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# **Quainton's Amazing Postbox Topper!**

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### Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

I think you'll agree, it's time for change. We are facing global challenges and in 2022 things can only improve if we are prepared to make some serious lifestyle changes. In this context, and at this time of year, I often reflect on my own life. How much do I contribute to the problems we face and how can I do things differently that will improve the environment and our quality of life. It's good to sit quietly and reflect at times.

For some people, that's a really hard thing to do, because there are things too hard to contemplate or too difficult to remember or a bit too close for comfort. It's one of the reasons we hold people, and even God, at a distance. Some have a long-distance love affair with meaningful relationship, perhaps for fear of being hurt.

I love J.R.R.Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings because so many of the challenges of life are reflected in the storyline. Director, Peter Jackson turned Tolkien's work into three epic fantasy adventure films and they are widely regarded as one of the greatest and most influential film series ever made. It was a major financial success and is among the highest grossing film series of all time with \$2.991 billion in worldwide receipts.

However, few people realise that Tolkien was a Christian and that his beliefs shine through his writing. He celebrates a Christian worldview throughout his work referring to a supreme being who has made the universe but also that this supreme being has a plan for the world, and it's not about chance or accident but about design and purpose.

On page after page Tolkien reminds us of the great Christian virtues: courage, hope, joy, sacrifice, humour and friendship. We are warned that life hurts, that no one is immune to temptation, and that even the greatest victory is bittersweet. Perhaps one of the greatest virtues the trilogy emphasises is the need to show grace and mercy, even to those – like the loathsome Gollum – who deserve nothing of the sort. In an age where there are no moral certainties, Tolkien celebrates Christian values in his writing, yet he avoids naivety: we see good individuals corrupted and bad ones redeemed. One striking and vital theme is the value of 'the little people': ultimately it is the utterly insignificant hobbits who achieve the final victory.

I think this is where lifestyle changes begin, in honouring, respecting and caring for one another, especially the "little people" who do not have a voice. To make changes for the benefit of all and be open to discovering God's original intention for us and the planet. So, wherever your life journey leads you this year, don't be afraid to get close to the Maker.

God bless you, Rev Steve

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### Welcome to the January 2022 issue



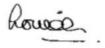
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Hello everyone,

Even though things are looking a bit shaky again right now, I am looking back at all the fun things we have managed to experience here in Quainton this Christmas, which, this time last year, we wondered if we would ever get to experience again! The Christingle Service in church, open mornings in the windmill and the Senior Citizen's Christmas party, to name a few...

Thank goodness for our village community ©

Stay safe and enjoy the read,



### News From Our Church:

### Christmas church services...

**24**th **Dec:** Crib Service, Church, 3pm, p.5

Midnight Mass, Church, 11.30pm, p.5

**25**<sup>th</sup> **Dec:** Christmas Celebration, Church, 10.30am, p.5

### Plus... don't forget:

### New Year's Day Concert:

**1**st **Jan:** New Year's Day Concert in Church, p.13

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#### Christmas Tree on The Green

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A big thank you as usual to Quainton School Reception teacher, Mrs Tinto, who has arranged for her pupils, the youngest in the school aged 4 and 5, to decorate the tree with baubles they have painted themselves.

### Churchyard Clear Up - Enormous Thanks

A vote of thanks to the 20 plus volunteers who supported the Churchyard Clear Up in early December. We were so lucky with the weather so we say an enormous thank you to all the regulars and "new" helpers, who turned out to help us.

Margaret Willoughby and Malcolm Wearn, Quainton Churchyard





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### Senior Citizens' Christmas Party 2021!

A BIG THANK YOU from the Quainton Senior Citizen's Christmas Party Committee....

The committee would like to thank everyone for coming to the party and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. It would appear that the change in format this year to being an afternoon tea was well received, with a lot of positive feedback.

As always, it takes an army of people to make it happen and we would like to thank everyone who came on the day to set up the hall, serve the afternoon tea and to clear up afterwards.

#### Thanks also to:

- \* The George and Dragon who made the cakes
- \* Fiona Ginger for the loan of the crockery
- \* Father Christmas
- \* North End Nurseries
- \* The Harvest Auction and the Christmas Float

Looking ahead: We have tentatively booked **Saturday 10th December** for the 2022 party. Put it in your new diaries now!



Photo by Mary McDermott



### **Quainton Parish Council**

Chairman: John Knox. Councillors Nick Butler, Michelle Robinson-Boyce, Nicolette Smith, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock

Clerk: E: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk T: 01296 655275

### The Chairman Reports

Firstly, let me wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope you have/had a wonderful Christmas. The Green was once again enlivened by the Christmas Tree and the post box has also joined in.

