at next PC meeting
32 Upper Street, Quainton	Erection of detached 2 bed dwelling	Waiting for further information from highways
24/00899/APP Buckinghamshire Railway Centre	Erection of a clubhouse	To be discussed at next PC meeting

We continue to contact enforcement re Trail Flatt Farm, the junction at North End Road and Ladymead Farm.

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

VOLUNTEERS

We have some ad hoc small maintenance jobs that need doing and therefore we are looking for volunteers to help with the smaller jobs. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Clerk. We are in the process of drawing up a list of jobs we need support with.

MUGA

A working party has now been set up and the first meeting is on 4 April 2024. If anyone would like to be part of the working party, please let the Clerk know.

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Art and Craft Exhibition

Saturday 11th May

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MARATHON FUNDRAISER

CHARITY QUIZ

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

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Quainton Tennis Club

Do come and join us! We are a friendly club of varying standards. Members can book a court whenever they want or come along to any of these regular club sessions:

Tuesday Mornings:	Mixed Doubles	9.30am - 11.00am
Thursday Evenings:	Ladies	7.00pm - 8.00pm
	Men	8.00pm - 9.00pm
Friday Evenings:	Men's Team Practice	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday Afternoons:	Mixed Doubles	2.00pm - 3.30pm

Coaching is available on request to those who want it. For more information about joining Quainton Tennis Club, please contact Noel Ratcliffe on 07827 442787 or alternatively by email: noelratcliffe@btinternet.com



QUAINTON COMMUNITY CHOIR EASTER CONCERT



Saturday 20th April at 4.00pm
Quanton Memorial Hall - Free Entry
Donations received at the concert for
ZEST, Alzheimer's Cafe, Whitchurch &
to sponsor Warren Richards running the
London Marathon for Oxford Hospitals

Patience Alexander – 17th December 1939 - 28th February 2024

Sadly, Patience passed away on Wednesday 28th February 2024, after bravely battling a number of acute conditions, with her family at her bedside.

She will be dearly missed by all her children, Alison, Robert and Angela, her grandchildren, Freddie, Eliza, Honor, Beatrice, Eve and Sarah-Joy.

Patience led a very full life, from growing up with her parents Dinah and Mostyn in Twickenham, to raising her children in Sunbury-On-Thames and then becoming a welcoming pub landlady at The Friend At Hand and White Lion in Wycombe, The George & Dragon in Quainton, The Fox at Carlton, The Plough in Hyde Heath and, finally, the Rose & Crown at Stone.

Retiring back to her beloved Quainton amongst friends, she found time to do a few final sessions behind the bar at The George & Dragon. She will be greatly missed by all.

As Pai was a big Rugby fan, the family have chosen a Motor Neurone Disease (MND) charity with the My Name's Doddie Foundation. Click here to donate in her name:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/patiencelewis?checkoutMode=Headless>



Quainton Support Network

If you need help with a lift to a medical appointment, the Quainton Support Network could help. A team of local volunteer drivers can take you there, and usually back again, for petrol expenses of 45p per mile, plus any parking expenses. They can also collect emergency prescriptions.

For March and April, Alison Shields is coordinating the network so please phone her instead of Claire. Alison's number is 01296 655033.

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50th Anniversary Celebrations
Sunday 26th May 2024 (May Bank Holiday)
Special Family Day from 10.00 to 16.00 hrs

The Quainton Windmill Society was formed in 1974. The volunteers entered the derelict mill which had been left to deteriorate for 85 years. All wooden structures were badly rotted including the joists, sails, headframe and sails. With limited funds available, reclaimed timbers were purchased from demolition sites in London docklands.



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Tuesday 2nd April:	Cafe-only Day
Wednesday 3rd April:	STEAMING DAY
Thursday 4th April:	Cafe-only Day
Friday 5th April:	Cafe-only Day
Saturday 6th April:	CLOSED FOR WEDDING
Sunday 7th April:	STEAMING DAY
Monday 8th April:	Cafe-only Day
Tuesday 9th April:	Cafe-only Day
Wednesday 10th April:	STEAMING DAY
Thursday 11th April:	Cafe-only Day
Friday 12th April:	Cafe-only Day
Saturday 13th April:	CLOSED FOR WEDDING
Sunday 14th April:	STEAMING DAY
Monday 15th to Friday 19th:	Cafe-only Days
Sat 20th & Sun 21st April:	SPRING TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

At the **Easter Holiday Steaming Days** above, you can enjoy steam train rides, the miniature and model railways and the Railway Museum, plus there's an **Easter Egg Drawing Competition!** Hunt the site for pictures of ten Easter Eggs and copy the design onto your activity sheet! Winners will receive free tickets to come back another day!

