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



Dear friends,

Ever since I was a teenager, I've always marvelled at the amount of faith an atheist has! To be an atheist I would have to believe that nothing produced everything, non-life produced life, randomness produced precision, chaos produced order, matter produced emotions, emptiness produced love, a vacuum produced imagination and matter produced a conscience and the ability to make and appreciate music, art, poetry, beauty, and creativity. I simply do not have that much faith!

Christians believe that the Easter story of the resurrection of Jesus is the pivotal moment in the whole of history. In fact, if Jesus never rose from the dead, Christianity itself would be dead! A court of law relies heavily on "historical evidence." That is, the testimony of eye witnesses. In the Bible we read in 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, Paul writes that there were loads of eyewitnesses to the resurrected Jesus. "He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him".

This begs the question, why would the apostles lie? Liars always lie for selfish reasons. If they lied what was their motive? What did they get out of it? What they actually got out of it was misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, torture and martyrdom. Hardly a list of perks!

Many people through history have tried to disprove the resurrection. Possibly the most famous being the 20th century lawyer and journalist, Frank Morrison. He decided that he would disprove Christianity and the only way you can do that is to disprove the resurrection. He was a lawyer, he was a journalist, he knew how to find what he needed to argue his case, and he knew how to play around with the material, but in the process of writing his book he met the crucified and risen Jesus Christ and Frank Morrison ended up writing his book the other way around. He became convinced that the resurrection was true. His book is called 'Who Moved The Stone?'

Lord Darling, a former Lord Chief Justice of England said: "In its favour as a living truth there exists such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world could fail to bring in the verdict that the resurrection story is true."

So my challenge to you is to research the evidence for yourself. A book I would recommend for starters is, "More Than A Carpenter" by Josh McDowell.

Blessings to you and all those you love and pray for.

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## WELCOME TO THE APRIL ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor  
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Hello everyone,

April always seems like such a turning point in the year! There are definite signs of Spring and we all welcome the longer, lighter days with open arms, and the hope of warmer weather is on the horizon. The garden, which has been looking brown and bare, is at last starting to colour up and we're longing for just one day to stay dry long enough to allow us to mow the lawn!

The village roads may be a bit of a mess (understatement!) but at least the arrival of Spring has brought out the daffs which villagers have planted, and don't they look lovely?

You will see inside that there are a few events going on in the village this month, so do support them if you can!

Enjoy the read,

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

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

### QUAINTFEST 2023 – SAVE THE DATE! Saturday 24th June



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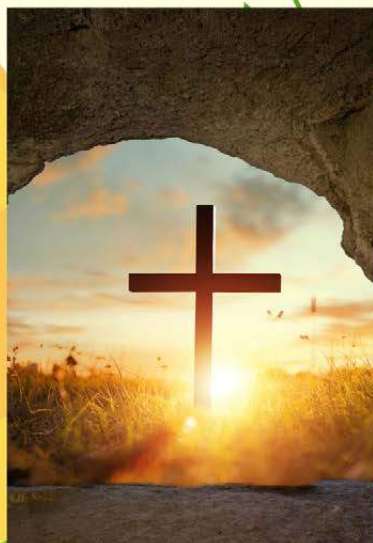
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## Quanton Resident Cycling 100km for Women's Cancer Charities

Beth Vining is taking on the Women v Cancer Ride the Night cycle ride in London to raise vital funds for three important charities: Breast Cancer Now, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action. Beth has signed up for the 100km night ride with her cycling friends from the Aylesbury division of Breeze - the biggest programme ever to get more women into riding bikes for fun.

If you would like to donate to these cancer charities through Beth's fundraising page, visit: <https://join.dream-challenges.com/fundraisers/bethvining>

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## The Earthquake Disaster Sale

THANK YOU to all those who supported the above sale in the Memorial Hall on Friday, March 3rd. Your generosity raised £256 for the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) Charity, for which they will be most grateful.

*Penny Allen*

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## CICRA Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has donated used printer cartridges, old plant pots, or who've bought plants or popped some change into the CICRA collection pot in the shop over the last year. Combined with using EasyFundraising, we have raised over £1000 in a year for CICRA (Crohn's in Childhood Research Association)!

