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THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Village Show with a Difference #2

We hoped it would be for one year only, but it turns out it will be two...

The second Village Show with a Difference, brought to you by Quainton

Gardening Society, will be held in a similar format to last year. Four children's classes, nine adult classes. No pre-registering, no entry forms, no fees. Simply turn up on the day, place your entries and enjoy the morning on The Green whilst the judging takes place. The perfect opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours. Full details on p.5.

Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

Expectations ran high. The nation held its breath. The heroic Lions battled to the end. Then came the dreaded penalty shootout. On 26th June, 1996, England Manager Terry Venables comforted Gareth Southgate after he missed a penalty, costing England the Semi Finals of the European Cup at Wembley. Global audience: 507million. On the 11th of July, 2021, now England Manager Gareth Southgate comforted Bukayo Saka, after he missed a penalty costing England the Finals of the European Cup at Wembley. Global audience: 845million.

When Gareth, the England Manager, was 16, he joined Crystal Palace, just around the corner from Spurgeon's College where I did my four years theological training. As a member of the youth team, Gareth was told to man up or get out. His manager, Alan Smith, recalls how after losing a match against a British Army Eleven, he spotted Southgate shaking hands with the opposition and thanking them. Smith called him in and said, "Gareth look, if I was you I'd become a travel agent because I don't think football's going to be for you, if you go on like this!"

These days Gareth leads the England Team with superb leadership skills, empathy and courage. They transformed our dreary days, into days of hope with the expectation of glory. So much pressure on them, with the world watching. But consistently he has shown care for the players, win or lose. A minority of the England fans didn't conduct themselves in such a worthy manner as we have seen on social media. Shame on them.

Bukayo Saka, who's penalty kick was saved by the Italian goalkeeper, will have his faith tested in the coming days. He said recently, "I was brought up in a Christian family. This always made me curious to get to know God more and I have done so by reading my Bible a lot and going to church a lot over the years."

Reheem Sterling, who has become one of the nation's heroes during this competition, is also open about his Christian faith often Tweeting Bible verses and statements like "Trust in Him" on Twitter, and has described in interviews how he prays before every match.

Football's history is intimately connected with the church. English clubs such as Everton and Fulham were founded by churches, fans chant songs such as "When the Saints Go Marching In", and the hymn "Abide With Me" is sung before every FA Cup final - the oldest cup competition in the world.

Olivier Giroud, the French forward, attends Holy Trinity, Brompton, the church led by Alpha founder Nicky Gumbel. The Chelsea striker has been seen wearing a t-shirt under his official kit with the slogan "Choose Jesus, eternal life." He has also shared his positive experience of attending the Alpha course on YouTube.

Seems that God gets in everywhere these days!

Blessings, Rev Steve

Reverend Steve Flashman, Vicar

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Welcome to the August/September 2021 issue



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Hello everyone,

Welcome to the summer issue of Quainton News. Finally, there are things happening in our village that we can get excited about!

No spoilers from me this month, there is too much to mention – you'll just have to sit back and read all about it!

Remember, there's no September issue, so I'll see you again in the October issue.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy the read,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Louisa".

News From Our Church:

- A new **Alpha Course** is starting in the autumn at the George & Dragon in Quainton – we will have a meal together and watch a video - more details coming.
- **Men's Breakfast.** The first one will be at 8.30am on Saturday 9th October at The George – Guest speaker, our very own, Ewart Watson on his escapades in the police force.
- **Community Choir.** Re-starts Friday 10th September, 10am at the Memorial Hall, Quainton and at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th September at Waddesdon Methodist Hall.
- **Bereavement Group** meeting at The Rectory, 27 Church Street – led by me initially – a time of mutual support and encouragement for all who have lost loved ones. Starting in the Autumn.
- **Parade Service:** Our uniformed organisations will be involved as part of our Sunday Morning service programme in the Autumn. The children and young people will take a large part of the service and parents will be invited to support them.

