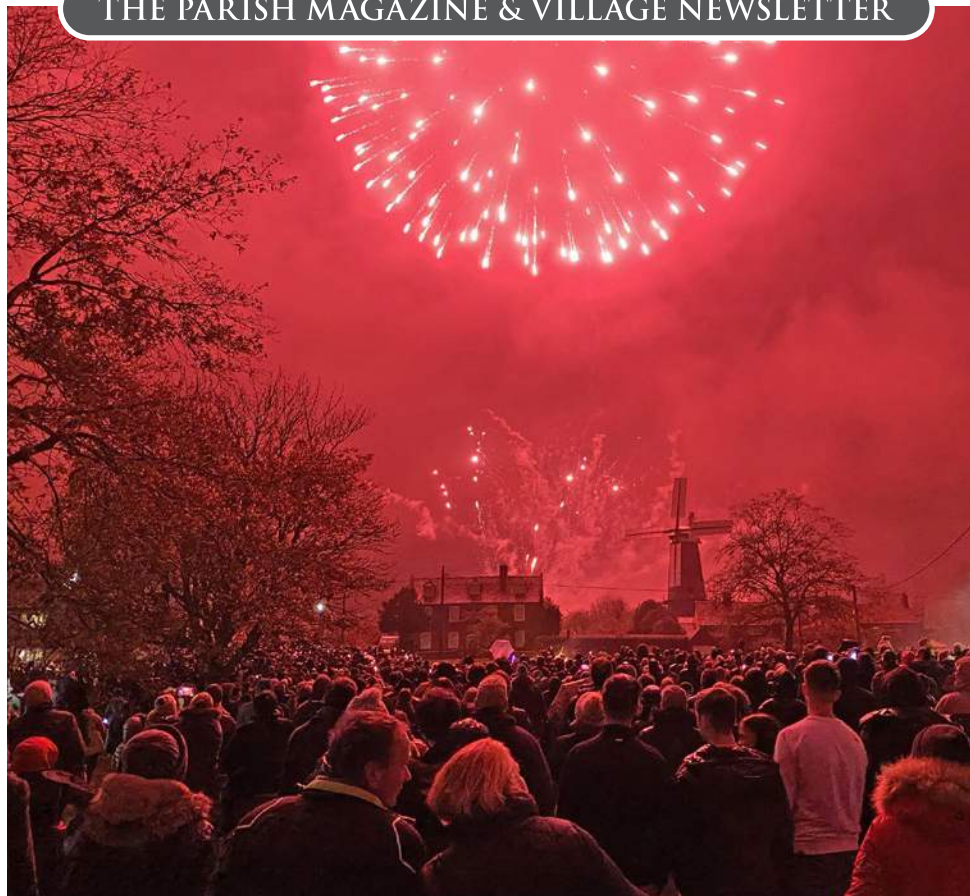


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Quainton Bonfire & Fireworks

Saturday 4th November on The Green from 6pm

The bonfire will be lit around 7pm with fireworks shortly after.

Tickets are £6 per person (under 5s are free).

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

Have you ever played Jenga? Players take turns removing one block at a time from a tower constructed of wooden blocks. As a block is removed, it is then placed on top of the tower, creating a progressively more unstable structure. The player causing the tower to collapse loses the game.

We are living in troubling times. The eruption of violent conflict in the Middle East raises another shadow over the world where so many innocent people are suffering unimaginable hardship and pain. So many challenges threatening to disrupt our lives are colliding all at once. The ongoing war in Ukraine; cataclysmic events around the world; earthquakes in unexpected places; devastating floods; unprecedented heat waves causing terrible forest fires threatening people and their homes; dramatic and unpredictable weather patterns; and then, of course, war and unrest in many other parts of the world where many marginalised people groups are suffering untold grief and devastation. Closer to home, we have the seemingly unstoppable flow of illegal immigrants arriving on our shores, together with people smugglers exploiting innocent people for their own financial gain, and then there is the ongoing upheaval in the financial markets and instability in our political system.

One by one we remove the blocks in the Jenga 'game of life', and create an unstable world where nothing is certain anymore.

Larry Norman, a rock singer, famous for his song, "I Wish We'd All Been Ready", released an album way back in the 70's called "Only Visiting This Planet." A verse from one of the songs on the album "Peace Pollution, Revolution" was prophetic. It goes like this:

"The water is polluted and the air is filled with death
Someday it won't be easy to stop and catch your breath
But it's all in Revelation, it's part of the design
And if you're truly wise, you'll keep your eyes on Palestine"

He was dropping a huge hint that what is predicted in the Bible is coming true before our eyes. The Middle East is not only the place God chose to break into time and space 2000 years ago, it's also the location of his second big entry, to put a stop to all this Jenga type madness!