Cafe-only Days are when the Visitor Centre, Cafe and shop are all open 9.30am-2pm with FREE ENTRY. Visitors can wander around the outdoors area nearby, including the play area, but access over the bridges (which includes the railway museum) is closed.

After the Easter holidays, the Railway Cafe is open Monday-Friday 9.30am-2pm as normal, plus Sundays for Steaming Days.

We also have our **Spring Transport Festival on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st April**. A fabulous celebration of all heritage transport from traction engines and agricultural machinery, to vintage cars, motorbikes and steam engines! Children get free entry if they bring a non-perishable item for our food bank collection.

Remember to bring proof of address to get your 25% Quainton Discount on the door!

Check out all the details and booking at www.bucksrailcentre.org



Gardening advice for April

1. Keep on top of the tiny annual weeds emerging with a hoe. Only hoe on dry days.
2. As the very wet winter has washed away most of the nutrients in the ground most plants now need a feed to give them strength and colour, so sprinkle a general fertiliser around them and lightly fork in when the soil is reasonably movable.
3. Lift and part large plants using two garden forks back to back to form and make several plants.
4. It is the time to sow most vegetables and plant onion sets.
5. Perennials such as bindweed will start to appear big-time now. Dig them out, tracing the roots as far as you can, or train the tip up a bamboo cane and then treat with a suitable weedkiller.
6. Give lavender plants a short back and sides with secateurs to snip off old flower stems and shoot tips.
7. Check on seeds that can be sown in March and April. Plant out early sown sweet peas.
8. Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
9. Start planning now what you may be able to grow in order to enter the Quainton Garden Societies Produce Show on September 7th 2024



COACH VISIT TO RHS GARDEN HYDE HALL

Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8ET on Thursday 20th June 2024

Departing The Green, Quainton at 9.30 am and departing Hyde Hall at 4.30pm

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Tickets sold on a first come first served basis with a closing date of Friday 14th June

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
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Quainton Village Society

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The early Mothering Sunday tea party in the Memorial Hall, on Saturday 2 March 2024, went so well that we have been asked to do it again next year!

Were you there? Don't miss it next year!

Very many thanks to all those who made it such a success





TIM ORCHARD

Former Concorde Captain

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QUANTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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What's on at The George & Dragon in April and beyond:



Sunday 7th April: Our first **Open Mic Night** from 7.30pm, pop in and enjoy what talent we have locally, or if you are a local talent why not come and join us and perform alongside other performers. If you are interested in performing, please email George at pub@georgeanddragonquainton.co.uk

Saturday 13th April: Friends & Flavours Chicken Van and traditional pub games including darts, dominoes and bar skittles

Wednesday 17th April: Return of the **Over 50's Lunch Club**, please see separate information on p9 and contact Mary (not the pub) to book.

Friday 19th April: Steak Night returns! After the success of the first steak night, we are going for round two, booking is essential please!

Saturday 20th April: Traction engines will come from the event at the station up to The Green from approximately 5pm. Come down and view these magnificent engines and have a pint and a catch up at the same time or come and join us for dinner.

Sunday 28th April: Come for a relaxed **Charity Quiz Night** after the evening of dancing down the station! We are continuing fundraising for Warren's Marathon effort so the quiz will be in aid of Oxford Hospitals Charity. Come and try the very special beer from Vale Brewery which will also be available in the pub over the weekend 'Warren's Marathon Runner', a lightly hopped blonde ale 3.4%. 10p from every pint is being donated by Vale Brewery to VICTA supporting children and young adults who are blind and visually impaired, and a donation will be made to Oxford Hospitals Charity from us, so drink, drink, drink!

Friday 3rd May: George is having the night off cooking, so Darren is hosting a **Pizza Night** to ensure a food offering is available!

Sunday 2nd June: Book your tickets to **Strictly Florence** at The Waterside theatre... Emma is the community wild card so come and support her and have an evening out. We will get a mini bus organised for those interested.

Saturday 29th June: QuaintFest

Friday 12th July: Live music from **Cherry Smoke**

Saturday 3rd August: Live music from **Tunehead**

There may be more coming up including opening hours changing so keep up to date on Instagram and Facebook or the chalk boards. If you have had a meal with us recently, could you please take the time to write a review on google or TripAdvisor, it will be greatly appreciated. Lastly thank you everyone for your support I can't quite believe we are at the 6-month mark since the pub changed hands! I hope you are all enjoying events and being in the pub! None of this would be possible without the team I have got in place at the moment and those who are coming on board in the near future so thank you!!

