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Early Mother's Day Special!

Saturday 2nd March at either 3-4pm or 4-5pm

Quainton Village Society would like to invite you to treat the special person in your life to an early Mother's Day afternoon tea at Quainton Memorial Hall.

See p.5.

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WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

This year Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday. St Valentine was a real person who was known as a risk taker and miracle worker. Ultimately he gave his life for what he believed. We celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, on the same day. Both days celebrate the meaning of true love which is difficult to find these days when TV programmes like "Love Island", "90 Day Fiancé", and "Married At First Sight", are gaining in popularity! These programmes and others exhibit the exact opposite of what true love actually is.

The most reliable accounts we have of the life of St Valentine includes the story of his house arrest in Rome because of his Christian faith during the dictatorship of the Emperor Claudius. The person assigned to guard him was Judge Asterius who had a blind daughter. Asterius challenged Valentine to prove that his Christianity was true by healing his daughter of blindness. Valentine touched the eyes of the child and her sight was restored. There are other accounts of Valentine standing up for people who were being oppressed and conducting marriage ceremonies to enable lovers to be together in a union recognised by the law. Valentine ended up losing his life because of his faith.

The New Testament was originally written in Greek, with a smattering of Aramaic here and there. You may be wondering what NT Greek has to do with Valentines Day! Well, all will be revealed...

We have over 15,000 manuscripts of the New Testament – whole or in part – dating back to the first century making these texts more reliable than any other classical work of literature. For instance, the writings of Herodotus in 488BC – the earliest manuscripts copies we have date 1300 years after the original and we only have 8 copies. Same with the Roman historian Tacitus who wrote in 100AD – the earliest copies we have date from 1000 years after he wrote his works and we only have 20 copies. Caesar's "Gallic Wars" are taken as reliable documents, but he wrote them around 58BC and the earliest manuscripts we have are dated 950 years after he wrote them and we only have 10 copies.

In the original Greek of the NT, there are four words for "love" – *storge* – an empathy bond, *philia* – friendship love, *eros* – romantic love and *agape* – unconditional, sacrificial love. It's this last "love", *agape*, that is used most when describing the love Christ has for us, and the love we should have for each other. Now that's very different from the Hollywood, TV Soap, TV "Reality" Show type love.

May God help us to emulate that kind of love as we celebrate Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday.

Blessings all

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WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor
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Hello everyone!

The February issue is when the *Quainton News* advertising year starts; so please take the time to look through the magazine and see who's new and who's sticking around for another year. It's thanks to the advertisers that we are able to print and deliver a copy of *Quainton News* to every home in the parish without having to charge for it, so please support them!

Enjoy the read,

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

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

Lent Walks: Give up the couch for Lent – established 1999

Join us for Sunday Lent Walks.

Starting at 2:30pm from a Church near you starting on 18th February and linking the communities of the Schorne Team.

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|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 18th Feb: | Upper Winchendon – Waddesdon |
| 25th Feb : | Quainton – Oving (2.4 miles) |
| 3rd March: | Oving – Granborough (2.4 miles) |
| 10th March: | Granborough – Dunton (4.2 miles) |
| 17th March: | Dunton – Whitchurch (2.2 miles) |
| 24th March: | Whitchurch – Weedon (2.4 miles) |

Whilst HS2 continues to restrict “public right of way” along the Waddesden to Quainton footpath, we’ll start at Upper Winchendon Church on Sunday 18th February.

The walks are suitable for most ages. We walk at a leisurely pace, keeping to footpaths across fields and avoiding roads whenever possible. Each walk takes between 1½ to 2 hours. Participants should also think about co-ordinating transport to enable “safe” transfers back to the start of each walk.

A great way meet some new and old friends. All are welcome. Contact Martin Wright: martinwright@gmail.com

Please see this month’s Church Services on p.39

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Why not surprise your special someone to an early Mother's Day Afternoon Tea?

At Quainton Memorial Hall

On Saturday 2nd March 2024 3-4pm or 4-5pm

£5 per adult and £2 per child - plus £2 extra if you want to treat them to a glass of Fizz!

Purchase tickets before 27th February from Quainton Village Store. Book your place or table early to avoid disappointment.