Contact Steve for further info on any of the above:

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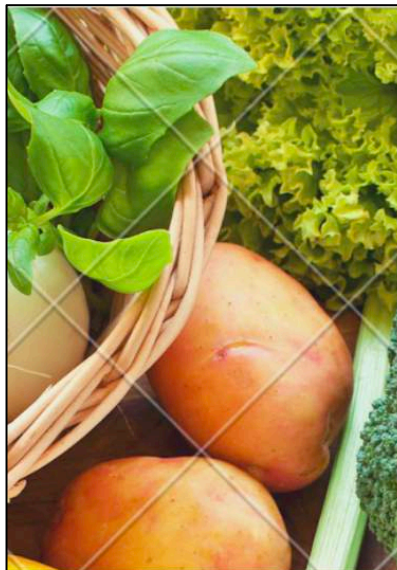
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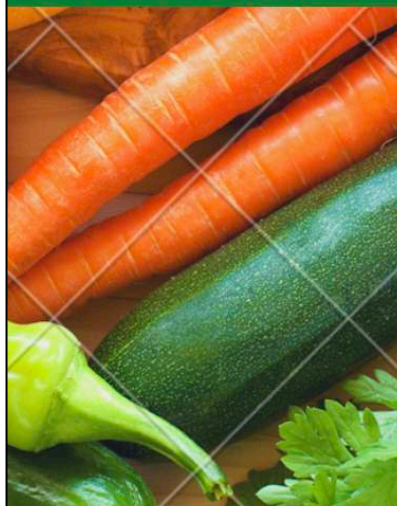


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1. POTATOES

Potatoes grown from a single potato in a bucket or pot, which is brought on the day, emptied and weighed

2. LARGEST SUNFLOWER HEAD

3. MINI SCARECROW

To be made from recyclable materials

4. FLOWERS IN A JAM JAR

Flower arrangement in a jam jar, weighted to avoid blowing over!

ADULT CLASSES

1. FLOWERS IN A JAM JAR

Flower arrangement in a jam jar, weighted to avoid blowing over!

2. LONGEST MARROW

3. 3 POTATOES (WEIGHED)

4. MOST MISSHAPEN VEG

5. LONGEST CARROT

6. LONGEST RUNNER BEAN

7. 2 COURGETTES*

8. 5 MATCHING TOMATOES*

9. PHOTOGRAPHY

Unmounted photo, 5"x7". Theme: Birds or Bees

**Classes 7 & 8: Can be any size but will be judged on exact match*

Entries to be brought 10-10.30am. Judging 10.30-11am. If wet, we'll be in the Village Hall. Come along, take part, meet your friends!



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Quainton Post Office August Opening Hours

Throughout August, the Post Office will only be open Mon 8-12:30, Tuesday 8-12:30, Weds 8-12:30, Thursday CLOSED, Friday 8-12:30 and Saturday 9-2. The shop will remain open during normal opening hours. Emma & Sarah

Quainton Support Network

The team of volunteers is still here to help. Prescriptions can be delivered to the Village Store (Waddesdon surgery) and for those 60+ residents' prescriptions are delivered (Whitchurch surgery) but if you have an emergency prescription, volunteers can collect from the surgery for you. Lifts can be arranged, particularly as the bus service is still limited by the bridge weight limit. If you have a hospital/dental appointment etc and need a lift please call.

Please note that although this group was set up in response to the effects Covid-19 had on our community, anyone in need of help can contact the group – requests do not have to be covid related.

Claire 655552 Louisa 655560.

COVID UPDATE – Government advice is currently:

- 1: Get vaccinated
 - 2: Self-isolate if you are told to do so
 - 3: Take a test even if you have mild symptoms
 - 4: Wear a mask in crowded and/or enclosed areas
 - 5: Check in when going out/eating out
 - 6: Open windows to help blow the virus away
 - 7: Meet outside wherever possible
 - 8: Test regularly
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Whitchurch WI Members' Garden Meeting

3.30pm Tuesday 3 August 2021



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Brian Chapman

Thank you so much to everyone who has been in touch to offer support and heartfelt messages of affection for my husband Brian who died suddenly on Monday 5th July after collapsing the previous day due to a brain haemorrhage.

