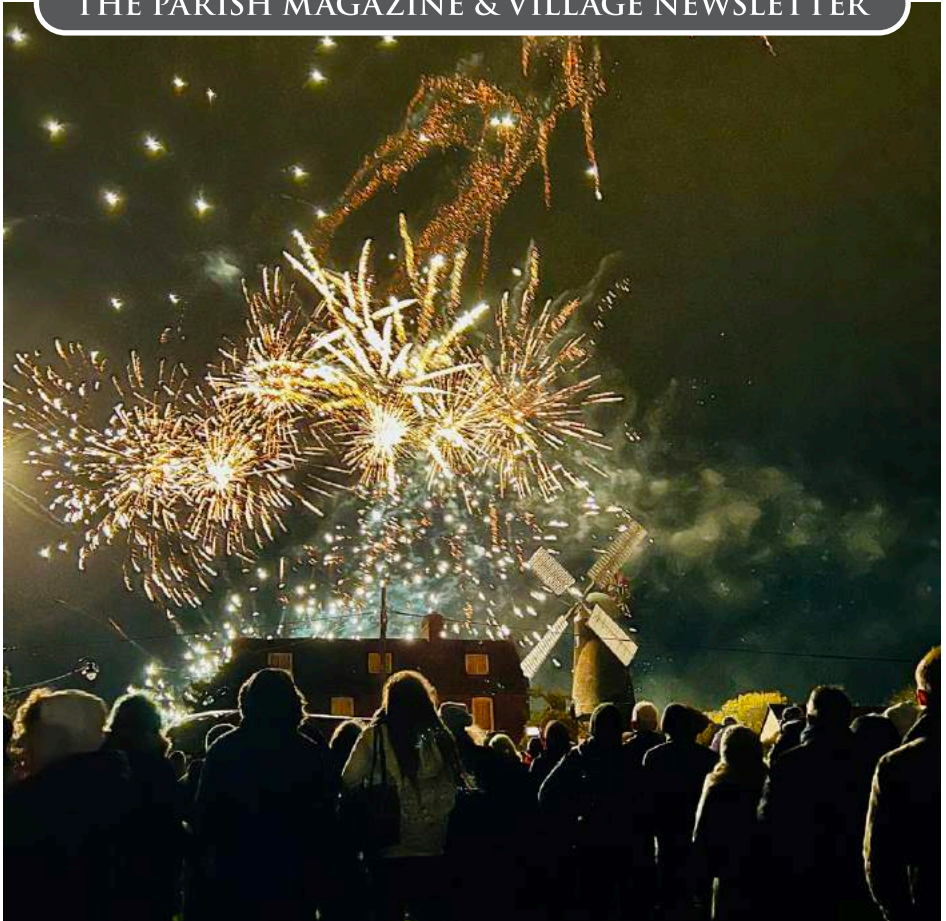


# QUAINTON ·NEWS·

THE PARISH MAGAZINE & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



## Quainton Bonfire & Fireworks Night

Saturday 5th November from 6pm on The Green, see p.5.

*Photo from Bonfire Night 2021 by Max Newman*

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



Dear friends,

Sarah and I have been here in Quainton for six years. I know it's a cliché, but doesn't time fly! I remember being totally shocked when I heard, after two days of interviews, that I was being offered this House For Duty post as Team Vicar looking after All Saints, Oving with Pitchcott and Holy Cross and St Mary, Quainton. I was shocked because moving into a traditional rural parish with a shaved head and earring seemed to be not the done thing! But here we are. We spent a lot of time getting to know the villages and the wonderful people in these parts and soon developed supportive relationships with new friends and neighbours. Quainton Church has such an amazing heritage and I am committed to conserving the significant historical monuments, artefacts and architecture of this beautiful building.

### Community Larder

I am aware that there are numbers of people in our village who are struggling with the rising costs of utilities and food. So we are operating a Community Larder in the Church which is available for all during daylight hours when the church is open. If you would like to donate non-perishable food to help fill our Larder, please bring what you can and place it on the servery at the back of the church. If you need help to put food on the table, please feel free to come and help yourself at any time.