On Remembrance Sunday, we will take time to honour those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and those who bear the scars of conflict. Please pray with me, that those living with pain, anxiety and stress, may find peace in the one who said, "My peace I leave with you... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14) One of the songs we sing in our Community Choir is "Donna Nobis Pacem" - "Grant Us Peace." May you and all those you love and care for, know this peace today.

Blessings all

Rev'd Steve Flashman, Vicar

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WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
quaintonnews@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

It's always a busy time of year and if you have a good read of this issue, you will see that this year is no different! We start with bonfire night and move into Remembrance Sunday and before we know it, Christmas will be upon us!

We have three special services in church this month: Sunday 5th is when we remember those we have loved and lost, Sunday 12th is Remembrance Sunday and then on Sunday 26th, it's our special Praise & Worship Service.

There are also plenty of other events around the village this month, from the Royal British Legion Whist Drive and a fundraiser for a Kenyan School, to Bingo and singing in the Pub and the Father Christmas event starts at The Railway! It's all go, go, go!

Enjoy the read!

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

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

Churchyard Compost:

Churchyard compost is now available! Please help yourself to whatever you need.

Dogs in the Churchyard

We are so fortunate in Quainton to have a churchyard that is maintained by willing volunteers. Sadly, there are a few people who don't clean up after their dogs when walking through our churchyard. This is very unpleasant for our volunteers when mowing the grass! We have also been informed that a minority of dog owners are using our churchyard as a recreational area for their dogs, including throwing balls for their dogs to retrieve. Please be respectful; there are many people who like to spend time in our churchyard, a tranquil place where they find peace and solace.

Andrea Wearn, Church Warden

ANNUAL CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP

Saturday 2nd December 10am-12 noon

It is a big churchyard, and your help would be invaluable even for an hour. Refreshments will be made available, so still time for a chat and catch up, which is one of the best parts of the gathering. It is a very social event apart from being a good workout! If you could bring your own rakes, and wheelbarrows if you have one, that would be great. If you have large pruners then that may be useful too. Please come along and support us!

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Quainton Bonfire & Fireworks: Saturday 4th November

Another amazing Bonfire & Fireworks Extravagana is planned for bonfire night! The bonfire will be lit around 7pm with fireworks shortly after.

The PTA will be there with their outdoor bar on The Green with beer for sale raising money for the school; the Sports Club are running their BBQ as usual, plus there will be other stall holders offering fish & chips and other treats. Please support them!

Tickets are £6 per person (under 5s are free). Please pre-purchase from the shop if you can to save time on the night. The correct cash will be quicker on the night, but we will have card machines.

We still need volunteers on the night please. We need a handful of extra people from 5pm selling tickets and letting people in on the entrance gates - there are three gates and they all need to be manned by at least two people. Please message Warren on 07764 660641 if you would like help.

Finally, if you would like to help with the clear-up on The Green the next morning, please come along at 10am and bring a rake and gardening gloves if you have them. Thank you!

Quainton Bonfire & Fireworks Committee

Does anyone know this black and white cat?

Please call or text 07783 933244



Community Choir Concert – see poster p.9

Our local Community Choir will be putting on a Christmas concert in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 2nd December at 4pm. Free entry but donations will be collected for charity.



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News from Quaintwood Players: Ahoy there landlubbers!

Quaintwood Players is excited to announce their next production will be Treasure Island! You can be sure of fantastic family friendly entertainment with plenty of booing, cheering and singing opportunities... and maybe even some 'it's behind you'!

Tickets will be on sale during the first week of January 2024.

SAVE THE DATE!

Quainton Memorial Hall: Fri 2nd Feb evening, Sat 3rd Feb matinee and evening .

Grendon Underwood Village Hall: Fri 9th Feb evening, Sat 10th Feb matinee and evening.



We are holding the Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Party on **Saturday 9th December, 2023** at Quainton Memorial hall. Doors open 1.30 for a 2pm start and to finish at 4.30pm.

Afternoon Tea and entertainment!

If you would like to come, please complete the slip below and hand it in at the Village Store or the Coffee Shop no later than Friday 24th November 2023.

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th December.

VOUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for any volunteers who would be able to help on the day for approximately an hour, to serve the food. If you can help, please email lindachapple@talktalk.net or phone 01296 790540

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party committee

Please complete only one of the following:

I / We will be attending the Christmas Party

I / We will not be attending the party but would like an afternoon tea.