Brian's funeral took place on Friday 23rd July at the crematorium on Watermead. He was an organ donor and I have received a letter saying three people have been given a better chance of life as a result (two kidney and one liver recipients). Also, we raised in excess of £650 for Thames Valley Air Ambulance in his memory. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch – it has been comforting hearing your messages of how he impacted your lives.

Chris Chapman



Quainton's Emma Clarke Shortlisted for Florists Award!

Quainton's very own floristry success story, Emma Clarke (nee Newman), who has opened her own florist in Bicester – Signature Flowers – has been shortlisted for an award at the British Florist Association Awards 2021. There are 11 categories and Signature Flowers has been shortlisted for the Retail Shop of the Year award. I checked the BFA website which tells me that there are 8,000 florist shops in the UK! Sounds to me like these awards are the Olympics of the Floristry World!

Nominations have been cast, those shortlisted were announced mid-July, and voting has now opened, and I'm sure Emma would appreciate some votes from her home town! Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BFAIAvotes2021>, go to the RETAIL SHOP category and choose Signature Flowers, Bicester. Voting closes on 6th September, finalists are announced on 11th October and winners are announced on 30th October. GOOD LUCK EMMA!

Quainton Guides



It is with a heavy heart that Sue Evans is resigning from Quainton Guides. There is currently no one in place to replace her, so we are calling for any volunteers who might like to carry on this important role within our village to come forward. Please contact Sue on 655381 asap. Thank you.



Quainton Parish Council

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

Clerk: E: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk

The Chairman Reports:

Parish Clerk: Firstly, you will note that the Clerk details have changed above. Unfortunately, Tony has had to give up the post. He joined us during last year's lockdown and nearly all the council meetings were conducted online making the job more difficult. We thank him for the effort and dedication he has put into the job during these past 9 months.

On August 1st Anthea Cass will be taking on the role of Clerk. She is connected to the village, but lives outside it and we will probably have to change the parish phone number to a mobile number.

Thefts from vehicles: There have been a number of thefts from vehicles reported in another popular medium. If this unfortunately happens to you, please report it to the Police. This enables them to react quicker to prevent future thefts and even catch those responsible. There is often a pattern with thieves coming from outside the area to target a village and then moving on to the next. They can come from as far as Birmingham or London.

HS2: A webinar was held on 14th July. I was unable to join for technical reasons. I am unhappy that this means is no substitute for a public meeting where both sides of the argument can be put. The changes they have made to the original plan result in more traffic to Bucks Railway Centre and the new housing development passing more houses. Their planning of the revised junction presupposes abnormal loads for BRC will have to cut the corner, which has to be unacceptable. Meanwhile, travelling to or from Waddesdon means travelling to the southern end of the new road rather than accessing a junction near to the existing crossroads as originally planned. Safety issues on the new road for pedestrians, a bus stop and the speed of vehicles coming off the new road into Station Rd are a major concern. Speed limits on a new open road will not be followed unless rigidly enforced.

I am still pushing for a public meeting, especially now that COVID restriction can no longer be used as an excuse and latest indications are September.

Berryfield Traffic Lights: Gone at last. The CCTV is to monitor traffic levels which I am confident will prove that the lights were never needed. The next fight is to stop them closing Blackgrove Rd and diverting all the traffic through Quainton and down Station Rd. I have been asking about this for the past 9 months, only to have it dropped casually as an afterthought in a fortnightly meeting. My reaction is not printable but I will continue to oppose this in the strongest terms.