The Church calendar is as busy as ever at this time of year. On Sunday 6th November we have a Memorial Service for those we have loved and lost. Do come and light a candle for a loved one. Remembrance Sunday is 13th November at 3.00pm and on Sunday 20th we have Choral Evensong at 6.00pm. We are looking for more choir members to join in – how about you? We start the Advent Season with our annual Advent Carols at Whitchurch on Sunday 27th November at 6.00pm and the following Sunday Christmas starts in Quainton with our Christmas Praise and Worship Service at 6.00pm

In the November 2016 edition of Quainton News, I concluded by opening letter with these words: "I'm loving living in Quainton. What an amazing place. What amazing people. I told the story above, because I wanted to come clean about my faith. I couldn't do the job I do, without having a passionate belief in a God who brings hope. I know life is not always easy, and questions sometimes go unanswered, but I have had enough life experience to know about suffering and pain, tragedy and loss, as well as the joys and delights of a life filled with meaning. The Christian message shouts loudly that hope is stronger than despair, peace is stronger than war, love is stronger than hatred and life is stronger than death. Take the journey with me." I am still passionate about the mission and ministry of the church in the community. Why not come and join our team? Blessings,

Rev Steve

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## WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor  
quaintonnews@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

Well, November is all about Bonfire & Fireworks Night and Remembrance Day; and luckily, our little village seems to do both well. Details about both are inside as well as plenty of other information to fill the usual pages of our village magazine. Christmas events are listed too, so get those diaries out and save some dates!

Enjoy the read,

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

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

A poster for Remembrance Sunday. It features a black and white photograph of a World War I soldier in a trench, wearing a peaked cap and holding a megaphone to his mouth. The background shows a sunset or sunrise over a battlefield.

# Quainton Church

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

13TH NOVEMBER  
3.00PM

We promote the work of the Royal British Legion who support the most vulnerable in our society, be it older veterans that they care for, those who suffer from social isolation, or are simply overwhelmed by the challenges associated with the cost-of-living crisis.

A poster for Christmas Praise and Worship. It features a dark background with a large white circle in the center. Silhouettes of the Three Kings on camels are visible against the circle. The text is in various colors and fonts.

All Welcome To  
**Quainton Church**  
*Christmas Is Coming*  
**PRAISE**  
*And*  
**WORSHIP**

*Steve on guitar, Sarah on keyboards  
Ruth & Anna on flute, Clive on bass guitar,  
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**Sunday 4th December, 6.00pm**

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## Quainton Bonfire & Fireworks 2022!

### Saturday 5th November

The Fireworks committee is aiming to put on a fabulous bonfire and firework display on Saturday 5th November and ask that you all come out and support this fabulous, traditional village event, organised by a group of six village residents. They have arranged for Illusion Fireworks, who are the British Firework Champions, to come and wow us all!

There will be various food stalls, including Quainton Sports Club BBQ; and Quainton School PTA will be running the bar, so do support these village organisations.

The committee is mindful that fireworks produce noise which may unsettle certain animals. We believe that having a single event for the whole village at a set time does reduce the number of family events which would otherwise occur all over the village at varying times over the weekend.

They aim to light the fire around 7pm, with the 12 minute display starting as the fire dies down after 20-25 minutes. We hope this guidance on the timings will allow you to make provision to take care of your animals.

The entry cost is £6 and wrist bands are available in the village shop. It's one of the best events in the village calendar so don't miss out! See you there!

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## Thank you!

Last month I hosted a Macmillan coffee morning in the Memorial Hall. Although I hoped that it would be popular and help in some small way with the fantastic work Macmillan do for people like me who are living with cancer, I could not have imagined it being the success that it was.

So far, the coffee morning, cake sales, raffle and online donation page have raised £6,105 for Macmillan Cancer Support, and donations are still coming in.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make it such a success. *Angela York*





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## Quanton Senior Citizen's Christmas Party 2022

We are holding the Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Party on Saturday 10th December, 2022 at Quanton 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 25th November 2022. *(Unfortunately we cannot accept any late slips or telephone calls this year).*

**We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 10th December.**

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](mailto:lindachapple@talktalk.net) or phone 01296 790540

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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: .....

## Whitchurch WI

Meeting at St John's Church Hall,  
Whitchurch on Tuesday,

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## Timely Debut Novel from Quainton Resident

Chris Hammonds has written dozens of short stories, but 'Dodgson's Dodo' is his first published novel, and if you are someone who cares about our planet and its future this is a book to give you food for thought. But if that sounds very serious, this is fiction and there's plenty of adventure and fun to keep you entertained.

It's the story of six characters, all birds, but this is not a children's story. It's definitely for grown-ups! What begins as a quirky woodland tale evolves into a challenge to the mismanagement of the environment by humans, and their abuse of power over all other species. There's banter between the birds, information about the natural world; there's serious debate and there's satire. It's a story that takes the birds on an unlikely but intriguing journey from woodland to Westminster.