Name:

Address:

Tel:

Dietary requirements if any

Quainton Support Network

Just an update on the support network

Currently, the main use of the support network is providing transport for older people who no longer drive. The bus service is still just about running but it is difficult to get to hospital or dental appointments by public transport. The NHS does provide patient transport for some people.

The support network relies on volunteers from the village driving people to their appointment, so it can be pot luck if someone is available. Recipients pay petrol expenses at the government agreed rate to the volunteer driver and cover any parking fees if necessary. The administrators will let you know how much to give the driver.

There is a volunteer driver scheme in Aylesbury Vale but it does not cover Quainton. (Seen advertised on the Village Facebook page)

More volunteers are needed as people are busy so the more we have the more chance of finding someone free to take someone.

If you cannot get a lift to an appointment by family, friends or public transport then please call either Claire 655552 or Alison 655033 and we will try and find someone to take you – we are usually successful.

This support network would not run without the administrators or the lovely volunteer drivers.

Café Club Zest

Don't let autumn slow you up, make the most of life!

Did you know singing can improve your mood, wellbeing and brain activity? You do not need to be good at singing to benefit.

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Next meetings; Saturday November 4th and
Christmas Party December 2nd
2.30pm at St John's Hall, Whitchurch
Contact Jane 07739 985440



A SERVICE TO REMEMBER THOSE WE HAVE LOVED AND LOST

All Welcome To Quainton Church



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QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



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Councillors: 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 Quinton Memorial Hall

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

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

Parish Council Report

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

THE GEORGE & DRAGON CAG: The winding up of the CAG is complete and all monies have been returned to anyone who bought community shares.

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, Bucks 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.

QUANTON SUPPORT NETWORK: The team is still available to help people get to appointments.

HS2: 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@quinton.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.

PLANNING APPLICATION STATION ROAD BRIDGE: A planning application (23/03059/APP) has been submitted for the proposed temporary infilling of the three railway arches at Quinton Road Overbridge and within the adjoining field to the south west a temporary vehicle access from Station Road and a temporary site compound for construction purposes. This will allow for Station Road to be reopened with no weight restrictions.

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.

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

PLAYGROUND: We have ordered the new piece of equipment for the playground which should be installed soon.

ROSEFIELD SOLAR FARM CONSULTATION 2023: A public consultation for a new solar farm of 2,100 acres in Steeple Claydon is open until 10 November 2023. Two meetings are being held, which will provide you with more information:

- Wednesday 1st November 7pm-9pm at Calvert Green Village Hall
- Friday 3rd November from 7pm-9pm at Steeple Claydon Village Hall

Both of these sessions will be presented by the Claydon Action group with a Q&A session.

The deadline for emailing, mailing or completing the questionnaire link for your objections is 10 November 2023. Email is: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk copy to info@claydonssolaractiongroup.co.uk. Claydon Action Group Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551728441500>. Claydon Action Group website: <http://www.claydonssolaractiongroup.co.uk>

Due to the significant size of this proposal, there will be an impact on Quainton with at least an additional 50 lorries travelling through the village a day. The large shaded area surrounded by dots indicates the size of the proposed solar farm. (Buckingham town is shown shaded above for size comparison.)



The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 21st September 2023.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12th October 2023 at 8:00pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

Quainton Primary School PTA News

Our 100 Club is back!



We are almost ready for our first 100 club draw! Will you be one of our lucky winners? We are hoping to sell all of our numbers this year and, maybe even expand the game to more numbers and higher winnings! We hope that you are willing to support us in raising funds for the school by buying one or more numbers. As well as cash prizes each month, we have a £20 food voucher from the George & Dragon to be won.

For £18 you will be entered into nine monthly draws with a chance to win up to £50 each month. If you would like to buy a number, scan the QR code and enter your card details when prompted, then email the PTA to receive confirmation of your number. Or, you can email to arrange a bank transfer: quainton.pta@gmail.com



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Fireworks Night Bar

This is our 3rd year running the Bar on The Green on 4th November and we hope the village continue to support us as it is one of our most successful fundraising activities. We have 2 types of barrelled beer on tap, as well as canned lager and cider on offer. And what could be better on a cold night than some tempting mulled wine? We will be selling glow products too, so come find us on the night. George has generously offered a contribution to the PTA for each pint of Rocket Fuel sold at the pub as well so why not try a pint?

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated bags for the Bag2school collection last month. Your cupboard clearance resulted in us receiving £70 from the organisation. We have another date booked in Spring.