Road Repairs and Drainage: I toured the area with Iain Macpherson, our Buckinghamshire Councillor, in mid-July so that he was better informed about the problems we face and so that he can better tackle TFB ensure that works are done sooner. In recent years many promises about drainage have not been kept or overtaken by winter flooding crises elsewhere. This year TFB have doubled the budget to £8m for drainage and gulley work recognising that there has been much neglect. Meanwhile our long-term problems continue to persist. The Willows has had much-needed extensive work done at last, and blockages were jetted and cleared in

Northend, Winwood Drive and the Strand. Past experience tells me that these will require repeat attention in 2 years' time. Major problems remain including the Strand where the road has to be closed to fully repair the damaged drain. Meanwhile the pothole expands. Other drainage problems include Townsend/Northend, two sites on Station Rd and the crossroads at Berryfields.

At a recent HS2/EWR meeting there was considerable criticism of Buckinghamshire Council for not fixing the roads while still arguing with HS2/EWR. This is a difficult one as there are large sums involved and HS2 are relying on surveys undertaken before work started which ignores the fact that many of these roads were never designed to take the weight of traffic that they are now seeing.

Elsewhere in HS2 Land: Work at the A41 junction is now not due to finish until December as Thames Water has insisted that extra work is taken to protect their fragile water main. It is unclear whether Station Rd will remain closed as there are concerns that three-way traffic lights may cause extensive jams on the A41.

There will be a new roundabout on the A41 by the construction site near Fleet Marston although this has now been delayed until September, and during July, 19 days were spent fencing in Great Crested Newts for relocation and the closure of the Edgcott Rd. If anybody was denied access to Finemere Wood please let me know as there is an undertaking to keep this open.

Please note there is an update on forthcoming road closures on the Quainton website. It changes as soon as we are informed and typically often sees works delayed.

Buckinghamshire have employed the first of two HS2 Marshals. He starts in August and will be familiarising himself with the area and problems. I look forward to meeting him and showing him around Quainton. His job will be to quickly respond to issues with HS2 and EWR. I will explain more after I have met him.

Skatepark: There have been a number of parties at the skatepark. Complaints have been minimal and given the importance for teenagers to socialise at this time in their lives, which have been severely limited by COVID, I would hope people remain tolerant. I am sure these events will not become a regular occurrence over the summer.

Planning: There was a planning meeting for parishes which illustrated the challenges faced. There are 1300 applications per month, up 36% but similar to other SE councils. They had 9 vacancies in the main planning area and currently some officers are handling over 100 applications. Strangely, they were unable to say what the proportion was of the total. There are a number of enforcement problems in our area and across the county there are 1600 open cases.

More recently we have received news that objections will no longer be viewable on the planning website after an instruction from Government citing GDPR. If true this is of great concern. The PC references other objections – particularly from the specialists such as Highways and Heritage.

NEXT MEETINGS: Thursday 12th August and Thursday 9th September, 8pm. Everyone welcome. Email: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk for further details.



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Quainton Golf Society



Barry Wooller Salver at Oxford Golf Club – 25th June 2021

Another fantastic turnout with 26 players competing for The Barry Wooller Salver over 27 holes rather than the usual 18.

As there were 2 players tied with the most points, the first place was decided by a count-back formula which saw John Lucas take the coveted Salver from Steve Barker-Boyd

| Position | Player | Pts |
|----------|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | John Lucas | 55 |
| 2 | Steve Barker Boyd | 55 |
| 3 | Ant Kelly | 52 |
| 4 | Andy Bradley | 49 |
| 5= | Chris Dowthwaite | 48 |
| 5= | Alan Hughes | 48 |

Our August event is 27 August at The Cotswold Golf Club, Chipping Norton and the September event is 24 September at Kirtlington Golf Club..

Do you play golf? If so, why not join Quainton Golf Society? We are friendly Society of golfers of varying standards and we meet monthly for events at local courses. An event usually consists of tea/coffee and bacon butties on arrival, 18 holes of golf in the morning, lunch and then a further 9 holes in the afternoon. The golf days take place on the last Friday in the month from March to October, with the exception of the Christmas event in December. At each event we play for a trophy which is awarded at the end of the season.