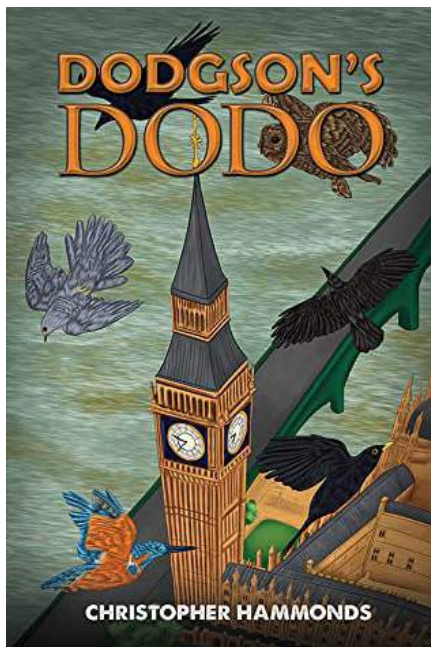
The title refers to the fact that Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) immortalised the otherwise extinct dodo in 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. The dodo was yesterday's bird, but what will be the fate of tomorrow's birds, of tomorrow's humans and of our fragile, suffering planet?

The hero of 'Dodgson's Dodo' is a feisty rook, Rachel, who plays a smart role in this fascinating and imaginative story. All the birds are real characters, and everyone reading it will be both entertained and better informed. It's witty and memorable, but above all it's topical and relevant. Its message is urgent.

Chris has lived and worked in several different countries, but has been a Quainton resident for a number of years. He has three children and eight grandchildren, and 'Dodgson's Dodo' is dedicated to his grandchildren and to all the other grandchildren of the world. After all, the planet we inhabit will belong to them, and it's our responsibility as adults to change the way we operate if the planet they inherit is to be the worthy and beautiful place it should be.

For anyone with an interest in nature, environmental issues, society, language, the big wide world – this could be your way into several hours of pleasurable and worthwhile reading. 'Dodgson's Dodo' is available from Amazon in hardback, paperback and for Kindle.

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## QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



**Chairman:** Nicolette Smith. **Vice Chair:** Nick Butler

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

**One position vacant:** <https://quainton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf>

**To contact the council** use the Contact Form on the website: <https://quainton.org.uk/contact-us> or contact the clerks by email on: [parishclerk@quainton.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@quainton.org.uk)

### Parish Council lines of Communication:

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

Physical message boards on the Green and at the Memorial Hall

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

Subscribe to the Quainton Alert email list to receive up to date weather warnings and other important information via [parishclerk@quainton.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@quainton.org.uk)

The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 13th October 2022.

Next meeting: Thursday 10th November 2022 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

**SKATEPARK:** MEETING Thursday 27 October at 7:30pm at The George & Dragon.

We will be taking steps to form a working group to design the new skatepark to include a MUGA and obtain quotes to get the work done. **THE SKATEPARK IS STILL CLOSED!!**

People using the skatepark whilst it is out of service you are NOT covered by the Parish Council insurance. If you're interested to help build the next Quainton Skatepark and perhaps a MUGA, please join the group: [www.facebook.com/groups/quaintonskatepark/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/quaintonskatepark/)

**THE GEORGE & DRAGON PUB:** The Steering Committee continue to meet on a weekly basis and progress is being made to formulate a business plan. If you wish to be on the email list or get involved, please send an email to the CAG email address: [pub.info@quainton.org.uk](mailto:pub.info@quainton.org.uk) There will also be updates on the website: [www.quainton.org.uk/action-group-george-and-dragon](https://www.quainton.org.uk/action-group-george-and-dragon) and on the Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeAndDragonCAG>

**CHOW:** Apple pressing day held on 24th September, raised £371.08 in total. CHOW have been awarded a grant from the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board after all and will now buy a brush cutter and safety equipment for maintenance work. A wheelchair accessible bench will be ordered. The rest of the orchard trees will be planted in December, including Alan's Apple Tree and a tree dedicated to Miss Hall. CHOW are also looking to buy some wildlife cameras. Follow progress on CHOW and offer your help and support via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321040946212772>

**QUANTON VISION:** We're compiling a list of projects that we would like to see happening in the community.

The skatepark and MUGA are two things, other suggestions are:

More public footpaths that connect to each other, cycle paths, EV charging points, more parking spaces, a new pavilion on the Sports & Recreation Grounds with facilities for changing rooms, showers, toilets, a sports bar with 'Sky Sports', more community events.