Kenyan School Fundraiser

Sunday 26th November at Holy Cross & St. Mary's Church, Quainton from 11am-2pm and then again after the Praise & Worship Service from 7-8pm.

Come and shop for affordable, one of a kind, Christmas gifts (edible and ornamental!), tree and table decorations and stocking fillers. Or simply have a cuppa and a slice of delicious home made cake with us.

Rush Academy in Kakamega, Kenya is a school completely funded by UK donations. It provides education for 550 children who would not otherwise have access to an education. The school aims to enable the children to support themselves in adulthood and leave the life of poverty that they were born in to. Often the meal provided by the school is the only food the children will eat. The staple diet being maize, beans and rice. It costs less than £1 a day to feed a child.

All money raised at the sale will go directly to Rush Academy towards food.

Juliet Henderson

New Toddler Group at Quainton Church: Tots, Toys & Tea!

Every Tuesday from 31st October – FREE!

Calling all toddlers and tots - and their parents/family/carers! Quainton Church is starting a playgroup on Tuesday mornings during term time. Come along between 9am and 10am: there will be toys, and some songs and stories for the tots, and tea and toast for the grown ups! Free entry and all refreshments are free too.

Come along and please spread the word!





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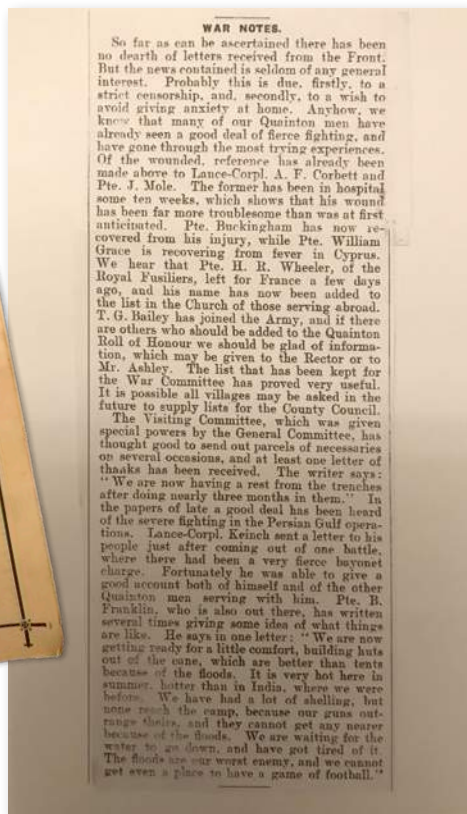
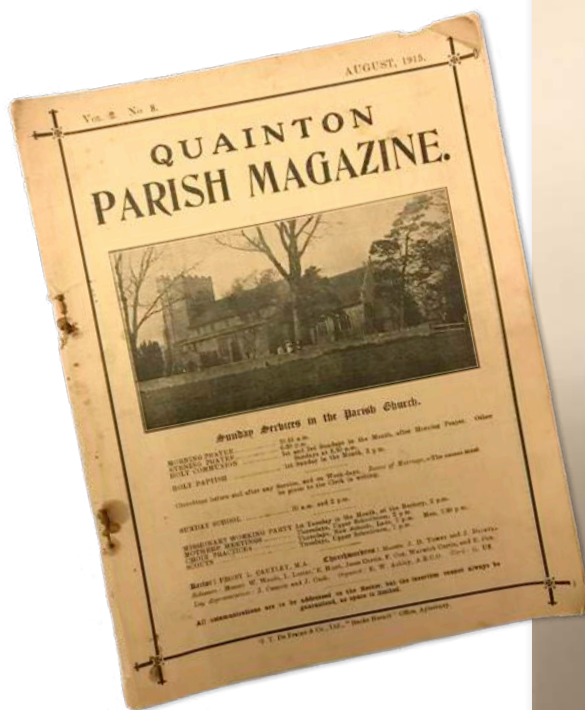
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Quainton residents can also get a 25% discount on ALL events, including Halloween, Thomas & Christmas!

Remembrance

As November is the time of year when we remember those who fought during the two world wars and at other times I thought the following would be of interest. It is taken from the August 1915 Quainton Parish Magazine and was an update of what was known about the Quainton men who had volunteered. The T.G Bailey who is mentioned was my grandfather and used to live at 27, The Green (some of you may remember Mary Jeacock who was his daughter). Both he and the other men mentioned will be remembered by some of you, who may have been related to, or knew them.