**HS2 Meeting** Now to items that have sadly dominated the past year and will continue into 2022. After almost a year of trying the village got its chance to make their voice heard on the HS2 plans for the Station Rd re-alignment on November 30th. The meeting was preceded on the issue of CPOs to residents who had no reason to expect them. Subsequently we learnt that obscurely the affected houses title curtilage includes the subsoil under the footpath and to the midpoint of the road. It is unacceptable that Carter Jonas, the HS2 agents, issued these without explanation as they rush to meet a February deadline for CPO's along the route.

**EKFB organised the meeting** as the HS2 contractor and but were unaware of the timing of the CPO's and their implication. They are telling HS2 that Carter Jonas must write to the affected houses explaining and hopefully apologising for their issue in the way they did.

That said the drawings of the proposal were brilliantly coloured but failed to let people understand where they were as the orientation was misleading and existing properties/landmarks were so greyed out as to be invisible. To add insult to injury the crucial part where the new road joins village was confined to a miniscule box with no defining features.

I was pleased that over 50 people attended as this was far greater than the total attendance at similar meetings held in nearby villages and confirmed the message about local concerns that I have been telling EKFB all year. Many questions were angry but the opening comment by Revd Steve Flashman poignantly and eloquently described the impact on the village in particularly mentally as well as the physical destruction. Although an important meeting for us HS2 see these meetings as box ticking exercises enabling them to meet their engagement obligations

Despite many promises **Bucks Highways** did not attend to publicly explain some of the changes they had originated or agreed with in preliminary discussions. Fortunately, our Councillor, Iain Macpherson arranged a meeting attended by a Highways planning officer, Cllr Peter Martin the deputy Cabinet member for HS2 and EKFB. Once again, I made clear that the re-instatement of the spur, the removal of the angled junction to reduce the risk of speeding and keeping the straight-ahead link of Quainton Rd were vital. Our MP **Greg Smith** has also been asked to meet with the Minister for HS2 about the CPO's and the new road changes.

Having been rebuffed several times I will not predict an outcome but remain hopeful that the Bucks Officers will be persuaded by our Councillors not to sign off on the S17 application as it stands although the HS2 restricts their ability to object in many respects. Any delay beyond the year-end target date I will view with cautious optimism.

HS2 Roads, these continue to play havoc with the movement round the Parish and the Station Rd/A41 junction will be closed overnight in January to complete the tarmac subject to weather. The road between the bridge and crossroads will be closed for 6 weeks from January as they strengthen the cover over our infamous weak water main where HS2 crosses. In years to come I dream of HS2 trains being stopped by Thames Water blue barriers as the main busts again! At present this work will overlap with UKPN 6 wk. work to relocate electricity in Snakes Lane which is also the official diversion for the former closure. Depressingly the water supply to Doddershall also has to be relocated and rumoured plans involve the whole of Snakes Lane before turning into Lee Rd to join the village supply.

Now a new candidate for the most hated utility/transport company – **Network Rail**. Ever since the weight limit was imposed 12 months ago, they seem disinterested in repairing it. Liaison people repeatedly say it is discussed at high levels but also say we are one of 30,000 bridges. Even though it will cease to be used by normal traffic, it is to have a hammerhead constructed under the HS2 Act to enable access to the Rail Centre's southern yard and the Winwood Trust's factory unit. I hear HS2 have taken over strengthening of the Addison Rd bridge near Steeple Claydon as NR seem to lack resources. I will therefore make this suggestion to EKFB for our bridge.

And it goes on. At the December Parish Council Meeting a resident told us horrifying stories of the **bus service**. The lack of service in Station Rd, the frequent closure of the diversion route along Station was no excuse for the incidents collated. Approx. 34 reports have been sent to Bucks and we will actively pursue them.

The **Bucks Gritting Service** told us proudly the steps they are taking to grit the bridge ramps with the aid of a banksman but then said they could not grit Snakes Lane - the bus route diversion – as it is too dangerous for the gritter.

The bridge closure sees many more **construction lorries** coming through the village, many forgetting to remove their HS2 boards causing further anger. In addition to the Barwell site on Station Rd there is now a site at Sloping Acre in Northend. The mud left on the road is of great concern and they have been asked to use a road sweeper by the PC, although there will always be a thin film which is of concern for road safety especially in freezing weather. We will also tackle them about the damage they are causing at the junction of Northend/Lee Rd.

After many disappointments, the **blocked drain** between Townsend and Northend should be tackled in December with the use of traffic lights. The Strand should also see repair in January with a road closure. There will be a gates man at New Rd to stop through traffic and allow residents through via the Church. Please tell your visitors so they do not get turned around.

So, 2022 beckons – plus ca change.

The next PC Meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> January at 8:00pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room. BUT this is subject to COVID restrictions.