What Vision do you have for our community?

What would you like to see improved?

Are there any activities that you miss?

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

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**Bus Service / Station Road Bridge / HS2:** This is now under the newly formed Quanton HS2 Forum with our Ward Councillors Iain Macpherson and Phil Gomm.

Network Rail are now expecting to take down the old bridge in September 2023 and then build the new bridge. We are still assuming that works will be carried out and finished by November 2023.

We keep on campaigning for our improved bus services. The bus time table can be found here: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/media/4518148/16-red-rose-travel-may-2022.pdf>

The Quanton Emergency Team is available to help people get to appointments.

Any issues with HS2 contact their Helpdesk: Freephone: 08081 434 434 Minicom: 08081 456 472, Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

Please email them and copy [parishclerk@quanton.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@quanton.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.

**ROADS: The Willows** (Quanton to Blackgrove Road) and **The Strand** are on the list for a plane & patch treatment next year! The roads have been 'Velocity patched' in the summer which has improved conditions slightly and will hopefully hold up over the winter months.

**Snake Lane / Fidlers Field:** we are waiting to see if HS2 can release more funds for consequential damage repairs, the Local Area Technician has reported that the road is subject to a more routine, once a month inspection regime, instead of an annual routine inspection. So over the coming months we will be able to keep on top of the situation and keep the road safe at least.

**Road Closures:** what we know is coming in October, November, December and beyond (subject to change):

Station Rd: Bridge to Junction	06 Oct - 30 Sep '23	Full Closure
Station Rd: South, Jnt to A41	28 Sep - 21 Oct '22	Full Closure
North End Rd (nr Nurseries)	17 Sep - 21 Oct '22	Traffic Control
Lawn Hill (Shipton Lee/ Edgcott)	10 Oct - 25 Oct '22	Full Closure
Station Rd North (nr 62)	18 Oct - 20 Oct '22	Traffic Control
Station Rd North (nr 110)	18 Oct - 20 Oct '22	Traffic Control 2-way
Lower Street (nr Station Rd Jnt)	19 Oct - 25 Oct '22	Traffic Control 2-way
Quanton Rd (in Waddesdon)	22 Oct - 28 Oct '22	Full Closure (Half Term)
Waddesdon High St (A41)	17 Oct - 09 Dec '22	Traffic Control multi
Blackgrove Rd	07 Nov - 13 Nov '22	Full Closure
Bicester Rd A41 (nr Creighton Rd)	14 Nov - 05 Dec '22	Traffic Control multi
Station Rd North (nr 151)	05 Dec - 09 Dec '22	Full Closure
Claydon Road (Lee Rd/Shptn Lee)	12 Dec 2022	Full Closure
Bicester Rd A41 (nr Creighton Rd)	14 Nov - 05 Dec '22	

**Future dates in 2023**

Lee Road (nr Snake Ln Jnt)	11 Jan '23 9:30-15:30	Full Closure
Bicester Rd A41 (nr On Yer Bike)	09 Jan - 27 Mar '23	Traffic Control Lights
Bicester Rd A41 (nr Creighton Rd)	26 Mar - 14 Apr '23	Traffic Control Lights
Bicester Rd A41 (nr Lodge Garage)	13 Apr - 27 Jun '23	Traffic Control Lights

Please check <https://one.network/> for updates as they happen, emergency closures may not show up. Some additional weekend work may also take place. Due to circumstances outside of the workers and planners control, such as weather, these dates may be subject to change. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and QVL group as well. We do our best to keep you all updated as, when and where possible.

**Keep Reporting** – We continue to report issues with our roads on FixMyStreet and follow up with Buckinghamshire Council on our list of roads that needs repairs. Please keep reporting and let us know if there are concerns.

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## Quainton School PTA News

Quainton School PTA has re-launched its 100 Club - first draw will be in November. Contact us to buy a number and be in with a chance win one of 4 cash prize each month over the next 9 months. £18 buys you a number, £36 buys you two...this is an easy way to support your local school!

### We're selling Christmas trees this year!

If you like to buy a British grown, sustainably sourced real Christmas tree combined with supporting the school, then you can do just that through the PTA this year. We will be selling trees at the school on 2nd, 9th and 16th December with 50% of the profit coming directly back to the PTA! So please support this enterprise and come to the school at 3pm on one of these dates to select your tree. Alternatively you can contact us with your requirements and we will select one on your behalf. We are offering delivery to the local area for a small extra charge.