Sent in by Helen Villamil Martinez



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**Quainton
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Sunday 10th December: Mulled Wine and Mince Pies – The Ukulelian's

Sunday 17th December: Mulled Wine and Mince Pies – Marsh Gibbon Silver Band

We hope many villagers will be able to call in to the Mill between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm to meet the Tech team, enjoy the music and festive refreshments.

Visit: www.quaintonwindmill.org • Email: info@quaintonwindmill.org •   

Thank you to Quaintwood Players!



We had such a fab time at our new Halloween event at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre last weekend! We wanted to say a special thank you the fabulous actors at Quaintwood Players who gave up their weekend to come and entertain our visitors whilst they were 'enjoying' their steam train ride!!

They were amazing – if you didn't come down, you missed a real treat! Dave 'Quainton Electrical' Giblin played a fabulous Dracula, and Arthur 'The Great' Evans was a werewolf! We also had the rest of Dracula's family on board the steam train who were played by Jackie Giblin, Mary McDermott, Nic Sherriff, Nadia Sherriff, Cicely Davy and Catherine Law. Thank you!





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
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Roy Moran 29.12.1943 - 13.09.2023

Roy Moran sadly lost his battle with cancer in September. His wife Bridget wanted to share a few words about him here:

Roy was born in Southcourt, Aylesbury, on 29th December 1943. His dad was a Great and Second World War veteran. At the age of 16, his dad had joined up as a Sherwood Forester and was wounded during the Somme Offensive. Roy's mum had worked in service and later was a chargehand at the Cow & Gate factory.

He went to Ceely Road primary school and then onto the Grange and Quarrendon secondary schools. On leaving school, he obtained an engineering apprenticeship with Aylesbury Automation, part of the Rivets Group, which included study for five years at Aylesbury College. His next job, which he absolutely loved, was producing kit cars for the SIVA Motor Company based off the Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury. Sadly, the company folded after a few years and in 1976, thanks to Philip Roberts, Roy joined CBS Manufacturing at their old Chamberlain Road record factory, working as a Maintenance Engineer and transferring to the new Rabans Lane plant, which later became Sony Music.

Engineering was both an occupation and a passion for Roy. On retirement in 2008, he readily joined up with the team down at the Railway Centre on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, enjoying a great craic with Murray, Alan, Adrian, Vickie and Richard. Before that, in the 1970s and 80s Roy had also been one of the volunteers with the Quainton Windmill Society working to restore the iconic mill to working order. Furthermore, in the early 70s, Roy built a Lotus Seven sports car, which we had and enjoyed for several years. Whilst it was not the most comfortable of cars, that doesn't matter when you're young!

Roy's many other projects included building a traction engine steam lorry, a crossbow, and a navy colt gun. He still found time to be a member up at Chiltern Forest Golf Club and Wescott Archery Club. Roy was a man of many and varied interests. We worked together on our allotment and garden. He learned to play the banjo and, proud of his Irish roots, he also played the bodhrán (pronounced boran), an Irish drum. At family get togethers, many a happy evening was spent in jigs and reels!

He was a voracious reader, notably history. Another of his passions was motor cycling and his absolute pride and joy was his Harley Davidson. We also had a tandem, which we rode around "The Snake", our neighbour Phil would always tell me when he was about to change gears, but not Roy who had me hanging on for dear life! When I married Roy, my best friend also married a G.I. Years later, when we were both fifty, I asked "What did Tom get you for your birthday?" "A diamond bracelet," she said, "and a new car... What did Roy get you?" "A Shirley Bassey tape." "But Bridget," responded Roy, "you love Shirley Bassey!" I think he missed the point, don't you? Roy loved the village, and we could not have lived anywhere better.

I would like to give a heart felt thanks to everyone for their help, kindness and support to Roy and myself over the months. The donations made in Roy's memory to Florence Nightingale Hospice came to £723.30. Many thanks to all, Love Bridget x



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Community Heritage Orchard & Wildflower Meadow, Lee Road

The project started as a lockdown idea and with the support, hard work and donations from many residents and village groups, Hedgerow Havens, BBOWT, the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board and the Parish Council, wildflowers have been sown and trees planted.

In the orchard there is a mix of apple, crab apple, plum, pear and greengage trees and round the corner of the little copse there is a Victoria plum and a mulberry tree. In the meadow there are a range of wildflowers. Wildflowers are audited by volunteers and bees are monitored and recorded by Kath. Maybe next year butterflies and moths and bats seen/heard will be recorded. We have had the offer of borrowing a bat monitor. A red oak, planted by the Prideaux family, to commemorate the life of Prince Philip, has red leaves this year and nearby is a parish council bench commemorating the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Other trees planted by volunteers are growing well in the little copse.