Queries to: sue@weldon.me 07891 304425 or jsbdavies@btinternet.com 07815 572094

Quainton Village Society



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Saturday 23rd March 2024 from 13:30 to 17:00

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Quanton Primary School PTA News:



100 Club Draw for December

1st Prize:	66	Terry Danecker
2nd Prize:	63	George Newman
3rd Prize:	38	Ed Jacobs
4th Prize:	78	Claire Guest
5th Prize:	56	Sam Bianca

100 Club Draw for January

1st Prize:	61	Lyn-Louise Johnson
2nd Prize:	4	Toya Willmot
3rd Prize:	8	Daniel Ridgway
4th Prize:	37	Mike Coppack
5th Prize:	92	Maxine Horne





Gumboots and Roots Pre-school is based
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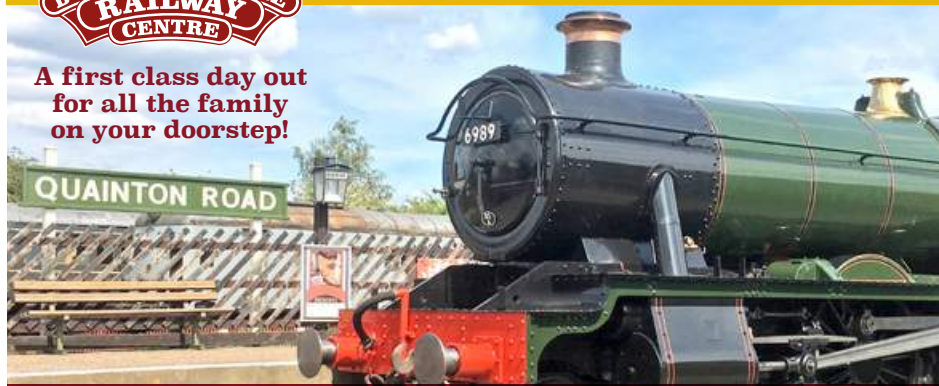
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Quainton residents can also get a 25% discount on ALL events, including Halloween, Thomas & Christmas!

Quainton & Oving Churches

Lent Course

Presented by Pete Greig, founder of 24-7 Prayer,
in a series of short videos on how to hear God through
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Week 1

Learning How To Hear God

Week 2

Hearing God In The Word

Week 3

Hearing God In Our Thoughts

Week 4

A Conversation With God
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Week 5

Hearing God In The World



**Starting Wednesday 21st February, 7.30pm
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QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Sue Weldon. **Vice Chair:** Nick Butler

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

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

To contact the council use the Contact Form on the website:
<https://quinton.org.uk/contact-us> or contact the clerks by email on: parishclerk@quinton.org.uk

Parish Council lines of Communication:

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

Physical message boards on the Green and at Quinton Memorial Hall

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

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

The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on 24th January.

NEXT MEETING: 8th February at 8:00pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

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

BUS SERVICE / STATION ROAD BRIDGE / HS2 / ROADS

Your Ward Councillor Phil Gomm will keep you updated on these issues via Facebook. Any issues, please contact Cllr Philip Gomm, Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor, via email so he can keep a record: philip.gomm@bucksc.gov.uk In case of an Emergency call him on 07778 177647

The Quinton Emergency Team is still 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

Please email them and copy parishclerk@quinton.org.uk so we have a copy and a record of how many complaints are being submitted to HS2/EKFB and we can hold them to account.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE

Station Road Bridge is now open. Councillors are looking at strategies in order to reduce speeding along Station Road.

ROAD CLOSURES:

Fiddlers Field is now closed for 2 years due to HS2 works. Due to road closures constantly changing it is impossible to keep up to date via printed media like Quainton News. We recommend people keep checking the internet on <https://one.network>

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

KEEP REPORTING

Potholes continue to be reported via FixMyStreet and continue to follow up with Buckinghamshire Council on the list of roads that need repairing. Please keep reporting and let us know if there are concerns.

PLANNING

Planning Application		Comments
Ref. No: 23/03984/APP Leckhamstead Wharf Stud Dry Leys Farm, Shipton Lee, Quainton	Erection of rural worker dwelling	No objection

We continue to contact enforcement re Trail Flatt Farm, the junction at North End Road and Ladymead Farm.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

In order for the local community to be kept up to date with what is going on in the community Thames Valley Police are encouraging the public register to receive crime alerts and information. To register please go to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

PLAYGROUND

A new piece of equipment has now been installed to replace the broken elephant.

FINANCE

Councillors have met to review and discuss the budget again and the final budget and precept has been set for the financial year 2024/25.

MONDAY CLUB

Due to Buckinghamshire Council ceasing to fund the Monday Club the Parish Council has agreed to make a donation to help support this important community service. This will enable the Monday Club to continue to run for at least the next 12 months.

VOLUNTEERS

We have some ad hoc small maintenance jobs that need doing and therefore we are looking for volunteers to help with the smaller jobs. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Clerk. We are in the process of drawing up a list of jobs we need support with.