We will holding another plant sale from our front garden on the weekend of the Coronation, starting Saturday 6th May (last house, top right of The Green, near the shop). We have tried to focus on propagating plants that survived both the heat of last summer and the deep freeze of November. Plus a range of unusual vegetable seedlings, other perennials, ferns and fig trees to name a few. Again, all proceeds to CICRA.

Many thanks!

*Patrina and Andrew Law*

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## Notice of thanks: Laura Saunders (1922-2023)

Laura died on January 12th but the Thanksgiving Service wasn't until February 14th at Aylesbury Vale Crematorium. The service was attended by the extended family, friends from the village and elsewhere and we would like to thank Rev'd Steve Flashman for conducting it. Mum had left specific instructions on which hymns and music she wanted played and which Bible reading. Donations in lieu of flowers are being given to Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service. Her ashes will be interred in due course at Quanton Churchyard along with Dad's.

The family are grateful for the District Nursing Service during the last year of Mum's life and the carers she had four times a day who enabled her to stay in her own home. We are also very grateful for friends in the village who visited her regularly and helped out in so many ways as she became increasingly deaf and very frail; to the George and Dragon pub who delivered tasty Sunday roasts when requested as an alternative to her daily Wiltshire Farm dinner; and to the Bucks Home Library Service who kept her supplied with books.

*Ann Johnston*

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## Waddesdon School Big Gig at Quainton Church

On Friday 3rd March, a group of talented young musicians from Waddesdon School treated an audience of Quainton folk, friends and families to a dazzling and eclectic programme. It is impossible to pick out highlights from this truly all star line-up.

One after another, soloists, duos and trios sang with confidence and poise. The range of music was so wide, from Over the Rainbow to songs by James Bay and Skylar Grey. Such was the commitment and story-telling in the singing that this did not feel like a selection of 'covers' in any sense, each song made fresh.

Pianists took the spotlight and gave impeccable performances from Queen to Elton John via Schumann and Einaudi. The pianists (and guitarists) also deserve plaudits for their superb accompanying of singers, another skill in itself.

Towards the end of the evening the musicians pooled their talents in bands; "Nostalgia" with their Jorja Smith medley and "The Sultans" with, of course, Dire Straits. Again, the skills shown by vocalists, guitarists, keyboard players and drummers (thanks for taking up the brushes!) were of the highest level but in the bands, the joy of music making together simply shone out. We live in a time when the powers that be are trying to push music out of the school curriculum. What we witnessed from these young musicians proves just how wrong that would be.

Huge thanks are due to Mr Ben Judson, Head of Music & Performing Arts at Waddesdon School, for putting together this wonderful concert for us. And as he encouraged, played and supported, we could see for ourselves just what an impact inspiring teaching can have.

We could not have had a better concert to start our series of Quainton Church concerts for 2023. More are being planned for summer and autumn, look out for notices and come along. It's a lovely way to spend an evening, enjoying music and the chance to catch up with friends old and new.

*Jennie Bruce (on behalf of Quainton Church Concert Committee)*



## QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



**Chair:** Vacant. **Vice Chair:** Nick Butler

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

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

**To contact the council** use the Contact Form on the website:  
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**Parish Council lines of Communication:**

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

**Physical message boards** on the Green and at the Memorial Hall

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

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**The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 9th March 2023.**

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

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

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

**SPORTS & RECREATION GROUND:** Due to the skate park being unrepairable and a health and safety risk, the skate park has been removed.

We have received two quotes to install a MUGA and new skate park. We are in the process of requesting one more quote. We have had some feedback from the local community re what they would like the facilities to include. We will now form a sub-committee to help drive this exciting project forward.

**QUANTON VISION:** We attended the Quinton Showcase on 11th March 2023 and the members of the local community completed our questionnaire. The main concerns of the community were the continued deterioration of the road and pavement conditions including pot holes. The community would like to see better recreational facilities which is one of the projects the Parish Council is already working on with the proposed installation of a MUGA and additional facilities. If anyone has any feedback that they have not yet shared with us please see below.