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

Quainton Monthly Dog Walk – Sunday 1st August, 5th September

We meet at 1pm at the top of The Green on the first Sunday of each month. Please do join us if you would like to enjoy a walk over the hill. (Dogs are not obligatory!) *Jan Stiegeler*

NEW Summer Lunch Menu at the Phoenix Kitchen, Claydon Courtyard

Chefs at the Phoenix Kitchen have a tasty new menu for you to try this summer. Dishes include: Bruschetta Caprese, King Prawn Po' Boy, Asian Style Udon Noodle Salad, Smashed Avocado, Broad Bean Pea & Feta Salad, Mac & Cheese Burger and Moroccan Chicken Burger. PLUS breakfasts, daily specials and sandwiches! All served between 12noon-3.30pm.

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2nd prize £20 Emma Rainbow
3rd prize £10 Roman Read
4th prize £5 Hazel Jacobs



Thank you for taking part! This is our last draw of the year. If you would like to continue to take part, please email us to let us know, quainton.pta@gmail.com

Wildflower Meadow & Community Orchard Fundraising Day with APPLE PRESSING



Sunday 26th September - 11am - 3pm on The Green

To raise awareness and fundraise for the Wildflower Meadow & Community Orchard

- Demonstration of apple pressing
- Tasting sessions
- Opportunity to buy freshly pressed apple
- Donations of apples gratefully received!

PLUS: Cake stall, Craft stall and Prize draw!

Pressed apple will be available to buy on the day for £3 a bottle or 2 for £5.

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What's going on at the G&D: August and September

Finally, we can put some dates in the diary, which is good news! August sees the return of events at the pub! Plus, we have a little bit of change regarding the grocers shop.

August:

Tuesday 10th August: Morris Dancing at 8pm

Saturday 14th August: Classic tractors on The Green from 3pm - let any friends know who have old tractors!

Saturday 21st August: BBQ & Cocktail Evening. This will be a ticketed event to include food and a cocktail.

September:

Saturday 4th September: Daz & Chave - the pub's very own band! Let this be a return of a full-blown Quainton knees up!

Sunday 12th September: The return of monthly Sunday night quiz!

Saturday 18th September: Classic Cars on The Green from 3pm – let friends and family know. Got a classic car – bring it along!

Sunday 19th September: Bingo returns!

Sunday 26th September: The return of open mic night, so any hidden Quainton talent can come and show off what you have been hiding from everyone.

Grocers:

As life is returning to normal, we are adapting to the change by switching to a click and collect system with the grocers, we will continue to be open from 9am–12 Friday and Saturday and will have a stock of produce as always for a couple of emergency items during normal coffee shop opening hours. Place your order over the phone, via email or in person. Orders must be placed by 3pm to be collected next working day after 11am

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us through these testing times and hope to continue to see you use the services we have implemented throughout the last 18 months.

Opening Hours:

Pub:

Tues: 5-9.30pm

Weds: 5-9.30pm (no food)

Thursday: 12-2.30pm / 5-11pm

Friday: 12-2.30pm / 5-11pm

Saturday: 12-11pm

Sunday: 12-3pm / 6-9.30pm

Lunch served: 12-1.45pm

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LOCAL SPECIES - BROCK THE BADGER

There's a lot of misinformation and "fake news" about badgers in the media these days and the "lunatic fringe" are having a field day. As with politics, it's best to heed the science and ignore the emotive claptrap if you can! Let's look at the ecology of the creature itself – an animal that has inhabited Britain for at least 250,000 years.



Photo credit WTML

The European badger (*Meles meles*) is part of the stoats, polecats, ferrets and pine martens. Male badgers are called boars, females are sows and the young are cubs. Unlike dogs and foxes badgers have five toes and very long, powerful claws, particularly on the front feet, which equips them well for their lifestyle of digging. (As well as for "uncurling" hedgehogs, as mentioned last month).