ALLOTMENTS

We have received reports that there were attempted break-ins at the allotments. These have been reported to the Police and Councillors are looking at ways in which security can be improved.

THE GREEN – NOTICEBOARD

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Defibrillator Success!

The defibrillator installed outside Quainton Memorial Hall was used recently with a successful outcome. A referee at a Saturday football match at Quainton Sports Field collapsed. Trained first aiders with the teams gave CPR and use of the QMH defibrillator saved the man's life. He is now making a good recovery.

(Thanks go again to Jim Styles, Quainton Table Tennis Club and the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board who helped QMH purchase the device and the cabinet). This just goes to show what an amazing piece of equipment it is!

Quainton Support Network: Shopping Bus?

I have been talking to our local councillors regarding a shopping bus. The Bernwode Community bus could be used for taking a small group of residents shopping to Aylesbury or Bicester for a couple of hours once a fortnight.

It would be a pre-booked service costing maybe £5 - £7 a trip per person. Bus passes can't be used.

No worries about bus timetables, parking and carrying shopping back on a bus and much cheaper than a taxi. Added bonus, shopping with friends from the village.

Would you be interested in having this service available? I don't know for certain if it can but if there are enough people interested then there is a good chance. It would need someone to take the booking and contact the Bernie Bus team.



Claire Lucas

01296 655552

Quainton Support Network: Neighbours helping neighbours!

Need some help? The Quainton Support Network is here. Volunteer driving scheme.

How does it work? A team of volunteer drivers take residents to appointments. The service tends to be used by older residents who do not drive anymore but it is for anyone in the village.

Phone Claire or Alison and they will send a call out to the volunteers to see if anyone is free. Users of the system pay 45p per mile petrol expenses and if necessary, any parking. The amount is worked out beforehand.

The support network was set up during the pandemic to collect prescriptions, deliver shopping, offer advice – we have volunteer counsellors who can maybe suggest the best place to go for advice.

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Quainton Support Network: Christmas hampers

Phil Gomm kindly asked EKFB to donate money towards Christmas hampers for local residents. Michelle and I thought it was a lovely idea and a nice way to show that the village cares. There have been tough times for people over the last few years and this is just one way to show what a great village we live in. We managed to make 20 hampers and distributed them round the village. (Maybe next year we can make more.)

Recipients were surprised and we hope delighted. We included John Walters and Barbara Fell who are now in local care homes.

It was also great to be involved in delivering free Christmas dinners supplied by George and Darren at the George and Dragon. Many residents were able to attend the meal but a delivery service by Mike Evans and myself meant those who could not get to the pub, could enjoy the feast!

Claire, Michelle and Phil



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Quainton Windmill – Before Drones Were Invented

Bernard Hall, is a long-term volunteer and supporter of Quainton Windmill. In 2010, when he was 85 years old, he took a flight in a 1994 Pietenpol Air Camper fixed wing aircraft, and took these fascinating photographs. It is ironic to note, the flight was the old-fashioned pre-cursor to a drone!!



Bernard, now 98, lives in residential care in Watermead, Aylesbury. He recently said “I always very much enjoyed flying and so, in conjunction with my other favourite pastime, photography, it was the perfect day out. We also flew over and photographed Waddesdon Manor where I used to volunteer.”



The Pietenpol aircraft was owned, built and flown by fellow Quainton resident Arthur Mason.

Quainton Windmill Society’s 50th Anniversary in 2024

In May 1974 a public meeting was held in Quainton to discuss the possible restoration of the village windmill which had been redundant for 85 years and left to deteriorate. The Quainton Windmill Society was formed and restoration started shortly afterwards.

Bernard Hall, remembered “Roddy Rodwell helped start up the Windmill Society, he was one of the best people ever, very courageous, climbing all over the mill, inside and out. For many years, the original team worked hard to restore the mill, which they all got great satisfaction from.”

Over the next twelve months the Society will celebrate this significant anniversary and the hard work of the volunteers involved.

There are only forty working windmills in the UK, and Quainton is fortunate to have our own windmill dating back to 1832.

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
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The new shop is full of gorgeous fresh blooms from the regular to the more unusual and we would love to welcome you here.

We also stock beautiful gifts and will soon be launching our House Plant Lover's haven which will be filled with everything the amateur or avid house plant keeper could want!

We will be doing daily floral deliveries in the local area and you can place an order in store, over the phone on 01869 253572 or via our website at www.signature-flowers.co.uk

We'd love to hear from you!

Emma and the Signature Flowers team x



Townsend Farm Photos

Resident Paul Turnbull would like to ask if anyone has any old photos of Mrs Barge or the tennis court at Townsend Farm that they can show him. He is producing a local history of the house which he hopes to get out soon.