- *What do you like about our community?*
- *Is there anything you would improve?*
- *Is there anything new you'd like to see?*
- *How would you like to receive communication from your Parish Council and how often?*

Let us know via the contact form on our website: <https://quinton.org.uk/contact-us> – we work for you! Write to us with ideas!

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**THE GEORGE & DRAGON CAG:** The CAG continues to meet regularly and are making good progress. A separate update is included in this edition of the Quainton News.

There will also be updates on the website: [www.quainton.org.uk/actiongroup-george-and-dragon](http://www.quainton.org.uk/actiongroup-george-and-dragon) and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeAndDragonCAG>

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

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**ROAD CLOSURES:** Due to road closures constantly changing it is impossible to keep up to date via printed media like Quainton News. We recommend people keep checking the internet on <https://one.network>

Ward Cllr Phil Gomm will inform you via Quainton Village Life on Facebook.

**KEEP REPORTING:** Potholes continue to be reported via FixMyStreet and continue to follow up with Buckinghamshire Council on the list of roads that need repairing.

Please keep reporting and let us know if there are concerns.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** Most recent cases as discussed in February QPC meetings:

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Status
22/0505/APP	Erection of windows and doors and removal of wall	Ladymead Farm, Denham	For comment
22/00574/APP	Side storey extension	6 White Hart Field, Quainton	For comment
22/00529/APP	Realignment of Edgcott Road overbridge	Land from the South West of Quainton	For comment

**GREENWAY:** Discussions continue at the HS2 Stakeholders meeting for a Greenway to be agreed to link Quainton to Waddesdon.

**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 is encouraging the public register to receive crime alerts and information. To register please go to [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk)

**VOLUNTEERS:** Once the weather improves, we plan to repaint the benches that are located around the village. If anyone would like to volunteer to help please contact the Parish Clerk. Thank you.

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## Quainton School PTA News



### RACE NIGHT REPORT:

The totes have closed, the auctioneer is a little hoarse, the empty bottles tidied away and the gigi's put out to pasture. Quainton Race Night has been run! And what a night we had. Thank you to all of our Sponsors, Neil Richardson our compere, Gordo for transporting the course, our dice flingers and horse movers and to everyone who came, spent money



and had fun. A huge thanks to the football club for allowing the PTA to adopt this event for a second year.

Our Sponsors were Arty Party Bags, Bees Knees Teepees, Bucks Sports & Classic Car Centre, Gumboots and Roots Pre-school, North End Nurseries, Quainton Carpets, Quainton Village Shop, The George and Dragon and Vale Tyres. We are incredibly pleased to report that we raised over £1600 for the school. We are currently raising money to improve the playground facilities and will keep you informed as the scheme progresses.

Another thank you for supporting a successful Bags2School collection last month. We have yet to hear how much we collected and raised, but we are grateful for all of the donations from the village and parents.

### BINGO NIGHT:

**A date for your diary!** On Saturday 22nd April we will be returning to the school hall to host a family-friendly bingo night. See our poster on page 21 for full details.

Happy Easter everyone from The PTA!

### Quainton School PTA 100 Club Winners:

1st Prize £50: Helen Carter no. 19  
2nd Prize £20: Hazel Jacobs no. 75  
3rd Prize £10: Louisa Richards no. 23  
4th Prize £5: Mark Burnham no. 5

To enter our draw by purchasing one of the remaining numbers, please email us at: [quainton.pta@gmail.com](mailto:quainton.pta@gmail.com)

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## Quainton Golf Society

A reminder that our next event is at Oxford Golf Club on Thursday 6th April (the day before Good Friday), playing for the Chairman's Trophy.

If you are interested in attending, or joining the Society, please contact Vince Hemsley on:

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## The George and Dragon Community Action Group



Dear All

I thought it would be helpful to give a further update on the progress that we have been making towards our plan to purchase the George and Dragon Pub and Coffee shop for the benefit of the Community.

During February we held two very successful village meetings with more than 100 people attending. The presentation described all the work that has been completed so far along with the work still to be done to secure the future of the George and Dragon.

Some of the key points:

We have the correct legal company established – The Quinton George and Dragon Community Benefit Society.