Badgers live in social groups of between six and up to twenty adults and spend about 70% of their time in systems of underground tunnels and chambers known as setts; some of which are centuries old and cover vast areas. Cubs are born in February in specific nesting chambers, lined with grass or bracken, within the core sett. Truly omnivorous, badgers eat everything from insects and earthworms to small mammals. Legally protected since 1992, populations have increased considerably and while a few badgers used to travel round field margins looking for food, nowadays large numbers are spreading everywhere as the search for food gets harder. The decline in hedgehog populations is almost certainly partly due to there being twice as many badgers competing for food as there were three decades ago. The same goes for the lack of bumble bees now. Ground nesting bees and wasps provide Brock with the ultimate delicacies – grubs and honey. Interestingly, badgers are one of very few animals who have enough fat in their cheeks to enable them to continue digging while being stung.

Fascinating animals but rather like Marmite; love them or hate them. They do spread TB in cattle and how to prevent the spread and resultant decimation of hugely valuable cattle herds is the current debate. Farmers going about their important tasks have also been known to be upset when their tractors and tackle have suddenly disappeared into the ground whilst unknowingly working above a badger sett. Some years ago, friends who had bought a delightful rural property not more than 15 miles from Quainton decided to install a grass tennis court at vast expense. Soon after, they returned from a short holiday to find that badgers had constructed a new sett underneath the court with the inevitable resulting earthworks. It is a serious crime to interfere with badger setts so that was the end of the tennis court.

So, many of us who are not directly affected by the growth and decline of species like badgers, bumblebees and hedgehogs for example are trying to sort facts from emotional (often misguided) information. Whatever your views, badgers will probably still be here long after the human race's apparent desire for self-destruction has run its course.

David Gladwin

Harry Wilder & Laura Christopherson

On a beautiful July day, the wedding took place between Harry, eldest son of Mr & Mrs John Wilder of Wallingford, Oxfordshire; and Laura, daughter of Mr & Mrs James Christopherson of Cross Farmhouse, Quainton. Due to family circumstances, the entire wedding, reception and



honeymoon were organised in just ten days. Held on Friday 9th July, the wedding ceremony took place at Holy Cross & St Mary's Church, Quainton, and was officiated by the Reverend Steve Flashman, who moved mountains for the family to obtain a special marriage licence from the Oxford Diocese.

The bride wore a stunning white jumpsuit from Italian fashion company, Max Mara, and fabulous blue satin shoes with silver buckles, and was attended by her honorary bridesmaid, Kiki, the family's Norfolk Terrier! The groom was attended by two best men, his younger brothers, Jamie and George Wilder.

The congregation and wedding party were treated to music from a string quartet from the Philharmonia Orchestra, led by Quainton's own Emily Massa; plus, the choral delights of Jennie Bruce, Carol Merchant and Alison Scagell. The bride and groom left the church in a white Rolls Royce 1936 Tourer called 'Brum', decorated with blue ribbons to match the bride's shoes. Quainton Church's flower arranger extraordinaire for many years, Marian Swain, kindly came out of retirement to arrange the beautiful flowers in the church and on the gates; and Quainton's Emma Clarke of Signature Flowers produced the bride's stunning bouquet, buttonholes and flowers at the reception. This was held at the Dinton Hermit, Ford, where the wedding party enjoyed a delicious lunch and were very well looked after.



Harry and Laura first met at Paddington Station on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend in May 2018, which was obviously a huge success, even though Laura was an hour late! Nearly three years later, on 3rd April 2021, Harry proposed to Laura at the top of

Mill Hill overlooking Quainton as the sun was setting. After their wedding, the new Mr & Mrs Wilder enjoyed a short honeymoon in Gibraltar.



Thank you...