Options will be:

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Premium Frasier Fir 6/7 ft

Premium Blue Spruce 6/7 ft

Pot grown Norman non drops 3-5 ft

Pot grown Blue Spruce 3-5 ft

Blue Spruce tape tree 2 ft

Look out for more information and pricing soon. Quainton PTA is a small band of volunteers looking to raise funds to the support the extracurricular activities and learning environment of the children at Quainton Primary School. We can be contacted on [quainton.pta@gmail.com](mailto:quainton.pta@gmail.com)



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## Flowers for the Queen

Thank you to Ruth and Graham Newman for donating these beautiful flowers around the north porch of our church. They look really lovely – thank you!



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**Dates:** 26/27th November (an extra Early Bird discount has been added to this weekend), 3/4th December, 10/11th December, 17/18th December.

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If you regularly pass the windmill in Quainton it quite reasonable to assume there are windmills in many villages in this country. However, this is certainly not the case.

The Mills Archive report there are only 40 working windmills in the UK, and Quainton village is privileged to have one of them. Indeed, ours has a lot of the original machinery from 1832 still in place which makes it even more special.

### Who Will Take the Best “Fireworks With The Windmill” Photo this Year?

If you put your favourite photo of this year’s fireworks on Quainton Village Life Facebook page, the Windmill team will post all the images on the Quainton Windmill’s Gallery page, alternatively mail them to [gallery@quaintonwindmill.org](mailto:gallery@quaintonwindmill.org) You will be able to enjoy and compare all the splendid images, and then vote for your favourite three. A prize will be given for the best photo.



### Christmas Music and Mince Pies at the Windmill



Once again for the first three Sundays in December there will be mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas music provided by The Windmillers’ Ukulele group (4th Dec), The Marsh Gibbon Silver Band (11th Dec) and The Ukulelean’s (18th Dec).

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## Passing the brush – Mick Simmonds to retire!

M. Simmonds Decorating Services is a well-known and respected, local, family business. Run by founder Mick Simmonds, it has grown over the past 42 years from a one-man operation into a successful family firm, with Mick's brother Graham and son Matt now taking on more prominent roles. Mick Simmonds has been at the helm of M. Simmonds Decorating Contractors for the past 42 years.

Mick and his wife Kay moved to Quanton in 1988 and both their children, Emily and Matt, were born in Quanton; Matt was born in 1994 and he still lives at home!

Mick started young and, with Kay, built the business up from scratch. He recently celebrated his 60th birthday and has decided that it's time to step aside and allow his son Matthew and brother Graham to take over the reins and fulfil their own ambitions in running the Simmonds family business.

"Although I am not completely retiring just yet, I am moving to the back office from May 2022, to take on more of an advisory role. Graham and Matt are to continue their roles as business partners and will take full responsibility for the day-to-day activities and general running of the business. It's a plan that we've been working on for the past four years, to give Graham and Matt time to adjust and ensure there's a smooth transition period before myself and Kay fully retire. We will remain directors, but more 'silent directors' than our current hands-on role. We are starting the process of slowing down and taking a back seat, but plan to be around for a couple more years, so can help and assist Graham and Matt in an advisory role, before taking full retirement in two years' time."

"Matt (centre) is now 27 and has worked for the company since he left Waddesdon School at 16. He completed his apprenticeship and for the past 11 years has grafted alongside the other lads gaining their respect. He has certainly proved himself – he's very popular with our customers, he's a vital part of the team and he's now ready to take a step up the ladder and work alongside his Uncle Graham, running the family business."



"My younger brother Graham Simmonds (left) has worked with me for more than 30 years. He learnt his trade working for a carpentry firm in Dinton when he first left school and is now a highly skilled and respected carpenter, a man who takes extreme pride in his work and a Mr Fix-It, capable of doing jobs that are beyond what most would tackle. Graham has always been popular with both customers and work colleagues and has all the experience and knowledge required to take the family business forward."

"I am lucky and blessed to have worked for and with so many wonderful people from all walks of life during my 42 years in business and although I am looking forward to retirement, I will miss them all as well."

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# Quainton Gardening Society

## AGM Notification

Dear QGS Members & Quainton Residents,

Thank you for your continued support this year and for making the outings to Coton Manor (pictured below) and Howes Flower Farm such a success. There were many great contributions & entries to the Annual Produce Show despite the difficult growing conditions this year and of course the plant sale at the Memorial Hall.