We have pledges from people who would like to buy shares that so far amounts to £280,000.

We have been approved to apply for a Community Ownership grant that will match up to £250,000 of the money that we raise through the sale of shares.

We asked the people at the meeting for some help in completing the further work and 5 people have said that they would like to join us in working towards saving the pub. This is fantastic news and makes our team even stronger. Thanks everyone.

The next crucial steps are as follows:

We need to finalise our Business Plan. A first draft has been reviewed by our consultant at the Plunkett Foundation and we will be taking their points on board when completing the document. This is now a really comprehensive plan and it will be available for everyone to read once complete.

We need to complete our Grant application to the Community Ownership Fund by the 14th April. Again, a first draft has been completed and reviewed by an expert from the Plunkett Foundation who is helping us.

We are working to build the application to be as strong as possible. Success with this application is crucial to the whole project as it is a significant amount of money. Without this we will need to have a serious re think on what we can do. We have been informed that the time scale for a decision on the application is 3 or 4 months and so it will be mid-summer before we have a decision.

We need to complete and send out our Community Share offer so that people can buy shares and become members of the CBS. We will start working on this as soon as the grant application is completed and hope to send it out at the start of May.

In addition to these key tasks there is lots of work being done on tax rules, business plans, and financial projections etc... etc...

Lots of people came along to show their support at the Quinton Showcase which was great and very encouraging – thank you!

There is still a long way to go but we have an even stronger Team now and with the support of the consultants at the Plunkett Foundation we are in a really good position to be successful and to realise our aim of having a community owned pub and coffee shop.

Thanks as always for your continued support in helping to save the George and Dragon Pub and Coffee Shop. If you have any questions please get in touch via this email address - [pub.info@quinton.org.uk](mailto:pub.info@quinton.org.uk)

*Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Chair, Quinton George and Dragon Community Benefit Society*

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Joy Dyson, one of our committee members, wanted to find out more about GROWING UP IN QUANTON IN THE 1930-40s. Here is the first in a series of interviews:

I grew up in a busy suburb of London where we could walk to two different underground stations and also walk to two shopping centres. There were also lots of buses to take you to other places, but I always wondered what it would be like to grow up in a small village such as Quainton. I had always loved visiting my aunt who lived in the countryside where there was plenty of open green space so recently, I went to ask those in this village to describe life before, during and after the Second World War and over the next few months I will share what I have learnt.

I spoke to Dorothy Ayers who has lived here all of her life and is now over 100 years old and she described to me how they played on empty streets as there were very few cars in Quainton but that you would see a few horse and carts making deliveries of bread, coal, milk and groceries.

Dorothy described the pond on the Green to me which had a rail running around it and how all the children would meet to play there. Her cousin Jean fell in one day and was roundly told off by her mother! When a child fell in then one of the other children used to run and fetch a clothes prop from a nearby garden washing line to help rescue the wet, muddy and bedraggled unfortunate and take them home. No wonder they were told off!! During winter the pond often froze and the children would all skid across the surface (never a safe thing to do). If you look hard amongst the grass on the upper part of the Green you will be able to find the bricks that still define where the edge of the pond was.

The picture shows the pond on our Green and the windmill when it was not working.



*To be continued in next month's Quainton News*

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## Quainton Showcase – Saturday 11th March

Quainton's Showcase, held in Quainton Memorial Hall last month was a great success! Over 23 village clubs, societies and other village organisations and projects were represented at this event, which was organised so that residents could learn more about the clubs and societies that are in our village. The turnout of visitors to this outstanding showcase was most encouraging!

Thank you to Kath Heirons for all her hard work in organising this event and giving all these groups the opportunity to show themselves off to everyone!

*(Photos by Peter Taylor Lane and Kath Heirons)*

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## The Steaming Season re-starts on Sunday 2nd April!

The winter season when we are closed always seems so long! We can't wait to re-open on Sunday 2nd April and we really hope to see some of you down here at some point over the next few months. We've got a great line-up of events, from our fun children's character events and our popular Emergency Services Day, to all sorts of different heritage vehicle rallies.

All details are online at [www.bucksrailcentre.org](http://www.bucksrailcentre.org) or pop down and see us!