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, I would love for you to get in touch and let me know what we can do to encourage more users to the pub – Pub@georgeanddragonquainton.co.uk

The Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service

This free volunteer brokering service, which was set up in 2020 in response to the pandemic, has placed its 2000th volunteer in the county – see full details on our website. We would love to help encourage more local residents to consider volunteering in Buckinghamshire and sign up to the free service.

Key facts about the Volunteer Matching Service:

- Over 140 local charities in the county helped by the 2000 matched volunteers.
- Volunteer hours of the 2000 volunteers are collectively worth over £570,000.
- Wide range of roles filled – from mentoring, community transport or support for the elderly, to the more unusual such as Policy Custody Visitors, Puppy Raisers and Waste Reduction volunteers.
- The Volunteer Matching Service currently has 800 volunteer roles ready to be filled, from frontline emergency response positions, befriending and mentoring opportunities, to outdoor roles or those supporting vulnerable members of the community.
- Volunteers report that their volunteering has helped them develop new skills, gain experience, and improve their self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing.
- Anyone who is 16 or over can sign up to the service, which finds volunteer roles to suit their preferences such as location, type of role, interests, and availability.

For more information, visit: <https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk>

The advertisement for Swallows Nursery and Plant Centre features a collage of various plants and garden scenes. A central white box contains the nursery's logo, which is a stylized green swallow bird, and the text 'SWALLOWS NURSERY AND PLANT CENTRE'. Below this, a green box lists the nursery's offerings: 'Locally grown, peat-free & high quality Plants, Shrubs, and Trees', 'See our inspiring Show Gardens', 'Coffee and Cake', and 'A warm welcome awaits'. The address 'Mixbury, NN13 5RR (just off the A421)' is also provided. At the bottom, a white box displays the website 'www.swallowsnursery.co.uk'.

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Quainton Primary School PTA News:



Quainton Race Night was again a mixture of heartache and glory! We will never know why one horse didn't get off the starting line in one race, then romped to victory in the next but it made for an exciting evening with the final race paying out in impressive £120 to the syndicate owners.

The bookies are still totting up the money but it was a well-supported and successful night and we look forward to revealing the final figures soon. The PTA are grateful to all of the race sponsors: Affinity Hair Design, Bucks Sports and Classic Car Centre, George & Dragon pub, George & Dragon Coffee shop, Gumboots and Roots Pre-school, Northend Nurseries and Quainton Village Stores for both the sponsorship and the horse names, which always adds to the fun.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such an enjoyable night and to the Football Club for allowing us to host the event again this year.



A thank you to everyone who contributed to our Bags2School collection this month. Again, we're awaiting a final figure but every bag donated helps to support the school and their efforts in providing additional resources for our children. The PTA has been in discussion with the school leadership team and we hope to be able to announce the focus and target of our fundraising in the next edition of Quainton News!

Quainton PTA 100 Club Draw for March

1st Prize:	87	Brooke Bass
2nd Prize:	12	Rachel Bishop
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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

Despite the never-ending grey and rainy days of recent months, Spring is here, a welcome sight for those of us who are winter-worn. And Finemere Wood is just the place to be to observe the awakening of the wild. Colour is returning. The cheerful, sunny yellows of primroses aplenty along the woodland rides, with brimstone butterflies fluttering past. Purple, tiny dog violets and brilliant white wood anemones, it is a feast for the eyes. Buzzards mew as they soar overhead. Birds are singing throughout the wood, amongst them a chiff chaff, the first I have heard this year. A green woodpecker yaffles and a greater spotted woodpecker drums.

It is the time of year to remove fences. Their job is done, shrubs and trees are now tall enough to thrive, and no longer require protection from deer. The window to do this is small, cutting back vegetation must stop now that birds will begin to nest. The volunteers work at breakneck speed to dismantle as many fences as they can. It is hefty work, involving much brutal bramble tussling, and squelching in murky mud. There are grumblings as endless fencing panels are carried around the site, I gather this is not a favourite task.



The greater spotted woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) makes its presence known as it hammers its beak against a trunk at lightning speed. In contrast to the melodious songs of other birds, drumming hard and loud is how this creature hopes to attract a mate. Both male and female will drum to defend their territory, choosing hard dead branches to create a deep resonating sound, and together the breeding pair will excavate a hole in a tree in which to make their nest.