We do hope you will be able to attend the up coming AGM on Monday 21st November, starting at 7pm in the Memorial Hall with a talk from Peter of Preston Bissett Nurseries on Winter Colour and Bulbs and afterwards the formal element of the AGM. This is free for QGS members and there will be a £2 charge for non-members (or you can spend that on becoming a member. Membership secretary will be taking new memberships and renewals on the evening).

Please come and 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.

Best wishes, Allan Carter, Chairperson

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### 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

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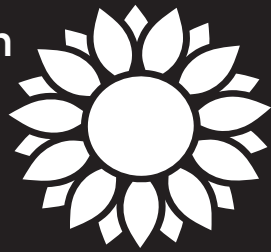
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It will also be a great addition for their visitors on Steaming Sundays and special event days, but this is an exciting development in their bid to become more accessible to those who would like to visit the centre during the week, when the Railway Café, Visitor Centre, play area and gift shop are now open, with no entry ticket required.

Mid-week visitors to the Railway Café can enjoy good value breakfasts and lunch options, with

drinks, cake and other snacks available; they are able to wander around the stunning glass-roofed visitor centre, gift shop and the close vicinity outside, which now includes a brand-new wooden play area with lots of seating nearby for parents and carers to sit and keep a watchful eye. The indoor café seating area is huge and there are plenty of tables with

space for groups to meet, including families with buggies, cyclists with their bikes (which can be brought safely inside) and walkers with their dogs.

The Railway Café, visitor centre, play area and gift shop are open Monday-Friday 9.30am-1.30pm, all year round (no entry fee). The play area has been built thanks to a grant awarded by Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board.

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## Quainton Golf Society

In September we had the annual Captain's Day event at Silverstone to mark the end of Terry Curtis's year of Captaincy and the hand over to Vince Hemsley for his Captaincy in the next 12 months. Roger Simms will be Vince's Vice-Captain and then Captain for the 2023-24 season.



In the main competition for the Captain's Cup there were a couple of in-round retirements, but the remaining 15 players battled gamely through the late rain. Scoring was pretty good in the circumstances and the victor was Chris Dowthwaite with a fantastic 38 points given the deteriorating conditions, beating Mark Carter (35) into second place. The top five were as follows: -

	Captain's Cup	Strokes rec'd	Points
1st	Chris Dowthwaite	19	38
2nd	Mark Carter	9	35
3rd	Vince Hemsley	14	32
4th =	Neil Mack	20	31
4th =	Darren Knibb	13	31

Our next event is Studley Wood on Friday 9th December for our 18-hole Xmas event starting at 10:30am. A full English breakfast will be available from 09:30am and after the golf a 2 course Christmas dinner will be served.

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

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## A CELEBRATION CONCERT



To conclude its 90th year, Aylesbury Choral Society will give a concert at St Mary's church, Aylesbury, on Saturday 3rd December at 7.30 pm. The programme consists of a Christmas Oratorio by Saint-Saens, with words from the Nativity story in St Luke's gospel. That is followed by Benjamin Britten's popular Ceremony of Carols, a choral setting of a collection of medieval carols.

Tickets at £16 (£6 for under 18s) are available from members or via the website [www.aylesburychoral.org.uk](http://www.aylesburychoral.org.uk). Please support us on this enjoyable occasion. Season Tickets also available (three concerts) for £45 (£16 under 18s) with additional ticket holder benefits (see our website for details)

The Society welcomes new members. Join us at the Church on Fairford Leys for our Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7.30 to 9.30. We shall be rehearsing "Creation" by Haydn in January for a concert performance at St Mary's on Saturday 1st April 2023.



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## A Greenway Forward

Currently, residents in the Claydons can find it daunting to cycle between local villages or to Buckingham and Winslow due to fast moving traffic on our winding country roads. With the current high prices for petrol and diesel, and expected rises in the future, we are being encouraged to find greener ways to travel for journeys with a distance of 6 miles or less.

Claydon Cycling Club are excited to announce we are working with Greenway and Cycleroutes Limited, a charity set up to help local communities develop walking and cycling routes.

We have been invited to collaborate on the Buckinghamshire Greenway Project, an accessible, high-quality active travel route, connecting people and communities running the full length of the county.

The project already has a fully operating route between Wendover and Waddesdon, with the additional cycleway being added to join Colne Valley Park in the South, to Brackley in the North of the county.