### WHAT'S ON IN APRIL:

Sunday 2 April	Steaming Day
Friday 7 April	Day Out With Thomas
Saturday 8 April	Day Out With Thomas
Sunday 9 April	Day Out With Thomas
Wednesday 12 April	Steaming Day (Easter Holidays)
Sunday 16 April	Steaming Day
Saturday 22 April	<b>Spring Transport Festival</b> <i>(see poster on p.22)</i>
Sunday 23 April	<b>Spring Transport Festival</b> <i>(see poster on p.22)</i>
Sunday 30 April	Steaming Day



### The Railway Cafe

As well as being open for our event days above, the Railway Cafe is open during the week, Monday to Friday 9.30am-2pm. Visitors to the cafe can wander around the Visitor Centre and the close vicinity outside, including the new play area. The cafe area inside is lovely and big, so we welcome cyclists, walkers, dogs, children, buggies, wheelchairs. We also have train tables inside to keep the children amused!

### Wedding Season

As the weather warms up, the weddings start! We have a wedding most Saturdays from April to October, which is why we are usually closed on Saturdays. If anyone is interested in having their wedding, or private party, here, please email Emma Toth at [functions@bucksrailcentre.org](mailto:functions@bucksrailcentre.org)

### Quainton Pass

Quainton residents can buy a special annual Quainton Pass – just £45 for a family! It includes entry to everything except Thomas, Christmas or any evening events. Plus, you won't ever need to pre-book. So even if an event has sold out (like Emergency Services Day, for example) you can just turn up with your pass without booking. Either pop in during the week, call 655720 during office hours, email us: [office@bucksrailcentre.org](mailto:office@bucksrailcentre.org) or simply buy one the first time you come to visit. We will need proof of name and address.

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Meeting at St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

Visitors welcome (£5 per head).

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## 180th Anniversary of Inclosure in Quainton

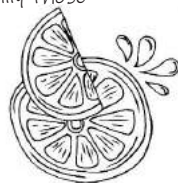
Thank you to Peter Harding for his interesting article in the last issue. Apologies to him that I omitted his name as the author of the piece.

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# Café *Club* Zest

Spring is coming! The birds are singing and the bulbs emerging.  
Time to get out, enjoy the company of others and put some zest in your life.  
Did you know singing can improve your mood, wellbeing and brain activity? You do not need to be good at singing to benefit.

Café Club Zest meets each month with the aim to introducing everyone to the benefits of singing, socialising and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea in friendly company. We are a welcoming group, open to all, but especially those who maybe are not as active as they once were.



Meeting next;  
1<sup>st</sup> April and May 13<sup>th</sup>  
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EKFB will be supporting this charity through fundraising efforts and our Social Value Programme throughout 2023. If you'd like to find out more about the great work being done at the Animal Antiks farm, visit their website at <https://www.animalantiks.co.uk/>.

Details of our works are as follows:

- Quainton Road: the planned closure for March has now been postponed. These works will now commence later this year and are to complete work on the Thames Water main supply, install new kerbstones and carry out resurfacing of the road.
- Shipton Lee: there will be a road closure at the junction with North Farm Lane from 11–21 April 2023. This is to enable the digging of trial holes to locate underground utilities and bore holes to establish ground composition and condition.

### Station Road:

- The current closure of the northern section will remain in place until November 2023 with signed diversions. This is to allow for Network Rail works on the Station Road Bridge and to support movement of material from the recently opened Quainton Railhead via a Site Access Road crossing.
- At the end of 2023, work will begin on the new Station Road realignment. These works will include building the new piece of road and tie-in points to the existing northern and southern sections of Station Road.

Please note: these dates may change due to conditions outside of our control. Please refer to the HS2 website regularly to check for any changes and updates or to view the detailed Advanced Works Notification about these works. 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](http://www.hs2.org.uk) and click the 'in your area section' to view the interactive map or sign up to our mailing list to receive this information by email.