We would like to thank all those people who helped put together the most amazing wedding in just ten days. Reverend Steve Flashman worked miracles and the Oxford Diocese produced a special marriage licence in record time. The church was kindly cleaned by Debbie Ormerod, Heather Ratcliffe and Jayne Williamson, whilst Jane Vowles roped in a team of bell ringers. Emma Newman at Signature Flowers created a beautiful bride's bouquet, buttonholes and flowers for the reception. Eric Wilson from Winwood Music drafted and printed the order of service sheets. Marian Swain came out of retirement to produce several stunning flower arrangements at the church. Emily Massa guided us on the choice of music, as well as led a highly talented string quartet from the Philharmonia Orchestra. The trio of singers: Jennie Bruce, Carol Merchant and Alison Scagell, provided some tuneful support during the hymns. Peter drove the wedding car hired from Regency Carriages in Westcott, whilst John Williams photographed the bride and her father outside our house and on The Green. Paul Tunncliffe drove the groom to the church in his classic car.

Afterwards, Maria and the team at the Dinton Hermit produced a delicious lunch with cheerful and attentive service. Thank you all!

Finally, we would like to thank our friends and neighbours who turned out to welcome the happy couple after the service and shower them with rose petals. We are truly lucky to live in such a kind and fun-loving community!

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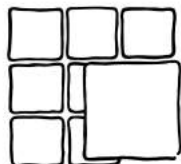
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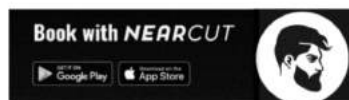
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Ramblings afar from Finemere Wood By Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

June is a time for repairs around Finemere Wood. As nature unfurls in all its summer glory, the volunteers turn their attention to a fencing project out in the meadows. A local farmer grazes sheep on these meadows, a mutually beneficial arrangement. Sheep help to control scrub and dominant plants, and thus the more delicate meadow flowers are given space to bloom. Each year these meadows are more diverse as a result. But good fencing is needed to keep the sheep in the areas where grazing is required.

Fortunately, I have some expert fencers in my team, and Judith is one of them. She knows her dragon bars from her monkey strainers and her flamingo bar from her spinning jenny. Petite, but mightily strong, she can be seen tackling trees or rolls of fencing wire many times her size. Judith has the biggest and most beautiful of smiles, there is much laughter when she is around and many an animated debate or discussion.

Judith spent her working life as a Civil Servant, enjoying a varied portfolio career. From a VAT inspector and a training officer to a policy advisor to ministers and everything in between. She spent time working in the Treasury which she greatly enjoyed. Now, much of her time is given over to volunteering for BBOWT. In recent weeks she has taken on the position of Bucks Reserves representative on the Volunteer Voice Forum, a perfect candidate for this role. Alongside this, Judith leads work parties at College Lake, as well as volunteering at the Upper Ray Reserve.

A key player in the Finemere team, Judith has been there since its inception eight years ago. So why has she kept coming back throughout this time? "The peace and beauty of this wonderful place, and the feeling you get that it is timeless. It was here long before any of us, and (hopefully) will be here long after we have gone. Somehow that makes me feel more optimistic for the future. And the lovely people naturally!"

Favourite Finemere activity? "Everything" is her response, even pulling ragwort, "but if I had to choose one thing it would probably be the work we did to uncover the old drovers track and watching as that area has come back to life. And the work we now do every year to keep it that way. But I love fencing... of course!" Judith captures the magic of working in this bewitching place in her answer "The thing I love the most is the rhythm of the tasks in line with the seasons, it makes you feel even more in touch with the natural world."

Her favourite wildlife species is the swift, the harbinger of summer, "it's amazing that they spend nearly their whole lives on the wing and fly so far to get here to breed. I was lucky enough to watch them up close when we lived in a house where they nested in the eaves."

So what does Judith get up to when not out in the depths of a BBOWT reserve? She plays the flute, having taken up the challenge to learn an instrument at the age of 50. Very recently she could be heard playing in an outdoor concert where there was heavy rain and flyaway sheet music to contend with. She cooks, she reads, and in pre-Covid days enjoyed summer holidays abroad.

A remarkable woman in so many ways. "Tell me something about yourself that not many people know," I ask. "When I was about 10 years old, I was featured in the ITV children's TV programme "Seeing Sport" having my ice skating lesson!!" A film star as well, what can I say?