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We have a huge variety of volunteer roles but, basically, they fit into two types:

1: 'Behind the Scenes' volunteers: They generally come in during the week and help maintain the site and our artefacts whilst we are closed. This could be mowing, mending, strimming hedges and painting fences, or helping maintain or restore steam engines, carriages, railway buildings etc.

2: 'Customer Facing' volunteers: They are the ones who come in and spend the day with us when we are open to the public on Sundays and other Special Event days throughout the year. These roles range from helping in our second-hand bookshop, cafe or gift shop, and welcoming visitors on the entrance gate, to crewing one of our steam engines, being a guard on the platform or helping to park cars on our especially busy days when we need as many volunteers here as we can!

You can do as much or as little as you like! You don't need any particular skills to join us, but if you have one you think would benefit us, just let us know!

To find out more, why not wander down and join us anytime 11am-2pm – the cafe will be open; why not bring a friend? We look forward to welcoming you here. Questions? Email me at marketing@bucksrailcentre.org *Louisa Richards, Marketing Manager*



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What's on at The George & Dragon this month:

February sees the start of the Six Nations! All games will be shown in the pub!

Valentine's menu will run on Valentine's Day and the Friday and Saturday evening.

Food is served Friday and Saturday evenings

3rd February: The ever-popular Friends & Flavours burger van brings their chicken van offering

10th February: Wells Smokehouse pop-up food stand from 5.30pm

Sunday 25th February: Charity Quiz Night £5pp. Our charity quiz nights are now raising in excess of £200 for local charities on a monthly basis.

Thank you for your continued support

Also... A note from the biggest elf Quainton has ever seen, a massive thank you to all who came out and supported the float on Christmas Eve! A total of £791 and a few euros was raised which will go towards local causes, as always. Thank you also to Bob and Rob Bleasdale, who have constructed the float for many years now but have unfortunately decided they need to hang up their tools. Thank you Father Christmas for finding time in your hectic schedule for fitting the Quainton float into your evening, and to all those who helped and gave up their time on Christmas Eve to ensure this village tradition stays alive!

Quainton 43rd Heavy Onion Competition 2024

Come join us on our mission to grow a record-breaking heavy onion. The Guinness world record weighed in at just under 20lbs held by Gareth Griffin seen in the photo!

The £7 entry fee will secure you about 10 plants and a chance to win 1st prize which is usually over £50 with a cup. Prize money for 2nd and 3rd and an endeavour saviour is presented to the winner of the heaviest onion excluding all previous 1st prize winners.



The plants can be grown in pots, gardens or allotments, but they do like a bit of sun! New entrants always welcome but you do have to live within the parish of Quainton! Don't forget you can enter three of your best onions in the Quainton Gardening Society in September too.

Closing date for entry: 31st March. Please contact Jim Styles on 655457 or Bob Bleasdale on 655375 for an entry form. 2023 entrants will automatically receive an entry form.

Bob is once again growing the plants, they will be ready for collection the morning of Saturday 13th April. Lifting day will be the morning of Sunday 1st September when we visit the gardens/allotments to lift and weigh the heavy onions. We do hope you will join us in this 40+ years old village competition and have some fun with us!

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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

January is here again. Grey, cold, and wet, it is a melancholic time of year. The days are short and spring seems so far away. The wood displays a monochrome colour scheme, many shades of brown. Trees are defoliated; there is little sign of life. The wilderness seems to be in hibernation.



In contrast, the volunteers are bubbling with excitement. They have been at home for a month tucking into Christmas pudding and mince pies. Sugar levels are high. The woodland workers are happy to be back; it is time to get those bodies moving and to catch up on stories of the festive season.

But there is life in the wood, albeit quieter and less colourful than its human companions. Stand still, look, and listen. A green woodpecker yaffles in the distance, a robin chirrups its melodic warbling song. A variety of fungi can be spotted on deadwood. Mosses envelop tree stumps. And lichen is everywhere.

Lichens are made up of two or more organisms living together in a symbiotic relationship. A fungus provides a structure in which algae can live under its protection. The algae makes food for the fungus via photosynthesis.

Over 1800 species of lichen have been recorded in the UK, in many forms and colours, growing on bark and stone. **Oak Moss** (*Evernia prunastri*) grows on the branches of oak, other deciduous trees, and pine. Highly branched and bushy it is a pale green on top with a white underside. It is just one lichen that can be spotted in Finemere Wood.



Ancient woodland, which has had minimal disturbance over the centuries, is the ideal environment for lichens as they are slow-growing and highly sensitive to pollution. These extraordinary organisms support a diverse mix of wildlife, providing nesting material for birds and shelter for invertebrates.