Recently, the orchard has received a donation of £70 for a tree, plaque and general maintenance. The Village Society and the Gardening Society have donated money for pear and apple trees. The drama group kindly donated money towards the maintenance of the orchard and meadow. Picnic benches, two other benches and a strimmer were purchased following receipt of a grant from Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board. The Vale Conservation Volunteers have helped with thistle and ragwort clearing – a constant battle. The Beavers came along with their leaders, parents and grandparents to help pull some thistles and top up the wood chips.

The apple pressing day in September run by Paul Robertson and supported by Michelle, Peter and Ruth, plus the Lucas family and Laura allowed us to press local apples to make delicious juice. The raffle and craft stall raised money for the project. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, particularly Carol who made beautiful knitted toys, Ruth who made the chutneys and jams, and Pete for the wooden chopping boards and games. Many thanks to Darren and George at the coffee shop and the pub for providing raffle prizes, plus electricity and water and their continued support. With donations and fundraising we hope to purchase an information board for the area.



What's next?

The orchard and copse need tidying ready for winter. The third Quinton Wassail is being planned for the second week in January – hats, feathers, mulled cider, singing and dancing, what's not to like? More info nearer the time. The orchard and meadow are accessible to pedestrians all the time. It's a shame about the state of the pavement along a road where cars can travel up to 60mph but BC have other priorities.

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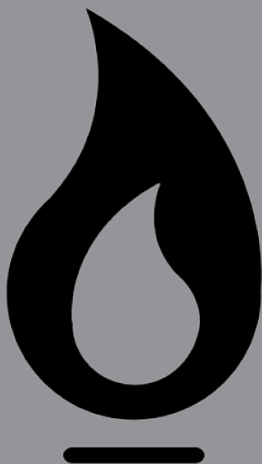
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Pam, Ross, Kim, Michelle and Jenny thank all friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and messages on the unexpected death of Peter on 14th August.

They were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended his cremation at Watermead Crematorium. Pam especially was sorry she did not thank everyone at the time but do thank them sincerely. He was, and always will be, remembered as a loving husband, father and father-in-law and grandfather.



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Quanton Gardening Society AGM Notification

Dear QGS Members & Quanton Residents



Thank you for your continued support this year and for making the outing to RHS Wisley such a success. There were many great contributions and entries to the Annual Produce Show despite the difficult growing conditions this year, and of course the plant sale at the Memorial Hall.

We hope you will attend the AGM on Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm in the Memorial Hall with a talk from Katherine Hersee (www.teabreakgardener.co.uk) on *"The Blitz as a Catalyst for Greening London"* and afterwards the formal element of the AGM. This is free for QGS members; £2 for non-members (or you can spend that on becoming a member. Membership Sec will be taking new memberships and renewals on the evening).

Please join us and take the opportunity to let the committee know what you would like from the society – ideas on talks, outings and any other gardening-related ideas for the year and, most importantly, what we can do to encourage more younger participants in the Annual Produce Show.

Allan Carter, Chairperson

Nomination of New Officers and Committee Members

If you wish to nominate someone for a position (ensuring they agree to having their name put forward) please complete this form and deliver to Helen Hudson-Butler at 119 Station Rd or email: HUDSONBUTLERH@GMAIL.COM

Nominee name

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Quanton Gardening Society Membership

The Society is for anyone who lives in the Parish of Quanton, and who is interested in gardening and visiting gardens. Now is the time to join or renew your membership for the year ending October 2024. Our Membership Fee is only £2 per person. Why not join our friendly society? Whatever your age, new to gardening or experienced. This year we organised a Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall in May, a coach trip to RHS Garden Wisley in August, a Garden Quiz, and our Annual Show of Produce in September. Members receive 10% discount at North End Nurseries in Quanton, and 5% discount at Preston Bissett Nurseries. *Please return the form below to Debbie Bragg at 8 Cautley Close with your membership fee.*

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

October and the temperature rises to an unseasonable 22 degrees. You could be fooled into thinking that summer is still with us. But leaves are turning from fresh greens to deep warm autumnal reds and yellows as they float graciously to the ground. The sun is low and its rays are gentle, warm, and golden. There is no doubt that we are slipping into autumn. October 2023, ten years since the Finemere Volunteer Work Party was created.