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Jan Stiegeler

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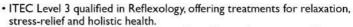
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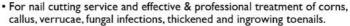
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#### 100 Club:

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

The December draw was held at the end of term and the winners are:

1st - # 67 Steve Barker Boyd 2nd - # 70 Laura Hyde 3rd - # 18 Trisha Aplin 4th - # 06 Cat Mohammed

There is a still time to buy a number for the remaining draws, for a one-off fee of £14 per number (£2 for each of the remaining 7 draws). If you would like to transfer the money to us, please use the reference: 100 Club plus your name. The PTA bank details are: Sort Code 40-52-40, Account no. 00060454. Please also send us an email to alert us that you have transferred the money to ensure we assign your number to you.

#### Christmas Fair & Raffle:

This month, despite the cancellation of the Christmas Fair, we were able to hold our Christmas raffle, and are grateful for donations from these local businesses and organisations:

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The Five Arrows

We are thankful for the support of the village this year and look forward to announcing our new goal for improving our village school in 2022.

Merry Christmas Quainton! Quainton PTA

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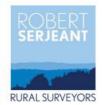
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### Queen's Green Canopy: Quainton Update

Over the past month of quite unpleasant weather, Jim Styles and Nick Heirons have cleared the copse of self-set or overgrown trees and used the brush cutter to trim down the long grass in preparation for planting. Jim also spent time clearing the area to be used as a seasonal pond.

Ed Turpin from BBOWT is going to help us prepare this in the new year. Thanks to those brave people who have pulled up some of the thistles – I am sure they multiply daily! Thanks to Paul Ormerod who has cleared some of the fallen branches in the hedges.

Two Acers, donated by Michelle Nixon and a silver birch donated by Larissa Thorne are being planted in the copse A red oak, donated by Celia and Christopher Prideaux has arrived and is currently being stored in my garage along with a Buckinghamshire Sheep's Nose apple tree (the same type as Marcus planted earlier in the year).

The red oak will be planted in celebration of the life of Prince Philip. All four of these trees will be registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy for Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee. You will have seen that the first tree registered in Quainton, a black poplar nicknamed Bob, has been planted on Mill Hill; we have received the virtual certificate.

We intend to plant the four specimen trees on Saturday18th December, (just after Quainton News goes to print). We will photograph them and then register them with the Queen's Green Canopy. At the same time, the other apple tree will be planted in the orchard. It will be good to get these trees planted before the orchard trees arrive.

I applied for 30 hedgerow trees and hedging plants from the Woodland Trust and these will be delivered in the spring.

Claire Lucas

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# Quainton Village Guide

Laurie Cooper



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### Festive Season at the George & Dragon

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in pub, coffee shop and grocers this last year - it is very much appreciated. In such a temperamental climate we are keeping our options open as to what we can offer in the new year, so please keep an eye on the board outside the coffee shop and our Facebook page for updates on our events and opening hours.

Merry Christmas from all of us at the George and Dragon

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Tuesday 28th:	12-2.30pm & 6pm-11pm	9am-12 noon
Wednesday 29th:	6pm-11pm	9am-12 noon
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> :	CLOSED	CLOSED
New Year's Eve:	12 noon-2.30pm & 8pm-1am	9am-1pm
New Year's Day:	5pm-9.30pm TBC	CLOSED
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan:	12 noon-3pm & 6pm-9.30pm	9am-3pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan:	CLOSED	CLOSED

Quiz Night: Monday 27th December See poster opposite!

#### VACANCY: LIVE-IN BAR MANAGER!

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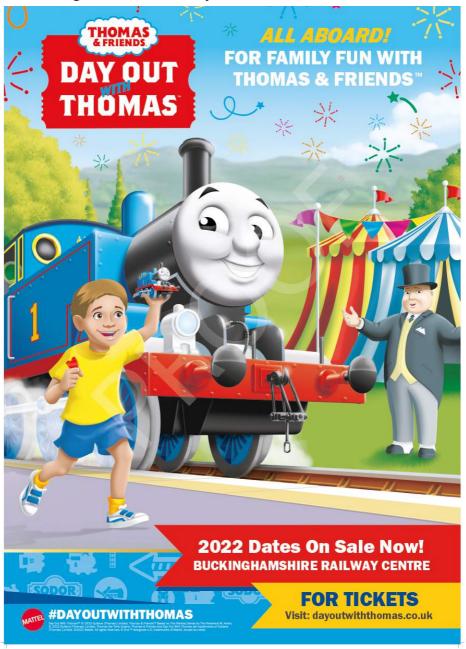
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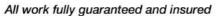
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### Local charity thanks their volunteers

Volunteers are key to Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, in helping the Charity raise funds through their network of shops and at their events, as well as supporting the work of the Hospice as Hospice Volunteers, Volunteer Drivers and Bereavement Support Listeners.