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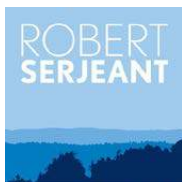
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## RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: *Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden*

The weather becomes more confusing year after year. Just when it seems that Spring is on its way, the heavens open, and snow sprinkles down, bewildering wildlife and woodland workers alike. The Winter work of cutting and clearing of scrub is halted once March is here, for this is the time that birds begin to nest and must not be disturbed. The volunteers need to find other jobs to fill their time in Finemere Wood. And so under dark gloomy skies, spitting out snow and freezing rain, the Summer work begins.

In the Winter, areas of the wood are cleared of scrub and trees, this allows the sun to reach the ground and for new growth to begin. The resulting fresh and tender shoots must be protected from the voracious deer that roam here. Fencing is the name of the game now; dismantling those that have done their job and erecting others around areas needing protection. Heras fencing panels are the mode of choice, quick and easy to fix in place, and endlessly reusable. Harder to dismantle after a few years of enveloping vegetation growth, tangling tendrils clinging tenaciously to the fencing panels.



Despite the cold gloom, the weather-beaten wood is slowly coming to life. One primrose is in bloom, and others will follow soon. The emerging lobed leaves of wood anemones can be spotted by keen eyes. The long yellow hazel catkins are dangling from branches.



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The driving icy rain pushes the woodland workers onwards, fences must be dismantled before the wood is in leaf. It becomes an impossible task during the months of growth, and undesirable as creatures may be nesting amongst the tangle of plants and fences. Relentlessly, the volunteers toil with the promise they can knock off early once the designated fences are down. In record time the job is done and a huddle of soggy, dripping hardy souls retreats to the welcoming warmth of their homes and families.

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





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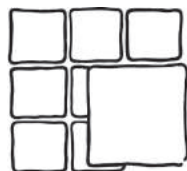
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## Calendar of Activities

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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.

Please note the addition of Pilates on a Tuesday and Carpet Bowls on a Wednesday evening.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
<b>Monday</b>	Day Centre (Main Hall) Craft Club (Conference Room)	10:00 – 14:30 13:30 – 16:30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pilates (Main Hall) Art Club (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall)	10:30 – 11:30 13:30 – 16:30 17:30 – 18:30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art Club (Conference Room) Carpet Bowls (Main Hall)	13:00 – 16:30 19:30 – 21:30
<b>Thursday</b>	Coffee Morning (Main Hall)	10:00 – 12:00 – just turn up!
<b>Friday</b>	Community Choir (Main Hall) Badminton (Main Hall)	10:00 – 11:30 19:00 – 22:00
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	Table Tennis (Main Hall)	17:00 – 20:00

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](https://booking.quaintonmh.co.uk) or contact our bookings clerk, Deb Barker Boyd, on **01296 655379**. Alternatively, you can contact us by email at [quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com)



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£100	60	E Dalton	£20	26	G Newman
£50	174	D Sargeant	£18	57	Mrs D Alcock
£25	77	J Styles	£12	184	R Small
£25	158	R Quigg	£10	142	P Ginger
£25	100	C Roberts			

George & Dragon Meal Voucher: 73 A Alcock

*Next Draw will take place on the last weekend  
of April 2023 at George and Dragon, The Green, Quainton*

## WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



### Averages and Extremes for February 2023

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	14.7°C	15th	Total for the month	4.3m	
Minimum	-5.6°C	7th	Wettest day	3mm	21st
Average Minimum	1.6°C		Rain days	5	
Average Maximum	11°C		Dry days	23	
Highest Minimum	9°C	17th			
Lowest Maximum	7.1°C	23rd			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	28mph	17th	Highest	1036hPa	6th
			Lowest	999hPa	21st

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

For the latest weather at Quanton go to: [wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/IQUANTO2](http://wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/IQUANTO2)



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## VILLAGE SERVICES

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

**Quainton Village Life Facebook:** 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 a Quainton Buying and Selling Facebook page.