With the summer task of scything and raking grassy areas completed, and the winter job of clearing scrub yet to begin, the volunteers busy themselves with removing fences from protected areas. As targeted sections of vegetation are cleared during the Winter months, fences are erected around these spaces to protect the new growth from being devoured by deer. After 3-5 years of growth, the trees and bushes are of a size that they can now fend for themselves, and thus the fences are removed.

The bramble bushes are alive with red admiral butterflies, more plentiful than ever before, feeding

on the juice of over-ripe blackberries. **Vanessa atlanta** is a handsome creature. Its wings are black velvet, intersected by distinct red bands and with a scattering of white spots. The underwings resemble tree bark, providing great camouflage when the wings are closed.



Seen anywhere in the UK, in a wide range of habitats, the majority of red admirals spotted are European migrants. Arriving in May and June, they produce just one brood of offspring from mid-August and into October. Eggs are laid upon stinging nettles, the host plant. A few of these butterflies manage to hibernate through our winter and thus there is a small resident population, mainly in the South of England. These beauties provide a welcome distraction as the woodland workers heft fencing panels around the site.

But there is work to be done. Fences must be removed. Honeysuckle is entwined through wire netting, securing panels firmly to the ground. Brambles, with fearsome thorns, encompass the metal, ready to attack those who approach. With protective gear, the valiant volunteers venture forth, releasing the fencing panels from the powerful grip of these vigorous plants. The wood becomes one again, no evidence of human intervention remains.



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Quanton Golf Society



The event for September was Vince Hemsley's Captain's Day at Chiltern Forest Golf Club. Vince's good luck with the weather for events in his Captaincy year continued as the event was played in near perfect conditions. He was further blessed for the last event of his Captaincy year with another fantastic turnout of 27 players, including 3 new members and a course that was wonderfully presented.

The winner was Phil Hughes on 37 points, followed by new member Kevin Bailey and Brian Cuddy with 35 points, with Kevin Bailey taking the runner's up position on countback.

The top five was as follows:

	Captain's Day	Strokes Received	Points
1st	Phil Hughes	14	37
2nd (OCB)	Kevin Bailey	12	35
3rd (OCB)	Brian Cuddy	17	35
4th (OCB)	Steve Curran	16	34
5th (OCB)	Neil Mack	20	34

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)	Chris Dowthwaite (106 points) Runner up Vince Hemsley (102 points)
Most improved player	Chris Dowthwaite
Victor Ludorum Winner	Vince Hemsley (37.5 points) Runner up Tim Spokes (33 points)

Our next event is The Hammond Trophy at Redbourn Golf Club on Friday 3rd November where the new Captain John Lucas will have his obligatory Captain's Drive In. The Society wishes John and his Vice Captain Brian Cuddy the best of luck for the 2023/24 season.

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

Aylesbury Choral Society: Christmas Oratorio by J.S. Bach

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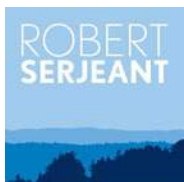
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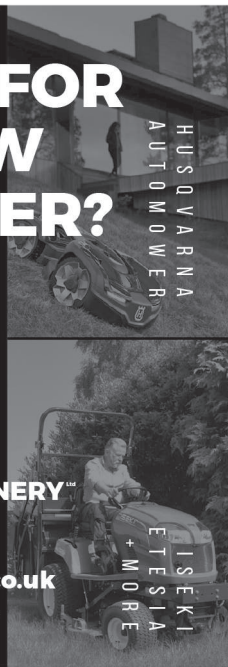
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The finished mural at the A41 EKFB compound

In October, we will be progressing with the excavation works. We will be excavating near the Waddesdon Greenway crossing in October, where the new railway route crosses the existing footway.

Consequently, we must temporarily divert the Waddesdon Greenway while works are being undertaken. While we build the temporary diversion, Waddesdon Greenway will be closed for approximately five days in October. During that time, there will be no access across the HS2 worksite via Waddesdon Greenway.

Elsewhere in our construction programme, in October we will also be continuing works for the first phase of the A41 realignment.

- On the A41 between Waddesdon and the Blackgrove Road junction, there will be traffic management between 16-21 October between 9:30am and 3:30pm. This will also involve a closure of the layby next to the worksite. This is to enable utility works in connection with the A41 realignment.
- On Blackgrove Road, our temporary 2-way traffic lights will remain in place at the plant crossing point.
- On the Waddesdon Greenway cycle path and bridleway, we will be closing the path for five days between 23-27 October while we construct a diversion to enable the public to continue to use this route across the HS2 worksite.