I gather my loppers and saw together, leaving my ponderings on lichen for now, and join the gang to clear back encroaching scrub from the woodland rides. January seems more promising after a day in the woods: companionship, exercise, and wonders of nature.



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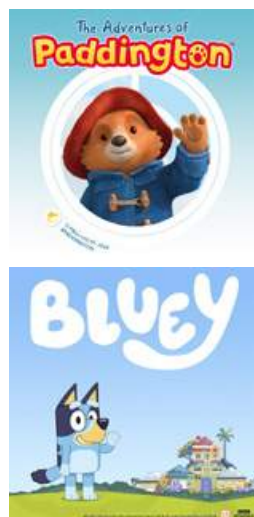
We've got a whole host of celebrities visiting Quainton this year! Thomas the Tank Engine, Percy and Sir Topham Hatt go without saying, of course... but we've also got Paddington Bear, Peppa Pig, Bluey and Zog! Not to mention a smoke-breathing dragon and a whole herd of dinosaurs!

Quainton residents get 25% off all event tickets (pre-purchased or bought on the day - simply bring proof of address), or buy your annual Quainton family pass for just £45 and get free entry to all events - it just doesn't include Thomas or Christmas, but is still amazing value, especially as it is valid for 2 adults and 4 children!

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Unfortunately our Christmas event at Whipsnade Park Golf Club was cancelled due to bad weather.

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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 usually take place on the last Friday in the month from March to October, with the exception of the Xmas event in December (and the next event in March!) 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.

Calendar of Activities

Detailed below are the regular weekly activities in Quainton Memorial Hall. As there may be breaks for holidays, please check the online calendar first at <https://booking.quaintonmh.co.uk/>

QUAINTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall)	10:00 – 14:30
	Craft Club (Conference Room)	13:30 – 16:30
Tuesday	Ukulele Group (Conference Room)	09:30 – 11:30
	Pilates (Main Hall)	10:30 – 11:30
	Art Club (Conference Room)	13:30 – 16:30
	Pilates (Main Hall)	17:30 – 18:30
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall)	13:00 – 16:30
	Carpet Bowls (Main Hall)	19:30 – 21:30
Thursday	Coffee Morning (Main Hall) **	10:00 – 12:00 – just turn up!
Friday	Community Choir (Main Hall) *	10:00 – 11:30
	Badminton (Main Hall)	19:00 – 22:00
Saturday		
Sunday	Table Tennis (Main Hall) *	17:00 – 20:00

If you'd like to book the hall for either an ad hoc event or a new regular activity, please either book online at booking.quaintonmh.co.uk or contact our bookings clerk, Deb Barker Boyd, on 01296 655379. Alternatively, you can contact us by email at quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com



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In preparation for the realignment of the A41 this year, we will be hosting a number of community engagement events. Our first event will be our mobile visitor centre (MVC) at the Waddesdon Community Centre on 21 February at 10am-3pm. The MVC provides local residents with the opportunity to speak to us and gain insight into our upcoming works in the area.

Our key dates so far this year for the works around the area;

- **Snake Lane/Fiddlers Field** closure for the construction of bridges and structures associated with the Station Road realignment (2 January 2024 to December 2025)
- **Blackgrove Road** closure to construct tie-in between Blackgrove Road and newly-aligned A41 (26 February -3 March 2024)
- **A41** – Full road closure to enable utility works (February 2024, date TBC)

Please note, these dates may change due to conditions outside of our control. Please refer to the HS2 website regularly to check for any changes and updates or to view the detailed Advanced Works Notification.

If you would like to read more about the works and view the advance works notices and maps, then please go to HS2 website www.hs2.org.uk and click the 'in your area section' to view the interactive map, or simply scan the QR code provided.



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Elections at St John's Church Hall,
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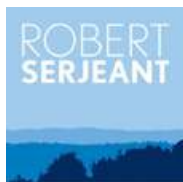
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Average Minimum	4.1C		Rain days	20	
Average Maximum	8.9°C		Dry days	11	
Highest Minimum	10.3°C	24th			
Lowest Maximum	-1.2°C	2nd			
Wind			Pressure		
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Sunday 18th February	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 21st February	7.30pm	Lent Course begins at The Rectory
Sunday 25th February	6.00pm	A Service Of The Word

PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

No entries

CHURCH ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

	4th February	11th February	18th February	25th February
Evening Reader				
Evening Sidesman	Jane Vowles	Margaret Willoughby	Kathy Blanchard	Richard Clark
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VILLAGE CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2024

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