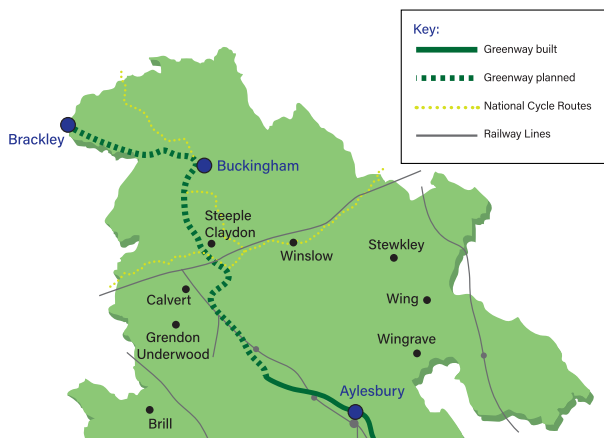
Club members have been out in the fields looking at the planned route, spanning from Greatmoor to Buckingham, which will run through Steeple Claydon and some other local villages.

The 3 metre wide asphalt cycleway will be a great addition to the area and will hopefully encourage many more local people to skate, scoot or cycle to Buckingham, Aylesbury and beyond for work, education or social activities. The Greenway is also planned to link up with rail and bus services, helping with a safe alternative to local car journeys.

This is part of a vision for a North-South National Cycleway connecting London and the West Midlands, and communities in between.

Alongside local community based groups, like Claydon Cycling Club, Buckinghamshire Council, Sustrans and the Department for Transport are all involved to bring the Buckinghamshire Greenway vision to life.

If you would like to know more about the Greenway Project or have any other questions about cycling or active travel, please email [comms@claydoncyclingclub.com](mailto:comms@claydoncyclingclub.com)



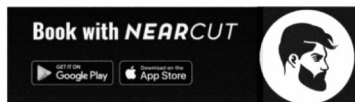
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before making a Christmas wish and meeting Santa himself. With full access to the farm included in your ticket, there are plenty of opportunities to let off some steam and experience what farm life in the festive season is all about.

This year Hogshaw Farm also introducing a mini-Christmas market as part of the Christmas experience, running every weekend from 26 November to 24 December. Adding to the festive feel, the market will showcase some of the best locally made products, with hand-picked stallholders offering quality crafts, stocking fillers and artisan goodies. Beyond these festive events, the new Farm Shop & Café is now open to all, providing a warm and welcoming stop in the winter months for the local community, dog-walkers and cyclists alike. There is something to put a smile on everyone's face at the farm.

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Prior to this work we will be conducting trial holes which will allow us to inspect the utilities underground ahead of the utility diversion works Winter 2022.

In September, we organised a volunteer day at Quainton Primary School. The team from EKFB and HS2 spent two days revitalising Quainton Primary School by painting seven classrooms, covering close to 300 square metres. This volunteering event is the latest in our ongoing commitment to Quainton Primary School. Last month, members of the team visited the school to transform their outdoor area into a haven for wildlife and a great space for outdoor learning for students to enjoy for years to come.

Giving back to the community is important to HS2, which is why we offer a volunteering programme to put our team's skills and experience to good use as well as funding opportunities for affected communities, you can find out more information regarding funding on the Hs2 website: <https://hs2funds.org.uk/>.

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There might be other areas we could help so please call Claire Lucas 655552, Coordinator of Quainton Support Network.

## Regular updates from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council

Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, Martin Tett, supplies a regular resident e-newsletter to help outline the support the council is offering. If you, any of your friends or family members who live in Buckinghamshire, don't receive these residents' newsletters and would like to, please suggest that they sign up for them on the website:

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

The long hot Summer sun has been replaced by the golden rays of autumnal sunshine. The leaves are turning: warm shades of red, yellow and brown adorn Finemere Wood.

And yet the Summer work is not yet complete. With tractor operators out of action, the woodland workers have had to cut many of the grassy rides manually.

Luck would have it, that amongst us is David Richardson. A master of the scythe, David has, this year, taught many Finemere volunteers how to scythe safely and competently. He is clear in his instruction, patient with his learners, and always on hand for those needing a refresher. This October he received a Volunteer Award for his outstanding contribution to BBOWT, and to Finemere Wood in particular. A committed and invaluable member since 2016, he has barely missed a gathering, come rain or shine. This award is well deserved.