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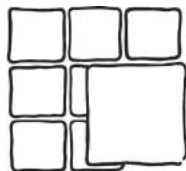
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If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact QMH and your enquiry will be forwarded to the relevant contact. New members are always welcome.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall) Craft Club (Conference Room)	10:00 – 14:30 13:30 – 16:30
Tuesday	Pilates (Main Hall) Art Club (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall)	10:30 – 11:30 13:30 – 16:30 17:30 – 18:30
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall) Carpet Bowls (Main Hall)	13:00 – 16:30 19:30 – 21:30
Thursday	Coffee Morning (Main Hall) **	10:00 – 12:00 – just turn up!
Friday	Community Choir (Main Hall) * Badminton (Main Hall)	10:00 – 11:30 19:00 – 22:00
Saturday		
Sunday	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. Alternatively, you can contact us by email at quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com



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£25	51	George Dalton	£10	77	Jim Styles
£25	158	Rachel Quigg			

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WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



Averages and Extremes for September 2023

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	32.3°C	9th	Total for the two months	71.3mm	
Minimum	5.0°C	23rd	Wettest day	40mm	20th
Average Minimum	11.8°C		Rain days	8	
Average Maximum	23°C		Dry days	22	
Highest Minimum	17.2°C	7th			
Lowest Maximum	17°C	28th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	64mph	27th	Highest	1018hPa	3rd
			Lowest	992hPa	19th

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

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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 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. Call 07704 851945 to report noise/nuisance.

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

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

REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Monday 6th November	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 13th November	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin **
Monday 20th November	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin
Monday 27th November	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin ** <i>Note: this is the last Brown Garden Waste Bin collection this year</i>

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See also posters on p.9

- Sunday 5th November: All Saints Day
8am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Sunday Café Breakfast Church
6pm Memorial Service for those we have loved and lost
- Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Sunday
3pm Quainton: Remembrance Sunday Service
- Sunday 19th November: 6pm Evening Prayer
- Sunday 26th November: 6pm Christmas Praise And Worship Service
- Sunday 3rd December: Advent Sunday
8am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Sunday Café Church for Christmas
6am Advent Sunday Carol Service in Whitchurch

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

- Funeral: Thursday 19th October: Roy Moran
- Funeral: Wednesday 25th October: Maureen Bradbury

CHURCH ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

	1 October	8 October	15 October	22 October	29 October
Evening Reader	Martin Dorrell	Arthur Evans	Jane Vowles	Tom Morrison	Arthur Evans
Evening Sidesman	Jane Vowles	Margaret Willoughby	Kathy Blanchard	Richard Clark	Venetia Dalton
Altar Flowers	Kathy Blanchard	Harvest – Sarah Williams	Carolyn Turnbull	Sonia Taylor-Lane	Caroline Crook
Pedestal Flowers	Helen Ratcliffe	Harvest – Helen Ratcliffe	Carolyn Turnbull	Carolyn Turnbull	Debbie Ormerod
Church Cleaning		Caroline Campbell/ Celia Prideaux/ Patty Goddard/ Penny Allen		Caroline Crook/ Jayne Williamson/ Debbie Ormerod	

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



Thank you to Sue Wright for sending in this photo taken across the tops of the trees towards the church tower which is glowing in the sunshine. The Almshouse chimneys are also looking particularly striking!

If you would like to see your photo in print here next month, please send your favourite photos of our church and/or its surroundings to me at quaintonnews@gmail.com. Thank you!
Louisa, *Editor*

VILLAGE CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2023

- Tues 7/14/21/28th:** NEW Tots, Toys & Tea Toddler Group in Church 9-10am, p.13
- 4th November:** Bonfire night on The Green, 6pm, p.5
Loved & Lost Service in Church 6pm, p.9
- 8th November:** Bingo in the Pub, 7pm, p.29
- 9th November:** PC Meeting, 8pm, p.11
- 11th November:** RBL Whist Drive, 6.30pm, QMH, p.15
G&D Games Night, p.29
- 12th November:** Remembrance Sunday Service in church, 3pm, p.9
- 22nd November:** QGS AGM, QMH, 7pm, p.27
- 25th November:** Christmas Panto Express starts at The Railway, 10am, p.25/35
- 26th November:** Kenyan School Fundraiser in church, 11am-2pm and 7-8pm, p.13
Christmas Praise & Worship Service in Church, 6pm, p.9
Charity Quiz Night in the Pub, p.29
- Future dates for your diary:**
- 2nd December:** Community Choir Concert, 4pm, QMH, p.9
- 9th December:** Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, p.7
- 10th & 17th Dec:** Christmas events at the Windmill, 10-12.30pm, p.17

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