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| Minimum | 3.3°C | 22nd | Wettest day | 24mm | 18th |
| Average | 11°C | | Rain days | 9 | |
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| Average | 21.8.2°C | | Dry days | 21 | |
| Maximum | | | | | |
| Highest | 15.3°C | 10th | | | |
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| Lowest | 12.9°C | 18th | | | |
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| Wind | | | Pressure | | |
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VILLAGE SERVICES

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

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.

Quainton Oil Group: Residents wishing to receive regular deliveries of heating oil on group negotiated terms from Lovell Fuels should phone 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: Online: www.booking.quaintonmh.co.uk. Or call Deb Barker Boyd on 655379 or email: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com
To report noise/nuisance only at weekends call 07704 851945.

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

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

Refuse & Recycling Collections for August/September:

| AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Mon 2 nd Aug | - - - | Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin |
| Mon 9 th Aug | Mon 6 th Sep | Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin ** |
| Mon 16 th Aug | Mon 13 th Sep | Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin |
| Mon 23 rd Aug | Mon 20 th Sep | Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin ** Brown Garden Waste Bin ** |
| *Tues 31 st Aug | Mon 27 th Sep | Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin |



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|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday 1 st August | 8:00am | BCP Holy Communion |
| | 10:30am | Family Service with Baptism |
| | 6:00pm | Evening Prayer |
| Sunday 8 th August | 6:00pm | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 15 th August | 6:00pm | Evensong |
| Sunday 22 nd August | 6:00pm | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 29 th August | 6:00pm | Taize Service |
| Sunday 5 th September | 8:00am | BCP Holy Communion |
| | 11:00am | Deanery Service, Waddesdon |
| Sunday 12 th September | 6:00pm | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 19 th September | 10.30am | Family Service |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong |
| Sunday 26 th September | 6.00pm | Holy Communion |

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Wedding: 9th July Laura Christopherson & Harry Wilder

CHURCH ROTA FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

| | 1 August | 8 August | 15 August | 22 August | 29 August |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Altar Flowers | Jayne Williamson | Celia Prideaux | Sonia Taylor-Lane | Sarah Williams | Ann Parrott |
| Pedestal Flowers | Fiona Morrison | Maureen Mitchell | Maureen Mitchell | Emma Clake | Emma Clarke |
| Church Cleaning | Fiona Morrison; Helen Ratcliffe; Sarah Fenemore | | Sharyn Buck; Linda Chapple; Venetia Dalton | | Sheila Hammond; Claire Lucas; Carol Merchant |
| | 5 September | 12 September | 19 September | 26 September | |
| Altar Flowers | Stella Clarke | Venetia Dalton | Susie Christopherson | June Hanson | |
| Pedestal Flowers | Janet Thompson | Janet Thompson | Viv Craker | Viv Craker | |
| Church Cleaning | Sheila Hammond; Claire Lucas; Carol Merchant | Lesley Tarbox; Marilyn Beales; Louise Woodruff-Thomas | | Carol Cooper; Margaret Willoughby | |



A wedding! What joy! And most definitely deserving of this month's Favourite Church Photo! This delightfully happy shot of the newly married Mr & Mrs Harry Wilder being sprayed with rose confetti was taken by their photographer, Alex Lloyd. (See p.20/21 for full report.) 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: quaintonnews@gmail.com Thank you, Louisa, *Editor*

VILLAGE CALENDAR – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021

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- 7th August:** Quainton School PTA Bingo Night, QMH, p.27
- 12th August:** PC Meeting, see p.11
- 4th September:** Village Show, 10am, p.5
- 9th September:** PC Meeting, see p.11
- 9th September:** Coffee Morning re-starts, p.7
- 10th September:** Community Choir re-starts, QMH, 10am, p.3
- 26th September:** Emergency Services & Community Day, BRC, p.23
- 26th September:** Fundraising Event for Wildflower Meadow & Orchard, p.15

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