Catching a glimpse of these handsome birds is far more challenging, as they conceal themselves so expertly in amongst the trees. A striking black and white, with a bright red lower belly patch, the male can be distinguished by the red cap on the back of his head. Eating larvae of wood-eating insects, nuts and seeds, *Dendrocopos major* can be tempted to the garden bird feeder.

Thankful I am to these Spring delights of blooms, warbles and percussive excellence as they distract the woodland workers from the discomfort and tedium of lugging fencing materials back and forth. Dare I tell them it will be more of the same the next time we meet?



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Our April event will be on Friday 26th April at The Cotswold Golf Club (near Chipping Norton).

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



QUAINTON MEMORIAL HALL

Calendar of Activities

Detailed below are the regular weekly activities in Quainton Memorial Hall. As there may be breaks for holidays, please check the online calendar first at <https://booking.quaintonmh.co.uk/>

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 – 11:30 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) **	10:30 – 12:00 – just turn up!
Friday	Community Choir (Main Hall) * Badminton (Main Hall)	10:00 – 12:00 18:30 – 21:30
Saturday		
Sunday	Table Tennis (Main Hall) *	17:00 – 20:00

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Last month, we helped promote our charity of the year PACE with their sponsored dog walk event. PACE provide life changing support to children with neurodisabilities, helping them to achieve independent mobility. The 'Winter Waggle' event, based at the Waddesdon Manor Estate, was attended by EKFB staff from several compounds, raising over £600 in additional sponsorship.

HS2 Ltd has announced a one million tonne milestone, referencing the amount of materials moved via its freight trains from an Aylesbury Vale base. A small railhead near Quainton has helped HS2 take the equivalent of 101,000 HGV movements off Bucks roads. From the hub in Quainton, 646 trains have been carrying heavy items that would have otherwise moved between roads in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Northamptonshire.



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Please see below for updates on upcoming and ongoing work around the area:

- A41 – Off-peak daytime lane closures (2-7 April)
- A41 – Off-peak daytime lane closure (15-19 April)
- Snakes Lane/Fiddlers Field closure for the construction of bridges and structures associated with the Station Road realignment (2 January 2024 to December 2025)

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.

If you'd like to meet our community engagement team and find out more about the project, we will be hosting drop in events throughout the year, including our mobile visitor centre (MVC). The MVC provides local residents with the opportunity to speak to us and gain insight into our upcoming works in the area. We recommend signing up to our mailing list and checking the HS2 events page for future events.

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 the QR code provided.





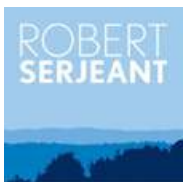
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Average Minimum	4.0C		Rain days	12	
Average Maximum	11.6°C		Dry days	17	
Highest Minimum	10.5°C	15th			
Lowest Maximum	5.8°C	7th			
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VILLAGE SERVICES

Quainton Website: Quainton Parish Online: www.quainton.org.uk

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

Quainton Support Network: A team of volunteers to help. Call Alison on 01296 655033.

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

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

Memorial Hall Bookings: <https://booking.quaintonmh.co.uk/> or contact Deb Barker Boyd on 655379, E: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com.

Saye & Sele Hall Bookings: Call John Knox on 655275.

Winwood Almshouses: For enquiries contact: winwoodalmshouses@outlook.com

REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

Tuesday 2nd April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown Garden Waste Bin**
Monday 8th April	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 15th April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown Garden Waste Bin**
Monday 22nd April	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Tuesday 29th April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin **Brown Garden Waste Bin**

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SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Services in April:

Sunday 7th April	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Prayer Breakfast
	6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 14th April	6.00pm	Evening Service
Sunday 21st April	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th April	6.00pm	Evening Service

Quainton Church APCM:

Sunday 12th May at 6pm in church.

If you are on the electoral roll, you are invited to attend.

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

None for March

CHURCH ROTA FOR APRIL

	7 April	14 April	21 April	28 April
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	Sonia Taylor-Lane	Ann Parrott	Venetia Dalton	Shirley Coote
Pedestal Flowers	Helen Ratcliffe	Debbie Ormerod	Debbie Ormerod	Carolyn Turnbull
Church Cleaning	Patty Goddard Celia Prideaux Penny Allen Caroline Campbell		Caroline Crook Jayne Williamson Debbie Ormerod	

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



Thank you to Nick Ridley for sending in this photo of the church and rainbow!

If you would like to see your photo in print here, please send your favourite photos of our church and/or its surroundings to quaintonnews@gmail.com

Thank you!
Louisa

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16th April:	QVS Illustrated Talk with Concorde Pilot, p.25
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28th April:	Monthly Charity Quiz at the pub, 7.30pm, p.13

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