David is a skilled woodturner, wood carver, and all-round talented craftsman. Keen to make use of the trees that are cut down, he creates beautiful things from Finemere oak, such as bowls and chopping boards. Donations are made by members of the team, in return for possession of one of these greatly desirable works of art. The money raised is used to buy more scythes.

More scythes and more scythers mean that the cutting of grassy habitats, essential in enabling wildflowers and invertebrates to flourish, can be done quickly, efficiently, and in a sustainable manner. This new skill is empowering for the Finemere Wood volunteers, giving greater independence and flexibility to nurture this haven for wildlife.



I left the army of scythers to their work for a wander around the wood and inadvertently disturbed a tawny owl from its roosting site. It perched on a branch just metres away before flying off.

The tawny owl (*Strix aluco*), is a finely-tuned woodland hunter. With its highly sensitive sight and hearing, and its short wings, it can weave in and out of the trees soundlessly, catching its prey unaware. Mating for life, tawny owls will defend their territory throughout the year. Eggs are often laid in the cavities of old trees.

Since the 1970s, the population of these beautiful creatures has declined by a third. The loss of broadleaved woodland is likely to be a contributing factor. Having heard the owls calling in the wood, to see one was a real gift. Finemere is an absolute gem, and it must be preserved for the survival of all creatures great and small.

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



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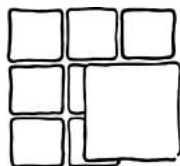
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Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is bringing its popular Santa Dash event back to Aylesbury this December. The event will see hundreds of participants dust off their best Christmas jumpers, don their Santa hats and take to the streets for Aylesbury’s jolliest fun run on Sunday 11th December. Whether ‘yule’ choose to run, walk, jog or scoot the 2.5km or 5km circular route, kick off the festive period in style while earning that second mince pie and raising money for local hospice care. Bill Richards, Community and Events Fundraiser for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, commented: “Our Santa Dash is the perfect festive family event! Our last Santa Dash raised an amazing £1,500 to help us care for local patients and their families, so we’re back, hoping to make this year’s even bigger and better.” Entry fees are £15 for adults and £10 for children and include a Santa hat and commemorative Santa Dash medal. For full details of this year’s Santa Dash and to register your place head over to [fnhospice.org.uk/santadash](http://fnhospice.org.uk/santadash)



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£25	128	Mike James	£12	59	Keith Sutton
£25	33	Jim Styles	£10	72	Andy Benfield
£25	152	John Roberts			

George & Dragon Meal Voucher: 112 Neil Richardson

November draw Friday 25th at George and Dragon, Quanton

## WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUANTON



### Averages and Extremes for September 2022

Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	26.2°C	12th	Total for the month	53mm	
Minimum	0°C	23rd	Wettest day	10mm	4th
Average Minimum	9.2°C		Rain days	16	
Average Maximum	19.8°C		Dry days	14	
Highest Minimum	14.9°C	1st			
Lowest Maximum	14.5°C	30th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	30mph	30th	Highest	1017hPa	21st
			Lowest	991hPa	26th

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

For the latest weather at Quanton go to: [wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/IQUAINTO2](https://wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/IQUAINTO2)



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## VILLAGE SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sunday 6th November	8.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Café Breakfast Church
	6.00pm	<b>Memorial Service</b> for those we have loved and lost
Sunday 13th November	3.00pm	<b>Remembrance Sunday Service</b>
Sunday 20th November	9.30am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 27th November	6:30 pm	Joint Schorne Team <b>Advent Sunday</b> in Whitchurch

## PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Funeral:                      Wednesday 5th October    Jean Hill

## CHURCH ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

	7 November (Remembrance)	14 November	21 November	28 November
Morning Reader				
Morning Sidesman				
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman				
Altar Flowers	Marian Swain	Remembrance	Remembrance	NO FLOWERS UNTIL CHRISTMAS
Pedestal Flowers	Marian Swain	Remembrance	Remembrance	
Tea Rota				
Church Cleaning	Venetia Dalton; VACANCY; David Leeming		Sue Wright; Mary McDermott; George/Martin	



Thank you to Rosemary Springett who sent in this photo of our church one October morning. She liked it with the horses in front and the view made her feel very tranquil.

If you have taken a photo of Holy Cross & St Mary's Church, or its surroundings, which you would like to see in print, please email it to me at [quaintonnews@gmail.com](mailto:quaintonnews@gmail.com). Thank you, Louisa, *Editor*

### **VILLAGE CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2022**

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