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

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

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

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

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

**Winwood Almshouses:** For enquiries contact: [winwoodalmshouses@outlook.com](mailto:winwoodalmshouses@outlook.com)

## REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

Monday 3rd April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Tuesday 11th April	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 17th April	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 24th April	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
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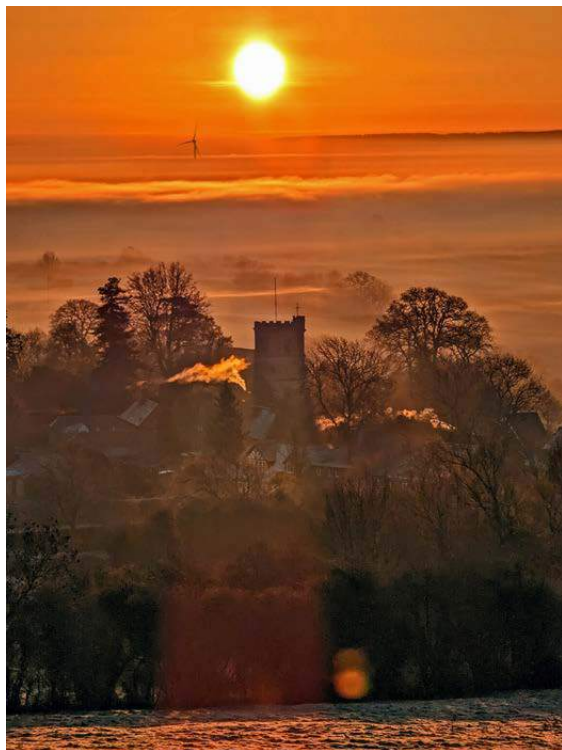
2nd April Palm Sunday	8.00am BCP Holy Communion in Quainton 9.30am Quainton Sunday Café Church 6.00pm Quainton: Palm Sunday Evening Prayer
7th April: Good Friday	10.00am Good Friday Service 12.00 to 3.00pm (Joint Schorne Team – Meditations for Good Friday at North Marston led by Petra and Janet)
9th April: Easter Sunday	9.30am Easter Day Celebration with Holy Communion and Easter Egg Hunt
16th April	6.00pm Quainton: Healing Service
23rd April	6.00pm Evening Prayer
30th April	6.00pm Choral Evensong

## PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Funeral: Pam Cook on 9th March at 10.30pm

## CHURCH ROTA FOR APRIL

	2 April	9 April	16 April	23 April	30 April
Evening Reader					
Evening Sidesman					
Altar Flowers	LENT	EASTER Sonia Taylor-Lane	Sarah Williams	Margaret Willoughby	Marsha Miller
Pedestal Flowers	LENT	EASTER Fiona Morrison	Fiona Morrison	Debbie Ormerod	Debbie Ormerod
Church Cleaning	Margaret Willoughby / Carol Cooper / Alison Heath / George	Patty Goddard / Celia Prideaux / Penny Allen / Caroline Campbell		Caroline Crook / Jayne Williamson / Debbie Ormerod	



Thank you to Richard Vining for sending in this simply stunning photo of the church, which he took from Mill Hill as the sun rose early one February morning.

If you would like to see your photo in print here next month, please send your favourite photos of our church and its surroundings to me at [quaintonnews@gmail.com](mailto:quaintonnews@gmail.com)

Thank you! Louisa, *Editor*

## **VILLAGE CALENDAR – APRIL 2023**

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1st April:            | Café Club Zest, 2.30pm, St John's Hall Whitchurch, p.29          |
| 5th April:            | Carpet Bowls starts, QMH, 7.30pm, p.15                           |
| 7-9th April:          | Day Out With Thomas at Bucks Railway Centre, p.25                |
| 9th April:            | Easter Day Celebration with Easter Egg Hunt, 9.30am, Church, p.5 |
| 13th April:           | PC Meeting, 7.30pm, QMH, p.10                                    |
| 22/23rd April:        | Spring Transport Festival at Bucks Railway Centre, p.22          |
| 22nd April:           | Quaintwood Players' Variety Show, QMH, 7.30pm, p.27              |
|                       | Quainton PTA Bingo, School Hall, 7.30pm, p.21                    |
| 23rd April:           | St George's Day at The Windmill, 10am-12.30pm, p.19              |
| 30th April:           | Choral Evensong in Church, 6pm, p.39                             |
| <b>Save the Date:</b> | QuaintFest will be on The Green on Saturday 24th June            |

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