Vicky Harman, Volunteer Engagement Manager at the Charity says, "All our volunteers make an impact, and we are very grateful to them for their role in our recovery from Covid in reopening the shops, supporting events and opening up the services at the Hospice."

Volunteering offers an opportunity to gain new skills, meet new people, experience something different, as well as giving back to your local community. It can also help you develop your career by gaining valuable experience, build confidence and resilience and connect with other people.

Graham volunteers as a Hospice Driver, bringing patients to and from appointments at the Hospice, "Once you start volunteering, you are hooked. It's an absolute pleasure to volunteer and the people are all fantastic. I would highly recommend anyone thinking of volunteering to just do it and talk to other volunteers to find out how rewarding it is."

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It was THE topic of conversation the day we all woke up and found our postbox on The Green adorned with its very own Christmas hat! Although the artist hasn't made themselves known, we are to assume it is one of the highly creative members of the Quainton Crafty Knitwits!

Complete with Christmas tree, Father Christmas and a slightly over-heated snowman, the topper is finished off with a circle of baubles, oh, and a note...



The note says:

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### News from Buckinghamshire Railway Centre

After what has been a challenging year, we are pleased to report we've had a great time this Christmas (so far; fingers crossed for our final weekend!)

Our Panto Express weekends sold out and have seen many happy children and their families travel on our steam train, meet Father Christmas on the train, and then enjoy a 35-minute pantomime by professional touring theatre company, Gary Starr Pantomimes! It has been really lovely to see several Quainton families here, making the most of their 25% resident discount. Thank you to all our volunteers for making it happen, especially our young volunteer elves from Quainton School, who included Ellie and Madeleine, pictured below!

We're pleased to have a whole host of events planned for 2022, including our Days Out With Thomas (see p.25), plus we'll have Peppa Pig, PAW Patrol, Dinosaurs, our annual Spring Steam Gala, Bus Rally, Traction Engines, Classic Cars, Emergency Vehicles and lots more! We close after Christmas and re-open on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (plus Feb half term). More info next issue!









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Thank you to Melanie Curtis who helps me insert the regular copy; and to Cicely Davey who organises the advertising each year; and to Beth Vining who uploads it onto our website every month. Thanks also go to all our contributors, including: Mike who sends us the weather data; Steve, our vicar, who supplies all the information from our parish church; John Knox, our Parish Council Chairman, who provides two pages every month of detailed information from their PC meetings; and every other resident who sends something in − all the copy you send literally makes Quainton News the magazine it is <sup>⑤</sup> And to everyone who reads it (and lets me know they read it!) thank you − it makes all the late nights worthwhile! Your editor, Louisa x

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Temperature			Rainfall		
Maximum	14.3°C	9 <sup>th</sup>	Total for	21.5mm	
			month		
Minimum	-4.3°C	$28^{th}$	Wettest day	13mm	26 <sup>th</sup>
Average	2.4°C		Rain days	7	
Minimum			-		
Average	10.2°C		Dry days	23	
Maximum					
Highest	10.4°C	9 <sup>th</sup>			
Minimum					
Lowest	3.4°C	28 <sup>th</sup>			
Maximum					
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	32mph	27 <sup>th</sup>	Highest	1051hPa	22 <sup>nd</sup>
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**Quainton Village Life Facebook Page**: 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 & Selling Facebook page.

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Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin
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Sunday 9th Jan No Services in Quainton

6.00pm Joint Service for Plough Sunday at All Saints, Oving

**Sunday 16th Jan** 10.30am Family Communion

6.00pm Joint Prayer & Worship Service with Steve's Worship Band

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 6.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 30th Jan 6.00pm Evensong

### **PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES**

Funeral: Wednesday 15th December: Ronald Line

Funeral: Thursday 16th December: Marian (Mandy) Whiting

Funeral: Tuesday 21st December: Rob Turner

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	2 January	9 January	16 January	23 January	30 January
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Thank you to Malcolm Wearn for this photo of Holy Cross & St Mary's Church, taken on the first snowy morning in November. If you have taken a photo of our Church or its surroundings which you would like to see in print, please email it to me at: <a href="mailto:quaintonnews@gmail.com">quaintonnews@gmail.com</a>
Thank you, Louisa, Editor

### VILLAGE CALENDAR – DECEMBER/JANUARY 2022

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Father Christmas on his Float, from 4pm onwards, p.7

Midnight Mass, Church, 11.30pm, p.5

25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Celebration, Church, 10.30am, p.5

**27**th **Dec:** Pub Quiz, 7.30pm, p.22

1st Jan: New Year's Day Concert in Church, p.13

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Monthly Dog Walk, p.13 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: Coffee Mornings re-start, p.19

Beacon vote deadline (see December issue)

13th Jan: PC meeting, QMH, 8pm p.10

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